

Marion's Diary

1963

January

1. Tuesday. Still bitter cold. Linford toured closed libraries. Wicky went with us to Symphony. He sat in odd seat. Kids' night. Janie de Burlo there, too. All Mozart. Boring!
2. Wednesday: Wicky back to school. Made jello, etc. for Abbots. Newlin got a Bowdoin date set up for Linford. To Cambridge in a.m.
3. Thursday: Newlin back to school. Abbots came to supper – cranberry juice, sausage, mashed potatoes, chow chow, broccolli, rolls, jello with raspberry and whipped cream, and macaroons. Delicious. Played First Family. Linford to Bowdoin by bus, back by 9:00 pm. Successful trip.
4. Friday: To Meeting in a.m. Baked double brownies for Linford to take to supper party at Little's. We took Linford and Debbie to Pangloss (Hillman) – Isabel brought them home. Me with 102° and sore throat.
5. Saturday: So annoyed – Linford forgot his coat! Spent Saturday a.m. going to Cambridge to get it back. Needless. Useless. After a lecture on orderliness!! . . . Me flat with sore throat.
6. Sunday: Newlin did my job on Sunday a.m. for the business meeting. Not too hard. Took Linford to 8:00 train for Westtown. Good visit with Linford. He's a nice boy. No new shoes or clothes.
7. Monday: Last of sore throat. Phoning on surprise invitation of Mildred Roberts to "Retreat." Began on setting up table and shifting furniture.
8. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Geo[rges Selleck?] wondered about Dave Henry on Africa, for members only! Picked up rest of Bibles for Job reading. . . . Lil' Devine stopped in at noon – Al has borrowed on his G.I. insurance – next?? . . . Covered dishes wonderful. Ten at table for First Day School Committee retreat. Read Job – quite successful. De Burlo, Abbot, Copeland, Stewart Ross, etc.

9. Wednesday: Put rest of things away. Dishes for ten used, for twenty ready! Quiet day. Plan E in p.m. Pancake plans. We have a way to go yet! Smokey, hot. Got more tickets to sell. Haunted libraries for J.B.

10. Thursday: Very rocky. Called to fetch Fenwick. Just made it – intestinal upset. Felt lousy. Did not go to Monthly Meeting. Sent stew beef. Newlin on report for Tufts and finance report for Meeting. Pretty weary.

11. Friday: To Cambridge. Mailed teachers' meeting cards for 23 – finished up Mitten Tree stuff – \$60.00 – good! Found no J.B. and no Solid Gold Cadillac!

12. Saturday: Rainy. But Dyke finished tying and loaded our head-high piles of [news]paper. Two trips; he got \$3.50. I washed, napped. Wicky over his intestinal infection. Wet and skiddy. I read Atlantic Monthly story of teenage “New year” – an awful empty existence. Also Irish potato famine!

13. Sunday: Rain froze on everything – pretty! Barbara L. phoned at 9:00, Copeland took it. Help for Roger Webb and Kitty Stern. Herb Stewart O.K. Such changes! . . . Dinner at Ye Hong Guey – Lo Mein too greasy. Newlin typed frantically on finance letter. Wicky and I drove them around to Boston P.O. – five special delivery! Stamps!!

14. Monday: Picked up after S.S. [Sunday School?]. Sent copy of curriculum to New Haven inquirer. Hunted Schweitzer film strip. Chased Winchester and Arlington “Cadillac.” They're piling up!

15. Tuesday: Worked frantically on Newlin's big capital fund finance letter. Then in town to dentist. Cleaned me up again. Come back in April! Home by MTA. Wicky pretty much alone.

16. Wednesday: Shopped Winchester for needed glasses. None. Went to sit in Library for Aunt Jemima posters. De Pasquale and I went to call on Huston for permission to announce the contest. Newlin working all hours on fund letter for Meeting. Ironed in pm.

17. Thursday: Took Wick's exam to Al Devine; in town to find glasses. Success! Pooped, too. Home, shifted furniture, took a good nap. Started to type names for Annual Meeting announcement. J. Raymond Smith's style

book came. Beds for Linford's room would come to \$400! complete!
Lugged meat grinder and 1½ dozen glasses. No socks for Linford or Newlin.

18. Friday: Piddled at desk – Arlene Lynde did new books. Elise Boulding is coming February 10 – chat with Chouteau Chapin on way home. Another rain, frozen into glare. BAD.

19. Saturday: Spent most of the day on dinner. Manly, Ernst, Bridgman and Russ Miller; stew meat, potato stuffing, creamed cabbage, stewed tomatoes, pecan pie with ice cream, and Barton's truffles! Then we read "The Solid Gold Cadillac" – they all knew it! Sue Manly read Mrs. P. quite well. Men, poor readers. Went home early! Not good. Table nice, with grass mats and fruit and pewter.

20. Sunday: Perfectly awful day. Schweitzer slides, a new family, a new seeker. Play books let go home [sic] by Al Lang (ordered another set!!) etc. Poor coordination. Teachers absent, etc. etc. . . . Ate dinner leftovers at home; wrote a letter home. Newlin on exams and tired as anything. Eyes bloodshot!

21 – 22 [no entries]

23. Wednesday: Worked on Plan E annual meeting envelopes. Had my first teacher training class – Chouteau, Kitty Stern, and Roger Webb. I had called off the teachers of younger kids. Cold – tiring and tired! Newlin went to Jemima meeting – BLUE!

24. Thursday: Finished the envelopes – sorted into Directory and members, and 1961 members. So relieved to get them off to Fitzpatrick. To Monthly Meeting supper. Newlin about done in on the fund-raising and fund-raiser details. Found the list of members of Plan E for December 1961! Me to bed.

25. Friday: Notice ready for Bulletin. Worked every minute on names and envelopes (list I forgot last year!). Stuffed at Fitzpatrick's. So many errors! Three sheets of directors called for extra postage on 250! Two words misspelled on flyer and poster! Exhausted! Bates, Marchetti, Carter, Cicirelli, and I did it! Tickets going slowly – must push.

26. Saturday: Posters up at United National, Mary's Laundry, Hillside Cleaners, Nobo's, and two big ones lettered for Parker. To library – end of

poster “contest” – one entrant! Home late, quick supper. . . . Newlin’s birthday! Briefcase, records, plaque! Wicky biked to Fulton Heights. To bed.

27. Sunday: Taught the Schweitzer 11:00 fifth- and sixth-grade class. It was interesting – Brooks was a nuisance! Washed in p.m. Newlin’s drawers empty!!

28. Monday: Got on the phone for tickets – to School Committee meeting on building plans. Bigolly – the room was full of Hervey parents protesting their school’s standards. Talk with the principal? “He’s not that kind.” We have waited for this!

29. Tuesday: Got out letter to First Day School families and teachers about Elise Boulding [leader in peace research]. To be mailed Thursday.

30. Wednesday: One poster in for the Poster Contest! We gave her a \$10.00 prize – it was incomplete without the date. Nice kid – Debby O’Neill. Sold some more tickets. Went for a walk in Roberts Junior High. Room 33 incredible!

31. Thursday: Mrs. Mack was sick! I helped stuff the Bulletin with the Hallowell boy and caretaker! When cleaning up, Wicky decided to redo his room. Got the bunk bed down and pushed the desk to the corner. Looks nice. I cleaned up!

February

1. Friday: Wicky wanted clean sheets, so he tried to get Dyke for overnight – Dyke was miffed about report card episode. . . . News came – Wicky’s accepted at Westtown with Regional Scholarship – best in science. He’s pleased! I went to Wakefield for chefs’ caps, and got trash cans. They leaked.

2. Saturday: Aunt Jemima Day! Started early, went late. Took in \$867 – costs were high. Gay time. People sat! Rain in afternoon slowed things up. Those kids, cheering at the door!! Newlin on garbage detail. Mrs. Shurtleff who are all the workers! [sic] . . . Linford’s paddle in new Sears trash can!

3. Sunday: Stiff and tired! Newlin to school for last papers. Me to Sunday School, Wicky biking! Ice underfoot. Newlin too weary to spare time for Ye

Hong Guey – we ate Pancake Ham. Turned cold – 17° at supper. I went up for Newlin. Tomorrow we get rid of excess cans! Started Roger Webb’s [Sunday School] class; taught Ginny Willman’s. Copland taught 3 and 4 at 11:00. Many subs!

4. Monday: To Cambridge – but pretty weary. Book club at Hildred Ashton’s. All new carpet, paint and paper! Nine years. Well – she has a daughter. Laura Hersey did excellent job of “George” – Emlyn William’s biography, and in “The Corn is Green [1945 film].” I was encouraged when Isabel mentioned that I had reviewed “Inherit the Wind.” How did she remember?? . . . Felt generally weary – with hole-in-stockings mood.

5. Tuesday: Ministers gathered in the parlor. I got set for First Day School Committee Meeting. They like the adult discussion between meetings. We’ll see – I did only adequately.

6. Wednesday: The Annual Meeting – much phoning. Baked brownies. Hearts on bayberries – coffee, cream and sugar. C. Doherty rose to lambaste the School Committee for talking to Hervey parents (he’s Murphy’s friend!) and Skerry. Griswold was good. Pictures on MTA and transportation.

7. Thursday: Very tired. Phone calls from Cafarella and Doherty and some others. I napped in Linford’s room. Made some calls for Sunday sitters – with some success. Thank goodness Mrs. Mack is better! Wrote postcards to the councilors for the long-range view of parkland. Doubtless a waste of effort.

8. Friday: Very cold. –3° at breakfast. Wicky biked! Me to Cambridge with bayberries and junk. Conference with George. I’ll ask M. and C. for longer space between Meetings. Sold all the margarine! Thirty pounds! . . . Wicky had a lesson – duets. I bought Mercuries, and Newlin’s plane ticket for next week. Too tired to do anything. To bed.

9. Saturday: Did housekeeping, and rested. Queer sore throat about gone.

10. Sunday: Junior Business Meeting 11:00 – Valentines. Elise Boulding to speak after pot luck dinner of 55 families. 120 at least – awful. More Valentines while she spoke. Then I vacuumed and swept out. Home at 5:30 – pooped. But it was successful!

