

Marion's Diary

1960

January

1. Friday: A dead mouse behind the bookcase, our first guest. Becky and family came for noon dinner. Roast beef, potato stuffing, corn pudding, green salad, spiced pears, cookies, Loud's ginger pats, and nuts. Table hockey a success!
2. Saturday [no entry]
3. Sunday: Big day. Wicky excited about [birthday] packages. . . . we finished the big puzzle. Three went to late Meeting for Junior Business Meeting. I got dinner. Wicky went along to the opening of the Medford Public Library – it is SUPER. Phoned people for School Committee.
4. Monday: The day – lunch for Linford and Fenwick – back to school. Finished house for Reading Club – twelve heard Lara Hersey do the Agassiz biography. Spiced pear Christmas cookies, ginger patty, and DEAD MOUSE! To supper at Yee Hong Guey with four Abbots. Home, and rush to School Committee Meeting to see Vita made Secretary. Newlin up to [illegible] at 3:00 a.m.
5. Tuesday: 8:00 painters! They went to work in a hurry. Living room ceiling done, all paper off, living room paint done and part of desk room paint – two men, one day! Played checkers with Adrian, Linford, and Fenwick – fair. To S.S. Teachers' meeting – too weary to [illegible]. Good demonstration of techniques for teaching.
6. Wednesday: Desk room done, all but the molding! I went shopping, delivered a book for Reading Club. Went to discussion to start a Quaker school in Cambridge – McClellan, Waring, Stokes, Mendenhall, McCandish. [From this gathering the Cambridge Friends' School arose.]
7. Thursday: Changed Linford's bed and brushed up. Washed a bit. Mrs. Mack steel woolled the living room. The molding was up and painted in one hour! . . . Woody Sayre delighted the ladies Climbing Mt. McKinley "By the

Book” – By-laws OK’d.

8. Friday: The paperhanger – a grouch – in at 9:00, out at 12:35. Living room done and paper cut for desk room, but he didn’t want to overexert! Complained about paper on the floor, but he didn’t put his table in the desk room. I did our beds and washed.

9. Saturday: Pressed off wash. Linford in for new glasses frames – \$10.50! Wicky off to “track” at Tufts. Picked up Dottie and Bryan and saw “The Mouse that Roared” – still wonderful. Home. The boys iced their cake. (Newlin and Ed Hayes in committee.) Supper at Keef’s for 11th birthday party. . . . Newlin put another section of floor in the attic eaves. [Dottie Keefe met Marion in hospital when Fenwick and Bryan were born; the families celebrated the shared birthdays for many years.]

10. Sunday: Off to Sunday School – fine lesson on Amos Fortune. Beef stew for dinner. \$.85/lb! and turnips three for \$.23!! I picked up living room papers and wiped up around. Newlin put first coat of shellac on – after alcohol. To bed with party.

11. Monday: 10° again – feels COLD. Three lunches. Washed a load for the attic. Second coat living room shellac. To PTA to hear Buckwald talk of sixth Grade’s Sargent camp. Gerula and Baldwin at PTA.

12. Tuesday: Tried to straighten up – Mrs. Mack scrubbed up desk room, we waxed living room and moved back in the living room. Farmed out Symphony tickets to “Mike” Dong Choi. Newlin to Urban Red[velopment] – me to Long Range [Planning]. Very tired.

13. Wednesday: Did a couple of calls for Marchetti. First coat on desk room floor. To store at noon. Promised sleet storm missed us. To Plan E [meeting]. Newlin phoned so many – waited for quorum, got it. New people from Nomination Committee sound good. Mrs. Roberts called me – I’m on jury duty 2/1. Flapped rugs out back.

14. Thursday: Everybody off to school. I picked up Oremland and Hobbs for LWV workshop in town. Conroy sick. Me to Civil Service – horribly complicated. No lunch. Picked up literature at Capitol Building. Home; second shellac on desk room floor. Newlin to Monthly Meeting. To bed, dead tired.

15. Friday: Interviewed plumber at 9:00. Toilet downstairs bust a leak last night! . . . Wicky and Mrs. Smith and I went to see Anna Russell. We enjoyed her. Wicky was pleased. Home at 11:15!
16. Saturday: Mrs. Smith and I picked out something on her noon hour. Linford took his general exam for Westtown in Emery's office, with Al Schmidts's help. Wicky to gym. Shellac on second half of desk room.
17. Sunday: Sunday School class; Quarterly Meeting. Newlin and Linford stayed with sandwiches. I shellacked the second coat of second half. Took birthday pictures to Keefs. Home – to go to Carley's for supper. Pleasant time.
18. Monday: Found Plan E envelopes – parceled 'em out. Then off to Education Hearings with Povey, Johnson, and Procopio. Mixed reactions. Bite of lunch. Then to Edie's for Book Club – Isabella on Carl Mydans' biography [American photojournalist]. Picked up Wicky at Band. Supper, and long School Committee on musical instruments. Carter and Povey and I mailed to directors at supertime.
19. Tuesday: Six inches of snow – beautiful and white. To Mrs. Conroy's on Civil Service. She is very good, though full of talk. Newlin home at noon with pip. Run at both ends – bad. I napped a long nap. Addressed envelopes in evening.
20. Wednesday: Newlin insisted on going to school with clean underpants in his hand. I moved the rugs out of the dining room.
21. Thursday: Mrs. Mack scrubbed up dining room. The rugs look lovely in desk room and bed room. We must try to get a big one for the dining room. I got lamp shades in town and a belt for Newlin's birthday. Felt poor when shopping among so many pretties. Navy coat is getting threadbare.
22. Friday: After many calls, Carter and Mobilia helped to stuff and mail envelopes. Did a dining room shellac. Very tired and short tempered. But the corner cupboard is back in its corner.
23. Saturday: Door back on corner cupboard. Another coat of dining room shellac. Very tired.

24. Sunday: Sunday School got somewhat out of hand. I was too tired, and not ingenious enough. . . . Newlin helped wax and buff in evening. Looks nice. And I'm glad it's done.

25. Monday: Pulled the rugs back to their regular place in the dining room. Got the Henry Taylor rag rug for our bedroom. Does nicely. Bought and fixed three pounds of shrimp for lunch tomorrow. Couldn't go in to the State House for Fallon's education bill. Povey went.

26. Tuesday: Flew right along to polish up house for lunch guests. Beth Ferguson, Florence Selleck, Merrilie Towl, Edie De Burlo. Timberlake, Conant, Stanley couldn't come. Good shrimp salad and tomato aspic, potato chips, my bread and honey, lime fluff! Belt was good. Cards better. . . . Tired. To L.W.V. [League of Women Voters] Call from Romer set wheels going. Marchetti composed statement, I typed it, Newlin got it signed at 11:30 pm!

27. Wednesday: Up – dashing to Mercury [Medford's daily paper] with Marchetti's statement. Then off to Hearings on Bills. Long day. Walked across Common to lunch and PTA legislation. Home. Supper. Plan E special meeting with School Committee – very good. But no president for Plan E yet.

