

Marion's Diary

1964

January

1. Wednesday: Lousy cold. Breakfast sausage and pancakes at 9:30. Roast beef at 2:00. Listed Christmas cards. An inch of snow, then rain – messy. Calls to teachers; letter to marriage Potter [sic]. Checks – weary.
2. Thursday: Washed everything – changed our beds. Did six white shirts. Cashed a check for \$75.00 for travel money. Newlin took Linford at 8:30 to Malden for drivers' test. Passed. Wonderful! He is taller! Insurance is \$70.00 more. We'll wait 'till June.
3. Friday: [Fenwick's birthday] Newlin had old car book. Ruth's card came. Wicky to Dr. Fooks. I saw a pretty lamp. Special candle[light] supper in dining room. Ironed, and to bed. Still rocky. Cough awful. Newlin tired and edgy, too.
4. Saturday: Wicky off to swim with Ernie. The call came for Keefs, they arrived at 4:00. Nice visit but so little in common. Newlin went for Wicky's suitcase – Sears. We marked it with three dots of masking tape. Ernie and Chris to Ye Hong Guey. On phone to cancel Monday's meeting – everyone sick.
5. Sunday: Up at 5:30 and tuts [?]. Newlin and boys off to 8:00 train. Me to Sunday School. Junior Business meeting – and a couple of strays. Eleanor Gould to the third floor! Home to lunch. Nap and to bed early. Must get rid of gurgle. Still draggy. Railroad lamp in Wick's room.
6. Monday: Up at regular time. Miss the kids – but, to Cambridge. Hunting baby sitter – not good. To Abbotts' for Reading Club. Pretty weary; almost headache. Raced down to P.O. with Newlin's receipt! Spent last money for steak. Time – Man of Year.
7. Tuesday: To Cambridge – lunch at Square, then in [town?] for wall-paper look-see. Pretty good. Newlin too busy to come in.

8. Wednesday: Newlin lousy cold! Didn't go to class. But talked with Gavrelis an hour! (Koretsky line.) Me to Plan E – only six new directors! 28 tickets for Annual Meeting!

9. Thursday: Newlin snuffling about. To class. Ironed. Then went through attic Mercurys. Discarded some! Took 1963 to attic. . . . Teeth cleaned – effectively and painlessly. Four cavities, though. To Monthly Meeting – two marriages! Rain. To bed. Sleepy. Newlin likes Linford's room.

10. Friday: New sitter very nice for Friday a.m. mothers. They were supposed to meet every other week! My error. Ugh!

11. Saturday: Cranberry salad made before breakfast. To Maillets with Newlin – picked my paper with heavy brown spots. \$70.00! Shirts and watch band (\$9.95!). Newlin to Cambridge for end of Civil Rights Conference – all keyed up talking with B. Ackerman on private vs. public schools. Started Christmas letter in evening.

12. Sunday: Small enrollment at 11:00. Sten Klinteberg, C.O. [conscientious objector] talked to Seniors. Newlin and Gordon Roberts talked civil rights. Lunch at home; nap. Finished Christmas letter. Newlin on Plan E tickets. And wall-paper and farm stuff, and letters and stamps!

13. Monday: To Cambridge – snow started at 10:00; gathered fast. To Arlington for Christmas letter typing and mimeo. To Finast parking lot . . . Stuck! Moisture in top of generator froze. Home, barely made it up the driveway. Real windy snowy blizzard.

14. Tuesday: Newlin up at 5:00 to drive his six horses [6 h.p. snowblower]. Mr. Smith walked. Guy parked in front of driveway. I stayed home, cozy. To Arlington by bus for our three-page Christmas letter. Mailed in p.m. Lousy job from new Arlex Secretary.

15. Wednesday: To Cambridge. Quite snowy. Passable. In town to buy toys, curtain for hall window, bulletin board from 5&10 – home very tired, feet sore! . . . Envelopes for Plan E Annual meeting. To State House for many bills. Fallon is a dilly. Political committee for one candidate only. . . . Mailed ten pairs of socks – with names!

16. Thursday: Plan E all morning. . . . Tufts University Womens' Club –

Russell Train Smith of Museum School with talk, slides, exhibit. Interesting. Koretsky friendly on Christmas letter. Rebecca frigid! Drove Chouteau to Concord for Adult Education plans with Roberts. Headache creeping up. Home at 12:05. Fireplace charm – good planning.

17. Friday: Up late. Mrs. Lamm to sit. Wrote up evening session. Lunch with Keef – he’s a janitor at Harvard Observatory! . . . Off to Dr. Fooks. Filled two [cavities]. Lip crack must heal before the temp is done. Lamps at Berlows – supper, envelopes. Mary O’Connell got more Fallon’s – 716 [?].

18. Saturday: Tried to get help to finish Plan E letters. Finally to Mrs. Stewards in evening. [My] left hip cramp a real charleyhorse. Awful pain. We took sunflower seeds, brought home soap and honey! Newlin to Quarterly Meeting School and speaker.

19. Sunday: Newlin full of sinus. Me to Cambridge. Steps just killed my hip. George’s first class very popular.

20. Monday: Temperature. Stayed in bed. Hip sure hurt! Though less.

21. Tuesday: Up. Newlin took vacuum to Tufts. I had trifle of temperature. Washed. Pooped. Long nap. Now it’s trying for sinus. Finished invitations for J. Russell’s birthday party. And Newlin has sold seventeen tickets to Plan E’s dinner. Gene Sullivan and Wessell exchanging letters on Newlin!

22. Wednesday: Still in the house. This is a long [illegible].

23. Thursday: Out, and to Cambridge.

24. Friday: Mrs. Lamm to sit. Burial Practices and Eye Bank came. Six kids. Home. Got Ruth’s lamp. It is so nice – I’ll go back for the other for us.

25. Saturday: W.E&I.U. [Womens’ Educational and Industrial Union] closed. No lamp!

26. Sunday: Quiet day. Newlin no birthday. Watchband. Ruth a heater! For office. Lamb is good.

27. Monday: A special delivery from J. Russell with 75 more names to be invited. To Cambridge; to Boston. Got note paper – NO lamp – shade too

green. Currrses. Vitamins. Home. . . . Started addressing; Newlin called and culled the list. All done. To Council of Churches teachers' training in evening. Very interesting. Smith of Lexington the guest expert – Excellent. Home.

28. Tuesday: Met with George. Verse announcing FDSC [First Day School Committee?] retreat – in the email. Pay! Home to phone – plane reservation. No lamp, etc. . . . Snow: one to two inches in a.m, four at noon, four to eight inches by supper. Real pretty blizzard again. Phone in p.m. on TUWC [Tufts University Womens Club] tea meeting, and Plan E. . . . Newlin on program – edgy on phone. Mrs. Cicirelli is wonderful!

29. Wednesday: Newlin up at 5:30 to blow the drifted snow. Many letters, and to the bank. To see Sonya with the blue hand-woven wool. Cookies, shampoo. Nap; hamburg supper. Telephone and Plan E tickets.

30 – 31 [no entries]

February

1 – 2 [no entries]

3. Sunday: To Cambridge, pretty tired.

4 – 5 [no entries]

6. Thursday: To Cambridge – worked up some clay. Seven kids for Mrs. Dahil – \$3.65. Read, washed linen carefully. Steak for supper. Beef is low! \$1.52 for us!

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8. Saturday: Ironed the tablecloth and 24 napkins. Walked over for plywood in sloppy snow. Varnished 'em. To Joyce and Russell Millers' for dinner; Imlahs and Nickerson (new) very pleasant. Russell full of Tufts history – their boy Rusty, a senior, hopes for Swarthmore.

9. Sunday: Newlin stayed in bed. Me to Sunday School – no frantic crises.

Home. Cold roast beef, and off to Bakers Island Store Committee at McCullars' in Lynnfield. Leavens there. Will look for a mature man, but make plans for #2. Home. TIRED.

10. Monday: Off to Cambridge. Fixed up enrollment figures for Newlin's meeting. Made new roll-book for Pickens Moore. Took Psalm Book home. Book club. Typing of directors' list farmed out. Meeting lost 48 kids last June!!

11. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Book covers came; I did three books. George Selleck mentioned 300th anniversary again. Good. Prepared something on Psalms. . . . To Isabel's for supper, with cole slaw to offer. Fourteen to supper. Hitchman and Hillman argued. We read and then wrote Psalms – and they were good. Isabel a marvel with John and family.

12. Wednesday: Up. Mrs. Povey can't go. Phone calls. . . . To State House; bus slow; took taxi. Blew up! Fallon only one for; several against. Long talk in hall, Pompeo etc. . . . Searched for and found dark blue blouse - \$7.00! Home – with exhaustion! Headache!

