

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1933



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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 his sister Kittie. They are often referred to in the diaries as M. and K. His brother Clarence Bruner is referred to as Clarence or Clarence B., and Clarence's two sons, Leonard and Clarence, Jr. (Bruner or Junior) are also mentioned. Jesse's sister Edith married Clarence Danforth (Dan, Danforth or Clarence D. in the diaries). His sister Lennie married Arthur Enders, and their children, Robert and Ruth Anne, are mentioned in the diaries.

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

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

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

Sunday, January 1

About 15° above. Cold winds. Sunny at times.

M did not feel able to venture out, & she and E. listened to Shannon over the radio.

I went down to Dr. Tittle's church at Evanston and heard a fine sermon. Music, inspiring Ref to Whitehead's Science and Religion"; to a magazine article by Aldous Huxley, etc

This aft took E. for a (chilly) ride – Deerf, Dundee Road, Childerly Farm, Half-Day, Libertyville, etc.

Wrote to Arthur Rowell, Dr Cowles & Mr Schantz.

Monday, January 2

Milder. Clear.

Worked in my den most of the day. Wrote letters. Revised my notes.

This aft took M. & E. for calls at Noerenburg's, Cunningham's and Rhinesmiths.

Wrote to Kathryn Caryl Selinger.

Tuesday, January 3

Mild.

Took M. to Hattstrom & Sanders' office to have her glasses adjusted

This aft I took M & E to Dr Evans' office in Wilmette. He treated M's feet and adjusted a support in E's shoe.

At school a while today. The work on the automatic stoker had reached the stage where the electrician is called in.

At Pub. Libr late this aft & for an hour or more this evening.

Wednesday, January 4

Fine day.

Wrote letters. Classified my family history material.

At school some of the day. The new automatic stoker, Auburn, started up this aft.

At Pub. Libr this evening.

Thursday, January 5

School resumed.

Another fine day

Mrs Loewenstein sub for Miss Kennedy, not yet back, and Mrs Taylor for Miss Tschirgi. Mrs Weaver in Miss Kirkland's room

Got all our p. whites, and the cabbages & beets out of storage and distributed them.

Heard at the noon hour of the sudden death of Calvin Coolidge.

At school a short time this evening.

[Former President Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Northampton, Massachusetts. – ed.]

Friday, January 6

Another beautiful day

Conf with Mrs Creigh. Sent notice to 14 homes of pupils in 2A of the G B.R. School that Miss Dorsch and her pupils are to move over to Elm Place, Monday, and with the 2A's formerly taught by Miss Kirkland constitute one room.

P.T.A. joint meeting at our Aud this evening – all P.T.A.'s affiliated with H.S. I started the meeting and presented Mrs Opperman who introduced Dr Goodwin Watson of Columbia "Relation of Educ to Modern Ec., Polit. & Social Problems". Brilliant. Searching. I ate dinner at the Oppenheims with several others. Afterwards I went back there with others including Carleton Washburn & Dr W.

Saturday, January 7

Another – but following a very windy night.

At pub. libr – much of this A.M. directing Frances Smigosky in beginning to copy from the oldest city records the earliest school data

This aft at our aud. at the Evanst players rendering of Tom Sawyer Audience of about 400. Good work

Sunday, January 8

Heavy winds dying down after midday.

Called at Dr Davis' office at D. this A.M. for more tablets

M & I did not go to church. M's eye looks bad but does not pain her.

Dan drove in today to stay until tomorrow.

Mrs Maher, Miss Collins, & Miss Vincent called for some music and stayed a while

Mrs Truax came this evening

Monday, January 9

As yesterday. Overcast at evening.

Short memorial for Calvin Coolidge at morning exercises.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00

Miss Sprague absent. Mrs Taylor a sub.

Miss Kennedy & Miss Engwall on duty. They were absent Thursday & Friday.

Board meeting this evening

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping announcing the death of Mary Denison, aged 64, a native of Macon, Illinois. – ed.]

Tuesday, January 10

Windy. Threatening Then clearing.

Morning ex at G.B R S. Spent some time in the plant house.

Left school at 4:00. Took 5:02 for Chic. Dinner at Cliff Dwellers, guest of Prof Cole. Present Prof & Mrs Cole, Prof & Mrs Wellington Jones, Mr & Mrs Utley, Prof Colby, Miss Baber. Fine time. Prof Colby & Mr Utley talked with me aside about my recent "memo" sent to 75 members of the Geog Soc.

The lecture by Maynard Owen Williams of the Nat'l Geog Mag (he was the "guest" at the dinner above) was delightful & of value.

Rode home & chatted with Mr Farquhar of the World Book.

[Maynard Owen Williams (1888-1963) was the first foreign correspondent for *National Geographic Magazine* and a noted travel photographer. – ed.]

Wednesday, January 11

Grew much cooler as the day wore on. Clear sky at night.

Spent some time with Bartoli & Davis studying the engine room problems

Visitor from the Joyce Kilmer School – Mrs L[in?]ane

Went to Chic & met Harold Schultz there as his guest at the dinner of the artists & their friends given just before opening the annual ex of artistists of Chic & Vic. Sat at table with Harold, Mrs Millard, Miss Boynton, Mr & Mrs Dean et. al. Mr Marks, the 73-year old sculptor, etc

After viewing the exhibit we drove to Mr Polasek's studio & apartments on Ontario. Here Mrs B. joined us & we left for H.P., dropping Mr & Mrs D on the way.

Thursday, January 12

Dropped to 8° above this A M. Moderated during the day. Last evening a brilliant sky. Tonight, overcast.

Conf with Mrs Stearns & Mrs Rosenthal over the use of a basement room for 3B's.

With Mrs Hargrave over finding a possible home for an orphan. With Mrs Larkin of Childerley over the same subject.

Mrs "Jim" , formerly Kg ass't, called with her 3½ yr old boy today.

Libr Board meeting this evening. All present.

Mr Bartoli had trouble with the heating plant. Blew a fuse in the water tubes.

[On this day, Mr. Smith wrote a letter to Miss Mitchell regarding Audubon Society affairs. His letter was in reply to one received from her. Miss Mitchell's letter and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Jan. 7, 1933.

Dear Mr. Smith,

A happy New Year to you!

Many thanks for the enclosed! I'll return it so you can send it to some one else. My very hearty commendations for it!

For financial reasons only I resigned from the Geographic year before last, and if they put your plan to working, it will just so much more make me want to belong again when the time comes. I know so many members and hear of the doings right along, and being as interested as I am in the Society, I do not feel altogether "out."

My Mother left us on December fourth. My brother and his family living with us makes my immediate problem less than otherwise I have put in application for several jobs, but am still at your beck and call for committees, etc.

And when are you coming to an Audubon meeting? Will you come if we make an all evening session? We need you! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Catharine A. Mitchell

January 12, 1933

My dear Miss Mitchell :

Just to establish a reputation for doing something concrete for the Society, I can report that Mrs. Pattee and I spent one afternoon at the Academy of Sciences during the holidays working on the slides and that I spent another afternoon there at the same task by myself.

I have turned in a fine article for the Bulletin which I secured from Mr. Musselman and other articles by Watson of Athens, Schaefer of Port Byron, Gower of Carbondale and I have three or four "coming".

I don't believe you can get Lyon and others like-minded to spend a whole evening on the affairs of our Society and so I believe it is better to continue to accept the present program, a half loaf being better than no loaf at all. As I look over the minutes of the past meeting, I do not see where I have been particularly needed. I would like to take part in a conference some evening when we would not need to look at the clock. Give me a tip if something of the sort is planned.

Set "A" of the bird slides is ready for circulation. Set "B" needs freshening up and I have given Mr. Bailey a list of ten new slides needed. He promises to have them made up and notify me when they are ready. Then I will go in and see that the set is finally ready for circulation. I plan to start one going in the Fox River Valley, soon. Set "A" visited thirty or more schools in this county last Spring. I can easily get a number of engagements for it here again this year.

If you have a chance, speak of this casually at our meeting next Tuesday evening. I have to give an educational talk, one that has to be built up "from the ground" and I am dodging all evening engagements for the present wherever possible.

Thanks for your comment on the proposal for the Geographic.---I do not think its present program worth the annual charge. I feel more strongly than I betrayed in my "memorandum".

Yours,

Friday, January 13

Milder. In keeping with the persistently fine open weather for three or four weeks past.

Resetting geraniums with 4th graders at G.B.R S.

Miss Stark has been absent practically all week because of illness.

Talked to the 8's over the events of the past 93 years covered by Mr Hawkins' life – his birthday was yesterday. Miss Grunewald & I went to pay our respects after school but he was not able to see us then.

Mr Wright & I went down to Chic Woman's Club this evening to take part in a conf. over educ. ex. for the coming Exposition – Miss Cook, Mr Osborn, Prof Freeman, Prof Slessinger, Brent Allinson, Misses Morse, Misses Baker, Mrs Ammerman, et. al.

[Frank P. Hawkins (1840-1935) was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. He came to Chicago at the age of 19 and in 1867 formed the Highland Park Building Company with a group of Chicago business men. They purchased and developed the land for what eventually became the City of Highland Park. Mr. Hawkins was the City's first mayor. – ed.]

Saturday, January 14

A fine day. Colder

To Chic to meeting of the Round Table

After dinner to Art Inst where I met George Hooker, Mrs Corey, Miss _____, and Sven Parson. A nice chat with each. Home by 5:00. _____ and at 6:00 went to the Pattees at Ev. for dinner. Miss Ashley, head of Roycemoor, the guest. A pleasant evening.

Sunday, January 15

Fine, mild day

M., E. & I to Presb Ch. to hear Dr Sherwin.

This aft at 3:00 we drove to Ev. and called on the Danforths Home at 6:00.

Monday, January 16

Mild. Even balmy.

The bees swarmed freely above the entrance to their hive at school.

Two interested visitors from Riverside today.

Teachers' meeting.

At Pub Libr a short time this evening.

Tuesday, January 17

Such a mild and delightful day

Miss Hadley of the Kalamazoo Normal visited us nearly all day, her specialty nature study

Mrs Larkin called. Miss Voss & I went down to Chic this evening with Marg. Esmiz & Virginia Parenti to dinner & annual meeting of F.O N L at Woman's Athletic Club on Pierson St. A fine meeting. Mr Horr came with his xylophone and Mrs H. Our girls played on their violins. Mrs Maher & Miss Collins & others made up a chorus. Present Mr & Mrs Bley, Jensen, Cropp, Johnson, Park - - - Harriet Monroe, Lena McCauley, Geo Hooker, et. al.

Wednesday, January 18

Rain. It began this aft & fell heavily after 3:30 PM Mild

Spent an hour with 4's at G.B R S. re-setting geraniums

Conf with Mrs Truax, Cayley of Beckley-Cardy

Thursday, January 19

Mild. High wind in night Blew at intervals during day. Colder at evening.

Mr Gleason of Countray Day (N.S.) spent most of the day with us.

I conferred with Mrs Rubin. Ordered drain tile for libr grounds. Had an appointment with Mr. Wygal there. Called up Mr Jensen & arranged for him & Mr W. to meet & plan the "fill".

Sent 8's home at 2:00 and had conf with 5 teachers over their promotion.

Went with 7 of our staff at 4 to visit new univ. libr at N.WU. Elizabeth Kendall showed us all about

This evening went out star gazing for a time, etc

Friday, January 20

Fine day. Milder than yesterday.

All our 8's & 7A's went to assembly at HS. at 8:45 with their teachers and saw a fine exhibit of trained dogs, canaries, cockatoos, etc. Then I worked in G.B.R. plant house until noon

This aft sent 5's & 6B's home at 2:00 and held a conf with their teachers until 3:45. Then a conf with teachers of 6A - 7B until 5:30.

Edith went with Mrs Decker & Mrs Hessey this evening to a play at H - S.

Saturday, January 21

Foggy nearly all day. Quite heavy at close. Rain later on

Errands at school. At Pub Libr Bldg, etc.

Worked at my desk Went down at 6:30 to see the exhibit of modernists at Increase Robinson's galleries. Expected to meet Mr Schultz there, but left at nine without seeing him Went to a movie for a while & home

Sunday, January 22

Rained in the night & early this day. Gray & mild

Dan came in at 9:00 & left at 2:30.

None of us went to church

M. felt stronger this aft, so she & E. & I had a nice ride to Lake Forest & back

Monday, January 23

Mild. Beautiful.

Ag't for Denoyer-G. set up maps & charts in upper hall and displayed them all day. Other agents called.

Conf with the three 4th grade teachers.

Teachers meeting at 4:00.

At police station to inquire about Stedman

At Libr grounds to note progress of landscaping.

This meeting at annual meeting of directors of community center. Elected officers, listened to reports, etc. We have over \$1300.00 tied up in N.S.T. & S. Bank. Securities totaling \$68,000.

Tuesday, January 24

Another very fine day

Obliged to give much time this A M to the landscaping work at libr. bldg. Met Mr Jensen there and Rafferty & Taylor. Arranged with Robt Denzel to exchange the tile he had already delivered for larger.

Morning ex at 11:00 with 4's at G.B.R.S.

Conf with 1 - 3's at G.B.R.S at 2:30. & with 5 - 6's at E.P. at 4:00.

This evening went with Mr Richardson to Jewish Temple at Glencoe to hear Norman Thomas discuss Religion, Race, & Nationalism Fine voice & delivery, and a fine message.

Wednesday, January 25

Fine day. Mild.

At Pub Libr at 8:00 to note progress of work

Conf with Mrs Larkin. With Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanst. over promotions

Plant house work at G.B.R.S.

Teachers conf with Kg, 1 - 3's at E.P.

Short visit from Mr Petty, Co Supt.

At home this evening.

Thursday, January 26

Another mild day Gray.

Conf with Mr Wygal at Libr Bldg this A M Found a spirit level for him. Ordered bag of cement

Conf with Mrs Hargrave, Mrs Kornblith, Mr Ritter, et. al.

Friday, January 27

A little snow in the night Colder. Crusty.

Our men worked in the ravine back of the library bldg - at least part of the day.

This aft I went down to the Chic Teachers' College at 504 Wrightwood Ave to give the address to the mid-year grad class of six. Got along fairly well. Met Mrs Pattison, chairman of the Board who presented the diplomas. Miss Morse presided. Miss Anchester, Mrs Erickson, Mrs Hendrickson, et. al.

Home at 5:30. Went to Fellowship Club at Presb Ch – Dinner: address on technocracy by Prof Meech (a wretched performance long drawn out), then a great ping pong contest by Mr Kiddermaster & a brilliant Japanese player.

Saturday, January 28

Gray. About 20 or 25 above. Little sleety crust Streets clear.

At school most of day. Superintended setting up 5th grade room at Elm Pl & 4th grade at G.B.R.S.

Conf with Mr Everingham, boiler inspector, & Mr Bartoli

With Harry Hart; with Mr Murray.

Sunday, January 29

Gray. Mild.

Dan & Arthur & Lennie came in at 9:30 and stayed until nearly 3:00 A fine visit. Mother has been very top heavy today and rather disturbed in mind over it.

E. went to vespers at Bethany Ev. Ch. with Mrs Decker at 4:30.

Monday, January 30

Cleared during aft. Beautiful star display.

Mrs Odell of Lake F. rep. Jr League advertised coming C of Prog for our pupils. Mr. Horr's band played. Some of Miss White's 7B's gave a playlet.

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

Miss Hansen (Madison Univ) visited us this A M and insisted upon being assured a place next year.

I conferred with Mr Wygal over the landscape work at Pub Libr

Conf with 4's & 5's at 4:00.

Dinner with Mr Cushing at Moraine & very pleasant visit afterward. Discussed the Gray-Bell controversy, etc.

Tuesday, January 31

Drizzly at times Mild. Muddy.

Started morning ex at 10:00 for 1 – 3's at G.B.R.S. and left to meet at 10:30, Mr. Jensen, Mrs Rubins, & Mr Wygal at library grounds Planned details of landscaping. Then I got back at G.B.R.S in time for latter part of 4's exercises Mrs Webb of Lake F. present at both ex and presented the case for the coming Century of Prog. Expo.

Conf with 7B – 7A's after school.

At home this evening.

Had Dr Davis come to talk with M. about her trouble with her head Cheered her up very much.

Wednesday, February 1

Grew colder during day and a little crust over the mud this evening but only like a March day.

Lunch with Mr Jensen.

Com. meeting about movies at 2:30 at Lincoln School – Weinberg, Binder, Mrs Smith, Plant & I. Then to P.T.A. meeting at G.B.R.S – Dr. McNeill talked, Mr Hansen sang, etc.

Thursday, February 2

Clear. Chilly. Fine day
Much time visiting class rooms.
Spent an hour with Mr. Wygal scouting in the woods south of Menoni's (W. Park & the R.R),
picking out witch hazels, downy vib., wild plum, and nannyberry to transplant for libr. grounds
Dinner at Green Tea Pot with "Articulation Group" – Richardson, Wright, Wheat, Bates, Thomas,
and Watson. Discussed English, oral & written.

Friday, February 3

Gray much of time. Cold wind
Made a trip out W. Park Ave & back to check up on progress of Mr Wygal's men in getting out
shrubbery for libr. grounds
Went up to Bill Sweeney's this evening to try to secure permission to take out some amelanchiers
from his grounds. Fine visit but no luck.
Harvey Lowe came out at 6:00 & went back at 8:30 – to got back to Newark, Ohio. On a business
trip to Chicago.
I went down to the triangle park by Ravinia School to investig report that community service men
were leaning out the leaves. Found it true and phoned protest to Mr Hardacre of East Pk Dist who
promised to investigate.

Saturday, February 4

Cold wind this A M. increased in coldness as day wore on. Temp at 0° at 10:00 P.M
Mr Wygal & his men worked at the library grounds. Mr Jensen met me there & directed the work.
I took a coffee pot & fixings for the men for the noon hour.
Went to the city on the 2:02. Shopped at Fields. Visited the "Hoosier Salon" there. Chatted with
Mr & Mrs Dudley. Mr D. has one gallery to himself. Then to Newberry Library & stayed there until
nearly nine. Caught 9:30 for H.P.

Sunday, February 5

4° below.
Cold this AM. Moderated somewhat but 12° above at evening
I went over to Dr Davis' office before church to get tablets for myself & tablets for M & E.
E & I went to Bethany Church at 11:00. Interesting service.
At home remainder of day.

Monday, February 6

Moderated and then after 5:00 P.M. a sort of northeaster set in. Two or three inches of snow by
10:00 P.M
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.
This evening went down to Mrs Weinberg's to a committee meeting to consider the movie
question. Mr Jones of the Alcyon, Clark Wright, Mrs H.T. Smith, Weinberg, Pringle, Vercoe, Plant, &
Mrs McKeown of Glencoe. Agreed with Mr Jones that a good Sat aft program be guaranteed & receive our
moral support.

Tuesday, February 7

Northeaster
A regular northeaster with a strong gale at work at dawn & increased in strength during the day,
the drifts piling up deeper & deeper.
I left my car in the garage all day & floundered through the snow. Ate my lunch at school. Wore
wading boots.

Most of children at school. 130 for lunch at E P & 40 or so at G.B.R.S. Attended 4th grade aud ex at 11:00.

Janitors shovelled snow nearly all day. Skylights covered.

Many machines stalled along highways, it is reported. Huge drifts back of my house. Temp at 0° - 10:45 P.M. A record storm.

Fed a tramp this A M

Wednesday, February 8

4° below at 7:00 A.M. and 0° at noon. At 10:00 P.M. 11° below. Real winter.

Some roads & public highways impassable. I had to dig out my machine twice today as I was leaving my driveway. Had chains fitted on today. Reduced attendance at school but not as large a percent as anticipated

At G.B.R.S. a while. Distributed envelopes for valentine offerings for the children in the mining regions of Ky & W. Va

This evening attended a very short session of Board of D of Commun. Center to pass a formal resolution requesting the receiver of the N.S. Trust & S Bank to turn over the Bonds, etc. to Harris Trust of Chicago.

Thursday, February 9 23° below!

At 6:15 A M my thermom read 20° below and at 7:30 A M 23° below, a drop of 3 degrees after daybreak. This evening at 9:00 it was 9° below.

A bitterly cold day. Much reduced attendance at school. Our heating plant strained to keep us warm. The two basement rooms could not be used

As the day wore on Mr. Wright & I decided not to try to run school tomorrow.

I was at school at 7:45. Miss Johnson came early to watch for frost bites, but none appeared.

Friday, February 10 No school.

7° below at 6:15 A M but moderated much Rose about to 15° above. At 10:30 P.M - 11° above.

Grew gray during day but cleared at evening

At school much of morning & all aft Mrs Ray Smith, Mrs Danley & Mrs Binder, a committee on movies, spent some time in my office consulting our files of "The Screen Magazine".

Miss Grunewald & I spent a lot of time indexing pictures – groups of school children

At Womans Club this evening to hear a Mr Murchison lecture on the architect. of the C of Progress Exposition.

Saturday, February 11

About 7° below this A M. Grew much milder. Then temp. fell after noon. Below zero at 10:00 P.M

To Chic. & meeting of Round Table at City Club.

Home at 4:00. Got out my car to make sure it would run

Went down to Mrs Hargrave's this evening. Hr H. died day before yesterday. Met her mother-in-law & her husband's sister.

Sunday, February 12

About 9° above at 7:00 A M. A mild day

Dan came in on the train to stay overnight.

None of us went out today. I am nursing what seems a slight hernia and I felt it safer to lie low.

Lois Green came this morning to tell us of her appointment as head of a dept of ear, nose & throat in the Yale School of Medicine at _____, China. Her cousin, Phil Greene, is head. She is to leave Mar 10 & to be gone 4 years!!

Monday, February 13

Much milder. Fine day. Slight fall of granular snow at end of day.

Lincoln ex this A.M. I showed some slides.

This aft I talked over our collection of Lincolniana before three different groups of children.

Teachers' meeting at four.

Board meeting this evening. Optimistic financial report seems to assure no reduction of staff for another year

I went over to Dr Davis at D. to consult him about a slight hernia I have developed. I am to be careful for a while and expect a cure.

Dan & I drove over together. Came to a drifted road where only one car could go at a time. My car & Mr Koch's car of D. locked fenders because of a misunderstanding.

Tuesday, February 14

Mild at first. Snow particles in the air in the aft, then a drop from about 20° above to 8° above at 11:00 P.M.

Showed Lincoln slides at both morning assemblies at G.B.R.S.

At 1:05 met State Supt. Blair at the R.R. station & took him to our school. He had a few minutes' visit in my office with Miss Guiney and Mr Wright. Then he gave a fine Lincoln talk to grades 5 – 8 in the aud. An inspiring occasion. - -

Then I took him & Miss G to Mrs A.J. Metzels' home where he gave a stirring address to the assembled D.A.R.'s. - - Then I saw him off at the R.R. station

Dan has fired my furnace today to spare my "stitch in the side" I paid two dollars to have my fenders straightened.

Wednesday, February 15

Mild day though only 7° above at dawn.

Mrs Green came to my office at 8:30 and left me data which I worked into an article telling of Lois' appointment to the Yale-in-China position

Spent an hour with the 8A's talking about our Lincolniana.

P.T.A. meeting this aft. Mr Logan of the Skokie School talked on preparing pupils for a changing order. A fine talk & left a deep impression

Worked on a skunk cabbage article this evening for Academy of Science meeting.

Thursday, February 16

Quite mild. Thawing

Dan went home this aft. E. went to Chic with him & came back before dinner hour.

