

## Marion's Diary

1965

January

1. Friday: Up late – light breakfast. Linford and Fenwick went over to Cambridge to clean. Home at 1:20, pooped. Nap. . . . Supper – last of Habbersett's sausage. It was GOOD. Made calls for Junior Business Meeting. Music! and a teacher for toddlers (Connie Beal, 9:30).
2. Saturday: Up late, last minute stuff. Took Dyke and saw "Topkapi" in Cambridge – Linford didn't go! Boys and I stayed for Rome Olympics. Home in snow spits. Last Crokinole and records, and names on. Fenwick hunting boxes for his train packing. Gave Wick his sweater package for birthday. He liked it.
3. Sunday: Up early. Last breakfast. Newlin took me to Meeting, brought boys and baggage. Wicky taking Pa's typewriter and record case. Junior Business Meeting. Took down Christmas décor and cleaned up, then sang with Amy Eaton. To lunch at Ye Hong Guey, and airport for Wick, then bus for Linford. Then high-rise inspection for Newlin. Home. Tired, empty. Cards for Marriage – 9:30. Committee on Wednesday.
4. Monday: To Cambridge. Home. Curriculum sheets to first- and second-grade teachers. Book Club at Edie Sayre's. Cool. Stiff wind and many windows. Wonderful color. To School Committee meeting – George Parker's first. He did well – a resolution for Cafarella. Houstons report 4 ½ years – wonderful!
5. Tuesday: To Cambridge. To Star to order juice. Home, Shopped. Pretty weary. But to Symphony. Massed Handel and Haydn singers, doing Handel's "Four Seasons." Slept through two, Autumn Halloo [sic] and Winter Ho [sic!] were spirited and fine. Only one selection! Well – now we heard something! Twenty minutes to get out of garage – we were last. '64 Mercury's to attic.
6. Wednesday: Put lace bedspreads away. Tired. Diddled. Took three prints and one "path" to picture framer. Non-glare glass. Davis Square no longer

operates – went to Buttrick’s corner. Looks OK. Home to type and phone for Marriage list. Good Meeting: Pineo and Potter, St. John and Beal, Kain, Fairbank, Woodbury, Lois Drown.

7. Thursday: Up slow and late. Not much push left. Prepared for supper. To Dr. Fooks – one tiny filling. Home. Two thank you’s written, and nap. Thank goodness for Mrs. Mack! Casserole and nut pie and cheese for celery. Newlin phoned – No go! Good meeting at Abbots. Two Nicholsons, two Browns, two Muggia, two Abbots; Hitschman, Sander, Ross, me. . . . Played “The Game” with Bible quotations – ten words.

8. Friday: Newlin has a snort; me to Cambridge. Hunted curriculum. Elmer doing stencil. I picked up two cartons of AFSC clothes – Ash street. Lunch. To Watertown Star for six cartons apple juice – waited 1½ hours! What a waste. Leftovers for supper. Packed up crèche, blue bowl and grass. Endless phone calls.

9. [no entry]

10. Sunday: Newlin didn’t go [to Meeting]. Missed him.

11. Monday: Martta came; surveyed a bit. Turned the carpet in Meeting House stairway. Looked pretty good when we got done. I added magic marker. Dinner with Elmer and The Cambridge Council of Churches – one of seven? Baptist churches in Cambridge!

12. [no entry]

13. Wednesday: Two-hour phone call with Shockley. Mrs. K. will run for council – etc. Day was shot. Went in to Boston in p.m. to State House for hearings (not ready till Monday).

14. Thursday: Errands. Three prints are glassed, and “Path by the Sea” looks very nice. Tried ‘em here and there. . . . Newlin’s final Monthly Meeting as Acting Clerk. Martta on for supper. Quite a gal. . . . Ellen and Elmer are at odds. Elmer has no faith in Ellen!

15. Friday: Bitter bitter cold. Zero at 8 a.m, and windy. Not comfortable at the Center. Browns’ hot water is frozen. . . . Set up calls on Quaker membership with Elmer Brown. He had no lunch. Daisy Newman’s car

frozen. Front door wouldn't shut. I sewed the stair carpet a bit and went home. Snow warnings. COLD. Nice date with Newlin. [He went] to Lawrence Memorial Hospital dinner.

16. Saturday: Snow came, and COLD, and wind. Baked harvest bread, washed, changed our pretty sheets! Leisurely. Hung three prints in parlor, "Path" in bedroom. Roasted beef for supper. At 7:10 Lew Manly called "Are you coming?" We had a supper date! Dressed, walked up for dessert and slides! Cold, crunchy snow. Streets well plowed. . . . I'm just sort of run down. Wish I could sleep a week.

17. Sunday: Snowy and cold. Newlin shoveled. We went easily . . . Twenty-five kids at 9:30. Some good classes. M.A.N. [?] wonderful! Eight kids in two classes at 11:00; one substitute teacher for six classes. Personnel committee met – on Ellen and me. Talked with Roger Webb – he'll teach again! Sue Brooks took shy Richard Wallace to Meeting. Moved our beds to inside wall. Napped two hours!

18. Monday: Still COLD – just not warm enough. To Laura Hersey's for book club. Whole house done over. Very pretty; nice home. Biography of Florence Nightingale. I took book to Jessie, minutes to Mrs. Kelley, etc. Snowing. Newlin to Medford Urban Redevelopment [meeting]. Me to Cambridge teacher training – OK. Very stormy.

