

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1926



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Forward

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, January 1

Mild enough to thaw some. Snow four to six inches.

Clarence, Jr. & I spent an hour or more at school this A.M

Ate our New Year's dinner of chicken, etc at 1:00.

At home rest of day Wrote long letter to Mr. Chas H Ewing, Pres. of Chic Geog Soc. etc

Miss Weinland phoned to arrange for my presence at a dinner party soon.

Saturday, January 2

Again mild. Thawed a bit.

Junior and I to Chic on 9:13 At Fields. Then to Gaertner's [Gaertner Scientific Corporation – ed.] at 1201 Wrightwood to confer about astronomical observatory. Came back down town on top of a bus. Enjoyed view of - - Elk's Nat'l Memorial, Moody Church, etc. Lunch at City Club. To Art Inst. in afternoon. Met Mrs Boynton there. Saw Ianelli's exhibit, also Roy Brown of Bloomington - - Afterwards went into Goodman Theater; saw last act of the Golden Apple; went behind scenes to see stage settings, etc. To City Club for dinner. Then to fine concert by Chic. orchestra

R R .80 + .40 + 80; meals 4.20; tickets 5:00;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Frederick Stock. – ed.]

Sunday, January 3

Began gentle rain during the A.M. & continued at intervals during day

Clarence & Jr. left on the 1:13. C. was to start for Decatur at 4:30. Jr. for Albany in the evening.

I went up to my office after seeing the men off, & read for an hour or so. Then I went upstairs to inspect things and found great pools of water in three east rooms & streaks on wall of a fourth. Ordered taxi & went out & picked up Marks. Then got Bartoli. These cleared the roof & I mopped most of water up

This P.M. listened on sermon of Rev. S.B. Elliot at Orch Hall.

Read much from Adam's Chartres, etc.

Monday, January 4

Mild. Foggy. Snow melting rapidly

School again. Office full of callers – parents with pupils, book agent, agent for seeds, P.T.A., etc. Mr Jensen & Prof. Waugh of Amherst came at noon & looked over the b'ld'g, then we had lunch at the Green Tea Pot.

Teachers' meeting at four.

This evening conf. of leaders from the different P.T.A.'s in my office – Mrs Flynn, Balke, Danley, Gaidzik, Thomas.

Lunch 1.50; groceries .60

Tuesday, January 5

Mild. Muddy. Cooler after night.

Miss Sprague unable to be here Doubled up this A.M. This afternoon Mrs Anderson sub-bed

We dismissed this afternoon to go to the educational program of the Woman's Club.

Mrs Seymour's 7th – 8th grade band of Ravinia school gave some numbers. Quite worth while.

Jacob Crane talked about our city plan.

Ethel Goddard about the need of playgrounds

H.S. boys' glee club sang.

I discussed the talks
At home this evening.
Winters came this afternoon and he and I looked over the leaks on the Int. School bldg

Wednesday, January 6

A little sleet in night but not appreciable in quantity. Ground frozen. Colder
Tummy trouble in the night & was a little weak today Miss Sprague still ill & Mrs Anderson
subbed

The group of four patrons reading *The Normal Mind* met with me this afternoon.
Helped Mrs Archie Mason plant some bulbs in our "blub room" today, these being bulbs
overlooked at planting time.

We all went to hear Prof. Goodspeed lecture this evening on "The Re-discovery of the New
Testament."
Church .30;

Thursday, January 7

Not thawing but comparatively mild.
Had last installment of potted bulbs taken out of the pits today.
A busy day. Worked over bills. Conferred with Mrs Millard
Mr Leech's half-grown opossum he brot from southern Ind last week becoming half-friendly.
Mrs Anderson again subs for Miss Sprague
After school committee of teachers and I decide upon 8th grade graduates
The Clows called this evening. Mr. Geo Greene here for a little while.

Friday, January 8

Grey. Cool. A little snow in the air late evening.
To Field Museum with Misses White and Jones and 28 children. Fine trip. Home at 5:00.
This evening Miss Delzell and I spent overhauling things in the El. S. office
Tea .10; bannas & oranges .70;

Saturday, January 9

Sunny at times.
To Chic on 10:38. To City Club for lunch with Round Table. Supt Hamilton talked about legal
phase of religious educ. in schools, then introduced Rev. Mr McKendry who developed the subject in
general.
Errand or two afterwards. Then saw "What Price Glory" at Studebaker. Dinner at Club. Nap &
then made some travel notes. Then to Auditorium & "Hansel & Gretel"
Barber .30; R.R. .33 + .40 + .07
Tickets 3:00 + 2:70; meals 1.00 + 1.25;
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the opera program for *Hänsel and Gretel*. – ed.]

Sunday, January 10

Windy. Snow flurry after nightfall.
Started for church but went to school bld'g to try to find a Union Jack for Mr Preston who was to
entertain a British visitor. Delayed so that I came home instead.
This aft. to school bldg where I photog. six crayon pictures on blackboard in Miss Grun.'s room
An exhausting sleep from 5:30 to 7:30.

A lot of miscellaneous reading today

Monday, January 11

Six inches or so of snow. Grew colder during day

Miss Delzell unable to be present. - - Various duties discharged.

This evening Supt McAndrews spoke at the H-S. under auspices of our various P.T.A.'s. Subject: How to get up. Humorous, inspiring, worthwhile. - - - Some of our D.A.R. ladies "het up" about article in yesterday's Tribune making him out a naughty pacifist. Nothing in tonight's address to give them material
M, K, & I rode there and back in a taxi.

Tuesday, January 12

8° below this A.M. Moderated during day Snowing after night.

Mr Cheney of Glencoe, of Buffalo Forge Co called at 11:30 on request of Mr. Jones to look over problem of heating aud. We experimented until 1:00. Then went to lunch at Green Tea Pot.

Various visitors this afternoon Teachers' meeting with 4th graders.

Went in on 6:43 to Geog Soc. at Orch Hall to hear Moulton on the Heavens Fine lecture - I had heard before. Came out on same train with Jane Weinland and Mr Dart. Fine visit.

Green Tea Pot 1⁰⁰

Trolley .40 + .40;

Wednesday, January 13

8° above this A.M. and a suggestion of a thaw. But colder at evening.

Conf with Mrs Snite and Mrs Milligan today & we organized a third class in Melody Way to meet at 3:20 next Tuesday.

Fifth grade teachers met me for a caucus this evening.

At 2:00 I took part in a group "reading" from a chapter in "The Normal Mind" by Burnham

This evening to Presb. Church & attended meeting of a group addressed by Willard Beatty of Winnetka Interesting. Discussion at some length of physical punishment followed.

Ink .15;

Thursday, January 14

Milder 24° above this A M. Windy. Melting.

Misses Tschirgi, & Grenoble and I took 29 of the 7B's to Field Museum. Especial emphasis on S.A., people and products

Misses Grunewald and Heffron called this evening

Pd chauffeur 1⁰⁰

Friday, January 15

Still rather mild Not above thawing.

Conf with 3rds & 6th's over promotions.

Mrs John Western came to talk over fate of conservation scheme for Waukegan Flats

Clarence came this evening.

Service Studio men came to re-arrange cyc. and battens

Saturday, January 16

Mild. Thawing.

To Winnetka to get enlarged map of H.P. To Chic. To Dow Optical to order frames etc for my extra pair of glasses. 5⁰⁰ To Schantz's office where I visited with him and Mr Dean for a time Then he & I went to Judge Walker's office to confer with him over the bird life of the Skokie. He took us to lunch at the Hamilton Club. Then to Abbott's to inquire about pictures. - Home at 4:00.

Mrs Greene at ~~her~~ our house and she called Davis to come in auto so that I could examine some territory we think of adding to our school dist - - -

Clarence spent day in Kenosha. Back this P.M
Barber .30; R.R. 40 + 40 + 20 + 20; groceries 1.07

Sunday, January 17

Slippery. Gray. Not so mild.

This morning I went to my office & while there Colin Sanborn came in for a visit. Then I went over to Mr. Meyer's house where Mr Geo Jones & Mr Jacob Crane, city planner, also came, and we had a conference on new school sites, playgrounds, etc. We got into Mr. M's machine and drove to Port Clinton school, Oak Terrace, & Green Bay sites.

At home this aft. & evening. Read much from Fisher's True Story of Benj. Franklin.

Monday, January 18

Beautiful, sunny day

Five ladies from P.T.A. of Miller School, Evanston, visited us all morning Mrs Creigh was with them, and I gave them much attention. We had a Benj. Franklin program at morning exercises.

Got up a report on district boundary lines & made a map for Mr Meyer.

Talked promotions with the 2nd grade teachers today

Board meeting this evening. Amicable. Much accomplished. Afterwards Dr Earl Fritsch & I had long conference about S.S. matters

Clarence at Kenosha again today.

Tuesday, January 19

Sun shone a while.

Took 8A class picture today & developed negative this evening.

Clarence at Kenosha again.

Conf with 1st grades; with 7th grades

Barber .30; suet .10

Wednesday, January 20

Gray. Moderating. Then northeaster set in after dark & 6 inches of snow had fallen by eleven

Mother heard from Elsie Webb Holmquist today with the news of the death of her step-sister May.

Clarence at Kenosha again today

Group of women reading "The Normal Mind" met at 2:00 again.

Conf with Mrs Snite & Mrs Milligan.

Mr Thomas & some of his staff of Highwood & their 1st & 2nd basketball teams came to our playroom after school & two games were pulled. 11 to 10 for Highwood's Firsts 10 to 0 for our Seconds

I worked at my office until 10:30 this evening.

Thursday, January 21

Six or eight inches of snow by this A.M Much colder by evening

Clarence went home this A.M.

Misses Jones & Sprague and I went with 6A's to Chic. in bus. To Chic. Hist Soc until 12:00. Fine reception by Miss McIlvane & assistants. Then to Art Inst. Lunch. Afterwards general tour. At 3:50 our bus failed to show up - & I found it in Grant Park, unable to get at start. At last we got on the N.S.E. at 5:15 and thus home.

25 pupils & 3 adults
Lunch .10;

Friday, January 22

6 or 7 below this A.M. Moderated a little but grew colder again at night.
6's gave matinee (Robin Hood) at 3:00. \$23⁰⁰ at door.
8B's gave 8A's delightful party at 4:00. I was proud of the affair.
Developed some more plates this evening. Blackboard drawings
Groceries .30;

Saturday, January 23

About 10 or 12 above. High wind after noon blew snow into drifts Piled water away from city intake & caused temporary water famine
To city on 9:43. To So.R.R. bldg for conf. with Mr. Pickering about Geog Exc. to Asheville. To Arthur Wolfe's office to continue conf. Fields for photog. supplies. Dow Optical for glasses left one week ago Lunch with Schantz to discuss exc work Economy Drug Co. for arnica jelly Art Inst to read about Liverpool Cathedral. Home. - - This evening examined Watson on Behaviorism, Dorsey on Why we behave like human beings, etc
R.R. 80; lunch 1.00; groceries .95 + .30 +

Sunday, January 24

Cold but milder
To church this A M
Nap, P.M., & walk out Skokie way
Church .25;

Monday, January 25

About 15° above this A M A little snow in the air late in the evening.
No morning ex. at request of Board of Health & because of development of new case in Miss Stuart's room, we were asked to close the Kg - Primary for one week.
Miss Kinsolving came to arrange for the concert of tomorrow evening and particularly for the dancer's part & so she & I went to the H-S to arrange for borrowing the two large flood lights and securing two boys to operate them.
Lake Bluff boys with Mr. Montgomery played basketball with our boys here after school and were badly outclassed by our boys.
6th graders gave beautiful show this evening - Selections from Robin Hood & from the Iliad. M. & K. went.

Tuesday, January 26

About 26 above.
Mostly errands today, but some positive work accomplished
Two new cases of sc fev. today - Virginia Creigh & Josephine Zook.

Chic. String Quartette at the Aud. this evening & Ronny Johansson, dancer. Caused me & our staff great lot of work getting ready. Quartette very good. Very capable dancer.

Wednesday, January 27 10° below

Grew very cold. High wind

This evening to Ouilmette Country Club where F of O N.L. held mid-winter meeting I talked about European exp. Dudley, Jensen, Von Oven, speakers. I asked Peter Grimson to bring his xyl. & he made "a hit" with his three numbers. Kenneth Wheeler played well on his harmonica. Mrs Dudley sang well.

Conf with Mrs Millard over school work. Mr Jones joined us for a half hour
Trolley .87; taxi .75;

Thursday, January 28

Very cold but beginning to moderate.

Teachers meeting. Made some radical changes in assignments for next semester. Not all welcome to teachers.

Friday, January 29

Much milder. Thawed some.

Had no general assembly for honorable mentions. This afternoon all the 8's met in H. of P. and I talked to them and presented awards to 8A's. Pauline Armentrout highest scholarship.

This evening grad. ex. went off well. Prof. Armstrong's address well fitted to the occasion. Afterwards, at his request, I showed him and his wife over our plant. M. & K. there.

Conf with 1st grade teachers today.

Saturday, January 30

Spring day and snow banks began to vanish rapidly

At school most of morning and of afternoon. Made gratifying headway in my work.

This evening to Adelphi to see Arliss in *Old English*. Moderately pleased with play and actor.

Reading with much interest Goodspeed's *How we got our new testament*.

Groceries .65 + .76 + .54

Barber .30

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for George Arliss in *Old English*, a play in three acts by John Galsworthy. - ed.]

Sunday, January 31

Still mild. Muddy

At Dr Fritsch's solicitation I went over to Ebenezer S.S. to see the session and to be able to suggest means of improvement, etc. Stayed for church and heard Rev Mr Ellers preach.

Edith & D. came, & went home at 3:15. They took me to school where I gave them a pot of campernelles.

I tramped out into the Skokie west of Exmoor and got an armload of cuttings of various trees there. Met a Mr Greene "realtor," exploiting the area and talked over conserv. of the wooded islands with him.

Found Mr & Mrs Sundell at our house when I got back. Had a nice visit. After supper Mr & Mrs Clow called.

Church 1.50

Monday, February 1

Mild but little above freezing.

No gen'l ex. Robt Ruwitch – 7B – reported having light case of scarlet fever

Shifting about of pupils this day

Conf with 4 -5's from 2:15 to 3:45. With 7 – 8's until 5.

Agent of N.P. called. Of Nystrom

Worked at school until 10:00 this evening.

Tuesday, February 2

Ground hog found a gray, mild day. No sunshine. Snowing after nightfall.

Miss Guiney ill & Mrs Anderson as sub.

Conf again with 7th – 8th teachers.

Callers: Mrs Flinn twice, second time bringing mountain white girl to consider entering school.

Mrs Gaidzik about P.T.A. Mrs Daneley, also. Mrs Daly about her little daughter. Agent for blackboard surfacing process

Mr Meyer & Mr Dingle late callers to consult map of city.

I spent evening in my office.

Groceries .46;

Wednesday, February 3

Snowy – sloppy. Freezing after night.

Mrs Anderson sub. for Miss Guiney.

Mrs Benson, Gaidzik, Pfanstiehl, Peabody at our Wednesday aft. reading club (Burnham's The Norm M.)

Various conferences

At school until 9:30.

Kg & 1st grade rooms opened up again today. No aud. ex. yet, by advice of B of Health.

Barber .30;

Thursday, February 4

Icy streets. No thawing. Gray.

Mrs A. Sub for Miss G

Library Board this P.M (evening) At my office afterwards until 10:00.

Had our daily conf. of upper grade teachers to consider a program

Miss Kinsolving called at the noon hour and left literature about the concert for Feb. 9.

The past few days Mr. Leech & I have demonstrated root grafting to grades 5 – 8. Scions and stock sent me by Mr J.W. Griesemer of Hopedale.

Friday, February 5

Icy – yet thawed a little.

Miss G still absent, & Mrs A. as sub.

This evening Miss Bradley and I went down to N.S. Art League at Mrs Charles Hubbard's home in Winnetka. Mrs H. talked on her collections of Chinese art. Fine evening.

Trolley .40;

Saturday, February 6

To city on 9:13. To G.B. Carpenter to enquire about skylight screens; Chic. Transp Co. to leave Geneva post cards for slides; Sherman House to engage seat for Taft dinner on Feb 16; to Mr Mann's office to look over files of architectural magazines & inquire about engineering problem involved in mounting the telescope; to City Club for late lunch; Art Inst. to look up lantern slides and to visit ex. by Chic. artists; here chatted with Misses Byrne & Morgan and Mr. Dudley. Fields to buy a tie; grocery to buy steel-cut oats. City Club for nap & dinner Studebaker for "In Blossom Time".
Called on Miss Nichols but slides not ready.
R.R. 40 + 40; lunch .85 + .95; groceries .55; theater 2.50;
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for the musical play by Dorothy Donnelly, *Blossom Time*. — ed.]

Sunday, February 7

Still mild Gray. Snow after nightfall.

Rested this A.M. To Mr. Meyers this afternoon where we conferred with Mr Wright & Mr Dingle over district boundaries. On way home I met Miss Delzell & Miss Wilson & two friends and showed them through our bldg.

Home this evening.

Monday, February 8

A thin film of snow in night. Melted a little. Another film this evening.

Had aud ex this afternoon with consent of Board of Health. The deferred "honorable mentions" took place

Met with upper grade program makers after school

Board meeting this evening. All present but Mrs Greene

Boy scout officials met in the aud.

Tuesday, February 9

Gray. Light snow in the night. Then snowing freely this evening.

McCormick, bird whistler & entertainer, met our pupils in two groups this aft., receiving 5¢ per. Good entertainment.

Agent for Pilot Arithmetics here this afternoon

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. We decided to read Dorsey's "Why we behave like humans." I went in to hear Ashton's lecture before Geog. Soc. at Orch. Hall on Lakehurst to Virgin Islands in the Los Angeles. Splendid. Chatted with Mr Denoyer on way home — he lives at Kenilworth

Before I went down this evening, I went to school bld'g to see that everything was ready for concert given by Joseph Schwarz.

R.R. .80; apple .10;

Wednesday, February 10

An inch or so in the night. Drifting. Colder.

Went with Miss Tschirgi and Miss Heffron & 31 — 7[A?]'s to Field Museum Had a successful visit. On my way back I got off at Evanston & took trolley back for Chic. To Morrison Hotel where I made contract with Horace Ashton to lecture here the 18th — aft. & evening for \$150⁰⁰ Then to Chic. Woman's Club to dinner for Nat'l Motion Picture Conf. Met Mrs Merriam, Mrs Ickes, Lorado Taft, Mrs Sippy, Mrs McCollum, Mr Pittman, Miss Boynton (friend of Miss Davis), & Miss Holbrook — had long talk with latter. Short speeches by Mrs Ickes & Mrs Gilkey, & witty talk by Lorado Taft. I left before formal evening program began

Trolley. 40; lunch .10;

Thursday, February 11

About 10 above this A.M but moderated to melting at noon
Gave H.P. Press advertisement of the Ashton lecture.
Rowley, photog. called to arrange for group pictures this Spring.
Conf with 3 – 4 – 5's after school.
At desk this evening.

Candy .10;

Friday, February 12

School all morning and general exercises at 1:30
I spent the morning in the Lincoln vestibule, talking over the exhibit with groups of sixth grade pupils

Showed the Lincoln pictures in the afternoon
Girl Scouts gave a play to a paid audience after school was over
I was at school until 10:30 this evening.
Miss Delzell went home ill at noon
Thawing today
Took up Near East Relief Valentines – 67.04 and some still due

Ink .25;

Saturday, February 13

Mild. Gray

After short session with Mr D. at school who has a grievance, I took 9:13 for Chic. To Schantz' office – he was not in. Rand McNally's to get guide book to Washington. – To City Club & Round Table luncheon Address by Dr Adler's assistant.

To Anderson-Carlson's to get upper vest pocket deepened Home by 5:00. To schoolhouse with Mrs Greene to inspect work of re-surfacing a slate blackboard.

After supper to barber shop and library
R.R. .40 + .40; lunch 1.00; groceries .48 + .60 + .15; tailor 2.50.
barber. 1.20

Sunday, February 14

Gray.

Rested all morning. This aft. at Aud. where Boy Scouts gave interesting program. – Demonstrations, movies, etc.

Monday, February 15

Cool wind. Clear sky with suggestions of March.
Conf of ex. com of P.T.A. in my office With Mrs Milligan. Late afternoon with Mr Borg and Mr Cunningham. Later with Mrs Millard.
Mrs Delzell worked only until noon
Mrs Taylor and Mrs Anderson sub.
At school until 10:00 this evening.
K. & Mrs Denzel used our two tickets at N.S. Theatre Guild's performance of The Duenna at the Woman's Club this evening.

Tuesday, February 16

Mild.

Miss Delzell & Mrs Taylor back.

Mrs Millard called. Leaving this day for New Mexico.

Three teachers visiting from Lake Forest

Sent out letters advertising Ashton's lecture.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Then hurried off to go to Taft Dinner at Hotel Sherman given by Art Extension Society of Illinois. Fine time. Hieronymus presided. Henry Chandler, Burkholder, Nellie Walker, Pres. David F of U. of I., Mr McAndrews, & others spoke. I sat at table with Brinley, Miss Jacobsen, the Pres. of Carthage College, & others. Learned that Bert Whitten is on the staff of that college. R R 40 + .40; restaurant .20; dinner 2.50.

Wednesday, February 17

Threatening. Then rain and slush late in day

P.T.A. this afternoon I presided at the program and teachers told what they were doing in lit. & science. Densmore, Behrens, Stine, Fallstad, Heffron, Guiney, Leech. Fine time.

Mrs Childs announced movement to raise funds to buy memorial picture for primary bldg – memory of Miss Esther White [former first grade teacher at Elm Place School – ed.]

At school this evening.