Callers: Mr. Ford of Wauk. rep. Ferris pictures, etc. Mr Scheuchenpflug & Mr. La Pelley asking for use of G.B.R.S. aud. for dramatic rehearsals

Library Board this evening.

Friday, February 17

Mild. Thawing.

Mrs Taylor, sub. for Miss Jones.

Miss Wheelock with Miss Turpin as aid went to Niles Center this aft to talk at P.T.A. gathering. She was invited (through me) by Mrs Webster who teaches there.

I gave lesson in hardwood cuttings (H.B. cranberry) to Miss Stimson's & Miss Meyer's 4's this aft.

Went to Dr Davis' this evening & was measured for a truss.

Mrs N. came to ask my advice about her delinquent daughter, G., who is a junior at H.S. I spent an hour at H-S in conf with Miss Buzard & Miss Griswold.

Saturday, February 18

Fine day. Thawing rapidly.

At home almost all day Finished a paper on the skunk cabbage and the frost line for the May meeting of the State Academy of Sciences and sent it in to Dr H.S. Pepoon at Urbana.

Took back to the City Hall the first volume of council proceedings from 1869-79 which had been in the safe at the Pub Libr where I had Miss Smigoski copy several pages.

Took M to Dr Wirth's office this aft to have her plates (teeth) examined. Then she & E & I shopped a while.

This evening at the Millards. Took Mrs Eliz McCrystle Heath also. We had dinner with Ev & Mrs M & listened to the Boston S.O. (Parsifal & the Ninth Symphony).

Sunday, February 19

Gray. Melting all day.

M & I to Presb. Ch

Late this aft. E & I called on Mr Chapin – Mrs C. was at Mrs Fisher's in Lake Bluff. – Then we went on to schoolhouse a while.

Listened to S.E Club. A fine talk by Rev Chas Jefferson.

Lillie Gallagher spent an hour with us earlier in the evening.

Monday, February 20

Fine mild day. Gray at nightfall & slight snow flurry.

The 5's gave a Chic program at morning ex.

I was the guest speaker at Rotary today at Moraine & talked about the City Beautiful.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00 Miss Jones still out because of sinus trouble & Mrs Taylor sub.

Miss Engwall on duty once more.

This evening to H-S. to hear Ernest Engquist of Lake F. College speak on the economics of the depression. It was astonishing effrontery for this young man to undertake such a discussion.

Tuesday, February 21

Another fine day but a little cooler. Still thawing.

I gave Washington talks with slides for the 1 – 3's at G.B.R.S. at 10:00 & the 4's at 11:00. Then the 2 – 3's at Elm Place at 2:00 & the 1's at 3:00

Drove to the Patees in Ev. at 4:15 & got in Mrs. P's machine & we drove to the Merch Mart & picked up Fred. Then to Med & Dent Arts Bldg for dinner & meeting of directors of Aud Soc Then we went to Crerar Bldg to a meeting of Chic Ornith Soc. Then retraced our way to Ev. & I drove my car home.

Wednesday, February 22

A beautiful day. Mild

This A.M. called at Mrs Petz' house to get an 18" pickerel brot home from Grass L. & took it to the sc. room. Later it flopped out & died.

M & I went to Wilmette at 4:30 & brot back as our dinner guest, Edith Hill, a dist. relative. Pleasant evening spent in checking up genealogical items.

Thursday, February 23

Another. Mild and spring-like

I taught three of Miss Sands' classes – she was ill.

Mrs Taylor sub for Miss Simpson

We showed the Geo. Washington Film today to 4's – 8's.

Mrs Meanor came to solicit for Book House

Miss Turpin got up a trip for her class of 8th grade girls to New Trier to look over designs for stage sets I went along & took 4 passengers. Miss Grove[r?] entertained us.

Friday, February 24

Another Growing gray late in aft

At G.B.R.S. this A.M. With the 4's made hardwood cuttings: h.b. cranberry, r.o. & yellow twig dogwood & buried them in wet sand. The 3A's & 4B's opened the vegetable pit at C.B.R.S.

This aft Mr Bartoli and I helped Miss Cook's 3A's to open their veg. pit.

This evening I went to Dr Davis at Deerfield & brot home my truss.

Called on Mrs Joe Mooney & her daughter Agnes a while.

Saturday, February 25

Mild though cooler than yesterday.

At my desk at home nearly all morning. This aft at school where the N.W.U. theatre group gave Hans Brinker in our aud. Well done. Miss Voss & I got together some musical numbers for intermission.

Peter Grimson on the xylophone; Stewart Gail on the tuba; Eldridge Hamlin & Mirth Durban on the piano.

Sunday, February 26

Gray. Cooler.

Dan came to spend the night.

M & I to North Ave N. E. Church to hear a sermon by Mr Nye.

This aft Dan & E. and I drove to Sweeney's Woods & while I tramped in to the s.c. patch, D & E. waited in the car. No spathes in sight. I brot home some h.b.c. cuttings and ninebark

Monday, February 27

Fine day. Cool.

At morning ex. practiced auditorium fire drill

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Planned to close school next Friday for Prog Educ Convention in Chic.

Dan & E. went to a "play" at Bethany Church this evening.

A boy born to Mr & Mrs Gerard Noerenberg this day.

Tuesday, February 28

Another fine day.

Our men under Mr Wygal's direction resumed their landscaping back of the Libr Bldg & were at it today

I had morning ex at 10:10 & 11:10 at G.B.R.S.

At 5:00 Miss White & I drove to Ridge Road and walked over the fields to spy early arrivals. Saw a robin only. Mr. Leech heard bluebirds & a meadowlark this AM.

I went to Fellowship Club at Presb Ch this evening & heard U.S. Dist Atty Dwight Green give a good talk about his work.

Audubon Bulletin for 1932 came today. Fine

Wednesday, March 1

Bright. Sunny. A typical March day Cool

Drove out to Ridge Road before school this AM but did not see any migrants

At 1:30 Met Mr Jensen & Mrs Rubins at Pub Libr for conf on landscaping. Mr Wygal had 8 or 10 men at work. Mr W & I went out to Menoni's supply yards to look up boulders

Short gen'l teachers' meeting at 4:00 to discuss coming conf of Prog Ed Ass'n. Then conf with Misses Grenoble & Phillips over grammar

Dan drove away at 4:00 P.M.

E & I went to Pub Libr this evening & did two other errands

Mr Fredericksen & Mr. Adamson representing the Unemployment Group came this evening to arrange for use of Aud on Mar. 4~~8~~. 17.

Thursday, March 2

Cool & gray. Sunny at times.

I got Mr. Muzik's permission to remove some wild crabs, etc., from his strip along R.R. on W. Park Ave & I went out there at 8:30 & helped Mr. Wygal select specimens to dig up His crew of 7 or 8 had delivered a truckload at the Library by 4:00 P.M. - I got a bargain from Menoni - 4 sizeable boulders for 15⁰⁰

At G.B.R.S. - planted four flats of onion seed -

Took 6:03 for Chic. To Palmer House for evening session of Prog Educ Assn. Brilliant "panel" discussion. With Wright, Schultz, Wheat, Richardson, Hinman, Scylla, Hamilton, & Goodier. - - A Great meeting!

Friday, March 3

Cool. Gray.

To city on 9:02. Spent day at Prog Ed Assn Convention at Palmer House.

Morning group presided over by Willard Beatty. Judd, Beatty & speakers.

Lunch with Harper, Wright, Schultz & Richardson

Aft. meeting presided over by Harry Gillett. Miss Stone, Mrs Williams & Mrs Hartman Sat with Mr Parson & Mr Whittaker of DeKalb.

At close of aft. session we heard Howard Scott talk on Technocracy.

Dinner in Ball Room. Sat with Parson, Wright & teachers from Milwaukee Normal. Addresses by Counts, Chandler & Kallen.

Wright, Wheat & I rode home with Mr & Mrs Weinberg.

Saturday, March 4

Bank Holiday!!

Gray, mostly. Snow flakes in the air.

To Chic. Attended Conf. at Palmer House. Heard a splendid address by Prof Gideonse on Perils of Democracy. Sat with Wright, Storm, Whittaker. Harold Rugg presided.

Lunch with Jasper King, Wright, & Thompson.

Shopped at Fields

All banks in Illinois remained closed this A.M. on proclamation of Gov. Horner! It was a sight in Chic – big banks with closed doors. Policemen on guard. There were heavy runs on Chic banks yest.

A new President. His message sounds reassuring. Has he courage?

[Harry D. Gideonse (1901-1985) was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia University. An associate professor of economics at the University of Chicago at the time of this address, he was also a member of the executive committee of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. In 1939, he was appointed President of Brooklyn College. – ed.]

Sunday, March 5

Cool. Clearing.

Did not go to church today.

E & I drove out to Deerfield, Half D., L.F & home late this aft.

Lois Green & Alden & his wife & child called a while this A.M. & Mr Cunningham & his wife & children this aft. The Hesseys a short time this evening

Monday, March 6

The National Moratorium.

Cool. Gray.

At morning ex. Miss Grunewald's pupils gave the news of the inauguration & discussed pertinent matters. A fine performance

We closed early this aft & discussed our experiences at the Prog Ed Conf. Visitors – Mrs Gaidzik, Mrs Balke, Mrs Pfanst, Mrs Law, Mrs Mason. A fine time

M. & E. rode with me this evening to consult Dr Davis at Deerfield.

Pres R's proc. closes all banks in U.S until midnight Thursday! Another proc. calls Cong in session next Thursday.

Tuesday, March 7

Cool. Gray

At Pub Library twice today. Mr Wygal and I went out to Menoni's supply yard & selected two boulders for our embankment.

A visitor from Oak Park Schools.

Conf with Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanstiehl.

Mr Richardson & I had dinner with Mr & Mrs Rae Logan at Winnetka this evening, & then went with Mr L. to a group discussion at the Skokie School over the school's function in educating for social changes.

Wednesday, March 8

Milder this A.M. Then cool strong breeze set in and a drop in temp.

I went down on Sunset Golf Course this A.M. and out beyond Blodgett and back & found meadowlarks all about; song sparrows singing, & saw a pair of bluebirds

Spent some time this aft with Mr Jensen – selected two boulders at Menoni's; a specimen plum & haw on the Noerenberg Place on No St. Johns. - - -

This evening a Dr. Galloway of Winnetka called to inquire into the point of view of those who maintain "standard, conservative schools" like mine. Gave him an hour or so.

Thursday, March 9

Colder. An icy wind. 14° above this A.M. 9° above at 10:00 P.M.!

Our men spent the day digging more shrubbery and heeled it in late this aft. I scouted out at the noon hour as far as Mr Leech's.

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

Conf with teachers after school over a proposed program for Thursday evening, Mar. 23.

Library Board this evening. Garnett & Mrs Bliss absent. These meetings are very interesting.

Friday, March 10

Cold, cold! Only 2° above at 7:00 A.M. Moderated some.

I was at Libr. twice today. Lent the men my saw and pruning shears and pick & also a pick from the school.

At G.B.R.S. I planted two more flats of onion seeds and two larger flats of Rosy Morn petunias.

Agents: School Supplies; from D. Appleton, etc.

Mrs N & her daughter G visited for nearly an hour. G is unwilling to go on with her H-S work, wishes to "live her own life".

Jessie Clark came this aft & made us all a nice visit. Drove her car. Had a friend as company who visited elsewhere. Her son Clark, still at Winfield Sanit for TB but improving. Was to come home today on three days' furlough.

Mr Austin died today of "double pneumonia". We all think so highly of Mrs A and Anne

Saturday, March 11

An inch or more of snow at daybreak but it soon ceased & mostly melted this aft. Mild at sunset. Out on Ridge Road I heard bluebirds & starlings.

Mrs Rubin & Mr Jensen and I drove out to the river woods looking for desirable trees for Libr grounds; then walked over the Glader property on Ridge Road.

I then got ready to go to city, but Edith had a sudden attack – it seemed biliousness, & I could not leave. Sent for Dr Davis whose prescription helped her much

This aft I went out to Bahr's nursery & visited with Fritz himself.

An errand to Pub Libr this evening. Called in on the Green's on my way home. Lois was out on a professional trip & Elizabeth (a weekend visitor) with her.

Sunday, March 12

29° above at 8:00 A.M. & 56° above by 2:00 P.M. Very mild.

I drove out to Peterson's farm no. of Deerfield & secured Mr P's consent to take what I want out of his cut-over land w. of the Insull Place.

I went to Presb. Ch. this A.M. M. felt too tired to go & E. needed more rest.

E & I went to concert of H-S. students at 3:30. A fine concert. I was proud of it.

This evening I went to the S. Eve. Forum at Ravinia Village House. Mr. Sullivan of N.W U talked on foreclosures & Mr Nelson on real estate taxes.

There was a pause at 9:00 to hear Pres. Roosevelt's broadcast on the bank situation. Seemed to be straight forward & reassuring.

Monday, March 13

Still mild. Rained late afternoon

At A.M. Ex Mr Corradini gave a good talk on alcohol as a poison. Mrs Wm Gourley of Lake F. brot him & introduced him

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

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.
Board meeting this evening. Mr Getz absent.

Tuesday, March 14

Chilly. Clearing
Morning ex at 10:10 & 11:10 at G.B.R S.
Secured 16 names to each of the three petitions for nomination of Messrs Murray and Berkson and Mrs Pfanstiehl.
Mr. Richardson gave H-S. tests to all our 8's today
After school Mr. Wygal and I explored the Peterson Woods beyond the M. Insull & Rafferty places & called on Mr Glader to confer on access to the woods over his roadway
Blackbirds in flocks A robin & a grackle had a chorus before I got up this A M.
Mr Leech's bird class numbered 20 this A.M.

Wednesday, March 15 Aunt Eva's death.

Got a phone message from Margaret Nattinger early this A.M. Aunt died at 3:00 A M
Decided to go to Omaha on evening train. – Took Edith down to Dr Thos Allen, oculist, in Gas & Coke Bldg to have her eyes checked up We got back at 2:00, and after strenuous effort I got ready for the 4:30, & caught the 6:15 C.B & Q for Omaha
This was a mild day

Thursday, March 16

Warm. Very spring like.
At Omaha at 7:30. Taxi to Margaret's. Found a nurse with her. Aunt had grown suddenly worse – three days before. Heart failed her. She had faced the inevitable calmly for some time but her passing came more swiftly, doubtless, than she anticipated.
Funeral this aft at Burkett's funeral home. Rev. Frank G. Smith Only organ music. Mr & Mrs Paul Eckele with M & me & we rode to the beautiful cemetery in their machine Impressive talk by Rev Mr. Smith.
This evening some callers including Miss Belle West, an adv. saleswoman, who is a pal of M's.
I wrote letters to Mother, to Lennie & to Clarence.

Friday, March 17

Almost sultry
Went down town with M. First to Savings Bank where M. tried to get possession of Aunt Eva's balance for checking purpose. Couldn't accomplish this without probate proceedings Then we went to deposit box & read Aunt Eva's will, giving everything to Margaret & leaving it to her to name an exec. when the will is probated. Then M. had an interview with Mr. Helgren of Omaha B & L Ass'n. Got unpleasant news of slowness of probating will. M. will be scanty of funds until this is accomplished.
M & I visted Jocelyn Memorial – Art Bldg. Fine. Met a former pupil, Harlan Pike [See April 28 and June 9, 1927 and April 30, 1929 entries. – ed.] Miss West came in her auto & took M & me to my train – 8:15 on CB&Q

Saturday, March 18

Chic at 8:30. Raining a little. Caught 9:00 for home. Various errands today.
Blustery this aft & evening.

Sunday, March 19

Rain and sleet in the night and mist today encased twigs with ice. Gray all day.
Dan drove in this A.M. He didn't find icy roads until he reached Lincoln Park.
Did not go to church. Wrote long letter to Elsie Needham who I learn is seriously ill. Also wrote a letter to be read by Elsie & Arthur Webb. One to Bertha Smith.

Monday, March 20

Everything encased with ice this A M. Sleet and glaring ice.
I left my auto at home Moderated & then snowed two or three inches. Melting. Slush. Cooler at evening
Morning ex. Some of Miss Voss' pupils of 5 – 6th mostly gave an international programs of songs. Delightful.
At G B R S. a short time My "serpent lily" now in full bloom – 50 inches high.
At home this evening. Some anxiety today because our bank is still closed
Edith went down to Dr Allen's office & got her prescription & took it to the Dow Optical Co. for making up.

Tuesday, March 21

Everett Millard.

A little more snow in the night. Thawing but gray & cool. Ice coating on trees. Little hint of Spring.
Morning ex at G.B.R.S. The children who gave the "international program" yest., repeated it at 11:00.
Miss Vogel of Winnetka Schools & an assistant came to secure data as to our finances, etc
Two members of Deerfield Bd of Ed came to talk over school situation.
Lyman talked to me privately about E's financial affairs. E. called me on the phone for money, but I refused him.
Board meeting this evening to adjust our budget.
Everett Millard died at 5:00 A M of pneumonia! I had not intimation of his illness.

[Everett Millard is mentioned frequently in Mr. Smith's diaries, their friendship stemming from a shared interest in nature conservancy and civic affairs. Everett's wife, Elizabeth, was a member of the District 107 school board for many years. – ed.]

Wednesday, March 22

Thawing greatly today Most of the ice off the trees.
Teachers and pupils making much preparation for the exhibit of work tomorrow evening.
Mr Hayes of Rand McNally called.
Mrs Creigh and I called at the Millard home this A M. Did not see Mrs M. but talked with Mrs Fisher, Everett's sister.
Looked over the slides in "set B" of the Audubon Soc. which came today
At school a little while this evening. Took Miss Grunewald & Sprague and Elsie Plant home.

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of Everett Millard's obituary. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

EVERETT MILLARD DIES HERE TUESDAY

Prominent Chicago Attorney Noted for Devotion To Civic Welfare

Everett Lee Millard, prominent Chicago attorney and Highland Park resident, died on Tuesday at the age of 55 at his home, the "Log House," on Sycamore Place, Highland Park. Death followed an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Millard was a prime mover in the creation of the parks and playgrounds of this city. His father, the late Samuel M. Millard, was active in the first attempt to found a park system here.

The present park district was organized in 1909 with Mr. Millard's help, although he first became a member of the board in 1915. In 1923 he was elected president, and during his office more than ninety percent of the park area was acquired.

A Founder of Hospital

In 1919 the property now forming the golf course and Sunset Woods playground was purchased, a venture which has proven the wisdom and forethought of its sponsors. The Ravinia Public Beach was donated by Mr. Julius Rosenwald in 1925 at the instigation of Mr. Millard. He was also a founder, a former treasurer and governor of the Highland Park Hospital.

His widow, Elizabeth Boynton Millard, survives. She is the daughter of the late Charles T. Boynton, of Highland Park, former president of the North Shore Gas Company. Three children also survive, as follows: Everett Lee, Jr., of Indianapolis; Elizabeth, who is a student at Columbia University, New York City; and Malcolm, a student at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Mr Millard is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Hugo G. Fisher, of Sycamore Place.

A Local Landmark

Mr. Millard's life was a record of varied activity, and was notable for constant devotion to civic welfare. His father was an early resident of this city, and the "Log House" which he built in 1893 has long been a landmark.

Mr. Millard was graduated from Harvard in 1898, and received his legal training at the Harvard and Northwestern Law Schools, becoming a member of the Illinois bar in 1900.

During the World War he was Chicago secretary of the Belgian Food Relief Commission, and was made Chevalier of the Order of the Crown by Albert, King of the Belgians, in recognition of his services.

His activities in preserving the beauties of nature found wide scope, for he was instrumental in setting aside the Indiana Dunes as a state park, in securing the passage of the Cook County Forest Preserve Act, and legislation against billboards.

Mr. Millard was chairman of former Mayor Dever's recreation committee, and had been president of the Municipal Art Commission of Chicago.

Member of Coucil (sic)

At the time of his death he was president of the Chicago English-Speaking Union, and was a former president of the City Club and of the Harvard Club. In 1931 he was elected to the Harvard University Fund Council.

Mr. Millard was president of the North Shore Gas Company, vice-president of the North Shore Coke and Chemical Company (sic), and an officer and director of several other public utility organizations.

His clubs included the University, Cliff Dwellers, Harvard-Yale-Princeton, Shoreacres, and Chicago Bar Association.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 3 o'clock at the "Log House." Rev. H. Duncan Browne, of St. James Episcopal Church, Chicago, will officiate. Burial will be in the Lake Forest Cemetery. The following will act as pallbearers: William A. Baehr, Ralph A. Bard, Donald S. Boynton, Walter E. Egan, Hugo G. Fisher, John H. Harmon, George Lytton, Frederick A. Preston, Wayne Chatfield-Taylor, and Samuel S. Holmes.

Friends are asked to omit flowers.

Thursday, March 23

Thawing. Most of the ice off the trees.

Edith went to the city, Mrs Hessey accompanying. Got her new glasses at Dow's (Dr Thos Allen).

We had no school this aft. Wanted children to rest so that they could come back this evening.

Kg's & 1 - 2's did not come this evening. All above did. Great success. Large crowd

Dan & Mrs Eklund drove in this evening.

My "serpent lily" was on display in my office & made a sensation.

Friday, March 24

Still thawing. Gray. Chilly. Then late this evening a regular northeaster snow storm set in.

At 10:30 Mr Finch's H.S. band gave us a fine concert in our aud. The best performance I have heard from the H.S. Band

Arthur Swanson brot an engineer from Crane Co to examine our steam outfit this aft.

At 6:45 I drove M. & E. to Deerfield to get some tablets from Dr Davis

Then I set out at 7:30 with Miss Grunewald & Miss Sprague for Country Day School to see their presentation of The Gondoliers. Tom Jones prominent in the cast. Very interesting. – Blinding snow storm we faced all the way back.
Dan & Mrs Ek left at 10:00 AM.

Saturday, March 25

Thawed & much of last night's snow went away. About 3 inches
Various duties today Took 2 more pictures of the serpent lily blossom (it had begun to collapse).
Developed these and 2 others this evening.
Took a pail of soil to pub. libr and puddled the bundle of vines rec'd from Onarga Nursery the other day.

Sunday, March 26

Gray. Mild
M., E, & I to Presb Church this A M.
At 4:00 we went over to the Green's to visit with Lois & the folks & see some of her preparations for her trip to China

Monday, March 27

Fine day.
Morning ex as usual.
Spent some time at libr. grounds, Wygal's men planted Ampelopsis v. and Engelmanni around the building.
I went out to Mr Denzel's yards & begged a load of stone to use in finishing the council ring on the Y.W. grounds.
Mrs Reed representing the Garden Club came to inspect the boulders I bought of Menoni with their money & was much pleased with the result
Lennie & Ruth & "Sam" came in at 5:00 in Ruth's machine R & S went to the movies this evening.
I called on Rudolph Ingerle.
Sam Wimbush

Tuesday, March 28

F.O.N. at R R. Donnelley's.

Fine day.
Helped some of the 3's at G.B.R.S. in planting exercise.
This evening I drove to the Donnelley Press Bldg to dinner of Friends. Ruth & Sam, my guests.
They had driven down this A M and remained down - - - We all enjoyed the wonderful building very much.
Mr Colby & Mr Desautey rep. the Press
Fine dinner. I showed some lantern slides Well received.