19. Tuesday: Sat and sat and sat in State House – and got a bulletin! 9:20 – 11:20! Same old place and same old people. To Cambridge – lunch – little done. Home. Cheek and teeth hurt on left. . . . Pa's "death benefits" came –  $\frac{1}{2} = 127$ . I didn't like it. Wrote three letters – Leonard, Worrell and Thatcher.

20. Wednesday: Most frustrating – to Cambridge 10:00. Peace mail [?] Penelope, Martta, Grace, plus inauguration in Clothing Room. Done at noon! Lunch. Too late to do stair carpet. Another day shot! . . . Home. Shoveled out back door. Nap. Fiddle. Poor condition mentally!

21 – 23 [no entries]

24. Sunday: Another heavy snowy Sunday. Only seven for the second session.

25. Monday: One of those days. Cambridge with carpet samples. Martta came, Olive Harley didn't. . . . Another Teacher Training – discouragingly poor.

26. Tuesday: Newlin on papers. To Cambridge; worked on letters. Tired. Errands. Milk, shopping, package from P.O. Shelf sliders. Linford came at 4:30. Steak and pecan pie. Newlin to Tufts, Linford to bed. Me to bed – sleepy. Light snow again. Chopped off the icy snow. Joe Swain came 11:30!

27 – 28 [no entries]

29. Friday: Bulletin stuffing. Martta came. I had carpet samples. Olive Harley sick! So – nothing done. Lois Brown came downstairs – still sounds awful! . . . Linford to dental clinic and Art Museum (and Ye Hong Guey!).

30. Saturday: Newlin went shopping: flower pot, cheesecloth, fresh strawberries, and flowers! Lovely. Pecked at icy driveway – worst I've ever seen. Took hat-rack down cellar, sofa into living room, new curtains in Kitchen, etc. Pads down on front steps. . . . Churchill's funeral.

31. Sunday: Not a bad day. Left early to have lunch with Johnstons and Australian friend at Ye Hong Guey. Home. Made fancy Paschka and put things away for party. Polished sconces.

## February

1. Monday: Cleaned up everywhere. Whole place looked very nice. Only ten came. Everyone has flu. Flowers and Paschka a big hit. Elaine reviewed a customs book. Fine yarns. . . . all cleaned up. To Cambridge for final session for teachers. Very sleepy –

2. Tuesday: Well – the [snow]blower is back, and I hope OK. I had a quiet day, catching up on Monday's binge.

3. Wednesday: Paschka to Cambridge – nine trays! Locked myself out! To Boston in p.m. Sent towels to Anne Davenport Held. Red hearts for Plan E. Exchanged Linford's pajamas. Left Center at 5:00 with Newlin; wrote letter home. Cold and getting colder.

4. Thursday: Fixed up agenda and some budget figures. Diddled around.

Friends Disaster Service Committee in evening. Long meeting. . . . Final panel for the year. Prejudice and kids. Must make better pitch for teachers. . . . Home. Read Life magazine on Churchill. Cleaned up behind desk – piles to got OUT! Second eye-of-the-round roast in the week – \$.99/lb.

5. Friday: Too weary to push much. Settled on Martin Ross' second semester of work. . . . Home. Long nap. I'm too logy! Did a bit more in the desk room. Wish Newlin would too.

6. Saturday: Changed our beds. Personnel Committee at 10:00 lasted till 2:00. Wayne and Elmer expected to get rid of Ellen after one year. Wayne didn't know she was more than a clerk-stenographer. Proctor good on office procedure. Towl tactful. Newlin and me and Ethel Amory. Hope it is straightened out now. Bet Elmer had someone in mind to bring in. Stupid! . . . bridge at Fultons'.

7. Sunday: Junior Business Meeting had Gladys Rawlins do the Green Circle. Mel Bristol a good help. I heard part. . . . Home to dinner, then to Secretary's Adv[?] Committee – Newlin, Chairman. Lasted till 6:00. Lois fixed tea! Mostly on the shift of Friends Disaster Service to School. Home; letters.

8. Monday: To Cambridge. Pretty weary of it all. Quick lunch with Ellen. Lois helped stuff Marriage Committee questionnaire. Home. Sent Valentines out. No school committee. Worked on Christmas letter and got fouled up emotionally! Just upset!

9. Tuesday: Answered letter about lost stock certificate. Inquired about attending DeVeer's ceremonies. Can be done gracefully. Ice is awful in driveway – mustn't let it happen again. Wet snow, then freeze.

10. Wednesday: Went back to bed – sinus and ears annoying. Takes a lot of rest to get rid of it. . . . Plan E in evening. Freezing rain. Roberts looks nice. Eighty-five present! \$150.00 taken in. Kevin White, speaker. Nobody can conduct a business meeting! Rudzinsky Pres. [?]

11. Thursday: Went back to bed. Gut sore. Fixed creamed chicken and toasted almonds. To Monthly Meeting. Ethel Jones' birthday cake – approved moving 9:30 kit and caboodle to School. Herb Hilman's Micky not accepted at School. Ditto Schklar! The bank found the missing 200 shares of

[illegible] Mutual. I bought a fountain pen for Marriage recording. Drank tea, tossed and hurt all night! What goes?

12. Friday: To Cambridge. So little sleep! Ellen had a headache. Kenneth Webb in guest room. Home via Winchester. Read paper. No dress – they look awful on me. Pain in gut, yet, and back is stiff. To Faculty Club dinner – I balked on dance – weary. Not well dressed – blue jacket dress. Folks looked so nice! FOG.