11. Monday: Picked up loose ends. Yes, I'll be on Hobbs [Junior High School] Nominating Committee! (Need a good Plan E person). Started on Store Committee. Hope we get Mike again. Mrs. MacCullar has S. S. Pierce wholesale experience and good ideas. . . . Still half a sore throat.

12. Tuesday: Symphony tickets – to Ounjian!! Again! And I went to Ciardi at Medford Public Library with Mrs. Povey. Very good turnout – beastly freezing rainy evening. Mixed with Mrs. Houston – nice and quiet.

13. Wednesday: Thought I had a quiet day! Took Newlin to airport at 2:00, picked him up at 9:45. Changed beds and washed! Quiet, eh? Mended some, too.

14. Thursday: Orange jello for Monthly Meeting. Mrs. Q. wanted me to phone against Carr's Gov[erner's?] council approval. Couldn't do it. Tried to get Newlin's watch. Chipped and beef for Monthly Meeting, too. . . . Car wouldn't start! Left it on pavement! Sunoco and taxi. Monthly Meeting changed hour of second meeting to 11:15 and gave Guest Room for a class room! Big changes.

15. Friday: Newlin up early. Breakfast at quarter of seven! I got the car from Sunoco. Much to do, but did little at Cambridge. "Guest" room into class room. . . . Left car at Sunoco – starter trouble. Washed. Changed Wick's bed. Steak and French bread! Too much!

16. Saturday: Newlin up early. Baked sponge cake. Sanded the stand. Washed. Shellacked (Wicky took two trips and got yellow which we used). He took four glasses up to the Devines. All broke! Very cold, maybe! Newlin and Wick to see St. John. She said no fundraising. Has Harvard degree.

17. Sunday: Mild day. Anticipated no difficulty – move into Guest Room fairly simple. Crowded at 11:00 for three- and four-year-olds; I read them a story. But I was quite tired when it was all over. . . . Ye Hong Guey – delicious as ever. Home past long line waiting to get into "Son of Flubber" movie. Family letter all about Wicky – and to bed.

18. Monday: Tough! Wicky has a week of vacation – what to do?! He and Ernie went to see "Son of Flubber" – Wicky paid! \$3.00!! Well! They enjoyed it. . . . I went to Humphrey's for book club. Very colorful house –

shaggy rug, beautiful table cloth. Out Grove Street, with a view. Newlin called on Marie Henry – then phoned New York! One phase is over – a Mr. Oleson to raise funds.

19. Tuesday: Worked to get teachers' letter out. Conference with George on 8's. Went shopping for beds. Fenwick to clinic. Rain; then snow for great David Henry evening – only 35 (1/2) there. Very nice – name tags, hot cider – very special.

20. Wednesday: On phone all morning – but stymied. Prince Ed. gal needs a dentist! Spencer Cox died. . . . At 8:00 went to Ruth Brady's for L.W.V. soliciting meeting. Icy glib as thaw froze. Gloria drove. Perry a bore.

21. Thursday: Signed up Dinah Starr for one Sunday. Tried to give blood; turned down – anemic! . . . Got started on Shakespeare. To bed early for once. Changed the phone rate. Stupid to be so slow!

22. Friday: Quiet day. Mended, phoned. The discussions are getting set. Sorted Mercury's in attic. Then lunch, and all afternoon on lists. Newlin called with Marjory Bainbridge. . . . To dinner at Lil Devine's church – roast beef, succotash, mashed potatoes, carrot salad, rolls, cottage pudding with lemon, cherry or chocolate! Very good. Charged \$1.50; made \$102.00! Served 100 or so. . . .

23. Saturday: Rushed around getting bulletin board for guest room, and Wicky's room.

24. Sunday: Jinny Willman to lunch; also Ernie Abbott. Pretty tired. Headache – sinus, that is. Fatigue?

25. [no entry]

26. Tuesday: Newlin's big day. Tour with Mr. Olofson, Ward, Dreshman, and Reinhardt, and lunch with about fifteen figures. Finance Committee in p.m. Then phone calls. So relieved that someone is WORKing on it – already. I lunched at the Window Shop - \$2.30! Saw Sally Greenwood on the bus. Nap – exhausted again.

27. Wednesday: To Boston for shopping – odds and ends for puppets. White socks from Fitzpatrick!

28. Thursday: A Bulletin to go out and a program to prepare. Decision to be made: nix on guest room – to second-floor office. Conferences! Strain – Only set up program in afternoon – four trips over and back! Larch Miller puppets good. Wendy and Lotte and Chuteau – a good evening. [In the space provided for Feb. 29] I've skimped the Store Committee! My hands are cracked and almost sore. Lack of vitamin A? We ran out six weeks ago. I'm really weary. Moving and the conflicting opinions were tough.

March

1. Friday: Passed papers for the Clay Pits! Furniture, phone, all set. I started on sorting in the attic. Drove on icy lawn around stalled truck! Home exhausted. Napped. Library for Four Poster – Fisk and Jessie. Snow – Wicky shoveled. I phoned.

2. [no entry]

3. Sunday: Great Day – Junior Business Meeting, and first Adult Forum with change to 11:15, and first combination class in third floor. Chaos! . . . Took John Olofson to dinner with us. Exhausted afternoon. Could not get to Baker's Island meeting.

4. Monday: Standard Monday morning. Too busy getting out Shakespeare parts to go to Book Club. Sorry!

5. Tuesday: Conferred with George Selleck – Finance letters for Newlin. Fixed coffee for First-Day School Committee meeting. We talked, then scabbled up and thinned out on the third floor. Even turned the rug! Fine work party.

6. Wednesday: Made cookies; prepared for Plan E coffee. Poor turnout for special refreshments. . . . Mr. Houston showed school pictures. He's good. Some new members look good. Made \$400 on pancakes! More next time. Set up for Shakespeare Club here.

7. Thursday: Shakespeare Club reconvened here with the "Fourposter." Fun; big crowd. Jessie absent at last minute! Mrs. Mann read.

[in the margin]:

Winter waits its curtain
Spring is in the wings
My calendar is certain
That Shakespeare reconvenes

Then to Cambridge for envelopes and lists. Tried to write. The FLUTE came. \$17.00 postage!! Addressed until 11:30. Mrs. Mack and Wick did attic. . . . My cards were well received!

8. Friday: Up at 4:10! To address envelopes. Finished! Edie's were awful – just scribble-scrawl. I did hers over again. Wicky went up to Devines' for favorite TV program in p.m. Pretty sleepy!

9. Saturday: Wicky went on a "Work Camp Day" to a Cambridge Settlement House. Copeland organized it. Tom Hall came! Cellar cleaning and painting! Newlin working on finance letters – with personal notes. I ironed a bit in evening. Read some Wodehouse on writing.

10. Sunday: Had a feeling things were not OK! Jinny Willman on call from – house mother?? Dinah Starr not there. Classes on third floor crowded. . . . June Holt to Ye Hong Guey with us – pleasant. I made calls for LWV – Wicky had ice cream snatched. Called police – and they are going to follow it up! Heavens!

11. Monday: A good deal of running up and down. Much in and out. Pretty tired. Cant's seem to get my jobs done. (Moon is on the wane).

12. Tuesday: Conference with George Selleck: Yes, return class to Library. Did the balance of the curriculum pink sheet. Dull day – tired, colorless. Ellen is feeling better. That's good. Newlin too tired. . . . I went to Swarthmore dinner – deBurlo and Abbott – sat with infants! At least Courtney Smith interesting. Phew – what a place it is now. . . . Mary Newman says she has known Newlin longer than any living person except her father.

13. Wednesday: By golly – I went shopping for that dress for dinner, etc. Brought home a navy blue –Newlin didn't like it! Not nice enough. Got red shoes! \$22.00!! . . . Brief nap – to P.T.A. in rain. Small audience for Miss Brehm – she's GOOD. Carried Dave McClellands's book. I'm on nominating committee! Don't know the others who are [on]. Slagle good.

Wrote Sam Burgess and Rosly and Al Lang!

14. Thursday: Wick with mild sore throat! Read “Electra” at Shakespeare Club. Sue Brooks’ “Electra” was excellent. . . . Made up Linford’s poor narrow bed. New odd colored blankets. Deviled eggs for Monthly Meeting. I went over by bus; drove home with strawberries from Charlotte Taskier for Wick.

15. Friday: Wicky in bed yet. Me to Cambridge. Tried one more shopping search – refuse to spend \$30 for a too tight Peck and Peck! Pretty dress! . . . Too tired to go to Tufts University Womens’ Club play. Went over at 10:00 for Linford – friends drove him up to Cambridge. Nice to have him home.

16. Saturday: Wicky’s cold not ready for work camp. I got plywood – boys installed the second bunk bed. Wicky is good with tools. . . . Linford to Dr. Shapiro to start on teeth – poor guy!

17. Sunday: Up, even washed dishes. Photographer there for “crowding.” No teacher for three- and four-year olds. Chen late for piano playing, but good when he got there. Dinner late. Train forty minutes late. John Webb, Westtown roommate, turned up. Odd looking wise guy! But OK. . . . Bill Cousy’s farewell crowd at Arena!

18. Monday: Linford took John up for Ballou interview. Afternoon visit with Jonathan Stearns, then basketball. He wore himself out! . . . Me to reading club at Hersey; Hayman read E.B. White – delightful! Roast beef supper. Boys to hear Woody Sayre. Me to school committee, Newlin to Cambridge. What a schedule!

19. Tuesday: Linford went off to dental clinic. I took John to South Station, then to Cambridge. Took Ellen for envelopes. Linford returned with mouth full of metal. Two aspirins, no nap! Mailed some finance letters for Newlin. Got his two glossies from Dwight Davis. Spotlight fell off on Boston throughway! . . . Quiet evening at home. Sleepy.

20. Wednesday: Rainy day. I washed at the Washhouse. Changed beds, dried six towels and bedspreads! Very tired. Quite slow moving. . . . Nominating Committee Meeting in Cambridge, and I didn’t have my homework done! Must do better. Nasty wet snow – hope it’s the last.