[From 1921 to 1981, R.R. Donnelley operated a hand bindery, one of the few printing companies in the United States to do so. Commissions for one-of-a-kind bindings came from important collectors, universities, corporations, and libraries throughout the country. This hand bindery, known as the Extra Bindery, was headed for thirteen years by the distinguished English bookbinder Alfred de Sauty, who was recruited by T.E. Donnelley from the Central School of Arts and Crafts in London. Mr. De Sauty retired in 1935. (Source: *Printing for The Modern Age: Commerce, Craft and Culture in the RR Donnelley Archive* by Kim Coventry and Maija Anderson. Accessed online at

[www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/webexhibits/PrintingForTheModern Age/CraftsmanshipByExample.html](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/webexhibits/PrintingForTheModernAge/CraftsmanshipByExample.html) on November 21, 2011. – ed.]

Wednesday, March 29

Fair, then overcast. Light rain after 4:00 P.M.

Lennie & R & Sam drove away after 1:00 P.M.

I spent an hour at the Library with Mr. Jensen conferring over planting problems.

Courtney Davidson, teacher in Decatur Schools, called for a while this aft. – Daughter of former Pres. of the Wesleyan. Wants primary position.

G.B.R.S. – P.T.A. meeting this aft. Children's program Fine time.

Conf with Mr. Ball over prices of school supplies.

Thursday, March 30

Rainy at times Mild

Too rainy for the men to go to work.

Mrs Rubins & I conferred a while at Library

I spent some time at G B R S. – More planting exercises.

After school I drove with M & E to the Pattees at Ev. to get a sparrow trap. Then we went to a dinner at the North Ave M E Church. Good time.

Friday, March 31

Very mild until in the aft when temp fell and fog flew about.

Our men (Mr Wygal) went to the woods to dig up more shrubbery for the pub. libr

Conf with Mrs Hargrave.

Took M & E to spend an hour or so with Mrs Gourley this aft. Then I picked them up and took them to visit the pub. libr

At 5:00 I took Misses White, Greno & Grunewald for a ride – visited Bahr's greenhouse on Ridge Road.

Visited a while with Lois Green & her people this evening. Lois leaves for China tomorrow.

Saturday, April 1

Gray & rather chilly all day. This A M I took M & E & Mrs Hessey to the Flower Show at Navy Pier. Left at 9 & home by one – 52 miles in all. I rented a wheel chair & pushed M about. It was a great exhibit & M & all the rest of us enjoyed it much

At 2:27 I was at Braeside to meet the group of Prairie Club Members who came out for the Saturday aft walk Mr Ormes & Mr Schulte, leaders. We walked through the So Deer Park ravine & along bluff & beach north past Rosenwald place & back. I gave two short talks and answered questions. An enjoyable trip.

Sunday, April 2

An April day. Mild and pleasant at first; gray after noon.

I went out to Sweeney's Woods this A M & found skunk cabbages pushing up

Did not go to church.

Dan came in late last night.

Late this aft we all drove out to Bahr's greenhouse on Ridge Road & had a ramble through the plant.

Monday, April 3

Gray. Cool.

Dan went home this A.M.

Mary Davis visited our school today After morning ex & a meeting of exec. com. of P.T.A. I showed her about at G B R S. I then picked her up there at 12:45 and took her to the Farm School west & south of Glencoe. After a visit here we drove to Winnetka to see the nursery school on Tower Road which is related to the Farm School Then back to H.P.

Teachers' meeting. Talk on annuities, etc. by Mr Geary. – Discussion of coming election

This evening E & I went over to school & E. waited while I did office work

Tuesday, April 4

Sunny this A.M. Then gray & cool. A little rain.

Exercises at 10:00 and 11:00 at G.B.R.S. Mrs Ball played numbers by Handel, Beethoven & Schubert for the 4th graders.

At Pub Libr at noon hour in conf with Mr Wygal.

After supper this evening – and at dusk – spent some time with Mr Leech on the prairie near his house listening to the “air dance” of the woodcocks.

This aft at the “town meeting” (this was election day), such warm interest in the finances of the tp. was shown that they had to adjourn for an evening meeting in our aud. A great crowd present. Some intemperate remarks made & much excitement. Decided to meet again in 2 weeks.

Wednesday, April 5

Rainy. Much milder.

At G.B.R.S. for a time this A.M.

Conf. with Mrs Clutton & other members of her garden club at Pub. Libr

Thursday, April 6

Threatening. Then chilly.

This A.M. called at City Hall to consult Mr Musser, Chief Moroney & Phillip Cole. Then called on Mrs Millard for a while. Worked at plant house.

Then this aft I spent most of the time there. A group of 5's came over and reset geraniums. Mr. Leech helped for a time.

Went out W. Park Ave. after school for a while. Tramped in woods.

Sam Smith called this evening & he and I talked over politics.

Friday, April 7

Gray. Cool.

Considerable time at plant house, G.B.R.S. Helped some 3's plant peppers and tomatoes Mr. Leech & an 8th grade reset geraniums Nearly completed

Our men dug 18 rosa setigera from our nursery to give to Mr Wygal's men to set out on Pub. Libr grounds. Also 2 walnuts.

Mr Wygal's men dug out more shrubbery at W. Park Ave & the R.R. and brot in to set on Y.W. grounds

I conferred with certain children about ordering shrubs.

We let Harrison Beach show “Skippy” with talkies in the Aud this aft. 10¢ admission. 8th graders got half — \$18⁰⁰.

Mr Bletch called in behalf of Presb Ch this evening.

Saturday, April 8

School Election

Gray. Chilly.

Spent considerable time this A.M at the Pub. Libr grounds. Looked up our boundaries in the files at the City Hall. Had a talk with Mr. Metzler over landscaping parkways.

School election. Polls open from 12:00 to 7:00. No opposition to our ticket (Mr. Murray – Mrs Pfanstiehl, Mr Berkson) developed & the result - - - Murray 123 (out of 124); Pfanst 117; Berks 114.

Fierce contest in H-S. election. Still counting ballots 9:30 P.M.

Edith had a severe attack as of Jan 31 – head in a whirl – then vomiting. Called Dr Sugden from Deerfield; Better by evening.

Sunday, April 9

Sunny, but grew gray & chilly.

I went to Dr Tittle's church at Evanston and attended a very inspiring service. Searching, courageous, revealing, - - - such sermons as Dr Tittle's are of great import. Topic today, "Woman and Christ." A fine tribute to woman and a challenge.

Met Mr & Mrs Wheat there Glimpse of Mr & Mrs Watt.

Mrs Thayer called this aft & Mrs Beers this evening.

E & I drove out to Des Plaines R late this aft & back. M. complained of her shoulder

Monday, April 10

Old fashioned thunder storm in the night. A fine warm Spring day, growing chill towards evening.

E & I went in to Dr Shambaugh's office this A.M. and E's ears were thoroly examined & tested. Dr. Geo, the elder, away, but young Dr. took his place. He found nothing serious but he believes E's trouble – (giddiness, etc.) may be middle ear trouble. E & I were delighted at his fee — \$5⁰⁰!! — Home at 3:15. - - Conferred with Wygal about the landscaping at pub. libr. - - -

School Board this evening.

Before that (and at dusk) I went out to Mr Leech's & found woodcocks here & there over the prairies at their nuptial flights.

Tuesday, April 11

Fine sunny day

This A M I went down to the East Park nursery where our men were digging up rose bushes Brod some back to libr grounds in my auto. - - Conf with Mrs Rubins - - Ordered more soil – grass seed – fertilizer. – Long conf with Commissioner Taylor over planting scheme.

This aft M., E, & I drove down to Jessie Clark Anderson's, returning by 6:30 P M Nice visit. Came back via Lagrange – a gorgeous sunset. Saw John David & Florence

Wednesday, April 12

To Ottawa

Gray but pleasant

Very busy on Pub Libr affairs this A M.

Left at 2:30 for Ottawa via Aurora & Joliet. There by 6:40. Phoned to Utica & found Starved Rock Hotel not yet open, so I put up at the Ottawa Hotel for the evening.

Strip mine at Plainfield – at Ottawa.

81 mi. to Joliet; and 131 to Ottawa

Thursday, April 13

Starved Rock. Decatur

Left O. at 7:00 for Starved Rock. Had the canyons to myself all morning. My first visit since the building of the dam and lock just above Lover's Leap – Got as far as the head of Horseshoe Canyon (East fork).

Hepatica, blood root, skunk cabbage in full bloom; dicentra beginning; mertensia in bud.

Carolina wren, cardinal, thrasher, tufted tit, ruby crown, La water thrush in song.

Left at 12:00. Lunch at Stanton Hotel, Wenona. Decatur at 4:30. - -

Leonard & Martha came over to spend the evening with us.

(Limestone strata of the Vermilion at Oglesby. Terraces of Kickapoo Creek. At Salt Creek. –

Miniature basalt cliffs in sand at S.R.

Amelanchier in bud.

Friday, April 14

At Decatur

Rainy & chilly

Clarence & I drove to Macon this A.M. Visited the cemetery. Spent some time with Walter & George Glenn

Late this aft we visited with Charles & Minnie Stouffer at their office Then spent an hour with the Holmquists.

This evening we visited with Mrs Hostetter Miss Celia & Miss Fike.

Today had a shave in Billie Steele's shop.

Saturday, April 15

Windy. Cool. Gray at times

Clarence & I left about 8:00 this A.M. Took No 2 to Bloomington; No 4 to Dwight; No 47 to Bristol, & No 18 to Aurora – then 22 & the Dundee Road home. Our mileage was 210 after side trips were deducted.

We ate lunch at Pontiac – we stopped an hour at Lexington. Visited Mrs Jas Van Dolah, then Billie & Mary Lindsay, Florence Wright & Douglas Mahan Then out to the farm & visited Mrs Mahan. – So sorry for her. - -

Got home about 4:00. This evening Harold Bamborough of [Beaver, Pa?] & Isabel (Mrs Stachel) of Mich City & Lyman Gurney made us a nice call

Mr Nygard called me up about his wife & her status at Elgin & I called up Howard Storm who promised to appeal in person to Rodney Brandon

Sunday, April 16

A rainy Easter!

Dan came in in the night.

Clarence & I went to church & heard Dr Sherwin

This aft I went to the Episcopal Church to attend memorial ex for Mrs Sampsell & the dedication of an added "unit" of pipes in the organ in Mrs S's memory. Beautiful service. Mr S & three of the boys there.

Mr Geo Greene called for a while this aft.

This aft evening we heard a fine sermon by Dr McConnell (S.E. Club) & then I went over to Mr Murray's to hear meet Mr Travis of Iron Mt. Mich. a candidate for Hinsdale – a great friend of the Murrays.

Monday, April 17

A rainy day for the most part.

Dan went back this A.M.

Morning ex. I showed a few slides

Teachers' meeting at four.

Mr Schantz gave a lecture at Lake Bluff this aft & stopped here on the way home. We invited him to supper & then I saw him off on the 8:32

We made a hasty trip out to Mr Leech's to hear the woodcock performing in the darkness & fog.

This aft Mr. Morse & I went out on Deerfield Ave to the right of way of a new road near the electric road. Phil Cole & Dana were surveying there, & they showed where we can take away soil for library ground

Tuesday, April 18

Cool. Foggy.

Clarence went home this A M.

I helped Miss Dorsch's 3B's plant cotton seeds in pots and transplant lettuce

This aft I helped Miss Behrens' 3A's plant cotton.

Conf with Mr Jensen from 1:00 to 2:00.

Met Lyle Gourley and went out to site of proposed municipal gardens with him

This evening tremendous meeting in or aud, a continuation of the "town meeting" of two weeks ago. Report of fact-finding committee rec'd & resolutions adopted.

Wednesday, April 19

Clearing & this aft. a warm sun for a while

Conf at City Hall this A M. with Mr Taylor

Met a 6th grade group at G.B.R.S. greenhouse at 11:00 & we planted 13 flats of zinnias. Another group at 3:00 planted 13 flats of calendulas.

Our men hauled a trailer load of young geraniums to Elm Place

Went to Dr Davis this evening to get more capsules.

M. has been having neuralgia in rim of her right ear. Better today.

Thursday, April 20

A bright sunny day but still chilly

Mrs Flinn for Social Welfare assigned 16 men to work under my direction on W. Deerfield Ave – raking, spading, etc. Mr Fanzo, foreman, & a Mr Allen pruning trees I "scared up" some tools & skirmished about variously to get things going.

Gave planting lesson to 7A's. - - Distributed 90 or more blossoming plants (geraniums) to rooms in the Int. school & had about that no. of additional plants brot over from G.B.R.S. - - - Went out to woods across drainage ditch west of Ridge Road scouting for elm trees. - -

Friday, April 21

Sunny a while but high winds & chilly this aft & evening.

Because of lack of tools our D. Ave. project used only 10 men today. We began planting, using material from the woods I visited the group twice

At El. Pl. I gave each of 4 groups of 8's a planting lesson & we set out (in all) 2 walnut seedlings from our G B.R S. nursery, one on south parkway, one on west.

Recd pkg of nursery stuff from Onarga. Had it puddled & distributed it to pupils who had ordered it – rasp, black, grapes, & one peach & a rose.

Various visitors including June Price (& baby) and Mary Baur & her hubby.

Saturday, April 22

Fine day, but cool

Had Fred Elfstrom all day, raking, spading, etc. He made a concrete base on which to set the bird bath.
Planted onions (bulbs & sets), radishes & lettuce
Drove out to see Papineau about securing some elms but was not successful.

Sunday, April 23

A fine day. Mild and balmy.
Dan came in in the night & left this aft.
M & I to Presb. Church
M., E, & I had a drive late this aft to Lake Bluff

Monday, April 24

Lake Shore Division.

Fine warm day
We all went to the meeting at Evanston – I took Misses Stine, Guiney, & Kennedy. Great attendance – about 3500! addresses by Wm Trufant Foster, Ernest Horn, Pres Rufus B von Skein Smid. Splendid music.
I stayed for business meeting & seconded some valuable suggestions about teacher participation in our ass'n that Rae Logan made.
Tea was served for us at Miss Phillips' home after four.
I ate luncheon with the P.T.A. group at the Orrington & sat at the speaker's table between Mrs O.T. Bright & her son Orville who gave the address.
Wygol took about 15 men out on the W.D. Ave job today.

Tuesday, April 25

Fine day although a chill wind and for a time some snow flakes in the air.
Met Phillip Cole out on W. Deerfield Ave at 8:00 and had him define for me the boundaries of the right of way of the new road. Then I set Mr Wygal's crew to taking out shrubs and trees & resetting on parkways
Morning ex for 1 – 3's at G.B R S at 10:15 & for 4's at 11:00.
This aft at 1:00 I met with a special com. at old City Hall to consider the new situation of relief.
We were advised by a rep of the Illinois Relief Commission
This evening the Ballinger ensemble gave a fine concert in our aud. Harriet Vittum present & talked of the needs of N.W U. settlement.

Wednesday, April 26

For a while this A M the air was full of snow granules but the skies cleared & a fine day resulted
Before breakfast I drove into an unfinished roadway west of Skokie tracks and dug up 10 or 12 clumps of marsh marigolds which Mr Wygal later on set out in the Pub. Libr. grounds
I started the crew to work on D. Ave again & visited them during the day.
I gave a field lesson to two groups of 7's this A M.
I attended a com. meeting at welfare headquarters this A M Discussed projects to be carried on & paid for by work-relief-fund

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of an obituary for Mrs. Laura Renshaw Frazier, 62 years old. Mrs. Frazier was a member of the Geographic Society of Chicago and is mentioned in several of Mr. Smith's diaries. See especially May 10, 1918 entry. – ed.]

Thursday, April 27

Fine day.

I saw Mr Wygal's men start work on D. Ave this A.M. Engaged a truck of Menoni to haul some soil to Pub. Libr. Started Chas Delhaye with his truck gathering mandrake, erythronium, trillium. Collected 300 feet of hose from school and delivered it to Wygal's men.

Gave Miss Miller's pupils a planting lesson.

Went with 5 of the teachers on trip to Rasmussen Woods & to the Muzik woods to see marsh marigold. D.T. violets just ready to bloom.

This evening Miss Grun, Greno, & Nix & Phillips & I had a conf over graduation of pupils.

Friday, April 28

Warm. Growing weather.

At old City Hall at 8:00. Secured a foreman and 3 men to work at Pub Libr. spreading soil and setting out trilliums, etc

Wygal & his crew continued on D. Ave. parkway.

The 3 groups of 4th graders (at G.B.R.S) and I set out 3 walnut trees on the school grounds, Mr. Davis & Mr Rhinehart helping.

At 10:00 I met with the Exec. Com of P.T.A. in my office.

At 11:00 I met all the 8th graders and talked over grad. ex. with them

This evening Prof. Frost lectured at our Aud on "Our Universe". Auspices of League of W. Voters. Full house. Comp tickets to 6 - 8's. I introduced him Mrs Frost & Miss Frost with him A great address.

Saturday, April 29

Warm. Slight showers late aft.

At 8:15 picked up Gicar[s?]o & set him watering things at Pub Libr Another man did the same all day on Deerfield Ave.

Santi worked in my yard all day. In the aft he & I dug up some polygonum Sieboldi which I rec'd from Wychwood and had heeled in on my place all winter, & we planted this on the parkway nearly opposite the Sleeman house. - -

Chas Delhaye & I went out to Peterson woods back of Orchard House to collect phlox, violets, etc Chas brot in a quantity & set them out on libr. grounds I helped Set out there some ranunculus from my parkway.

I planted tigrdias & reset tiny red maples.

M. went to Dr Gordon for foot relief.

Sunday, April 30

Rain in the night.

None of us went to church today.

During the afternoon we had a heavy rain. Great growing weather.

Brown thrasher in my backyard this A.M Also a chewink, two pairs of cardinals, etc. Rose-breasted grosbeak reported.

M., E. & I drove as far as Kenilworth to see garden displays, late this afternoon.

Monday, May 1

A warm day and after 4:30 a prolonged thunderstorm and heavy rains. Everything soaked.

Morning ex. - - Various agents. - -

Met Mrs Rubin & Mr. Jensen at Pub Libr. Kept in touch with Wygal's group of 16 men working on Deerfield Ave and a like number under Don Ronzani that began spading on Green Bay Road

Our janitors and I went to the Romano Woods to spot some shrubbery for the school grounds Teachers' meeting at four.

Tuesday, May 2

Gray. Much cooler. Everything water soaked. No welfare work today
Our janitors replaced some large spiraea along our east drive with diervilla, etc. taken from the woods. They brot in other material including several amelanchier.
Visitors "a plenty".
Gave some time to planning our eight grade program
Sent a note to parents of 8th graders asking for a conf. to discuss costumes for graduation.
I went to W. Park Ave. woods late this aft and brot in some clumps of mandrake & trillium for my "forest preserve".

Wednesday, May 3

Quite cool. High wind.
This A.M. spent much time with 8th graders, planning a program
Mr Rhinehart & I reset a flat of petunias.
This aft had a conf of mothers of 8th grade pupils to discuss costumes. Amicable. Agreed on simple garb.
This evening E. and I drove to Dr Davis' office at Deerfield to get a supply of "red" tablets for M. Then I went to the old city hall to a meeting of the Emergency Relief Com. We approved four projects including mine – landscaping the No Green Bay Road parkway.
No men from Social Service went out today although 200 were willing. Red tape forms of the Illinois Relief Funds caused this.

Thursday, May 4

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, May 5

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, May 6

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, May 7

Decatur to H.P.

A fine day at its outset

I left Clarence's at 9:00 (their time) and made my first stop at Lexington. Went out to "Riverside Farm" & called on Mrs Mahan & Curt & Bert.

Ate dinner at 2:00 at Morris. At home after 5:00.

Found the Dolches of Gary and Mrs , had come up with Dan to spend the day. As they left we went over to school & I gave Mr. D. some tomato plants. I punctured a tire by jamming into the curb at Elm Pl. - - This evening three of my boys fixed it & brot my machine home.

Electric storm this evening.

Monday, May 8

The last rain is on top of its predecessors and low places are flooded
Gray & cool.

At morning ex. program of songs, violin numbers, & a play of Old Chicago!

Conf with Mrs Mack. With Mrs Gaidzik. With 3 agents.

At dinner at Mrs Law's with 10 others to met Prof Hayden of U. of C. Then P.T.A. meeting in Hall of Pictures with Prof Hayden as speaker. Good address. Good crowd.

Rec'd today from our "cousin" – Mrs Clarence Crittenden Calhoun" of Chevy Chase, Md. a copy of her autobiography!

Tuesday, May 9

More rain in the night. Gray & chilly.

Morning ex at 10:00 at G.B.R.S. At 11:00 – assembly at Elm Pl. to hear an explorer, Mr Elliot, talk about Africa & show some movies, he & his associates representing a concession at the coming Expo.

Various conf. this aft. This evening talked before the young womens' business organization in library aud. Used my flower slides. Fine time.

[Mr. Smith wrote numbers above the words to indicate the correct word order. – ed.]

Wednesday, May 10

Fine day but gray & threatening at its close. Light rain.

Conf at Welfare headquarters with We[e?]der, Abercrombie, Stine, et. al.

This aft Miss Grunewald & Miss Grenoble & I drove to Chic Hist Soc. Bldg to get an outline of its exhibits. Also spent some time at Acad of Sc.

Mowed my backyard & tied up my roses after supper.

Thursday, May 11

More rain during day. Heavy fog this evening. Mild Unprecedented for years is the flooding of lowlands in this area.

Was to have started ten men on Green Bay Road Parkway this A.M. but everything was saturated We sent most of our 7 – 8's in groups to the hospital today to visit the xray rooms, the laboratory, etc.

Library Board this evening. Much accomplished

Friday, May 12

A mild day. Showery & clear at intervals. Ending up sultry.

Conferred with Mrs Klaber at Rose Garden on Roger Williams Ave. With Taylor & Rafferty over parkway planting, etc.

At G.B.R S. we gave all the pupils (each) a geranium in a pot this aft. Began distrib at Elm Pl. but gave to two rooms only – Deile & Engwall.

Mrs Anderson sub for Miss Dorsch.

Conf aft 3:35 with upper grade teachers over "passing" of pupils

I went to H.S. fine concert this evening.

Saturday, May 13

Trip to Kankakee

Left at 7:30 with Mr. Leech & H.R. Smith & his son Denton for a day's field trip under sponsorship of Ill. Geol. Survey. Mr Geo Ekblaw was leader. We met at Kankakee H.S. It rained a bit while we held a conf in a class room, then cleared off bright & warm Graham, Grame Stewart (Batavia), Carrol (Geol. Survey), et. al.

Trip to edge of Marseilles Moraine, to see outwash rubble, sand bars, and finally to the great Lehigh quarry where we found some good fossils. A valuable trip. Ate our lunch in a city park near a deep quarry now filled with water. Got home at 8:30 P M

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day.

Lennie & Arthur & Dan got in at 11:00 last evening.

A fine day. M & I went to Presb Ch.

Late this aft all but M. went with me for a ride. This included a visit to the "trillium woods" on the Rasmussen estate, Old Mill Road I know no display that outdistances this.

Monday, May 15

Mild. Threatening.

M & E. left this A M with Lennie & A & Dan for Benton H.

Morning ex – Shakespeare exercises by Miss Sprague's pupils.

Agent for Thrift.

I interviewed Mayor Metzel to get confirmation of my plans for soil for planting. Then Denzel to secure trucking service. Mr. McVeety for permission to remove small trees from a vacant lot.

I set 9 men at work this A M on No Green Bay Road

This evening I hunted up 8 additional men.

Board meeting this evening. Mr Murray absent, the first time in four years.

Tuesday, May 16

Fine day.