Thursday, February 18

Northeaster set in late in the night and blanket of wet snow all over. Continued at intervals during the day. Colder at night

Took my lunch. A busy day This afternoon Horace Ashton talked at 1:30 to grades 1 – 3; at 2:30 to 4 – 8's; & this evening to adults. "Overseas in the Los Angeles" Fine lecture in every way. M. & K. went.

Hugh Spence finished re-surfacing some slate in El. Sch. bldg.

Friday, February 19

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Saturday, February 20

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Wednesday, February 24

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Thursday, February 25

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, February 26

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, February 27

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, February 28

Beautiful day. Rested well in the night.

Ate breakfast with Miss Keller of Sherwood, Wisc. At Chic. took Miss Collins & myself in a taxi to Adams St. She went home on elevated. I on the C & N.S.

Slept much of day. Opened a basket of mail

Breakf. 2.00; taxi etc 1.25 + .60; Trolley .40

Monday, March 1

Snow flurries. Stormy wind. Cold

Caucus with 6 – 8's this evening over taking up the Sociology Pamphlets

Bothered with a canker sores and an incipient cold

Mr Leech counted 28 redwings Saturday – Feb. 28.

Castile soap .15;; brush .10 (Dist 107)

Tuesday, March 2

Cold. Raw wind

Nursed my cold today. Went to school late each session

Teachers meeting at 4:00 Began Dorsey's Why we behave like human beings.

Wednesday, March 3

Clear. Scarcely thawing Windy.

My cold better

Visitors: Mr Bush, Mrs Danley, Mrs Grote, Mr Nelson.

Mr Cunningham took me to Library after school to leave a picture – Thayer's Charitas left at school for the Library. Then up to the Paul Wrights who are shortly leaving for China. I stayed half hour or so and brot away on their pressing Mr W's app. for enlarging pictures, some of Mrs Wright's pressed specimens, etc.

Thursday, March 4

Still clear and cold.

Cold got strenuous again towards evening.

Telephone Co. set up model switch board in our aud. this aft and showed workings to our 6 – 8's.

Had fine time. Chas Ford here with several employes.

6's had Story of Asbestos, 3 reels.

Bread .15; barber .30;

Friday, March 5

Violent inflammation in right nostril & eye. In bed all day. Better after evening

Used adrenal ointment in my nostril.

Saturday, March 6

Better, but at home all day except when I went to get a shave, late afternoon.
Blustry. Some rain

Sunday, March 7

Blustry. Snow flurries
Lay low all day today although I was tempted to venture up to the Aud to the Hans Hess concert.
Mother an invalid all day with neuralgia in her ear.

Monday, March 8

A little milder but still cold. Icy.
Visitors: Misses Becker & Degenhart from Hawthorn School; Mrs Page from Chic Teachers' College; Miss Highland from Thrift.
I went to Ev. on 1:43 & spent an hour with Mr Skiles over the plans for a junior high Then talked nature study before the P.T.A. of the Miller School.
Board meeting this evening. Wood, Fritsch, Miller – Fout. Afterwards Mr Meyer & I talked Americana
Trolley 1.12;

Tuesday, March 9

Milder. Thawed some.
Mr Bartoli's wife at hospital. Pneumonia, Mr B. off duty.
Mrs Anderson sub'd yesterday for Miss Sprague who was ill. Latter on duty today.
Miss Gordon of Abbott's a caller.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Our first lesson on Dorsey's W.W.B.L.H.B. [*Why We Behave Like Human Beings* – ed.]
My cold keeps me weak. Glad to get home this evening.
Mother suffering from neuralgia – like pains and a cold – but seemed to be improving
Luella Burrows called about a position
Baker .33;

Wednesday, March 10

A little milder. Still gray & chill
Very hoarse today. Felt worn out again at close of school and home earlier
Mrs Bartoli died last night. - - Teachers made up a purse - - Board added 25⁰⁰. I gave Mocogni a check this evening for \$100⁰⁰ to cover all this. M. came up to talk over B's affairs with me this evening.
Mother's cold still troublesome but apparently under control.

Thursday, March 11

As yesterday. A chill March
Again I found myself achy and done up at close of school
Visitors: Mrs Frank to talk over subject of lessons on sex hygiene. Mrs Millard, back from N.M.
Miss Liebe Zapler desiring a first grade position. Four gentlemen representing Krenn and Dato interested in the bldg of a school near Ft. Sheridan R.R. station
Some correspondence with Dr Cowles over pollen grains & illustrations in his book on plants.

Friday, March 12

Blustry. Then snow squalls late afternoon

Went home from school at 11:00 to rest up & get a new start for the afternoon. Then at 4:30 I left for the Doctor's office – he found me with a temperature over 101. So I went “home and to bed”

← Barber .30. [The arrow may indicate that Mr. Smith meant this entry for the facing page, i.e. March 11. – ed.]

Saturday, March 13

In bed all day until evening. No fever until late in the day again

Sunday, March 14

Milder. Melted a bit

My temp 97.5 this A M. At 11:00, normal. Got up at noon & dressed. Downstairs much of time after that.

Monday, March 15

Gray. Snow flurries early

My temp. 96 at 8:00. Normal at 11:00.

No school today. Went in taxi to school at 7:15 to help Miss White get a collection of about 30 bundles of blossoming twigs with vases off via Pasquesi Bros to the Davis Store Exhibit. - - Then home to rest until after 11:00 – then to H.S. Aud. where Mr. Simpson's Inst was being held. - - Guy C Caldwell's slides ineffective owing to inability to darken room much - - So it was decided to move over to our aud. for the aft. - - I hustled up arrangements & program went off very well this aft.

Felt better this evening

Tuesday, March 16

Snow flurries. Inch or more of snow. Melting & freezing

Felt better today.

School as usual.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Mrs Anderson subbed for Miss Palmer today.

Harvey Lowe came in on us at 6:00 this evening and stayed until time for the 10:35. Fine visit with him. He had been to Washington for six weeks & now on way back to Muskogee.

Wednesday, March 17

Milder. Sunny all day long. Strong “March” winds blowing

Got plant house ready. N. Shore R.R's Safety First team gave a demonst. before our 4 – 8's in the aud. this afternoon. Mr Wurtzler and “team” of five young woman, including Esther Krueger & Dorothy Loverance, gave first aid exercises.

Mrs Millard & I went to Bd of Health meeting at the Hospital this aft. to debate their “examination” rule. Amicable agreement.

Thursday, March 18

Sun shone today. But still chill.

After school Miss White & Miss Grenoble & I walked down over the Skokie & looked and listened carefully – but got nothing but some blackbirds

Mr Caldwell came today and lectured before our children this aft – 1 – 3's at 1:30; 4's – 8's at 2:30. Well received. Bird imitations fine. Slides good. Talk pitched together

Mr Leech and I planted with the 5th graders:

John Baer	43 flats
Childs Early	2 “
Beets (C.E.)	7 “
Onions (PT.)	5 “
Cabbage	2 “

Friday, March 19

Moderated in the night. A Spring day. Birds came in in the night. Killdeer, meadowlark, bluebird, redwings, robins, etc.

This aft. very heavy rain with much thunder and lightning at 3:00. Big job holding children back & finally getting them off under cover

Called at Mr. Lenington's this evening to borrow some books on the Reformation. Then spent some time at the Library
Barber .30

Saturday, March 20

Fine day. A little cooler.

To city on 10:13. Conf. with Mr Wolfe on excursion matters. Lunch at City Club. To Art Inst. to see Dr. Lukens and party of Geog Soc. members off on architectural excursion Harry Johnson business manager. Then to Davis Store where I spent aft. at "Out-of Doors Exhibit". Helped some at Audubon booth. Visited with various persons – Pepoon, Strong, Schantz, Lyon, Woodruff, Mrs OConnor, Avery, Butler, Newton, Colton, Trainor, Eaton, - - Miss Harriet George who had a booth showing exp. in germination of wild flower seeds. Miss G. is doing research work for the Wild Flower Preserv. Soc.

R.R .80; lunch .85; paper etc .15; groceries .90 + .15; barber 1.65; radio supplies 2.00;

Sunday, March 21

Fine day. A little cool.

At home most of day. This evening talked at the Sunday Evening Club here about some of my European experiences.

Monday, March 22

Mild. Gray.

This A.M. before school Mr Leech and I went up to the Port Clinton School to measure off adjoining lots, and while there heard the cardinal, meadowlark & song sparrow.

Capellor for Thos Charles called. Swift's agent, also. Mrs Gaidzik came for conf.

I left at 2:00 for Evanst. Had conf. with Prof. Fox over purchase of telescope. Then to City Club where I met Miss Conwell to talk over Geog. Soc. matters. Then to Cliff Dwellers to dine with Mr. Krehbiel and talk over our proposed hall murals.

Dist 107.

R R. .36 + .13 + .40; taxi .60

Tuesday, March 23

Fine day

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Went down to Chic on 5:27 – Supper at Childs. To Orchestra Hall to lecture before Geog Soc by McMillan. Same as I had heard in Washington on ~~March~~ Feb 25. Conf with Mr Joseph Wright & others over excursion work

News today of death of Sue Tait's son at Williams College.

R.R. .80; meals, etc. 1.10;

Wednesday, March 24

Lovely day. Warm.

Kg's and I planted 40 pots of balsams. Some 6's and I planted 12 pots of cotton. Some 5's – 4 flats of balcony petunias.

P.T.A. this afternoon. Mr. Rowell talked on the mal-adjusted child. Fine work. Well received.

At school a while this evening.

Tailor 1.00;

Thursday, March 25

Somewhat chilly. A little drizzle after 8:00 P.M.

Helped the 3rd graders open their vegetable pits

Prepared circular of trees & shrubs.

Conf. at 11:00 with math. teachers in grades 6 – 8.

Visitors:

Miss Fargo.

Miss Hoffman

Ethel Goddard & Bert Stevens' daughter, Mary, a senior h.s. girl – Bloomington

At school this evening.

Put together the parts of my new cold frame at home

Barber .30.

Friday, March 26

Snowed more or less all morning. Melted a little, then froze. Cold.

Green manure at school brot by Koller. Stored it in the cold frames K. brot me a “[j?]ag” for home. I set up my hot bed frame this A.M

Distributed tree & shrub announcements this A.M.

Mary Card came to talk over with me the Grenfell lecture for Sunday evening.

Miss Jane Phillips of Evanst. called to apply for upper grade position.

Mr Kehoe called to try to sell 2nd hand New Internatl Encyc

Closed this afternoon for “Spring Vacation”.

Worked at office this evening.

Groceries .65 + .15; barber .30

Saturday, March 27

Marion Moseley's wedding

Cold. Sun came out at intervals – Then about 4:30 an inch of snow.

At school all morning. Then an hour or so in the afternoon

M., K & I went to Marion Moseley's wedding at 4:00. Lovely Dr Wilfrid Grenfell presided with Mr. Fitt's assistance. Beautiful wedding. Superior young woman. Young Dr – very promising appearing.

Lovell & Tom Underwood, ~~Robt~~ Wm & Hamilton Patton, et. al.

This evening I went to Univ. Club at Ev. to hear Maj. Carpenter on aviation & see pictures of flying in the Mt Ranier Area

Barber .30; trolley 37 + 36; groceries 1.15 + 1.06 + .15 + .1.20.

Sunday, March 28

Dr Grenfell

An inch of snow at daybreak and then four or more fell this afternoon.

To church. M & K stayed at home.

Spent some time at school helping get things ready for Dr Grenfell's lecture. This was under the auspices of the Sunday evening Club. Mary Card introduced the Dr – in a very fitting way. Then we had a fine and inspiring address. Lantern slides. Mr Ball “ran” the lantern - - Collection and pledges taken - - - Miss Cleveland present – one of Dr G's workers - - she came 250 mi. in a dog sled to get out to attend Marion's wedding.

Monday, March 29

Most of the snow melted today. I put manure (green, obtained from Koller) about my hot bed and in it. Worked at school for a while, then went to Dr Hamilton's office where he pulled three of my teeth – too at the end of the upper right and one, a large molar at upper left. Latter a hard pull. Had an abscess lump on its prong. - - - Suffered only a headache to pay for this, but had a hemmorrhage from the molar all aft. & evening.

Got up three copies of a petition for school board election & left one with Mr. Jones & one with Mrs Millard. Geo. Bliss for Pres; Mrs Creigh & Gen'l Wood for members.

Barber .30;

Tuesday, March 30

Snowed again in the night Then snowed and drifted at intervals during the day. High winds & drifting snows this evening.

At home most of morning. At school this afternoon

Got 28 signatures to a petition for Pres & members of Board. Geo. Jones got 15. Mrs Millard 16.

Still feeling a little punk

Groceries 1.00; Barber .30;

Wednesday, March 31

The Big Snow.

At dawn a foot or more of wet snow confronted us. Today, digging out has been the problem. Then it has snowed more – snowed a large portion of the day. We have been feeding robins but our feeding boards would be speedily covered.

A snow slide tore a big hole in our plant house roof, but when we cleared away the debris we found our flats of tomatoes, beets, onions, cabbage, etc. not badly damaged. Anticipating another slide we roofed over the gap with hot bed sash & covered these with storm shed material

I worked for a while on the roof of the int. b'ld'g, superintending the clearing off of the snow

Mrs Hintz & Mrs Leroy H. called this evening

Barber .30

Thursday, April 1

Sun shone brightly on snow banks and huge piles thrown up to give traffic a way out

In spite of our precautions water came down thru the ceiling of three rooms at the Int. School

Went to the city at 10:43. Lunch at City Club. Shopped at Fields. Conf. with Arthur Wolfe over summer excursion & he and I went to 431 So. Dearborn to confer with Mr Boak about S.S. lines to Newfoundland.

I called at Miss Nichols for some slides. At Albert Teacher's agency to confer with Miss Smith over teachers.

Met Mr Schantz & Mr Pebbles at lunch at City Club.
Architect. Forum 2⁰⁰ (Dist 107)
R.R. .80 + .21; lunch .65 + .30;

Friday, April 2

Gray – and then more snow! Three or four inches fell today. Great ruts in the roads and hard going!

Worked at school all morning.

Edith, Ruth & I took 1:43 for Chic. I left them at a "bootery." They were to take the 5:00 o'clock for Gary.

I went to Chic. Woman's Aid rooms in Kimball Hall and tried out their lantern – I am scheduled there for Apr. 10.

To Miss Nichols to advise her as she changed some of my slides. To Fields to exchange Mdse. Home at 7:00 At 8:00 at Pub. Libr. to confer with Miss Crewe & Mr F.M. Lowe over some pictures Mr. L is giving to Libr. and to our school. We went over to Mr L's house to see some pictures there.
R.R 1.60; trolley .14; barber .30; ice cream 30;

Saturday, April 3

Sun came out and shone all day! Melting began. We dug ourselves out again, hoping this the last performance of the season.

To Chic on the 9:13. To the Canad Natl office – Mr Ortenberger – to get data about Newfoundland, etc. To Miss Nichols to get some slides which she was re-coloring. Paid her 16⁵⁰; at Aud. bot two tickets for the Miracle 8⁸⁰. To Turtle's to get stuffed mink for Geo McFadden – 8⁰⁰; to City Club for lunch. Vaughans for seeds 1.35. To Art Inst. to look around & consult files. Home on 5:15.

Early this evening the Greene young people & Dane called for short time.
R R. .80 + .14; luncheon .85; groceries 1.00 + .70; barber .30;

Sunday, April 4

On the whole, bright and sunny. Melting slow. Huge ruts in the street.

M., K, & I to church. Then I went down to Mr Tom Allinson's for lunch. Met there besides the A's, Mrs Newman of Brooklyn Eth Cult School, Miss Bever, & Mrs A's mother, Mrs Dow. Fine time. Back at 4:00.

At home rest of day
Church. 1⁰⁰;

Monday, April 5

A fine thawing day

Interviews:

Mrs Nordica Duke – Primary

Mildred Julian –

Miss Edmundson – Third

Martin – Funk & W.

Deans – Century Book of Facts

Two parents

K. & I went down to The Miracle this evening. Magnificent. Wish I could go once more.

R.R. 1.60;

Tuesday, April 6

Gray. Finally rained late afternoon and all evening. Snow dwindling
Lessons to two groups of 8A's on election. Tp. election today.
Conf. with Mr. Sandwick today in his office over junior h.s. problems
Miss Brooks and Miss Wood called during aft. to talk over Glacier Park matters.
Mrs Cunningham brot her friend, a Mrs Hill of Charleston to look about.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00 At 5:13 I went to city to pick up box of bird slides which Schantz left
for me. Got back at 8:00
R.R. .80 + .50 + .50; tip .50;

Wednesday, April 7

Gray. Colder. Thawing some, however
Sent Butler to city with some negatives for Miss Nichols and had him buy some mending tissue.
Lessons with slides on Mt Vernon with 6A's.
Recd shipment of 12 bulbs & plant roots (violets) in carton from Gardner, Iowa
Got ready my slides to use in a talk at St. Charles tomorrow.
Dist 107 – mending issue 2.00
Groceries .35;

Thursday, April 8

Bright. Beautiful day. Snow melting rapidly
At school a short time. Had Mrs Anderson over to give some Italian children a start in school.
Left on 8:55 for Geneva, getting a 10:30 from Chic & reaching G. at 11:22. Supt Geo. E.
Thompson met me, and took me for a restaur. for lunch. Then to Community H.S. at St Charles for a
time. Then to Miss Davis' bldg where I gave a bird – wild flower talk to 1 – 5's. Then back to H-S. where
I talked to pupils of another bldg & Miss D's 6 – 8's. - - Mr T. took me through the H.S and the Memorial
Community House (Baker), then to the Davis's where I visited a half hour. Then Mrs Nie[s?] & her son
picked up Miss D & me & took us to G. where I caught 6:07 for Chic. Home on 9:34
Recd 35⁰⁰ fee
R.R. 2.58; dinner, etc 1.50.

Friday, April 9

Fine day Melting. Still great piles of snow left.
2nd graders (Mrs Cummings) planted two flats of flax seed.
Had Mrs Anderson again to work with the Italian Children.
Had collection of paintings from Library brot up after school for exhib. purposes.
This evening gave a bird and flower talk in the Bungalow Church at Deerfield Audience more
than half children – who behaved very well. Mrs Stryker presided Mr Williams, pastor, brot me back &
forth. Mr & Mrs Jordan, Mr. Harold Vant (operated lantern), Mr Otto (Principal), et. al.

Saturday, April 10

A fine Spring day Snow vanishing.
To Chic on 8:55. Took Donald Bartlett to operate lantern & Herbert Fritsch to assist. Showed
them thru Union Stat., then taxi to Miss Nichols' office. She was not in. – Then to Kimball Bldg, 7th floor

– Chic. Woman's Aid – to give Spring talk to members & children. Well received. Luncheon with them. Then the boys & I went to Art Inst. a while, & then caught 2:15 home

I went to school bld'g where election was on & stayed there until 5:30. Only about 30 votes cast.

Pres – Geo Bliss

Members – Gen'l Wood

Mrs Frances Creigh

This evening to Ev. Univ Club to see some of Norman McClintock's fine reels.

R.R. 2.40 + .72 + .75 + .50.

Sunday, April 11

Fine day but strong chill wind.

Mrs Jordan & Bob of Deerfield took me to sk. cab. patch in Sweeney's woods this A M. Fine display. Found ice below surface mud but sk. cab. had melted 6 or 7 in. hole through it. - - Saw hermit thrush & phoebe.

Mr Leech came for me at 3:00 & we went out to his place to see the woodcock's nuptial performance. About 6:30 we heard one make several flights into the air & coming down give off soft whistles & calls, chuckles, etc. A great performance.

Monday, April 12

Fine day Still cool.

Mr Leech & I hurried up to Sweeney's woods after school and I photographed a fine specimen (twin-stalked) of skunk cabbage. Removed with a spade two inches of soil exposing an ice platform two inches or more thick, the plant standing up in a "well" about 8 inches in drain. Took two photos. Then pried up the ice pavement and photographed it. Great sight

K & I went to reception at Episcop Parish House to new rector Mr Keller.

Tuesday, April 13

Fine day. Mild.

Very busy. Talked two periods on the election – with 8th graders. Two talks with bird slides – 6th's & 8th's. Helped Miss Marks & kg children plant some flats. - - Short plant house talk with some 5's.

At noon photographed the large specimen of sk. cab. brot home last night

Teachers' meeting at 4:00

Took 6:25 for Chic Geog. Soc. lecture by Herbert Bradley on African experiences.

Voted today

R R .80 + Restaur. 30;

Groceries .24;

Wednesday, April 14

Grew colder during day. Strong, cold wind Ice forming on pools.

Transferred flats with beets, onions, & cabbage to hot bed frames.

Bird talk to 4 – 5's this afternoon.

Mrs Colton visited us this afternoon for an hour.

A number of us with seven of upper grade children went out at 6:00 to the low prairie near Mr Leach's house to see & hear the woodcock in his nuptial flight. Great performance. 18 flights in 30 min. Took off into the wind. Stiffened wing feathers beat music out of the air in ascent; zig-zagged down chirping sweetly.

Fine display of northern lights. A Wilson's snipe flew past us twice.

Thursday, April 15

Mild. W. from S.W.

Various visitors – including agent for Ginn & Co.

Developed skunk cabbage negatives and delighted at their success.

This evening went with Mrs Millard & others to the woodcock performance. Many others joined up. Began at 7:00 Lasted 30 minutes. 18 ascents.

This A.M. Mr Nygaard & Mr Wright and I met at Mr W's Lincoln Ave office & audited Mr N's books as treas of L.S. Division. Then we visited the new Ravinia school – partly occupied. Very much pleased with it.

Friday, April 16

Mild pleasant.