28. Thursday: Up, weary with headache – rain and wind. I sat down after breakfast and got up at 1:00. Moss Hart's "Act I." Loved it. Nap. Mrs. Mack admired house. Desk work. 200 [dollars] plus checks deposited, Lehman, makes my balance look better.

29. Friday: The awful day of misconnections. I went in for Wick after a dental clinic [appointment – I was having orthodontia] – waited for him – he had gone. I was in traffic with his flute in the car. Just missed Mr. Cavalli [my flute teacher] – cost us \$2.00! Never again! Newlin to Nurses Home for supper. Starts term as member of Hospital Corporation.

30. Saturday: Did a big wash. Sheets out didn't dry. Lew called for Newlin early. Semester is ALMOST over –

31. Sunday: Sunday School as usual. Linford visited Worcester. Skim of snow most of day. Cold turkey. I phoned for School Committee meeting and

set up luncheon for Friday. Wicky came in from coasting with a blasting headache. Went right to bed. Dick Baldwin said he hit a post riding a saucer [in]to fence at Carmichael. Did thee fall off or hit anything? – “Not that I remember.” No vomiting – no eyes.

February

1. Monday: Wicky staying flat on liquids for big headache. Set up phoning for Plan E – Ware, Ryle, La Shota, Blackinton. Reading Club at Sayre’s big colorful house. Hester Myrick on Africa. Bull agreed to be Plan E President! What a relief! With a course on politics, yet. I pressed off dry things. School Committee cancelled for sickness. Found Pa’s letter about Grandma Ruth’s “short of breath.” To bed, with a party!

2. Tuesday: In to the clinic in 30 minutes at rush hour for Wicky’s lower bands. Snowing – lovely to look at. Heard in evening that no plans were set for Plan E food service. Curses! Mrs. Marchetti away at work!

3. Wednesday: I dug up blue cloth, yellow candles, lemons and yellow napkins. Mr. Loesser of Cambridge was excellent. Eric Hanson in supporting role. Amazing attendance in spite of many conflicts. All went well.

4. Thursday: Cleaned up and put away – shopped for shrimp for luncheon tomorrow, etc.

5. Friday: Well now, let’s entertain the ladies to lunch. Mullaly is pregnant, Mifflin must work, Al Devine forgot his book, and Quimby forgot the lunch! Mrs. Povey and I had shrimp salad, tomato aspic, potato chips, rolls and Farm House pecan pie!! There never was a rarer lunch.

6. Saturday: Henry Cadbury weekend! Dorothy Averill will be our guest – so much changing of beds. Newlin went in a.m, I went in p.m. Dorothy came home for stew supper, then we went back in evening – me too tired to stay awake! Newlin moderates in evening.

7. Sunday: Up – grapefruit and bacon-and-egg breakfast for five. To early Meeting. Taught class, then assisted for dinner. Many casseroles, salads, desserts. I took stew, aspic and apples. Helped clean up. Newlin drove Henry Cadbury to Lowell. Fr. Pineo brought us home. Called on de Burlos

officially – too racketsy. Then called on Hal Bull to deliver cards and answer questions. To bed with a party! What a day.

8. Monday: I finally washed my hair. Al Cella spoke to PTA too long and too fast. Mrs. Michaels asked too many questions. Di Pasquale and Digangi visiting from S. Medford. Too hot.

9. Tuesday: Newlin took car, I rode with Mrs. Povey to LWV unit on Guidance – Povey and Perlis speaking. Davis read a paper – Olans and Michael screamed! I got a headache – a dilly; to be early with aspirin. Newlin to Council, scolding for lack of action on Urban Redevelopment.

10. Wednesday: Newlin studied in desk room. I washed. Rainyish. Drove to Reading for steel shelves for “book bay.” Newlin assembled it. What a help! \$10.00. Now when the three extra shelves come! Praise be.

11. Thursday: Went shopping again to look for a record cabinet. Jordan has lots of unfinished furniture. But not the one. Bought me a winter coat. Tweedy, pile lining. Pretty small. \$38, using the credit slip from more than a year ago. Too tired to go to Monthly Meeting. Newlin went later.

12. Friday: I have a bit of nose drip. Washed.

13. Saturday: Went to PTA in Boston, all day. Mrs. Procopio is good. I enjoyed it. Bitter cold, though. New coat good. (Must keep ironing done for family with Grandma Ruth in Hospital) Sat at a Revere table with Miss Clark of the Shurtleff School – a dilly!

14. Sunday: To early Meeting – four of us. Took some comb honey and durn if Ruth Ferguson didn't visit! Brooks a nuisance. Only five, though. Quiet day. Grandma Ruth pretty low. Cold be in 24 hours, Ruth said. I say six weeks!

15. Monday: Trying to set up a PTA meeting with LWV guidance, as I prepared a book review on “What it Means to be a Politician.” Walked up to Imlah's. Throat sore, but called many to go to School Committee. Budget through at 12:15! Big day! Smiths increased their rent \$5.

16. Tuesday: More phoning on the PTA program. Visited Wicky's class. Socrates report should not be copied. Wicky a haircut. Ironed. Newlin to

McGlue vs. Pompeo (F.E) debate. Me stay home!

17. Wednesday: I went back to bed – morning and afternoon to get rid of my cold. Newlin and I to Beacon Hill Friends' House for veal, potatoes, carrots, Brussels sprouts, and cherry pie dinner. Then we dilled them [sic] talking about politics – Plan E. . . . Late and tired. Cold not good. It's an incredible house.

18. Thursday: To Mrs. Conroy in a.m. – set up evening unit on Civil Service. Walked. Balmy. Cold better. Lunch alone. Nap, and to Tufts to hear Dr. Gibson – excellent. “Meals on Wheels” before per diem nursing home care. Good baked chicken. Newlin not home for summer. He went to Masters exam with _____ then Selekman.

19. Friday: Fenwick took his report on “Socrates” –

20. Saturday: Just this and that. Took big cole-slaw salad to Englands' for supper. Thy fought with a Virginia ham. Nice to see everyone. Kids had a sitter! Home earlyish. Finance met in afternoon, “board” in evening.

21. Sunday: Ruth phoned at 1:30 – Grandma Ruth died at 11:45 a.m. . . . I washed sheets and clothes. Phoned Little to take Sunday School class. Picked up loose ends. Baked custards and sort of planned food. Newlin spoke to Joyce and Russell Miller's SS on Quakerism in a.m.

22. Monday: Train to Philadelphia – took all day. Reading at about 6:00. Supper at Crystal. Home with Pa. He's pretty good. I cleaned the kid curlers and powder and nets from dressing table. Looked down cellar for sheets and blankets for me. What a pile!

23. Tuesday: Got bureau top cleaned off. Clinking lamp placed up there. Cleaned furniture. Put knickknacks in boxes in drawer. Empty jars out of sink. Shopping for stockings and little dishpan for Pa. Desk and table cleared for visitors. Much discussion of will and furniture – Pa's choice first, then we see. Viewing satisfactory – guest book a help.