Had to use up much time getting our parkway scheme under way.

At 6:30 called on Griesmeyer & Burgess to join working crew. At 7:30 gathered tools & went to place of work on No. G.B. Road. Gave Mrs Klaber 8 men whom she sent out to Fiori's to dig elms for Rog Wm's parkway.

Set 2 men to work at Libr. Took 4 men to dig soil near W. Deerf. Ave. etc. Had two warning signs made (Mr Cunningham). Had Mr Elwood & Mr Leech help four groups plant wheat, rye, oats & barley in Vine Ave garden.

Late this aft I sunk two baskets filled with rich soil into my compost heap for cucumbers. Set out my dahlias. Got my own supper.

Wednesday, May 17

Fine summer day

This day our 19 men (2 at Libr) put in 62 elms for Mrs Klaber on west Roger Wm Ave. I hauled tools & most of the men there, furnished 200 ft of hose, got from city water dept a wrench & adapter, etc.

With Miss Deile's, we planted pumpk seeds in pots. Do with Miss Wheelock & McBroom.

Gourds with Miss Lynch. I gave the 3 4th's a lesson in nursery & planted out a large no. of rooted willow cuttings.

Attended a tea for teachers at Mrs Mack's.

Conf at 6:45 P M. with Misses Grunew, Nixon & Sprague.

Florence Miller & her fiance called for a few minutes this evening (Mr Nelson).

Thursday, May 18

Fine warm day

Our men worked on No. Green Bay Road. Dug trees on lot corner of Maple & Sheridan. Some 40 trees. Most of them planted.

I took 5 pupils this aft to interview Mr Everett.

This evening I took 4 to interview Joe Mooney and then Tom Mooney. We heard the woodcock's evening song.

Friday, May 19

I set my group of men to work on No G.B. Road this A.M. & went down to Social S. headquarters to certify to the payroll. While there a heavy storm came up & a downpour. - - - My men reported this aft & finished planting the trees dug yest.

Various duties at school. Mr L.F. Ford of Wauk. lectured in the Aud at 11:00 using slides reprod. Ferris' historical paintings – the D.A R paying his fee.

Mrs Brown of Bd of Ed of Hinsdale called to talk over with me Mr Wheat's candidacy for supt'cy there

I drove away at 4:00 for B.H. Fine trip. Dinner at Spaulding H. in Mich City at 7:45. At B.H. at nine or so.

Saturday, May 20

B.H. to H.P.

Heavy rain in the night. Fine day.

M. & E & I left B.H. at 10:45. Ate our hand lunch in woods across from the Wilson's place at 12:15 (W's away for the day), and got in before 4:00. Fog hung over loop area.

Sunday, May 21

Fine day. Chilly. Grate fire & finally a small fire in the furnace.

We all rested this A.M. The Pattees called at the house & I went off with them to the Millards' River Woods. We ate our lunch there and spent the aft scouting around

Collinsia verna in bloom near new bridge; fine clump of Orchis s. in bloom in mid woods. Wild crab almost ready to open

Monday, May 22

Fine day

No work authorized by Social Service today!

Louis Smith washed our windows & washed & set the screens.

Spent much of aft at G.B R.S.

Shower & supper for Miss Miller at the Selfridges this evening. A fine time.

Tuesday, May 23

Fine, warm day

I worked with several pupils over their commencement essays

Had several agents & two visitors from the Farm School – “Wandy”, & Mrs Cohen.

Mr Leech & I with the help of the janitors began distributing tomato plants. Alas, many of our plants were long-legged. - - I gave out some hibiscus plants furnished by Mrs Toller.

I had Angelo Ugolini mow my yard. - - I set out a Dorothy Perkins rose sent my be Mrs Toller. Planted a circular bed of Portulacca bordered with alyssum on corner parkway Set out “black calla”.

Wednesday, May 24

Another warm day

Miss White's pupils gave matinee performance of Old King Cole today. Fine
Took M. E. & Mrs Chapin for a ride through Ravinia, then west on Deerfield Ave – after school
Great display of wild crab apple bloom
Gov & Mrs Preuss called this evening for advice about Jack's future schooling.

Thursday, May 25

Another.

Visited the scene where road builders are beginning the section of the new blvd where I have been taking away soil for parkways. Began negotiations to get some more.

My janitors & I spent some time in the Vine Ave garden but attempted no planting. Ground soggy.

Went with Miss Dorsch's 3's to farm this aft - - Werhane & Buffalo Creek

This evening M & E. went with me to the evening performance of Old King Cole. A beautiful affair. Miss White head of this undertaking. Orchestra – Miss Voss & Band – Mr Horr, assisted. Mrs Mannings had a group of violins, etc.

Planted alyssum (seed) & petunia plants – calendulas – zinnias.

Friday, May 26

Early this A.M. heavy showers. Cooler. Misty.

Took 4 pupils over for an interview with Mrs Mason, this A.M. Then I took 6 to interview Mr. Hawkins this aft.

Conf with 4 – 8A' teachers after school

Able to do a little work in my back yard this evening.

Adah Thomas called after 8:00 P.M. to talk over teaching plans.

Mosquitoes frightfully numerous.

The "Cape Cod cottage" next door south was open to the public for inspection & the H-S boys were showing visitors their handiwork

Saturday, May 27

Century of Progress Expos.

Fine warm day.

Took 9:30 to Chic & shopped at Fields, Vaughn's & Stebbings' Hardware. Did not try to crowd into the line to see the parade on Wabash Ave. Came away at 1:30 & got home before 3:00.

Picked up a workman at Highwood (Alphonse Ugione?) who worked for me for 3 hours plus, spaded garden beds, helped me make a compost frame, mowed the grass. Then I took him home & left on 6:30 for Chic. & went into the Expo. grounds at 12th St. - - Was in the mighty crowd in the court of the Hall of Science when the signals from Harvard, Alleghany, Urbana & Yerkes flashed & the amplified ray from Arcturus touched off the great search light on the Tower & turned on the special lighting display.

Met Misses Lynch & Thomas there & tramped about until 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 28

Fine day. Cooler. A shower late in the evening.

Dan came in at 9:30 from Gary with Mrs Eklund, Mrs Johnson (wife of Mayor Johnson) and Mrs Gatz & Evelyn.

After dinner we drove about – Mrs Millards' home, Ravinia, then out past Rassmussen Place & on to Lake Forest.

They went home at 6:00.

During the aft I showed our visitors through Mr Fjerol's new (Cape Cod) cottage just finished by the H.S. Boys' Vocational Class.

M. very weak today & not even able to leave the house.

Monday, May 29

Beautiful day until late when showers & steady rains set in.

Too wet for garden work

At Social Service headquarters I found that 25 hours of truck service on W. Deerfield Ave had to be paid out of private funds, so I gave my check for \$18⁷⁵ which I propose to deduct from my contribution for next year.

Mrs Millard gave her annual party for the teachers at the cabin in the woods. Grand time, although we were driven in to the cabin three times by rain. Harold Schultz came to visit us & we took him out to our picnic party.

Mother quite weak today & we called in Dr. Sugden (Dr Davis' partner).

Tuesday, May 30

Memorial Day

Clearing. A beautiful day

Spent much of it trimming the wild crab apple & plum trees on the library grounds. The former look unpromising & I pruned to try to help the roots to function.

I attended the Memorial Day exercises at Memorial Park. Mayor Metzler & Mr. Hasting spoke.

Worked on my place at the end of the day. Planted seeds of nasturtium, didiscus, marigold, & icicle radishes. Set out some marigold plants from Mr. Chapin.

M. stayed in her room all day. Better but quite weak

Wednesday, May 31

Fine day.

Had the three 4th grades plant each a row of field corn this afternoon

Ex Com of P.T.A. met in my office this A.M. and planned for the picnic.

Dr Sugden called in on M. again today. She seems much better. Stayed in her room.

Mr Bartoli came this evening & replaced a sillcock for me.

Miss Sands & Miss White & two friends drove north of Zion & brot me a dozen or so shooting star plants.

Thursday, June 1

A fine warm day.

Most of the morning in the garden on Vine Ave. Each group of the 5's, 6's & 7's came & planted something

This aft I went with Miss Behren's 3A's & Miss Cook's 3A's – 10 autos – to Spinney Run Farm.

Greatly enjoyed the Toggenburg goats & the Ayrshire cattle.

Mrs Geo Greene & I, in my auto, after supper scouted around to see certain rose plantings. Then I called on Harold & Mrs. Richardson to see some of their curios.

M. stayed in her room. Is better

Friday, June 2

Warm. Sultry. Mosquitoes a great plague

Finished up school garden nearly. Helped Kg's at G.B.R.S. in their planting

Conf with upper grade teachers after school.

Tired to work in my yard a little this evening. Then to school to help take a group of boys to Jas Cuffy's house to try out his new 12" reflector. Miss Guiney, Mr. Leech, Mr Cunningham & the boys.

Remarkable piece of work

M. still in her room.

Saturday, June 3

Warm day. Good breeze.

I went in to Chic this A.M. chiefly to talk with Mr McLeod (lantern slides). Shopped at Vaughn's and Fields Home at 11:40.

Left in my auto at 1:00 for Forest Glen, the starting place for the Prairie Club's Walk I acted as nature study guide Mr & Miss Spafford, leaders, Mr Spofford, rear guard Messrs Lyons, Williams & one other of Evanston were good company I left the party at 4:00 & walked back to Forest Glen & drove home 18 miles

After supper I planted two rows of corn & 4 of beans in the Larson garden.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Prairie Club walk. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

June 3, SATURDAY WALK NO. 1024 – HARD TIMES WALK

Circle Walk in Forest Preserve

1:20 P.M – Leave Union Station via

1:44 P.M. – Arrive Forest Glen.

C.M. St. P. & Pac. R.R.

As the return time is independent of train times, the walk will be longer or shorter, according to the temperature and the low price should draw a large crowd, for this attractive part of the Forest Preserve. We return via Milwaukee Ave. street car from Milwaukee and Devon Aves. Pay own street car fare.

Leaders: Miss Bertha Spafford and Mr. Lloyd E. Spafford.

Rear guard: Mrs. Fancy L. Pederson.

Committee representative: Walter R. Spofford.

Nature Study representative: Jesse L. Smith.

Expense, 25c.

Sunday, June 4

A warm day

I went to Presb Church but could hardly keep awake.

Slept & read all aft & much refreshed

M. down stairs but not active.

E & I drove out west a half hour or so. Visited locality on Co. Line Road where *Asc. ovalifolia* grows. Found only three stalks, one being likely to bloom.

A heavy electrical storm set in after nine. Lights went out & were not restored. Deluge of water.

Monday, June 5

Fine day. Cooler.

Miss Sprague's pupils gave a fine Shakespeare program at 11:00.

Then I left for Chic with pictures to be copied by the lantern slide maker. Then to Chic Hist Soc. to hunt for new ideas. Shopped at Fields Home at 5:30. - - Began staking my tomato plants. – E & I went to Dr Sugden at Deerfield for tablets for M – who is better

Then Miss Grunewald & I spent an hour at school discussing programs

Tuesday, June 6

Warm day, but twice during the day cool breezes came with grateful freshness.

Spent most of the day working with 8th grade pupils.

In my garden a while this evening. Mr Murray called

Wednesday, June 7

Record heat!!

Very warm. Warmest day of year thus far.

Closed earlier this aft. Upper rooms at E.P. 91° to 93°.
Spent nearly all of the day working with 8th grade pupils
Mrs Mason (Charles) called this evening
Took picture of 8th grade pupils.

Thursday, June 8

Very warm also, but tempered a little by breezes.
Shut down school at noon but held 8A's for the afternoon.
Sent Mr Elwood to the slide maker this A.M. with about 10 subjects
Got proofs from Hecketswiller of 8th grade pictures. Very satisfactory.
Took 3¼ x 4¼ panchro of stagecoach mural and sent it to Heck to develop.
Library Board this evening. Meant to get away early & go to H-S. commencement, but was detained.

Friday, June 9

Cooler today Tempering breezes.
Again a day given up to 8th grade pupils.
This evening I planted in the V. Ave garden, 3 rows of rice popcorn, n & s, east of the planted section. Then 3 rows of G.B. corn for Mr. Larson & 3 for myself.
Set out 4 tomato plants in home garden; some zinnias.

Saturday, June 10

Another very warm day.
I met with Miss Sprague & some of her pupils at 8:30. Then I went down to Chic. Shopped at Vaughn's & Fields & got 25 slides at Chic Transp Co. Home at 3:30.
Late this aft Joe Lisi mowed my yard I weeded. Cultivated about my small plants. – Planted some Russian Mammoth Sunflower seeds in Vine Ave Garden. Soaked most of garden plats in my backyard
My climbing American Beauty Rose in bloom. The orange red lilies beginning to open.

[On this day, the Friends of Our Native Landscape held a its Full Leaf meeting with an excursion to Quincy, Illinois. A typed itinerary of the weekend events is transcribed as follows: – ed.]

MEETING TO THE FULL LEAF

As indicated in a previous leaflet, the meeting of the Friends of Our Native Landscape to the Full Leaf will be held in Quincy, Ill. June 10th and 11th. The scenic drive to Peoria long the Starved Rock Trail, then to Quincy takes one thru a beautiful countryside. Both historically and scenically Quincy, with interesting picturesque gorges, rolling country and the fathers of waters, affords many points of interest.

The program as planned is as follows:-

1. Transportation: If by auto, leave early Saturday A.M. as the trip is about 300 miles. Alternate routes are by way of Joliet thru Ottawa to Peoria as follows: U.S.66, State Rt.4 or 4A to Joliet, State Rt. 7 to DePue, then State 29 to Peoria, then U.S.24 State Rt.9 to Quincy, which is more scenic, while a slightly shorter one is from Joliet to Chenoa, U.S. Route U.S.66, State Rt.4, then U.S.24 State Rt.8 to Peoria, U.S.24 State Rt.9 to Canton, then U.S. 24 State Rt. 31 to Quincy.

Those having room for one or more “friends” and willing to accommodate them in return for helping out on “gas and oil” – say \$4.50 for one person; \$3.50 for 2 people each, and \$2.50 for 3 people each, should call Whitehall 5458 immediately giving full information, as well as those wishing to obtain a ride.

If by train – one leaves Chicago Friday night 11:45 P.M. arriving Quincy at 6:55 A.M., and returning Sunday 9 P.M. arriving Chicago 7 A.M. – Standard Time.

R.R. Fare – Round Trip - \$9.70; Sleeper – Lower \$5.63; Upper \$4.50.

2. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Quincy where the following rates can be had: Single Room - \$1.75; Double Room - \$2.50; Twin Beds - \$3.25 – all with bath. Reasonable dining room in connection. A good cafeteria is within a short walking distance.

3. At 6:30 Standard Time, the meeting will be held at William Thien’s Spring about two miles north of the city where a fried chicken picnic lunch arranged by Mrs. Leaton Irwin and Mrs. O.G. Mull, co-chairmen, will be served. The boy scouts of Quincy will be on hand for parking and ushering.

Kenneth Sawyer Goodman’s masque will be given and followed by a word of welcome by Mr. Eichenhauer, Editor of the Herald Whig; a bird talk by Mr. T.E. Musselman, and a characteristic message by Mr. Jens Jensen. These talks will be given around a Council Fire.

Sunday morning about 9 A.M. a trip is arranged thru the notable Quincy Parks, presenting lovely views of the Mississippi River, Bluffs and bottom; then to Burton’s Cave and along an interesting gorge which should be explored.

Those returning Sunday should leave around noon, while for those remaining, interesting trips can be arranged.

C.B. Andrews,
Secretary.

Remember – Call Whitehall 5458 – or write C.B. Andrews at 8 East Huron Street:

- 1 – If you have any room – or want a ride;
- 2 – To make hotel reservations whether going by train or auto.

NB. . . .

Mr. Andrews and I met with the Quincy Folk last week-end and we heartily assure you a very enthusiastic reception. Besides you should certainly see the country in and around Quincy. A large local crowd will be on hand for our Masque and Meeting—so let’s come in goodly numbers too. Quincy most cordially invites you—we most emphatically urge you to accept—thus making it imperative for you to attend. We’ll be seein’ you there.

Edison L. Wheeler
Chairman Quincy Meeting to the Full Leaf

June 2, 1933

Sunday, June 11

Started out warm and was very disagreeable until noon when a cool breeze set in & continued remainder of day.

Rested at home all morning & afternoon Went down to Mrs Millard’s at 7:00 & spent the evening

Dan came in at 1:15 this AM.

Monday, June 12

Delightfully cool.

Morning ex with a fine and varied program.

Worked with 8th grade pupils most of day.

Visitors: Dr & Mrs Sherwin; Elisha Morgan

Sent copy for letter to teachers to typist in Merchandise Mart.

School Board meeting this evening

Walter Koller brot a small scorpion to school – found in a pineapple bunch

Tuesday, June 13

Another cool day.

Had a slow fire in the fireplace all day for M.

Very busy. Worked as usual with 8th graders Slipped away long enough to attend AM. exercises at 10:00 at G.B.R.S.

At school this evening until 9:30.

Wednesday, June 14

Flag Day

Beautiful day. Cool.

Almost ideal for flag and picnic day

All of our pupils assembled at 9:15 in the aud. and fared forth on the annual parade of the colors. Mr Greene led the band in Mr Horr's absence. It was a beautiful parade and the picnic that followed was a great success. An unusual number of parents came & ate their dinners about the grounds with their children.

Vaudeville, marinette show - & four reels of comics.

Meeting at 3:30 with 1 – 3 teachers.

Rehearsal this evening with children that have slides

M. did not feel strong enough to go to the exercises.

Thursday, June 15

Last day of school!

Warmer. A delightful day

Final morning exercises. Fine. All 1 – 3's of E P. – and all 4's – 8's present. Good number of visitors.

Had 8's rehearse until 12:30.

Worked over various things this aft.

House filled at graduating ex this evening, 92 grad. Theme, "Glimpses of progress in Chic area in past 100 years". Long program but successful.

M. had two bad dizzy spells today.

[Pasted at this page is a clipping of the commencement program. – ed.]

Elm Place School List of Graduates 1933

Anderson, Ruth Margaret

Gosswiller, Verna Mae

Olsen, George M.

Bartlett, Marcella P.

Greene, Quentin

Patterson, Florence M.

Becker, Jeanne Louise

Hamilton, Traver Reno

Peabody, J. Parliament

Beere, Honore

Hamlin, George Eldredge Jr.

Peterson, Dora C.

Black, Robert Hayes

Hansen, Helen

Pett, Douglas George

Borgeson, Melvin S.

Hendrickson, Allen

Plant, Elsie

Borgeson, Walter M.

Johnson, Arnold A.

Ponsi, Geno F.

Brandt, Esther J.
Buhl, Françoise Cynthia
Carlson, Elizabeth Ann
Carlson, Winifred Lorraine
Carleton, Janet E.
Chalmers, Ruth
Cliffe, Bruce A.S.
Coleman, Margaret
Cote, Leonard
Croke, Janice Alberta
DalPonte, Guido
DalPonte, Mariano
Drew, J. Leon
Duffy, John L.
Duffy, Pauline Julia
Early, Russell
Engels, Gordon M.
Fay, Mary Jean
Fisher, Sylvia
Francis, Richard G.
Fritsch, E. Franklin
Gail, Stewart Ernest
Glover, Ernest W.
Goffo, Mario

Johnson, Eleanor M.
Kaufman, Nancy
Knaak, Alvin W. Jr.
Koller, Marian Louise
Krohn, Catherine L.
Kugel, Craig
Lanius, Honor Grace
Larson, Dorothy M.
Law, Marc A. Jr.
Lencioni, Daniel
Lindsay, Ronald
Lindstrom, Olive
Lloyd, George Blair
Lolmaugh, Marcella Elaine
Markowitz, Edward Irving
Markowitz, Mary
Marks, Elaine
McCormick, Jack Burdett
McCreadie, Vera Kennedy
Miller, Louise L.
Montecchie, Gene Gedio
Nelson, Donald Hart
Nowlin, Charles Gore
Okey, Mary Ellen

Preus, Jack A.
Rice, Florence
Rhinehart, Devere Verlin
Riddle, Margaret Mary
Rogan, John W.
Shay, Marjorie
Shire, Louise
Slack, Elmer Albert
Snobble, James B.
Sobey, Jesse W.
Stuenkel, Walter
Stricker, George
Thomas, James William
Teri, Samuel
Thorson, Charles Alan
Thorson, Lois Edith
Tillman, Milton B.
Toigo, Joseph Christopher
Udell, Phyllis M.
Ullman, Thomas B.
Walters, Edith
Weaver, Hazel B.
Zimmer, Herbert R.

Instructors

Mr. Wm. E. Cunningham, Manual Training
Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Science
Miss Etta Grunewald, History
Mr. Bert S. Leech, Science
Miss Lena M. Nixon, Mathematics
Miss Edna Grenoble, English

Miss Fern Sprague, Literature
Miss Adah-Louise Voss, Music
Miss Jane Phillips, Latin
Mr. Jesse L. Smith,
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education

Howell W. Murray, President
Martin C. Hart, Secretary

Frances C. Creigh
Caryl Pfanstiehl
Dr. Gatewood

Dr. Earl D. Fritsch
Maurice Berkson
Henry Getz

Friday, June 16

A fine day. Warmer.

Gen'l teachers' meeting at 9:00. Then conferences. Many of the teachers left town today.

At school nearly all day

Work at home later in day.

Gathered up 16 shovels, property of social service, which I had left at Mr Sleeman's, & returned them to headquarters.

Saturday, June 17

Delightful day

Hoed sweet corn in ~~G.B.~~ V. Ave garden; spaded two places & planted two rows of beans in each. Planted a bed of hemp in N.E. Corner.

Brot soil over from E P. & made bed for lunaria & digitalis seed. Planted row of ageratum plants.

Checked up & OK'd teachers' applications for renewal of certificates.

At Pub Libr for a while. Clarence Davis set out some violets for us there.

Sunday, June 18

Very warm day

We stayed in close but at 7:00 this evening M. E. & I drove to Lake Forest and back.

My climbing American Beauties spent. Paul's Scarlet at its height. Orange red lilies passing their climax.

Syringa days

My late (and very choice) cream white peony still in bloom.

Monday, June 19

Another hot day but the freshness of the breezes tempered it.

I hoed two hours in my garden. Various errands This aft at pub libr a while investigating the skylight, etc

Worked late in my garden. Set out large number of ageratum, snapdragon & cosmos plants.

Soaked most of it with spray.

Tuesday, June 20

Very warm.

Wrote an article about the landscaping for the Press this A M and did various errands.

Left for Chic at 2:00. To Rosenwald Hall at U. of C. to hear Prof Sederholm of Helsingfors lecture on Pre-Cambrian rocks. It was the Div. of Geology of the A.A.A.S, & members of Chic Geog Soc. were invited. – Then to Burton Court on the south side of Midway for dinner & lecture by Prof Taylor which followed. A fine lecture & a fine time.

Met Leighton, Wanless, Behre, Ball, Akers, Bastin, Slocum, Mr & Mrs Davidson (of Oak Park), Weller, Taylor, et. al.

Wednesday, June 21

Very warm until 10:00. Then cool breezes began to dominate.

To Stevens Hotel to register & secure my A A A S badge, & then spent the morning until one at the Art Institute My first general view of the special Exposition exhibit

After lunch went into Exposition grounds to attend a symposium on the age of the earth. Our session began first in south hall of Hall of Science. Then we transferred to the aud of the Ill. bldg.