13. Saturday: Must turn to Adele Davis more. We heaved our beds back to their corners again – makes the room so much bigger. Actually played Scrabble.

14. Sunday: Newlin didn't go. Many little things. Hedwig in at 9:30 to watch kids; didn't know about 11:00!! Home to dinner. At 3:30 went to St. James for first Mass sung by Dick DeVeer's son. High Mass! Sat with Frank Marshall. Then to reception with bill Barry. People!! So we have been blessed! He's an attractive fellow. . . .Smiths brought up the rent and gave notice for April 15! Gee, I hate to go through that again.

15. Monday: Didn't really want to get up! To Cambridge – diddled, fixed up paste-pots all around, put Valentines away. Charcoal paint is a question. To Jessie's for Book Club. Mrs. Howie on sea stories by Snow. We took the ladies on the tour of Boston Harbor. The new lavatory is a plus.

16. Tuesday: Made appointment with Tom Waring, finished Marriage Committee mailing. Stayed for lunch. Bought N.Y. Times for the ad with Newlin's name. Letter to President – faculty signers. Copied two marriage certificates – took till after 3:30; arm and shoulder will be stiff! To Symphony for Much and four French items. Very nice.

17. Wednesday: Gorgeous sunny day. Did nothing all day. Shopped, fixed stew beef and baked apples. Read Life while horizontal! Swept off back porch!

18. Thursday: Went to see Tom Waring about rooms. Then in to Boston for flowers for hat. Mrs. Mack liked it – \$2.50! Pretty tired again. I got angle irons for the wing-chair seat. New to get them installed! Wicky is accepted for the French [summer exchange] program!!!

19. Friday: To Cambridge – Took Mrs. Branson over to see the school. She loved it. No kids around – vacation weekend. Ingenious sculpture in hall! Kate Paine and Lois Brown here for dessert, then to Tufts for opening night of play by John Osborne. “Epitaph for George Dillon.” We had a gay time. Bitter cold. Lights from hill clear and sparkly. Late though. Elmer was away.

20. Saturday: Still enjoying the play and Fenwick’s French opportunity.

21. Sunday: An awful day. First Day School Committee at 9:30 to plan Meeting program. I taught first and second, and K. at 11:00. Newlin took the 11:00 toddlers. Elmer taught Dorothy Timberlake’s class. . . . Visitors but no regulars. Big weekend. Ski, etc. Took Ella Mae and George Fallon to Ye Hong Guey – she teaches on Cutty Hunk Island – two pupils! Home, papers, date. To bed early.

22. Monday: Cold and sunny and snowy. Newlin with sniffles. Ran the machine [snowblower] to clear off two inches. I typed up some curriculum pages. Phoned Martin Ross – corrected some errors of MINE! To bed early. Back hurts almost constantly.

23. Tuesday: To Cambridge – check cashed and stamps bought first. Worked on curriculum. Sorted some books. Set out items for Kindergarten and first and second grades. Did bit for Bulletin. Ellen doesn’t like “War Memorial Auditoriums.” Finished “Christmas” letter – it’s a good one. Newlin setting out income tax table in desk room.

24. Wednesday: Took Christmas letter to Arlington Sec’y. Then to Cambridge to get juice for Mrs. Dahill. Letter done in p.m; worked on envelopes in evening. Pretty desultory. Pain in gut sharp and constant. Must be cancer of the gizzard.

25. Thursday: Worst storm of winter – and it RAINED! Poured. Flooded. I went in to State House for Charters; also Berkshire Nylace [Nylon stockings] at \$1.50. Bought a coupla books. Pains less. What are they?!

26. Friday: Stuffed Bulletins – a bit on curriculum and budget. Home. Pain is less. Nap. Bath, and dressed. To new War Memorial Auditorium to see United States Immigration Service movie on Kennedy – “Years of Lightning, Day of Drums.” Excellent. Then to Naval Offices Mess. Very good dinner. The Flints were wonderful. Mrs. David Brickman! Ugh!

27. Saturday: Very quiet aimless day. Pills came for Newlin; I took them up at 10:30. Shopped, I ate at 1:30; Newlin at 2:30. [He] packed and raced to 4:00 plane. OK. . . . Tea at Colonial, supper at Harwell Farmhouse. Full. Lazy evening. My pain almost gone, but back is stiff. I would not do well alone.

28. Monday: My resignation is in and I just can't wait to see the end of the job. . . .

## March

### The Meeting School opens!

1. Monday: To Cambridge – checked on supplies. To School Committee meeting with Mrs. Branson. Lasted till 1:00! Four for a four-year High School – Marotta had not done homework or made up his mind. Everybody edgy. Doubted sense of answering council questions even – bad feeling all around. Houston tired to explain and harmonize.

2. Tuesday: Finished up report for Betsy Muensch. Attendance, etc. Made a copy for Elmer Brown.

3. Wednesday: Frank Rudzinsky's first Plan E meeting lasted till 12:00! Re-valuation – equalization – school problem – new High School, and lack of cooperation with Council. Set up a Dutch treat dinner with School Committee. He had directors' lists and bylaws and agenda all mimeographed. Debate on the Firemen and the Republican letter! What a meeting.

4. Thursday: Shakespeare Club back in stride – meeting at Alice Wren's. Mrs. Brooks looks weary, somehow. Mrs. Neil in fine fettle. . . . Errands. To Lexington Gardens for two pots of mums. One for Emily Flint, one for Mrs. Croy. PM Friends Disaster Service Committee meeting at Cambridge. Talked Parent-Teacher meeting on how to keep our prejudices away for our kids.