24. Wednesday: Balmy day. Ruth came down in a.m. Finished setting up for company. Restaurant lunch. We three traveled in funeral car. Henninger did well. She looked very nice. Enough flowers. Good speaking. Nothing at cemetery. Very short. Home, and company – tea, coffee, sandwiches, fruit

cup.

25. Thursday: Spitting snow – cold and gray. Pa and I went down to see Aunt Anna. Snow! Lunch at Goodnoe's with ice cream. Pa looked to put his name in at Newtown and at Morristown. Home to Kutztown – we both stayed – driving BAD from Allentown on.

26. Friday: Up to "College" for assembly program – John Rothermel in Russia. Lunch in cafeteria with faculty . . . to library to wait for Ruth. "Creative Playgrounds and Equipment." To Walp's for supper. 12-ounce steak, small! Timetable, and home. Talk of furniture and things and will.

27. Saturday: Ruth put me on the train to Allentown. So grubby. N.Y. at 10:20. I saw the furniture sale at Macy's! Lunch. 2:00 train for Boston. Crowded. Gay flower and hankie on Grandma Ruth's suit. Home to find the family eating steamed clams! Newlin was, anyway.

28. Sunday: Up as usual. To meeting at 9:30 – felt like I had been away a long time. Little meat loaf balls for dinner. Put suitcase away. To Brotherhood Week program at Jewish Temple – awards to Mrs. Koretsky, George Hassett, Judge Brooks. Very good. Sat with Povey.

29. Monday: Newlin wrote letter to Council for better Library support in budget. I read around for Clearness appt. at 7:00 in Cambridge with Eloise Houghton – Ann Elizabeth Scott – engaged to John Mikhail, Haverford, Ramalla, Quaker, Arab!

March

1. Tuesday: Linford sore throat. I washed a round. To orchestra. I'm still weary – slept through Hindemith and Harris – Tschaikowski 5th very nice. Spoke with Esther Sweet, Rebecca Robbins, Elvie O'Hara, Stewart Portraits. Polly Thayer odd. COLD wind in parking lot.

2. Wednesday: Phoned in a.m. – drove to Reading for the extra tin shelves. Stopped at Barbo's – lots of good davenportes at \$200 or less! Victorian chairs \$189 each! Plan E meeting – Hal Bull did well – heard planner Harrington. 25 there. . . . Newlin fretting about his letter to the Council about Library cuts.

3. Thursday: I ironed off some dry stuff – began to snow in p.m. I wrote my Civil Service do. Snow piling up. Very tired and snappy at night. Am I sick? Linford sore throat yet.

4. Friday: The snow is really deep – 27” some say! Wicky tackled it.

5. Saturday: Linford out at noon for first time. Finally finished driveway. Sun so warm it was clean and bare, but chains needed for street.

6. Sunday: Only four in my class – nice cozy time. Brooks McClellan reads the Bible easily!

7 – 9 [no entries]

10. Thursday: Evening Unit Meeting on Civil Service with Bill O’Hare. Small but good.

11. Friday: Wicky’s day. Tooth out at 8:30. Home. Rested. To flute lesson. Cavalli sick. Schoonmaker promoted him to Jr. Concert Band. He was walking on air!

12. Saturday: Both boys to Tufts. I read “The Harmless People.” Story of Bushmen written by a Mrs. Thomas. Very nice. No criticism or comment, just skillful reporting – nice nature description too. Tops. Linford and Fenwick are reading it too! Wicky likes Scrabble!

13. Sunday: Nine in class – Jacob’s Ladder – successful. Early dinner. But Ben Hur tickets cost too much! Wicky to Museum with Dick. Afternoon party! Finished Fact Finder item. Wrote letter home. Delivered item to Bull. . . snow in spits – pretty. Banks are high yet. Newlin put up the rest of the shelves in bay window.

14. Monday: Everybody off for lunch. I stripped the three-cornered shelves. What a difference! Used up all Kleenex. . . . Got a sinus that made me drag for several days.

15 – 19 [no entries]

20. Sunday: The usual class. Then off to Hawthorne Inn in Salem for business Meeting of the Bakers Island Association. Nice room, good buffet

food. Morse, Karam, Blunt, etc. Freddy is to continue as boatman, though risky. Boys went to Tufts for meal. Wicky was packing for camp in Newlin's new suitcase, looking worried.

21. Monday: Froze waiting to see Wicky off to Sargent Camp. 8:30 – 9:45! Duffle bag and suitcase. To Lora Halm's for reading club. Elaine Curtis reviewed new P.T. Barnum biography. . . . Lil Devine went to School Committee – another late one. Mrs. Gavrelis attended. Dwyer did poorly on writing a letter – didn't have his homework done. McCarthy's motion for agenda items only was defeated. Cafarella excellent.

22. Tuesday: Cold – pity the guys at Peterborough! Took Linford to Dr. Katzeff in p.m. He is NOT flat footed, he needs higher heel for stiff heels! [sic] Newlin went along to Hobbs PTA interview time – Linford has much to make up yet! Boudrot is a good guy, looked the best.

23. Wednesday: I went in town. I don't know what for. Tried on some dresses! Too bulgy – awful. 155 pounds! Drove to Lexington, Huffman's for Long Range Committee. . . . and pecan pie! Not a lot of progress.

24. Thursday: Rushed off to Shakespeare at Wren's – got a thumping flat [tire] in front of MacKillops – a Ham Bone! Parked. Read the medieval black marketer in Héloïse. Finally sent Sunoco up to change it . . . heard Bob Nichols on “Why I Explore” in p.m. His tents were set up on stage. Odd delivery caused audience to laugh at wrong time.

25. Friday: Up, took Newlin over to Harvard for the subway. Hard to leave the Square and its pretties – took tire to Zach's, had snow tires removed. Wicky came in at 3:00. A successful jaunt – but COLD. Much more snow in N.Y.

26. Saturday: Wicky has a cold! In bed all day. I washed. Linford to Tufts for swimming. Pretty tired. Went to Paris St. too late for “sale.” Reading for Brutus in Julius Caesar in round of Scrabble was not bad. Put the new electric pad on Newlin's bed.

27. Sunday: Wicky still had a cold. Linford a stomach ache. I taught Sunday School, didn't finish Joseph's coat story. Jonathan Stearns and Dick Baldwin here all afternoon. Ironed in p.m. Wrote a note to Pa, and made my list – looks pretty long.

28. Monday: Returned clean dungarees – ordered rubber mattresses. Forgot to remind Linford of 3:00 clinic date. Running at low ebb. Finished ironing. Newlin delayed till after supper to return from Swarthmore.

29. Tuesday: Up and off early to take Mrs. Conroy in to Jordan March, then to League of Women Voters state committee meeting on Civil Service. Swell gals – they really know their stuff. I felt draggy and had a tickly throat. Date with Dwight Davis [photographer] at 4:30, then to bed with headache and snuffle.