Afterwards I visited the Gov't building etc. Met by chance Lennie & A & Ruth & S.W. at concert in court of states. Left them there at 6:00 and went to dinner of Bot Sec. at Womans Club. Heard Dufrenoy, Hall, & Appel, all foreigners Fine chat at table with Dr Rumsey, Miss Cliffe, & Miss [et?]

Thursday, June 22

Delightfully cool.

Lennie & party got in a half hour after me last night.

I went down to joint meeting of geographers & Chic Geog. Soc at Field Museum & was there all day. Lunch with Denoyer, Jones, et. al. Met K C. McMurry (Dr Chas McM's son from Mich U.). Miss Baber, Bradley, Colby, et. al.

Came away at 5:30. After Supper to Aud to Symph Con. (Rudolph Ganz, guest conductor) My chief interest was to hear Mrs Agnes Conover play McDowell's [MacDowell – ed.] Concerto No 1. Splendid performance. Geo Jones had a box, Mrs Millard also, & I was with the latter's party after the first half. Met some fine people.

Lennie's party & Dan at our house for the night.

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

Friday, June 23

Fine day Warmer.

The Enders group left right after breakfast. Dan & E. drove to Ev. to shop & then Dan went back to Gary.

This aft Harold Schultz came & we drove out for the aft. Visited Mr. Petty, County Supt. on an errand; then ~~north~~ west to Ivanhoe & the Geo Brainard farm to scout over the prairie. "Bull thistle", Liliun Philadelphicum, and others in bloom. We got in at 7:00. Harold ate supper with me & drove back to Ev. where he is student for the summer

Saturday, June 24

Rather warm day

At school most of day. With Hazel I worked on our annual report. This aft Miss Grunewald & I worked at indexing pictures of pupils.

The country in general is very dry. Soaking rains have been followed by a long stretch of clear weather, some of it unusually hot. Ground has baked & cracked open.

Soaked the southeast border beds heavily this evening.

Sunday, June 25

Warm. Somewhat sultry. A few raindrops this A M

I went to church at Dr Tittle's in Ev. Beautiful service. Preached on "The Spiritual Foundation of Peace".

This aft Alden Green called to talk over the scheme for enlisting pupils for a private school.

Raymond Flinn called to go over with me plans for screening the skylights over the charging desk at the Pub. Libr.

Mrs Peter of 990 Illinois Rd Lake Forest called me up about some wild flowers, so I drove up with M & E & spent an hour naming things for them.

Lillian Moore (Anderson, Larry) who taught here in 1912-13 came up with her husband & we had a delightful visit. They live at Oakland, Calif.

Monday, June 26

Very warm. Tempering breezes.

At school much of day. Miss Cramer & Mrs Grunewald & I indexed pictures of children.

Some garden work

This evening I went down to first M E. at Ev. & heard Jane Adams [Addams – ed.] tell experiences of forty years in working for internat'l piece. No rancor, no destructive criticism, but friendly candor and willingness to give respectful consideration to the point of view of the other fellow.

Tuesday, June 27

Record heat 100.2 in Chic.

Very hot day.

Various errands this A.M. after working in my garden for a time. - - To Skokie to take out and release a woodcock some boys brot me. - - A man stopped the traffic on a highway near here to rescue a woodcock & two chicks that were crossing the road. All squatted on the pavement & were lifted off and pushed out of harm's way. - - - To Meyer & Co to try for a job as "waterboy" for Joe Santi - - To H&S. to get spectacle frame repaired.

This aft Miss Grunewald & I worked at indexing pupils' pictures.

Watered my yard until late this evening.

Called on Miss Amelia Nafe to see her ancient rosebushes – her father planted the originals long ago.

Wednesday, June 28

Hot but tempering breezes.

Had my car simonized, etc. today.

Worked at school much of day.

M. E & I drove out as far as Old Mill Road this evening & down to Dundee Road.

Thursday, June 29

Gray sky & tempering winds. At length about 7:00 P.M. a great rainstorm which was desperately needed. Ground cracked & parched. Unwatered lawns looked burned. Now a great relief.

Worked around my place much today. Went out to my milkweed "patch" near Everett & cut away grass, etc., from about them.

At school a while this aft.

Dan came in at 5:30.

Friday, June 30

Cooler this morning after the heavy rains of last night but the breezes lost their freshness during the day & the humidity mounted!

Various errands this A.M. & after lunch I finally reached the exposition grounds by four. – The Mayan Village, Gen'l Motors, Travel & Transport. After supper – the Wings of a Century pageant. Simply great. Appeals to sentiment, emotion."

Then Belgian village – which interested me greatly. The illusion is very good.

Then home.

Saturday, July 1

N. E. A

Warm much of day but after sunset cool breezes

Finished notes copied from "The Autobiography of a Chameleon" and sent it back with a letter today to Mrs Clarence Crittenden Calhoun, Rossdhu, Braemar Forest, Chevy Chase, Md.

This evening I went down to the opening session of the N E.A. at Stevens Hotel. Saw few I knew.

[Inserted at this page is a clipping of a postal rate announcement. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Supplementary
Postal Rate Information

By Act of Congress June 16, 1933, and effective July 1, 1933, the postal rate was restored to two cents an ounce or fraction thereof on first-class matter mailed *for local delivery* at or from the particular Post Office where deposited.

The same Act provides further authority to the President to make such other modifications of Postal Rates as he deems advisable by reason of increase in business, the interests of the public, or the needs of the postal service.

Therefore, in case of doubt as to rate, consult Post Office.

Sunday, July 2

Fine succession of heavy showers in the night (accompanied by thunder storms). Cooler today. Everything fresh & clean.

Loafed at home most of day.

Mrs Clow called. Also Mrs Chapin

M. E. & I drove out on Dundee Road & Wauk Road & back by Deerfield

Our regal lilies in full bloom.

Monday, July 3

N.E A.

Fine day. Cool.

Got to Stevens Hotel by 9:00. Registered and attended A M session. Lunch with Lake Shore Div. delegates at Mandel's. Afternoon session – Science group. Afterwards I went with Miss Grunewald & Miss Sprague (whom I had met incidentally) to open air art ex in Grant Park where various artists have wares for sale! Then I went off to supper by myself. Then to Medinah temple to the evening mass meeting. Sat with Mr & Mrs Donnecker! Great addresses by Glenn Frank and Paul McNutt!

Tuesday, July 4

The Fourth

A beautiful day. Cool. Dan came in late last evening.

I worked in the yard all morning & at my desk much of the aft. Then again in the garden.

E & D drove to L. Geneva & back this aft. M & I kept together, got our own supper & washed & wiped the dishes, etc.

Cut out the old canes in my rose bushes and gave the bushes a dose of vigoro. Gave all the peonies vigoro, also.

Wednesday, July 5

N. E A.

A beautiful day

Dan went home early this A M.

I took 7:31 for Chic Attended the gen'l session at 8th St. Theatre. Sat with Mr. Ritow, Princ. of Goethe School. Then spent a half hour at 6th floor of Sears R., ex of school work of Chic schools

Lunch with School Garden Ass'n at 12:30 at Stevens Hotel & attended program in the same room until 5:00. Fine time.

Early supper & at 6:00 was in C of P. Exp. Much time in Elect. Bldg, in & out to admire color effects; In Social Science Bldg, greatly admired murals of woman's advancement by Hildreth Meiere. In Horticulture Bldg & garden show.

[Hildreth Meiere (1892-1961), well-known for her Art Deco murals, was also recognized as a distinguished mosaicist, painter, and decorative artist. She won the Gold Medal in Mural Painting in 1928 from the Architectural League of New York. — ed.]

Thursday, July 6

N. E. A.

Warm. Sultry once more

Worked in garden much of morning. Took 12:02 for Chic. To lower tower room in Stevens Hotel to joint program of science & garden ass'n. Room too small for this meeting & the upper tower room very inadequate for the meeting assigned it. So I spent most of my time managing the crowds that surged through the elevator corridor — 29th floor!

Visit with Miss Irene Russel

Went up to Newberry Library at 5:00 & worked until 7:00. Listened for a while to soap box orator. Then supper & to Medinah Temple for the evening meeting. Well worth while. Visited on way home with Mrs Volwiler & Mrs Austin & the latter's father.

Friday, July 7

A warm, sultry day, but with tempering breezes A fine shower at seven P.M.

E & I drove to Marshall Fields at Ev. to shop Then at eleven Maurine Kimball of Elgin came to talk over position with me, Miss came with her.

Harold Schultz spent the aft & evening with me. We drove down Skokie Valley to Forestry camp west of Winnetka & had a chat with Geo Sullivan, one of my former pupils, now a civil engineer.

After supper Schultz drove home to Chic.

Saturday, July 8

Cooler. Cloudy

Worked most of morning in my garden. This aft at a committee meeting of Social Service. Arranged to apply for a project for the Library — 5 men for 10 days My parkway group of 8 is to start Monday on No Green Bay Road

Mrs Klaber & I inspected the elms planted on Roger Williams Ave & visited the "municipal rose garden".

This evening I planted 3 rows of corn for Mr Larson & 3 for myself.

Sunday, July 9

Beautiful day. Cool.

M & I to Presb Ch. The Rigdon's were there. Also Mrs Elisha Morgan & daughter - - and Donald After lunch had a phone invitation from Dr Lackner to call as his sister, Adele Lackner Whitford & 12 year old boy were there! So I went there & spent a very pleasant aft.

Mr & Mrs Nye & small child called for an hour & E & I took them home in my machine

E went with Mrs Decker to a special address at Bethany Church this evening.

Monday, July 10

Fine day. Warm.

Started 5 men to work again on the Green Bay Road project. Got shovels, sickels, scythes, spades, etc, a water bottle & cup, red flags (warning), etc. & visited them four times Before noon Miss Grunewald & I drove out on Ridge Road & photographed the natural planting on Miss Coolidge's front line.

This aft Mr Jensen & Marshall Johnson & son drove in my auto to take road views – R.R. fence at Ravinia crossing, along Green Bay Road in Lake Forest, Half Day Road, etc.

School Board meeting this evening. All present but Mr Berkson and Mrs Creigh.

Tuesday, July 11

Fine summer day.

Had nine men at work. Seven on No Green Bay. Mrs Klaber & I set two to watering trees on Roger Williams Ave.

This aft Hazel & I worked up material for our "accession book".

This evening a ride with M & E. west to Wauk. Road & back

Then I met Henry Bacon & Miss Andrus at my office. Latter wishes a school position.

Wednesday, July 12

Another.

Saw my crew of men start work on No. Green Bay project

Set Mr Evans to pruning dead wood out of my oak tree etc.

Hoed in ~~G-B~~ Vine Ave Garden a while. Then at school a while

At noon, Mr. Jensen and I set out for Ivanhoe & scouted two hours or so on the prairie back of the Brainard estate Home at 4:00.

Early supper. Then M. E. & Mrs Chapin & I had a nice drive to Mrs Werhane's & beyond.

Thursday, July 13

Warm day. Tempering breezes.

Today Mrs Rubins, as chairman of Bld & Gr. for Pub Libr signed application for a "project" involving the use of 5 men for ten days, "landscaping" library grounds.

Hoed in my Vine Ave. Garden.

Library Board meeting this evening.

Miss Maurine Kimball of Elgin came over to call on Mrs Pfanstiehl & spent an hour with me.

~~M. & E. & Mrs Chapin~~

Friday, July 14

Warm but frequent cooling breezes. At length fine heavy shower at 6:00 P.M

Two men left on my road project! Others had worked their allotted time.

Various things. Painted my compost box. Visited the community gardens and was shown about by Mr. Allen. Worked in my garden. Tried the carbon disulphide treatment for stem borers – in case of pumpkin vines. Mrs Van Shaick gave us a fine bookcase & I went to arrange for its transfer. "Given" but to be reclaimed some day if the children desire. – This evening I took Pietro Marchi & his fiancé to school to hunt up piano score for "Illinois".

Saturday, July 15

Fine day.

E & I took 9:30 for Chic. Shopped at Fields. Went to Yager's at 108 No Dearborn for changes on E's foot wear. To Art Inst for lunch & a gallery tour. Then E. went home, her new fixtures making her

feet sore. I went over in front of Field Museum – near the Aquarium - & waited nearly two hours for the coming of Gen Balbo's 24 planes. It was a grand spectacle. – Nearly 40 planes served as escort. – Then I spent the evening at the Fair.

[General Italo Balbo (1896-1940) was Italian Air Marshall under Benito Mussolini. To promote Italian aircraft, Gen. Balbo made a trans-Atlantic flight with 24 Savoia-Marchetti S-55 double-hulled flying boats from Italy to Chicago during the Century of Progress International Exposition. During his five-day stay in Chicago, Gen. Balbo visited Fort Sheridan. (Accessed online at lakecountyhistory.blogspot.com/2009_10_01_archive.html on December 10, 2011. – ed.)

Sunday, July 16

Fine day. A nice shower late aft.

Dan came in late & Lennie & A. came in at 9:00 this A.M. Ruth is away at a house party.

This aft all but M. & me went for a long drive to Chic & back

Mrs Hessey called this evening

Monday, July 17

A fine day.

Dan left at 5:00 A.M. Lennie & A at 8:30.

I started one laborer, Mr Kerr, on the G B.R parkway.

Met a Mrs Gamblin at school who wishes teaching work

This aft Mr Morse and a Peter Miller brot in a great blue heron alive which had band C604901 on its leg. Exhausted but otherwise uninjured. Released at Des Pl. River

John Pearse showed me a place in the woods in Sunset Park where there many clusters of Indian pipe – I showed Miss Sands & three friends from Boulder thru the G. B R School - - M. E. & I had a fine drive this evening.

Tuesday, July 18

Warmer but not oppressive.

Busy at odds & ends. Yest. spent an hour in dentist's chair (Hamilton) & a little more than that today.

Sprayed. Treated Mr Chapin's squash & pumpkin vines for stem borer (CS₂, etc). Took M. & E. to Ft Sh. this aft to see drills, etc., in honor of Gen Balbo & his men. We saw the procession at close range. As M. couldn't walk far, she stayed in the machine & E & I saw something of the evolutions. Then we all saw air maneuvers staged by 30 or so U.S planes.

Planted in pots & flats at G B R S – digitalis, Cant. Bells, gaillardia, ampelopsis v. Some mam. Russian sun fl seed outside of plant house.

Wednesday, July 19

Warm day.

Trimmed for a while among my smaller trees. Went to Bahr's nursery to inquire about disease among delphiniums. At Social Welfare promised to advance funds for a "project" on West Deerfield Ave.

At school a while, both A.M. & aft. An hour and a half in dentist's chair.

Cardinals quite vocal the past few days.

Thursday, July 20

Warm. Hot.

Sprayed garden. Calendula, stem & bud trouble. Leaf hopper virus. Delphinium leaves folding back. Blotches.

Correspondence about vacant position

Took 3:34 for Chic. To Albert Agency to consult Miss Smith about the vacancy. Then to Newberry Library where I worked over genealogy matters until 9:00. Found names of Cornelius Low, Sr. & Jr. in tax lists of Northumberland Co. Pa – 1778 & onward.

After 9:00 I spent some time listening to soap box oratory on the side street which the Library fronts. Four large groups & some smaller ones.

Friday, July 21

Heat tempered by breezes this day.

Various interruptions this morning.

This aft I took Edith over to consult Dr Davis at Deerfield

Mr Bartoli tightened the wires on my tree trellis.

I loaned Clarence Davis 25⁰⁰ for a few days.

I went to Chic on 4:02. To Newberry Library until 9:00 & more to carry on my genealogical work.

Saturday, July 22

As yest.

Worked in yard most of morning.

This aft called at Pub. Libr to meet a candidate, Miss Ga[y]tin, for the position at call desk

Mr & Mrs Reichman & Robert called this aft. After supper Mr R & Robt came back with a squirrel trap which we set and in which not 20 minutes later we trapped a squirrel. – We drove out to Sweeney's Woods & released the animal.

M. E. & I had a drive down Clavey & Ridge Roads to Dundee Road & back by Deerfield.

Sunday, July 23

Disagreeably warm but a heavy shower cooled things off after lunch.

I went to hear Dr Tittle preach on "My confession of faith", his last sermon until aft. vacation. Fine address. Met Mrs Nixon & her two daughters there.

This aft Harvey Lowe gave us a friendly call-up on the phone from Chic where he & his family have been spending five days.

The Lowenstein's called this aft.

M. E. & I drove around for an hour late aft.

Monday, July 24

Cooler. Delightful breezes

Hoed in my garden & did errands this A M.

E & I went to Chic this aft, leaving Marian Koller for M's company. Spent some time at Albert's Agency where I met Miss Howser & Miss McKeby. Then E & I had early supper & went to the Fair – Sears Roebuck, Italian Bldg, a look-in in Hall of Science & Travel & Transport Bldg, then we saw the 8:15 performance of Wings of the Century & came home.

I spent an hour and a half in Dr Hamilton's chair this aft.

Tuesday, July 25

Fine. Cool.

Spent some time planning for the "Library Project" to begin tomorrow. Got 5 shovels & 2 crosscut saws at Social Service & delivered at the Library. Conf with Mr Garnett & Miss Hendee at Pub Libr.

Conf with Mr Brown of Park Dist. Went with Mr Morris to pumping station to see some planting.

Met Miss McMunn after lunch to plan work for Sept.

In Dr H's chair from 4:00 to 5:30. Work finished.

M. E. & I drove out to Mr Leech's for a visit this evening.

Wednesday, July 26

Fine day. Warm in sun.

Had four men to begin the Library project today, They took down 3 trees & did a fine piece of work. Mr. Brown sent ladders for our men to use. Mr Bartoli helped me assemble tools to be loaned from the school collection etc.

Clarence Smith came in this evening from Decatur.

Thursday, July 27

A little warmer.

Had 4 additional men today. Began feeding trees at Library. Conf. there with Mr Jensen

Clarence & I went to the city on the 4:32 & to the Exposition. Back at 12:18.

Hall of Science

Wings of a Century

Royal Scot & CB&Q

Travel & Transport.

Friday, July 28

Quite hot. Yet breezes filtered through.

Spent much time at Pub. Libr. with men landscaping the grounds. They took down a big elm on parkway – 75 years or so by count of rings.

Met two candidates for position on our library staff. – Miss Hole of Hinsdale & Miss Kennedy of Chicago.

Called on Mrs Millard a while this aft to identify some plants, etc.

Then Clarence & I drove about to do some errands. – to Miss Jennie Johnson's; to Mrs Boynton's to inspect an oak, etc.

After supper M. E., Clarence & I drove out to see sunset over Lake Zurich & came back by Dundee Road.

Saturday, July 29

Very hot day

Spent most of the morning distrib. paychecks for the landscaping and for the janitors.

Met Miss Hardkop, a cand. for libr position.

C & I intended to go to Expo this aft but thot it too hot.

Mother had callers in anticipation of her birthday – Mr & Mrs Reichman, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Everett, Mrs Garling, Dr Sherwin

This evening C & I walked over to the Reichman's & I named trees & shrubs for them. Mr & Mrs Kornblith were there.

Sunday, July 30

Mother's birthday.

One of the hottest days of the year

Dan came in after midnight. The Enders and Sam Wimbush got here at 10:00 A M
We all stayed in rather close most of the day. Arthur & C. drove Ruth & Sam to Egandale & the latter two went from there down to the beach for a swim
The Enders & S.W. left at 6:00.
E & D & C. went out for a ride afterwards
The Loewensteins called for a while this evening.

Monday, July 31

Clouds occasionally screened off the sun. Great humidity. A "blow" this evening & a slight shower.

Had four men at pub. libr. this A M They took down a big tree behind the bldg, etc.
We had another candidate for pub. libr. position today. Miss Dorothy Heicke of Urbana. Her father, a minister, brot her. Made a fine impression
Jane Phillips called for a short time this evening.

Tuesday, August 1

Cooler somewhat today, but quite warm much of A M. Breezes later in the day.
Had six men at Pub. Libr today. Went out to Wm Glader's & ordered load of cow manure for feeding trees
Miss Maribel McDaniel, student at N.W.U. came to apply for 3rd grade position. - - I arranged for an interview with Mrs Pfanst for her. We both liked her much
Clarence & I went down to Chic at 3:02. Shopped at Fields. Then went to Expo. - - General Motors, "The Island"; Electrical Bldg, Social Science, etc.

Wednesday, August 2

Cooler. Mild shower early in day. Fine rain late this evening.
Clarence went home this morning.
I spent some time this AM. with our men at the pub. libr.
At 11:00 met Miss Mary Judd of Wauk. who wanted to talk over with me a possible 8th grade position.
Mr & Mrs Downing came to ask my help in identifying some flowers
This aft Mrs Pfanstiehl & I had an interview with Mary [Emma?] Lee of Aurora who is a candidate for 3rd grade
Mr Jensen & I had a conference in his office over a project for a "preserve".
This evening I sent Miss McDaniel of Ev. notice of her election to 3rd & Miss Cook of her transf to Latin-Eng in 7 - 8.

Thursday, August 3

After the fine rains of last night came a delightfully cool today.
Much time at library today. Met another candidate for libr position. Conf with Mrs Rubens, with Mr Garnett, with Miss Hendee, with Social Service people; got out the payroll for our men, etc.
This evening M. E. & I drove out to the Werhane's for vegetables, then on to our neighbor, Ray Phillips' farm (vegetable on Wilmot Road. Found Mr & Mrs P & Bob at work.
I consulted Dr Davis today about hernia, etc.

Friday, August 4

Fine cool day.

I had two men at work at the Pub Libr. and this practically ends my contract. Used 44 days of work.

Worked at my desk

Saturday, August 5

Fine. Cool. Warm in the sun.

Had phys. ex by Dr Davis.

Spent two hours with Maribel McDaniel, our newly elected 3rd grade teacher, this aft.

M. E. & I drove down to Mrs Millards for tea at 4:30 & had a good time

We went over to Dr D's office in Deerf. this evening where Edith conferred with the Dr

Sunday, August 6

Fine day. Warm.

M. E. & I went to Presb. Church this A M. to hear my friend, Rev. Karl Roth, preach.

Coming home we found Dan & Mrs Ecklund had driven in from Gary.

During the aft E & Dan & Mrs E drove to Grass Lake to see the lotus blooms. Somewhat past their prime now.

Monday, August 7

Threatening. Humid.

Spent an hour with the Ritows at their home in Krenn & D's subdivision Dan & Mrs Ecklund with me.

Started one man at work at Pub. Libr.

After early supper Dan & Mrs E. left for Gary.

M. E. & I drove out to Half Day to see Clarence Davis. He had used our trailer (school) on a trip to Iowa & lost its name plate. This was recovered at Dixon & notice sent me.

Tuesday, August 8

Tempering breezes

Took my worker at the Libr out to woods along Deerfield Ave & left him for 2 hours while he dug up some ground cover for Libr grounds – wild yam, moon seed, carrion flower, bracken, false Sol. Seal, etc.

Conferred with Social Service; with Rafferty, et. al.

M. E. & I had a drive this evening. Brot back some vegetables from Dundee Road.

Edna Toland Snyder of Yuma drove up & we had a delightful chat. Mr Snyder, their 12 yr old son, & the two Misses Toland with her.

Wednesday, August 9

Mild. Gray. Light shower after dusk

Started 12 men on W.D. Ave project. Mario Vanzo, foreman. Spent considerable time with them. - - My one worker continued at Pub. Libr - - Various errands - - E & I had a short ride this evening.