13. Thursday: Diddled all morning. Changed beds. Mrs. Mack did living room walls. Isabel and John called – enjoyed Wick's lamp. Monthly Meeting super skimpy! Bo Chu! [restaurant?]. I came home to go to League of Women Voters – too weary. Went to bed instead.

14. Friday: A valentine cookie on desk! Six cartons of juice down cellar! Friday a.m. mothers wanted to call on others – Moore, Helgenhurst, Bradley, Wallace, Bristol. \$3.25, six kids. New papermate [stapler?], green paper. Home to staple and fold monthly Plan E Valentine card! To Cicirelli's to finish late mail. Couldn't make the dance! Newlin sent our pledge to Swarthmore, and Abbott – \$1,000.

15. Saturday: Taking it easy from headache. Polished sconces. Put Christmas décor away. Bayberries out. Roast beef early, and to Esquire (Cambridge) to see "Point of Order" – the McCarthy Army hearings '54. Guy in front of us for McCarthy! Repulsive. Got out the books – '52! Clippings were helpful.

16. Sunday: A blizzard! Newlin cleared before breakfast. Very few at Meeting. Took Holsey to Flagg St. . . . To Carmichael Hall blutzing about the parking lot! No trip to Waban – quiet day. Newlin cleared again at 10:00.

Snow and blow – pretty! Finished “Shoes of the Fisherman” – many religious arguments and points of view. Thoroughly provoking.

17. Monday: Marked blue books for the miniscule attendance. Record player is fine! Quick lunch, and to Jessie’s for red tablecloth, red candles, cherry cream cheese pie – tops! Esther reviewed “A Chinese Wife” – biography. only fair.

18. Tuesday: George changed the needle on the record player. I threw out records! Car flooded and conked out; I took it to Herson – being pushed at the Police H.Q. light! Home. Newlin with toothache. . . . Bus to Symphony – waited thirty minutes on Boston Ave! Just made it. Rudolph Serkin in Mozart – incredibly crisp and speedy. Final Bruckner rackety – I left! Home in good time. Hope Mrs. Thresher had a good time [time] alone.

19. Wednesday: Snow, blow, blizzard. The car just stayed at Herson. I washed. Much telephoning to cancel Plan E meeting. Not as rested as I’d like to be! That blower is wonderful! Newlin’s tooth still bothersome.

20. Thursday: Took 1½ hours to get to Herson! New filter in carburetor. Messy driving; had no trouble. Called Dr. Chase and went to see Dr. Lombardo for feet – he’s fair – feet feel much better. Mrs. Ounjian is sick – fever, infection inside. I baked germies and fixed pineapple.

21. Took package to Ounjian – she’s in the hospital! And a new baby! . . . I fell, sat down their icy concrete steps! Wow! OK, though. Picked up Mrs. Dahil. Jan Moore and Jo Driscoll only. Left early. I piddled.

22 – 28 [no entries]

March

1. Sunday: Newlin toothache again. Me to Sunday School. Junior Business Meeting. Marianne Spencer for toddlers. Mrs. Tien for 3- and 4-year olds. All O.K. . . . Off to Bakers Island Association dinner at Hawthorne Hotel. \$25,000 for wharf! Home. . . . Ruth Buck considering the store. Quiet evening.

2. Monday: Covered a couple of books. Arlene Lynde was around. Got budget worked out “\$60 – \$70 for books! Reading Club at Hersey’s

Clarkson on an Elizabeth Bowen [novel] “The Little Girls” – wonderful conversations! . . . Friends Disaster Service Committee meeting in p.m. – set up P.T.A! etc.

3. Tuesday: Started on Parent-Teacher meeting for March 31; and on May Fair, and on Teachers Training. Went for paper cups. Quiet afternoon.

4 – 5 [no entries]

6. Friday: Only a few mothers – Betty Gardescu out! Wrote letter to teachers. P.T. date is conflict.

7. Saturday: Washed, hung sheets and table cloth out – too windy! Smell so good. Ed Hayes to City Hall budget meeting. . . . Roast beef, Scrabble. Emily Flint spent an hour on the phone.

8. Sunday: Blashke out with sore throat! Quite hectic day. Dinner with Rouses. His birthday! Three chattery kids.

9 – 17 [no entries]

18. Wednesday: Snow and blow! Six inches of wet. No Flower Show with Esther Bridgman. Washed, changed beds, shampoo; got blue spring dress down. Shoveled front and one track. Pavement clear. Cold in evening. To Plan E with Reed on the budget. Only 16!

19. Thursday: To Alice Wren’sP prepared for Shylock – read Maggie in “What Every Woman Knows”! Foot date fizzled – went to Lexington Gardens. Got “Lucy”s – cute; handsome geraniums. Ironed table cloth. Still cold. Widky’s bed is made.

20. Friday: To Cambridge – hung curtains, washed toys in toddlers. Mrs. Dahill had 10! Ann Webb on books, Chouteau and Shelley on Docudrama. Friday mothers! And Rugs with Silberman. Wedding package for Betsy Bragg and Tom L. Wicky at airport – rehearsal 5:30. . . . “King Lear” with Britta - tremendous Lear! Awful daughters.

21. Saturday: Up, put away. Early lunch. Bragg Linsley 1:00 wedding. Tall jugs with tall flowers, hyacinths on windowsills. Full house. . . . MIT Faculty reception – three-piece orchestra, sandwiches plus. Home at 4:00.

Wicky to Center to run films. Home, and took Sellecks to Ye Hong Guey – five for \$6.05! Me to bed. Linford called from bus station at 10:00; Newlin went in for him.

22. Sunday: A rugged day. Fenwick ran films well. Even the 1:30 Penelope one preparing for Witness. Raced to Carmichael [Hall] for dinner. Small nap. Linford to Young Friends' at 6:00; enjoyed it. Newlin going crazy with papers.

23. Monday: To Cambridge – floor men came! Some furniture moving downstairs. I did little. Home. Lunch for four! Shopping. To Swarthmore dinner. Waste of time – I was too sleepy. Clapp of R.I. – fundraiser! Wheeler, and Meeting School teacher.

24. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Some linoleum down! . . . Must get figures for Charlotte Taskier. Made some calls. Tried to write Parent Teacher meeting for Bulletin. Found Sarah Sue Pennell (Fawcett) of Westtown. Phone all afternoon. Letter home in evening.

25. Wednesday: Home in morning – meant little to the boys. Washed, and mended. Dull!

26. Thursday: Off to Jacques for Shakespeare – interesting. Mrs. Finney there, first this season. To Lombards, interesting debate. He does want to make an “inlay” for me, and I lean toward less help! To Englands' for Bakers Island finance meeting. Mrs. Wells – a bookkeeper. Home late, to visit Newlin. Ironed shirts.

27. Friday: To Cambridge – janitor work! New tile floor nice in basement. But it ticks! I replaced and cleaned up much. Threw out colored chalk, scrubbed blackboard. Very tired. Durn – no mood for Peace Witness. Shopped. Napped. Crokinole. Wicky made cookies.

28. Saturday: Queer quiet day. Read most of morning. Sponge cake, roast beef. Took toys to Cambridge. To Lexington Gardens – ivy and geranium. Newlin in desk room, Linford in attic, Wicky in his room. Newlin and Wick [played] some Crokinole; me on Sunday School stuff for Junior Business Meeting.

29. Sunday: Easter!

30 – 31 [no entries]

April

1. [no entry]

2. Thursday: Up at 6:00. Read “Jew of Malta,” wrapped Linford’s package. Took card to Shea. To Shakespeare Club. Home to lunch. Walked to Finast for check, bought 500 envelopes. Spam supper. . . . To band concert with Lil and Al [Devine]. It was not as good as usual. Home, ginger ale; Newlin to Cambridge Finance Committee. Weary.

3. Friday: To Cambridge – worked on envelopes all day. In to Joy Street in rain for film strip. Home via Shea Bros. for printed card. \$6.00. Frantic schedule.

4. Saturday: Day for Wicky. Collected laundry, washed and ironed. To Cambridge to set up the film strip. Phone call: “Can I talk with you?” Suicide! All broken up. . . . Home; to Ye Hong Guey. Then pack and mend and finish up. Upsetting afternoon.

5. Sunday: Wicky off for 8:00 train, to change in N.Y. . . . Sunday School, Junior Business Meeting – two families missed. So I showed the film to three! Didn’t need it! Quick cold soup lunch. Stuffed and addressed until 5:00. Almost finished Ethel Jones. She is marvelous; Martta a prize. Home, exhausted, to do little!