We began re-setting tomato plants today. Mr. Leech helped one period

Miss Delzell & I prepared a selected mailing list for Mrs Robt Smith to circularize in behalf of the Esther White memorial painting.

I worked on my notes for a talk to be given Apr. 24 this evening.

Saturday, April 17

Field trip to Fox River

Gray. Chilly.

Was to have met the bus load of Chic Geog. members at Davis St to go on exc. to Fox R. valley under Prof. Grant. - - By mistake took 8:09 which did not stop at E. & went in to Ch. Phoned Larson Bro to send taxi to Glencoe via Dundee Road to intercept bus with message I would be at Barrington by train. Phoned K. to same effect. Later changed my plans & phoned Mrs Erman Smith at Barrington to have messenger notify bus to meet me at Cary. - - - I got there 5 minutes before it did. - - - Fine trip. Lunch in small gravel pit. Visited two pits – near Cary & Algonquin. Home via Des Plaines. At Ev. I took trolley with five woman who wanted to hear the woodcock. Took them to rest room at school for half hour. Then taxi to “woodcock field.” Began at two min. of seven. 23 performances, over at 7:33. We walked back. Ladies very appreciative.

R.R. .33 + 1.20 + .22 + .36; phones .20 + .20 + .10 + .20 + .20

Sunday, April 18

W.W. Lewton. Elsie Sharpe.

Fine day but cold.

Sad news of death yesterday of W.W. Lewton & this A.M. of Elsie Sharpe – infantile paralysis. Elsie was buried this afternoon! Charming girl

Mr. & Mrs Sundell came at 4:30 & took K & me for a trip. To Sweeney's woods & the skunk c. patch via Krenn & D's subdiv. Then to “Woodcock field” Performance began at 7:00 We witnessed 10 flights but came away because of the cold.

The Sundell's ate supper & spent the evening.

Monday, April 19

L.S.Div. Meeting – Oak Park

Fine day though cool.

Went to & from Oak Park with Mr Cunningham in his auto.

General program good. Raymond Robins splendid. Aft. program – one of school b'ld'gs by Prof. Packer not of much value.

Miss Guiney and I were guests of Octavia Blair for lunch in her neat little apartment. Fine time.

Business meeting worth while.

School Board meeting this evening. The new President, Mr Bliss presided ably. Good time
Met Mr Nichols today after his sojourn of several months in the south

Tuesday, April 20

A.J. Scrogin. DeKalb.

Fine day. Mild

Left on 11:56 for Chic. after seeing Mr Leech & Miss White's classes resetting tomato plants. – To Miss Nichols to get some lantern slides. - - Took 5:01 for DeKalb. Met by Mr. Parson as his guest. Talked at M.E. Church before Garden Club. Appreciative audience – but gallery full of children who were restless.

Mr. P. & his daughter, Eleanor & I talked over many things until nearly midnight

R.R .33 + 2.10 + .14; lunch .75

Wednesday, April 21

DeKalb

A fine warm day. Spent it at Normal school, visiting various people. Lunch at Mr. Parson's. - - -
Visited with Mr. Ritzman, Whittaker, Page, Brown, Balthis, et. al.

2:23 for Chic. 4:14 home Went out to woodcock field this evening. Met Miss Grunewald on the way. The Delhayes came out of their homes & watched with us. - - - Bird went up 16 times in 35 minutes.

In the east field another bird was performing also, & south of that another

Check for 10⁰⁰ for services

Barber .75; R.R 2.10 + .33;

Thursday, April 22

Fine warm days. Laid aside "woolens."

Miss Hasse sub-bing for Miss Dalzell (2nd day) who is at a conv. in Milwk.

Went out to "wood lot" on W. Park Ave by R.R. tracks & directed B & S. to dig up some aspens,
etc.

Began distrib. fruit trees, etc. today. Shipment included fine lot of salix capraea

Mr Green & Davis had supper with us this evening. Mrs G. in hospital.

Friday, April 23

Fine. Warm day

Talked with several groups of pupils about planting & pruning. Had the men plant 14 or more salix
c. on slope before terrace; and gooseberry vines in urns, etc. Mr Leech's pupils sprayed some scale-
infested trees

We had a man haul out our ashes at home and spade some of garden

Lettuce and radishes up in my hot bed.

Groceries .59 + .15;

Saturday, April 24

Miss Drummond buried at Lake Forest.

Rain at intervals – continuous after noon

Talked at luncheon of Wild Flower Preserv. Soc at Art Inst at 1:00. My talk was featured & well
received. Not a large crowd. Mrs John OConnor, Corey, Colton, Eaton, Lane, Durand, Miss McCauley,
Dr Strong

Went up to Women's Fair at Furniture Mart afterwards & had a fine time. Met Will Webber &
Mo[o?]t there (Gt. Northern) and they brot a Miss Pilley, (Eng), mt. climber to me & we had a fine visit.

Also fine chat with Dr. Latham and with Prof Childs' assistant, Miss Hendricks

R.R 40 + 40; taxi .80; lunch 1.00; ticket .50.

Sunday, April 25

Gray. Threatening. Cool. Rested A.M.

This evening to Arden Shore to talk on early spring flowers, etc. Fine time. Brot back in auto with some of the staff.

Have been re-reading The House of Seven Gables. Reads very well.

Monday, April 26

Fine day – but cool!

Miss Weinman & her friend visited this A.M. Then we had lunch together at the Green Tea Pot.

Went to city this aft. To N.W. Pass. Ag't's office & to that of Union Pacific to get data about an excursion to Grand Canyon. Then Board meeting of Geog Soc. Home by 8:00.

Miss Heffron in hospital at Rockford awaiting operation for appendicitis. Mrs Anderson subbed today.

R.R. .40 + .40; apple .10; lunch at G.T. \$2²⁵; Pepsodent .50

Tuesday, April 27

Rainy this A.M., clearing before noon.

Worked with Mr Leech's classes a little this A.M. Took Miss Meyer's 4B's on a field trip near school bldg.

Teachers' meeting (a short one) at 4:00.

B & S. dug up some trees in our nursery for me this A.M.

Went down to a geographic dinner (High Noon Club – 12 So Mich.) & from there to Orch. Hall where Wm Mather Lewis gave a very elementary talk on Geo Washington, using very inferior slides. I was astonished at the affair

Last lecture of season. John Dorr Bradley, new Pres. introduced.

R.R. 40 + .40; orangeade .15;

Wednesday, April 28

Gray. Clearing.

Long conf. with Mrs M. & Mrs Creigh over teachers' salaries.

Miss Griffin & another teacher from Country Day with us this aft. and I gave them consid. attention.

This evening to dinner at Moraine given by Mr. Sandwick to heads of schools contrib. to D H-S. Present Baggett, Otto, Wright, Thomas, Miss Watrous, Miss Wilson, & Mr Burwell. Consultation about rating of entering pupils

Barber .30;

Thursday, April 29

Fine warm day

Before school I planted some more radishes & lettuce in my cold frame. Then I planted along the garden border a row of sets (a few sprouting onions) & a row of radishes (Icicle).

Hasty visit to nursery to show a man where he might help himself to some elms, two hard maples & one linden. Had the men plant out 10 sedum, 10 helenium, 10 solidago C., 10 eupatorium ag.

Matheny called to present K.V. slides, etc. – Furnace man, Paper man

Dictated lot of letters.

Meeting with 7 – 8's over standing of pupils.

Went out with Mrs Munro's party – Joneses & Childs, to woodcock party. Only 9 flights – 20 minutes

At school desk until 10:00

Groceries 1.15;

Friday, April 30

Warmest Apr 30 on record for Chic.

Warm. Then at 3:00 a lake breeze set in and chilled the air.

Trip to G.B. site with Miss Cramer & 5's; short field trip with Miss Stine & 4B's.

Distributed more trees today & some beet & cabbage plants

Mrs Spaulding & Mrs Blackwood, Junior High teachers of Chic. spent an hour with me after 4:30.

Mr Hjelte brot in an immature bald eagle this evening. A beauty. I deplore his death.

No, an osprey

Saturday, May 1

Grew very warm today. Remained so.

To Chic on 8:43. Took osprey to Turtle. Brot away mounted specimen – r.w.b.b., & 2 y.b.s.s. Pd \$10⁵⁰, \$3⁵⁰ to be repaid by some child

To Fields to order new refrigerator – 59.75. Fair for toilet paper. Grand Trunk R.R. to secure rates, & to J.G. Boak's ditto. Lunch at C.C. Home by 3:00. At school – watering plants

This evening the Pattees came & took me out to hear the woodcock – 8:22 first. Seven flights

Dist 107 – 7⁰⁰ for stuffed birds.

R R .80; lunch .85; toilet paper 2.00; magaz .60; groceries .80 + .42 + ices etc .40;

Sunday, May 2

Lovely day. Then at 4:30 heavy rain from north & cooler.

Took 7:00 bus for Glenayr where Mr. & Mrs Pattee met me & we had a delightful bird trip in the Forest Preserve there. Myrtle, palm, oven, b & w, black thr. green, Tennessee, - brown thrashers – trilliums in bud – hepat & spr. beauties in great masses – bloodroot, also.

Back via Wilmette in time for church.

Edith & D here today. This evening called on Mrs Geer awhile

Monday, May 3

Clear. Cool! after noon.

Mr Fout and I met this evening and worked over next year's budget.

Ravinia group rehearsed for the Mikado in the aud.

Miss Eleanor Parson wrote to accept 5th grade geog. in our school

Grasshopper sparrow brot in.

Tuesday, May 4

Gray. Cool. Moderating.

Long conf. over teacher situation with Mrs M & Mrs C.

Mr Dudley came this afternoon and we hung his pictures – 22, and he gave our teachers a gallery tour afterwards.

Worked at desk until 10:20.

Ice cream .15;

Wednesday, May 5

Waukesha. Milwaukee

Warm. Bright

Took 5:45 for Milw - & the 7:25 C.M. & St. P. for Waukesha. Visited Miss Amber McCabe in Hadfield School to see her visual educ. work with 1B's. Fine. Then to school near the H-S. & saw Mrs Fedderer use same method in language (5th) & Miss Lawler arith in 3rd

Took 12:25 for Milw. To Normal School & conferred with Mr C.E. Patzer about cand. for music position. Mary Quick seemed the best. Took 5:00 for home

This eve. set out beet plants & some onions. Planted tigridias, gladiolis & nasturtium seeds

R.R 3.64 + 1.42 + 3.80

Self .60 + .60 + .15

Thursday, May 6

Warm. Cooler in afternoon.

Field trip with 4B's to lake shore.

Dorothy Trainor visited us this A.M. & I showed her about.

Mrs Steele asked me to talk before children at The Chic. Women's Aid Soc - Nov. 20.

Mr Conover called. Also - - -

Got off to H.P. Press data about excursions of Chic Geog Soc.

Movie show by 8A's this aft. Showed school films and Gang Com - The Queen of Tots

Some of us went by autos & bus to Forest Preserve - Harm's Woods at 4:15. Wonderful display.

Trilliums just opening. Misses Jones & Foreman & I came to Cent St by auto & N.S. home

Fare .49 + .75 + .32

Friday, May 7

Fine day.

Planted beans before school

Mr Bliss and I went over the school plant this A.M. Mrs M. & I rehung some of the pictures.

Went with a 4B group to Exmoor Ridge.

After school went with Mrs Thomas to pick out some elm trees in our nursery - then to Sweeney's south woods along Half Day Road to look for shrubbery to transplant

Clarence drove in today. He & I went to performance of the Mikado in our aud. this evening, given by Ravinia players for benefit of an aud. fund for their school.

Ice cream .30;

Saturday, May 8

Fine day.

Worked much about the place. Set up compost heap. Spaded for & planted four-o'clock bed. Planted 2 rows of beet plants, 2 of lettuce plants, 3 rows of beet seeds, 2 of helichryssum, etc.

At school set out a clump of shad brot by Mrs Thomas & put to soak bundles of shrubbery rec'd from Naperville. Worked with Mr Fout over school bills.

Clarence drove to Kenosha & back today.

Hardware 5.90; groceries 2.00; barber .30; ice cream 30;

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day.

Fine day but cool.

The Enders & the Danforths arrived in Arthur's machine at 10:00. Stayed until three when they left, taking Mother with them

Clarence S., K, & I went out for a ride at 5:15.
I heard a courageous sermon by Mr Fitt this A M
Developed 7 negatives this evening.
Church 1.00.

Monday, May 10

Clear but chilly. Cool, dry wind.
Clarence left for home this A.M
Miss Boehmer came to sub. in Miss Heffron's place, Mrs Anderson being unable to continue
Children began potting tomato plants.
Mr Butler not back from visit to his Mother at Shelbyville.
I went to Mrs Woods' house on Ravine Ave. to advise her about planting of shrubs
Sent out notices of Mr Dudley's lecture for tomorrow evening.
School Board meeting this evening. Budget passed.
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Tuesday, May 11

Still chilly.
More resetting of tomato plants - - - Janitors planted out viburnum acerifolium, St Johns wort,
aronia, and mulberry
Talked to 6A's about the Yellowstone slides
Went to North School, Wauk, to talk before P.T.A's on Conservation of Wauk Flats Good
audience. Good time.
This evening Mr & Mrs Dudley gave their lecture on Art & Music in our Aud. Good audience.
Reception afterwards in Hall of Pictures
Trolley .76; taxi .50;

Wednesday, May 12

Milder. Delightful day.
Field trip with 4B's to Exmoor Ridge and again in aft. to lake shore
Each of the two 8A's met me at Green Bay Rd site & planted an elm on the parkway.
Spent hour after school pruning trees & shrubs on school ground
At school this evening. Planned garden planting. Visited with Misses Turpin & Wheelock & their
friends, Mr & Mrs Roberts of Glencoe.

Thursday, May 13

Gray. Cool. Then rain at intervals after 4:00.
Used 4 – 5 – 6's today and planted buckwheat, flax, peanuts, wheat, rye, oats, barley, millet, kaffir
corn, milo maize, sudan grass, feterita, broom corn,
Mr Harper and Mr Todd of Wilmette called and I showed them our skylights, louvers, etc
This evening 10 of us went to Mr Alfred Meyers to look over volumes of autographs, etc. from his
collection. Splendid time.
Groceries .47;

Friday, May 14

Chic. to Sawyer
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, May 15 Sawyer
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, May 16 Stevensville
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Monday, May 17
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Tuesday, May 18 Prairie Club.
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Wednesday, May 19
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Thursday, May 20 Normal
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, May 21 Bloomington. Chic. So. Bend
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, May 22 Sawyer
Got an early call – 4:15: Took 5:45 interurban for St Joe. Cold & threatening. There waited for 7:50 So. Shore bus (bot bucket & cups 1.60) & to Sawyer Had phoned Hotel DeCarny & learned that nine Geog Soc. members were there, & I instructed them to start out ahead of me. When I got in after 9:00 I bot supplies & overtook the first div. at the beach. Piloted these over wooded dune & down into sheltered hollow. Then went back & picked up second div. that came on morning bus. All came together at our dinner. Walked along wooded margins of dunes & back to Sawyer. Two of party & I took 5:45 for Chic Left 10 or 12 there, including Mr Tut[ho?]ll (Dogwood full bloom; orchis spect; columbine; apple trees

Sunday, May 23
Threatening – but cleared & turned out fine
Slept all A.M. Tramped out into Skokie north of and around Blodgett
Wild crab about to burst open Great masses of trilliums and phlox.
Met the Jewetts & Miss Florence Mills at edge of town. They took me to schoolhouse where I showed them around & then brot me home

Monday, May 24
Threatening, but cleared nicely.
Miss Dameier still here & a visitor all day
Annual crabapple fete to Des Plaines woods after school. Mrs Millard, hostess. Fine time. All except McManus and Vivian present. Wild crabapples just coming into bloom

Tuesday, May 25
Threatening – but cleared. Pleasantly cool.
Miss Boehmer ill. I subbed twice today.
Conf of 4th grade teachers this evening.

At my desk after supper
At school early to supervise packing of Mr Dudley's paintings – taken by Pasquesi to 6356
Greenwood Ave.
Nearly every room with a bouquet of wild crabapple bloom
Finished watering all of tomato plants with sodium nitrate in solution
Notified Mary Quick of Milwaukee of her election as music teacher
Ice cream .45; barber .30

Wednesday, May 26

Threatening. Cool.
Gave slide (flowers) talk to the 4A's this aft.
Miss White's 6A's gave a fine "show" this afternoon – Princess & the golden thread About a fifty
dollar house.
Conf. with teachers over 7th grade pupils after school.
Spent an hour or more with Mr Cardwell this evening discussing the "merger question."
Shaving soap .25;

Thursday, May 27

Fine day. Chilly.
Went with the two 4A's to Waukegan – bus trip. One group in the morning, other in afternoon –
Saw fish catch this time Miss McMunn in charge.
Misses White & Sands took a 6th grade group to aquarium & Field Museum
At desk until after nine Then long conf. with Mr & Mrs Finkbeiner over the "merger question."
Fish 1.00.

Friday, May 28

Fine day. Cool but warmer than before.
Had Memorial Day exercises this aft. Some children recited. I showed slides
8A's had movies afterwards – Amundsen pictures & Gang Com – Boys will be joys. Receipts 20:81
– exp. 25.00 + .80 etc.
This evening I had a long talk with Paul Gieser over "merger question". Probably got nowhere.
Gave out to 6th graders today some of the extra supply of seeds bot for the school garden

Saturday, May 29

To city on 8:43. Conf with Arthur Wolfe over summer exc. Bausch & Lomb's (Mr. Skelton) to
buy new stereopticon. Sweet, Wallach's for camera plates – 3.14, Fields for sundries & a hat. Vaughans
for nitr. of soda (60¢) Turtle for stuffed specimens – osprey, et. al. 32.50. Lunch .60. Home at 2:30. At
school – gave special dose of sod nitr to all tomato plants. Planted six flats of petunias – Called up Bartolai
& Santi to help plant in pond shipment of water lilies, etc from Dreers which had just arrived Leech &
Cunningham happened around & they helped so that by 7:00 everything was planted & water turned on
R R. .80; groceries

Sunday, May 30

At church this A.M. Attended ex. at foot of flag pole at 12:30 when boy scouts, et. al. raised flag to
top of mast
Slept nearly all afternoon.
Visited very delightfully with Mr & Mrs Geo. Jones this evening.

Fine day. Cool, warmer at evening.
Church .25

Monday, May 31

Warm. Sultry.

Spaded my tomato patch and set out 20 J.B's and one —. Mowed my yard, etc Took all morning

This aft. at school and this evening. Met Virginia Newcomb of L.F. — candidate for position. - - -
Overhauled correspondence files, etc

Very heavy downpour after 2:30 this aft. Lasted off & on for 3 hours.
Ice cream .30; groc. 25 + 30.

Tuesday, June 1

Clear. Bright day. Windy. Northern lights this evening
Eleanor Parson here all day, observing the work and conferring with the teachers. Teachers' meeting after school for fifth graders at which she was present.

Miss Collins called before 12:00 & ate luncheon with Miss Parson & me at Green T.P.
Luncheon 2.25;

Wednesday, June 2

Fine day. Rather cool
Began distributing tomato plants today.
Conf. this evening with Mr Fout and Mr Bliss.
Also — met with Miss Bradley and Miss Turpin to plan completion of the swinging frames for the vestibule of the Presidents.
Moose Lodge gave a picture show in the aud. this evening.
Mrs Daneley & executive comm. of P.T.A. met in my office this A.M.

Thursday, June 3

Fine day. Cool.
Miss Cramer and Miss Turpin took a group of 5B's to Field Museum & Chic Hist Soc
I had field trip with Miss Meyer's 4B's.
Interview with Miss Jane Phillips, with R.R. representative, with YMC.A. school rep.,
Movie — Story of Oil — shown to 7 — 8's this aft.
Photo. of 8A Class.
Distrib. tomato plants.
Went over to Half Day this evening & talked before 8th grade "grad. class". Miss Evenson drove me over & she & Mr Dickson brot me back. Got along fairly well.

Friday, June 4

Fine day. Cool
Misses Fallstad, Sprague & Marks took a group of 5B's to F.M & Chic Hist Soc — today.
I taught one period in 5A. Interview with Miss Wilson & Mr Burwell of the H.S. — Conf — with Mrs Millard & Mrs Creigh over teachers' budget.
Mr Witt & F. Sheahen and two advertising men visited our school to get ideas for adv. purposes

Lady from Deerfield came to get material for talk on Hawthornes. - - Agent for Practical Drawing Books came – Distributed tomato plants – Miss Guiney and I made out confidential reports for her 8th graders for H.S. – Hoed in my garden this P.M. Called on Mrs Greene.

Saturday, June 5

Fine day. Still cool.

To city on 8:43. Carried my lantern over to St Hubert's Grill. Conf with Arthur Wolfe over proposed Geog trip. Home by 12:30

At school until 3:00. Took 5:13 for Chic. to dinner of Round Table group at the Grill. Took my slides and a map for a screen.

Gave a flower talk to a very appreciative audience

Brot home last night a baby snipe some child had brot in. Kittie and I worked with it last evening and today, but it died this evening. Probably intestinal trouble

Rode with Mr & Mrs Skiles as far as Church St.

R R. 40 + 40 + 40 + .40; barber .30; shine .25; groceries .15;

Sunday, June 6

Fine until afternoon Then dashes of rain.

At home until about 4:00 Walked out W. Park Ave. but caught by a shower & rode in in Geo Kirby's machine Two hours or so at schoolhouse

Read King Henry IV – Part One.

Mr Adamson called this A.M to talk over the educ. needs of his son.

Monday, June 7

Uncertain weather. A few splashes of rain.

7A's – Miss Tschirgi's, gave an Ivanhoe play this aft. Well done. \$20.25

Met 6's to work over promotions – after school.