Mr Schultz called this aft with a friend, Richard [Nie?]hoff of Chic. A fine visit.

Thursday, August 10

Fine day.

Men on W.D. Ave made fine progress – City's caterpillar tractor mowed great windrows of weeds in vacant area behind parkway.

My last worker at Pub. Libr. finished his allotment & I turned in our total payrolls of \$192⁰⁰ to be reimbursed by Illinois Emergency Relief

Mrs Green & Davis called for a time this evening.

Before that, M. E. & I drove out on two errands.

Went to Libr. Bd at 8:15. Much business transacted.

Friday, August 11

Fine. Cool breezes.

Lennie & R. drove home this A M

I drove to Chic with Mrs H & Miss C & Bruner. Parked at Grant Park. Very slow work the last mile. We stayed at Art Inst until 12:30. Lunch at Fields. Fine ride home (left Bruner behind).

This evening I drove Clarence D over to D. to have an ex by Dr Davis.

While waiting Mr. H. who was with me drove past Bannockburn & the Ziesing farm. Then out River Road across the Des P. & back. Edith waited at the Doctor's office

[This entry describes August 28th. Mr. Smith inadvertently wrote the August 28 entry on the page for August 11th. - ed.]

Saturday, August 12

Glacier Park

Left for G.P. at 11:45 PM

[Mr. Smith kept notes of this trip and recorded the entries onto 4¼" x 7¼" sheets of blank paper. Holes punched in the left margin of these sheets indicate that they were once contained in a loose-leaf notebook. The notes for August 12 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Chicago to Glacier Park.

Aug 12.

Left at 11:45 P.M. from Union Station. Had a tourist lower. Next day by paying 90 cents additional, I occupied it as a section.

Sunday, August 13

Enroute for Glacier Park

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 13 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Aug 13. - Saturday

Along upper Mississippi as I dressed this A.M. Country rather dry. In areas corn fields looked parched.

A new dam & lock just above junction with St. Croix.

The stop at St Paul not long because we were late. Did not make up our time until late in the day. Much corn cutting for silos. Plenty of Lakes. Over in Dakota at Wahpeton a while. Then at Moorhead, Minn. Dry. Bleak thereabouts. Memories of Dr Lord, Dr Goode, Mrs Kimball, et. al.

In the wheat country. Seemed to be lots of oats

Threshing machines nearly every two or three miles. The golden spume in the air.

At Minot. Cooler. Fresh. A beautiful sunset with threshers hard at work with little time to enjoy the view.

Smell of sage brush in the night.

The great plateau plains. Horse country and cattle. The Milk River. Cottonwoods & ranch houses and more cottonwoods. And shacks.

Havre. Mt groups on plain S & W of Havre. Flocks of quail. Now & then a combine

Ft Browning & the Indian boys. The gulches sunk in the rolling upland.

Glacier Park at 12:15 Village more built up than of yore.

Hotel grounds & walks bordered with huge delphiniums & various other plants – pansies, petunias, etc

Assigned room 134. Hotel not half occupied.

Long & refreshing sleep all aft. Visited Mike's Place after supper

Mike, himself, in the office of a greatly enlarged institution. Nice chat with him. Frank away at Cut Bank. [Mike Shannon, guide. (See July 18, 1912, August 23, 1915, and October 8, 1922 entries. – ed.)]

Poker game in room where drinks were served. Cafe. Dance Hall. Mike had to cash a check and he produced a cigar box with silver dollars. Paper money not popular.

Indians gave their customary show this evening at the hotel. One of them was "Theodore" oldest son of old Last-star, both of whom I met while in Loring's party 10 or 12 years ago. Theodore now a great heavy fellow, quite content to sit in a group, dance a little, & share the contributions of the tourists.

Monday, August 14

Glacier Park

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 14 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Monday, Aug 14.

Took 8:30 bus from Glacier Hotel to Many Glacier. Sat with a Mr & Mrs Wright of Milwaukee & their daughter & small son & talked with Mrs W. about people we know – D.C Watson, Lew Sarett, et. al.

The new road approaching St Marys avoids entirely the sharp gorge and wall drive formerly followed along Divide Creek, & comes into St M by easy loops & curves

Room 137 at Many Glacier. Found surroundings at Lake much dolled up but still beautiful.

Sherburne Lake, the dammed up successor of Sherburne Lakes showed piles of drift material & the scars made by man. Two forestation camps in valley, one of Indian boys from Browning & one of NY. City boys.

Wandered about in woods near the hotel in the aft. In the evening attended the lecture by the ranger naturalist. Showed some slides & talked about the history of the mountains.

Cretaceous fossils in the lowest strata here & one celled life in the upper strata showing the upheaval here. The c.f. belong to a greatly younger period & should be uppermost.

Tuesday, August 15

Glacier Park

At Many Glacier Hotel.

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 15 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Tuesday

Aug 15

Wrote two letters and made some notes. Then at ten off on a hike for Ptarmigan Falls. Overtook Mrs – Chaffe & her son Bob, a U of C. student, etc. Mrs Chaffee on staff of Iowa State. Knows Glencoe &

Kenilworth well – Mrs Welch & Mrs Gaidzik, Mrs Holmes, Gaar Williams' people, et. al. Nice visit. Left them at Ptarm. Falls & walked back, getting in in time for 1:30 lunch. "Service berry" in fruit. A few belated chimaphila.

After lunch took a continuous launch ride up S.C. Lake & Josephine (Walked over portage between two lakes) and return. Visited with the Ranger Naturalist, Mr Thomas on way back. Talked about Ranger Frank Stevenson & his family, about Standley's Check List, animal life in the Park.

Have been working at intervals these days on Rugg's The Great Technology.

Walked down Swift Current Valley a ways after dinner. Then listened to a talk by naturalist on animal life in Park

Wrote friendly letter to Ranger Stevenson

The mountain lion killers of the past years did their work so well that only a very few survive. Lynx are rare, too, and this shows in the greatly increased population of smaller rodents.

Wednesday, August 16

Glacier Park

At G to the Sun C.

St Marys

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 16 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Wednesday

Aug 16, 1933

Left Many G. at 8:30 for St Marys. Had a fine visit with the chauffeur who knew the Stevensons and the Shannons.

Mr Stevenson's little cabin we passed at Sherburne Lake. His daughter "Haydi" – about 19 or 20 – at present one of the pastry staff at M.G. Able to get little H-S. instruction at Monroe, Mont., last winter. Eager for an ed. Father not in sympathy, strange to say. She presses flowers well. Had some for sale at M.G.

Frank (Mike) Shannon sadly afflicted with goiter. - - Rosemary off of balance. - - They do not live together. - - Old Mrs Shannon has had a "stroke" Convalescing

At St Marys we waited an hour & a half for a boat. The ride to Going-to-the-Sun chalets was as lovely and inspiring as usual. Got in shortly before twelve.

Assigned to room H3 which looks down off the crag into the lake and straight east to the Narrows. Beautiful view. Loafed much of aft. A thunder storm over Goat & Red Eagle Mts & nice rain about the chalets late aft.

Walked with six ladies to Baring Falls after supper.

Mr. McLaughlin who has been acting as ranger naturalist gave up the work two days. Gov't appropriation cut off! He is on the botany staff of N.W. and says he lives at Ravinia

Thursday, August 17

Glacier Park

At Going to the Sun Camp.

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 17 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Thursday

Aug 17, 1933

Going-to-the-Sun

A warm day – for the mountains.

Set off for a walk at 8:00 A.M. for the meadows below Sexton Glacier. Slow climb up the path along which I once went with Dr Wynn's party. I went only about half as far this time.

Met two men up the valley & walked back with them. Tried to find mountain goat on the ledges. The men had preceded me a half hour & had seen a few mountain sheep

On the way down I collected a bouquet of adenocaulon bicolor and slipped it into a much larger bouquet of bedstraw. At the chalet the store room man packed it for me & I started it by mail for H.P.

This aft slept & read & wrote some notes. At five I found my way into a sunken garden within five minutes of my room. Through the trees one could see the auto road nearly a hundred feet above. Here it was delightfully cool. A thin little brook ran through the meadow. Heavy planting of alders, mountain maple, red osier, amelanchier, snowberry, lonicera, mountain ash, elder berry, willow, thimble berry, huckleberry.

This evening perched on a rock jutting out over the lake I watched the sun go down and waited until dusk deepened

Friday, August 18

Glacier Park

At Going-to-the-Sun Camp.

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 18 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Friday, Aug 18, 1933

Had intended to leave this morning but decided last evening that it would be cooler & quieter here than at L. McD, so stayed on.

This morning walked up to Falls of St Mary's, about 2½ miles. Beautiful. Cool spray. Watched a man try to catch fish. Botanized. On the way back just before noon, the lake was of the deepest blue green.

Loafed this aft. High winds came up and blew all night. Chatted with a Cincinnati group this evening – Man & wife & grown son. Had met them on trail to St Mary's.

Before dusk I visited with a Dr. James of Kalispel who drove into the auto park with his house auto.

Saturday, August 19

Glacier Park

L. McDonald

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 19 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Saturday – Aug 19, 1933

From G-to-the S – to L. McD.

Wind still strong at first, gradually dying down. Gray & sun alternating.

Left Going-to-the-Sun at 8:30 for the magnificent ride over Logan Pass – only opened up a little more than a month ago. It was very interesting to find great stretches of the old trail still there and usually far higher up than the new trail. A broad highway very well designed. We were given 20 min. halt at the top of the Pass & while there talked with a chemistry teacher from Chic who was on our field trip to the Kankakee area in June. Today he was in charge of the C.B. & Q party. Mr H.L. Hauman.

Much may be said in praise of the road down in the valley of McDonald Creek. Like in a fine park. Trees showed to great advantage. Road follows the edge of the creek right past the Falls into L McD.

Hotel seems well kept. J.E. Lewis sold it two years ago but left all the specimens & it looks as it did 10 years ago.

A great nap this aft. Read a lot. Wrote a little.
Ranger naturalist talked a little this evening about wild life, birds, etc.
Three bears fed at the garbage this evening. A doe & her fawn strayed about on the slope before the hotel.

Sunday, August 20 Glacier Park
L. McDonald

[Mr. Smith's travel notes for August 20 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Sunday, Aug 20, 1933
At Lake McDonald
Rather cool. Overcast sky frequent.
Sent another package of adenocaulon bicolor off by mail this A.M
Then I walked up the auto road along McDonald Creek Hung around by lower McD Falls, then to the upper Falls & foot bridge Visited with some friendly strangers. Located a water ouzel's nest but it was in too deep a recess to be seen.
Walked across bridge & followed west bank down stream to the footbridge near head of L. McD & then back to the hotel.
Rested & worked over my notes this aft. Walked a short distance along auto road leading to Belton.
Hotel food almost perfect. Too alluring.

Monday, August 21 Glacier Park
L. McDonald to Glacier Hotel.

Tuesday, August 22
Enroute from Glacier Park to Chicago.

Wednesday, August 23
Reached Chic at 9:45 & caught 10:01 for home. Glad to be back
Dug into my mail, etc. Bruner came in from New York City at 2:00.

Thursday, August 24
Warm day. Cooling breezes
I unwrapped the two cartons of specimens I had sent on by mail from Glacier P & took three detail photographs.
Then we had early lunch & Bruner & I went down to the Expo. While there B phoned a friend who invited him to dinner & so we separated just before six.
I ate dinner in the Chinese restaurant. Visited the Jap. pavilions & later had a glass of iced tea & sandwich in Jap. tea room. - - Spent a delightful half hour in Chinese Theater. Same in Indian village Then into the temple of Jehol. Vincent Bendix's temple. A splendid replica
[The Golden Temple of Jehol was a replica of the Chinese Lama temple, Potala of Jehol. It was donated to the Exposition by inventor and industrialist, Vincent Bendix. - ed.]

Friday, August 25
Warm day. Cooling breezes.

Bruner & I went in on 10:32 & met his friend, James Bergen, at Art Inst. for lunch. Jas is on duty at a music booth in the Expo & left us before one. Then Bruner & I had a delightful tour of the galleries. We left at 3:30 & took a taxi for R.R. Donnelly's for an hour or so, seeing the memorial library & fine edition of books.

Then home by six to find our house guests there. Lennie & Ruth got in before noon; Clarence came in by three with Mrs Hostetter & Miss Celia

Saturday, August 26

Warm but cool breezes latter part of day.

Various business items this A M. Checked up at Social Service the tools my men had used. Found that my project for school frontage, Sheridan Road, had been approved, and that of the Pub. Libr. for finishing history room also.

This aft Mrs Hostetter Miss Celia (Stroh), Lennie, Ruth & I went to the Expo – Electric to La Salle; taxi to 12th; used 2 chairs for one hour – Illinois Bldg & Hall of Science. Then tea at Japan Tea Room; Bus to Trav. & Transport; went through Royal Scot & Burlington, etc; Dinner at Century Grill; went to 8:00 O'clock presentation of Wings of the C. Bus to 23rd. Walked across to Island; Bus to 12th. Narrow gauge to Monroe, etc. 12:30.

Sunday, August 27

Mild. Gray. Few rain drops late.

When we got home last night, Dan had come in sick, Mr Steiner had brought him. Pleurisy.

Bruner had spent the day with friends & got in when we did.

Dan better today. I was bothered with a bad cold

This aft we drove to Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, etc

At home this evening

Monday, August 28

See 223 [August 11,1933 entry. – ed.]

Beautiful day Cool

I drove to the city at 8:30 with Mrs Hostetter, Miss Celia & Bruner Parked at Grant Park. Spent until 12:30 at Art Inst. Then we went to Fields for lunch. Taxi to our parking place, then home. Our trip down was very slow, the last mile. On our way back we had open way.

Mrs H's old-time friend, Aug Ziesing, of Glencoe came to call on her at 5:00.

See page 223. [August 11,1933 entry. – ed.]

[Mr. Smith inadvertently wrote the entry for August 28 on page 223 (August 11) of his diary. – ed.]

Tuesday, August 29

Fine day Cool

Clarence & Bruner & Mrs H. & Celia drove away for Decatur this A.M

I did various errands & was otherwise at ease today.

This evening I went with Dan to Dr Davis, who further examined him & will prepare a report.

Wednesday, August 30

Fine day

This A.M. my "project" for landscaping our Sheridan Road frontage began with 10 workers. Some took down 3 dead trees. The others excavated a portion of parkway & prepared a foundation for surfacing with screenings, etc This took most of my time all day.

This evening M., E, & Dan & I drove to Everett & back

Thursday, August 31

Fine day.

Most of this spent with the men on the "project".

Four of the men were to work but two days and I had to pay them off this evening – 3⁵⁰ a day, a 7 hr. day!

M. E. Dan & I drove down to Hubbard Woods this evening to get two copies of Anita Willetts-Burnham's new book, "Round the World on a Penny". – Got them of Mrs B. herself at her "log house" on Tower Road! One copy for the Pub. Libr.

Friday, September 1

A fine day. Warm but not oppressive. Quite dry

I had eleven men at work today on Shr. Rd project Time allotted to each with one exception expired today and Hazel made out the payroll & signed the checks.

We had never had finer tomatoes. Edith still prefers the Marglobe but the Break o' Day rivals it in appearance and seems to be more heavily fruited.

Saturday, September 2

Warmer. Somewhat sultry. Had been a few raindrops in the night.

Various errands this A.M. At one I drove Dan over to see Dr Davis. His report encouraging. Gave him a prescription

Then I went to Chic & down to Burton Court of the U. of C. to a dinner & program of the League for Independent Action & other organizations. Paul Douglas presided. Addresses by Oswald Garrison Villard, Mayor Mahoney of St Paul, a state official of No Dakota, and ex Cong. Amley of Wisconsin – Visited at the table with Mr & Mrs Rae Logan of Winnetka, Mrs Frances Dummer, Mrs Crosthwaite (English), Mr Berglund (Detroit educator & politician), Mr Ralph Blount, Dr & Mrs Bacon, et. al.

Sunday, September 3

Sultry.

We all stayed in today, although I was tempted to go down to the U. of C. and listen in at the conference of the groups trying to launch a new party. I called on the Chapins a while this evening.

Monday, September 4

Labor Day.

Sultry. As evening came on clouds appeared. Lightning on horizon. Some rain.

I stayed at home all day. Worked on my genealogy projects and read from Kallen's Individualism, An Amer. Way of Life

After supper M. E. Dan & I drove out to Werhane's for some vegetables.

I kept a sprinkler going about all day.

Tuesday, September 5

Another sultry day

I had eleven men at work on Sh Rd parkway today.

Spent a lot of time this aft & evening on my genealogy chart.

After supper M. E. Dan & I drove down past the Forestry Camp in the Skokie west of Winnetka & back.

After eight Mrs Bernard who had been tutoring Lucille Marks called to confer with me.

Miss Stark also called to talk over Kg plans.
The H.S. enrolled Freshmen today.

Wednesday, September 6

Still another but with cooling breezes.
My group continued their work on Sher. Road project.
I took M to the Everett's for a call late this aft. which she much appreciated. We chatted with Mrs Danley on way back
Finished typing chart of Low genealogy late this evening.

Thursday, September 7

Another sultry, dry day with redeeming breezes.
Three workemen on the project.
Lunch with Mr Jensen at the Green Tea Pot.
I went to Newberry Library at 3:00 4:00 this aft Left there at 6:00 & had supper in the loop.
Then to the Expo. Dairy & Agric Bldg; Social Science; House of Magic in Elec. Bldg. Home
Heard bad news from Miss Kennedy. Injured in an auto accident on Monday – in a hospital in Connecticut.

Friday, September 8

Another. The sixth sultry day in succession.
Had two men all day, one a half day, on Sher Rd project.
At school most of day Misses Dorsch & Cramer & Grunewald came in
Had our chairs in our backyard this evening. Dan has been sitting in the yard as much as he can these days, & M. and the rest of us are acquiring his habit.

Saturday, September 9

Cooling breezes mitigated the heat somewhat.
At school most of day. Met all the teachers at 2:00. Mrs Taylor to represent Miss Kennedy for the present. Very pleasant reunion.
Dan & I had an interview with Dr Davis this aft. He OK's Dan's going to work Monday.
M. E. Dan & I drove out to Half Day, south & back to Deerfield

Sunday, September 10

Gray. Cooler. A sprinkle late aft
M. & I to Presb Church
Quite aft. except some phone calls & one visit.
At 4:30 I went to school to show about Mrs Cue & some friends Met some of the teachers there.
M. E. Dan & I took a short drive at 6:30.

Monday, September 11

First day of school.
Cool & gray at the outset and at 11:00 a heavy shower. Refreshing
School started off well today. Miss Kennedy not present. She is in a hospital at Middletown, Conn
(P. 250) [Mr. Smith's reference is to page 250 of his diary. That page is Thursday, September 7, 1933. – ed.]
Larger enrolment than this time last year. Number of new pupils.
Teachers' meeting this aft.
Board meeting this evening. All present. Fine meeting.

Tuesday, September 12

Another cool day Gray at times.

Morning ex – 10:00 & 11:00 at G.B.R.S.

Much occupied.

Miss Parson had to go to the hospital with an infection in the leg. Mrs Weaver, sub.

Mary Noerenberg helped Miss Meyers write today. Miss M. has a badly strained wrist.

I was the guest of Mr & Mrs Ritow & Ira at their home in the K. & D. subd. near Ft Sheridan. Fine time. Mr. R. is Princ of Goethe School. Born in Moscow.

Wednesday, September 13

A Fall day Rainy & cool.

I taught three periods in Miss Parson's room.

Various duties.

I drove about, late this aft, with Miss McDaniel & her friend, Mrs Clapp, of Ev, looking at houses with a view of renting them.

I had dinner with Mrs Millard this evening. She is to close the house for the winter.

Thursday, September 14

A cool day. Rainy or drizzly. Had furnace going all day.

Spent much time getting ready for vegetable & flower show.

Library Board this evening. Absent Gallagher & Beardsley & Howes

Friday, September 15

Rainy. Cool.

Clarence & Bruner drove in this aft. After supper we drove out to Dr Davis' office for some tablets for me & an astringent for Clarence.

Flower, fruit & vegetable exhibit today.

I spent much of my time in the exhibit, showing children through, etc.

Saturday, September 16

H.P. to Benton Harbor

Clarence, Bruner & I set out in my car at 10:00.

After a ten minute stop at Lincoln Park, I could not start my car. I went for a garage man & two policeman fixed up a temporary cable for the battery (the cable had been eaten through), & after a few minutes in the garage my car was OK. Went down on La Salle (crowded in the loop) & over on Jackson (also crowded) to Mich Ave where we had free driving At Gary at two. Ate lunch at restaurant. Nice visit with Dan & his friends at the store. Bo't hat, two ties & a collar - - Pushed on to B.H. Had been heavy rains along the way. Fine. Cool. At B.H. by 5:00.

Sunday, September 17

Fine day Clear

All of us – Clarence, Bruner, Lennie, Arthur & Ruth had a nice visit with Eva & Alfred at their home for a while this morning.

After early dinner C., B, & I set out for home. Fine trip. Stopped at the Wilsons but found no one at home.

Were hardly bothered by blocking autos on the way. Only three congested places. Took 5 hours to come home.

Meter read 123 miles.

Monday, September 18

Fine day.

At morning ex Mr Horr gave a xylophone concert.

Mr Leech announced the sale of honey from our bee hive – 120 or so pounds for sale

I went on a garden trip with Miss McDaniel's 3B's to Mrs Steele's garden

Junior spent the day in the city – mostly at the Art Institute.

Tuesday, September 19

Brief but fine shower late in the night. A sultry day

Clarence & Bruner spent the day at the Expo mostly, in company with Leonard & Martha who met them there. L & M. are at M's sisters on 80th St.

Morning ex at G.B R S. Meeting with the teachers there at 3:00.

Miss Parson back at work. Miss McDaniel unable to come & Mrs Weaver sub.

Wednesday, September 20

Fine day. Breezy. Cool

Junior left for New York this afternoon We have greatly enjoyed his visit.

Miss McDaniel on the job.

Mrs Mildred Roberts of Oak Park, came to talk over the situation with me & I agreed to use her in Miss Kennedy's place for at least two months

Our "Articulation Group" met at the Green Tea Pot at 5:30 to 7:30. Richardson, Bates, Thomas, Loos, Watson, Wright, Mrs Rockwell. Good meeting.

At home we listened to the service at Sinai Temple & the stirring denunciation of Hitlerism by Rabbi Lewis Mann.

Thursday, September 21

Fine day.

Field trip to nearby gardens with Miss Behrens' 3B's this A M

Leonard & Martha came in time for luncheon & went back at 10:00 P.M Came on the train. Left their car at M's brother-in-law's Fine visit with them

Mother, L. & M. & I had a ride before dinner this evening.

Friday, September 22

Another fine day. Slight shower

Margaret Nattinger came in about noon today from Omaha.

We set up our old wringer (with rollers of galvanized water pipe) in the basement of G.B.R. School & squeezed out nearly a gallon of juice The 3rd & 4th grades had a part in this.

Margaret, Edith & I rode a little after supper – visited the pub. libr. etc.

Saturday, September 23

Turned out to be a very sultry day. Disagreeably warm.

Clarence set out in his auto for Decatur this morning.

Mr Evans came to work for me and prepared a new lily bed for me – cinders, fresh soil, sand & a stone border. In this we reset our madonna lilies & l. speciosum

At home all afternoon.

We went for a ride to Deerfield, Wheeling & back

Sunday, September 24

Cooler. Pleasant. A shower after nightfall

Dan came in at 9:00. M & I went to Mr Nye's church this A M. Margaret had a cold and rheumatic pains today.