6. Monday: To Cambridge. Worked on agenda. Home to nap with exhaustion. To Friends Disaster Service coordination meeting – small but GOOD. I must meet with Fay Luder – planned big series for fall; perhaps on Queries. Home, wide awake! Talked all night, slept lightly. This won’t do!!

7. Tuesday: Quite bleary eyed.

8 – 12 [no entries]

13. Monday: Very weary. Did little. Just routines. Missed Book Club. Ruth Hooks’ little girl operated on. Ellen’s brother in law all O.K. . . . Went to Diploma meeting of School Committee. Incredible behavior of emotional

parents. Rouse and Gavrelis amazed!

14. [no entry]

15. Wednesday: Rushed an envelope over to Cambridge. RAIN. Books to Library; got a record. . . . Rudzinsky chaired – better. Emily Flint on budget and council good. Figures galore. Great gal.

16. Thursday: Early up. Gay's "The Beggars Opera" at Wren's for Shakespeare Club. Wonderful folksong music and diction! . . . To Cambridge for Newlin's hat! Home; nap. Got ticket for his weekend trip. Felt full – not hungry at all. Very tired yet. Read some McGill. Selleck family letters off.

17. Friday: Very warm!

18. Saturday: Took Newlin to airport, drove in to Boston. Saw "Luther" – athletic and dramatic, but the third act was vague. Changed Toddlers and Kindergarten in a.m. while Newlin had Committee meeting.

19. Sunday: Pretty upset with the room change. Didn't leave till 1:30. Quiet, lazy, loafing time, with Newlin in Virginia. Letter home.

20. Monday: Took a day off – everyone else did. Phoned some for Parent Teacher Meeting Wednesday evening.

21. [no entry]

22. Wednesday: Called Dyke – took two loads of papers. He got \$2.35; I had \$1.85! And he finished up the flop cookies. He's a big boy. I swept up the cellar, then discarded two feet of magazines from living room! . . . Panel on "Quaker education" a howling success. Thirty-five there, Curle [?] in N.Y. Chuck Woodbury pinch hit as moderator.

23. Thursday: Sh. [?] birthday party! Portrait, tribute, pictures. . . . Cold and clammy, nose sort of dripping. Nap didn't really help. Took Ethel Jones' flashlight home. Took some Coricidin – too late, did no good. Vitamin C is better. Calabate all gone.

24. Friday: Picked up and delivered Mrs. Dahill. Set up phone lists for May

Fair. Howards cleaning up took wire off of pink lilies. Hope they survive. Ed Hayes told about his session at Revere – three hundred!

25. Saturday: A real head cold. My eyes ache and there's queer soreness at top of spine and back of head. Bed all day. Changed clocks, and to bed early. Queer headache.

26 – 30 [no entries]

May

1 – 3 [no entries]

4. Monday: Cambridge – last meeting of Book Club, at Lore's.

5 – 6 [no entries]

7. Thursday: Finished wedding letters. Annual Meeting of Tufts College Women's Club; then to Cambridge for Committee on George's dinner – till 5:00! Home, pooped. Supper at Tufts. Fewer calories [illegible]. Brook's tax investment all over the papers. J.R. says he mailed the checks; we can't find them. Newlin borrowed \$1,000 to advance to Shultz. . . . Cleaned out papers.

8. Friday: To Cambridge. Last Meeting of Friday morning mothers – they want a nursery school! M. A. Nicholson a great gal. . . . We trimmed all around to a fair-you-well; Newlin mowed and watered. BETTER! To Povey's to write to Patterson for Plan E. Muggy!

9. Saturday: Hardly enough to lay the dust! Newlin to class. Me leisurely start after a quick date. Muggy. Twenty-six indictments for State officials, etc. – wonderful!

10 – 16 [no entries]

17. Sunday: Well – I dropped stitches right and left. Filled in for first and second grade at 9:30. Did third and fourth and Kindergarten at 11:00. What a day. Home pooped. The new blocks are wonderful!

18. Monday: To Cambridge. Helped Ellen with mail for Newlin – he spent hours signing and writing notes for funds. Mail out. Program OK'd. Paper

selected; yellow – nice. To School Committee to hear Girls on athletics – and Frank on Stoner architect on Kennedy School heating plant. Mrs. C. does a JOB when she leans back, takes a breath, and gives the facts of the history.

19. Tuesday: To Cambridge, dreadfully tired. George's interview interesting on the necessity for groups. . . . I even went to Council Meeting, and then to Meeting of whole. Working on a street program; Reed wants a bond – Council wants cash – etc.!!

20. Wednesday: Just sat much of morning. To Cambridge at 3:00 with Sue Brooks' honeysuckle. Took Ellen home, shopped at Star for goodies. To dinner – too late to be in control. Lovely affair, good spirit. David Henry so good. Chester Smith ill; Henry Cadbury showing his age. Madrigals choice. George Selleck good on his thank-you. Same as my appointment with him on Tuesday. "Quakerism a group spirit." Home with Wemberger!!

21. Thursday: Exhausted – unable to think. Just sit. Sent for vitamins! Frightening. Nap, mended. Finished Fact Finder, addressed A streets. That's a long job too. To bed.

22. Friday: Could sleep more! Cambridge; tried phones, nobody home! Lovely lunch at Chapins for Shelley and Claire Johnston. Gil came too. Best table glassware – form May Fair! I took canned consommé and fresh pineapple. Home. Fact Finder to Maplewood. Signed up Penelope and two teachers in evening. To bed early. Gradually catching up.

23. Saturday: Hot. The air conditioner is on. Sorted a bit in desk room; got sub for Chouteau's Wellesley cast. Newlin not home for lunch. Swept back porch.

24 – 29 [no entries]

30. Friday: Bulletin day! WIL [?] in parlor; Bulletin in Library. John Sullivan and American Friends Service Committee fund raiser for George Selleck's time. Auditor at my desk. Schuteau Chapin in to ask about transport to Maine for weekend. Me choosing and listing thirty books for Acton. Home quite late.

31. Saturday: Up early. To Meeting – pleasant! Home. Sponge cake,

germies, shampoo, Linford's room fixed up. Halcyon down [?]. Letter written. Busy day. HSS [Henrietta Stewart Smith] came up to stay one night – arrived Monday afternoon – just to complicate it.

June

The Smith clan convenes at graduation time.

1. Monday: Worked on attendance records and budget for the evening meeting of First Day School Committee. About ready. Ellen just frantically busy. Lella came at about 2:30; home, all set in Wicky's room. She smokes constantly! Good Meeting – Dorothy [illegible] will teach! Home late.
2. Tuesday: Breakfast in kitchen. Off to Cambridge. Lella continues effervescently ineffective! Cleared up desk; home. Two phone calls. Wrote Bakers Island Store letter. Newlin mimeoed, I addressed, it was mailed! Then I packed and organized. Left 126 at 5:00! Stopped on Taconic Parkway above Poughkeepsie. Good driving weather.
3. Wednesday: Up at 6:00. Taconic beautiful in early a.m. Breakfast in Ossining! Kutztown by noon. Ruth all set for BIG committee meeting. After supper uptown I went to see “America, America,” Kazan's documentary film of Greek boy coming to America. Excellent; too long. Home and to bed. After Rotary, Pa sat down cellar wrapped in a blanket!!
4. Thursday: Spent all morning on the Kutztown history and the pile of pictures and records. Raced off at noon – to Westtown [School] at 2:00. Fenwick going into a final exam. Talked with Teacher Rachel Letchworth and advisor – he might repeat, or tutor! Bitter pill for pride. To 550 by supper.
5. Friday: Up. Newlin came at noon. Very heavy traffic, but we stopped to see Fran. Then to three-class blast at Hallowells. Everybody back, looking wonderful – Ruey, Tilton, Wootz, Dot. Many. . . . Supper, tent, etc. Too many drinks! Took Patterson home.
6. Saturday: Over to get tags in Parrish – small mob: Hares, Allan Grim, some others. Good turnout for “Quaker parade” a straggle! To lunch in Whittier. Betsy Palmenberg, Peg Walton, Selover, etc. interesting. Tiring. Sat 'til after mid[day?] with Tom and Eleanor [talking] about J. Russell.