Miss Grunewald and I made out the H.S. confidential report for her pupils this evening.

Agents for an arith – geog project called Also agent for chemicals.

Mrs Page & Miss Hoffman called to arrange about their summer school

Ice cream .30;

Tuesday, June 8

Fine day.

Showed slides to 5's.

Helped this A M. to give 8's facility in use of tests. This aft. they took H – S's Otis Efficiency Tests.

Field trip with group of 4B's.

Teachers' meeting.

Mowed yard and spaded for aster bed along the walk.

Pepsodent .50; root beer .05

Wednesday, June 9

Warmer. A fine summer day.

Miss Grunewald ill. We doubled up our forces

Miss Behrens to the country this A M with her pupils; in the aft. with Miss Miles and her pupils.

Miss Densmore & her pupils went this aft in autos. The former used N.S. bus

Went to garden with Miss Kratsch's & Mrs Cumming's 2A's to plant pumpkins. Miss White's 6's worked in their garden – hoed

Mr. Burwell & Miss Wilson came to register our 8th's for H.S. - - I drew big map on floor in Miss Meyer's room

Met some of 1 – 2 - & 3's after school to OK promotions
Bananas .25;

Thursday, June 10

As yesterday. Gray towards evening

Started Clair Holland and her friend, Miss Vivian, on the census work

Mrs Anderson subbed today for Miss Jones while she and Miss Sands took a group to Field Museum.

Miss McManus' sister & mother holding her room down. Miss McM. went to hospital Monday evening and is secluded from visitors.

Pearl McCord Hill called for an hour today with her daughter Jean.

Conf with Misses Sands, Jones, White & Grunewald this evening over sociology pamphlets.

M. & K spent day out at Mrs Cunningham's.

Ice cream .15;

Friday, June 11

Tremendous rain

Steady rain at daybreak. Heavy fall towards noon and streets underwater at low places. Began at 4:30 with heavy thunderstorm, hail & downpour Intermittent rain still at 10:00 P M

Saw proof of commencement invitations; distributed envelopes;

8B's were to give picnic for 8A's in Sweeney's Woods. Instead gave it at school. Ate in playroom.

Miss Grunewald under weather. Went home at 10:00 for the day.

Leonard Wolcott called to look over school plant.

- Began giving away asters, etc

Saturday, June 12

Quite sultry.

To Chic on 8:43. Conf at Arthur Wolfe's off. with him, Miss Conwell, A.S.R. Smith, Moody of steamship lines, Curly of Canad Nat'l. Subject – the Nova Scotia trip of which Mr A.S.R S. has consented to be leader Itinerary agreed on.

Then to Ecom Drug Co., Vaughan's. Lunch at Art Inst. & view of ex. of school. Home at 1:15-2:20. At school latter part of day & in the evening.

R R .40 + .40; lunch .55; drugs 1.34

barber .90; groc .60 + .15 + 1.20; ice cream .30; misc .05 + .05

Sunday, June 13

Gray & cool this day until 5:00 when thunder storm and very heavy rain set in.

At home until 1:30 when I went to school and had long conf. with Miss Grunewald about her troubles

Slept this aft until after 3:00 Then to school until 7:00.

Wrote Rev. Geo. Smith about family hist, this evening.

Monday, June 14

Flag Day

Rained in the night and rained or drizzled most of the day. We were unable to have the annual parade of the colors, but we all met in the aud. & displayed the flags; the H.S band played, and we showed pictures of eminent Americans. Then we set about our picnic. People ate here & there & we all had a good time. Three good shows repeated filled out the day, & in a lull in the drizzle some ball games were pulled off.

Miss Bradley's pupils gave a fine puppet show. Roethig, the magician, gave two good performances. Our "nonsense movies" were good. A very enjoyable day in spite of the rain.

Miss Sands, Miss Nixon, and I had an arith conf this evening.

Tuesday, June 15

Fine day but cool. A furnace fire seems good.

Decker for Arith called this A M & agent for Pilots at noon. Sent them away with short interview.

Assembly at 9:00 and showing of a very interesting film on dental hygiene – Dr Reusch, our dental examiner – introducing it.

Men let muddy water out of our pool and turned clear water in.

Gave away about all available plants – asters, zinnias – calendulas.

Miss Tschirgi's pupils gave Joan of Arc play to rest of upper graders. – Teachers' meeting at 4:00 – At my desk this P.M. – Miss Palmer's pupils went to dairy.

Wednesday, June 16

Last day of school!

Cool still. Gray at close of day & warmer.

"Honorable mentions" at 9:00. Smooth program. Worked with teachers the rest of the day. Conf of 1 – 2 – 3's at 1:00.

This evening "commencement exercises." Fine address. Then I presented in behalf of a committee (of whom Mrs Robert Smith was chairman) the painting by Mrs Botke – a memorial to Esther White. Mrs Botke took what the committee had raised & called it a deal.

Thursday, June 17

Much work with the teachers today.

Went to H.S. commencement this evening. Fine event. Had delightful reunion with many of the 35 Elm Place pupils in the class. Four of the eight speakers were our pupils.

Friday, June 18

Busy at school all day. Gave some assistance to the Catholic sisters who rehearsed their pupils for their commencement exercises which took place this evening.

Exec. Com. of P.T.A. met in my office during morning. Miss Delzell succeeded in getting bookstore and Elm Place Fund reports ready by seven in the evening. Mr Fout was there by that time and he and I got the bills ready for the Board meeting at 7:45. Present Bliss, Wood, St. P., Millard, Creigh. Among other bills mine for \$164⁰⁰ went through.

Two agents for supplies called. One candidate for music position. Barber 30.

Saturday, June 19

Fine day. Quite cool.

At school most of day Met with Mr Wright for a time and a rep. of Iroquois Book Co – Mr Dekker. At school pruned shrubbery on bank by the pool. Showed Miss Barts and Miss Joheim of Shorewood, Wisc. about – They came especially to see our murals

This evening mowed my yard and hoed the garden
Barber .30; groc. 48 + 15 + .35

Sunday, June 20

Fine day
To church Then afterwards I took electric for Evanst. & had dinner with the Collinses. Mabel Vincent, a guest. Also Miss Shrock. Miss Vincent drove us all to H P. where I showed them my school.
At 8:00 I talked on European experiences at Bethany Church. Showed my slides of the Memorial of the Reformation.
Trolley .36.

Monday, June 21

A fine day – strong wind after noon – dying down at evening.
Went with Mrs Millard and James in their auto to Park Ridge to look over Mr Krehbiel's cartoon – studies for our hall murals. Fine visit and profitable. Delighted with what I saw of the newer Park Ridge.
This aft. went with Mrs Noerenberg, G., Mary & Virginia Grant to Mundelein to see the setting for the great pageant of the Eucharist to be given there on Thursday. Beautiful buildings & setting.
This evening at school office. Looked in the Aud while YW's gave one act of a play.
Ice cream .15; YW's 1⁰⁰

Tuesday, June 22

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Wednesday, June 23

Fine day Cooler.
At school this A.M. Conf. over phone with Mr Bliss & Mr Fout. Called up Mr Metzler at Kenilworth to see if he had any data in his files (specifications). Called on Mrs Beers to have her ask Mr B about this.
To city on 1:12. To cutlery shop on W. Mad. to leave scissors. Walked over into Grant Park to see decorations & to visit the new St Gaudens – The Seated Lincoln. Supper at Gt. Nor. restaurant. Col Winston came to my table for a chat Went to Cohan's The Home Towners this evening. Fine farce
R R .40 + .40 + .07; theatre 2.20, supper 1.35; barber .30

Thursday, June 24

Warmer. Very brief shower at 3:00 (Heavy rain with hail after close of ceremony at Mundelein).
At school all day This evening Mr Ugolini examined the place on the roof where we wish to locate the telescope. - - Mr Allyn of firm of roofers came this aft. to look over the roof which leaks - - - -
Mrs Will Gourley and friends of Lake Forest came this aft. to confer with me over appearing on the Woman's Club program at L.F. in March - - -
Green Bay Road given up to northbound traffic this A M & to the reverse this P.M
Groceries .25 + .30; barber 30

Friday, June 25

Gray. Sultry. Then heavy storm with hail towards evening. Sadly pelted some of the flowers & garden stuff.

At school until 2:00. Then went to Chic. Took our old stereop to Bausch & L. to be made over To cutlery shop to get scissors left to be sharpened To Sweet W for camera supplies. Buck & R for drugs To Oriental theater for a while Supper at Dexters. An hour or more at City Club. Finished Osburn's text on arithmetic difficults. To Garrick to see a clever Eng. revue

Edith & Ruth came this aft

R.R. .80 + .07; scissors 1.40; drugs 1.41; barber .30; camera supplies .75; theatre 2.20;

Saturday, June 26

Beautiful day. Chilly

At school until 10:00. Edith went in at 8:04 to consult a specialist on goiter We (M, K, & R) met her at 12:10. To Art Inst for luncheon. Visited a few galleries. Then climbed on top of a bus & rode to north end of Lincoln Park Then a taxi to the Municipal Pier - - Visited the booths where Catholics displayed ecclesiastical material, etc. Caught N.S. at Grand Ave station. Home at 6:00

Ruth & I at school a while this evening

Barber .30; groceries .89 + .60; R.R. 4.00; Bus .50; taxi 1.60; lunch 2.39;

Sunday, June 27

Fine day. So cool at first that I had to start a furnace fire.

To church. M & K. at home with Edith & R

Edith went home at 2:00. Late, R. & I went up to the schoolhouse for an hour or two. Then we used our stereop. at home, showing some Washington slides

Monday, June 28

Fine summer day Warmer.

At school before eight with tinsmith (Mr Cliffe) to direct removal of metal strips here & there to facilitate search for leaks on the roof.

Then dressed up & went to the Misses Boynton at 211 E. Superior St., Chic, to the wedding of Hildred Densmore & Josef Nash. Present Mr & Mrs Boynton (Miss Burmeister) & daughter, Misses Fallstad & Cramer, Mrs Tennant & Isabel & the twins, Rev. Mr. & Mrs Swaney, the two Misses Boynton, Mrs Densmore, Mrs Nash. Very informal. A fine time. Breakfast at 1:00. - Came away in the auto with the Rev & Mrs. Got off at Fields. Grass seed at Vaughans. Home by 3:30.

At school until 6:15. - - This evening Ruth & I went down to the fine symphony concert at Rav. The Berksons brot us back, entertaining us at the Black Cat.

R.R 40 + 40 + .07 + .20; tickets 2.00

Dist 107 - 1.40 for seed

Barber 30 Ice cream 60

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Ravinia program. - ed.]

Tuesday, June 29

A sultry day with rain in the afternoon and a brief by brisk thunder storm

Worked on reports all day. Went up to Wauk in the aft to consult with Mr Simpson

This evening Ruth and I went with Mrs Millard to the Ravinia opera, Mr & Mrs Peter and Blanche Lettis occupying the box with us. A splendid performance

Dist 107 - R.R. .76;

Groceries 3.50.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Ravinia program of the opera *Romeo and Juliet* by Gounod. - ed.]

Wednesday, June 30

Fine day. Still cool

At school all A.M. Got some of my reports into the mail.

Ruth and I went down on the 2:34 to U. of C. to hear Jose Vasconcellos' address on the contrast between the civiliz. of Mexico & that of U S. Had difficulty in following his delivery. Sat with Miss Baber & had a nice visit. - - - Came down to the loop & went to the Chic. Theatre for a while.

R.R. 1.60; taxi 1.25; supper 1.15; theater 1.20; barber .30; groc. .48;

Thursday, July 1

Pleasantly cool. Then gray. Then rain set in towards evening.

Santi & Bartoli set up a fine compost heap at the edge of the concrete platform.

Worked at school all day & some of the evening

Two supply men called

Ruth spent the afternoon at school, sketching, etc.

Friday, July 2

Raining at daybreak. Cleared at 10:00. Showers again at 10:00 P.M

At school all A M. Mr Allyn of Chic Roof & Supply Co. came out to confer about roof.

Brown's men at work – fixing swinging doors in girls' toilet; partition in m'n'l tr. room & kg. shop

Ruth & I went to Field Museum this aft & got back at 6:40. I worked at school until nearly 10:00.

R R. 1.60; taxi 1.00; carfare .14; barber .30; sundries .10;

Saturday, July 3

Rained a great deal during the day.

At school about all day. This evening wrote on my machine at home. Ruth spent aft. at school with me.

Carp. need another day to finish partition in Kg. playroom.

Groceries .34 + 30 + 20

Barber .30;

Sunday, July 4

Sesquicentennial

A beautiful day after the rains of the past days

To church with Mother Dr McClure preached.

Expected Lennie & Arthur and Edith and Clarence D, but no one came. Phoned both this evening. Roads so full of machines, Arthur did not wish to risk travel.

Read several chapters from Roland Usher's The Rise of the American People
Church .25;

Monday, July 5

Fine, warm day

Ruth & I left for Gary this, A.M. getting there at 11:40. Clarence & Edith took us in their auto to Mich City where we ate lunch We saw Ruth off on the 2:42 Pere Marquette for home Then we came back to Gary by way of Valparaiso, Hobart, et. al. I caught a South Shore train about 5:00 for Chic & so home

Fine displays today of spiderwort, yarrow, fleabane, tephrosia, orange butterflyweed, daisies, red milkweed, et. al.

A street fair by the American Legion on this evening.

R.R. .80 + 1.90 + .95 + .40; ~~lunch~~ supper .65; papers .10;

Tuesday, July 6

Local thunderstorm with slight shower before daybreak. Cleared Fine warm day
At school. - - Mrs Page sounded me as to her establishing a private school here. I did not encourage her, - - .
Marks began work again. Has had his allotted two weeks of vacation.
Set up my camera and special photographic apparatus in the music room
This evening mowed my back yard. Hoed most of the garden. Set out number of petunia plants from my flats at school
Ice cream .30;

Wednesday, July 7

Fine, warm day
Started the men at work in school garden (Bartoli & S). Met Mrs Millard for a conf. at 10:30. Early lunch and to city on 1:34. To Chic. Transp Co. to leave some slides to be repaired. To Fields to return four books and buy two new ones To buy sample, small picture frames
To Bausch & Lomb to buy accessories for microscope. (Personal). - - To Mr Mann's office to consult with him over floor paint, the flashing specifications, & dome for observatory. An hour at Oriental Theatre.
Dist 107 - .90
Finished hoeing garden & mowing yard
Barber .30; condenser accessories 4.05; trolley .80; theatre 50

Thursday, July 8

Very warm and humid
Worked an hour in the school garden this A M, weeding out the newly germinated scarlet maples B & S. hoed corn, dug among nursery stock, etc
At school rest of day.
Ice cream .30; groceries .15

Friday, July 9

Very humid but overcast, and at 6:30 a prodigious downpour. Streets afloat, etc.
Weeded out the (scarlet) (maple) elm seedlings this A M. while the men hoed away in the garden – which has not been dry for weeks!
Gave agent for Hockaday paints an order this A.M Settled with Clare Holland and Norma Bigler for the census and other clerical work - - Met Mr Swanson of the Dow Mfg Co by appointment & had him plan a storage case for the drawing room
At school until 5:00.
Barber .90; ice cream .30;

Saturday, July 10

Cleared. Cool. Fine
To city on 8:40. To Devoe Raynolds to investigate floor paint. To Brentano's to browse about, etc. Home at 1:30. Got on my tramping outfit and scouted up the Skokie from Central Ave to Sweeny's. Smashed through jungles, waded grassy fields, etc Got three quarts or so of juneberries for Mr Von Oven

of Naperville – One fine stalk of *Habenaria leucophaea*. Turk's cap lilies, *lobelia spicata*, anemone. P., *asclepias rubra*, boneset beginning to bloom, paint brush,

Lelia Goddard phoned me of the death of W.H. Claggett this aft., & I went down to call on the Claggett's this evening – 911 Eastwood Ave. Met Mrs C., S.R. & Louise & Josephine's little girl.
R.R. 40 + 40 + 40 + 40; lunch .45; drinks .10;

Sunday, July 11

Beautiful day.

Went down to undertaking parlors at 929 Belmont Ave to the funeral services of Mr. Claggett
Met Beulah Haushalter Claggett, Josephine Claggett Johnson & other members of family – Nell Davidson, Leila Goddard, Ida Strickland & her husband. - - - This was at 10:00. Then I went down to First M.E. Church – The Temple & heard a sermon by Rev. John Thompson My first visit to this beautiful church

At home. Slept about all aft. This evening K. & I took a walk down Ridgewood & Glencoe Aves
R.R. .40 + .10 + 40; church .20

[Pasted to this page is a Lexington newspaper clipping of the obituary for William H. Claggett, “former prominent citizen of Lexington” until 1915 when he was appointed as managing officer of the Illinois Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal and later at state hospitals at Alton, Geneva and Chicago. While at Lexington, Mr. Claggett was president of the board of education of the Lexington schools for twenty-seven years. – ed.]

Monday, July 12

Delightfully cool day

This A.M. I overhauled some baskets of attic materials and burned a quantity. Then spent some time at school. This aft. I worked over the school bills, etc. Tried to find some scarlet maple seed for Mr Von Oven but could find none. Sent him package of amelanchier fruit.

School Board meeting this evening – Wood, St Peter, Fritsch, Bliss, Fout. Interesting conf. over various matters
Groceries .90; barber .30; medicine 1.00 (M.O).

Tuesday, July 13

Fine. Cool.

To Waukegan this A.M. Conf. with Co Supt Simpson, then Mr Hendee, & Mr Pearsall. Also with Mr. Dooley at H.P. Investigating matter of financial relations of Dists 107 & 111 in the transfer of So. half of Sec. 22 to Dist 107.

At school all afternoon John Butler on the job again after his two weeks' vacation

This evening the Sundells took K & me for a long, delightful ride. New experience – through Buffalo Center & Childerley
Dist 107 – Wauk. fare .80

Wednesday, July 14

Another fine day. Mild

At 6:00 or before went with Mr Sundell to Indian Hill & vicinity (auto) to listen to songs of birds Fancied I had heard from the trolley there the call of the western meadowlark. - - - We heard only our own species of m.l., the dickcissel, M Yellowthroat, et. al.

Hoed garden this A.M. & evening. Tied up tomato plants. A few tomatoes nearly walnut size. Hollyhocks began to open July 12.

At school A M., P.M. & this evening. Caller – Miss Margaret Clow of Crystal L., interested in position Worked on census list for our added territory.
Barber .30; chocolate .10; bread .15;

Thursday, July 15

Warm day

Clarence & Jr with Jas Bergen – a music student from Decatur, came in on us at supper time.

Jr & James went to Ravinia Opera for the evening.

I worked at school today.

Friday, July 16

Hot day. Clarence & I drove to Kenosha where he had various conferences with officials of Coopers We were taken to lunch at the Elks Club. Called on Mattie Bottomfield Richards a while at her place of business. Home at 5:00.

Ice cream .60;

Saturday, July 17

Rather warm. Gray at times

Went with men over to G.B. grounds to start them on special work – making a compost heap, setting out tobacco plants, etc

Then Clarence, Jr. & I went to city. To Chic Transp Co to leave some negatives for slides. Fields for collars & books Kaempers for drinking cup for birds, etc Sweet Wallachs for negative envelopes; Toch Bros & Kedmont Mfg Co to look up floor paint – To Field's & Tobey's for Clarence to price Davenport's Lunch in Chic. room at Palmer House. Then C. & I went to ball game – Cubs & Giants [Cubs lost 8-3. –ed.] Fine game - - . Jr went to Ravinia op. this evening with James Bergen
Barber .30; groceries, etc 1.10; R R 2.00; lunch 2.85 + 10; ball park 2.00; Kaempers .35; S.W. .35;

Sunday, July 18

Fine day Cooler.

Junior & I rode out to Glenview and Harms Woods (Forest Preserve) and past Glen Ayr station; then home by Wilmette Country Club, etc Did not go to church

Late this afternoon Mother, Clarence & I had a very pleasant ride about H.P.

Am reading Prof. Lake's Religion of Yesterday & Tomorrow.

Monday, July 19

Very warm day.

Clarence & Jr. left in their auto for Decatur this A M

I mowed the yard.

Finished reading Morrison's Teaching in the Secondary School today & began re-reading it. One of the most searching studies of teaching process I ever read.

At school one hour this A.M. & most of P.M

Ice cream .30; barber .30;

Tuesday, July 20

Very warm

At school much of day.

Winston agent, Mr Schwartz, called with his wife

Curry's crew of painters have been at work since Friday
Ice cream 30; lemons .25;

Wednesday, July 21

Warmest yet. At evening very "close", but cool breeze set in at 8:30 and change was speedy
Conf. with Will Brown this A.M. over house building.
Worked at school most of day. A while this evening.
Mr. Greene took out our two supers – full of honey – and put in an empty An "awful lot" of bees
in the hive
Pd Bldg Loan to Oct 1.
Bottles .25; root beer .05;
Bread .15; ice cream .30;

Thursday, July 22

It rained gently all night Cool and delightful. Cleared by noon
Yesterday while trying to help Mr Greene in putting in an extra super, I was stung on the hand by a
bee. The swollen surface disturbed me in the night and by this aft. my hand & arm were so swollen that I
went to a doctor – Dr Davis in Deerfield. The poison had gotten into my system – I felt "achy" and he had
to give me medicine for that
K. gave my hand & arm frequent dressings with boracic acid solution.
Barber 1.50.