I went in to the Art Inst. this aft & spent considerable time with 13th – 16th century paintings. Then I went to a lecture in Fullerton Hall at 6:00. Dan'l Catton Rich talked on Cezanne, Critic & Classic.

During the aft I had a nice visit with Walter Larson, formerly manager of Dasch's Little Symph. He is at Green Bay, Wisc

Home at 8:00. In my absence Miss Collins called.

Monday, September 25

Another very sultry day I dismissed school at 2:30

Dan drove home this aft after reporting to Dr Davis at Deerfield

Heat greatly weakened Mother.

Miss Tschirgi ill (Mrs Taylor sub) & Miss Sands (Mrs Weaver). Mrs Roberts came to sub for Miss Kennedy. Promised two months' work

Morning ex. Display of native asters, etc.

Agt for Compton's, Nystrom, et al.

Slight shower this evening.

Margaret troubled with neuralgia

Tuesday, September 26

Short but heavy shower in the night. Began again at 11:00 this A M. & rained at intervals remainder of day. Fine rain

Morning exercises at G.B.R S.

Miss Sands back but obliged to leave at noon. Mrs Taylor still a sub for Miss Tschirgi.

Agent (Smith) for a marionette show. Mr Mackaye for Laidlaw Bros Henry Lauridsen, one of our boys of years back, visited us. [See January 28, 1921 entry. – ed.]

Wednesday, September 27

Fine day. Quite cool.

Started up the furnace again.

Meeting of Exec Com of P.T.A. this A M Mrs Roderick MacPherson, Pres., Knight, Kornblith, Smith (Mrs Ray), Preuss, Metzel, Kuh.

Various visitors this aft: Mrs Hessler & friend (Dancing & music), Mr — (polish), Dick , to confer about a wide open curriculum, etc.

After school called at F.D. Everett's at his request to inspect trees he wished removed from parkway

Took M & E & Margaret for a sunset ride.

Mrs Decker called for a while this evening.

Thursday, September 28

Cool. Clearing. Fine ending of the day.

Our heating apparatus at Elm Pl. is disconnected & the Kg-Pr. b'ld'g was so chilly I sent the Kg & 4 other groups home for the day

Again a pest of agents.

Took M & E & Margaret for a ride through Lake Forest & to see the sunset.

Went to Directors' meeting of N.S. Art League this evening. Pres Boldenweck presided. An organization meeting. Much business transacted I brot Mrs Peyraud home.

Little Brown & Co's rep. called. Two young men, magazine subscription pests.

Friday, September 29

Fine day Cool at first. Grew warmer

Pay day for all of us!

M. E. Margaret & I drove to Ev. after 4:00 this aft. Visited Deering Library. On the way back had our dinner at the Hearth Stone at Hubbard Woods.

Saturday, September 30

Gray at first. Then clearing & very sultry. Cooler at evening

I planted 12 L. candidum this A M & reset 2 doz or so foxglove plants.

Margaret & I went down to Expo this evening & had a panorama of it. As a special feature we went into the Belgian village & saw the folk dances.

Sunday, October 1

A beautiful day. Quite chilly this evening.

Dan came in this A M. We stayed in this morning. M. had giddy spells.

Margaret started for Omaha this evening. I went in with her this aft & we had an hour and a half at the Art Institute before she got on her train.

I loitered on Madison St from 6:00 to 7:00 to see the great throngs of Legionnaires arriving for the convention. Much band music, explosions, marching, etc Tremendous crowds now at hand

Monday, October 2

Fine, sunny day. 43° this A M

Dan went home this A M

Morning ex.

Various duties this aft. Teachers' meeting at 3:45. At 5:00 Miss Hendee & I met David Gray & Margaret from New York City & had a conference over Elisha Gray correspondence file which is in the attic of his old laboratory here at this time. In behalf of the Library I offered to take over these papers, install them in a steel vault, hold them subject to the wishes of the Gray heirs, etc. Mr Gray is friendly to this and he and his nephew, Gray Stubbs are to consider this.

Tuesday, October 3

Another fine day.

Morning ex at G B R.S. One period in the aft spent with Miss Stine & the 3A's.

Mrs Williams of Kalamazoo came to present herself as a candidate for a position.

Matheny called.

I spent much time this evening examining some copies of old maps which we had made for us at the Congressional Library.

Wednesday, October 4

Another fine day.

Spent much time in personnel work.

Conf at G.B.R.S. with Misses Stine, McMunn, & Stimson.

M. E. & I had a ride before supper.

I looked over Mr Durbahn's garden with him.

Thursday, October 5

Another fine day

Helped Miss Behren's 3B's plant winter wheat this A M. at G.B.R.S., & Miss Stine's 3A's to plant rye. Then I helped Miss McDaniel's 3B's to plant a small strip of each of these grains at E.P.

Conf with Mrs Creigh and Mrs Pfanstiehl at 11:00.

M & E & I had a half hour ride at sunset.

Ray Phillips began decorating our kitchen, etc

Spent an hour or so at Pub Libr this evening.

Friday, October 6

Gray. Slight rain after lunch

Went on field trip with one group of Miss Stine's 4B's to lake front & terrace at the pumping station, this A M

We had a gallery tour at the Art Inst this evening with Harold Schultz as conductor. A great success. We met at the A. I. at 7:00 – 25 or more of us. Mr Schultz was especially helpful in discussing the modern paintings.

Saturday, October 7

Fine day. Cool. An overcoat felt good this evening.

Went to the city on 8:32 & back at 12:30. Various errands, one to try to get track of an investment of an Italian, Candido Giometti

This aft to a meeting of the Social Service Special Committee on Projects.

At 5:00 took trolley for Chic Ave. To Newberry Library where I spent the evening on my genealogy pursuit

Sunday, October 8

Almost frost this A M

M & I to Dr Sherwin's church Late this aft. M., E & I drove out to Wheeling Road & back

Sugar maples coloring nicely.

Monday, October 9

Drizzle part of day. Cool.

Morning ex.

Conf with Mrs Macpherson & Mrs Kuh over P.T.A. affairs. Mr Jensen came in to chat awhile and Mrs Danley to talk over evening classes. - - Agents for a movie came to date us for Oct 31.

Case work this aft.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Board meeting at 7:45. Absent – Getz & Berkson. After much discussion the Board voted a contribution of \$300 towards the band expenses.

Tuesday, October 10

Milder. Then moderate rain this evening.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Agent for Scribner offering the new James Truslow Adams U.S. History.

Mr Gibson of _____ .

Mr & Mrs Hyde gave their Hansel & Gretel Marionette show after school to a \$29⁰⁰ house. Mrs Hyde's work was excellent.

This evening a number of us went to the Jewish temple at Glencoe to hear the joint program given by Prof. Gideonse, Prof Ogburn, & Norman Thomas. A brilliant symposium on the N.R.A. [National Recovery Act – ed.] I took Misses Stimson, Stine, Behrens & Grunewald.

Wednesday, October 11

Beautiful day

Field trip with another group of 4B's – to lake shore this A M.

Callers – Ferguson of Ginn & Co

M. E & I a nice ride to Skokie & Winnetka

Called at Dr Davis' this evening.

Nora & Lula Behrens called this evening.

Thursday, October 12

Beautiful day

Spent some time looking up equipment and advertising our pet show.

Library board meeting this evening. All present but Platt. I was authorized to get a steel safe to store the Gray correspondence to be entrusted to us.

Our janitors dug up our peanut crop, & sugar beets.

Friday, October 13

Frost

Ice in bird bath. Frost on roof and on the grass but did little harm.

The janitors & I went to Mrs Snites and brot away a huge basket of geraniums for cuttings.

Pet show today. A success. Corral in center of playground for the horses (two). One goat, dogs & cats in great number, etc.

I went in on the 4:30 & met the 6:35 Wabash and Elsie's girls, Katherine Elsie & Bettie Lou. I took them to the Expo & gave them a bird's eye view which they much enjoyed. Home at 11:30

Saturday, October 14

Fine day.

Mr Evans came to work for me again. He reset my delphiniums, etc. Planted some tiger lilies, etc

I went in to the city with K E & B L. Left them to go on a tour of Fields while I shopped & looked in on the first meeting of the Round Table. Then at noon I took the girls to the Expo. Met Elsie & Will Holmquist at the Illinois Host Bldg We spent the aft & evening together. – U.S. Bldg, etc; Social Sc. – Telephone – Electric, Travel & Transp, Gen'l Motors, etc. Home at 11:00.

Sunday, October 15

Fine day. Mild. Change in weather.

I took Will & Elsie & the two girls for a ride, first to Lake Forest, then to Ev. where Will took the L for Chic & the Fair.

We rested this aft. Then I showed Elsie & the two girls through Elm Pl. Then I took the girls at 6:00 to Chic. After dinner there we met Will, checked baggage at Wab. station – then to Art Inst for an hour or so.

I parted with them at Wab & Adams & took 10:00 for home. They were to take the 11:50 for Decatur

Dan here today.

Monday, October 16

Shower in the night and heavy rain about 7:00 A M. Cleared.

Dan drove in to Chic. with Edith & Elsie & went on to Gary leaving E & E to shop in the city. They came back at 5:00. Mother got along nicely without company.

I had teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Afterwards M & I had a short but beautiful drive to see the sunset & the autumn color.

Tuesday, October 17

Light frost.

Fine day. Thin film of ice on bird bath. None of my flowers injured, but the "Indian Lily" (Amorphophallus) is crumpling.

Two men from the Illinois Emergency Relief came to work on our E.P. parkway today

Yesterday Mr Leech & Miss Cramer & their pupils made cuttings from the geraniums we got at Mrs Snite's on Friday, & today they were set out in the sand in the G.B.R.S. plant house

I had a short lesson with Miss McD's 3B's this aft. Conf with Miss Nixon after school.

Had a nice ride with M. E. & Elsie after 4:30.

Flat tire (tack) Saturday evening. Another flat this A M – leaky valve.

Wednesday, October 18

Light frost.

Fine day. Thin ice film again.

Went with Miss Behrens' 3B's to the Werhane and Buffalo Creek Farms this A M. Five autos, including mine.

This aft a field trip with Miss Stimson's 4B's to study bldg stone.

At 5:15 Mr Richardson, Mr Mason & I drove in my auto to Lake Bluff where our "Articulation Group" had our monthly dinner at the "Village Cupboard". Mr Mason discussed some English problems with us.

Thursday, October 19

Cold, windy much of day.

Spent an hour at Pub Libr this AM. conferring with Miss Hendee over the matter of finishing & equipping the room of history.

Conf with 6A – 7B's after school.

Visitors: Mr & Mrs Ellis of Savannah, Ga. – Mr E. a member of Bd of Educ'n there. Very appreciative visitors.

Friday, October 20

Light frost again with thin film of ice in bird bath

Mild. Then gray towards evening & a steady rain set in at 6:00.

Elsie went home today Edith went to the city with her, & shopped some before she came back.

M. got lunch with my help.

Visitor – the science teacher from the Lake Bluff School

I went down on the 5:30 to Newberry Library & worked there until 9:20. Have about dug up all I can think of – as to the Lowe genealogy.

Saturday, October 21

Thunderstorm & heavy shower in the night; then heavy storm & repeated downpour this A M. Slight showers this aft. In Chic this aft there was a great rainstorm for two hours or more while I was there. I went in at 2:00 and came back at six. Too stormy to do much. Spent a lot of time today upon genealogy.

Sunday, October 22

A beautiful day Frost. Thin film in bird bath. Dan did not come today M & I to Dr Sherwin's church. Good sermon. Good music by new choir. This A M. – M. E & I drove to Cary, & came back via Algonquin, Carpentersville & Dundee. Great ride Fine foliage masses yet in spite of storms & downpour. The Hesses came in this evening to hear Roosevelt's talk over the radio. A friendly and inspiring address.

Monday, October 23

Fine day. Light frost. Film of ice thicker than before Gray, latter part of day. Morning ex. Mrs Robert's pupils – 6's, dramatized the preparation of a newspaper. Mr Jensen came and he & Marshall Johnson made a hurried trip to a tamarack swamp on "Tamarack Farm" west of Hickory Corners. Instead of the regular teachers' meeting we all drove out to the Des Plaines Woods & into the Millard grounds. A beautiful trip. This evening to Pub Libr to hear book Reviews by Misses Sheahan, Armstrong, Constance Williams and our Miss Cook. I called on the Behrens' sisters afterwards

Tuesday, October 24

Frost & film ice again. High winds during the day. Colder Morning exercises at G B R.S. I managed to slip away long enough to go back to Elm Pl. for the exec. com. meeting of P.T.A. This aft conferred with Chief Moroney & Supt Brown of Park Board about Hallowe'en at G.B.R S. Met Gray Stubbs at Pub Libr & helped carry in from his auto the chest full of miscellaneous papers, etc. left by Prof Elisha Gray which have been in an attic for many years Called at the Deckers this evening. Talked over finding some one to come to sub for Edith at times.

Wednesday, October 25

Killing frost. Bird bath frozen solid Castor beans hit. Moderated. This A M – went out to Chas Delhaye's on back of Insull Farm & directed him as to taking up some wild crab apple trees for Library grounds. After lunch met him to direct the planting. Met Mrs Rubens & Miss Hendee at the Library this A M to talk over details of the proposed history room.

Talk with Dr Sherwin over some educ problems

This evening at Board meeting of N.S. Art League at Winnetka – took Mrs Millard & Mrs Peyraud.
Long session. Rather futile.

Thursday, October 26

Rained much of the day.

Six men from Social Service reported at school for “landscaping”, but owing to rain we used them mostly inside. Began opening up a storage space in the basement.

We began sale of bulbs at G B R.S. – That at E.P.S. has gone over well.

Mr Leech has been helping pupils plant bulbs for forcing.

Called on Miss Turpin a while this evening to see the exhibit of beautiful watercolors, the work of her sister Fay.

Dug tigridias this A M

Friday, October 27

Clear. Chilly. Wintry Leaves very largely thinned out or torn off.

Had one workmen set out about the Libr Bldg Ampelopsis Engelmani sent from Onarga Nursery.
Had some left for E.P. grounds. Had the A. quinquefolia dug up at Libr set out along N.G B. parkway.
Also set there an elm from the school ground and some shrubs

Miss McDaniel’s mother from Lebanon, Ind. here & I took her & her daughter & Miss Thomas for a ride – L. Forest, etc.

M. E & I drove over to Dr Davis’ office this evening for tablets for M. & a new truss for me.

Saturday, October 28

Gray. Clearing. Cold wind

Spent most of the day supervising the digging up of two elms in the backyard of R. Hawkins & resetting on No. Green B. Rd parkway. Big job, rather well done. Four men all day, an additional man in the aft. Our janitors hauled a trailer-full of dirt to help fill up the hole. Mutual Coal Co. truck hauled the trees without charge.

Edith went to Chic. this aft on an errand.

Mary Noerenberg came this aft to stay with M. & learn how we do things, so that she can help us later.

Sunday, October 29

Delightful day. Sunny

Mary N. stayed all night and went home after breakfast.

Dan came today.

I felt punk. My back had a wrench of some sort that nearly disabled me. So I stayed in all day

Monday, October 30

Almost sultry. Furnace fire let out.

Edith & Dan left this aft. Mary Noerenberg came to sub for Edith.

I had five men working on No Green Bay Rd today. They took 20 or 30 bittersweet vines, 6 walnut seedlings (5 ft), 4 hard maple, an elm, a cotton wood from G.B.R. nursery and 20 or more hollyhock roots to set out on the parkway

Movie show – The Father of Waters – after school Small house, \$11.20. Children were to have $\frac{1}{2}$ but they gave the showman $\frac{3}{4}$.

Teachers' meeting.

This evening cruised about Highwood to find two Italians to whom checks were due. Interesting visits.

Tuesday, October 31

Another warm day succeeded by a beautiful moon light night. "Indian Summer" indeed.

I started five men digging in woods at W. Park Ave this A.M. & Menoni's truck brot in the shrubs at noon. Set out on No. Green Bay Rd.

Spent considerable time planning for Hallow E'en festival – which came off very successfully this evening at G.B.R.S. school. Mr Richards let us set up a tepee & build a bonfire on the vacant property north of the school. We paid "Whirling Thunder" a Winnebago to come & he gave a fine performance before a big bonfire. The Amer Legion fife & drum corps serenaded us. We distributed apples.

Wednesday, November 1

Still another remarkable summer day. Sultry

Set my planting crew digging near the new boulev. & a fourth of a mile north of Deerfield Ave. - - Mr Denzel's truck hauled the material in at noon

Went with 4A's – Miss McMunn, Miss Turpin, Mrs MacPherson & the chauffeur for Bowes – to Wauk. Fish docks, coal docks, watched a coke oven pushed out, etc. Fine trip.

Thursday, November 2

This day started off warm as the preceding days but after 12 N. a gray sky preceded a rather rapid drop in temp By evening a drizzle set in & continued into the night.

I set my gang – three men until noon – two men thence on – to digging in Skokie meadow w. of Exmoor. At 12:30 Mr Elwood & I picked them up, loaded their shrubs on the trailer, & took them to No G.B. Road

This A M, I went with a group of Miss Stimson's 4B's to Vine Ave viaduct & Mutual Coal Co's yards to study stone, etc.

This aft I went with Miss Stine's 3A's to Spinney Run Farm (dairy). Mrs Tillman, Mrs Gatewood, Miss Stark (drove Mr Hise's car), etc. Fine trip. (Toggenburg goats. Ayrshire).

Friday, November 3

Ice in pool but not as heavy as on Oc 25. Cold and clear.

Had only one man, Wm Laing, on N.G.B R. today. Gave some hollyhocks, Joepye weed, & aster laevis from my own garden to use on N.G B R.

This evening got signatures of two of the men at Highwood on pay roll & paid them

After school M. & I drove out to the Werhane Farm and brot back 15 cabbages, roots & all, and as many beets – for school use

Saturday, November 4

No frost nor ice this A.M. but a strong cold wind set in afternoon

At home until 1:30. Various errands. Had Joe Lisi rake yard. I set out a few plants: aster laevis, purple coneflower.

To Chic this aft. Shopped at Fields, etc. & at four went to the Expo.

To U.S. bldg, No. Dak, Texas, Mo. Then to Electrical bldg. - - To the historical buildings: De Sable's cabin, Ft Dearborn, the Lincoln Village. Then I visited most of the model houses, then home.

Cold & windy on the grounds. The waves splashed now & then against the "Wigwam" etc.

Sunday, November 5

Gray. Chilly. Drizzle after nightfall.

Edith & Dan came in about 9:00 A.M. Mary N. went home. Dan left this aft.

M & I to Mr. Nye's church

Late this aft I scouted about a little planning for work on W. Deerfield Ave.

Monday, November 6

Milder today. Threatening. Drizzle after nightfall.

Set six men (Wm Laing, foreman, to work on Deerfield Ave parkway this A.M.

At morning ex Miss Sprague's groups recited autumn poetry and Miss Tschirgi's pupils dramatized Greek narratives.

Springer of the H.P. Press called to suggest printing an edition of Sparks, etc. - - - This aft conf of mothers of children in Kg (Miss Deile) from 1:30 to 2:30. Conf. rep. 1B's (Marks & Engwall) from 2:30 to 3:30. 33 mothers.

At library until 8:30 this evening to hear the first of a book review program. Then to School Board meeting.

Tuesday, November 7

Snow

Turned considerably colder this aft. A brisk snow storm of short duration latter part of aft.

Started the men at work on W. Deerfield Ave again.

Dug up the beech seedlings in my garden – seed planted Nov 1931 - & the red maple seedlings (seeded in May 1930, I believe), showed them to several grades. Mr Davis & Mr R. set them out in school nursery – Geranium cuttings from firemen's station.

Conf at G.B.R.S. 1:30 to 2:30 Kg mothers (Stark & Shepherd). Mary M. Martin, room chairman
2:30 – 3:30 – 1B's – Wheelock & McBroom – Mrs Thurston & Mrs McCaffrey, room chairmen

Wednesday, November 8

Snow flurries again today. Some colder.

Started my workmen again today. Dug sumacs on Sunnyside Ave; elderberries, etc, on Deerfield Ave; set w. crab seedlings in our nursery; took up a fine young elm by G.B.R.S. bld'g & reset at intersection of D. Road & D Ave. etc.

Room conferences this aft: 2B & 3B at 1:30 – Thomas & McDaniel; 5's & 6B's at 2:30 – Roberts, Greene, Fallstad, Cramer, Parson & Tschirgi. Fine time.

Thursday, November 9

Cold. Clear.

Had three men to wind up our "project". They dug small shrubs & filled out along N.G.B. Road.

While going out on Deerfield Ave at 11:00 this A.M. to direct the digging, I found that my radiator had frozen. After first aid I got back to Purnell & W's and had it thawed out & filled with prestone.

Misses Behrens, Lynch & Dorsch's room mothers met at 1:30 and at 2:30 those of Miss Stine, Meyers, Stimson & McMurry. Fine meeting.

Some of us planned for sending children to the Expo & Saturday.

I met Mr. Flinn at Libr Bldg at 6:00 & spent an hour studying problem of heating the little auditorium. Then I met with the Libr Board at 8:00

Friday, November 10

A cold night but moderated during day
Mr Zahnle plowed our school garden today
Mr Evans spaded mine yesterday
Had conf of 6A & 7's – Jones, White, Sands, Cook & their patrons at 1:30. At 2:30, ditto, of 8's –
Misses Grenoble, Nixon, Sprague & Grunewald. Fine. The last the best of all.
At 11:45 A M We had brief armistice exercises in the aud
Misses Nora & Edna Behrens called this evening. Miss Nora has been copying some letters for me.
– I went up to Joe Lisi's at Highwood this evening to counsel with him about securing credit for his buying
a stove.

Saturday, November 11

Cold & threatening.

I took seven boys to the Expo by trolley, today. Rounded them up early & left on 9:32. Edith stayed with us until 2:00. – Hall of Sc., of Exhibits; Sinclair, Firestone; ate lunch in A & P pavilion, & got a sample of the fine marionette show there (Tony Sarg); to Elect Bldg; in House of Magic, etc – Edison, Soc. Science. Edith left us here, & went by Greyhound to 12th St entrance. We crossed 16th St bridge. Visited Temple of Jehol. Then by bus to Trav & Transport & saw much there. Looked in the Gen Motors Bldg. Then left by 31st entrance. Taxi to C & N.W & home

Everett Swanson, Walter Repholtz, Sam Taziali, Frank Miller, Erling & Robt Zaeske, & Willis Burgess

Sunday, November 12

Much milder. Balmy Rising wind.

Loafed at home all day.

Dan came in with Leola Ecklund before noon. They went back at five.

Before that time we all, except M., drove out to Bahr's Ridge Road Green House to see the display of chrysanthemums.

Mrs Chapin called. Mrs Fidler sent M. a basket of bakery stuff, etc.

Monday, November 13 Lake Shore Division.

Rather mild, but a short but dense flurry of snow towards evening.

No school today. We all went to the meeting of the L.S.D. at Evanston. About 4000 present! Fine program I drove there & back alone. Heard Betts, Douglas & Leland. Remained for the business meeting.

Returning I met Miss Sprague at school for a conf over the Christmas Play

This evening I presided at the last of our series of book talks at the Pub Libr.

Miss VanCleve of the A.L.A. talked on children's books.