30. Wednesday: Just dragged along all day. Set up TCWC nominating committee meeting and read the rest of Brutus in Julius Caesar. Quite a part! Griscom Hall will liquidate!

31. [no entry]

April

1 – 7 [no entries]

8. Friday: Phoned a president – Joyce Miller, to W.C! Tops! Rainy day. Typed Fact Finder on Harry's big typewriter. Took punch and cookies to Cambridge for evening do. Boys and I went to Band concert. Rainy; Schoonmacher [band leader] not there. Only fair.

9. Saturday: Newlin's last day at Mass. Assembly. I washed. Took off to Cambridge for basket, etc. Supper late. I ironed five shirts while Wicky washed and Newlin dried. Wicky's beds are ready for guests. Typed the Fact Finder on Harry Ernst's big typewriter on Friday.

10. Sunday: Up early to work on skirt – it is SO pretty. Bath, and fast party. Liver for breakfast. Sunday School. Palm Sunday. Creamed salmon for lunch. Nap. Paper. Special. Finished skirt. Newlin wrote family letter. Linford wrote thank you to Ruth. To bed early. Newlin went to hear Moses Bailey at Beacon Hill. Census man came.

11. Monday: Took Fact Finder to Vogue Dolls. Bought and delivered a \$3.00 orchid for Louisa Benson. Filene's dresses! To P.T.A. – committee about the Fire Headquarters. N. Picavet and Mrs. Cucinotta (Vice President)

on it. Reports – Fenwick all A's but writing. Linford raised Science to A, dropped Latin to C!

12. Tuesday: Finishing income tax –

13. Wednesday: Mrs. Mack came in p.m. – we cleared things up. Mattresses came at 10 of five! Made up by supper time. But supper was late – I had to go to Molly Gregory's committee meeting. Ruth and Pa came at about 6:00 with lots of baggage – clothes trees, hats, two tables, fur coat, etc.

14. Thursday: I took Ruth to Shakespeare Club and Sue Brooks' to read J.B. – good. Then to Tufts to take old clothes to the costume department. In evening Newlin had committee meeting. . . . Ruth, Pa and I divided up the jewelry. I got Ma's watch bar pin, and blue and pearl rings. Two wedding rings, two smaller diamond rings. Ruth two largest diamonds – she'll set a ring with all of 'em,

15. Friday: Ruth thought she had to go – so she pulled out at 9:15. I put a few things away. Sorted out a bit. Shopped.

16. Saturday: Odds and ends – ironed shirts in evening. Newlin took some storm windows down and screens up. Pa watched Linford get his Jr. Life Saving test passed. With Whitney Pederson and Ronald McCarthy – Debbie and Martha Stearns.

17. Sunday: Easter. Cloudy. Taught usual class – “Nests” a big hit. Home for dinner. Balmy. All walked up on campus. Longest walk for Pa in years. Wrote a letter, sorted a picture for Ruth, but no negatives.

18. Monday: Sticky hot. Drove to Boston to fix hockey, glasses, shoes for Linford. Home. Hats to thrift shop – Book club at Mrs. Gefford's. Sayre late; reviewed story of April 10 in Lexington and Concord. . . . Phoned Ed Hayes on mem[bership?] cards. Witten on “bills.” Played hockey. Blast of wind at night; showers, cooler.

19 – 20 [no entries]

21. Thursday: Pa had his big bag packed before breakfast.

22. Friday: Shifted Wicky's bed back to normal and made it up. Washed.

Cleaned brushes for chair painting, but no painting done. Got Fact Finder at 4:00. GOOD one. Farmed out addressing. Went to hear Black, pres. international bank – at Tufts.

23. Saturday: Folded 700 FactFinders. Addressed envelopes. Bull took some. Carter and Steward addressing. Newlin off all day. Wicky didn't go fishing with Adrian. Quiet evening with all clocks changed.

24 – 30 [no entries]

May

1. Sunday: Weary, but off to early Sunday School. Good on Tuckers. Dinner. Wicky took Parcheesi to Garulas all afternoon. Rainy. Napped. Phoned on nominating committees. Felt like a heel but signed up Hildred Ashton.

2. Monday: Gorgeous day. Washed – including mattress pad. Nice. Mrs. Howie reviewed “Copey” at Laura Hersey's. Linford and I watched tennis. Then saw Dr. Heath on poison ivy. Quiet evening finishing nominating committee records.

3. Tuesday: Warm. I spent morning taking winter things up and bringing summer things down. Really discouraging to try on with my present 153 lbs! MUST DO something. Me to Band Parents, Linford to Council Meeting, Newlin to Winchester on Baker's Island fund.

4 – 14 [no entries]

15. Sunday: Up early to iron three white shirts. Newlin and Linford stayed to Clarence Pickett lunch and meeting. Fenwick and I at home. Entered the paid-up members into Plan E file – 108 cards – 45 directors!

16. Monday: Fenwick back to school. Poorly prepared in English. Rain again – daily since last Thursday. Mrs. Hersey driving to final Book Club Meeting at Hester Myrick's.

17. Tuesday: Willie Shakespeare's birthday. Emily H. 70 years a member. (pink lilies-of-the-valley) mimeograph cuts for all of us. And a marvelous reading by Mrs. Packard. Three women – Ann H., the dark lady, and

Elizabeth! Based on play Clemence Dane.

18 – 20 [no entries]

21. Saturday: Quarterly Meeting. Newlin and Linford went to Amesbury. Dick Baldwin came in for lunch and Wicky went to Adrian's birthday party – and came home so tired he was sneezing again. I sent a brownie to the Baldwins.

22. Sunday: My last Sunday School class – with pansies! Their work was awful! Special between sessions 9th grade graduation – lame! Wicky's eyes hurt again, so he popped back into bed. He did set up his drawings for the May Fair. A short Scrabble game, and to bed.

[no more entries in May]

June

1. Wednesday: Rainy again. I Shifted books – all out, with shelves to spare. Two chairs under sconces – good. Started Hasset on what to do if signatures come in. Driscoll, acting Fire Chief, gave good report. No quorum. Stopped Ed Hayes entertainment.

2. Thursday: A little more picking up – letter to Tredinnick done. Newlin at Dr. Fooks – only cleaning.

3 – 4 [no entries]

5. Sunday: Slept late. Still showery. To late Meeting and Yee Hong Guey. Nap. Iced tea. . . Newlin worked on screens, I washed windows ahead of him. Finished the letter I had written all week.

6. Monday: Bought \$33.00 of clothes for Linford, not counting shoes! Wool pants at Army Navy Store wonderful buy. Linford tried on everything. Wore the boots to play basketball – one rubs. School Committee Meeting. Contract to other than lowest bidder.

7. Tuesday: Washed ten sheets – 2 ½ wash lines full!

8. Wednesday: Up at 5:30, sewing on names. Washed a quick load of clothes

– 27 pr. socks. Dashed to Cambridge to read Molly Gregory’s report. It is a noisy place to work. Newlin out selling tickets. I ironed a bit and fell into bed. The trunk is ready!