7. Sunday: Headache! Aspirin every three hours – others went to Meeting. Bob Booths dropped in in p.m.
8. Monday: Cousin Beulah, Tom and Eleanor, Berta, Tim, Newlin and Linford and J.Russell off at 9:00; Fenwick and I down to shop. He joined mob on athletic field – and Johnson shook his hand. . . . Refrigerator repaired to the tune of \$30.00! Lunch for ALL! Tom and Eleanor off at 5:00; Fran dropped in after lunch. She's frantic about J.Russell. "Stew[art] left her \$100,000."
9. Tuesday: Getting warmer! Drove to Pa's via Germantown – then to Newtown via Buck Hotel and Cloverknoll; lunch at Goodnoe, and a peach pie to take home! Rocked a bit. Pa and Wilma home. To Cousin Beulah and Wrightstown Meeting. Horsham and handsome Sunday School buildings. Buckingham Meeting to see Stewart's spot. Enormous burying ground. Home via 202 and 320. Me exhausted.
10. Wednesday: Linford late to breakfast. Three (Marion, Linford, Fenwick) to Westtown. A session with Teacher Rachel – twenty-five hours tutoring in math and French. This is it – last chance. . . . Back to Swarthmore, Cassie upset. Mary only fair. Packed, sat a bit. Very discouraged.
11. Thursday: Up, packed. Wick did a good job of it. Newlin took us to 9:00 train in Philadelphia. Westtown librarian and three boys sat behind us. So we went to the fair too. Expensive. Wearying – lines of people. Some nice things. Pooped. Left at 5:00, got 6:00 train. Home by taxi at 11:00 - \$5.00.
12. Friday: Exhausted. Unpacked, put away, sorted. Napped.
13. Saturday: Put up some screens. Did the big dining room window – enough to survive on. Wrote some letters. Played Scrabble and records. Annoyed to have to do these ornery screens. If I must do 'em I'd like better ones.
14. Sunday: To early Meeting. Wick on bike, me walking to Broadway, Powder[house Square], and Davis Square – then taxi from Davis Square! No Sunday paper. Home with Sue Brooks. They go to the Cape soon. Wonder where. . . . Napped and wrote and read and rested – good day.

15. Monday: Nice paper at front door – Globe. And rent. I washed, hung some out. Worked my way via North Station and Railroad to Winchester. Tooth cleaner a Hunza [vegetarian foods] fan! Well! At Cafarella's suggestion, worked on Bezubke. Antone was unreachable. . . . Ironed twenty hankies.

16. Tuesday: Mrs. Shockley with third call about Wellington affairs. "Who owns Wellington Plaza?" Wicky with bike trouble – a pedal now. Wants a new bike! NO. Wants savings bonds; studied investments all evening. I showed him my portfolio! . . . Cleaned closets, put wool away.

17. Wednesday: Bunker Hill Day! Windy cold. Fenwick all wound up about investments. Newlin and Linford came back from trip about 10:30; left Swarthmore at late morning. [I] forgot Fenwick's duffle bag – I was so discouraged. Fen and I to Boston Arts Festival. Interesting. Sent stripes to J. Russell from Stearns.

18. Thursday: Still discouraged about baggage, and J. Russell, and no French tutor, and things.

19. Friday: Washed – so many underwears for Linford, none for Wick. Ironed in p.m. Pretty hot. Newlin got all screens up. At last! Washed some windows too.

20. Saturday: Ugh – really hot and muggy. Linford bought shoes! Wick made frozen dessert – refrigerator badly loaded. Very heavy downpour in afternoon; flattened lettuce and petunias. Scrabble with Newlin, Fenwick joined.

21. Sunday: Hot – eggs for breakfast. Dishes done. Off to 11:00 Meeting. Newlin and Doeringer behind us. Took Ammon of Center for Cognitive Res[?] and Bowman of Harvard Medical School to dinner at Ye Hong Guey. I sat and read all afternoon; Newlin did family letter. . . . Ice cream and Crokinole!

22. Monday: Rainy and wet. Mr. Bezubka [Fenwick's tutor] crisp and effective looking. Whole house late and slow.

23 – 28 [no entries]

29. Monday: Up to press pants. Newlin no breakfast; Linford took him to Cambridge. I went to West Medford bank for \$50 for Linford and \$15 of mine. To Boston for Linford's insurance papers. Home for lunch, left at 12:30. Linford to Greyhound Bus at 1:00 – home. Dr. Fooks; home. . . . Chicken – then just dead tired. Collapse. . . . Newlin to School Committee meeting. He must go for ex-rays again tomorrow.

30. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Goodbye to Sellecks – leaving at 3:00 for 6:00 boat. . . . Framingham papers lost! Newlin took 'em out. HOT! I typed a teachers list and went home. Washed my hair! It was awful. Chicken salad supper. Newlin to Council Meeting. Mr. Connor called.

July

1. Wednesday: Fenwick's full schedule – French and Math!! Ugh. To Cambridge by 8:10. Made some progress on curriculum envelopes. Very hot. Shopped for store stuff and no bedspread. In with Newlin to see "How to Get Rich" – which had folded! Saw "Tom Jones." Very good; color. English 1745. . . . Wick and Chris watched the nasty storm – with hail!

2. Thursday: Laundry – Wick's bed. Linford's had to wait during math. Very muggy. To Brookline Sears for papers, then to Wellington Circle for STOVE. I got it. Now to get it installed. Cashed \$40:00. Very tired; to bed at 8:00. Cooler, still muggy.

3. Friday: Rain! Newlin took Fenwick to Cambridge – then I went over. Cleaned up basement room.

4 – 5 [no entries]

6. Monday: Perfect day. I weeded and put some of [sic]

7. Tuesday: Gorgeous day! Over to Center. George Selleck phoned! Timberlake's secretary wanted Monthly Meeting quote. . . . Busy a.m. Leonard Hooper in p.m. Newlin bought bright tin smokepipe. Fenwick swimming, me tired. Sprinkled six shirts, but just read and went to bed. Newlin to Council Meeting.

8. Wednesday: Warmer – ironed for two weeks. Painters here at about 9:00. Takes a lot of people to keep us going!

9. [no entry]

10. Friday: To Cambridge in a.m. – rainy, cool.

11. Saturday: Foggy – ugh! Swept out back. Cleaned up for company – the Browns, plus Bob and Beverly of California (never saw poison ivy), and Beals. Walked the Island. Sat in bushes – not bad. Me tired. Chicken salad, corn pudding, cucumbers and watermelon. As soon as they went on boat I cut 90 pieces of pie [?!] then helped clean up. 90 plates, silver, etc. Leavens ch.[?] the meal. Pleasant.

12. Sunday: Damp day. Just piddled around waiting for store to close. Borrowed scrub brushes, did store; Newlin helped. Mrs. MacCullar did half. Big job – me pooped! No finish to go on the floor – would be tacky. To boat and home, cold and dreary.

13. Monday: To Cambridge. Rainy, cold, dull day. Addressed envelopes. Headache, feet hurt, just busted! Took Roger Webb's package to him. Nice house! Nap. Slow evening. Much on nomination of Gold water. Too dumb. To bed. Phoned Ruth, and that's all! Front doors painted. Branson's advance for \$105.00!!

14. Tuesday: Hunted wall-pipe collar but didn't find it. Rainy.

15. Wednesday: Penelope's first [organic produce] basket. Beautiful! Went through new house – enormous. Each bedroom a balcony, etc.

16. Thursday: Up early. Enormous wash done and out before 10:00. Three beds changed. Got Conover's clothes for American Friends Service Committee. Drove to Lexington for mulberry tree – none. Very hot.

17. Friday: Ironed before breakfast. George Beal talked all a.m. about old folks. Amalia Meisel. . . . Newlin got plumbing stuff. I was so edgy, I called his driving "stupid" – felt very guilty. Very hot. Packed for island early – got "O.K. thimble" and \$2.25 lobster. Very hot. . . .

18. [no entry]

19. Sunday: Awfully hot – up late. Newlin and Fenwick and Dyke worked on plumbing. It runs!

20. Monday: Marvelous – clear and cool. To Cambridge. New files for Sunday School came! I moved the stuff. Home late. No trip to Boston. Washed, mainly Linford's things. . . . Back porch done over weekend; back step, today. Very weary – aspirin.

21 – 22 [no entries]

23. Thursday: Took early bus for Boston – shopped; home. . . . Newlin to Swarthmore – Cassie needs help. Dreadful misunderstanding! J. Russell high-handed and deaf and forgetful – Ugh! Poor Newlin.

24. Friday: To Cambridge in old clothes. I scrubbed a wall! With Oakite. Wow! It is lighter! Home, shopped Sears. To the Island with Ernie as guest. Took new ovenette. [Bakers Island] Association Meeting in p.m. - \$2,400. Cash, \$300 charged so far. Wicky worked on damper and tin.