21. Thursday: “Raisin in the Sun” – and I broke down in the climax! Durn. Took Linford to Kennedy’s for a nice brownish suit. \$45.00 plus two ties and a pair of shoes. Returned; boys ate TV suppers. Newlin and I went to Cambridge for Friends School Day dinner. Very nice affair, lots of gaiety, lots of good sense. Eloise, McClelland, Waring, Newlin, Eric Johnson of Philadelphia. Good. I wore new dress and flower hat – head table!

22. Friday: Materials for Ethel Amory for the third- and fourth-grade for two Sundays on Moses! Retrieved blue book and key from 130 Brattle. I’m out of the doldrums and functioning again . . . An Eliot-Pearson grad phoned in “off the street” to help us! Miracle!

23. Saturday: Coupla Nominating Committee phone calls. Typed up Mike’s paper. Drove to Beverly, talked plans. He signed. Home via North shore for baby gift for Kain, and “manufacturer’s closeout” yellow placemats at ½ price. None for Turkey! . . . Wicky to work camp. Tea in PM for La Nae and twins – the Virginia kids in Medford for the school year. Star Market sale on apple juice. Boys off to hear music at Tufts.

24 – 26 [no entries]

27. Wednesday: Went to Meeting to correct Bulletin wording. Hunt in Boston for a new picture plate. Good thing there are few evening commitments, these days.

28. Thursday: Shakespeare – “The Constant Wife,” at Miriam Imlah’s – nice. Mrs. Neill not well at all. We went up and got the red rug from Devines. Mrs. Mack cleaned it and installed it and it looks very good! Wicky knows! Makes his room quieter. Three cartons apple juice –

29. Friday: Bulletin day at Cambridge. Took Ellen and mail at 11:40. Better than 12:00.

30. Saturday: Cloudy, dull. Wicky biked to DeCordova Museum. Home, tired, at 2:30. Newlin to a 2:00 plane. His vacation! Boys and I to Ye Hong Guey – crowded! Ironed and sewed name tapes. Linford’s paper looks NICE. \$11.00 for typing, including Bibliography. He packed up – did a good job, I think.

31. Sunday: Sunny – cool air. I put Linford on the 8:00 train – knapsack,

paddle, attaché case, suitcase, and two ham sandwiches. . . . To Meeting. Wicky came in good time. Sandwiches for lunch. Long, deep nap. Chocolate sauce on [Sunday-night] special. Letter home. Read “Travels with Charlie” – Steinbeck – with Wicky. He loved it, too.

April

1. Monday [no entry]
2. Tuesday: Conferred with George – May Fair May 18 conflicts with Quarterly Meeting! He was quite sharp! Took coat to Sonya Holsey for shortening; home in a fret. Tried to prepare for First Day School Committee in evening. I bungled on it. Chouteau a problem but not there! Senior class subject and teacher.
3. Wednesday: Very tired – slow going. Finished “travels with Charly.” WASHED my hair. Sent Ruth’s Earlham/Bowdoin comparison on to Linford with a birthday letter. Phoned Polly Starr for Nominating Committee. She said Marriage Committee details are all OK! To a Plan E meeting. Hosmer C of C. Changed Wicky’s bed!
4. Thursday: Dreadfully tired. Newlin twitching in bed and angry at spigots. Bob Harrington says yes to Hobbs PTA, YP! . . . Shakespeare at Fran Nichols. Got car – \$47 for tires etc. Put dazed old lady on bus! Tufts Assembly is over – Now Newlin is on budget. P.T.A. Nominating Committee at Eavensons. We named a negro!
5. Friday: Fulminated over May Fair/Quarterly Meeting date duplication. I decided on May 11 . . . tried to write letter to teachers. Nap, shopping. Wicky to lesson, then Debby Weinbergers’ for supper. Me over for him – he liked it. Roberta Selleck home after two years!
6. Saturday: Gorgeous day. Washed eleven sheets, etc. Fenwick to Lincoln with Chris. I cleared up Linford’s beds – found shoes! Went in to McGary’s with Fenwick, brought Mrs. Dugger home. Edie called in evening with coffee pot. George Beal called with figures.
7. Sunday: Up early. Roast of beef in oven, and Junior Business Meeting at 11:00. Then lunch and Chakravarty (for those who cared.) Very weary. Long nap. Ironed. Enjoyed Sunday New York Times! Newlin crazy with work yet.

8. Monday: To Cambridge – wrote letter, made phone calls. Took Amy Eaton from Rest Home to Dr. to Rest Home! . . . Home at 4:45. Cold rosbif supper. Ironed some. To 9:00 School Committee meeting – in at 10:00. Lincoln Junior High parents there for new Junior High. Much argument. Collins went home, all votes 3 – 3. None passed. Sacco played to the audience – adjourned at 1:15.

9. Tuesday: Called Beck for talk date, finished letter. Slept in PM. To final Symphony. Newlin on Fund, Wicky tired. So I took Roberta Selleck. Harry Lane pictures lovely. “Old Ice House!!” Music nice; me sleepy!

10. Wednesday: Washed and put away standard amount. Couple of calls on Fund and Nominating Committee and Saturday dinner!

11. Thursday: Up, underway slowly. Took papers to bank box; shopped. Stores are mobbed! Sewed patches and talked to Mary Gavrelis while Wick swam. To Monthly Meeting with chicken and crumbs; home with Wicky. Stuffed envelopes for teachers and Friends Disaster Service Center. Newlin presented budget.

12. Friday: The vigil!

13 – 19 [no entries]

20. Saturday: Up early as usual. Washed a small wash for 3! Hung it out; shower – took it in! . . . Called on Conants with tea. Newlin and Wick SWEPT the cellar and mended the door. Newlin on Readers Digest. . . . I feel fat and logy. MUST do something. Pot of tulips about gone.

21. Sunday: Puppets in two classes! No 11:00 kindergarten – then Martha turned up. No Dinah for three weeks! Fay is there. Alofson to Ye Hong Guy; home by Beacon Hill, etc.

22. Monday: Gave Forum to Havens’ for four weeks – uneasy. Chouteau is something to work with! Worked on flyer. Went to delicious chicken dinner for kickoff dinner – missed Carl Gilbert giving McGlynn the Honorable Mention at Chamber of Commerce dinner.

23. Tuesday: Chatterly tired. Did May Pole stencil and stuffed envelopes,

ready for Friday. Phoned a couple on Teachers' Meeting. We'll have two!! Shopped for May Pole pole – wood. Fay Luder Teachers meeting. Becky was OK. Nicholson, Webb, Hillman, Little. People are calling already for funds. Open fire.

24. Wednesday: Calm and restful day at home. Plumber came. Heat was on, radiator pipe was wet! Leak fixed!! Shopped and bought rail for May Pole. Nominating Committee in PM. Newlin to Plan E!! To bed too late.

25. Thursday: DeBurlo is getting the May Pole! I went to Shakespeare's Birthday. Miss Boynton spoke on MacDowell Colony, Mrs. Packard on daughter Penny's marriage in Guinea.

26, 27 [no entries]

28. Sunday: Daylight Savings Time! Caught many – Penelope and I did coffee. Much May Fair clutter, etc. Newlin has lost his \$75.00 top coat, bought to look well when calling on millionaires. Did any of them need a coat his size?? [Newlin stood 4' 11".]

29. [no entry]

30. Tuesday: Bulletin out. George Selleck suggested sandwich dinner on Sunday for Stulmans. Cards ready! Fenwick home with sore throat. We drove to Swampscott and Manchester, Potter and Martz. Rain, praise be! . . . Queer, speeding through the night.

May

1. Wednesday: A day of rest. Wicky's sore throat going. Walked to Hobbs for his assignments. Newlin off to Fund dinner; me to Plan E. He thought about photographing his brass engine – painted black! It is not running.

2. Thursday: With the most meagre pick-up, the League of Women Voters unit on U.N. met here! Good meeting; eight guests. They liked the wedding certificate. Rosemary Sullivan, Mary Rowan, Ruth Brady, Rebecca Robbins, Thelma Povey. . . . Called on Harrison Harly all evening.

3. Friday: Three color admission tickets ready. London "Faith and Practice" in. Hastily purchased a knapsack and watched the weather. With drill and

penknife Wicky and I finished the May Pole. Tore six yards of yellow and aqua for ribbons. All set. Wicky went to Fund dinner, then to MIT model railroad club. . . . Final dinner of the campaign. Did NOT see it coming. We went OVER by \$7,000. Incredible – relief and congratulations! Home dead tired.

4. Saturday: Up at 5:00. Picked up Bill Watson at 6:15! Dewey fresh day. To Houghtons, and the good station wagon. Hooper and two boys at 7:15. They were off in good shape. Wicky is tired though. We packed up lunch and went to the Island. Perfect Day. Rats! Rest. Boat!! Soggy! . . . Tried to find summer rental – at Esso Station best. Home, party; to bed.

5. Sunday: Queer, just Newlin and me! Lunch packed. Off early, to set up the May Pole. Success! Lovely! Puppet show biz and Junior Business Meeting. Harried! Steelemans last day. Fancy oriental rolled up. Picnic in parlor Wicky home from hike at 4 – 6. Paper, desk work, bed. Newlin finished reading “Learner’s Permit” by Laurence Lafore.

6. Monday: Beautiful day again.

7. [no entry]

8. Wednesday: Too tired to do anything. Hot, too.

9. Thursday: Hot as hot. Washed hair and laundry, did chicken for Monthly Meeting. All beds changed. Almost ready for Linford and the May Fair. Wore red cotton to Monthly Meeting. Wicky got a flat – in Cambridge.

10. Friday: Pinked edges of May Pole strips! Cold and rain. Shopped a bit. Shampoo and laundry are a help, but not enough.

11. Saturday: MAY FAIR – cold and wet! Chased Yearly Meeting Query Committee upstairs and went to work. Polly Starr’s picture brought \$75! New books, few white elephants. Puppet shows went off all right. Dead tired. To Ye Hong Guey for supper.