Friday, July 23

Fine summer day.
Hand & arm much better.
Edith & D. came at noon They have been having a two week's vacation - - - Late this aft. we
drove over to Mundelein (were too late to get into the grounds) & back
Ice cream .60;

Saturday, July 24

Fine day. Gray in aft. Shower in evening.
D & I took a "spin" this A.M. – west to river woods, south to Dundee Road & home. Rosin weed
in bloom Saw no bobolinks.
This aft. we all drove over to Mundelein & then to Long Lake. Visited with Mrs Decker & Mrs
Noerenberg. Watched the bathing beach a while.
This evening D & I went to the Alcyon – a wretched performance.
Show 1.00; Groc. 93; barber .30

Sunday, July 25

Gray but at first boding clear. But began to rain at 11:00 – heavily for a time. Showery during
most of aft.
Edith & D. left for home at 8:00
I did not go to church. Read much from Lake's Religion of Y. & Tomorrow.
This aft at school for a while
Walk down to Bobolink golf and back. Then up to John Gallagher's house Little Johnnie
Gallagher, a kg. pupil, died yesterday of bronchial pneumonia. A favorite lad in neighborhood

Monday, July 26

Cool. Delightful.

Weeded the scarlet maple nursery for an hour this A.M. At school most of day.

Will Brown took us three in his auto this afternoon to see some of his houses and we have been giving serious attention to the matter of a new house.

This evening we three went to the concert at Ravinia – a splendid one in every way – Luella Melius [opera singer, born 1892 in Appleton, Wis. – ed.] delighted her large audience greatly. Mr & Mrs Zook brot us home in their auto.

Tuesday, July 27

Fine day. Hazy at close

The “roofers” came today (Chic. Roofing & Supply Co) and I spent much of the morning with them. The tinsmiths worked ahead of them & then followed them up.

I plugged away at various errands at school

This evening went up to interview Mr Anderson (bed-ridden Norwegian) about his lot on Vine & St Johns. On the way back stopped at my office a while
Barber .30;

Wednesday, July 28

Highland Park Day

Started pleasantly. Fine up to 4:00. Very heavy downpour caught most of the crowd. Cleared. Fine evening.

Parade at 10:00 largest & best yet. K & I looked on

Went to ballgame in the aft. Elks vs Highwood. Good game. Score in first of 8th when rain stopped the game 2 – 1 for Elks. I took refuge for a time on Mrs Croke’s porch

This ~~P.M.~~ evening I went down w. Cent & Deerfield avenues to check up house numbers on census list
Ball park .50;

Thursday, July 29

Pleasant. Humid.

Spent considerable time today figuring on possibility of financing a house. Will Brown and I went over the proposed site and I became very enthusiastic over it.

Went down at 4:12 to Oriental Theatre & stayed there until 8:15
R.R. 80; supper .50; theatre .50.

Friday, July 30

Mother’s birthday!!

Gray. Showery

At school much of the day. At 8:00 this A.M. Mr Reichardt, real estate, called to bring a message from old Mr. Anderson about closing the purchase of the “lot.”

This aft. I called on the old man and talked over things completely. I am to pay \$4250⁰⁰. - - - He gave me an Irish blackthorn stick. Had me bring out of a closet 10 or 12 unframed paintings by Hammerstein, a dissipated & impecunious countryman of his whom he had befriended.

At the bank this A M I sold my \$2000 mortgage to the bank for \$1990⁰⁰

William Denzel & wife spent the evening very pleasantly with us.

Aunt Eva sent a birthday letter.

Ice cream .75;

Saturday, July 31

Rain in the night. Overcast. A little sultry.

Spent two hours mowing & trimming up my Vine Ave frontage. Received congratulations of some of our neighbors-to-be. - - - Some one since 5: o'clock last evening stole all the apples on my tree – the Duchess, I believe. Cleaned up and got 12:34 for city & took 2:00 (2:20) boat – C. of St. Joe – for Benton H. Nice trip. Read much from Bowers' Hamilton & J. A fascinating book. Found Lennie's expecting Shell Enders & family. They arrived in auto half hour later – all the way from Long Beach, Calif! 8 days. Shell – wife, Roger – Lee. Pleasant evening. Visited Crooksies.
R.R. .40; taxi .75; boat 1.75; carfare .10;

Sunday, August 1

Showery. Visited all day. Tried to get away on 3:00 bus but after being unable to get into three successive busses, came away on 6:40 Pere Marquette – long delayed arrival in Chic at 11:20.

Fine session with Bowers' book on the way.

Arthur agreed to buy up mortgage for \$1500 held by Kittie.

Monday, August 2

Rained much in the night and light showers during the day. Extraordinarily wet weather

At school much of day. There this evening until 10:00 or later, Mr. Bliss joining me there for a conference.

Tuesday, August 3

Warm day.

At 8:30 – Mr Watkins called to urge use of class rooms for religious education.

Spent two hours or so afterwards mowing and trimming at my corner lot.

At school this aft.

This evening prepared typewritten list of people in newly annexed part of Dist 107. This for Mr Dooley.

Ice cream .30;

Wednesday, August 4

Very warm – oppressive because of humidity.

Worked much of the morning at my "lot". Trimmed much of the St. Johns parkway & trimmed my apple tree thoroughly. Back at four in the aft; chiseled cut surfaces smooth and shellaced them. Expected mowing machine to come but an accident prevented.

Mr Hec[k?]man, manual arts teacher of 20 yr. experience in normal schools, etc. – called. Bro-in-law of Lewis Linstrom. Knew Katherine Shepherd at Bellingham

Mrs Weston called Wishes to have piano classes (Melody way) at our school this fall.

Junior came in at 6:30 for a while. On way to Ravinia where he was to meet friends

Barber .90; ice cream .30; groc .36

Thursday, August 5

Some rain at first. Clearing. Then in the aft. cooling breezes.

This day Mr Reichardt went with me to call upon old Mr Oscar C. Anderson in his room, and I paid over to him in two checks \$4250 less \$16⁰⁰ rebate on taxes to be paid next spring. I received abstract and deed. Turned the latter over to Mr Reichardt for him to secure a guaranty deed for me

At my lot at 4:30 where I supervised the mowing of the lot by one of Mr. Menoni's men. Then Mr Bartoli came and trimmed my swamp white oak. Alas, found the centre stem dead above the big side branches because it had been slowly smothered by wire cable long ago bound tightly about it - - - Junior here for supper & we saw wonderful performance of Lohengrin afterwards Ticket 1.00; trolley .16

Friday, August 6

Cooler today although we had expected excessive heat.

This A M went to C.N.S & M office at Highwood to consult the auditor about a bill.

Worked at school until noon. This aft dug up and laid out to dry our madonna lilies; planted bocconia, hollyhock and canterbury bell seed – hoed the garden & mowed the yard

Planting scheme:

Canterbury bells;

West to east – two rows of blue, white & rose.

Hollyhock:

Two outer rows double.

“ inner “ single.

Two rows of bocconia

Fitted up my kodak & took six “shots” at the Rohr house (W.J. Brown's). At office a while this evening

Bread .15; ice cream .30; film .45; root beer .10; groc. 4.50 (peaches)

Saturday, August 7

Fine day. Cool breezes

Butler, Bartoli, Santi, & I spent A.M. in garden. The men cut flax, oats, rye, wheat, barley & took to Elm Place. Spaded some beds, hoed, etc; trimmed grass. I weeded scarlet maple seedlings (still about 100) & elm “ [seedlings – ed.], several thousand!

Miss Jewett came to give M & K a ride, but first they picked me up & we went up to inspect our “lot”, then to look at the Rohr lot, then we went thru Roland Bleimehl's house & were especially pleased with the latter. - - I went home, ate my lunch & had a nap. Then to school a while; then to pub. libr. to look over plans of houses.

At home this evening.

Ice cream .30;

Sunday, August 8

Fine day. Cool

To church – all of us – A Rev. Mr Taylor preached – wordy, ineffective – a bore

Slept this aft. Then long walk nearly to Ravinia & up & down side streets, looking at houses.

M & K went to hear Mr Finkbeiner this evening & Mr & Mrs F. came in after the sermon a while Reading Becker's The Dec. of Independence

Church .25

Monday, August 9

Fine day. Gray at first. A little sultry at evening.

Carlson, representing Nat'l Slate Co. began work of resurfacing blackboards in three rooms.

I planted canterbury bell seeds, hollyhock seeds, & bocconia seeds in Green Bay garden. N to S – canterbury bell seed – blue, white, rose. Hollyhock N to S – ~~single~~ double, single.

Most of day at my office. Hayes, rep. Rand McNally, called. Will Brown and I had long conf. about planning a colonial type of house.
Charge Dist 107 - .40 for stamps
Stamps 1.60.
Groceries, etc .45 + .50; barber .30

Tuesday, August 10

Gray. Mild.
At school all day. - - Packed up Nature Study Note Books to be shipped to Ithaca for exchange
Interview with Brown over plans for a house
Stella Flint, experienced teacher from St. Paul (home at Menominee) called to confer about a vacancy
I had a bonfire of discarded pressed specimens, etc. this evening.
Worked over our school scrap album
Ice cream 30; bread .15;

Wednesday, August 11

Fine summer day.
I burned rubbish and weeds, etc., on my new lot this A.M. & returned at 5:00 P.M. to finish the job.
At school this aft. & evening. Visited at Mr Bliss' from 9:00 to 10:45, conferring over school matters
Callers today: Clarke Wright who has been enjoying a fine vacation in north woods with his family;
Rev Mr Wheeler of Deerfield who has a friend whose daughter wants a job; etc.
Root beer .15; barber .30;

Thursday, August 12

To Warren

Busy day. After dinner K & I went to Mr Rice's office to look over tentative plans for our house
I got ready to go to Apple River to look up the status of Miss McManus' health Left on 3:12 & caught the 5:00 (4:00) I.C.R.R for Warren Ate supper on the diner Reached Warren at 8:30. Went to Warren Hotel. Warm but I finally got to sleep & slept well
Barber .30; R.R. .40; 4.95; diner 1.80

Friday, August 13

Apple River, Rockford

Sultry. Wandered about Warren for a while this A M, then took a taxi (Mr Clock) for Apple River Found Mrs McManus at her own home & she and I went to another part of the town where Mr & Mrs Mullen live Lois McManus was there Convalescing very slowly. Sitting up only a little at a time I told her to take time off until Feb 1. Seemed to be willing to do something like that. After dinner there I took 1:08 for Rockford. - - Taxi to the Heffron House & found that Miss H was in City Hospital! Went there to learn that she had been operated on for varicose veins. Looks well & will be out soon. Met her mother & sister Ethel, Mrs Johnson - - - Then to the Grunewald House where I had supper. Fine time Took 7:25 for Chic.
Taxi 1.25; R.R. 1.59; taxi 1.50; do .80; do 1.00; R.R. 3.36; taxi .80
R.R 40

Saturday, August 14

Cool. Mild. Threatening. Rained briskly towards morning.

Visited Santi at work in G.B. garden – not too wet to spade up stubble - - At school until time to take 9:42 for Chic – To Fields to buy shoes. – Econ Drugstore to buy razor blades, etc Amer Seating Co. to inquire of Mr Puls where to get rose briar for carving; to city office of C & NW. to look up data about Superior Nat'l Forest. Luncheon at Arcade & chat with Annis & Mrs Jewett Home at 2:30. Voted in city bond election. Then to school until nearly six. There after supper until 11:00.
Barber .30; groc .75; R R 40 + 40; lunch .52; razor blades .59; books 1.48; sundries .68;

Sunday, August 15

Fine summer day tho gray at times.

Edith & D. came in their machine at 9:00. I persuaded them to drop me off at Blodgett & pick me up an hour or so later at the Skokie bridge west of highwood. This made it possible to patrol the Skokie woods & meadows for nearly two miles. Fine displays in the Sheahen strip; wonderful display of liatris, silphium t., & veronica in meadow just west of Exmoor. - - N. of Half-Day road, in Sweeney woods, found pods forming on asclep. rubra & a monarch larva feeding on leaves of asc. exaltata

Mother went back with E & D. at 1:30. Took the two birds along, etc - - Slept much of aft. Then to school where I worked over specimens a while. - - Pattees came to call & they took K & me out where I showed them the liatris meadow, etc. – They ate supper with us.

Monday, August 16

Heavy showers at times this aft. Sultry. Humid.

At school first – then to city at 10:12. To C & N.W. & to Arthur Wolfe at 110 So. Dearborn to engage transportation for trip to Superior Nat'l Forest - - To Iroquois Book Co to get copies of their arith. - - City Club for lunch. Home at 3:30. K. & I then went to Mr Rice's office to see plans of proposed house. - - I worked at school after this - - but K. called me up to tell that Julia Lowe Brengle & Fred were here. They dropped off on way back from Milwaukee. Fine visit of an hour. - - This evening K & I went down to hear La Vida Breve – fine music, colorful, etc. (Met Fay & her husb. there)
R.R. .40 + .40; ticket 31.85; barber .30; ice cream .30; grand opera 7.00; trolley .42;

Tuesday, August 17

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Wednesday, August 18

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Generally, Mr. Smith did not record entries in his diary when he traveled away from Highland Park. However, he kept notes of some travels and recorded the entries onto 4¼" x 7¼" sheets of blank paper. Holes punched in the left margin of these sheets indicate that they were once contained in a loose-leaf notebook. The August 18 travel entry is transcribed as follows [brackets within the notes are Mr. Smith's]; - ed.]

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Aug 18

Canoe trip

Breakfast just beyond Chippewa Falls 1.10. Chilly. Rain drenched country. Ran thru thunderstorm late in night.

[Yesterday: Mowed yard. At school until noon. Then again in aft. Got two blueprints of house plan. - - Arranged Aug. bills in one folder and orders for supplies in another. Petunias – microscope material – Indian relics – chalk & books boxed for shipping – Santi's work on compost heap-] [Left on 7:32

C & N W. for Chic. Saw June Netscher on train to Chic where aunt met her. – To City Club to pick up my tickets left me by Arthur Wolfe. .50 To Oriental Theatre .60; milk of magnesia .35. – Left at 10:30-11:30.]

Birches – oaks – tamarack – pines. Cranberry bog with ditches before reaching Spooner. East Superior, Superior, then Duluth at 1:00. Gray. Cold. No vest! Used paper Taxi to Holland Hotel .40 Room 4⁰⁶. Porter .25 – Lunch .70;

Took a sightseeing Northland bus at 2:00 for a two hours boulevard drive. Very interesting. Great escarpment looking over the lake is terraced up & one zigzags from one level to another until there is a veritable airplane view of city, harbor & great sweep of lake. Fine homes. Displays of flowers – phlox, lobelia. Guide said there are 92 millionaires in Duluth. - - The eight miles long bar shutting in the bay. The opening for the freighters to pass out. The rough sea outside the tranquil harbor - - The great loading docks The industrial city of Morgan Park.

After I got back to the hotel I set out to find a bookstore. Almost failed. Directory names two. One a news stand with paper novels and filthy “monthlies.” Another a second-hand store poorly fitted out. - - This for Duluth!!

Wrote Mother, Mr Bliss, McManus, Dorsch, Stine, Meyers, Marks, Vivian, Kerr, Stewart, Wheelock, Kirkland

Dinner 1.25; theatre .50; ink .15; Heroes and Hero worship 1.00; magazine .15.

The Urban-Kineto film on soap bubbles – splendid.

Thursday, August 19

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 19 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Thursday, Aug 19, 1926

Cold. Threatening

Checked out of the Holland 2.00; breakfast .85 Bo't bus ticket for Ely, 1.85 + 1.75. Left at 9:30. Soon rode into a heavy rainstorm which continued an hour or more. Went thru Eveleth, Virginia, Tower. At Ely at 2:00. Went to Veranth Hotel. Clean. Saw panorama of the open pit mines as we went thru Virginia Found Ely a clean mining town – shaft & pit both, I believe – otherwise uninteresting

Wrote some notes for an article on school room architecture. Supper at American Lunch Then went over to the Wilderness Outfitters and struck up acquaintance with a Mr Clock of Chicago and guide, Ernie, and arranged for a four days canoe trip. - - Back to the hotel and wrote Luther, McMunn, Parson, Dameier, Turpin, Palmer, Fallstad, Foreman, Cramer, and Ruth-Anne.

Saw waxwings here today.

Suppose I saw three species of pines today. Lots of fir & spruce

Mountain ash flourishes here & in Duluth. Prevailing shrub – alder Birch abundant.

Friday, August 20

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 20 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Aug 20.

Corylus rostrata

Lycopodium

Clintonia borealis

Linnaea borealis

Cornus C.; stol; circin.

Aster

Chamaedaphne

Cassandra calyculata

Betula glandulosa

Raining at daybreak & rained more or less all morning. In spite of this we got ready to go – Mr Klock & Ernie & I. I wired Edith my address .90 Barber .50; moccasins 1.50; toilet articles .20. - - Parson, & Witten called in at the Wilderness Co's office & left their regards (They saw my name on the register), but had to go on before I returned. Bot groceries at Millers. Ford truck picked us and our canoe up and set us down miles away at White iron Rapids. Down the river to Farm L. – then into north Kash-kawishiwi R. – In camp at 2:00 on portage to Clear Water Lake

Ranger had "facilities" here – stone fireplace, garbage hole, etc. Mosquitoes lively. Rich woods Mr K and I slept in the tent, E under poncho in woods. Early morning awakened, mosquitoes with whom one contested rather futilely.

Both maples here –

Acer pennsylvanicum

“ spicatum.

Also amelanchier – is it oblongifolia?

Fine displays of bunch berries – of the deep blue berry of Cintonia –

At noon today we had to fire up in mild rain & seek shelter under boards or old doors from abandoned stable

Two beautiful specimens of ground pine

Probably

Lycopodium obsc. v. dendroideum

“ complanatum

Saturday, August 21

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 21 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Aug. 21

Pushed on into gray weather at 9:10 but the day cleared at noon and we had a wonderful sunset.

We were following the Kawishiwi – Isabella route. Crossed several portages – one about a half mile long, a hard pull at the pack sack. Went into camp at noon near fork of No. & So. Kawishiwi. Spread blankets, etc. out to dry for awhile. Lunch. Then stored our stuff and rowed an hour's dist to Fernburg Ranger Station. Landing there, the assistant went with us a mile thru the woods, up the hill considerable of way to lookout station which was a cabin on top of a ninety foot structure. E & the ass't went up while K & I gathered half gal. of huckleberries. Great view out over wilderness watercourses & lakes. Hill is 1865 feet in elev. Lakes on av. 500 ft. lower - - Botanized in boggy places in woods on way back – got drosera, chiogenes, cranberry, kinnikinnik, - - - On way home we took off the line I trailed in the water two pikes weighing about 4 lb. each. We hooked three or four pickerel but threw them away. - - Had fish for supper. Wonderful, speechless sunset. Afterwards, but a little too late, E took me for canoe trip when I took lessons in paddling. We visited some bays fringed by tall sedges & grasses to try to encounter some big game. No success but we startled a young beaver in mid stream who dived down and came up to his great alarm about ten feet from the bow. Another deep dive and he miscalculated again and came up quite close to us on our left & then made off more than precipitately.

Huckleberries with bread & butter was a delight but huckleberries mixed in the batter and coming on the breakfast plate as an ingredient of flapjacks is also a delight - - made one think of strawberry shortcake

Sunday, August 22

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Mr. Smith may have been confused about the dates. The entry which followed the August 21 entry was headed “Aug. 23,” but appears to be for August 22 and is therefore recorded at this date. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Aug. 23.

Lingered awhile to watch the progress of a thunderstorm off to the n.w., then set out once more. Up stream and three or four portages and one rapid we pulled up safely. Then about noon we came to a portage at the mouth of a rather wild gorge. We scouted around in the woods for a while. Then K & I waited on the shore of an inlet & examined fresh work of a beaver. Indeed we saw him across the inlet working over birch & “popple” material recently cut. Alas, my glasses were back in the canoe

We found several amelacher in fruit, lots of pin cherry & of chokecherry. We went back to the canoe & pulled over past the mouth of the gorge & ate lunch in a niche in the woods. Cooked a 6 or so pounder pike hooked on our trawl line as we rowed along. Then K & I shouldered the baggage, climbed up a steep slope to an old roadway & went around to a bridge across the gorge. Here E. joined us with the empty canoe, & shouldering it let the way across the bridge & out to the upper end of the gorge & above the dam set up there. So we went on our way. It was a hot afternoon – At length we reached Gab[r?]o point & put up for the night. Here up from the shore is the cabin of a “government trapper.” He was away, but we went thru the cabin & commented favorably upon his housekeeping.

Another marvellous sunset - & the moon rose across from us and shone down full upon us when we got into our beds spread out on the rocky platform by the water’s edge. Cool in the night & mosquitoes inactive, tho we had a netting framework over heads & shoulders

Found carpets of *Arctostaphylos* u. on rocks

Vitis-Idaea var *minus*, rock cranberry, the little trailing vine found with cranberry-like berries yesterday on the way to Fernberg Lookout.

Corydalis sempervirens

Pale corydalis.

P. resinosa – Reddish, rather smooth and scarred bark Dome shaped head Open foliage. Small cones.

Monday, August 23

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 23 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Aug 24 23, 1926

Got up very late. A warm day at first – but cool breezes Loafed all A.M. After noon canoed a ways, landed and tramped thru woods Flushed sage hen. Bear tracks, deer, porcupine. – Three species of lycopodium, - - Rowed around an hour trawling. Broke home fine pike. Visited unoccupied cabin across river

Blew up cooler. Threatening. Ernie went into the cabin at Gabro (Redpine Point) to sleep but K & I made up our beds again on rock shelf by the water Turned out that there was no rain in the night.

Tuesday, August 24

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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

Aug 24, 1926.

Broke camp at nine and set off, - fine trip punctuated by several portages. Examined one deserted cabin on the way Noon lunch near one of these. Fine aft. ride brot us at 3:00 to bridge across So Kawishiki near Half Way Ranger Station Phoned to Ely for auto truck and after hour or more were picked up & whisked into Ely – 13 miles

Found letter from M at Evranth Hotel. No room for me there, so went to furnished room “on the hill.” Clean, tiny, good bathroom

After dinner K., E. & I went to see Men of Steel, (Milton Sills). Extremely crude plot. Fine photography.