25. Saturday: Foggy overcast, cool. Fenwick labored on the stovepipe hole – finally done. Pipe too short! He phoned Lil to get some. She got chrome! Kids carried one roof slat up to the cliff. We chopped out some above the house. Dank! Noodle supper. Scrabble with Al and Lisa.

26. Sunday: Up late – Fenwick to work to finish the stovepipe. Done before lunch. Ceremonial fire. Dyke, Ernie, and Lil a big help. . . . Rosbif, corn, cut tomato, peaches dinner; outside first time. Forced kids to dock [?] – Ernie swam. Home very tired. Ran about for 50th.

27. Monday: Wicky with temperature and sore throat. I told him to get up and go through with his routine, then go to bed. He did. Felt better. Just exhaustion from weekend. Wrote a letter home. No envelopes! Currres.

28. Tuesday: To awning shop for Store skylight hardware. Other shopping. To Waltham for rented adding machine. Took it to Ferry! Home. Very hot. Feet aching. Murderous day. To bed, air conditioner on – hate to sleep with it. No rain.

29. Wednesday: To Cambridge – very hot and muggy. No Fire Insurance for Elmer Brown. George Beal in – they're hunting real estate in New

Hampshire. Keys for desk. I now have a key ring! Napped. Feet feel better! Wicky working on lid lifter rust. Tom [Smith] called, they'll stay here tomorrow.

30. Thursday: Cleaned up, put away. Cooked chicken for Sunday, prepared all beds. Shopped for wood for skylight, etc. etc. Pretty busy. Fenwick got gadget for sink faucet so I can wash. Had to cash another check.

31. Friday: Nice bacon and egg breakfast. Tom to libraries, me to Cambridge, Wicky to tutor. Eleanor nap! Quick lunch; me to Dr. Lombardo at 1:00. Feet feel much better. Tom and Eleanor leave about 3:00. We packed and left for Island as usual – with mattress, wood, water, chicken, etc. . . . Al lost ten pounds – sick again. Not good. Store Committee meeting. Fenwick's duffel came!

August

1. Saturday: Cleaned up and all set. Woodburys arrived with Gail and Peter. Thy know more folks than I. Tour, and some scrabble. Looked in on square dance – very poorly attended. And so to bed. Me on davenport.

2. Sunday: Up at 7:30. Breakfast for the gang. Glad to have STOVE heat. Burned a lot of wood – and stove paint! Rain and overcast. Puzzles and Peggity and Parcheesi. Tide-pool livestock to take home. Chuck fitted Kay's arches together after the hurricane. That porch is wonderful! Beach Nikko going home. Lil said Wick was annoyed by the cinnamon and sugar complaint.

3. Monday: Up, tired. To [Friends] Center with bucket; washed paint. Elmer Brown washed. M. A. Nicholson washed in p.m. Mr. Gemmato at 1:00. Turned in Wicky's key to Meeting House. Very tired. Couldn't go to School Committee. Wicky reviewing math. To bed early, then aspirin.

4. Tuesday: Gorgeous day. Wick off for math final; home, pale and "shook." Washed everything, Ironed in evening. Ruth called – Pa had a stroke when getting tickets to come up. I hope he won't be a burden to himself and others.

5. Wednesday: To Cambridge. Mary Ann was there – we finished the paint. About finished me too. . . . I left my keys I the desk. Wicky saw them – went

back for them, but was locked out. Finished ironing.

6. Thursday: Wicky's French test – he thought it went better. I cut down the twins blue bedspreads for bunks. And rested. Met Newlin at 4:20. Spent last dollar on food, etc. All about J.R. marriage. It has problems!

7. Friday: Mrs. Smith paid the rent! They are off for vacation. Newlin and I to Cambridge. Me with Browns for license test. Kid with guns! I wasn't needed. We did much shopping for island. Leak in downstairs water heater at 4:30. Everybody tired. Cool. No island tonight.

8. Saturday: Cool! Why go to Bakers Island! Newlin still tired. We all went to see "Becket" and then to Ye Hong Guey, and home. Newlin still with sinus. Read "Eleanor of Aquitaine" – she was not a minor character!

9. Sunday: Up early. Sandwiches, and to Framingham 9:30 Meeting. Margaret Welch's house, something! Newlin in huddle with Wittenborg and Sims. Penelope showed us her whole place. House charming, Farm impressive. Home Naps, etc.

10. Monday: Praise be! Ellen is back! I worked on Sunday School announcement; Newlin on building and clerking. Wicky biked in town for shoes. Nap. Newlin still tired. Wrote letter home – Newlin too.

11. Tuesday: Up. Lunch for Wicky, arranging books at \$1.00/hour for a week. Quiet day. Newlin chased check and signatures, went to Hagstrom's funeral, and to Committee of Whole Council hearing "high-rise" man talk.

12: Wednesday: To Cambridge – didn't do much. The two Branson kids were thrilled to pick a tomato each. Made up Linford's room. Borrowed a choir gown from Petersons for the "judges" – with mop-top hair.

13. Thursday: Laid in some supplies. Newlin went to meet cousin Beulah Atkinson while I washed. Perfect day. We toured Cambridge and Tufts all afternoon. Talked J. Russell's wedding.

14. Friday: Newlin took Cousin Beulah and me to a.m. boat. We got settled, and walked a bit. Napped. Friday was a beach picnic, Saturday night a costume party: Thresher a bell-buoy, three witches, tree, population explosion [!?] – very successful. Me a judge – poor categories.

15. Saturday: Perfect day. Enormous load for store. I helped. Cousin Beulah saw birds and enjoyed people. We took a sandwich to a beach picnic – cold but comfortable. . . . The stove is wonderful. Sat with Devines in evening. Newlin and Wick went on R.R. ride . . . Guessing baby pictures a howl! Mrs. Marder's flowers gorgeous.

16. Sunday: Wonderful 50th weekend. Another perfect day. Up early to make forty bagged lunches, three sandwiches in each – egg salad, tuna, PB&J; cupcake and potato chips. . . . Memorial Service – Rice's share excellent. Wise talked too long, then gave out books. Lobster! Auction for two old books. Me and Ruth MacFarlane \$38.00. I chased autographs; packed up. Home on evening boat.

17. Monday: Up early – left house at 7:00 to put Cousin Beulah on 8:00 train. Home, cleaned up. Good nap. Cousin Beulah left \$8.00 for lobster dinner, phone, etc. Very nice. . . . Signed up Martin Ross for Junior High class!

18. Tuesday: To the Center – Martin Ross' envelope mailed at \$1.30! All clear. Off to Five Islands. Good supper at Stowe House in Brunswick . . . slow; expensive. To Worrel's – the Carriage House! Nice and cozy. So glad to be there.

19. Wednesday: Up; off to chase sawdust, via antique stores and a lamp, an ash shovel, and sawdust! No rock jewelry. Home via Robinhood. Thompson (of International Nickel) and Curran of Boston Medical Circles – fine group. Plus Battle, of Church World Service. . . . Reading in bed, to keep warm.

20. Thursday: Beautiful day. Needlepoint on porch in a.m. Off for lunch – HOT engine; begged water and hurried to FORD in Bath [?]. They fixed a new water pump – \$17.00, two hours. Then to Wiscasset and Art. Pretty Print – \$30.00! NO. . . . Picked up trees along Robinhood Road. Cheese soufflé for supper. Read in bed.

21. Friday: Up and off at 7:30. Wrote cards and mailed them, then off for L.L. Bean. No carries. Winter cover for stove-pipe hole across the street. To Portland foundry for stove door handle! On the way at 10:00.; home 12:30. Still cool! Quick shopping, and off to Bakers Island ferry. Big load. Trees sawdust, suitcase of wood, etc. Association Meeting with Bernie Golden

chairing.

22. Saturday: Rain – breakfast at 10:00. Newlin planted the collection of Maine trees! Dinner at 3:00. Blueberry “muffins” of pancake flour. Bisquick, passé! Stove is just lovely. The teakettle sang all afternoon. Movies tonight. So cozy! Chaplin and “Our Gang,” etc.

23. Sunday: North Shore Babies Hospital sixty-year anniversary. Lady spoke and we sang. Newlin to mainland.

24. Monday: Linford called from Maine. On the way home we were cut off! I phoned Newlin to wait for him. Bus overnight! . . . Also alternate pants for Fenwick. He wore out a pair doing the skylight for the store with Dyke. How they worked!

25. Tuesday: I went up to inspect the skylight. They finished the hardware and IT WORKS! Linford and Newlin came on evening boat. Good to have meat and fruit again. Demonstrated stove for Linford.