9. Thursday: Linford’s trunk off via Malden. “What’s Going On” card to Mercury. Very weary again. Nap. To Winchester for flowers, stew for Monthly Meeting. Julie’s farewell party. Committee Meeting at Hal Bull’s – no Dwight Davis! Picavet is the calmest one!

10. Friday: Farmed out and delivered 45 phone calls. I ironed, shopped for weekend, packed duffle bag. Cooked fried chicken. Ironed in evening. Plan E announcement still not in Coming Events.

11. Saturday: To Island – with Sweeny for Glovers Wharf in Beverly. Milk across the street. . . . The Hut was in good shape. We washed all windows, in and out, and put screens on all. Beds made up, and to bed early. It was very nice.

12. Sunday: Overcast. Tufts had commencement. We had a mowing of the grass! Lost the cap to the Karams’ mower!

13. [no entry]

14. Tuesday: Went in town for the Civic Award. [I was] Mrs. Morrissey’s guest at the Zonta dinner. Colonial Restaurant along route 128. Dean Jeffers to speak. Corsage for each person. 1,200 [\$?] in scholarships! A lovely party. (What a poor driver, though!)

15. [no entry]

16. Thursday: So embarrassed and chagrined I couldn’t face anyone. Awful! I went shopping for the weekend.

17. Friday: In a great rush we got off to Salem and a special trip to the Island with Freddy Jalbert. Marion Smith promoted it. The Barneys, the Wells. . . . Two men were cutting out the old wharf. Newlin and Linford salvaged some planks. . . . June 17th is Bunker Hill Day!

18. Saturday: Perfect day – slightly humid. I washed two Venetian blinds and washed the dining room chairs (5) with oakite. Newlin salvaged and tied

up floating perils with McFarland and Karam – morning and evening!
Scrabble.

19. Sunday: More perfect day! Clear. We took everything out of the boys' room and cleaned it up. Swept the barn lightly. Newlin put black over the two leaking windows – again. He racked up his lumber beautifully. Allphins took the boys along to Bird Island – interesting.

20 – 21 [no entries]

22. Wednesday: I ironed – all the boys' shirts and 22 pillowcases – many pretty initialed numbers. Praise be it was cool.

23. Thursday: Cleaned a couple of drawers – sprayed wool scarves and put them away. Sewed while Mrs. Mack cleaned. John Dwyer for supper; O'Brien in later. Talked Superintendent – he's sure Manly is the one to be beaten! Little on Pompio. Pork tenderloin, rice, asparagus, tomato aspic and lime fluff.

24. Friday: Just poked around naming the last of Linford's stuff. Hemmed my blue dress – jersey, ugh! Ruth phoned – Pa to hospital for checkup next Wednesday – prostate. . . . Wicky said he saw “a hearse with only twelve cars in it.”

25. Saturday: Leisurely packing. Newlin did two more screens (and I the windows). Off to Yearly Meeting at 1:35. Stopped at Beans for a head-mosquito net .85. Yearly Meeting by 5:00. Bowdoin campus lovely. Ping pong and pool with Becky, and Linford square dancing.

26. Sunday: Out before 10:00! Meeting in curious chapel with center aisle and banked seats like Westminster's Chapel!! Fair. Good dinner. Linford all transferred and packed, and off with St. John's. We left after dinner – pretty hot. Glad to get back.

27. Monday: Wicky off to Magic Circle [Tufts' theatre]. Washed my hair – put some things away. Hot day. I did the new cabinet with Minwax – light oak. I think it fairly dark. Newlin watered and went through pile of old Mercurys.

28. [no entry]

29. Wednesday: Wicky pleased with kitchen-boy job in Sleeping Beauty; hopes for the piper in the Pied Piper later. Had long clinic date. Home very tired – lassitudinous.

30. Thursday: Wicky with a sore throat! I took him to Dr. Perry for a culture – he went pale! Glad to get to bed. No strep.

July

1. Friday: Wound up much shopping for island – kerosene, etc. Cooked some chicken, baked a brownie. Bought food – Newlin and I went up to see “Our American Cousin” – the period piece playing when Lincoln was shot. Curious. Interesting play. Some characters good, some awful. Father, pokerface – “I’m ruined.” Laura Keene pretty good. . . . Home – date.

2. Saturday: Wicky’s throat is clearing up the fastest ever. Newlin to Island in a.m. – for refrigerator and steps and peace. Wicky mowed and trimmed to a fare-you-well. Took the curtains down from living room – only clutter things.

3. Sunday: Did the little closet door “before breakfast” – Wicky polished handles. Drawers and closet done. We went to four stores – no N.Y. Times! I put recipes in order. Wicky made spicy coffee chocolate “for after the tree –trimming.” Used little cups and spoons.

4. Monday: Wicky and I had a quiet Fourth. He had Magic Circle. I washed a big load of sheets etc. again! Glad to see Newlin home. School Committee caucus of four decided on Manly #1, Houston #2.

5. Tuesday: 7:30 date with Dr. Braconier to tie back a terrig[. . .] on Newlin’s fight eye. Drove in, and out, and to bed, with drops and some pain. Harry O’Brien for quick lunch. Much telephoning for Council Meeting – Library janitor hired at top salary!

6. Wednesday: Much phoning for last School Coommittee – the superintendant vote: Povey, Procopio, Prudhomme, Newlin, me, O’Brien, Marchetti, Gavrelis, Fitzpatrick, Kelfer. South Medford and several others. ½ hour late. Came in, voted. . . . Manly [elected] Superintendent. He came in, thanked, and declined! Retired Mr. and Mrs. . . . To office again. Waited

1¼ hours – Houston #1, Manly #2. We could hardly believe it! The climax of years of work. A good Superintendant – no Pompeo!

7. Thursday: Very sleepy – talked half the night, so excited about the appointment. I went in town for trays and sugar bowl for the island. Tried the trays for supper – slippery. Saw Wicky do a kitchen boy in Sleeping Beauty. Adequate.

8. Friday: Newlin wanted to go [to the Island] Friday evening. I didn't know if I could make it. Mailed Ruth's package. To Sears, etc. Then too-quick shopping. Cooked some chicken, packed in a hurry and left. Made it. . . . Newlin not a good housekeeper! Fixed things up. Newlin did toilet. Good.

9. Saturday: I cleaned the graphite off the bathroom floor while the lighthouse boy installed the [propane] refrigerator – praise be it fits and it works! Eight pies on the Porch, tea by Mrs, Morse and Abbe. Very good. We sat on the rocks and watched the orange moon. Wicky went to the cowboy movies!

10. Sunday: Up as usual. I swept before breakfast. All set. We met the boat – Flints and [their dog] Toby. Looked over the house, walked to water and went on around to Colliers'. Sherry on the porch with Mr. Thresher. Then chicken dinner, gummy rice, good salad, watermelon, coffee. Washed up. We sat under the back bushes for hours. . . . Emily and I walked a bit, then had a bite of supper. Toby was interesting with all the dogs! Cold on the boat!!