12. Sunday: Mothers’ Day. I had Lofts sample candy box! Still counting money! Sold more books and plants. . . . Took Linford to airport – via Medford! Waited 20 minutes, home exhausted. Didn’t do anything. Tail sore. Temp 1°.

13. Monday: Lump terribly painful. Must get another dress. And shoes! To Meeting with Newlin, briefly. Counted money! Too weary to go the School Committee Meeting. Ordered vitamins.

14. Tuesday: Still exhausted and sore. I baked brownies, napped. Went to party at Littles – given by F.D.S.C. to teachers. What a place! Had about twenty. Danced! Home early. Good party, good place, good program!

15. [no entry]

16. Thursday: Over to Cambridge to finish letter. Newlin went, too. Tail is sore. Ellen will mimeograph letter – I'll do envelopes. Home to annual luncheon with Jessie Clarkson, Marian Miller and Littlefield – bird watchers, all! Nice party – Winchester Country Club. Home. Headache, nap. Finished letters; mailed at 11:00. Hit head a crack! Cried and cried; took Demeral. . . . Endorsement is warming up.

17. Friday: Went back to bed for two hours, then up to go get Plan F Casino bill. Headache gone. Lump still hurts, though less. Dawn came over with P.B. and stayed for “Mommy” record. Newlin home for nap at 3:30. To bed early. Pills are here.

18. Saturday: Rainy day. Napped a lot. Washed a small do. Wicky is making a new waiting room [for model train layout]. Such patience! . . . Bath and to bed. Lump is bothersome; hurt in the night. I gave it a good squeeze – it disappeared! and I passed a lot of pink colored water. And such relief!

19. Sunday: Up early. Bath. So comfortable! Newlin on papers. Fenwick biked over for intersession. Jinny Willman's last class! Juice running out. None at noon. \$5.00 in for kids, \$1.00 on books, and end of year feeling. Home. Nap. Ironed. Much phoning on endorsement.

20. Monday: Pretty weary – much phoning to set up tea committee. Dragged to School Committee Meeting preliminary report on Master Plan. High School buildings are at bottom of list. South Medford friends are very cool – insist on Junior High!!

21. Tuesday: I've lost five pounds! . . . To Cambridge – all set for interviews. School Committee. Such a string of young Italian unmarrieds of

High School '55! Marotta, Salerno, DeLeio, and Sacco. Andrews did nicely. Thirty directors there! Parker terrific!

22. Wednesday: Diddled around on phone, etc. Interview Council candidates! Toomey with seven points, Cronen member of Supreme Court. The utter sincerity of little Stabile promoter, Catalano. Home, annoyed at friends Kor[etsky?] and Dwyer for wanting to move NOW!

23. Thursday: Gorgeous day. Talked with Terry all morning. Walked to store. Not enough nap. To final PTA program with Lil[lian Devine]. Endless skirts, then chorus and assorted music. Fenwick and Lisa [flute duet] nice, unaccompanied. Dyke good. Bass fiddle good. Lil will be hired! Talked Meeting til midnight. Called on Mrs. Q[uimby?] in hospital. Binge of food! Curses.

24. Friday: Very weary. Ordered 128 ice-creams for Sunday. Totted up some attendance. Dish to Bator. Wicky with sore throat and temperature. Nap! Sodden nap! Supper of Metrecal, Newlin steak, Fenwick soup!

25. Saturday: I'm down to 148 lb. – must continue! Rested for the big day tomorrow. Washed a bit. Thought of Island, but can't go yet. Added some for Newlin – he's so tired.

26. Sunday: Last day of Sunday School. Family picnic – fine. Had too much ice cream! About 90 were there. Home, nap. Newlin at Tufts on papers. Home at suppertime to find one of the maples girdled! Just sick and angry. Wrapped it up in tape. But it can't survive!

27. Monday: Final attendance records. Diddled with clearing up old notebooks and stuff.

28. Tuesday: Cleared up and put away some stuff at desk. Totted up figures for Bulletin. Edie to Swarthmore, [walk by] Crum [Creek] with broken leg! Me telephone for F.D.S.C. Washed and ironed blue maypole ribbons in evening. Hal Bull dropped in for a bit.

29. Wednesday: To Hernon [garage] – found nothing wrong! To Lexington Gardens. Fabulous place; self service. I bought coral bells, hen-and-chicks, petunias, tomato plants, and pansies. Planted 'em – it rained a gentle perfect rain at night. Ironed the yellow May Pole strips!

30. Thursday: Memorial Day – flag out. Quiet day. Fenwick biked nineteen miles through Winchester. Newlin on papers. Last of May Pole ribbon folded. Mopped a bit. Back porch is now ready – had supper out there. Wrote some letters.

31. Friday: Fenwick helped do the bulletin. I did some other clearing up over there. Home. . . . and off to the Island! Just had to go. Pretty weary. Made up our beds and rolled in. Fenwick mowed. Birds nest in gas tank. . . . Mr. Marder died in Japanese plane crash – Mrs. Marder went on on world trip.

June

1. Saturday: Wicky cleared out the number-two toilet, and some other items. Got his “plumbers papers.” Mr. Morse changed out gas tank for us at noon! The little trees look nice. I fixed ‘em up. Wicky put screens on, including front door screen. Reset hinge blocks, etc. – good job. Evening with Devines.

2. Sunday: Wicky cleaned out some iron, even! I walked around visiting in bedroom slippers – strap of sandal tore! Lague, Thresher, Quadfasel’s house, etc. etc. – beautiful day. . . . Paper towel up in bathroom. Wicky worked well; he handles tools effectively.

3. Monday: Got the Island Store letter mimeographed and sent with the postscript on the change of boat address. It is NOT good. Went to School Committee in evening with Povey. Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Antone knew each other at T.C.! [Tufts College?] Lil’ Devine not elected yet.

4. Tuesday: Cut stencil for endorsement meeting. No good. Gavrelis cut and ran it. I addressed and stamped. Hot and muggy. . . . Set up material for First Day School Committee meeting. Meeting without Edie [de Burlo] – not good. Meeting OK – much to be done yet.

5. Wednesday: Kept house for a change! Shampoo. Shopping. Did a wash in the afternoon. . . . Cleared up Linford’s room. Not at all ready for him, poor guy. Blankets to put away, etc. etc.

6. Thursday: Cashed check, took papers up to Rickens and Jan Moore. Tried to get ready by 2:00. Newlin not ready till 4:30. Mrs. Mack locked up. It was

so HOT. Drove all the way – to Swarthmore at 1:30, via lower bridge. 421 miles – even lost in Chester! Very tired. Tumbled into bed. Hot – but glad to be there. Cooler at night. Car did well.

7. Friday: Up for early breakfast. Wick and I to see Aunt Anna – frail and careful. Hot trip. Me drowsy. Nap. Supper, and off to class day. Linford stood for “finalist” in Merit Scholarship contest. Good music. Nice date – Susan Hole. Fran brought me home – poor driver! . . . J. Russell and Pa made quite a collection.

8. Saturday: Breakfast late! Moved mattress for Cassie, and storm windows. Damp day. Off to Westtown – just in time. People flowed down to the Greenwood. Very nice Commencement. Girls in white, boys in white pants and dark jackets. Wyzanski good, simple, constructive. Lunch: Willis and Mary, Fran and Candy, J. Russell and Pa, Linford, and us. Very good. Very crowded. Newlin and Linford packed car. We went to Swarthmore Alumni dinner. Newlin went at 2:00 to get Linford from party. Big Day.

9. Sunday: Up early – 7:00! Off at 8:15. 392 miles: Pennsylvania Turnpike, NJ Turnpike, Tappan Zee, Connecticut Turnpike, Mass Turnpike. Home at 5:30. Murderously HOT. Car did well – 65, 70, 75 all the time! Newlin off to Executive Committee endorsement. I ironed. Talked with Molly Gregory. Linford to work tomorrow. Wicky picnic.

10. Monday: Phew – Linford off to work. Fenwick off to picnic. Me pooped – first putting things away.

11. [no entry]

12. Wednesday: Tried to rest. Telephone! Endorsement. I sat at far end. Debate on Sacco. Debate on Koretsky. Bill Ward almost said too much about K. Kehoe excellent. Foti knew Grant was young, but he didn’t know about “sallow.” [callow!]

13. Thursday: Telephone again, but sort of calm. I think people are shocked! Sacco ripping! I called the losing School Committee applicants . . . some truly disappointed, but very decent about it.

14. [no entry]

15. Saturday: Rainy day – baked banana nut bread – dull. Newlin on income tax all day. I pushed Linford into some desk cleaning. Farewell party at Cornwall's. Ounjians are nice. It's a nice house and yard now – still no dining room.

16. Sunday: Gorgeous day. Newlin pushing on income tax – can't get done. Postponed flight one day! Curses. But at least it will be done right. Not even to Meeting. Typing supps [?] and copying. Mailed Sunday, in Boston! Most I've seen of him for weeks.

17. Monday: Bathrobe or no bathrobe – no time to shop. Packed, last minute details, and off to airport. Rent money for traveling. Cash checks everlasting-ly. . . . Supper on porch.

18. Tuesday: To Meeting House – Ellen busy. Roberta Selleck has German measles! Shopped in town for bucket and white sandals. Home pleased but pooped. Sent glass coasters to Swarthmore. Ironed in evening.

19. Wednesday: Ironed and fixed Newlin's box and sent it. Sewed on endless names. Linford's pay is \$50/week – take-home \$41. Fair, not plush. Pretty hot – air conditioner on. It's nice to have it! We trimmed the yard to fare-you-well.

20. Thursday: Muggy – half clear. Off to Fenwick's graduation [from Hobbs Junior High School] at 9:30. Stood in my new shoes. Koretsky and Cafarella spoke very well. 232 diplomas. Top awards to two Negroes – girl and boy! Home. . . . Mrs. Mack cleaned us up. Turkey dinner for Mary and Gladys Lago and two kids. Brio Labyrintspel [mechanical maze] and trains – fine. . . . Esther Bridgman very sick – psychiatric treatment.