Barber .50; ice cream .75; supper .50; Room 1.50;

Total expense of 5 day trip – food, transportation, guide, etc. 50⁰⁰

Woodbine, bush juniper, Myrica.

Myrica asplenifolia

Wednesday, August 25

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Once again, Mr. Smith was confused about the date. He recorded “Wednesday, Aug 24,” but Wednesday was the 25th of August. The entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Wednesday, Aug 24

Loafted this A.M Visited with Mr. Klock

Breakfast .45

Lunch at Amer. Lunch. 50

Tailor pressed my coat .25

Wired Mother. 90.

Left on 1:35, D & I.R, for Duluth. Very interesting ride, tho quite dusty at times. Breath of cool, clean air when we came into Two Harbors – the big lake, the ore docks, coal docks, neat R.R. station with outdoor museum consisting of first locomotive on the line, wagons, stage, etc. Here we saw the two year old that was knocked over by engine of ore train not far from T.H. yest. and fell under moving cars uninjured until 47 had passed over!! The two ranges – Vermilion & Mesabi.

Duluth at 5:45. To Holland House .50 + .25

Porter on train .25

At Holland House met Catherine Sullivan who was traveling with some woman, probably a patient.

Thursday, August 26

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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

Thursday, Aug 26.

Left Holland Hotel for Port Arthur at 9:00 A.M. Hotel 1.75; breakfast .80; supper 1.25; Bus, round trip 12.00.

A fine long ride to Port Arthur – 6:15 P.M! Fine day. Breeze. Sat on back seat with a Mr & Mrs Magie & two little daughters of Winnetka Mr. M, a hay fever case, & they were on their way to North Star Camp.

The road is near the lake much of the way and reveals great sweep of water, bold & rugged cliff walls & headlands, alternating with open bays with here & there small rocky islands

I thought it as picturesque as the North Devonshire Coast I saw from the water last year - - - Visited with an “incinerator man,” a young workman native of these parts, one McGuire, now employed in Chic, who was on his way to join wife & child in a vacation near Grand Marais. - - - Burnt land alternated with grown-over cut land, stretches of the latter being very inviting. - - Two different places saw bear cubs chained as pets - -

Beyond Grand Marais saw much red-berried elder along road – had seen none up to this time. Bus let the Winnetka people off a little after noon at a place that looked sunburned and uninviting.

While still six or seven miles from Grand Marais we met the west bound bus & three or four other machines where an accident had just occurred. A Hudson with five passengers had struck gravel at the road edge, run off, & turned upside down. The people had been taken out before we got there and an auto hurried on to G.M. for a doctor. The wreck was complete and the victims “a sight.” Elderly man & wife, their daughter and two children, the daughter a ghastly sight, smeared with blood & dripping at various surface cuts. Wonder that no one was killed, or how they got out from under the jagged glass – I helped the victims into our bus, furnished clean handkerchief to woman worst hurt, etc. We went on into G.M. to Doctor’s house where we unloaded our patients & left them with Doctor & Nurse. Then on to restaurant for dinner. At 3:00 we arrived at Internat’l Boundary at Pigeon River where I registered at American Customs & then went to Canad. Customs where I declared myself & had baggage examined.

We had crossed a number of picturesque streams down in rugged glens, and now we had glimpses of the broader one known as Pigeon R. It was flowing along in a valley dominated by great shaggy ridges with sheer escarpments, probably the Laurentian Highlands

Few passengers left by the time we reached Fort William & there all got out but me Impressive sight – the great elevators, etc., there and at Port Arthur. A great many shabby structures characteristic of frontier towns but newer & attractive buildings dominating.

Went to Mariaggi Hotel. Old fashioned, but given a nice room. Supper at a Chinese restaurant .75. Motion picture show – Peter the Great – childish - 30¢.

Friday, August 27

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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

Friday, Aug 27, 1926

A quiet day at Port Arthur. Visited kiosk where bureau of information is established. Took walks & street car rides. Drowsed at the hotel. Wrote up notes & memoranda Went over to Fort William and had lunch & went to the (unimportant) movies there

Breakfast .50; lunch 50; supper .50; carfare .39; movie .30;

Hotel 5.00

“Does Heaven speak? The seasons four revolve and all things multiply. Does Heaven speak?”

“To know mankind is wisdom.”

Confucius 551 B.C –

“I wish to do to you even as I would be done by.”

“Sh[u?]”

Saturday, August 28

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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

Saturday, Aug 28

Left at 8:00 (Central Time) on bus for Duluth. Enjoyable ride on the whole. Lunch at Grand Marais where I ate day before yesterday. Inquired about the people injured in the auto accident and learned that they were still at the Doctor's house. Our chauffeur said the old lady had lost her sight. I think this a mistake but fear that the younger woman has lost the sight of one eye! This chauffeur was first on the scene and cut away the door with an axe to release them!

A Duluth lawyer got on the bus there and sat by me all the way in. Interesting man. Opinionated. Quite wrong on some botanical matters but had some information of value

In at 5:15. Barber 1.00 (Holland Hotel – Room 505) To station & secured reserv. (Lower – 4⁵⁰) for tomorrow evening, cancelling one previously made for Monday evening. Supper 1.25. Went to the Orpheum to hear a rather fine stock company in "Common Clay."

During intermission thought up episodes for a sesqui pageant drama

Children at play.

At school

A church scene

Troops mustering for the army.

Street gossip about Jefferson – Hamilton, Franklin.

Some one reads a letter from Gen'l W.

Scenes in Congress

Sunday, August 29

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Monday, August 30

Home from Duluth

Reached Chic at 9:10 A.M. Breakf 1.25; porter .75. Phone .20
Checks .20; carfare .28;

To Silver B & Co & to Rand McN. to confer about books; Brentano's; Lunch at N.W. .65. Took 1.05 for home. ³³ - - - Folks suffering from cold – "grippe"? - - - Looked over basket of mail.

Got ice cream for supper. Afterwards went to inspect G.B. garden, then to school. Edgar E. came while I was there & we visited awhile, & then he brot me home in his machine

Tuesday, August 31

At school all day.

Conf. with Mrs Owen about her two boys entering late; with Mrs Mack whose child is to enter 1st grade, and Mrs Kuh who formerly taught at Francis Parker; with Decker representing arithmetics; Curry over certain painting jobs; Brown about setting up case in drawing room;

Mr Brown & K & M. & I had conf this aft over certain changes in spec. for our proposed house.

Edgar Eisenstadt and I worked over problem of photographing pollen & took four negatives. I developed them this evening

Ice cream .30; groc. 35;

Wednesday, September 1

Drizzle for a while early. Overcast. Sultry. Regular August weather
New Secretary, Mrs Bowen, began work this A.M. and I worked with her much of the day. - - - Will
Brown's men began setting in place the new cabinet for Miss Bradley's room - - Mrs Greene & Elizabeth
used our tables in drawing room for cutting out garments. E. is having strange affection of her knee joints –
seems deficiency in synovial fluid

This evening I wrote in reply to Harvey Lowe's letter recently sent from Muskogee. He is to be
located in Chic soon and wants home for his family.

Paid Mrs Clow the Sept. rent. They have contracted the sale of this house to an Italian
Ice cream 30; bayrum .65.

Thursday, September 2

Somewhat sultry.

Conf. with Mrs Millard this A.M. - - Brown & I went over to make measurements on our site - - This aft
conf. with S[hira?]z, organizer of Izaak Walton Clubs - - To funeral of Mr Beers - - Spent some time with
Mary Quick & her sister who came to arrange for a room for Mary. - - Took them over to meet Mrs
Greene - - Talked over phone with Mrs Renning about rooms. –

This evening conferred with Koller about skimming sod off my grounds To Library Board
meeting – Eitel, Rubin, Beardsley, absent
Ice cream .30;

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of Herbert Page Beers. Mr. Beers was 52 years
old at the time of his death. He studied architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and began
his career in the office of Daniel Burnham. Mr. Beers came to Highland Park in 1919 and was the architect
of the Elm Place Intermediate School and auditorium, as well as the Deerfield-Shields High School
auditorium. – ed.]

Friday, September 3

Gray. Humid Rain set in during evening. Heavy downpour

One of Borchardt's men began scraping sod off my grounds & piling it up Brown staked off my
house. His men set up working shed, etc.

I went to see Mr Anderson to see whether his wife died intestate or left a possible lien on the
property. His answer was reassuring but I called on his stepson, Mr. Riddle, this evening on same errand.
He referred me to Mr Wellbeloved at Winnetka - - Found that our proposed house is 2 ft too wide to
comply with bld'g ordinance - - - Mr Fout and I planned a bookkeeping scheme for our bookstore, etc.
Ice cream .30; Groc. .46;

Saturday, September 4

Drippy. Showers at time. Sticky

Borchardt's man finished ripping off sod for me and began excavating. - - - I had 12 2x4's – 9',
sent there to use in barricades, etc. - -

Worked at school all day & until 10: this evening Misses Foreman & Dorsch came & scouted
around looking up apartments
Groceries & hardware .68; ice cream .30; barber .30;

Sunday, September 5

More rain today – heavy downpour in aft. Finally cool wind set in late in evening.

To church. Fine short sermon by Dr McClure

Slept this aft. Then two hours at my desk at school. Wrote letter to Chas Goddard

Monday, September 6 Labor Day

Cleared at last & sun shone this aft.

Mr Bartoli worked most of day on my lot, building frames about the elms on the parkway, taking out some superfluous shrubbery, etc

Teachers all came in except Miss Bradley for our first conf – at 1:30. Had a fine time.

Worked in my office until 10:00 this P.M

Ice cream .15;

Tuesday, September 7 First Day of School!

Bright. Sunny. Warm

A busy day. Moved off well apparently. This aft. had no school. Fine teachers' meeting instead.

Excav. on our site continued

Worked at school until 9:40 this evening

Miss Bradley came on today

Two live oven birds today. Mr L. banded them and a robin brot in helpless because of his feet gummed with tar. Benzine released him.

Wednesday, September 8

Rained again this evening.

Miss White ill and Miss Bradley and I substituted for her

Big bookstore rush went off well, Miss Turpin helping Mrs Bowen.

Conf. with Brown over my house plans and their conflict with the building ordinance

At desk this evening.

Bread .15;

Ice cream 75; barber .30.

Thursday, September 9

Cleared. Fine day. Cool

Miss White still at home ill. Mrs McNutt helped much of day. I had one period this A M. and all afternoon

“The digger” began on my excavation this afternoon and made great headway - - - I went down to consult Mr. Creigh, chairman of Board of Appeal, this evening about the provision in the b'ld'g ordinances delaying approval of my plans. - -

Miss Jane Phillips called again to see me

Friday, September 10

Decidedly cool in night Made one think of frost Beautiful day today

Taught every period but first in Miss White's room

Harry Wilson visited a while this A M

Mr Morris told me that after a conf with Mr Creigh he would venture to issue a building permit.

Went to the coming out party of Marion & Emily Smith this aft. Fine time. Met there to my great pleasure Elizabeth Tuttle & Marjorie Grote.

Worked on school board bills this evening

Bread .15; barber .30.

Saturday, September 11

Fine day. Gray towards evening

To city this A M To Chic. Transp Co. to confer with Mr McCloud about flower negatives. To Chic Pub. Library to look up pictures of colonial houses. To Brentanos to buy architectural magazines – 3¹⁰; Economy Drug Co. 1.20 Lunch .65. Home at 2:00. Worked on my new place until 6:00. Mowed the yard here after supper
Groceries .76 +
Barber .30; ice cream 30;

Sunday, September 12

Rained much of the morning. Blew up clear.

Slept most of A M After dinner went to Chic. Spent an hour or so at Art Inst. Then walked down Jackson Park to 8th. Street car to Adams & Wab – Electric to Hubbard Woods. I walked for the next hour or two up & down streets there and in Glencoe – looking over types of colonial houses Home at 7:00
Trolley .80 + .07; paper .05

Monday, September 13

Beautiful day.

Got bills ready for Board meeting. Mr Fout came out and instructed Mrs B and me how to make out a cash book for the book store.

Board meeting this evening. All but Mr B. present.

Brown and I visited the site together and arranged about extending excavation under the “library.”

Miss Heffron back & in good spirits. Miss White ditto.

Tuesday, September 14

Mild this A M – then copious showers (some thunder) this afternoon

Visitors: Koontz of Denoyer, G & Co who displayed his maps; Miss Burnton who wishes to be violin teacher; Miss Johnson who desires sub. work

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Worked at school until 9:30.

Mrs Craig and Mrs Hagensick called this evening

Mrs Berkson asked for six or seven loads of dirt today. Granted

Barber .30; groc. 30;

Wednesday, September 15

Heavy rain & thunder storm in night. Occasional showers for a while after daybreak

I went with “Tommy” one of Bahr's men, to my new site & arranged to have him take up sod & make compost heap, etc.

Conf. today with Mrs Millard

Taught arith in 6A.

Teacher conferences after school. At desk this evening

Thursday, September 16

Pet Show. F.F. & V. Show

Gray but no rain!

Big exhibit of flowers, & vegetables with some fruit Mrs Danley & others helped to get it together and judge it. Mr Francis passed upon the vegetables

The pet show was from 1:00 to 2:30. Great success More system in it than in previous shows, thanks to Miss Turpin

This evening after working at school until 9:00 I went to the John Sheahen & spent an hour there, the last night before the funeral.

Friday, September 17

Warm. Sultry.

Spent much time supervising the visit of various groups to study the f.f. & v. exhibit. Then saw that things were sent home by the exhibitor.

Gave a 30 minute talk to 7 – 8's on Constitution Day.

Went to Dorothy Reay's coming out party, Miss Sands & I alone invited from the school. - - Fine time. But - - - booze flowed freely in men's reception room.

At home this evening. "Tommie" dug up sod again for me today.

Barber .30; ice cream .30.

Saturday, September 18

Warm. Warm.

At school a while and doing errands this A.M. Again at school from 3:00 to 6:00 & this evening. Groceries .28; ice cream .30

Barber 1.65

Sunday, September 19

Warm. Sultry

To church this A.M. A nap this afternoon

Worked over my European notes & this evening talked about my experiences to a small group at the North Ave M.E. Church, Rev Mr. Goble, presiding. Did fairly well.

The Kuhlman's brot me home

Monday, September 20

Cleared. Cooler today. Beautiful weather

Carpenters began making forms for cement foundations

Busy day. Mr Hanson called to plan for a violin class at school

Rep. of Beckley-Cardy called.

I heard a 6B Arith

This aft. I spent some time drilling 5's in marching.

Conf. with Miss Parson over 5B Geog

Tuesday, September 21

Another busy one

Miss Behrens got alarming news about her father and left this A.M. – she & Edna going in their auto. Mrs Cumming came to substitute

_____ Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Harvey Lowe & Blanche and the three children came in this evening. Are to hunt up a home in Evanston
Fine visit with them

Wednesday, September 22

Big electric storm shortly after daybreak

Harvey's folks left at 10:00 – I showed the children over our b'ld'g first

I am hearing a 6A arith. regularly now.

This evening Miss Sands & Miss White & I walked about within three blocks of the school, noting doors & doorways
Vegetables .50;

Thursday, September 23 "The Big Rain".

It began to rain during the morning, rained very heavily; slackened at 12:30. Began again in a half hour & rained very heavily for two hours & more. The heaviest rainfall I ever saw - - - Sewers clogged & backed up - - - Water filled Col Morgan's yard, swept across Sheridan Road & poured over into our ravine, tearing away some of the embankment. Our fish pound was filled over two feet over level - - - Viaducts looked down on lakes; great pond on First St. - - etc.

Went to North Shore Hotel at Ev. this evening to confer with Harvey's people over their home problem

Delighted to hear that Dempsey was "licked" this evening
Trolley .72; barber .30;

[William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey maintained his Heavyweight Champion of the World title from 1919 to 1926. He lost it "this evening" to U.S. Marine Corps veteran Gene Tunney. - ed.]

Friday, September 24

Showers, some very heavy, at intervals this A M. & considerable thunder and lightning. Cooler towards evening.

Rep of Pub. Sch Pub Co. & of Thos Charles called

Had Winters & one of his men explore attic of new bldg for leaks

Mr Fout called on us a while today.

I left warrants, etc., at Mr Meyer's to sign shortly after seven & he returned them so that I could give teachers and janitors their Sept Salaries.

Before 8:00 this A.M. I scraped mud off a stretch of walk on my Vine Ave frontage

Saturday, September 25

Very cool today. Clear Northern lights this evening.

Worked at my "site" a while this A M fixing on my scale map the location of all the trees, etc
Then to school Shortly before noon Mr Krehbiel arrived with his two large cartoons representing the murals he is to paint for us. - - He & I & Miss Bradley had lunch at the Green Tea Pot; then our men under Mr K's direction tacked the cartoons in place - - rather stunning display. - - After Mr K. went, I went up to old Mr Anderson's & brot away as a loan five of the paintings (unframed) in his possession - the work of Hammerstein - - these to be lent us for a while - - - Gathered our green tomatoes this evening - - - At school until 9:30 this evening.

Lunch 2.80; groc. 25 + 26 + .15; barber .30

Hdware 1.00;

Sunday, September 26 Heavy frost. Standard Time

White roofs Frost everywhere, but not a "black frost." Damage less than one would think
Moderated during day.

I stayed at home this A M. After dinner I tramped the Skokie from Blodgett to south end of Sweeny's woods Came back on trolley from Highwood

K & I went to school bldg a short time this evening.

Trolley .10;

Monday, September 27

No frost. Gray. Cool

Field trip with a 5B. group to G.B. garden & with a 4B group to lake front.

Before school went to new site to advise with Tom Maxwell about my compost heaps

P.T.A. meeting this evening. Miss Harding gave recitations and Mrs Ball piano numbers. Excellent program Fine time

Mrs Anderson sub'd for Miss Luther

Tuesday, September 28

Gray. Threatening

A 5B group to G.B. garden. This group carried away the peanut vines Miss White's 6's harvested the corn & forage grasses

I took another 4B group to lake shore. Mrs Snite invited some of them and me in to see their little greenhouse

Rep of H.M & Co. called. Also of Isaac Walton League

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Brown & I met this evening to talk over specifications, etc.

Wednesday, September 29

Gray. Milder

Field trips with two 4B groups to Vine Ave viaducts & Exmoor Ridge

Ag't for Flanagan (Bant[a?]) & Laurel Book Co (Huffman).

Conf with 2 - 3's over hall duties

At committee meeting at Mr Ewell's (Ravinia) this evening. Program committee of North Shore Art League. Mrs Burnham, Mr Babise, Mr Lionel Robertson

Groceries .80

Thursday, September 30

Drizzle at times during middle of day

Workmen poured foundation walls of my house today

Gave writing test to 6 - 7 - 8's today. Taught Miss Dorsch's room for an hour today while she visited lower rooms to get ideas.

This evening went to Lake Forest Pub. Libr. to read Miss Drummond's chapter in Kirkland's book - Yesterdays in Chicago.

Barber 30

Friday, October 1

Rained heavily this morning & muggy and sticky all day

Mrs Klee and Miss Ward & Mr Farnsworth of Ev. came this aft. to plan for a children's play here in Nov.

Mr Montgomery came to our house to submit a proposal for a Holland Furnace in our home

Saturday, October 2

Fine day. Mild Gray again by evening. A little dash of rain after nightfall.

At school all day. Mrs Bowen worked with me for two hours this A M

At the Library a while this evening

Barber .30; groceries .78 + 1.00

Sunday, October 3

Sunny. Clear. Quite sultry.

To S.S – Mr. Lenington's class Lesson on Calvin Did not stay for church

This aft. Miss Margaret Hill of Wilmette called – a distant relation.

M, K., & I went to have tea at the Marley home where we & others were guests of Misses Jones, McMunn, Dorsch, & Foreman

Then K & I went to Orchestra Hall as the guests of Mr & Mrs Moseley & heard Rev Henry Howard preach a sprightly but effective sermon on – “No man liveth unto himself”.

Trolley 1.60; collection .50;

Monday, October 4

Rained heavily for a while before. Cleared. Sunny & cool by evening.

In morning assembly talked about St Francis of Assisi & his septocentenary.

At home this evening. Worked up notes for talk tomorrow evening

Tuesday, October 5

Started out clear today, but we had vigorous showers by noon. Clearing at evening again. Men had begun work on our house. Field trip with 4B's

Went to Park Ridge & talked this evening before the Garden Club about planting in Nature's Garden. Mrs Stoltze, Pres. of Club; at Mr Crowell's house on Grand Boulev. – Met Mr. & Mrs Parson, Merrill, Nellie Orr Woodley, Mabel Stebbings, Father Cumming, et. al. A good time. Mr & Mrs Stoltze brot me in their auto to Dempster St. Station Home by 11:30.

Heard of the death of Chas Goddard. A brave man and a long brave fight against ill health!!

Mrs Cunningham gave birth to a 7 lb. girl.

Barber .30; Park Ridge expenses covered

Wednesday, October 6

Cool. Gray. Clearing.

Men resumed work on our place

Miss Peycke called to offer to give a group of songs.

A photographer proposed to take picture of each pupil.

Field trip with 4B's.

Misses Turpin, Wheelock, Cramer, Parson & I drove on a sightseeing tour out west this evening. Brot back 9 cabbages & some carrots. Pd little country girl 75 cents She asked 50.

This evening to Lincoln P.T.A. Subject – amendment to Revenue Act. Mr Sandwick and Senator Swift talked

Doughnuts .30;

Thursday, October 7

Fine day.

Edith came today.