11. Monday: Wakeful and up at 5:30. Packed. Cleared up all neatly. Early morning boat; twelve passengers. Low tide, steep ramp. Forgot kettle and thermos! Got timetable. Home at 8:30. No house key! Unpacked, put away. Drove around on errands. In pm I went to Beverly – there was the kettle and bottle! – and paid \$25.00 parking fee for the season. Very humid and hot. Newlin to Redevelopment meeting. Me to bed after copying Lissa's letter.

12. Tuesday: Ye Gods – Hot! Up in the 90's again. I washed a small pile. Cooked pot roast in a.m. Read Prevention [magazine] in afternoon and rushed out to buy fruit for dessert. Obolensky is a health food promoter plus exercise! Wicky finished his plastic engine. Newlin and Fenwick to see trains. Pa phoned – the house is sold. [303 Highland Ave., Kutztown, built for Bonners 1903] Praise be!

13. [no entry]

14. Thursday: I went and signed up for three weeks of exercise etc. at Mrs. Carter's Porter Square Silhouette. Wicky insisted on attic straightening – too hot – but we cleared the train alcove again.

15. Friday: Newlin up to school again – eye better, not tops yet. I shopped and hastily packed for the Island. He came home too late for second thoughts – too rushed for the bureau. Lovely evening. Newlin to [Bakers Island] Association meeting.

16. Saturday: Newlin chipped [decayed] wood from the step risers all day. Sitting in the shade. It was pretty warm. Wonderful \$1.75 community supper – turkey, ham, macaroni and cheese in old orange baking dish! Played Scrabble – 694 “grasped” for me and “square” for Newlin with Q on triple and 2. Date, and to bed.

17. Sunday: Up, cleaned up the Hut, brought double sheets home. Newlin sawed the bed board. Took morning boat. The car was the hottest I've ever known it. Home. Chicken salad lunch and Newlin off to 3:00 plane. Quite warm. Mobs waiting for “President Kennedy” at 6: – Wicky has hay fever!

18. Monday: My first Porter Square lesson – too easy! I feel all right after it. Stripped balance of shelves, window and door. Lamb for supper. More stripping of closet door. Wicky's poison ivy is in abeyance. Newlin phoned he's going to Virginia alone. Too bad.

19. Tuesday: I survived lesson two. Bought rubber pillows ant Sears for Wick's hay fever. Tried one. Good nap. Phyllis in. Mrs. Baldwin at 1:00 said they could go for the weekend. Loafed around. Lamb stew meat good. Music in the evening.

20. Wednesday: Had a steam bath – no good! Gained! “Lose two to four pounds!” – my hat. Did feel tired. Julie and the kids for chicken salad supper; back porch was nice. Wicky did all right as host. Peter good at Brio Labyrinthspel, Kai fair, KiKi no.

21. Thursday: Washed eight sheets – good drying day. Other stuff too. Mrs. Mack washed the ceiling, so I have to do it. Took Julie over to call on

Sellecks – a perfect call. Record of her home music, and waving from the lamp as we left. Julie looked and looked. She appreciated it very much.

22. Friday: Chicken, etc. good molded salad I thought. Picked up Dick Baldwin, and off to the Island.

23. [no entry]

24. Sunday: Played Scrabble in back yard at boat time. – Karams stopped in.

25. Monday: Up early – Dick and Fenwick good risers! Uneventful trip. Me to Porter Square, then I did the ceiling – two coats. Looks nice. Did some touching up of preparation for nest stage.

26. Tuesday: To Porter Square, then shellacked like crazy. Done by 4:00. Took bureau to Island. Lobster roll and scallops for supper! As well as ham sandwich. Roughest trip this year! Wind. To bed – cool! I do like the Island, even in misty weather. Sat on Mr. Steele's porch for the thin new moon.

27. Wednesday: Up at 6:00. Fog. Home without incident. Changed beds and rooms for Pa in boys' room. Wicky upstairs. Pretty tired. Baked two brownies. Picked up and put away Wicky hit his shoulder as we “moved” the bunk down. No doctors anywhere! Pa delayed.

28. Thursday: I steel wooled some of the shellac – smooth as silk. Pa and I drove to Littleton while Mrs. Mack cleaned up. Got corn – fair.

29. Friday: Hurricane Brenda will hit! I shifted to coffee after we were turned back at the dock by fog. – Thick Fog. Homer Collins took single men over. We drove up the line, stopping at Magnolia to chat with Mrs. Ringer. Home, and to bed.

30. Saturday: The Fair! We went over in morning in pouring rain. Pa surprised it didn't bother us. The Fair was in the Community House – bedlam. Guess I should have done punch after all! Made only \$6.70 on the “tea” table. Pa walked up to the N [?].

31. Sunday: Pa rested in the pink chairs. I painted the green boards again. Parcheesi. Tea and home made bread for supper! Walked to south end [of

the Island]. Mrs. Morse at song service very good. Clear moonlight. To bed at once.

August

1. Monday: Up early – rushed to finish all. Clear, cool and perfect. I washed clothes. Sprinkled. Pa and Wick got after the tall grass and uncovered earwigs by the million. Pulled some beets.
2. Tuesday: Up at 6:00 to iron – dresses, Wicky's shirts, etc. Took car to Clark and Cook. Hot. Went for it in afternoon. Steel woolled the last of the shellac. Pretty tired. To bed early – ready to varnish!
3. Wednesday: An awful muggy stinker – I varnished! Fan helped it to dry finally.
4. Thursday: Up at 6:15 to put first of base coat on. Went fast. Had to stop to take Janet, Steele and Scott to see Aladdin. It was very effective. Several did very nicely. Had cute tricks in it . . . thirty-one for cast! In town for jade earrings \$11.00. To Becky's for supper – Ed and Lois and Betsy and Ruth Ann. Short hard trip.
5. Friday: Did some more of base coat. Got Linford's plane ticket. Three Life's and chat with Lew. Moved back into the slick shelves. Look SO nice. Read paper, letters, and to bed. Pa and I finished fence in drizzle!
6. Saturday: Washed my hair. Painters moved in ladders. Packed and closed up. Left at 1:30 for Pennsylvania. Pa drove ½ hour on Turnpike up to 90! Three hours on Mass Turnpike, down NY thruway. Stopped near Saugerties. Saw Rip's Retreat in Catskills – lovely – cool! Two-bedroom cabin \$10.00.
7. Sunday: On the way at 7:30 . . . breakfast, pancakes! Three lanes full out of NY! Pa took it for turn into 22 with much traffic. Cramp from lifting left foot! Dinner at Walps – Wicky to tired to heat. Home by about 3:00. Good trip. Wicky got out Parcheesi. Pots and fans for diversion.
8. Monday: Wicky and I drove down to see Aunt Anna. She seemed pretty good. Spoke of being 80. Lunch at Goodnoe's – GOOD. We drove home chasing rain. Very warm.