26. Wednesday: “What project is there? I have nothing to do.” Praise be, he [Fenwick?] is a worker. Roast beef in little pan – delicious. Search for wood for stove now goes on. There is a lot around. . . . Sat on Devines’ porch for long lovely sunset. Cool!

27. Thursday: Alarm at 6:00 – Linford off on early boat with long list of items. I did a small wash; towels and socks. To tea at Rices’ – .25 [?] – very nice house, work area, appointments, etc. Went with Lil Devine and L. Craig; toured the island afterward – houses, improvements, and gardens. Dragged home two boards with Newlin . . .ugh! Finished the roast beef – four like to eat!

28. Friday: Up late. Lugged home a log for chopping blocks! Boys sawed it with new saw and rancid cup grease. I messed around out back, and through the sumac. Walked through Barney’s garden with Newlin. . . . Lisa and Al Devine came in for Scrabble – she’s pretty awful! All razzed her and her hair. We have a piling, thanks to Tree [?] and the Jeep. Stew in good boiler – all gone! Two pounds!!

29. Saturday: Cloudy – watery clear; then fog in mid-afternoon. The boys found the chopping block. Linford showed, Fenwick did all day. Last of ham

and noodles and peaches. Cashed a check at the store. Very foggy in evening, but Sweeny made it. Home again.

30. Sunday: Up, good breakfast. To Meeting at 10:30 – I [baby?] sat on third floor. Strangers around. New one for Sunday School! Janeway. . . . To Ye Hong Guey; home. Very humid and hot. Quiet rest of day.

31. Monday: Up at 6:00. Newlin off to airport, and Swarthmore. Linford off to Tufts main[tenance?] job with lunch. Very hot and humid. I made a germie. To Cambridge. Ordered some books. . . . Towels and underwear to washhouse – unclean. Very sticky. Wicky did a beautiful job on front lawn. Boys in our room; me in Wicky's room.

September

1. Tuesday: Clear and cool. Praise be. But no rain from the hurricane. I washed my hair. Washed laundry including two dresses. Made a big jello for Miss H.S. singers. Took it over at 4:30, stayed till 5:30. No one in charge! . . . Linford went to the concert. Newlin home at 10:00 for a supper! Me on aspirins for headache ever since noon –

2. Wednesday: What a good night to sleep it was! Newlin up when Linford got up. My feet ache again. Fenwick and I spent \$100.00 on his clothes! Penelope is resuming her baskets.

3. Thursday: Phoned – and Mrs. Mack had other plans! I felt lost. With slow Mary wanting \$1.75 plus, we talked about pay for Mrs. Mack.

4. Friday: To Cambridge. Sure good to have Ellen back. Linford working, then off to the Island. Last trip.

5. Saturday: Perfectly gorgeous day. But no rain. Blue water, white sails everywhere. I was called to the Directors' meeting – two hours! – off store committee! Lunch. . . . Grape jelly to MacFarlanes. What a house – oriental living room! Fenwick chopped and split wood.

6. Sunday: Newlin worked on storm windows. We went to song service. Fenwick and Al Devine scrabbled!

7. Monday: LABOR Day. Beds done, kitchen done, nice meal at noon.

Asked Ruth Buck – then we all helped pack up the store excess. Skylight set. Swept up, all refrigerators empty and open. Home to finish [closing] the Hut. Snack for supper. Queen Mary almost full. Home, very heavily loaded – with Al Devine, too. Traffic thick, fast, not impossible. Handed key and folder to new chairman – Leavens.

8. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Third desk looks nice in office. Gorgeous day. I washed in p.m, dried, too! eight sheets and some more. The summer is over. Got warm. Took iced tea to Friends Disaster Service Coordinator – had good meeting. Many plans and dates set. Good idea for U.N. day – Elmer will speak – good.

9. Wednesday: To Cambridge – loose ends. Worked on letter to parents. Raced adding machine to Waltham in p.m. – so my store duty is almost done. One more letter; Wicky’s medical letter sent. He’s doing short stories – hard! Much phoning to Framingham – tangled relationships, etc. . . . Wicky got his \$40 suit and \$25 jacket.

10. Thursday: Sewed names on everything, even mended socks. Raised Mrs. Mack to \$7.00 – she was pleased. Made double meat loaf for Monthly Meeting; over early. Newlin clerk – I did a closet. Very warm. Copeland girls big help. Boys had no supper – Wicky erred. Some nice new families around.

11. Friday: Hot and muggy. Cambridge – helped to put dishes away. Mailed Friends Disaster Service schedule to all families, including new ones. Set up letter to teachers. Newlin over in p.m. I wet-mopped bathroom, middle class, and part of first grade. . . . Stinking hot! Dozed over the paper. Pooped, and to bed.

12. Saturday: Up late – date. Cool day. Bought puzzles and paper in Cambridge, cleaned up third and fourth grade storage. My wet mop looks O.K. Pile of mags out of front room. Shop, check cashed, finished letter to teachers. Two rosbifs, Rocky ledge corn, Buttrick striking [?] milk, etc. Newlin fixed lights.

13 – 19 [no entries]

20. Sunday: First day of Sunday School – big turnout for 9:30 Meeting. “Coffee” between a success. Junior High in tiny room! Babies all cried!

Tremendous dinner with the Browns – barbecued chicken, cranberry, baked potato, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, Jello, whipped cream, and cake!! Home – rested.

21. Monday: Work on attendance lists. Set up phone calls for 11:00. Then teachers' meeting in evening. Two came – Gustafson and Herrin. Showed them a pile of stuff. Gas man in afternoon found a leak! Praise be.

22. Tuesday: Smiths have more heater trouble. Peterson said “in morning;” I stayed home ALL day! Washed, changed our beds, shifted wardrobe. Ed Hayes asked me to telephone all directors – I got it set up; phoned all day.

23. Wednesday: Helped Betsy Muench with Kindergarten. Signed up a movie and got it from Melrose Street.

24 – 29 [no entries]

30. Wednesday: Committee meeting at Hazel Fulton's. Parked wrong. Then in to Dr. Aisner – all O.K. He has two kids eleven and fourteen. . . . I walked in to Boston, window shopping. Bought a blue London Fog raincoat, made by Jews in Baltimore – but nice coat!!

October

1. Thursday: Sort of tired. Chased all around for vegetables. Hunted papers for Framingham – they had them ALL! . . . Then to First Day School Committee meeting. Hilarious meeting planning – “Can you afford to be a Quaker on Monday?”

2. Friday: Chouteau wrote up minutes. I got some stuff for Penelope. [Bought] apple juice. Took Lois Brown in to Boston, including Bailey's! Lugged juice down cellar – she helped. Home, pooped.

3. Saturday: Gorgeous day. Washed two sweaters, cut some head lines. Lazied. Newlin mowed the grass – the last time? Scrabble.

4. Sunday: Junior Business Meeting. Penelope had it under control. Melvin Bristol interested. Thirteen for new college gal upstairs. I helped, fairly successfully – but tiring! Newlin had outdoor picnic supper for 72 [?!] at Tufts. Did phoning for people.

5. Monday: Enrollment up to 142! Conferred with Elmer Brown. Sent flowers to Pa, and got a card or two. Kid took peanut butter candy in Drugstore! Durn! . . . To School Committee, first time this year. Executive session. Teachers ask for raise – much talk. Me drooping. Home. Mrs. Povey, too.
6. Tuesday: Flat in bed with bad throat and snort nose. A dilly, just all day.
7. Wednesday: Still not worth a cent – nasty cold.
- 8 Thursday: Still full of cold. Washed towels and personal stuff. Beautiful day! Sent a dozen deviled eggs to Monthly Meeting supper; didn't go. Newlin clerk; pretty busy and keyed up. Hope he doesn't get my cold. Phoned Pa, and to bed.
9. Friday: Bad night – very honky. To Tufts clinic for dry-up pills. Phoned on Marriage Committee stuff. Fried tomatoes and baked apples. Ironed some stuff. . . . Newlin phoned Tom – to come east and set up the office.
10. Saturday: Dry-up pills did NO good. Cold lousy. Started on Vitamin C – should have done it sooner. 1500 six times or more. Newlin to game. . . . Heard Friday – J. Russell sold the contents of 550 to a Philadelphia dealer! I almost went off my rocker!
11. Sunday: What a perfect day to be on the Island! And I coughed all day. Newlin to Meeting. Mary Ann Nicholson my substitute – and she had to teach. Newlin did the office! He ate at Tufts. Wicky's poster is finally getting ready. Drank honey – nice!
12. Monday: Newlin to class. I tried to make plane reservations – Tom is coming East. Cold still lousy. Went to Cambridge in p.m., – worked on blue books and lists. Must start phoning.
13. Tuesday: Newlin to class, and then off to Swarthmore for some hard work emptying the office at 550. Me to Cambridge to work on lists and addressing envelopes. Cashed check. Bought sandwich makings; had one for lunch. Home, nap; zinnias from Mrs. Branson. . . . Card and letter to Cassie. And while moaning I suddenly realized that I can buy my own silver or anything else – they only bought theirs. Read Charlie Chaplin's

autobiography and phoned SS [?].