21. Friday: Rain to start. Did some desk work. Washed all dishes from dinner. Cleared. To Hobbs for Fenwick's "promoted" papers. Changed all beds and washed in afternoon. Cut up last of turkey. Many things (Linford's) to cleaners. Tomato stakes and a petunia! To bed early.

22. Saturday: 55° – gorgeous clear day. Linford off to [Tufts Dental] clinic; home full of elastics! Went to the Island, taking Devines' power mower to do the hay. It was so helpful. Esther Bridgman is under psychiatric care – very poorly.

23. Sunday: Mike [ferry captain] had things well under control. New pier is a nuisance. We wheeled the power mower through picnicking people! Saw Dizzy-land – must try for it. Other parking is too public. Lil is staying a week.

24. Monday: Wicky started off to typing – summer school. Sort of pleased to be going, I think. Letter home. Washed sheets. School Committee in p.m. . . . Acreage off Winthrop requested for schools!

25. Tuesday: HOT – 90's. Date with Shelby Thompson at 5:15 – lasted too long. Home for supper at 6:45! Boys good. . . . George Sacco will not run for School Committee! Well, interesting!! . . . Poor Linford, taking Metrecal for lunch!

26. Wednesday: Hot, hot. I went in for Linford's dark shirt, and to exchange roaster rack. Adelle Davis' brief book on diet is so good. Plan E. Dutch treat with School Committee – good. We're going to have house-party trouble with Koretsky. Copeland and Kehoe and McHugh look interesting.

27. Thursday: Washed two sheets and personal things. To Meeting for 1:00 conference with Shelby Thompson. HOT. Else Fernsler good on Marriage Committee. Got Pa at 4:00 – almost too hot. Air conditioning really helps. All had a poor night.

28. Friday: 90's again – dreadful! Air conditioning on in a.m. Got laundry and cleaning and paint and shopping. Check cashed – second this week! Too much! . . . Heat went at 5:00! Cool – wonderful. We all mowed the yard and fixed up the garden. To bed early. Linford in Newlin's bed, and Wick upstairs.

29. Saturday: Muggy, but cool. Stew and custards. Painted the bathroom window and the door WHITE! Sanded lightly first. Can't wait to see the Pinefrost. . . . Scrabble in the evening.

30. Sunday: To late Meeting – first time in about a year. Nice, but hot. Papers for a Griswold gal, helpful. Ye Hong Guey; Pa paid. It was good again. . . . Home. Painted the Pinefrost. It is pretty; got a good start. Pa is helpful; Wicky helped finish. Streaks, and only fair covering.

July

1. Monday: 90's again. We went over to the Center. Pa worked in the shoe sorting department; me at desk. Very hot. Air conditioning really is a help. It cares for the two rooms nicely. Wicky put my towel rack and the switch plate up with out being told.

2. Tuesday: HOT – 97° again; muggy. Awful – have to work anyway. Shampoo, washed underwear minimum. Molly Gregory to lunch – ordered beds for Linford's room – praise be! 39" x 80" mattresses. Pretty tired by supper time. Don't believe I can stand another hot day! . . . Linford went to Arts Festival all by himself. Dined at Ye Hong Guey!

3. Wednesday: Not quite so hot. I went to Doug Lee's funeral; sat in same pew with Carleys – so many Plan E folks. . . . Home, and off to see the Arts Festival. Not overwhelming. Dumb lunch at the Waldorf cost \$3.00! . . . Off to the Island as soon as Linford came home and cleaned up. [Took] mattress over, and little lawnmower. Very windy.

4. Thursday: At the Island – cold, windy, no rain. SPAM and eggs for breakfast. Fenwick worked on plumbing; seemed to fix it. Board Meeting – phew, the expenses! Late lunch. Ice cream cones for the Fourth! Windy and cool, good sun. Linford tired, nap. Must do something about water. Home in evening – Fenwick stayed with Al Devine.

5. Friday: Not bad – washed some things. Linford takes a lot. Shopped. Sponge cake and custards – Linford likes them. It is so tiring to do all in one day. To evening boat – only suitcases!

6. Saturday: Using Devines' staple gun to put screens on some of Mike's windows. He is keeping it nice and clean. . . . Bean supper; I cut pies in new kitchen. Real water trouble, though. Levenson Chr. made \$40.00!

7. Sunday: To church in morning. Karam's minister who had visited Schweitzer – quite good. Boat home was pretty full.

8. Monday: COLD. No rain yet – just parched. Some overcast. Decided to go see the Framingham School House – \$200 for a Meeting [?]. Drove through cloudbursts. Phew! Past the Wayside Inn; home at bedtime.

9. Tuesday: Up even extra early. Cold! Couldn't start heater!! . . . Pa all set,

Linford off to Clinic. Took Pa to Airport, helped him in line. He really is sprightly and alert! [at 89] Forgets, though, and repeats. Home. Did beds, washed. Ordered mattresses for Linford. Went to Council Meeting – interesting.

10. Wednesday: To Cambridge. Did some hunting and filing for curriculum; not enough. . . . Linford's bands are off – and a retainer is on. Looks NICE. Got started on Linford's books in evening, and rearranged a lot of his bookcase. Took all evening. Cool enough to work upstairs! Penelope's first basket – Tops!!

11. Thursday: Warm again. To Cambridge. Finished the certificate wording. Interesting to read records of marriages since 1884. . . . To Winchester for card for Ruth. Lamp chimneys at Berlow!! Supper out back, and off to see "The Busy Martyr" at Tufts Arena Theater. Quite good. Barry O[remland?] had a good part – a crazy nut "confesses" to all the sins of a French village. Chooses to die. All are sorry and confess – too late. Excellent characters – Mayor, farmer, etc.

12. Friday: Very sleepy! Up – lunches, ironed. Sears order planned. Took Ernie to the Island. Short stay, but OK.

13. Saturday: Wicky kept grubbing in the spot behind the Hut. Took out poison ivy. I helped Mike some. Home on evening boat – alas!

14. Sunday: To special business meeting to purchase Framingham School House. Very interesting. [Rod?] Furth did very well. No Suzie! Took Cy King and Ron Tempest to Ye Hong Guey. Interesting – Ron from Ursinus [College] and Catasauqua!

15. Monday: To Cambridge.

16. Tuesday: To Cambridge.

17. Wednesday: To Cambridge.

18. Thursday: Washed and picked up and ironed. Shopped in afternoon. Devilish HOT! Washed my hair at bedtime and slept on davenport. Hair fine! Not much sleep, though. Two boys in bedroom, me in Wick's room – better.

19. Friday: To Cambridge. Found the lost curriculum sheet! Just wonderful. Home at noon. . . . Ready at 4:30 – Skipper Flint drove us in their good station wagon. I paid supper at Montsweag near Wiscasset. Flint’s house was HOT! Most unusual. We just sat and talked. To bed at midnight.

20. Saturday: Me late for breakfast! Hamburgers for lunch; drinks and popcorn to the eclipse rock. Strange light at maximum; trees three-dimensional. No shadow, and sun high. Fifty seals “went to bed” – then we “observed” them. Scrabble in evening. Emily looked exhausted.

21. Sunday: Fog! Lovely. Lobster for dinner – delicious. Parsley potatoes heavenly. I scraped while three played scrabble – fun. I walked along the main Island road; Linford blazed a trail to rock point. Left dock at 7:30 – home at 11:15. Traffic fast.

22. Monday: To Cambridge – all day. Sellecks not back till 4:30. George Beal talked a full hour about his son’s marriage to “Connie,” who is unstable (as is the son!). Phew! Picked up and put away for Newlin. Roger Brown passed the applesauce! [?]

23. Tuesday: Just dragged out. Headache. Took aspirins after breakfast, and then Mrs. Povey called! Upset on endorsements. . . . I washed personal things, changed Newlin’s bed, and went in to get him at Back Bay. So good to have him home. Unpacked. He took Linford driving while I ironed dry things. Wicky made a switch for his train table.

24 – 27 [no entries]

28. Sunday: HOT HOT. I sat under bushes, then under apple tree. A little air, but so hot. Creamed chicken, cut-off corn, beets – good meal. Took evening boat. Lil and Dyke and Friday came home with us.

29. Monday: HOT yet. I washed clothes. Newlin thought we should eat at Tufts. I ironed and pressed! Bought sneakers and summer pajamas for Fenwick and Linford. Slept on living room floor. Newlin to School Committee, and Cambridge with Beal. I mended some socks. Long day.

30. Tuesday: Still HOT; high humidity. Shower in a.m. Newlin and I to Cambridge; Linford to clinic. Cleared off bright and windy. Got

Kindergarten envelopes ready. Sewed Fenwick's tapes on in p.m. COOL!
Praise be. Took a walk with Newlin. Nice – but too late.

31. Wednesday: Cambridge. Sellecks off to Nantucket – loaded! Cambridge in the p.m., too. Still much work to be done on curriculum envelopes. Gorgeous clear day. Cool, hot sun – perfect. To bed early. Germies do disappear fast!

August
Linford goes to D'Arrow Camp

1 – 2 [no entries]

3. Saturday: As soon as milkman came we went to Museum of Art. Sandwiches in court yard \$3.10!! Cards 2:50!! Lecture on Chinese figures, wove screen, scroll, and prints. Good. Home; supper. . . . To Tufts Arena Wycherley “The Country Wife” – so constant in tone and sex it became tedious! Pinchwife and a hero “eunuch” after visit in France. Too too restoration!

4. Sunday: Up at 6:00. Sandwiches and juice in refrigerator. To early Meeting. Gave Pickens Moore his envelope. Curle [?] is leaving on Friday for Pakistan! Home for lunch. . . . To Ridge, Dublin Lake. Missed McCandlish. Meeting at Cathedral of the Pines at 5:00 – successful. Henry Perry, Wall St. Journal; Peace Corps learned new values. To Meeting School for inspection tour. Raspberries! Cows with muddy feet, etc. Hills are lovely.

5. Monday: Diddled around with lists, etc. Pulled away at 10:30 leaving Wicky, poor guy! Arrived Five Islands at 2:30 via L.L.Bean. Snowshoe chair at 31 was good. Clement, Haverford College Foods, then industrial foods, and second wife (first a Pusey twin!) and Mildred and Gordon Scott. She typed Newlin's thesis in Swarthmore, and had a summer at the Knothole!! Moon – lovely.