5. Friday: Elmer Brown working on wording of flyer for the 9:30 change. I put a card on his desk.

6. Saturday: Washed my hair – sure needed it. To Miss Brehm’s sister’s house for dinner. A nineteen-year-old daughter (less than two, mentally) is being programmed! Beautiful house, but what a burden! Very pleasant evening. Much use of artificial fruits and flowers.

7. Sunday: Newlin to Tufts. Me to Cambridge. Hectic day – 11:45 to start coffee! All OK. Latimer took first and second graders; Bobelin told of kids’ [?] worry. “Moving day” letter for all. Junior Business Meeting chewed on Green Circle for May Fair. Left at 12:45 for Salem! Newlin, and gas, and GO! Arrived 1:30 – OK. Sat at Stiles and Lobdell and Littlefield table. Fred Wells died, and Mrs. Lee. Too bad. Home at 5:00. Read papers; wrote home.

8. Monday: Fixed two class lists for Newlin, and took him his keys! To Cambridge. Mailed 27 notices of Moving Day. Sorted toys, washed cupboard, vacuumed rug. Took supplies around. Bought shrimp and fixed it. Play book to Sharkey. They are stripping all woodwork!

9. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Sorted down cellar for move. Mildred Roberts stopped in to talk. Home, and shrimp for quick lunch. Off with Mrs. Lamm to visit Mrs. Croy. Nice house, surprisingly big. Good visit. Home 4:00. Beef supper again, and off to Symphony. Boston Society water colors, many beautiful. Good program – Brahms, Piston, Piano Concerto. Home – big day.

10. Wednesday: Went back to bed – I thought! Called Rudzinski to include Houston. Fixed Jello for Monthly Meeting; pineapple for us – Cuban; flat and tasteless. Picked up paper out back. Spread Bovung [fertilizer]. Mailed \$35.00 of tree and bush order. Finished Christmas letters! . . . Bess phoned – J. Russell in hospital. Stroke – right foot and hand. Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park. I walked up to Tufts for Newlin – he phoned. So. . . .

11. Thursday: Much phoning to Swarthmore and Art Baker etc. Shakespeare at Hersey’s. House all redecorated. Lovely. Newlin to Plan E Dutch treat supper. Me to Monthly Meeting. Thick [?]

12. Friday: Spent all afternoon at school making signs and such. A. M. [Amalia Meisel?] as usual on materials and planning. 3:00 conference with Mrs. Roddy. She’s wonderful – the kids will have such a good time. . . . Faculty supper and Pops music at Tufts with the Fultons. Busy day. They gave Newlin “a hand” for the dinner planning.

13. Saturday: Newlin off to Swarthmore to see what goes on. Me to School again. Music books, etc.

14. Sunday: The Day – First session at Cambridge Friends School. Fifteen toddlers in the tiny room. Others OK. Exhausted. I took June Holt and Esther Baldwin’s friend to Ye Hong Guey. She was very pleasant. And I was so fearsome! . . . Newlin stayed over a day. Interview with Ed. Hinshaw. COLD in Meeting room. Nicholsons coped with the “Committee on Building.”

15. Monday: To Cambridge – much talk of how it went. Only six at 10:00 adult discussion. Book club at Curtis’s! Her house is all redecorated too! Can’t look at this yet. Newlin discouraged about J. Russell – made arrangements for nursing home for later. He to Executive Committee, Plan E; and I to School Committee. Parker is awful – loses temper on anything! Voted for new four-year High School.

16. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Lunch with ladies. Wrote letter to teachers. New toys came. Handsome! Home, very weary. Bone weary.

17. Wednesday: Made up Wicky’s bed and cleaned his room. Actually walked to Hillside for envelopes, etc. Cut out two blankets for the doll bed; bound one in evening. First time together in weeks!

18. Thursday: To Coulson’s to read a “Man for all Seasons.” Excellent! Me secretary pro-tem! Yogurt for breakfast – fine thing; 157 ½ is too high. To Cambridge for Guest Book. Home. Sewed dolly stuff in p.m. Newlin home two nights in succession! Promised show or rain – just overcast! Lucky, but we need the water.

19. Friday: To Center with new George Parker cups. Took truck, etc. to school, put up signs. Prepared. . . . five extra people, assistants and subs and such. I give up! Called on Peter Beal. They have a tough situation. . . . Home, tired, to wait for Wicky. Newlin got him from South Station at 11:00. Brought no laundry – thoughtful!

20. Saturday: Wicky got his bike running; and a \$.90 haircut. Made custards.

21 – 24 [no entries]

25. Thursday: Missed Shakespeare "Boys Home." Linford to see Dr. Fooks at 4:00. I bought an \$18 rug pad for dining room "office rug." Picked up Lois and called on Margy Bainbridge. Stayed too long. Perfect apartment, big rooms.

26. Friday: To Cambridge. Prepared for Sunday School in afternoon. Minimum [attendance] because Penelope had a peace event there.

27. Saturday: Baked double pan of brownies again. Newlin has vacation starting at noon. I crave a vacation! Got tickets for "The Plough and the Stars." O'Casey at 5:30. Took Ernie too. Quite good. Home at 9:00 for cold meat and potato salad supper Wicky's first bride.