9. Tuesday: Took Wicky swimming – not very successful. Met Newlin at 5:07 at Reading. Dinner at Wedgewood Room with Smorgasbord – above Reading. Home via Hawk Mountain.
10. Wednesday: Loafed – sorted stuff, etc. Newlin took Fenwick swimming. That was better. Hot. Cleared up a chrysanthemum border.
11. Thursday: To Swarthmore. Hot. Stopped by Candy's apartment (with the Cavendish estate) in Media. On to Swarthmore. To bed. Hot.
12. Friday: We fixed up borders. Interviewed H.S.S. – seems fine. Walked to Village. Campus is so pretty. People live in false security with all the pretty green around. Saw quilt and new Whittier building. Supper at Harvard Inn with J.R.S.
13. Saturday: Rain. Type a letter, please!! Packed, and off to see Fran and her new establishment. Lovely. Full of handsome antiques. Breathes Germantown breeding! Stopped by Auntie Elizabeth at Germantown and Pa at Norristown. His house is dark, but his room is tops. Home to nice supper with candles.
14. Sunday: Too rainy for Maidencreek [township]. Just Sunday at home. Pa came up.
15. Monday: Newlin and Fenwick to Philadelphia for sightseeing. Fenwick with Pa while Newlin visited Grayson at Norristown. Pitiful. Ruth and I to Merritts in Amityville and Fisher (and others) in Morgantown – a treat. I know now where to go for “anything.” Bought lamp base \$2.85.
16. Tuesday: Cool, overcast; perfect day for driving – 459 miles, 8:20 - 6:20. Hated to leave. Loaded heavily. Fenwick a good traveler. Back seat uncomfortable. Typewriter, baggage, pans, linens, silver, dishpan, etc.
17. Wednesday: Washed all clothes in sight. Newlin did mail and papers. Painters working – all screens are off, etc. Cleaned up Linford's room. He phoned from Bangor – to Boston at 4:35. Fenwick met him. Newlin to Council Meeting. . . . [Linford?] Woolly! And brown and dirty, with cut finger. Good to see him. No baggage.
18. Thursday: Ironed all a.m. – mainly linens! Two nice card table covers

and three doilies. Bought some stew and cooked it. Plus H.B. eggs. Packed for 6:15 boat – detour around [routes] 128 and 1! But plenty of time. Sandwiches on boat. All O.K. here. Fenwick mowed all! Haircut for Linford. It was a good summer.

19. Friday: Rainy all day, as I predicted. Fog horn. All sleepy. Linford terribly tired – wants only sleep. House crummy with grass. Mr. Thresher to stew supper. He is certainly easy company. Brought Hoikku, Boats, Plants of the shore area! Very nice!

20. Saturday: It cleared. Newlin made headway on the steps, then slept all afternoon. I swept out the front. Checked the storage closet shelf. Filled all lamps – new mantle on the top one. Went to Saturday tea, too. Punch 15¢, cake 10¢ - many and good. Linford and I to Medford on evening boat.

21. [no entry]

22. Monday: Unmercifully hot.

23. Tuesday: Newlin put the last nail into the new steps – and they are so nice.

24. Wednesday: off on early boat to keep Wicky's date. I washed ten sheets at the corner-fair. Towels wore lovely. Then washed clothes at home. Ironed in p.m. and tried to shop. Roasted beef in evening.

25. Thursday: Up – packed, barely made it with all helping. Stopped on Route 3 Garden stuff – good. Newlin returned on evening boat.

26. Friday: Wild dizziness – spit up yellow! Prepared for and entertained the Devines. All Day. Newlin brought them on the morning boat, I took 'em back. Roast beef, rice, beans, jello, pie; walk, swim again. Franks, potato salad, watermelon. Home via Salem – Chestnut Street!! Took white mouse and little snake, feather, starfish, etc. They sure liked the Steele House.

27. Saturday: Up – dizzy again, but less. Al asked for serious information. I raced for the boat; made it. Bob Nichols off to Misery Island. I had another dizzy spell in afternoon. Couldn't spit up, couldn't "go." . . . To Talent Show – Wicky with flute and Linford as ghost – Father time and the calendar. Wells on "Culture."

28. Sunday: Me in one chair after another, just sitting. Still dizzy. Walking drunkenly – but improved. Newlin cooked and did everything. Others on the Island have had a bug. Water? We now wash in carried water too. Poor game of Scrabble. Boys went to Song Service. . . . Wicky went off the dock four times – the first by accident, then because he liked it!

29. Monday: Still HOT – and me still shaky. Wicky invited to LaGues' at 1:00 to play the flute. Went back to paint! Later mowed their yard. . . . I sat in first one shady spot, then another. Dizzy in spells. No pain.

30. [no entry]

31. Wednesday: Still not worth much. Dig out some undergrowth near fallen willow. Such poison ivy! Newlin planning tool shed and office. Light house fellow will clear for the blueberry patch. Someday we will have a Very Nice spot. Did some community trimming of sumac.

September

1. Thursday: Newlin to town on early boat with long lists! Back in evening. Hot, tired. Black storm blew up from west – rained, poured horizontally. Wind up to 81 mph. Found some leaks! Wet did the grass a lot of good. Cover didn't blow off of drying beach sand – for fire protection.

2. Friday: I feel some better. Newlin cleaned out a lot of brush. I got to painting the boys' ceiling with Linford on the top ladder – went fast. Very cold night. Boys in barn. Playing hearts in evening with mantle light on every evening! Ordered lumber and new gas tank. Charles Morse Jr. called Pete will do the shaky floors.

3. Saturday: Newlin finished up the paint on the boys' ceiling. Devines came. We put the room back. They hope for the Steel cottage. Visit with Ernie Franklin. CLEAR day – perfect. Pete McFarlain killing crabs for little cemetery! Gruesome! . . . Tomato soup supper. Newlin and I walked down to the South end of the Island in moonlight.

4. Sunday: Up. Hamburg and toast for breakfast, then off to the Hall for the community breakfast before the song service. Coffee, juice, milk and doughnuts. Richardson Rice spoke to song service; fire on hearth. . . . Wind

and storm. We decided to take the a.m. boat! We did – with top landing awash. Board on milk boxes kept dry! Home – rain all day. Unpacked. Desk work. Much putting away.

5 – 10 [no entries]

11. Sunday: Went to 11:00 meeting. Then in to Yee Hong Guey for lunch – very good. Home, nap; put Linford's stuff in suitcases. Thought about mine. Played cards – hearts and rummy in evening. Bath and to bed.

12. Monday: to Towls at 8:00 – storm warnings all around. Hurricane Donna. 100,000 miles [on] DeSoto LOADED. Ralph drove in rain and more rain. Wipers turned off in Pennsylvania – arrived Newtown 5:15. Hamburg for lunch. Ruth picked us up and dined us at Trainors. Slept at Kutztown. High water Quakertown.

13. Tuesday: Breakfast of scrambled eggs and Virginia ham. Then Ruth went off to school. Pa took us down to Westtown, nice and early. The Glass Palace! We shopped for book shelf – parking ticket for using wrong meter! \$1.00 and a darn nuisance. Pa left me at 4:00 at bus station. Grubby station – hour to Wilmington; waited at DuPont Hotel to fly to Boston 9:30. . . . Linford seemed satisfied with roommate and arrangements. Hope he likes it.