14. Wednesday: To Friends Center; lists and details – and I forgot Hazel Fulton’s silver polishing date. Pretty snuffly. Made Lore’s stuffed rolls and tried some rolled ones. Fair.

15. Thursday: To Shakespeare – first Meeting at Library. Manningham and a lovely new movie. Home, packed up (sliced first) seven rolls, a dozen dark bread and meat, olive topped “finger,” etc. Did tea. No slips. Ate a lot!! Delicious. Helped clean up – left at 5:30. Picked up Newlin at 8:30. Glad he’s home.

16. Friday: Got over details of Swarthmore sale. \$720 for highboy, beds, chairs, secretary, bureaus, drop leaf tables and all! Rugs were kept. Rented a one-room apartment for office. Liberated lacquer bowls. Hung the snowy print – looks nice in living room.

17. Saturday: Still snorting some. Nice quiet rain to help garden and grass.

18. Sunday: Newlin didn’t get to Meeting. It was mildly frantic. Went to Carmichael for dinner, found Seth Adagala. At 4:00 to Meeting for Worship dedicating new school building. “Keep this book open” dictionary. We in library; I poured tea. Very nice occasion. Coughed some at first. Homer tired. Phoned Wicky – all OK.

19. Monday: To Cambridge – took Charlie Chaplin’s Autobiography to circulate. Brought home “The American Way of Death.” Meeting at Haymans. Saw Gustafson on subway - ! Home via Cambridge, then errands: milk apples, laundry. To School Committee meeting with Council and manager and some public present. Vote for New High School. Sat on bar step!

20. Tuesday: Newlin brought a lovely big cyclamen at supertime. Just handsome!

21. Wednesday: Up as usual. Wrote letter home. Then in town – looked for dress. Got position papers on tax in Mass from Boston College in Newton. Lovely day. Lella for supper. Newlin went to get her from Center, she phoned she’d be late. And she was! Absolutely thoughtless! Talked Fund raising. Such a fluff. To Cambridge at 10:00, talking J. Russell. Home.

22. Thursday: To Shakespeare, to nap through “Green Goddess.” Fought storm windows with Mrs. Mack. Paint stuck windows! across the front, pantry, and Linford’s. . . . Short nap. Newlin to Plan E Executive Committee Meeting.

23. Friday: To Cambridge. Houghtons bring cider and decorate for U.N. party. No cookies! I hunted glasses for Newlin – only five at Winchester. Cider, apples, peas shopping. Pa in Abington Hospital – another stroke; much more. Ruth phoned twice.

24. Saturday: Cold last night – quilts not warm enough! Phoned on panels. Then U.N. party. Small attendance; wonderful time – Teruko Craig, Adagala, Senora and Marina. Bristols were so helpful. All pleased. Me weary!

25 – 28 [no entries]

29. Thursday: Mailed letters and cashed check before Shakespeare! Read Iago – poorly. Mrs. Brooks broke your heart with Othello. . . . Mrs. Mack washed paint in our bedroom; I hemmed new blue stroller dress. To Manly’s – cocktails for us and Howard B. Then to Open House at Cambridge Friends School. Elmer Brown and Dave McClellan and circulate [sic] – NICE place. Home, tired. . . . We’ll go to the Trustees next year!

30. Friday: Bulletin done in a political seminar. Martta Silbermann was there. We’ll do the stair carpet on Tuesday – election day. Swept up the basement, quick. Home. Nap. Not sleeping well at all – dreams; fretful. Thought of Pa.

31. Saturday: Washed – by 10:30! Beds changed. Mailed Lella’s package and shopped Star Market. Newlin phoned Barlow and we took papers in to Mass Gen[eral Hospital?]. . . . Celebrated the clean sheets. Hallowe’en slimmest in years; police all alerted. Egg on window downstairs. I sat out with broom and “hand.” Ironed a bit. Pa is the same – with some mucus.

November

Deaths in the family and in Medford

1. Sunday: Junior Business Meeting – counted money, rolled and tabulated.
2. [no entry]
3. Tuesday: Election day, Cambridge. To Boston for Plan E stamp. Stood at Hillside – Yes for Question five! Tufts students for S.N.I.C.C. interesting. To Symphony with Abbotts – then a bit of TV [election] returns. Home, dead tired!
4. Wednesday: Heavens! Volpe, Richardson, and Brooks won. Much talking. I rested all am then got supper. Voters list from weary Huey Lyons. Shopped. . . . Ruth called after 8:00 – Pa died at 7:30. Temperature 104° at 6:00 – “shot up.” Called Robbins for Shakespeare. Called Mary Ann N[icholson?] Wrote out First Day School Committee notes. Got reservation. Newlin cashed \$50.00 at drugstore; to bed at 1:00.
5. Thursday: 8:00 Eastern jet to Philadelphia, late but OK. Found Wilson 1802 [at] Chestnut St. Train to Glenside, Mt. C[armel Cemetery?]. Lunch with Wilma. Ruth came – had phoned all people, papers, arrangements! We went to Felty, a friend of Ed Bonner. Picked casket. To 40 W. Took some papers to sort; phoned boys. Home at 7:00.
6. Friday: To bank – could not get in joint box! Worked on papers. To Reading. Bertolét tops. Must renounce! Mont. Co. lawyer and filing etc. Crystal lunch – Greek salad. Patriot article good. More papers. Nap. Talk all evening. George came at 11:30.
- 7 – 8 [no entries]
9. Monday: Phoned Norristown and went to see Bertolét’s choice. Keely. Will filed by noon; Wolfenden of Norristown bank executor. SO relieved! Went over to Wilma’s. Cleared out more of bureau and drawers; not done. Files untouched yet. Home.
10. Tuesday: Up. Lists and summary etc. Lunch at Reading Airport. Home by 6:30 – to Marriage Committee at 8:00. Took [Faith] Luder letter – they made changes. Newlin off to Swarthmore – did not see him. Kutztown seems far away already.
11. Wednesday: Washed dishes and put things away. Quiet day, reaction

setting in. Very tired. Sat at desk, produced little.

12. [no entry]

13. Friday: Pretty weary. Walked to bank with Unicef money. Made poster for Query Six panel. Stopped at Keef's; not home. . . . On the phone about Mercury – headlines on School Committee pay raise – couldn't get an Executive Committee Meeting. Blumsack Assistant City Solicitor!

14. Saturday: Letter to panelists, delivered to Muggia. Pretty tired. Chores hang heavy – but to Hobart game, two touchdowns on two successive plays! Cool. Steak supper. To Browns' Open House. Handful only. To bed weary.

15. Sunday: Very discouraged. Up and at 'em. Sub[stitute teacher] with no material. Hysterical kids. Clumsy coffee people. . . . Dinner at Tufts. Nap. Newlin [sent] letter to Mercury on School Committee. Me eight notes. To bed. Frost expected. Picked a nasturtium.

16. Monday: Delivered letter to Mary Newman – conflict! Awful –

17. [no entry]

18. Wednesday: Washed. Out on errands. Back at noon to hear that Adam Curle couldn't moderate panel tonight. Two hours of calls – Isabel did it. I did coffee – real coffee. Panel went off all right. Only twenty one including speakers. Muggia interesting. Foster too quiet. Home. Marriage Committee of Junior Meeting met in basement.

19. Thursday: Begged off Shakespeare to take Newlin to airport – once more! Very weary. . . . Junketed stuff to Mrs. Shockley and Hayes for Plan E. Missed Tufts University Womens Club.

20. Friday: To Cambridge, all dressed up. Stopped for lunch with Dottie Keef; then to Shurtleff's memorial services. Enough flowers; good speech. Peter Nash, Gordon Allan and many others. Me just broken down and exhausted. Too many deaths – what a loss. Newlin home in evening. House NOT sold. He must go back. It is no longer funny. Newlin reserved a Yardly Taylor map.