Photographer began taking portraits of each pupil, I to have one copy of each (without cost) for my files.

I left at noon for Gurnee to judge the educational exhibit at the fair being held at Warren Tp. H.S. At Edison Court I was picked up by auto & taken to & from the H.S. Mr Reed, agric. teacher there & I

worked together. - - Back to Wauk. I went down to harbor to see what was going on and bot fish – 1.05 + .90.

This evening to committee meeting of N.S. Art League at Winnetka. – Ewell, Burnham, Uhlrich, Jones, Venema, Colburn.
Expenses 1.00 + .40.

Friday, October 8

Beautiful day
Men began to stand up frame of our house today.
Edith went home this aft. She took 24 Clara Butts, 6 Glory of Leiden 6 Von Sion
Mrs Colton visited us a while & left some symphony tickets to sell
I released a number of our teachers and went myself to Elizabeth Doty's wedding at Episc. Church at noon today. Beautiful wedding.

Saturday, October 9

Fine autumn day.
To Chic. on 8:42; - Chic Transp Co for slides; called on Harvey Lowe at 2304 Pure Oil Bldg; Bausch & Lomb for bulb for balopticon; lunch with Round Table at City Club. Home by 2:15
Talked before Racine chapter of D.A.R at Mrs Geer's – Mrs Wm Geer presiding. – A flower talk.
Delightful time
This evening to Beatrice Metzel's wedding in St Augustine's Church at Wilmette. Then to reception at Kenilworth Club. Interesting time
Brown & I had a half hours' drive at 5:00 to compare houses with mine-to-be
Sallie Pretorius – 13 – former pupil - & her mother killed at Blodgett crossing this evening.
Electric train.
R.R. .40 + .40 + .32 + 15; lunch 1.00; dues 1.00;
[Pasted to this page is newspaper clipping of the wedding announcement of Beatrice Metzel and William Parish White. – ed.]

Sunday, October 10

Fine day. Gray. Cooler.
To Mr Lenington's S.S. class – Massacre of St Bartholomew, etc Did not stay for church
Slept this aft. Chat with Mr. Sandwick over tax amendment.
K & I went down to Orchestra Hall this evening to hear Bishop Ingram of London. Simple gospel sermon – “The nearness of God.” Fine music
R R. 1.60

Monday, October 11

Fine day.
Mary Moore who grad in our 8th grade 23 years ago called & I showed her about.
Spent lot of time getting ready for Board meeting which came off this evening. All present Mothers of 6 – 7 - & 8's held meeting at 3:30. Miss Tschirgi talked very well on adolescence
Miss Behrens back. Miss Kratsch ill & out.

Tuesday, October 12

Rained in middle of day. Cleared. Cool.
Teachers' meeting this afternoon

Miss Quealey called & had a fine visit with Miss Quick

This evening I attended Chamber of Commerce meeting. Oyster supper first. Then I talked for fifteen minutes on the proposed revenue amendment.

Columbus Day. We did not celebrate but plan something yet
Barber .30;
Contrib to Salv. Army 1⁰⁰

Wednesday, October 13

Most beautiful day. Ash trees are having their color climax.
Miss Kratsch still away & not to be here this week
Mrs Balke & her niece, Mrs Miller, visited us late in day
Conf with Mrs Millard & Mrs Creigh over Mr Marks' offer to resign because of misconduct of others. No decisive action taken by Mr. M. Left to him
Worked in office until after 10:00.

Thursday, October 14

Another!
Work rushing on my house. Sheathing going on the roof.
At noon ate lunch at Womans Club and viewed the Better Homes Exhibit.
Mr Leech went to his father's bedside – southern Indiana - & I subbed for him.
Great display of northern lights this evening.
Women's Club 1⁰⁰

Friday, October 15

Sharp frost. Bright day – growing gray at evening
Miss Myrtle Kauffman, grade supervisor of Logansport, Ind., formerly at De Kalb., etc with me this A.M.
I taught three of Mr. Leech's periods
Work on house progressing rapidly.
Pd Tommie Marshall 6⁰⁰ for a day's work (ten days ago) on my lot

Saturday, October 16

Gray & threatening with a little drizzle & high winds at noon, but cleared beautifully in afternoon
Worked at my "site" all day. Ugolini loaned me Louie Bertucci for the day & Bartoli and Santi helped me in the afternoon. Hard work but a pleasure
Got N.W. corner landscaped with forty or fifty shrubs – witch hazel, maple-leaved viburnum, hazel nut, nannyberry & downy viburnum
Pd Bertucci 8⁵⁰; Santi 4⁰⁰ Bartoli 16⁰⁰ (2 whole days all together)
To Muriel Payne's wedding at Episc. Church this evening, 8:30. Nice time
— Mrs Charles Ansel Watrous
Barber 1.10; grapes .35;

Sunday, October 17

Fine day. Gray at evening
At home nearly all day. Went to school for a short time
Finished – Warren's Lincoln's Parentage & Childhood.

Monday, October 18

Gray. Cool. Drizzle for a short time in the evening Cleared cold
Before 7:30 was away on the job. - - Men ready to lay asphalt shingles, but I balked at color. At last decided on wood shingles. M., K, & I met Mr Montgomery (Holland furnace man) at new bldg at five and agreed on openings.

P.T.A. this evening. Senator Swift spoke on the revenue amendment. I was to have added a flower talk but begged off. We had fine reception afterwards

Mrs Pfanstiehl's group of mothers met at 3:30 today.
Groceries .90;

Tuesday, October 19

Raining at daybreak Slackened Drizzly. Cold

To city on 3:04. Geog. Soc – Board meeting. Schantz, Cox, Coles — , Metzenburg, Davis, Bradley, Conwell Afterwards taxied about to get ready for tomorrow's trip Wacker Drive ready for dedication. Home at 7:30

Barber .30; R.R. 80; Supper .45. Taxi 2.00 (Board of Ed).

Wednesday, October 20

Rained in the night. Cold & gray today, clearing late.

To city with Misses Parson & Turpin and 27 – 5B's. To Municipal Pier. Lunch at 11:30. Then thru the Rutland-Mich Transit Co's freight room – a very interesting sight. Then likewise the Goodrich Transportation Co's Here we were permitted to go all over the Indiana & treated very courteously by captain and crew. - - Then to Union station - - and home – by 4:50.

This evening M. & I visited with the Taylors & examined their house

Miss Turp & Miss Fallstad & I made a short tour towards dark to look over "doorways".
Expenses of trip 3⁰⁰ + 1⁰⁰:

Thursday, October 21

Fine day at first, but later on moody, and slight showers after dark

Conf. at 11:00 with architect Rice over details of our house. Then met Brown at 1:00 for hour at the house together with Olander, millman. – agreed upon door way, etc. Ugolini and I planned ~~doorwa~~ driveway.

We pulled off our annual walk & party for H.S. & Lincoln & Ravinia teachers after school. Great success. Trolley to Sacred Heart Convent. Walk through Cyrus McCormick grounds. Along lake shore to Ft. Sher. pumping station. Autos at loop above brot us home. – Food in boxes. Fireplace alight. Music. Games. Virginia reel. Auld lang syne. Great event.

Trolley .13. Auto .25;

Friday, October 22

Fine day on the whole – with gray moments.

Helped Kg's & Miss Dorsch's 2nds to pot paper whites

Field trip by bus this afternoon with 3A's (Miles & Behrens) to Arcady Dairy – 46 pupils (bus & 3 autos)

At my place three times today. – Ugolini & his men worked on driveway. Siding going on; chimney well started; catch basin half done; window frames going in Clavey delivered two trees & three shrubs.

Catholic girls played our girls after school on our grounds (in-door ball) They won 23-19.

Clarence came late this aft.
Pd bus driver 1.00;
Barber .30;

Saturday, October 23

Gray. Rain after nightfall
At our new place all day. Brown & I went up to planing mill at Highwood to look up a kitchen table and a sideboard

Ugolini & Bertucci worked for me this A M – excavating under my sun porch. Bertucci spent afternoon & helped me set a linden and a sugar maple on my parkway. I set out three high bush cranberries.

Clarence & K. & M came up in his auto. M. visited with Mrs Parratt while C & K drove around to inspect houses. Afterwards C & I went out to Mr Leach's & brot back sumacs, downy v., & nannyberry which we set out.

This evening I went down to the Balkes' to hear Damrosch concert over radio.
Barber .30; tailor 2.00;

Sunday, October 24

Cleared after rain in the night Gray by evening.

Clarence & I had a ride about the country and again this aft. Visited Bahr's new greenhouse
Scarlet maples of a wonderful hue. Oaks finely colored

M., K. & C rode for an hour also.

Read much of Russel Phillips' – Franklin, the First Civilized American

Took a pound of school honey to Mrs Miller, niece of Mrs Balke.

Monday, October 25

Gray. Raw. Cold

Clarence left for Kankakee on his way home

Before school K & I went to Borchardt's yards & selected brick for fireplace - - More rapid progress on the house

Miss Guiney sent word she would have to stay in bed for a week – so I got Edith Mann Fogg of Glencoe to sub for her

This afternoon I talked before two different groups of H-S. pupils about “natural planting” – classes of Mr Burwell & Mr Peers

Mrs Fitt's group of parents of Kg – 1 – 2's met in Kg room after school

I went down to City Club this evening to committee meeting – excursion – of Geog Soc, Mr Wright presiding.

R.R. .33 + .40 + .80;

Tuesday, October 26

Heaviest frost. Ground frozen a bit. Clear day and evening. Mars conspicuous.

Miss White's pupils dug up some red maple seedlings on parkway near Moraine These and the seedlings grown in school garden were reset this aft. Had 5B's out to plant winter wheat there

Ravinia teachers entertained us at tea in their beautiful building.

This evening a movie distributor named Wade came out to display films to North Shore school men in our aud. Watson of Glencoe with four teachers, Nygaard, Wright & I there Dudley Grant Hayes of Chic shared talk fest with Wade Display no good

Wednesday, October 27

Gray & cold at first, but clearing warmer

Set Santi at work on G.B. site, getting beds ready for seedlings. Zahnle ploughed the garden

Then I went at 9:15 with another section of 5A's & with Misses Cramer and Parson to city (bus); Lincoln Park – aquarium; municip. pier; Mich.-Rutland dock; Goodrich dock and the Indiana – Union Station & home.

This evening to musicale at Mrs Geo. W. Roberts at 912 So Sheridan Great. Fine time
Barber 1.25; sundries .28 + .15;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the musicale program of performances by Lee Pattison and Jacques Gordon. – ed.]

Thursday, October 28

Fine, mild day. Gray

During the morning Mr Jensen took me down to the Spitz residence in Glencoe to see the stone walks his men are laying there. - - I had conf. with the stone mason and others over our porch.

This aft. grades 1-3 had informal and delightful falling leaf festival.

The 5B's and I planted Breeder Tulips in front of Elem. Bldg.

This evening K & I went down to Chic. to Florence McGath's recital. She has a wonderful voice. Miss Bisbee & Sands there. Also Griswold & Amborn
R.R. 1.60;

Friday, October 29

Mild. Hazy. Delightful.

Met the stone mason at Menoni's at 7:30 and helped select slabs of weathered stone for our porch

Busy day at school. Assembly at 1:30. Talked about Roosevelt; about hallowe'en observance, etc.
Dismissed at 2:30.

Mr Leech and I drove thro the Krenn & Dato subdiv. to Sweeney's woods & got some creeping euonymus, etc. Then went to woods across from N.S.E.R.R. plant & dug up six bladdernut shrubs.

Went to Ev. to dinner with Pattees. Home at 10:30.

R.R. .72; taxi 1.00;

Saturday, October 30

Fine day. Gray.

M. went to B.H. this A.M, K. seeing her off in Chic

I worked at place all day. Dug trench & filled it again & planted in it the "Japan Lilies" and red lilies. Carried autumn leaves from Mr Parratt's to carpet the shrubbery.

Shovel 2.00;

Barber .30; groceries .18

Sundries .50

Sunday, October 31

Somewhat mild. Gray at times.

To S.S. – Mr Lenington's class - - - At home much of day. - - - Looked over my place twice

This evening to Mr. Carvers to join a group in singing hymns

Miss Priscilla Carver & Arthur Ranous at the two pianos Mr & Mrs Norcross, Mason, Keller, Mrs Haskins, the Carvers, Mr Holt (tenor). Fine time

Church .25;

Monday, November 1

Gray. Cold Then heavy snow flurries in aft., leaving traces after nightfall on leaves, etc
In morning ex. stressed importance of parents voting, & taught children in which precinct they
lived

Mason finished hearth & began walk. Basement surface finished.

Tuesday, November 2

Clear most of day. Cool
Visitors & agents 5. + 1. Gave addition test to grades 4 – 8. Mulled over the results
Short teachers' meeting preceded by a tea. K. present.
I raked some leaves before 8:00 A M & a lot after 5:00.
At school all evening.
Barber .30; Groceries .35 + .35

Wednesday, November 3

Threatening. Cool. A little sleet in evening.
Went with Misses Parson & Turpin & group of 5B's (Miss Fallstad's) to Stockyards. Stopped at
Lion House & Aquarium enroute. Ate in our bus outside east entr. of Union station. Visited station short
time Then to Swifts packing plant - & then to Libby, McN., & L. Home late. 6:30 before I finished job
Miss Fallstad now away three days because of father's illness.

Thursday, November 4

Fine day. Gray & chilly at close.
No workmen at house today
This aft bus trip to Wauk. Miss McMunn – Docks, etc N.S. Gas Co. 1:00 to 6:15.
Miss Tschirgi absent again & I used Mrs Fogg in her room. Short one teacher because of Miss
Fallstad's absence – so sent one group of 5's home A M, another P.M.
Library Board meeting this evening.

Friday, November 5

Beautiful day
Miss Kauffman of Logansport, Ind., and about 20 or 25 of her teachers spent the morning with us.
I went with them to the Green Tea Pot for lunch, & saw them off for Evanston
Then I went with another group of 4A's & Miss McMunn to Wauk, getting back at 6:00-6:30. Fine
trip Saw for the first time coke being pushed out of the ovens
At school a while after supper first with Mr. Fout, then with Miss Turpin & Miss Fallstad
Lunch 1.70;

Saturday, November 6

Most delightful day
Worked at school all morning, one item being straightening out a conflict between dancing teachers over
use of kg room.
At my new place all P M Wheeled 5 great crates of leaves from the Thayer place. Made one
compost heap of sods, leaves, & manure. Koller brot me a load this A M
Only work done on my place in past four days has been fitting in window frames

K & Mrs Decker visited me there. Misses White, Nixon, Dameier & Grenoble brot me some Solomon Seal, wahoo, etc. which I planted
Barber .90; groceries 1.01 + .20 + .15

Sunday, November 7

Beautiful day.

Mr Lenington's S.S. class. At 2:00, funeral of Paul Gieser. Very large attendance. At 4:15 met with committee to have charge of unveiling of war memorial next Sunday.

At 7:30 K & I went to Sunday Evening Club in Woman's Club bldg.

Church .75;

[Mr. Gieser was born in Germany in 1863. He immigrated to the United States in 1880 and came to Highland Park in 1885. In 1891, he opened a meat market which he operated until his death. — ed.]

Monday, November 8

Gray. Mild. Then rain in aft. continuing into night.

Miss McElrath, formerly of H-S, & Mrs Geer called. Miss Lund came to talk over business affairs

Mr McClintock lectured to about 800 of our children & Lincoln & Ravinia children this aft. - - This P.M. to small but interested aud. K & I took Mr Mc to Moraine for the night

Mr Croke brot home from Everett a young barn owl still partly in the down stage. First I ever saw.

Electricians & carpenters on our house today. Ugolini & I met before 8:00 & planned driveway, etc

Tuesday, November 9

Sleet & a biting wind at daybreak Snow much of morning, and although melting readily, sidewalks crusted at evening.

Mr. McClintock lectured before our 1 – 3's at 9:30 together with about 200 of Mr Wright's smaller pupils Gave Mr Mc 150⁰⁰.

Teachers' meeting early after school – then caught train for city. To dinner for Stefansson at Univ Club given by Mr. Bradley, Directors of Soc. & others being guests. Mary Hastings Bradley & husband, included among guests. - - Then to Orchestra Hall to hear Mr. S. lecture on northward course of empire
Barber .30; R. R. .33 + .08 + 40;

[Pasted to this page is a biographical clipping on Vilhjalmur Stefansson produced by the Macmillan Company. It provided a summary of his explorations and listed books written by him or others on his polar explorations. — ed.]

Wednesday, November 10

Down to 20 above. Cold wind. Clear. Thawed slightly.

K & I with Mrs Decker as adviser met electricians this A M and planned location of outlets
Carpenters busy putting in flax linu[m?].

Miss Brown of Riverside Schools & Mrs Martin (P.T.A) visited us this A M. Mrs Millard came & left five new pictures for the school

After school I met some of teachers for a book conference

Took 6:04 for Chic to attend Audubon Director's meeting at 137 So LaSalle We took steps to sent Mr Schantz out as traveling agt. - - Home on train with Pattees

R R .40 + . Supper .65

Overcoat repairs 6⁰⁰

Thursday, November 11

Clear Thawed some Still icy.

I gathered children into the aud. at 10:45 & we had appropriate armistice day exercises.

Spent some time today trying to round up enough girls (200) to carry bouquets in parade next

Sunday aft

Miss Wheelock & Turpin & I went over to our house & investigated possibility of iron rail about the porch & steps Authorized Mr C.R. Harris to go ahead with it

Holland people delivered the furnace. - - Glazier began his work

This evening I went down to a gathering at Mrs Hoffman's at 1531 Judson. Mr Ewell talked about the casting of the war memorial and told what he wished it to stand for. Fine time.

Taxi .65;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of an invitation. It is transcribed as follows:

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS NON-PARTISAN ASSOCIATION

invites you to attend an Armistice Day

MASS MEETING

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN F. O'RYAN, Speaker

Orchestra Hall

Thursday, November 11th, 3:30 o'clock

A military man will tell us how we can rely on the justice
of our case rather than force.

"Whereas, the 11th of November, 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary and farreaching war in human annals:

"I Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America invite the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, expressive of our gratitude for peace and our desire for the continuance of friendly relations with all other peoples". - ed.]

Friday, November 12

Milder. Thawing. Growing gray

Misses White & Sands took a group of 6B's to Field Museum. I did not go. Mrs Fogg a sub for them

Mrs Snite & Mrs Danley called Agt for Calif publisher

Yest. - photographer took individ pictures of children

Some glazed windows set today.

Mr. Ugolini took up several broken blocks of cement this day.

At home this evening. Planned book shelving.

Saw Mr Paul today about b'ld'g loan.

Saturday, November 13

Errands at school and elsewhere this A.M

Miss Keller again used kg room; Miss the playroom (dancing)

This aft I worked at our new place; used Santi and Bettelini. Got dirt piles off front yard, etc Ugolini finished laying cement blocks

At home this evening Called M. up at Gary.

Rained in night and part of A.M. Began again after nightfall

Santi \$4:00, Bettelini 4.00; Groceries 80; barber .30;

Sunday, November 14

War Memorial

Rained heavily during the night & at intervals during the day. Then heavily after nightfall

Mother & Edith & D. drove in from Gary at 10:00. E. & D. went back at 1:30.

Ewell's war memorial was dedicated at 2:30. Mr Wright and I and some of our teachers marshalled a large number of children who marched in procession from the flag pole to Memorial Park & each one laid a bouquet at the foot of the statue. - - Statue makes fine impression.

At Sund Ev Club this evening. Ran lantern. Punk talk by young man from Geneva Church .50;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the War Memorial dedication. It is transcribed as follows:

PROGRAM
for the unveiling
of the
Highland Park War Memorial
(James Cady Ewell, Sculptor)
Sunday, November 14, 1926

“America”

Presentation of the Highland Park War Memorial to the
City by the Chairman

MRS. JOHN F. MACKENZIE

Unveiling of the Monument by

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Acceptance by

HON. MAYOR SAMUEL M. HASTINGS

Address by the sculptor

MR. JAMES CADY EWELL

Placing of Flowers on the Monument by

SCHOOL CHILDREN AND GOLD STAR CHILDREN

Prayer

ARMY CHAPLAIN GARRISON

“Star Spangled Banner”

DEERFIELD-SHIELDS HIGH SCHOOL BAND – ed.]

Monday, November 15

Quit raining at daybreak Cleared slowly during day

Two young people representing the Evanston Children's Theatre appeared in costume at morning exercises to advertise the play for next Saturday.

Mr. Butler & I took over a screen we are not using & set it up as a present to the Woman's Club. Tried out our lantern there

Lower grade group of mothers met this afternoon.

To city on 5:12. To dinner at Univ. Club for Commander Byrd Then to lecture in Orchestra Hall. Well rec'd. Very interesting. - - Visited with Herman Juhrend on way home
R R. .80;

Tuesday, November 16

Gray. Cool. Spitting snow crystals late in day Cleared after nightfall.

Lathers began this aft. Mason began finishing stone walk Windows about all in place

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Miss Quick & I spent the evening going over Christmas play & music

Wednesday, November 17

Began to snow after lunch & snow flurries & dashes of rain with rising wind after nightfall
P.T.A. this aft. Well attended

I went to Barbara Tapper's wedding at 4:30 (Snowing at the time) - - Most graceful act of Barbara pausing on leaving chancel to kiss her grandmother seated in a wheelchair

At home this evening. - - -

Cardinals & chickadees have graced our woods lately.

Mason finished my stone walk today.