28. Sunday: Newlin took Linford to 8:00 a.m. train; took me to School. Wick and Newlin to Meeting. Home to eat potato salad. Then me to Freedom Rally in Medford. Dr. Olivia Pearl Stokes laid it on the line, most tactlessly! Slammed McGlynn and Madelein A[lbright?] . . . Rough Sunday School day – no nap. Bad.

29. Monday: Snow! Nasty, for Elmer and Lois to fly to California for Bob's wedding. I went to Raymond's with Martta and H.S. – no carpet for us. We went to Donadio and bought \$350 greenish gray. Relief!! Bad storm – to Center briefly. Nap 2 ½ hours. Wicky shopped; Me to School Committee; home at 1:00 after coffee at Carroll's. Junior Chamber of Commerce letter "handling of contestants." Four Negroes there! Stokes phoned "explanation" not apology! Wow! She did more harm than good!!

30. Tuesday: Clear. Changed our beds. Some papers out of cellar. Two loads – Wick got \$3.10 out of it. . . . Foti reports McGlynn thinks George Parker is for George and Frank is "crazy to get that gavel." "Don't waste your breath on George." !

31. Wednesday: A sore throat! A complete one! Newlin phoned Martta; I sent Wicky to Cambridge to help with Bulletin. Stayed in bed. Canceled Shakespeare obligations. . . . Newlin to Federal Reserve Bank "Seminar." Made fourteen phone calls.

April

1. Thursday: Missed Shakespeare. Sinus and ear now. Rested a lot. Mrs. Mac put parlor rugs out on back porch. To First Day School Committee in evening; Newlin to Federal Reserve Meetings, then direct to Virginia. Felt lonesome and lousy. J. Russell to Belvedere – Newlin stopped on way home from Virginia.

2. Friday: To Cambridge – brought Ellen home for lunch! Fenwick cleaned the attic. Took Ellen back, stopped at the school. Set signs. Bought telephone lock and card for Linford; mailed it. Fenwick to Medford Band concert. Mrs. Sharpton returned clips on Murphy appointment. Cold better, but not over.

3. Saturday: Beautiful day – clear, but windy. Washed. Fenwick went for shoes (bike to Boston). I took Jon Gardescu book out – lovely spot! Bought binder twine at Farmers Bureau Association in Waltham. . . . Lisa and Al Devine played Scrabble. Cold seems worse and worse.

4. Sunday: Newlin took Fenwick to the 8:00 train; I stayed in bed. Martta scrubbed the whole living room – chairs look better.

5. Monday: Me still in bed. It's a lousy hang-on cold. No complications, thank goodness. Slight ear. Not more than sinus in it.

7 – 11 [no entries]

12. Monday: To Cambridge. Two roll books lost!! Vacuumed down cellar. To Medford bank with Pa's "joint" papers. A certificate – affidavit of domicile for two years for AT&T. To Hillside Hardware – wallpaper picked with Mrs. Hawkins for front room.

13. Tuesday: To Cambridge. To Boston. Bought bargain bead handbag – \$8.00. Looked at stoves. Drizzly day. Good. To bed early – 10:15! Phone call from Terry Shockley –

14. Wednesday: Beautiful domestic day. Tied up a paper. Washed. Clear, gorgeous. Finished Child's "Roots in the Rock" – ought to own it. Got Newlin's ticket for weekend. Phone bill \$80.00 (22 of last month). Bought three-minute timer! Martin Ross will teach again. Paper hanger came.

15. Thursday: Changed ham water! Ordered papering done downstairs. To

Miss Scott's for Shakespeare. Alice Wren [illegible]. Firetrap "Fenway Studios" dirty, cluttered, etc. . . . I cooked ham in roaster – OK. Newlin getting ready to go to Swarthmore.

16. Friday: Elmer with laryngitis; Ellen on Easter Vacation. I had lunch with Joel. Poor guy, trying to cook for himself! Stayed all day. Cleaned up some files. Answered phone. Admired new fabric for the four chairs. . . . Took Newlin to 8:30 plane for Philadelphia. Home, and to bed.

17. Saturday: Up at 8:00. Tried out ham fat ALL morning. Tied up papers. Took Smith's May Fair stuff over. Joel's bag of shopping and some Life magazines. Read in evening; to bed at 10:00. . . . Newlin called. Found \$400 and shipped out a truckload!!

18. Sunday: Easter. Beautiful day. Ferrell on the door. Taught Timberlake's class. To Friends Center. Taught Pickman's class – poorly. [Took] two Tufts girls and Joel to Ye Hong Guey – fine time. Took Joel to Tufts, and picked up Seth Adagala – two Kenyan boys to Center. Home, Nap. Snow! I could go to Island tomorrow! 50%! Brrr. House empty – no wonder Ruth entertains a lot.

19 – 22 [no entries]

23. Friday: A deep sore throat again! To Cambridge – new sample much better. King's Boston march got rain. Learned of neighborhood visitors last Sunday. Much phoning! To Boston Public Library for film ticket. Voted for best table at Shreve's for Medford Center.

24. Saturday: Cold. I couldn't go to Island! Much phoning; bad cold. Alice Pickman at 9:30 p.m. for the third time. I was done in. June Hold did it – bless her heart.

25. [no entry]

26. Monday: In bed! Deep cough; nose full. Newlin went on tour of High School. I wanted to so much. . . . Read about Allport's "Nature of Prejudice." Wonderful stuff. And in Vietnam by an American inside the north. Ugh – jungle warfare; and he is so logical. "Just go home."