21. [no entry]

22. Sunday: Letter to Query 10 panelists. Copy of Marriage Committee notice for each member of our committee, plus next meeting.
23. Monday: All dishes washed; to Cambridge. Did poster for Query 10. No dates for boys. Took letter and other errands. Book to Jessie, package of lacquer to Tom! Pork supper. . . . I was alone at School Committee Meeting, working on High School site. Campbell against a new high school.
24. Tuesday: Cambridge – brushed up downstairs. Hung K. coat rack. Ordered and collected paper cups – 1,000 Sunday School; 1,000 Young Friends. Shopped some for holiday. To Council Meeting. Justina Cicirelli and Bill Looby. Nicholson read the whereas for Shurtleff – then Skerry sworn in. Did well in speech! Stopped at library for Christmas book.
25. Wednesday: Made up two beds for boys – meant attic cleaned! Newlin to Harvard Faculty for School Fund Meeting – I took him, and went for him. Very tired. Many cellar trips for trash. Linford phone – bus in at 9:30. Wick’s train due at 10:30 – arrived 12:45!! So glad Newlin met it!
26. Thursday: Thanksgiving Day. Turkey in oven at 8:45. Breakfast; nap. Wicky fixing bike. Needs haircut. Made incredible transistor train control; reading “Grapes of Wrath.” Lin up to room. Both look good. Newlin to Swarthmore in evening – last trip!
27. Friday: A usual day. Fenwick off to Dr. Shapira on Beacon Street. Home tired, hardware removed. 550 is SOLD. Lisa for supper, Dyke sort of sick. I went for Newlin to the airport. Brought Yardley Taylor map! Talked. He made J. Russell pay bills and take care of the money.
28. Saturday: Quiet routine day. Phoned for tickets and went to the Leningrad Kirov Ballet. Saturday evening. Program of many bits. Very lovely, amazing, incredible. We go so rarely I forgot the [opera] glasses! So it was “far” away. Linford’s first ballet.
29. Sunday: Everybody up, and packed, and off to early Meeting . . . Lunch in hurry at Ye Hong Guey. We unloaded the kids in front of the airport in terrific jam, and drove right on. Guess they got on O.K.

30. Monday: Cambridge. Tried to do record selecting. No School Committee meeting!

December

1. Tuesday: Washed pile from Swarthmore and boys' beds. Picked up Conover contribution. To Council Meeting, very brief out front. Long hearing on wages in Comm[?] of Whole. Workers don't like the longevity increment!! Made health cookies for Penelope tomorrow [sic].

2. Wednesday: Met with young mothers and talked on curriculum. Put it away again. Adult Ed. Panel – Business Men – went well. Me over early to make coffee – took cookies. Successful. But me so tired.

3. Thursday: Shakespeare at Imlah's –

4 – 6 [no entries]

7. Monday: To Cambridge as usual. Worked on Christmas letter. Anne Lawrence did a beautiful tree design. Book club at Imlah's – Helen Stearns reviewed Edna St. Vincent Millay's biography. Read some selections – nostalgic. Interesting. Queer coddled married life. To School Committee in evening.

8. Tuesday: My letter to Wayne Jones, finally. Did Sunday School Christmas flyer and letter – no extras! Tree design successful. Shopped records. Stuffed letters – 110. Lunch at Center. Tufts is ordering books. Too tired for Symphony. Just at home.

9. Wednesday: Up as usual. Newlin took his lunch and the car. I was at home resting quietly all day. Didn't leave the house! Felt some better. . . . Can't wait to end job at Cambridge. I just feel pushed all the time.

10. Thursday: Ready early for Christmas party at Mrs. Neill's. We had a lovely time – such a comfortable place! Home; Alice Wren at wheel. Quick meat loaf preparation, and off to [illegible] for piles of kitchen stuff. I got the kitchen and system all set. Monthly Meeting supper at the School – quite successful. Newlin presided. . . . Some of Mary McClelland's camels were still up. Too weary to have much left. Good place. . . .

11. Friday: Very tired. Rug fuss by phone; then to Cambridge. Stayed for lunch. Cleaned downstairs rug after kids left. Ready for Christmas tree. Too tired to shop for records. Home; to Tufts for cocktail party, dinner, Cock-a-Doodle Dandy (Play; a 40's satire against capitalism and the Roman Catholic Church). Newlin chairman. Very good food and play.

12. Saturday: Very tired – back to bed. Up late. Did exercises! I must take steps! Meatloaf juice soup. Newlin to Museum. Me nap. Steak supper. Made 92 chocolate cookies – big ones. To bed; hope the throat doesn't develop.

13. Sunday: Balmy again. Two Christmas posters came. Roger Webb all set. Took trim over. No food for Martin Ross. Teachers irregular. None downstairs at 11:00. . . . Ye Hong Guey with Gil Johnstons and Barbard [sic] Wadington. Home, nap. Call from Alan Hunt – J. Russell has another fancy notion with Brambleton.

14 –17 [no entries]

18. Friday: Wicky got home in evening.

19. Saturday: To the Center at 10:00. Anne Lawrence and Penelope Turton to [illegible] ate! Sandwiches. The Christmas party: everything worked out well. Jim Latimer led; music OK – four nations of Christmas. Swedish cookies a great success. M. A. N. [Marion and Newlin?] mopped up! Timing just right; all out and cleaned up. Pooped, though. Fenwick to Weston for . . .

20. Sunday: We had Sunday School!

21. Monday: To Cambridge. Put things away. Costume a good one for general use. . . . School Committee – Mrs. Cafarella read paper in support of two-year Junior High and a four-year High School. Then she resigned! Wow! Family conditions. Parker next in line.

22. Tuesday: To Cambridge; then in town. Didn't finish [Christmas shopping]. Really hunted for astrological charts for pie. Complete – and good! Drug stores, finally. Hammett and such. Shirt.

23. Wednesday: Scurried around putting on good bedspreads and generally fixing things up. Some supplies in. Ruth due in evening – came as we ate supper. Such loads of stuff! – Pa's and others, too. Linford to St. John's to

sing all-by-himself!

24. Thursday: None of our chairs are high enough for Ruth. Got a tree – \$1.50 – a nice one. Trimmed it, then the packages were piled up. Didn't go to Louisburg Square – rainy and balmy. Turkey for supper – very good. Linford too tired to open packages – went to bed! Wicky nasty snorting cold.

25. Friday: Up, cereal – packages! Books from both boys. Records for Wick – Lukas Foss! To Becky's for dinner – wonderful meal. Me pie – Horoscopes! Pictures of trip with Scouts. Home in rain. Newlin edgy on driving! Read, set light timer, records, and to bed.

26. Saturday: Phone for substitute teachers in a.m. Boys over to clean up in p.m. Some more Crokinole – wicky still must win. Rainy warm. Pa's cufflinks, watches, notebooks, etc. Went over notes. Miss him – but hope the routines won't take too long.

27. Sunday: Up as usual. Me to Meeting. Awful day: few kids, no teachers – even for the three classes. Bo Chu took toddlers. Sonya Holsey and three were there. Newlin and I to Braggs' for lunch – nice Cambridge apartment. Louisa Alger, Fernsler, Egyptian friends, Betty Fuller, Ulins, Kains, etc. Home. Ruth and boys to Ye Hong Guey. Played hearts. The three-handed full deck is a good game.

28. Monday: To Cambridge – Ellen on vacation. Phone, etc. Did letter to teachers about teacher training. Boy for membership [?]. Ruth's scrapple, and corn pudding for lunch. I drove Ruth in to Selby Bayes. Shoes! Parked!! Durn. Newlin and Linford storm windows on with new ladder. [Went] to see Keefs – crowded. Went better than hoped for – Bryan nice big kid; trade school. To Ye Hong Guey again! So good. Home. Talked retirement, etc.

29. Tuesday: Up as usual. Ruth all packed; left about 9:00. I left for Cambridge . . . feel bereft. Newlin got chains for the horses [?]. Hung the kitchen storm window. I swept and mopped and dusted a bit. Linford to the Harvard library, and to buy pants. The second picture came!! Durn. Sewed tags on in p.m. Newlin to Council Meeting.

30. Wednesday: Well – washed all a.m. Wicky off for Dr. Shapira tooth helps [sic]. Called on the Greenwoods – lovely house, pretty things around. They had three weeks in a rented jeep and trailer in Aspen! Parked in a high

meadow. Wonderful!

31. Thursday: Ironed early. Then to Cambridge to stuff bulletins. Wicky, Kate Payne, Isobel Duguid, and Charlotte Blashke. Cleaned, vacuumed downstairs room. Elmer Brown has a cold! List of marriages interesting. Scrabble! To bed early –