6. Tuesday: Typed a bit. Off to Wiscasset and Damariscotta. One pint raspberries and one dish ice-cream for lunch. Bought hatband AND leather wool!! Home via antique stores for “flute pattern” saucers. Maine Arts Show rewarding. Bronze “water baby,” charming! A Bonner, good.

7. Wednesday: Typed in carriage house after chipped beef breakfast. Mail.

Brief rest – to Glass Basket near Sebago. HOT drive. Sebago Beach – ugh! No saucers, but much information – and view!! Inside, pair yellow glass lamp bases \$295! etc. Outside, mountains.

8. Thursday: Really must rest. Walked to estate on point – lovely. Napped. Drove and saw Kennebec Point, the Wrens!! Watched the Robinhood boats – some rig! Dumb lunch on hot porch – glad to get back to Rockmere. Planned to leave early.

9. Friday: Up at 6:00 – out at 6:30 in fog! Nice drive down – didn't seem far. Ice cream for breakfast! Cool driving home – to see Molly Gregory leaving! Beds are here, and mattresses. Fixed up Linford's room. And then to Island with boys, and plans.

10. Saturday: Newlin off to Providence, to Kenneth Beal's wedding! Boys on morning boat to take bunk beds to Soggy Bottom. Drove like crazy – exhausting. . . . Made tomato soup and fried tomatoes out of culls. Mike liked it. Played Scrabble with Devines. Root beer!

11. Sunday: Went to morning services. . . . Called on Hurd with Lil – walked a bit with her. It is dreadful! [?] Al rode home with us. Very dark cloud – strange, eerie; finally a downpour. We need it badly.

12. Monday: Washed a huge pile. Finished my first precinct. Can't get letter home done. All the pep of vacation us used up.

13. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Really tired – some nap, but Plan E in evening. Councilors present. Batted about for a slogan.

14. Wednesday: Lovely day – and the Ciancis picked [our] tomatoes! I yelled and tore our front door. Went down – “Teach your kids not to take, etc.” They knew I was MAD – I had to take aspirin – really upset. Smiths paid their rent early! To Cambridge – bought three wedding presents.

15. Thursday: To Cambridge – Kindergarten stuff is ready. And I must get the other out, too. Shopped. Prodded Murray for stickers. Navy order! Mrs. Mack liked my wool – for a jumper. Linford is driving more.

16. Friday: Held breath for Dennison stickers – they came in p.m. So we set up the typing for Plan E – again! . . . Linford drove to deliver – and I was

jumpy. He is just awful.

17. Saturday: Took 'em over to morning boat; came back to deliver typing. Nap – made afternoon boat. They had supper and washed the dishes! Mr. Allphin's 3D pictures excellent. To bed too late. Lovely and cool. The oak has been criss – crossed! [?]

18. Sunday: Awake at 6:00 – party! Sleep till almost 9:00. “Store Committee” with McCullar – eggs! Chased Mr. Bean for refrigerator – little one works! Kids hanging around in store – Bah! Threshers called – tea. Home; phoned, more typing.

19. Monday: Wicky delivered Rudzinsky, Gavrelis, etc. I set up the rest of typing envelopes – two more to go. To Boston; to Kennedy's for Fenwick's suit, coat, and shirts – spent Ruth's wonderful check. Home tired. Crokinole in p.m, and then to bed.

20. [no entry]

21. Wednesday: Shopped all over for bedspreads. None. Final try at Corcoran – perfect! Wicky even admits they are all right.

22. [no entry]

23. Friday: Washed my hair, washed eight sheets. Changed all beds. Put Wicky's new spreads on – lovely. To Cambridge at 3:00 to sign letters. Rehearsal for wedding at 4:00 – big family party; and toys for the kindergarten – all during the rehearsal. Tim Nicholson very good. Home, weary. . . . Plates to be picked up for Monday typist. African student wants to go to Iowa.

24. Saturday: Newlin and I at Cambridge at 9:05. Raining! We opened office door. Caterers very unobtrusive. Good food, very informal. Shelby Thompson and Philip Shrigley off to Denver. Sun shining! Tim Nicholson did well on pre-ceremony talk. J. Russell came at 3:30. Nice stew dinner. Quiet evening, with drive up around Tufts. Clear and cool.

25. Sunday: Cool! Eggs for breakfast. Second Meeting; J. Russell spoke too long; second speaker, and others picked up his ideas. Took Roberta Selleck to dinner with us – talked Finland. Linford did all right. J.R. glad to get

insights. Home via Prudential Center. Nap, supper. Hearts – fun!

26. Monday: Off to Island. 10:30 [boat] on weekdays. I had sponge cake and fruit jello for dessert with Threshers. They were so good. J.R. can't hear anything! Accepts waiting on no end!! . . . Bit of supper, and home on evening boat. To bed early. Cool weather holds.

27. Tuesday: Newlin took J.R. to the 8:00 train; I went over to Cambridge. Did little! Got petty cash check, and set up budget book again.

28. Wednesday: Fenwick and I went in for tickets – brusque run-around at Filene's; finished his shopping with towels and winter jacket. . . . Nap; out to dinner. Not Durgin Park, and not Jimmie's Harborside – Ye Hong Guey, by default. Then to South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset – “The King and I.” Very colorful. Patricia Morrison the lead – lovely. Tiny stage, cute kids. Home at 1:00. Both boys looked nice dressed up. Greens good again.

29. Thursday: Not good for much. Finished my typing. Newlin produced copy all day; I sewed names in attic. . . . Newlin to plan E meeting. Last precinct farmed out to Selvitelli, bless her! Got a family letter off, too.

30. Friday: Took Wicky and Ernie along to Cambridge to do the Bulletin. Big help. Isabel Duguid and Betty Gardescu! Asked Chris to come to Island; he had a guest. So, asked for a day. Then asked Ernie for the weekend. Cooked chicken and made brownies and bought stuff. Packed and went. Fog dropped in at Beverly! No boat!! We went home! But not before we did Dodg-em and ski ball [at Salem Willows Amusement Park].

31. Saturday: Fog in Medford. Up, breakfast, phone call, and we go! Chris and Mike joined us. Rode in fog. Sun out during the day. The four had a good time. Chris and Mike home on evening boat. . . . We went to old time movies [at Community Center]. Charlie Chaplin, Rin Tin Tin, Laurel and Hardy. Old cars; clothes. Funniest and best program in ages.

September

Fenwick starts as Sophomore at Westtown School,
Linford starts as Freshman at Swarthmore College.

1. Sunday: [Island] store will have big loss. What to do next year? Lighthouse wife full time? Limit to milk, bread and papers? So many have boats and do their own shopping – no fault of Mike. Store is EMPTY.
2. Monday: Labor Day. Half our storm windows are on. We go on morning boat. Home, no accidents or incidents. Ernie is a good guest.
3. Tuesday: Westtown [Friends' School] didn't like Wicky's medical record. Dr. Perry gave details! Mailed that in a jiffy. Every D.P.T. shot and booster since birth! Much phoning to find Dr. Suzanne Rothenberg – clinic boss, for check-up.
4. Wednesday: Went in to Dr. Rothenberg. Wicky saw the print of "Reading the News" and a grandfather's clock for \$8 – 1,200! He has taste. He is growing up – not only in long-legged height.
5. Thursday: Get typing. Sew on names.
6. Friday: Get typing. Sew on names [sic!].
7. Saturday: Rounded up typing, finishing one column. All to Lincoln McKie to tear into pages. Praise be, that's done. Worked on piles for Wicky to pack, and refrigerator contents for Linford to eat. Takes a lot of money!
8. Sunday: Up, packing. To early Meeting. All four [of the family] – last time! Home, finished packing and loading. Left at 12:00. Good day. Hamburg menu. Arrived at 8:30; 393 miles. Pretty tired. No screens on third floor! Hate to miss Ruth altogether.
9. Monday: Cassie wants to talk. Mary going home. Irresponsible about self. . . Went to Pa's new Glenside address. Nice visit, nice spot. Home – shopped for white tablecloth, etc. HOT! Saw Linford's room [at Swarthmore]; left packages, hunted chair and lamps. Dinner. Wallpaper for dining room! To bed – no screens; little light.
10. Tuesday: Leisurely breakfast. Yeast package! Car loaded. Off to Westtown. Unpacked, put away. Battered green walls. Shopped in West Chester – bookends, etc. Lunch. . . . Left at 2:00; home at 10:00. Wicky didn't say goodbye at all. Roommate around there as ninth grader. Good to be in Main Building. . . . Fast driving, good roads. Pennsylvania Turnpike,

Tappan Zee Bridge, Connecticut Turnpike, Hartford. Car worked like a charm.

11. Wednesday: Took it easy in a.m. Linford didn't know we were home. Mowed the dry grass, trimmed a bit. To Swarthmore tea at Dr. Warren's house in Wellesley. Chick drove. Fine event. Home at 6:30. I picked up Isabel at 7:15 for FDC meeting. Things are underway fairly well.

12. Thursday: Linford went in to do his own shopping. Shoes, pants, shirts – he did well. I went on to Baillet's on 550 dining room paper. Frantic call from Parker for mediator for Foti house party. . . . Newlin will. Deviled some eggs and went to Monthly Meeting supper. Not enough food! Plenty dessert. Newlin helped send for Secretary – late for Foti. I drove the traffic just hysterical. Too tired!

13. Friday: Cool! To Cambridge. Puttered on calendar. Dropped envelope for Chouteau Chapin with S. Chapin. Called Isabel; Stuart turned her down. She got Herb Hillman for the High School – fast! 280 newly registered voters addressed and mailed, first class, at 9:35. Newlin cleared off the tables, and paid arrears built up when we forgot the “rent” in the fund raising rush in spring.