27. Tuesday: To Cambridge – Ordered films all around. Card for Boston

Public Library. All OK.

28. Wednesday: Baked a germie. Napped and rested hard. Cold nasty. To Dr. Aisner. So overweight. Highest ever – 155 ½ . Home, supper. To Cambridge for coffee. Hedwig, June Holt, and I set it up on magazine table. Parlor with four lights looked lovely. Mildred did bibliography. Panel – Woodbury, P. Moore and M. Roberts must have been good. I went home. . .

29. Thursday: Cold better. Must think about some clothes. To Bank. They'll send in the AT&T without an affidavit! Tried on Winchester dresses. Awful! Disgusting! . . . Len Baldwin called; stayed for supper. So good to see him. Quite a fam[ily?]. First spring day – good! . . . Gas turned on downstairs and heater man to light heater pilot!!

30. Friday: Bulletin stuffed and juice checked. Urged Joel to go to Huron Library. Very springy. Storm window or two off. Hawkins move in. Newlin to Plan E executive Committee in evening. . . . J. Russell is getting frustrated and wants to go home. Also vague at times. Talked a half hour with Bessie. She took the bus to Chester!

## May

### Marion ends her long service at Cambridge Friends Meeting

1. Saturday: Changed our beds. Washed my hair. Must have been two months! if not four!! To “A Raisin in the Sun” at Hobbs [Junior High] with Whelans. Their church is doing a lot! Got all set for Newlin to go to Island – twenty-five pounds of Bovung and ten of bone meal. Date party and to bed.

2. Sunday: Newlin up and off with good lunch and all tools, to plant berries and cherry trees. Taxi to Cambridge Friends School – Junior Business Meeting. There will be a Fair! Dinner at Window Shop. Stupid! Trolley home. Nap. Dug garden – it is beautiful dirt now. Rats!! Newlin home.

3. Monday: Newlin up at 6:00.

4. [no entry]

5. Wednesday: Plan E monthly meeting.

6. Thursday: Just plain missed Tufts University Womens Club annual luncheon. Paid for it, too! Curses!
7. Friday: To Center – went in to Public Library for “Lentil” film. Left earrings at Shreve’s. Met Mrs. Mobilia on the street – talked fifteen minutes!
8. Saturday: The May Fair! Mel Bristol and Robertses, and kids. May Pole. Stuff out, sorted, priced. Not as much as usual. Background “First Day School Orient Express” by Ruth Timberlake, and Polaroid snapshots by Houghton for 25 cents – a hit! 100 gas balloons. Four razor drawings by Mary McClelland – bought the dragonfly! \$8.00. . . . Forsythe and Woodbury cleaned up. Over at 10:00. Success! Supper at Hartwell Farm. Lousy! Too tired.
9. Sunday: To Meeting by 8:30. Put bug pictures in hall. . . . To School; all OK. Tim Nicholson on door – good! . . . To Center; went to Meeting. Danny Fayen had no class or teacher! Home pooped! Spring is in the air. Dinner at Tufts – good. . . . Herb Stewart will do anything for me!
10. Monday: To Cambridge, counted money. Deposited and took check for \$10,000! for School. Mel Bristol drove me. Films mailed OK. Took “Lentil” film in to Boston Public Library. Shopped for summer dresses. Got two. Chamber of Commerce dinner, Volpe speaking: Hayes, Swain, Rudzinsky, Cicirelli.
11. Tuesday: To Cambridge: Last 1,000 of #4 Dixie cups! . . . Mr. Dowd asked if we could get a sticker for our car – the idea!! Hot! The old Ford! [?]
12. Wednesday: washed all morning; considerable phoning. . . . Special meeting of Plan E to hear Houston’s plan. And Rudzinski invited the School Committee! What ails him?? Stupid. Voted support for Houston’s plan. Relief! Good thing Newlin helped Rudzinsky write the letters!
13. Thursday: Ironed all morning; letters to School Committee came at noon, envelopes addressed “John J. McGlynn!” I re-typed ‘em and delivered them. Rain! . . . Took deviled eggs to Monthly Meeting. Two marriages, a new Acton Monthly Meeting, and two incorporators for the lower-middle housing in Cambridge. Probably four churches involved.
14. Friday: To Cambridge. “I don’t give a hoot for Christian Education.”

Poor Lois! I told her about the imbalance solution we supported. Dorothy Timberlake unsuitable for Coordinator!! Screen home, picture to Mary McClelland, snapshot to Nicholsons, etc. . . . Shockley thinks Frezza wants no high school. . . . Full moon. Newlin mowed the yard. Picked first lilies [of the Valley].

15. Saturday: Quarterly Meeting – up with Charlotte Blaschke. [illegible] Handful of folks. Amesbury – six resident members! Five non-resident! Panel on education – helpful. Lunch. Business Meeting; home with Elmer and Lois and Joel.

16. Sunday: Signs up for picnic.

17 – 22 [no entries]

23. Sunday: The LAST DAY. Young fellow on door, two kids in at model! It has to be someone who knows. Worked on Pennell for teaching. To Center. No older kids. Picnic lunch; fine thing in Park – several there. A coloring book, a pin! Home – tired.

24. Monday: Stopped at school. Emptied out everything. Many trips to car. Sorted, put away, threw out. Supplies are under control. Kenya lunch with Joel. Poor guy! To Shreve's. One earring up-side-down! Home with stockings and desk books. . . . School Committee and Council inspected the building. George Parker insisted on Winthrop St. – Giving Reed less range with MDC [Metropolitan District Commission].