Tuesday, November 14

An inch or more of snow on the ground this A M. Icy pavements but moderating temp. thawed out things. Grew colder this aft 12° above at 10:30 P.M

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Two teachers from Orrington Ave School visited us this aft.

Went down to Sinai Temple at Glencoe this evening to hear Norman Angell on Education and the Social Chaos. Took Misses Simpson, Parson & Grunewald. A very thought-provoking address.

(M. E. & I drove out at 4:30 to see some tree planting on new boulev. (esplanade).

Wednesday, November 15

Only 7° above this A.M. and it remained cold all day. Our school rooms not warm until ten.
Our "articulation group" met at Northfield Inn this evening: Bates, Wright, Richardson, Watson,
& I. Interesting discussion.

Mr & Mrs Drake called for a private conf. this evening with me over the publicity involving Sylvia

Thursday, November 16

6° above this A.M. Moderated slowly during the day
Five teachers from the Willard School this A M & two from the Orrington this aft. Special inquiry
about nature study.

Miss Qualey of A.B. Co. called

This evening a Mr Renner called to confer about enrolling his children in our school.

Mr Siemsen came after nine P.M. to talk over matters that had been discussed last evening.

Friday, November 17

Moderated in the night & a drizzle made the pavements very slippery. (28° at dawn). Left my
machine at home for the morning. Many minor accidents.

Man came to help set up the new jungle gym, this A.M.

This aft I helped 3B's (McDaniels) make vegetable pit.

Mr Rhinehart helped Miss Behrens do the same at G B R S.

Miss Hendee & Miss Aigress gave a fine book talk to our 5 – 8's in the aud. this aft.

Saturday, November 18

Milder. Fine day

After an hour or so of yard work I left for Chic. To S.R. Lewis' to confer over prob. of heating aud
at Pub Libr

To Amer Seating Co. to arrange (with Mr Kupfer) to make some change in seating there.

To Palmer House, to Boston Store where I advanced 38²⁹ for a heating stove for Joe Lisi, 233
Lewellyn Ave, Highwood, he to pay 5⁰⁰ down & 5⁰⁰ a month thereafter. Shopped at Fields.

Home. M & I to Presb. Church to Elsie Watkins' marriage (Francis D. Weeks).

After diner we drove to Deerfield to consult Dr Davis.

Sunday, November 19

A fine, mild day.

M. felt weak & did not go out today.

Dan did not come & E & I had a short ride towards evening.

I called at the Dorr house this A.M. Robt, aged 17, one of our boys of two years ago, was killed in
an auto accident Friday night. A good boy. His salary on a paper route was much needed in his home

Monday, November 20

A most beautiful day.

Morning exercises as usual.

This aft I called on Mrs Weigand a short time to confer with her about some gifts she is making to
the Library (Alas, she has to give up the splendid J McGregor Adams home!) Then to the funeral of Robt
Dorr; then to a garden club meeting at Mrs Gail's; then to a teachers' meeting at 4:00

Tuesday, November 21

Mild. Drizzle at times

Morning ex at G B R.S. Conf. with Mrs McCaffrey, head of their P.T.A.
Felt a little punk today. Had intended to go to N W U this aft & evening to hear the memorial lectures (for Prof U.S. Grant) but was not able.

Wednesday, November 22

Drizzly. Mild.

Went down to 4:00 o'clock lecture at Northwestern today. W.H Collins of Canad. Geolog. Survey. (U.S. Grant Memorial) Met Beere, Ball, et. al. Slow, halting speaker, but probably master of his subject.

Attended at 7:30 ("the [Og?]") a short play written by Jane Lazard, one of our seventh graders. Then to G.B.R.S. where the P.T.A. was giving a party – cards, etc.

Thursday, November 23

Another birthday.

Gray. Mild.

This A.M. Miss Voss and I took an hour or so off and called on Mr Dushkin at his studio in Winnetka We arranged with him to secure a "recorder" for our Christmas Play

After school a Mr Barnes entertained us with his trained German Police Dogs. Fine entertainment. Children paid five cents admission

I went down with Misses Marks & Stark to Symph Conc this evening, Maier & Patterson soloists. Great performance.

Friday, November 24

Milder. Clearing A most beautiful halo around the moon this evening.

Misses White & Grenoble & I drove at late sunset down the Skokie Valley to Willow Road, Winnetka & back

Have spent considerable time testing out upper grade pupils weak in arith

Louie Smith washed our windows today

Mr Elwood, our head janitor, was operated on yesterday for a growth on the cornea. I called at his house today and found him in good condition.

Saturday, November 25

Still mild. Even balmy. Rising wind.

I planted 3 each of Keizerkroon & Pride of Ha[c?]erlene & some other tulips I had stored in June. Also three waahoo dug up for me by Lichtwalt & Elwood

Mrs Larkin, manager at Childerley, called this A.M with one of her proteges, Audrey Cameron, whom she would like to have us take in as a helper while she pursues her H-S. studies. We & Mrs L & Audrey all decided to think it over until Monday.

I took M. & E. to the display of quilts etc. at Bethany Church at 4:00 & picked them up later. Edith was one of the exhibitors.

Sunday, November 26

An inch or so of snow in the night, melting from pavements. Clear. Cooler during day.

I went to Dr Tittle's church and heard the usual superiors sermon.

Dan did not come today.

This evening I spent at the John Harmons (Edith Boynton) at a very pleasant "sing", Arthur Wood, Mrs Thomas, Miss Carver, Bob Carver, Mr Hull, Mr & Mrs Hubert Harmon, Mrs Bob Carver, Miss Harmon –

Ethel & Emily & Priscilla Carver, John Harmon Jr., John Gifford, - - -

Monday, November 27

Balmy. Beautiful weather.

Teachers' meeting at four.

At school a while this evening. Mr Leech in the observatory, Miss Guiney being ill. Miss Jack of Wauk with 12 children visitors

Chess club in the lunch room. Met last Monday night.

A Miss Peak of Fort Sheridan, nurse, called to get in touch with people interested in nature.

Took M. to Dr Gordon, foot specialist, just before noon

Tuesday, November 28

Fine day.

Morning ex for 3A - 4's at G.B.R.S. Two groups of 4's gave short Thanksgiving plays

I conducted one arithmetic class.

Miss Sprague ill. Mrs Taylor a sub. this aft.

I heard one arithmetic class

This aft I spent some time at Pub Libr Conf. with architect Arnold, Mr Garnett & Miss Hendee.

M. E & I had a half hour ride towards sundown.

At dinner this evening with the Pangborns at 225 Laurel. Mr. P. a great bird enthusiast.

Wednesday, November 29

Mild. Overcoats a burden.

Thanksgiving ex with 1 - 3's at G B R S. Used my slides.

Aud ex this aft at 2 for all E.P. pupils & the 3A - 4's of G B.R.S. Special feature a morality play given by the 6A - 7's under Miss White's direction

I called at Pub Libr this A M to see beginning of work on history room

This evening at 8:00 the Libr Board met the architect there & agreed upon certain details.

I met Miss Sprague from 7:00 to 7:40 to go over details of Christmas Play with her.

Dan came in at 6:15 P M

Thursday, November 30

Thanksgiving Day!

Beautiful day. 51° at noon.

M & I to Pres Church to hear Rev. Henry Seymour Brown. Union service. A good sermon of the old type.

Disappointed that Clarence Smith did not come. Phoned him this evening. Lennie & A went to Ann Arbor to be with Ruth Anne

This aft I scouted about in Sweeny's woods, & dug up three witch hazel seedlings back of Mr Ritow's place. Visited Clavey's Skokie nursery, etc. Then after Dan & E left for Chic (E. came back on the train) M & I had a nice sunset drive.

This A M. I put my amelanchier seeds in a can of sand & sunk it along west fence.

Friday, December 1

Fine day. Colder

I kept 3 laborers at work on W. Deerfield Ave this A M and at No G.B. Road this aft. Took some mulberry trees from G.B.R.S., and some walnut (2) & 4 hard maple for No. G.B.R.

Went to the Grove School on Dundee Rd this evening & talked before the P.T.A. on Reading in the Elementary School. Well received. Interesting experience.

Saturday, December 2

Gray. Threatening. Light rain late in day.

I took my three men to collect some more shrubbery out in Skokie (W. Park Ave) for an hour & then brot them back to No Green Bay Road to set it out

Conferences with Mr Garnett, with Mrs Rubin, & at Soc. Service over our Libr project, etc. Advanced 30 hours pay to A.L. Bell & Michael Crowley, & 12 hours to Martin Bennett.

Took 2:00 for Chic. Shopped at Fields, Boston Store, etc. Home at 7:00.

Sunday, December 3

Mild. Rain in the night. Clear – then clouded over.

None of us went to church this A.M. I had a deep rest.

This aft I drove M & E. north of Libertyville & east almost to Gurnee, then back along the river road, etc.

Monday, December 4

Mild. Sunny.

I set one of my three men at work cleaning, etc. in the Library and the other two helped to cut down three trees on E Park Ave (the new road) and cut them up to make a bridge over the ravine back of the Library.

Teachers' meeting at four. We decided to divide into three groups each to meet every other work & follow a specialty

This evening I took M & E. to Dr. Davis' office to get some tablets for M, then on a Highwood errand, then to call on the Behrens' sisters.

Tuesday, December 5

Fair. Cooler

Edith got a phone message that Dan is laid up with a sore throat and she left for Gary. Mary Noerenberg came in to sub for her.

Made trip down E. Park Ave at 8:00 to saw the logs for the Library grounds bridge hauled up to their site, etc.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer talked to an audience of 800 this evening in our Aud on "Behind the scenes in Germany". Stirring talk. Challenged at its close by two or three Germans, which added interest to the scene. The talk was under the auspices of the League of Women Voters.

[Edgar Ansel Mowrer (1892-1977) was the foreign correspondent for the *Chicago Daily News*. He was stationed in Berlin where he reported on the Nazi Party. He won the Pulitzer Prize for Correspondence in 1933 for his reporting on the rise of Adolf Hitler. – ed.]

Wednesday, December 6

Considerable colder but day grew warmer and pleasant. 20° at 7:00 A M

Heard nothing from Edith today.

Spent much time at Pub. Libr today.

Conf with Miss Hendee & the agt for fire proof cabinets

Conf with Mr Flinn over heating problems

Com. meeting this evening with the architect, R.S. Arnold, and Mr Garnett, Mrs Rubins & Miss Hendee.

Mary Noerenberg had a date this evening and Mrs N. stayed with M. in her place

Thursday, December 7

Cold this A.M. but moderated greatly.

One visit to the library before school this A M Again at 5:00.

Edith still at Gary. Hopes to be back Saturday.

Mary Noerenburg was unwell all day, so I took her home at 4:30 and Mrs Rioux got supper for us
Agent of Winston Co. made me a visit. Also of Rem. Rand.

Friday, December 8

Fine day. Cool & increasing cold as day wore on.

Had to give some time again today to Library affairs. Got out the payroll for our laborers.

Mary N. did not come because of illness but her mother came instead & stayed all day

Varied school duties.

Saturday, December 9

Cold and gray, moderating a little.

Mrs Noerenberg came at 8:00 to spend the day with Mother & I left at 9:30 for Gary. Arrived at 11:45. Had lunch at the Carlsons where Dan & E. were – It is Dan's rooming place. Then we bundled Dan up well & got him into the machine & started at 1:15 for H.P. Got in in 2 hrs & 10 minutes. Meter registered 57 miles each way

Dan felt better this evening. His throat was lanced yesterday.

I got back in time to see the last act of The Little Princess which a H.P. group sponsored by the Woman's Club were giving in our aud. Fair audience. At Margaret Mason's request I helped take pupils of Dorcas Home to Deerfield

This evening I took John Pierce, Bob Phillips & Vic Larson down to call on Dr Balke and talk stamps.

Sunday, December 10

Gray Windy

Dan had a bad night & suffered much during the day from his throat. This evening Dr Davis phoned a prescription which seemed to help him

M. has felt "shaky" for two days now and so she stayed at home today. I went to Presb Church
Mrs Chapin called this aft.

Monday, December 11

4° above this A M and did not moderate much all day.

My battery too weak to turn the cold engine over & I had to have help.

Oil fire went out during the night at G B R S. and our plant house down almost to the freezing point. Both building cold at 9:00 A M. but in due time warmed up

Dan better today. Dr. Davis called late in the day.

Board meeting this evening. Berkson and Getz absent.

Tuesday, December 12

12° above & moderated during day.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. as usual
Set two men – Bell & Crowley – who have been working at Pub Libr, to work at Elm Place.
Matheny called. Conf. with Mrs Gaidzik
Dan suffered from renewed tonsil inflammation this evening.
I went down to Orchestra Hall this evening to hear Prof. Compton talk about the cosmic ray and his field experiments, etc. Splendid talk.

Wednesday, December 13

Gray. Mild.

Mr Ball representing the High School and I rep. the Library Board and my school Board went to Waukegan and spend three lively hours conferring with officials of the "C.W.A" and getting in our formal applications for work at our respective buildings.

Dan was very wretched towards the close of day and I went over to confer with Dr Davis. He was ill and asked me to call in Dr Norcross which I did.

Burube, Jahnigen, & Sasch, carpenters, came from the Library job to work at the school. Chris Galvin, laborer, also. Carpenters started on the railed platform on the deck of the roof.

Thursday, December 14

Gray. Chill wind. A drizzle for a short time at dusk which left the pavements very icy. I drove down this evening as far as McPherson's garage & abandoned my car. At Library Board meeting. Came back in Mrs Rubins car. We had trouble on the way & then picked up a mechanic to help her out.

Conf with 3A – 4's at G.B.R.S. at 3:30.

Matheny called with a microscope projector.

Some conferences over the C.W.A. and our applications for projects.

Berube, Jahnigen, Sasch, Bell, Crowley & Galvin at work again today.

Friday, December 15

Warmer in night & light rain. Mild today. Clearing April-like.

Had to give considerable attention to our "projects" before the C.W.A. Phoned Mr Denney at Wauk twice; & once each to Mr. Thacker (engineer) & Mr. Kirkham, chairman. Finally I took the 2:32 for Chic. & met Mr. Murray. He & I went to headquarters – Mr Chase's office, C.W.A to inquire about the projects. Much telephoning afterwards, etc.

This evening I went to the orchestra & band concert at the H.S. Very much pleased.

Dan much better.

Saturday, December 16

Beautiful day. 22° above at 7:00. Above freezing during day

I attended a rehearsal of a big scene from the Christmas play at 9:00.

At 10:30 I went to Chic. & to Mr Murray's office Found that the applications for projects were in at headquarters and likely to be approved.

Spent two hours or more at Newberry Library.

Dan much better.

Sunday, December 17

A little raw. Gray.

M & I to Presb. Church. We all rested the remainder of the day.

Joe Lisi called to say that the stove was set up and that he would call and make a payment during this week.

Monday, December 18

Colder but moderated.

Had our C.W.A. carpenters begin to set up our shelter house for the skating rink.

Agents – for Rem. Rand

– Matheny

– Compton's

Helped drills for Christmas play

This evening Dan & I drove to Dr Davis' office at Deerfield. I got tablets for my stomach. Dan, a tonic.

Worked at Pub. Libr. a while this evening.

Tuesday, December 19

Gray & mild. Raining briskly this evening.

Conf with Harrison Walther, inspector for C.W.A., and with Mr Betts, architect, seeking supervision job.

With L.F. Stransky, interested in summer theaters.

We invited the New Trier boys' octette to give a special half hour program at 1:30 today, Mrs Meding instructor. We furnished transportation both ways. A very delightful concert. Dan & E. & M. came to it, Dan driving them in my car

Assisted in rehearsals for the Play.

This evening a group of us met at Pub Libr to consider the nature of material to go into our historical room & to plan for the organization of a historical society. Mr Alfred Stern and I appointed a committee on membership.

Wednesday, December 20

No colder than yesterday. Clearing

At 4th grade aud ex at G B R S. this A M

Helped in drilling Christmas Play At school a while this P.M.

Mr Morris & Mr Betts called to talk over C.W.A. situation.

I had a conf at City Hall after 4:30 with Phil Cole, Dana Currough, & Supt Ed Brown of East Park Dist.

Mailed out Mother's Christmas cards this evening – 40 or so.

Thursday, December 21 Winter at 7:15 P.M.

Gray much of time. Cool. S.W. wind at evening.

Christmas Play this aft & evening. One of the finest we ever gave. Miss Sprague in general charge. Miss Voss, music: Fine teamwork of teachers and pupils.

M. E. & Dan came to the evening performance.

Statistics.

Play first given in 1912. An afternoon performance. Given every year since except 1917. 1912 – 1918 afternoon performances only. 1919 to date both aft & evening.

Worried over the C.W.A affair but greatly cheered today when our men got their pay checks for last week. I now have 13 men on my pay roll.

[In her book, *A History of Elm Place School and Green Bay Road School* (1946), Etta Grunewald described the Christmas celebrations at the two schools. —ed.]

“One of the great traditions of the school is the Christmas Play. It was written by Mr. Smith for eighth grade pupils and given under his supervision from 1913 or 1914 until his death. It was based upon Washington Irving’s *Sketch Book* and *Bracebridge Hall*. It came to be known as “Christmas in Merrie England.” For thirty years this performance was an unusual Christmas event, it was discontinued in the early 1940’s. It was a source of education and pleasure to children and they looked forward to participation in it. It gave them opportunity to use talent otherwise undeveloped or unsuspected. It was spectacular and beautiful. There was a rollicksome gayety about it such as tenants on a squire’s estate in medieval England might have shown at a festival season when barriers of birth and breeding were let down and spontaneity was allowed. There was a role for every member of the class, an outlet for ingenuity in any part. The old English customs of the yule-log, the boar’s head, the plum pudding, the Christmas greens, the carols sung by visiting waits, have become a heritage. They took on new significance as children rehearsed their parts through three weeks of preparation.

A less widely known custom has been the kindergarten Christmas party, held yearly from 1915 or 1916 until 1942. It was held in the kindergarten room where children and their parents participated in it. There was a Christmas tree; carol singing and other features of a program were presented. The children gave their parents the gifts they had made for them at school. There was wholesomeness, sweetness, and simplicity in this party for little children at this season of the year. At Green Bay Road School children gathered for Christmas festivities and carol singing; in the school rooms, throughout the grades there were Christmas trees with groups of children around them.

On the last morning of school before the Christmas holidays the children gathered in the auditorium for a more sacred service. Their Christmas gayety having found its outlet, they now were ready to observe the deeper meaning of Christmas. Beautifully colored lantern slides of the Nativity were thrown on the screen, while from here and there in the audience children burst forth into singing of the old Christmas carols. Mr. Smith told the Bible story of the birth of Christ, and the Magnificat was recited by an upper grade pupil.”

Friday, December 22

A fine day. Frost leaving the ground.

The 1 – 3’s gave a delightful program at G.B R.S at 10:00 this A M

All of us met in the Aud at 2:00 for our carols and I told the story of the Christ Child as usual, using the colored slides of the Presb Ch.

M & I have received a great number of Christmas cards.

We had 3 Christmas trees at E.P. & 3 at E.P. One of these we gave to the North Ave M E. Church & the five janitors each took one.

Saturday, December 23

Fine day. Very mild. Heavy fog this evening

This A M. I drove to Waukegan with Dan and got the paychecks for 11 men who have been with me now four weeks & this aft & evening I distributed them. I found on file at Wauk. the official approval of the new Library project & that of Elm Place School, so much that I have already done is now authorized!

Spent considerable time considering a new project for the Library.

Clarence Smith came in this evening at 9:00 from Decatur.

Sunday, December 24

M & I to church this A M. During church came a quick drop in temp & a cold wind prevailed the rest of the day with a steady descending temp.

Monday, December 25 0°

At zero this A.M. Very chill. During day temp came up 10 or 12° degrees and a dry snow fall of a scant inch followed.

I scurried around & with Mr Murray's help supervised the flooding of the skating "rink" at Elm Place. Hunted up 3 of my C.W.A. men & used them in 3 hr shifts from 9:30 to 6:30. Snow fall at 5:30 made it desirable to cease spraying.

Tuesday, December 26 Snow - - and subzero.

6 inches of snow fell during the night – dry snow - & the thermometer stood at 9° above at 7:00 A M. Grew colder during the day and now is 9° below at 10:00 P.M.

Spent a lot of time today about the skating rink & library problems. This aft I had one crew of four men clearing off snow, followed by another group of three who cleared everything off at length & after 8:00 P.M. began sprinkling. I left them at 9:10 P.M – they to quit at ten.

Wednesday, December 27 15° below

15° below at 7:00 A M Slowly rising temp to 5° above. Clouding over

Clarence Smith had to go home this morning.

I spent most of the morning on errands at school, and the aft. there and at the Pub Libr & Social Service headquarters.

Our skating pond in use all day. Selected two men to go on duty this evening until ten.

Brot home two fir trees (over stock) & tied them erect along side our clothes line post. Put up suet. Two or three cardinals & two chickadees regular visitors. A downie today

Thursday, December 28

Zero at 7:00 A M & did not rise greatly all day

A day full of errands which included a com. meeting at the Pub Libr & a trip to inspect wooden paneling on walls, Mrs Rubens, leader, Miss Hendee, Mr. Garnett, Architect Arnold & myself. We visited the Northmoor Country Clubhouse & the home of Mr Richard Loewenthal.

This aft I went to the city. Called on Dudley Crafts Watson at the Art Inst to talk over schemes for employing impecunious artists on some public work in H.P. – Then to the Increase Robinson galleries but did not find Mrs R. in.

Friday, December 29

6° above at 7:00 AM Milder. Beautiful afternoon

Various errands – then to the city on the 9:30.

To 135 So La Salle St, the Field Building, to have a satisfactory interview with Mrs Increase Robinson & leave with her a formal application to the Public Arts Program committee for the assignment of one or more unemployed artists to work here under the direction of the Art Commission of the Pub. Library.

Then to Col. Ray D. Smith's office, C.W.A – 1510 – 10 So La Salle for a long interview about the various projects etc.

Shopped a Fields. Ate at Blackhawk Restaurant. Home at four. Drove up to Highwood to try to see Mr. Viti. Had a talk with ~~Col.~~ Wayne Thomas about the Highwood projects

Saturday, December 30

27° above at 7:00 A M & milder during day. Snow melting. Ice pond had to be abandoned. Slippery roads.

Went to Wauk with Axt, Theobald, Hall, Walker & we threshed over C.W.A. matters in Mr Denney's office. My accounts seem to be approved. I left to come home by the trolley in time to meet Edith & Dan at the station. We went in on the 1:30 together. Dan took the South Shore for Gary while E & I went to Orchestra Hall to hear the child pianist, Ruth Slenczynski give a remarkable performance. Home at 5:15. Margaret Riddle stayed with M in our absence.

This evening I drove over to Deerfield to get some more tablets for M. from Dr D.

[Ruth Slenczynski (b. 1925) was born in Sacramento, California. A child prodigy, she performed her debut in Berlin at age six. She "retired" at age fifteen, but resumed her concert career in 1954. She was Artist-in-Residence at Southern Illinois University from 1964 to 1987. – ed.]

Sunday, December 31

The end of a memorable year.

Gray. Foggy. Mild. Snow almost vanished. My skating rink a sheet of water.

We stayed at home this A M

M. E. & I called on the Chapins at 5:00 and spent a pleasant half hour or so.

I took a brief tramp this aft. Down Park Ave to inspect the new roadway that is building, and around beach & to top in Central Park

Nuthatch (w.b.) – chickadee – jay – cardinal – house sparrows, occasional downie.