14. Saturday: Sunny, cool.

15 – 16 [no entries]

17. Tuesday: Drove six errands for election. Poor day; feeble vote. Up till 2:00 hearing count at City Hall. Our seven, Catino, Sherry, and K. 20% in some wards. We have plenty to do to keep ahead of Catino. School Committee is really in danger. . . . Newlin took trunk in to R.R. [station?] in evening!

18. Wednesday: Up at 6:00 to leave at 7:00 for 8:00 train with Linford. Even a sandwich! Poor guy – we have neglected them. Hope they survive!

19. Thursday: Everybody busy assessing the vote. Tough for Mrs. Koretsky.

20 – 21 [no entries]

22. Sunday: Family picnic – RAIN. We had 25 or 27 kids in third-floor

room. Four adults, Rusty De Burlo, and Ellen. Then picnic lunch. Cellar door locked against inspection.

23. [no entry]

24. Tuesday: Monday: Where is Molly? No painters. Cabinets came. Big one for smallest room! Moved to behind door. Card from Molly Gregory [furniture maker]. Phoned N.H, talked with Mr. C. of Craftsman, Inc. and decided to postpone. . . . Bought and addressed cards. Called on Stephenson in a.m.

25. Wednesday: Post cards into mail! Electricians showed up. Prepared a bit for Teachers' Meeting. FOUND PINK SHEETS in Unicef stack. Used room downstairs. Biographies were fun. Good session. People wanted to stay, talking segregation with Sonja!

26. Thursday: Very tired. Over to Cambridge to pick up books, etc. Home to shop and pick up ladder. Over to lunch for Marjory Wilson. Home for Newlin and Mrs. Mack. She "did" toddlers room. Newlin and I did Fund figures. Home for TV supper; over for Hospitality Committee meeting.

27. Friday: Forty minutes with Betty Woodbury – to Cambridge via M.A. Nicholson. She assembled the "exercises," washed windows, put up curtains, moved stuff down – almost ready. Home – Maytag man didn't have all equipment! Cleaned up around; to bed early, with new light.

28. Saturday: Beautiful fall day – trees in color. Did some shopping. Made poster . . . and such.

29. Sunday: Up early. To Cambridge. Two little classes – only a few. Rainy day. All went all right . . . Home for dinner.

30. Monday: Typed first and second grade pink sheet – tried all day but gave up in evening. Bulletin stuffed in a.m. May get awful shoes from Coward in Winchester. No dress. . . . I have seven moderators lined up.

October

1. Tuesday: Maytag man came, fixed pump. Me to Cambridge at 1:00. Eloise talked paint and colors. May not get done! Looks nice, though. They

may paint toddlers' room! We should entertain for Browns. Got light for bathroom. Switch in, too. But it is wearing. . . .Plan E campaign committee meeting. House parties are under way. . . .

2. Wednesday: Newlin set for big lunch on School. I started wash – new pump no good – couldn't turn it off! So, two sheets – that's all. I walked to Post Office; cream for Mrs. Branson, negative for Slessingers. . . . School is short \$50,000. Mr. Looby served with injunction! Ed Hayes hired Aurum Hammer, who is sharp on municipal law. Then went to Beals' at 10:00! Dyke brought a four-page letter from Wick! For October 8 [?]. Pettengill for Junior Business Meeting – Richard Shepherd's boy.

3. Thursday: Ed Hayes met Hammer – he said re-file. We scurried about. Newlin phoned all candidates to sign. Frezza said “Maybe they have you” – seen in Sharille's office before we saw it. Friday is 30 days before final election ! Comm. for . . . (83-word title)!

4. Friday: Maytag came again. And it's fixed! Tired.

5. Saturday: Newlin went to very end of poor losing Tufts football game. I washed. And washed my hair, made poster, and really had a big tiresome day.

6. Sunday: Junior Business Meeting. Pettengills enjoyed it. Few Unicef boxes went out. Some new characters. . . . Ate at Carrolls! Costs a lot! Home, rest. Shrimp for supper. Spent afternoon buying the Medford Post. Garrity – a teacher disciplined for drink and dirt and a non-partisan anti Plan E sheet!

7. Monday: To Center. Prepared for evening meeting. Home. Book Club came. I served melon or pie. HOT! 90° Not good. Cleaned up; to Cambridge. Three for First Day School Committee! Two in Nominating Committee – NOT good. We talked about Christmas program and vacation. Bert Forsyth will do three shelves for top room. . . . [gave] Symphony tickets to Stephenson of California and Brandeis.

8. Tuesday: Off to court with Mrs. Povey. Hammer looks good. All settled in hall. Fallon said he just wanted the Association to be correct! Why bother the judge with a nine-point plea for injunction?? Home, rested a bit. . . . Supper for Beals, Chester Smith, Isabel Duguid, and Elmer Brown. He oozes

unctuous Pastor smiles! Ugh. She's good. To bed at 11:30.

9. Wednesday: Many errands. Ordered Ernie Slessinger's negative enlargement. To Center for a brief time. They didn't appreciate verbally the dinner!! . . . Kitchen ripped up.; promised for use on Thursday, Monthly Meeting! . . . To Plan E meeting. Pro-Koretsky directors' letter! McHugh – for Campbell??

10. Thursday: Finished typing book lists. Made a hefty casserole.

11 – 13 [no entries]

14. Monday: Chairs for Sullivan (65!)

15. Tuesday: Labored on last basement classroom. HOT. Australian boy raked leaves and moved furniture. New tin to kitchen floor vent. Open House! No parents. Teachers: Webb, Shelly, Fritzie, Herb, Pick, Norma, Fay. Committee – Hitchmann, Ross, Muggia, Shankland, Holt. . . . To Plan E Headquarters – Harry sick, Ed out of town, Hal, fair.

16. Wednesday: Washed! Received cancer checkup stuff. Typed all afternoon. Drove copy to Harry's home. . . . League of Women Voters City Hall meeting Council candidates – just awful. Foti on Catino!! Ceddia called for Plan E material, and I delivered – they were all rosy comments! Bosh!

17. Thursday: Up, made phone call. Must plan house party. First Shakespeare meeting, with publicity in the paper!!! Well!!! Mrs. M. read poems. Mrs. Neill – “But Ma, who gives a damn?” Brooks on Sc [?] history.

18 – 19 [no entries]

20. Sunday: Up extra early. To First Day School. Movie – George rigged it and sat through it. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, usual panting to get things settled. Still a singleton in two classes. Home, tired, and to Carroll's. Couldn't even eat. Newlin off to paste-up party. Mrs. C. proofread in pm. Phoned Wicky.

21. Monday: Too weary to get up. Fat check to Looby, and copy to Mrs. Hayes, and call to Boston Post Office. Did Roll books. Box of candy from Ellen! Home. Typed another item. Phoning. To Cambridge C. of C.

Education supper. Home to go to bed early. Newlin to WMCC. Missed Book Club at Hayman's with Gifford reading Shakespeare!

22. [No entry]

23. Wednesday: Phoning on party. Very poor – only about three to come. Ready to cancel! at noon. . . . Petersons, Croys, Dempster, Barros, Howard, McCarty, Bransons, Foley – and five students! Executive Committee for Newlin, I “moderated.” Talked Plan E between halves. It was a good party!

24. Thursday: Party all put away. To League of Women Voters open meeting for School committee candidates. Should we buy 1,000 copies of Mercury for Fulton Heights? \$100. . . . decided No. Good thing. Not much happened. Not much was reported. Shakespeare at K's house – I took nasturtiums!

25. Friday: Fact Finder copy to Harvey, then to Witten. In town; two dresses. To Cambridge for P.M. – moved some items down to closet. Pantry is next. Home. Supper. Newlin out for proof. Read and corrected. After house parties, Council came here 11:30, left at 1:30. Gay time. No attack on Edna possible – they are at last aware she might “top the ticket!”

26. Saturday: Hot! To Conants' with school bulletins. Cider, and back in time for Newlin to have haircut with Fallon. . . . Attack on Santosuasso – conflict of interest. Directors will be taken apart. The last issue of Post – no doubt. Tufts beat Williams 8 – 0. Shorts and shirt sleeves, and sunburned again. Nap; supper.

27. Sunday: Clocks set back!

28 – 31 [no entries]

November

1 – 3 [no entries]

4. Monday: To Cambridge. No Reading Club in p.m, but a committee meeting in evening.

5. Tuesday: Election Day. Perfect day. Clear, warm, no wind. Housing for

Elderly surprised our transportation! Kept pretty busy. Poor poll coverage for slate cards. But all council returned, all but Parker on School Committee by 72! McGlynn, Grant, Matera, Nicholson, Shurtleff, Marchetti, Sullivan. Cafarella, Collins, Santosuasso, Andrews, Marotta and stinker Campbell. Koretsky not at City Hall. Skerry, Catino, and Koretsky trailed!

6. Wednesday: Very tired – but up and over to Cambridge to clean out the pantry with Martta Silbermann. Much better. . . . Spent afternoon at H.Q. finishing up. Not done yet. Phoned all phoners and car drivers. Still feel we lost the election in losing George Parker. Good to have Andrews in.

7. Thursday: Rain! Shakespeare – Midsummer Night’s Dream; with music. Nice. Hoover thawed. Rebecca chill! She signed an ad with Lawrence Rd. address. Not even voting from there. I called Mrs. Koretsky and got a grand balling out! She’s obsessed! . . . To Friends Committee on National Legislation dinner. Fruit. Newlin did well, “giving the commercial.”

8. Friday: Rain, pour, rain. Money to Harry O’ to Cambridge. Order paper. Two Junior Business Meeting letters off. Coupla books in. Back to Cambridge after lunch. Newlin to do letter. I went for paper. . . . Home – collapsed to nap. Parker decided for a recount. 72! Impossible.

9 – 12 [no entries]

13. Wednesday: Slept two extra hours. Car to Herson while I sampled pancakes and bowling. In town for shoes. Rode with Hazel Fulton coming home. Stopped over to Nicholsons for Theatre Arts at supper time. . . . Then to Plan E meeting in evening! What a day. I sure pushed all angles of time and interest. Got new slip covers for car – \$28.00 at Sears.