25. Tuesday: To Cambridge – late. Settled May Fair accounts; and a Bulletin squib. Bought my ticket – round trip. Shopped. Home for NAP – just dead! Ear and sinus blinking again. Newlin put screens on – the first! Hot and muggy. Phyllis Slater called me for Opening Tea.

26. Wednesday: Hot and dry dry dry. Phoned people for the Pres[ident's?] Tea Committee. Washed hair, did laundry. Really a day at home. [I.e. not at Cambridge!]

27 – 29 [no entries]

30. Sunday: Slept late. Late breakfast. Went out to Hottenstein Manor. From attic to cellar and all out houses. A huge undertaking. To Baccalaureate in

the Park. It is really a nice spot. Almost froze! with Alliene DeChant – she is so bubbly! Drove around college – dining room at far end of mall!!

31. Monday: Up late. To Swarthmore. Lunch with Bessie. Best cupboard stayed in the house! Built in! Little rocker only takes up space! Hope she doesn't give 'em away. Brief call with J. Russell. "Pretty dress" for Ruth! To Westtown, visited with Wick an hour. Home. Bite at Pottstown sandwich house. Porch is so nice in the evening.

## June

1. Tuesday: Up late. Called on Kurtz, \$1,500 for Ruth's car. Hope. Sat around and talked. Lunch. Off to airport. Ruth sat till plane came in, didn't watch boarding. Direct to Boston. . . . Read magazine. Newlin and Linford met the plane. Supper at Guey's! Good as ever. Home.
2. Wednesday: Lunch packed by 7:10. How different! Unpacked and put away. Napped. Cooked. To Plan E interviews for School Committee. Mrs. Roberts loves Lepore! Feeble! Long meeting, but worthwhile. How to get rid of Marotta?? Campbell made a good pitch.
3. Thursday: To Duff's Spring first. Front wheels balanced. No alignment, still a shimmy. . . . Spent one hour with Elmer on the evaluation returns. Did't even go watch the blast-off! Set up an agenda. Called on Cotten. Nice place behind 1775 house! . . . First Day School Committee meeting; small but effective. Forgot to ask for letters to teachers! I guess I'll have to write 'em.
4. Friday: Typed up the minutes and recommendation for Monthly Meeting. Tired after lunch. Much phoning on endorsements. Sat in Duff's Spring for a steering wheel tightening. Tried it out going to Lexington for petunias and nicotiana. Planted petunias in evening.
5. Saturday: My day at home. Jello salad and WASH. Thirty pieces of underwear! Newlin and I to library Art Exhibit. Hedley Patterson's book very nice, and for sale! Ironed five shirts. Folded and put away – and ached! Fenwick's French [exchange program] assignment came: Loire River. Sounds very nice. Newlin to Dr. Fooks in Winchester.
6. Sunday: Eggs for breakfast. Linford's socks folded! To late meeting.

Susie Hole there. . . . Skimpy dinner at home. Newlin to Commencement. Sun! awful. . . . Plan E screening in p.m. Me nap, and still a bit tired. Newlin in at 12:00 – endorse Edna but not Grant – six! Poor Mrs. Selvitelli – no Ferullo, or Grant.

7. Monday: Sticky hot. Newlin sleeping late. I mopped Linford's room and Sorted Fenwick's closet. Put up dining room big screen. Many grunts. Storm window off little desk room window; curtains all down. Peas in blossom.

8. Tuesday: Murderously hot.

9 – 11 [no entries]

12. Saturday: Washed, made up four beds. Ironed in p.m. Newlin phoned at 9:30 from Poughkeepsie! I got curtain up in Wick's room for Patti Wine and made up Linford's other bed. Pooped.

13. Sunday: Up, light breakfast. Patti to meeting and Ye Hong Guey, and 2:00 bus to Portland. Some telephoning. Nice kid – sorry we delayed so much. Fenwick unpacked and sorted out. Sleepy day, needless to say.

14. Monday: Here we go! Wicky biked in to clinic. . . . To Winchester to dentist; to Sears for sport shirts and seersucker jacket and bathrobe. Me with many names to sew. He has good taste. Linford's early rise and lunch is hard.

15. Tuesday: Newlin took Wicky to bank. I sewed more tags. Collected cleaning and laundry. Sorted and packed; well under weight limit. Newlin to Trustees' dinner. I walked down to zoning hearing. Spoke! 350 – against! Skerry and Rudzinsky. . . . Wicky to Cambridge movie with Ernie – no permission. Home at 7:40! Oi – not good.

16. Wednesday: Wicky's big day. Suitcase marked and packed; all dressed. Pretty quiet. To airport at 3:00, and I didn't get to say goodbye! Home, rest. To plan E endorsement. Slate of all plus Twomey! Slate of all plus Callahan! No Koretsky. Just awful.

17. Thursday: Just exhausted – on phone with Shockley and Foti. Just pattered. Newlin and Linford rolled the sod down the bank and watered. Looks pretty good. . . . Delivered an apology to Mrs. K. first thing in the

morning. Just awful! [?]

18. Friday: Phone talk with Martta Silberman. Star Market and dentist for me. More good food encouragement. Lunch late. Pack for Island. Watered garden and grass. Rudzinsky practically encouraged Shockley to resign! Ceddia [?] to Swain: "What ailed you guys not to endorse Koretsky?" Maybe they'll learn.