Thursday, November 18 Mortgage

Snow gone by daybreak, but snow flurries aft & evening. Colder

Kg teachers gave rest a party after school

Mrs Lewis & Mrs Rosenfels came to visit the Pinwheel girls & I showed them about the school

Special session of Library Board this evening at Mrs Beardsley's. Disagreement with librarian led us to vote to ask for her resignation

K. signed mortgage application at State Bank which I signed yesterday. Mortgage for \$8000. less 3½ % commission. Gave Mr Paul fire insurance policies for \$10 000 – to be held by bank as trustee. Barber 30;

Friday, November 19

Threatening. Raw. Below freezing a little

Carpenters finished for the present. Back steps & front porch done

Went down to Glencoe a while this A M & inspected South School at Mr Rowell's request

This aft. Miss Quick & I tested boys' voices for Christmas Play

At seven I sat down at the Boy Scouts' banquet at H.S. – At 8:30 I was at Art League meeting at Ravinia – Exhibit of Sketch Club - - Presentation of a play by Study Club
Trolley .24 + .17;

Saturday, November 20

Gray. Colder

Set Tommie Maxwell at work this A.M. & he with Santi's help "fixed up" my front yard, laid stepping stones to the driveway, etc

Ugolini's men finished my driveway & piled cement blocks in my backyard for garden paths.

To the city on 9:12. To Schantz' office to get some slides on young birds. To 721 Kimball Bldg to talk to children of members of Woman's Aid on pet animals & birds.

Then to Fox's office to meet manager, Mr Sampson. S.R. Claggett had met me & introduced me. Then S.R & I drove back to loop where he picked up Beulah. - - - I shopped at Kaemper's Then home to our Aud where Ev. Child Theatre gave to full house the play – Prince & Pauper. Fine - -
R.R. .33 + .07 + .07 + 40; Kaemp. .40; Lunch .50; groc. .95;

Sunday, November 21

Clear. Much colder

On way to church stopped in at the library where Miss Crewe & Joe Kelley were helping Mr Lowe hang the exhibit of the Ravinia Sketch Club – and I helped until nearly noon. - - This aft. came Harvey's family & Aunt Margaret and stayed until nearly six, driving back to River Forest. - - Then I went over to Pub. Library where the "tea" was still in progress - - Nice chat with Mrs Burnham, et. al. - - Then to S. Evening Club where Rev Mr. Prince of Lake Forest gave a splendid illustrated address on Eng cathedrals

Monday, November 22

Snowed this aft & evening a little

Right after lunch today I discovered that the gas co's men were digging a trench close to my apple tree and along the front of my house – my wishes not having been consulted I raised a rumpus, called the manager – Mr Clark, who came & ordered the trench filled and new one dugged where I directed This courteous treatment relieved me somewhat, & I doped with shallac the mangled roots of the apple tree

Mr Grimson's men plastered the upper floor today. - - Fire (coal) started in furnace. I worked by lantern light, six to seven, getting kindling stored away.

Conf with some of upper grade teachers this evening to assign parts for the play - - Mr Dinkeloo's H.S. boys glee club sang interesting prog. this A M

Barber .30;

Tuesday, November 23

Another birthday?

Milder. Thawed some

Work progressed nicely at the house I finished throwing in kindling – after five this aft.

Taught three of Mr Leech's classes today. He is away at funeral of his father

At desk this evening looking over movie material

Groceries 2.14; Pd colored man 1⁰⁰ for labor at new house.

Wednesday, November 24

Bright. Mild. Thawing

Taught three of Mr Leech's classes

Our m.f. owl began to seize food from end of a stick and swallow it today

Plasterers finished house this A M

Thanksgiving exercises this aft. – Sixth graders the principal performers A greek harvest festival & several Puritan tableaux

Lent our best lantern to Miss Virginia Newcomb of L. Forest today.

This evening at special meeting of Library Board & we elected a Miss Pauline McIlvaine (?) librarian
Shovel 1.25; meat (owl) .18; barber .30;

Thursday, November 25

Foggy. Grew warmer through the day. Some rain & thunder after dark

To Episc. Ch – M K & I. Union service Mr Keller preached (well). Mr. Finkbeiner & Mrs F. came to dinner with us and spent entire aft. Letter from Edith told of inability to be with us. Clarence S. wrote that he had to be on the road and couldn't come

I fired up in the new house this evening – as well as morning & aft
Church .50;

Friday, November 26

Rainy this A.M. and warm and frost out of the ground Changed at noon & some snow & sleet fell during aft. Frozen up this evening.

Signed mortgage papers this A M – 1000 due in 2 yr; 1000 in 3; 1000 in 4; 5000 in 5 yr. Int payable May 17 & Nov 17.

Furnace men made more temporary openings this A M. I worked at place all day. Compost heap; set stepping stones; planted 3 elderberries, 1 alder, & some lily-of-the valley; fastened up suet; etc. Almost crippled myself by over-lifting

Saturday, November 27

Clear. Cold – about 20° above.

After various errands – went to city on 10:34. To Revell's to order library desk (teacher's). Fields to leave hat for blocking. Lunch at Thompson's. Then on Monroe St. near Art Inst. to watch middies & cadets march to Field Museum. As I had no ticket, I could not go to the great football game in Soldier's Field - - To Art Inst. to enjoy fine annual ex. of Amer. Artists. Met Miss Mabel Medora Williams there. - - Home at 4:00. Fired up at new house again - - There again this evening. – Planning to raise payments on my new house

R.R. 40 + 40; lunch .45; barber .30; groceries .88 + .30 + .25; padlock & hasp .70;

Sunday, November 28

Gray. Thawing.

Fired up at new house. Padlocked it. Came home & slept an hour. To Mr Nathan Klee's for dinner. Met there the young rabbi, Mr Wessels – charming person. Afterwards we went to a musical at the Rubins home – duos by two splendid pianists – Beneditzky & S[c?]hnee – much like Patterson-Mayer - - Then home & I persuaded Mr Decker to take me down to Mrs Anita Burnham's at Hubbard Woods to get a loan exhibit of postcards, etc - - . Then to the S.E. Club where Mr Kingsley spoke on Historic Boston. Helen McNamara ran the lantern

Collection .50;

Monday, November 29

Fine day Mild.

Several agents today. One teacher visitor, and one candidate – Mrs Ducker.

Mr Leech brot an opossum to school.

Kept up fire in new house. Mr. Grimson there once or twice. Painter “primed” porch & back steps

At school this evening. Miss Bradley and others mounted Christmas cards for display.

Mrs Taylor confined with a bad cold. Mrs Fogg substituted

Barber .30;

Tuesday, November 30

Gray. Threatening. Thawing.

Went with Miss Foreman's group of 5B's & Miss Parsons to Stock Show. Fine exhibit. Good time

Met Will Brown this evening & arranged money matters with him. - - Mr Witt & Mr Adamson called to protest over anticipated discrimination against Bowman milk. - -

Tipped driver 1⁰⁰; 5 adult entrance tickets 12.50; ice cream .15; crackers .36

Wednesday, December 1

Grew much colder

Tommie Maxwell worked at my place – mostly about the back of the house

Conf with Mrs Creigh and Mrs Millard – Witt & Miss Johnson over milk question. Agreed to use Bowman's certified Guernsey milk

Conf with Mrs Danley over movies.

Distributed photos of children taken some time ago.

Barber .30;

Thursday, December 2

Cold. Moderated towards evening.

Furnace man on the job part of day. - - Plasterers began "putty coat" this aft. I fired up at 10:00 P.M

Library Board this evening. Have no librarian as yet.

At 11:00 went over to Mrs Klee's house to meet group organized to promote children's plays.

Tried to interest them in supporting school movies.

Worked on Christmas Play.

Friday, December 3

Milder Thawed some

Full day.

Movies after school. "Eve of the Revolution", "Why boys leave home", "Spooks" (Gang Comedy). -

- - Sent invitations to Lincoln and Ravinia children to come to Sat. aft. performances

Agent for Cram; for fire extinguishers; for marionettes;

Plasterers finished upstairs & the library. - - Heating man almost done

Barber 30;

Saturday, December 4

Bitter wind from N.E. although mercury not much below freezing. At length snow fell for a while in the aft. Severity abated

To Field Museum to talk over films with Director Davies and Mrs Cockerell. To Thos Charles for animal outlines (stencil) for Mrs Decker & colored chalk Mr. Capeller of the firm brot me down to Adams St. in his machine Home at 12:30.

At school all aft. Movies from 1:30 to 4:30. Receipts today 31.70. Yest 26.70. Pd Pathe 44.51. Other exp. to meet 1.00 + 15.00 (+15).

Mr Harris set up iron railing on our porch today. Artistic.

R.R. 80 +

Barber .30; groc. 15 + .60

Sunday, December 5, 1926

Snowed in night - four or more in. Shoveling the program - first at home, then the new home. Fairly cold - then lower towards evening

To church. This aft the Deckers took us to our new house - then to schoolhouse

I left at 6:13 for Ev. To Pattees to fine dinner party. - - Kingsley, the McNamaras, The Longs, Percy Truman & Mrs & Miss Truman, another Mr & Mrs Truman, Mrs Meeker & Barbara, Royce Armstrong and Mrs, Mrs Howell, Mr Brown, Mr & Mrs Perkins & Eleanor. The last three entertained us delightfully with their European experiences

R.R. 32 + .40; church .25; taxi .65;

Monday, December 6

Milder. Gray

Busy. Two visitors Christmas play planning. Sent check for 800 to W.J. Brown.

Tuesday, December 7

Drizzled & froze in night Frightfully slippery today. Rain late in day & thawing Miss White's pupils gave a delightful Robin Hood play this aft. \$36.00 plus.

Miss Keller came over to start the dances for us.
Mr Brown & Mr Olander (mill man) came to consult me about trim, etc
Conf with Mrs Danely over movies. Ordered a feature of F.P.L. Corporation & Comedy of Pathe.

Wednesday, December 8

Gray. Thawing a little Still slippery
Mr Jensen & I had lunch at Green Tea Pot, after which he & I went over to inspect my new porch
Plasterers finished today
Various conferences this morning.
Lunch 1.40;

Thursday, December 9

As yesterday. Fine coasting in our ravine
Gantz visited me this aft for Laidlaw Brothers
Christmas Play. Ad for movies, etc.
Art League at Winnetka this evening. Mr Robertson spoke on tapestries, brocades, etc Mr
Philbrook exhibited etchings; Mr Timmins watercolors
Barber 30; trolley .42

Friday, December 10

Thawing. Then some wet snow towards evening.
Another ton of coal sent to new bldg. Conferred with Brown & workmen over plumber's supplies.
Ag't for Atk, Mentz today. - - Drilled on the Play. - - Eliz. Dotey Evans came for an hour to help in
dances - - Movies tonight at 7:00. Gang C - Belter Movies, Grass - 7 reels. 35⁰⁰

Saturday, December 11

As yesterday.
To city on 8:42. To Chic Transp Co to get some slides left for repairs - - To Famous Players-L - to
confer about films (Washburn); to Pathe do.
Home at 12:30.
Movies this aft. again A forty dollar house or so
This evening to dinner of Friends of O.N.L. at All Souls' Church, Evanst. Planned by the Pattees &
carried out well. Pattee, himself, too ill to come
A Winnebago Indian talked; a lady sang; Mr Perkins talked about some Eng. gardens; I showed
some flower slides. Got out of it rather well. The Marshall Johnson's brot me home
R.R. 40 + 40; barber 30;
+ .36 + 75 (taxi);

Sunday, December 12

Gray. Mild. Melting foggy.
Fighting an imminent cold. Hoarse
Slept much of day. Sunday evening club. Fine address by Rev. Geo. Keller - The Christmas Spirit

Monday, December 13

Thawing. Muddy this A M. Cold wind blowing at noon Down to 10° or so above at evening!
Busy day. The play requiring lots of attention
Board meeting this evening.

Attended for a short time afterwards the party given by Miss Stine at Y.W. rooms
gloves .25;

Tuesday, December 14

Below zero!

Two or more degrees below zero this A M Clear day but cold

Found that the new house was not very cold this A M Fired three times today, the last at 8:00

P.M

Plumbers began setting fixtures today. The mill brot in a load of trim

Play loomed large in our activities today.

Some visitors from Highwood & elsewhere. - - Ag't for Hartford Insurance Co.

Very husky today. Could hardly talk at times.

Tinct. of benzoin .35;

Wednesday, December 15

Even a little lower at A M than yest. Moderated a little but a biting wind at nightfall.

Gave Christmas Play to school this aft. Quite a success in some respects

P.T.A. meeting afterwards. Official approval of our plan for movies.

My huskiness continued with some mitigation.

De Cora Latham at our Christmas Play – guest of Mrs Morris.

Bananas .25.

Thursday, December 16

Moderated some during the day

Our Christmas Play this evening – a great success

Miss Hayes, Mrs Mayer, Mrs Weinland of ~~Eva~~ Wilmette; Mildred Densmore Nash & Mr N. among
those present.

Barber 30;

Friday, December 17

Milder. Slight snowfall after dark

This A M:

Nativity Play

Carols

Story of Christ Child

The first almost the finest thing we have ever done. Play by Douglas Hyde. Seventh grade pupils.

Program great success

Movies this evening to small house

Miss Guiney sprained her ankle this A M & had to be taken home

Saturday, December 18

As yesterday.

Worked at my house some this A M

Looked after the movie program this aft. At school for a while this evening, etc.

Groceries .25 + .28

Sunday, December 19

Milder A little flurry of snow.

Did not go to church today.

Before nine, returned Christmas slides to the church; then went up to feed the m – foul; & over to the house to fire up Made two other trips there today

Monday, December 20

Mild. Sunny. Muddy.

Carpenters came to get their things this A.M. & be gone a few days. Too damp for trim

Went to Blodgett & took trolley for Glenayre. Spent an hour there sizing things up Then took trolley on for Chic Lunch at City Club. - - To Fields for a 1927 Daily Reminder & a calendar pad Called at Mr. Lowenstein's office but he was not home. To Dow's to get glasses repaired

Home at 4:30.

Mr L. called this evening to advise us about hardware.

Trolley .24 + .55 + .40; lunch .75; barber 1.20; grocer .75;

Tuesday, December 21

A little cooler. Gray.

Worked at the new house most of morning & some of aft. Burned rubbish, knocked boards of old crates apart, stored away board scraps, etc.

This aft. at school the men emptied pits of bulbs to be forced, brot in dirt (frozen) to be stored in dark room, etc

Mr Loewenstein called again this evening and left us samples of hardware to choose from

Wednesday, December 22

Fine. Mild day. Thawed some.

Worked at my place this A.M. Hauled cinder & plaster debris out upon drive on parkway.

This aft. told the story of the Christ child with slides at the Presb. Church before children of the Dorcas home

This evening at a meeting of the Book Committee. Afterwards Mrs Beardsley & I went up to the Woman's Club to see an exhibit of paintings

Left hardware samples at Meierhoff's to duplicate

Barber .30; groceries .15;

Thursday, December 23

Gray. Threatening Wind a little raw.

To city on 9:15. To Chic Transp Co. To Schantz' office To Nixon office to interview R.L. Sonnenschein about improvements on my Glen Ayre lot. He referred me to Mr Green of Marr Green & Co, engineers, Wrigley Bldg. I did not find Mr. Green but talked with Mr. Opper, his assistant, & got a little help Then shopped for toilet soaps & ~~home~~ to Wilmette to City Hall to learn about Glen Ayre plat. - - Home at 3:30. Some time at new house. This evening working over sundry data, plans for books shelves, etc.

R.R. .40 + .40 + .27; lunch .65; soap .55 + .60; sundries .85; hardware .25.

Friday, December 24

Colder But clear.

Worked at new house all day. Cleaned up basement. Swept first floor. Extended stepping stones walk at rear

Barber .30; groceries 1.35 + .43 + .78

Saturday, December 25

As yesterday. Grayer
Finished sweeping out the new house
Clarence D & Edith came in this A M to spend today & tomorrow. Had our Christmas Dinner with them. Rather expected Lennie's but did not hear from them.
Clarence & I went down to the Coliseum this evening to see a hockey game for which Clarence's friend had given him two tickets
R.R. 1.60 + .14;

Sunday, December 26

Clear. Sunny. Moderately cold
Did not go to church. Slept
Clarence & Edith went home & I with them as far as Art Institute this aft. Spent a half hour there & then on to River Forest where I had tea with Harvey's folks, including Aunt Emma.
Home at 10:30.
R.R. .10 + .10 + .40; taxi 1.00

Monday, December 27

About as yesterday.
As usual I opened up the house before the workmen came, built the fire up, etc. Mr & Mrs Ball & Mr Grimson visited the house - - Two men worked on the trim. - - Curry & I discussed scheme for decoration - - I worked at school much of day after conferring with Mr Paul & Chas Grant about financing my affairs. - - Marks and I fixed up the m-f owl's cage & put him in after taking several photographs of him. Andrew Decker & I planned some plumbing work at school
At home this evening, making phone calls and writing letters
Barber .30; meat .25;

Tuesday, December 28

As yesterday. Sunny at intervals
More men at house today. Wall cabinets for kitchen & linen closet came. Doors, etc also.
Brown & I had conf. I gave him check for \$1000 & note for \$1870 for 60 days. With this & the bank deposit of 7630 to check on, he can pay everything to date and almost to completion
Mrs Millard & Cunningham & I had conf. over printing outfit; over remodeling west front of aud.
etc
M. K. & I. & Mrs Decker met at new house & discussed the sink, its paneling, etc. We went to Will Brown's to see his kitchen - - - I spent two hours with Mr & Mrs & Miss Moseley looking over elm trees just planted on his subdivision, & visiting Glenayr
At home this evening. (Visited Greens awhile. Mr & Mrs Cunningham & baby there

Wednesday, December 29

Drop in temp in night to 5° above. Clear day. Moderated.
Opened up as usual. Met Mr Cunningham at school and OK'd his errand to city.
Met Mrs Roth and planned with her for her substituting for us, beginning Jan 10.
Met Mr Curry at our house and we all talked over "paper" & decorations

Got letter from Miss B. enclosing obscene letter mailed her from H.P. – Dec 26. Answered her letter & sent a note of inquiry to each of 18 teachers. This evening Mr Bliss & I had a conf in my office over the subject.

Mr Butler & I took our beets and (3) cabbages out of the leaf beds & potted them. Also potted a lot of Von Sions & bedded them in leaves out-of-doors

Mr C. came back from Chic & he & I conferred with the printers at Udell's.

Thursday, December 30

A little milder.

Various errands this A M Then to city. To Chic Transp Co. to leave pictures to be copied for slides. – To Turtle's to leave waxwing for repairs. Fields to shop. Lunch at Blackhawk grill. To Dr D.J. McDonald at 209 So State to have xrays of my teeth. [\$7.00 is written in the left margin at this entry on the page. – ed.] Second trip to Fields to see about the repair of some chairs. Called at office of Nelson Greene – editor of Screen (not in). To Cinema Univ. Service to discuss rental of films – Brot away from Turtle's four specimens for which I paid 9.25 (charge to Dist. 107). Am to send to Lincoln Park for a stuffed tarpon belonging to Mr. Turtle. - - Home at 6:30. Mr Loewenstein called with our present – a brass knocker. Fine

R.R. 40 + .40 + .07 + .07; lunch .80; barber .30; Turtle 9.25; ink .20; Arc't book .75. Architectural Forum 2⁰⁰

Friday, December 31

Here endeth 1926!!!

A mild day. Gray. A few snowflakes.

At school at seven to get some pictures & a swinging frame ready for the motor truck to take to Abbott's. Errands at new house and school. Then library board meeting to meet Miss Brace of St Paul who was being considered for librarian Then (11:04) to Chic. Lunch at City Club. - - To Fair to buy a lampshade for the school (2.75); also a book (.39); Abbott's to discuss swinging frames; to two Lake St. dealers to look up light fixtures; an hour or so at Chic Theatre. Home at 6:10. Cunninghams for supper. R.R. .80; lunch .75; book .39; barber .30;

[Found among Mr. Smith's travel notes, and recorded on the same loose-leaf notebook paper, is the following handwritten account of expenses for his new house. – ed.]

New House

Aug 5 - Oscar Anderson	4234.00
Sept 18 – Thos Maxwell	15.00
Oct. 14 - “ “	6.00
14 – W.J. Brown	500.00
15 – Josiah Rice - - -	75.00
16 – Louie Bertucci	8.50
Sam Bartoli	16.00
Joe Santi - - -	4.00
John Gourley & Co	2.52
24 Thos Maxwell	6.00
26 Clavey Nurseries	9.25
Nov. 4 Koller – fertilizer	13.00
Oct 30 – Insurance	68.00
Nov 13 - Santi – (cash) -	4.00
Bertolini (cash) - - -	4.00

“ 19 – Insurance - -	68.00
“ 23 – Santi - -	4 ⁰⁰
Maxwell - -	8 ⁰⁰
Mr. Mann’s helper	1.00
“ 30 – W. W. Reichardt	36.85
Guarantee Policy	
Dec 6 - Wm J. Brown	800. ⁰⁰
7 – Koller – fertilizer	6 ⁰⁰
Thos Maxwell	8 ⁰⁰
18 Cyclone Fence Co	72.76
United Ornamental	
Iron Works - - - -	80.00
31 - Holland Furnace	511.10

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Insurance Policies on
House

Liverpool & London Globe
To Oct 12, 1931 - - - - 68⁰⁰
No 597342

Hartford

To Nov. 12, 1931
No 647949 68⁰⁰

Note – Nov 17, 1926

\$1000 due 2 yr after date

1000 “ 3 “ “ “

1000 “ 4 “ “ “

5000 “ 5 “ “ “

Int. payable

✓ May 17 – 1926 – 30.00

✓ Nov 17 – 1926 – 30.00

May 17, 1927 – 30.00

30.00

30.00

150.00

Nov 17 – 1927 do.

Commission	280
Title & Trust Co	38.25
Notary	.50
Tornado Insur.	51.20
Proceeds	7630.05