14. Thursday: Read Freud’s story “A Far Country” for Shakespeare Club. Rode with Alice Wren. Bought and cooked sausage and cauliflower for Monthly Meeting. Newlin and Parker saw the lawyer. Monthly Meeting authorized hiring Elmer Brown – after expressions of reservations.

15. Friday: My snuffle got the better of me, and I stayed home in bed all day. Carefully. Nose and throat dry and queer. Snuffles way back in! . . . Sorted Life Magazines – and Lil wants them for her class!

16. Saturday: I went out shopping. Lil picked up magazines form porch.

Quick call at Cambridge, set up classrooms. No storm windows added to the current minimum. To Greenwoods' for a delightful meal and evening.

17. Sunday: Up early. Two substitutes, and plenty of specials. Beals brought Santha! . . . To Ye Hong Guey with Olofson. Home, and off to Winchester for Bakers Island Board Meeting. Home. Newlin out again!! Long and trying day.

18. Monday: To Cambridge – with nasturtiums! New people again! Home for late lunch; took baby books back to Coop. Off to Imlah's for review of "Courage is the Price" – I did only fairly! They liked it. . . . Pretty tired! To School Committee – endless meeting on Budget, after four calls to others.

19. Tuesday: Mary Ann Nicholson said OK to Friday a.m. Did the silver. Macaroni and chowder lunch! Nap. Steak for supper with Penelope's mashed potatoes. . . . To Symphony. Berg Violin Concerto awful. Mahler's 5th nice.

20. Wednesday: Car to Herson for front signals. Packed Newlin's lunch. To Center – to play pans in the kitchen. Made progress! Lunch with Sellecks – a cup of soup, and toasted raisin bread.

21. Thursday: We read "Leer." Much too long – too complicated. Mrs. K. gave excellent summary of interim parts skipped, but it was still too long.

22. Friday: To Cambridge. Typed letters, Ellen mimeo'd. Done and in the mail at 4:00. Chouteau and Mildred on Christmas. . . . Kennedy shot in Dallas. Shocking. Many things canceled. Wish the recount were! Walked around the block. Skippy to O.F.S. in Navy! Mrs. Croy told me on the street.

23. Saturday: At City Hall at 7:30 a.m. Parker had many nice ladies – surprised the "men." [sic] Long day. Interesting ballots. They counted blanks. Campbell only increased his lead! Over at 7:30 – pouring rain. We took Cafarella to Carroll's for supper. Home tired.

24. Sunday: Fay not there! Patricia Watson unhappy as sub. Mrs. Tien will be good. Hospitality used our crackers! To Ye Hong Guey for dinner. No New York Times – great run on papers. Meeting was very good on Kennedy – Jim St. John – capacity for growth. . . . Worked on Bakers Island Store letter; called on Devines.

25. Monday: Many things canceled. Funeral 11:00 – 1:00. Newlin mimeoed the Bakers Island letter; I wrote enclosures. Ellen and I went to Meeting at 11:00; well filled. . . . Home. Finished letters in evening. Emotionally exhausted with all details of three killings. You don't value until gone! Made cookies in afternoon!

26. Tuesday: Set up a puzzle holder; tossed an orange crate from third floor. Talk with George – tried for baby sitter. Washed in p.m, pretty tired. Took Shelley Johnston to Symphony. Newlin to Plan E Executive Committee. They planned Annual Meeting. To bed – too late!

27. Wednesday: Pressed off clothes. Helped on Bulletin – Chouteau, Penelope, and Helen Pettengill on Junior Business Meeting; Christmas program. Chouteau her usual quicksilver self – so hard to pin down. Home, packed, and off at 2:40. 2½ hours through Hartford! Swarthmore at 2:15 a.m. I dozed at the wheel at midnight and 1:00 – bad!

28. Thursday: Thanksgiving Day! J. Russell announces he's going to Geography meetings, leaving at 9:00 tonight. (No lawyer tomorrow for which Newlin canceled his Doctor date!) Called Alan Hunt and did business in a.m. To Fran's for perfect dinner, out of incredible kitchen. Caroline doesn't know how to make gravy or white sauce! Drove to Kutztown –

29. Friday: Up. RAIN! Unpacked some cartons. Went to 303 to finish up. Looks awful – bare, inadequate. So glad it is sold! To Reading to “pass papers.” Shoes for Wicky, and haircut. More unpacking. Dinner, and back to Swarthmore.

30. Saturday: Up. Off to Boston at 10:30. Taconic lovely. Needed snow tires; bought 'em. A half hour later, first snow! Cold, home at 8:45. House cold, mail piled high – two days!! Bakers Island cards coming back.

December

1. [no entry]

2. Monday: To Cambridge. Flurry of phoning for ice cream. Helped Martta set up tables, with cloth for George. Got napkins and candles, but missed a Book Club because of it. Party a howling success – 100 there! Towls back,

etc.

3. Tuesday: The first 3” of slushy rain. Letters to Shea, then to Cambridge. Wrote up Meeting minutes. Little else. Home. Shoveled, shopped. Chicken and squash and junket for supper. Letters. . . . TV or [snow]blower for Christmas?!

4. Wednesday: Rushed over to Cambridge Bank to sell Unicef Christmas cards for Dody Waring. With M.A.Nicholson, then with Mickey Haase of Belmont. \$160 and my funds balanced! Wandered through the stores and came home. Plan E in p.m. – not on Nominating Committee!!

5. Thursday: Shakespeare at Robbins. Pleasant fire, etc. Mrs. Mack came, thank goodness! I started the hair-raising, anti-communist, cloak and dagger yarn “The Venetian Affair!”

6. Friday: First meeting of young mothers. Six came; nine kids! Mary Ann Nicholson in charge. I helped babysit! Too much. Nap. Finished “The Venetian Affair.” MacInnis at 12:00. Depressing, fascinating, gay, creepy – good. Marion Baggs in hall – daughter a problem!!

7. Saturday: Washed, bought puzzle strips; nap. To Winchester for three roses for Sue Brooks’ bowl. Two games of Scrabble 641! Gray wintry day. Put a storm window on! Still much to be done. . . . Pa is preparing for getting married again – Wilma Parry Kirk??

8. Sunday: Newlin stayed in bed, I kept Nathan and Vanya busy. Christmas Play is coming, Gail’s nice poster up. Home to steak dinner. Tea at Brooks’ to see her 80th birthday “money tree” for the school. Dody quite a gal!

9. Monday: To Cambridge – worked on Christmas flyer and letter. Gail’s poster rained out – my fault. Bought two bedspreads for Linford’s room, washed sheets and spreads, bought two Sears electric blankets. Ordered kitchen paint, and then Pa called and wants me down for Saturday the 14th! Phoned Ruth – OK. Even ironed twenty minutes! Big day!

10. Tuesday: Ellen finished up all mimeographing. I did a lousy job on it. Put in mail Wednesday – could hardly read the flyer! She was pushing on Fund letters too. Too long a day.

11. Wednesday: Worked through trunks – eliminated two big bags. Better organized; have enough blankets for all beds. Did some attic organizing too. A load to thrift shop – bought me a sweater for .50! My Christmas, I guess! Got my ticket for Pa's wedding – \$55.00! Durn.

12. Thursday: A six horsepower Ariens snow blower was delivered at 9:15. Snow! Sloppy; almost six inches. To Mrs. Neill's for Christmas meeting of Shakespeare. Lovely as usual! Home; very sticky snow. Alice Wren driving. Mixed up a casserole. To Cambridge at 4:00 – Newlin to sign letters. I sewed on blanket. Mrs. Mack cleaned Linford's room. Becky brought the hat rack! Newlin doesn't like it!

13. Friday: Snow! Newlin needed car for Dr. Fooks date. I walked with suitcase. One mother came. I worked on Fund letters most of a.m. Lunch with Ellen. . . . Off to airport and shuttle to Newark. Shoeshine! Puddle-jumper to Reading – eleven people! Hot – melted plastic bag stitching!! Ruth had sandwich for me, and drove to Hess's for draperies. Look nice. Home – sat in first one, then another of spots. NICE. To bed weary – Rut has a nice house!!

14. Saturday: Up, big breakfast! George looks thin. He hung big picture over davenport. . . . Drove to Glenside, picked up Pa and Wilma; went to Justice of the Peace. I stood up with them; Ellwood Kirk stood. Ruth ? read poem-prayer – nice. Pictures, To Stouffers for dinner. Very leisurely. Pa pleased and in good form. Nice visit with all. Twenty minutes in apartment, then off to Station, to Philadelphia. Caldwells. . . . Airport, jet to Boston. Incredibly fast – forty minutes in the air! Clear enough for lights. Home via Ye Hong Guey. Newlin has a toothache yet.

15. Sunday: Newlin in bed – toothache and weary. Me to Cambridge. Record player wouldn't work. Rehearsals. No people for pantomime. No costumes! Must have thrown them out! So late leaving. Brought Isabel home. Newlin writing letters. Nap. Can't find Christmas cards left over from last year. Feel woebegone!

16 – 20 [no entries]

21. Saturday: Rehearsal for Christmas program.

22. Sunday: Christmas program today.

23. Monday: Put away music and stuff from Christmas play. Very tired.

24. Tuesday: Up at 5:00 a.m. to clear snow – six inches. Breakfast at 6:15. Newlin and J. Russell out at 6:45. To train OK. Prepared pie items and mincemeat sauce. . . . Supper at Ye Hong Guey, caroling in Louisburg Square, and hospitality at Penelope and Margaret Welch's house!! High fashion. We took choc. [illegible]. On way home engine sputtered, worse and worse; at top speed through Harvard Square – a walk!! Almost made it to garage. [timing belt broke] Home by taxi. What a Christmas Eve.

25. Wednesday: Chipped beef for breakfast; clear, not cold. Snow is pretty. No cars for rent. Ed came for us! Turkey dinner for 18 [19!]. Becky beautiful turkey; Alfred, Nigerian, Roy and Betsy, three neighbors, Auntie, Ed and Lois, Ruthie, the four of us, four of Beck's! Phoned all. . . . J. Russell lost coat, hat, and bag – “stolen” from train! Went through cards in evening.

26 – 31 [no entries]