14 – 15 [no entries]

16. Friday: Potato salad, ham in bucket, sponge cake. To Island, with Dick Baldwin, on evening boat. Peanut butter and raisin sandwiches. COLD.

17. Saturday: Toilet dripping! COLD. Fixed up all lamps. Then time for boat, and Baldwins. They liked it. Good meal; walk. Much cool air. Picked bayberry. Very little [Hurricane] Donna damage. Chat with lonesome Burnham. Morse and Mary in from two weeks sailing to Maine. Home via Winchester fruit stand.

18. Sunday: Wicky and I didn't go to Meeting. My ears and almost sinus – and headachey neck bones all ached from cold wind [sic]. I must be more careful. Wrote good letter home.

19. Monday: Lunch with Marie Henry – perfect soufflé – good discussion of Nominating Committee. They're on their way to Nigeria to set up educator –

panel selection of African students to USA. School Committee discussion of abolishing standing sub-committees, good. Carr opposed!

20. Tuesday: Finally got summer sheets changed. Wet weather holds up laundering. Both Newlin and I went to Council Meeting – sitter for Fenwick. (He’s not in football band, it practices in evenings 6 – 9.) Passed bond authorization for L. School. Much sitting in with “private” meeting. Planning department on Swan project. Doherty made last plea for Main and Mystic – leaving Swan for higher tax in come. Adamant! Koretsky of McDermott – “He’s dangerous!”

21. Wednesday: Mrs. Wolverton came and we set up New Wives area teas. I ironed dresses. Sent photos to all. Wrote letters and to bed early, I hope. Set up new bayberry do, and polished brasses.

22. Thursday: Finally washed the sheets on the beds all summer. Came out nice. Barry papers from bank – complaint to Mercury on no School Committee announcements. . . . Finished tomatoes into juice. Finished peaches. Wrote some mail – cleared up budget bookpile!! And hemmed dress with spots!

23. Friday: Nice clear day. Car to Clark and Cook for muffler. Then I put the last of the undercoat on pantry.

24. Saturday: Newlin sick – ups and downs and snuffly head cold during night. Dragged to classes, then dragged home. I made custards and sponge cake.

25. Sunday: Wicky and I to Meeting early. Coffee between meetings. Isabel [Abbott] on hall desk, DeBurlos and Abbotts all there. Wicky in committee. I went for paper. Typed up Shakespeare cuts in p.m. Newlin better, but dragging yet.

26. Monday: Had Lew Manly to supper – broiled lamb chops “reduced” at Star! Brown rice, broccoli, beets, and superb honeydew. . . . School Committee meeting. Conway said City had \$8,000 free funds and needed Schools’ surplus! Voted. Then to Manly to hear Kennedy Nixon debate Home – pooped!

27. Tuesday: Painted aqua on shelves. I like one, but not the other! All day

junket (at noon) with Mrs. Conroy to Needham L.W.V. Fall Conference. Civil Service! Interesting – but I must get to work on U. F. and Nominating Committee. . . . 6:30 School Committee and Council on Swan Robert's bond issue. Shurtleff dragging. Sounds reasonable – but.

28. Wednesday: Wicky played his flute for Music Class in homeroom. Did acceptably. I picked up the trees from Flints. . . planted my geraniums. Pretty weary after late evenings out. Papers fascinating on Castro – Kruschev – Congo – U.N. and all the blow-by-blow ramifications.

29. Thursday: Linford's trunk finally off. Bought ruffled curtain for pantry. and white flower for navy polkadot – but no skirt. 18 is too small. Size 30 should be right. . . .

30. [no entry]

October

1 – 4 [no entries]

5. Wednesday: Plan E meeting – we called several, and the speaker was a rambling guy on juvenile delinquency, with a table full of hardware. Little done for Plan E.

6. Thursday: Phoned some more for United Fund. Too tired to go to L.W.V. even with Joe Courtney on County set-up. Looked a little for wool skirt.

7. Friday: Bought gas and knew it was Pa's birthday time. Newlin so busy and tired, but suppered with Penelope Turton and clerked a non-coagulated [sic] Peace Meeting. Difficult time.

8. Saturday: Worked hard at nothing. Drove Edie DeBurlo and Todd to Harvard Coop. . . . Shower gift for Ruth and Dick Hooke!! Chased mounting for kitchen posters. Newlin to Cambridge for supper and Peace meeting – as Clerk! I heard second debate. Tried to call Pa – no luck. [Saw] Nixon and Kruschev on Branson's TV.

9. Sunday: The last day at the Island. Took sawdust over; trees in good shape. All boards on windows, and paper on barn windows. No floor or toilet yet. Home – beautiful peaceful day to remember. Newlin up to school

to work in evening!

10. Monday: Phoned all morning – reset furniture for New Wives. It looks beautiful! Didn't go to hear Isabel talk to the P.T.A. – heard she was good. Put some Plan E stuff away. “Clearing up.”

11. Tuesday: Morganthau for Civics Seminar – strong accent – not much to add or uplift about. Me sleepy anyway. . . . Took Wick to first Symphony. Beethoven's 7 was superb. He was all set up – white shirt! Several flute passages – nice.

12. Wednesday: Kept on and cleaned up the whole place. Even curtains up. (Wicky brought the living room ones from Mary's Laundry!) Party a howling success! Furniture served effectively. Two Scotch gals!

13. Thursday: Boynton started the Shakespeare season. Quit nicely – with Sonnets. Mrs. Guild, then I read. Then Mrs. Packard. Miss Hallowell read Job beautifully after the minutes were read. . . . Monthly Meeting gave Nominating Committee work to do! Mrs. Mack washed all storm windows!

14. Friday: Took Mrs. DeSua and Justin! to Art Museum for Christmas cards. No 5¢ ones! She's a Pittsburg steel mill featherweight – naïve! Hemmed gray silk suit.

15. Saturday: Diddled around. Mail and odds and ends.

16 – 26 [no entries]

27. Thursday: Put away the boys' things and got out the stuff for the “cocktail” –

28. Friday: Raced about for two shirts and dungarees; cranberry and cookies for Linford. Took Newlin to airport at 2:00. Home via Revere Beach. Mary Bacon and I went to U.F.H.Q. – no folders – Fallon brought 'em. I bought two and 5/8 yards of wool at \$3.00/yard. Wet and dripped all nite.

29. Saturday: Up to press the wool before breakfast. Cut and snipped and sewed all day. Praise be the sewing machine works. It will be nice. . . . Newlin home for 7:00 supper, saying Linford looks wonderful. Skin is clear.

30. Sunday: Wicky biked to Meeting; Newlin slept. Rusty DeBurlo will serve on Concrete Committee. Nap. Wicky starting on Hallowe'en. We cut ginger patties for the candy. Newspaper. Ruth phoned – the apartment won't do! Tough.

[that's all she wrote in 1960]