19. Saturday: Off quite early for 9:30 boat. The stove is black. Sumac dead. Three cherries, two pears growing nicely. Worked hard to get it all opened up. Oak is badly chewed. Linford played chess with Karam. We to bed. Lil Devines hadn't had strawberry shortcake!

20. Sunday: Visited Ronny Arthur's house for sale.

21. Monday: Washed and ironed. And to School Committee in Lincoln Junior High. Frank was awful. The toilets look nice. It would be good for two classes. . . . Oh, so muggy! Dr. Luria given OK for her study. Parker tangled with Pompeo.

22. Tuesday: To Cambridge. Did little. Browns at Yearly Meeting. Birthday lunch for Dernier and Margo H. – very nice. Newlin and Harry O'Brien and Swain had lunch together about Frank Rudzinski. Drove Newlin for DeoBase and for Sears adding machine. Too flimsy.

23. Wednesday: HOT. Had breakfast with Ruth and carload on way to Poland Spring Convention. Went through Pheasant Ridge house and area!! Dragon Fly framed (and my old candlestick!) Nap. Drove Newlin in to buy adding machine. \$103.00! Picked first sample of peas.

24. Thursday: A little spot of poison ivy (?) appeared on my knuckles. Very muggy. Washed my hair. A letter from Wick – a good one. Slight rain; cleared off. First income tax typing. Linford supper at 9:30 to be free of Novocain!

25. [no entry]

26. Saturday: The Island is really wonderful. I can't wait to stay for a week. Chopped out some more of Wicky's parlor. It's almost through.

27. [no entry]

28: Monday: To final School Committee – Mrs. Branson is good. Set up job for Federal monies. Mrs. Andrews kept it from Executive Session on the job.

29 – 30 [no entries]

## July

1. Thursday: Mrs. Branson talked with Murano: What do you think of Pompeo's bid for power? We need the personnel but I don't like his manner. What does Mrs. Smith think? I wouldn't know. I'm going to sit near you sometime to hear what you say!

2. Friday: Ironed. Off, late, to Britt's wedding in Cambridge City Hall. Tough! Mrs. Luther and I – only Britt's faculty females. Home to shop and pack, and go for long weekend at the Hut.

3. Saturday: Cloudy, cool. Took our more sumac; looks thin. I washed up the living room borders. Looks better. Chowder supper in the Hall. Elvie O'Hara and Daniel (No. 3) called in p.m. – she saw the dragonfly at once. We left the Discotheque – not much fireworks. . . . Al has his two-month summer training at Chapel Hill, N.C. Wonderful – for all of them.

4. Sunday: Five Rouses came for the day. Ron and Irmalee too watchful. Barton, Julia, and Moira Lee nice kids. They want to rent! Walked around in the a.m. Casserole, chow, boiled cabbage, bisquit, grapefruit, strawberry and brownie. Kites flew! They liked the beach – liked the place! Sat on Dyke's porch for sunset and mild fireworks. Scrabble and a fire!

5. Monday: Decided to wait for evening boat in spite of threatened traffic. Gorgeous COOL day. Read Quaker stuff. Ate up turkey leg meat leftover. Trimmed out evergreens – the three on Morses' land are the best. Finally wrote to George Davis.

6. Tuesday: From the Tufts New Book Shelf, got a copy of the "Hungry Nations." Brothers with vast experience and ideas for development of said nations. Must get one for Joel.

7. Wednesday: Linford brought home a book by Braithwaite of "To Sir, with

Love” – discard from Fletcher dorm! He writes of his visit to four new African states. Most interesting. Sensitive in his reactions to treatment. “A Kind of Homecoming.”

8. Thursday: Went in town – bought two shirts. No wedding present. Frustration.

9. Friday: HOT.

10. Saturday: Made notes on speech after we got over and unpacked. Sat on Devines’ porch and talked it with Newlin. . . . Nice moon. Used the pink room.

11. Sunday: Up and all set. To “services” – only fifteen to start. Sang and read, and collected \$16.15. Then I talked on Quakerism. Phew! I rambled and left out so much. They seemed to enjoy it. . . . Free to read Braithwaite again. Fixed Venetian blind ropes.

12. Monday: Gorgeous cool day. Worked all day on Fact Finder and Fernsler clearness. Letter from Wicky. Good one, too. Newlin phoned on zoning vote. Wrote Bakers Island directions. Newlin got plane tickets for Wednesday. . . . Linford’s new jacket – HANDSOME.

13. Tuesday: Still gorgeous. Stencils for Wick’s letter. Got lists and police book from City Hall. Non-glare glass on dragonfly. Sampler with ten names, four died young. Gleason family. Bessie sold the dining-room rug for \$200! Too upset to work. Newlin and Linford to Council Meeting on Zoning. Called Ruth – can stay there in August.

14. Wednesday: Worked on Fact Finder. Stinking hot. Typed and polished. Newlin off to Philadelphia right after class. Home at 10:30 – amazing. Saw Carabasi, Monahan, J. Russell. He’s going home tomorrow! What a day! Bought the rug by phone from the storage man.

15. Thursday: Cooked four turkey legs! Jello salad, brownies. Hot too! Washed my hair. Not dry by the time I went for Joe Swain’s with copy for Fact Finder. OK . . . He’ll see Hammer. Home; to Ye Hong Guey for dinner with Len Baldwin. Talked of Neal Mitchell. Prof at Harvard with M.A. only!! In six years!! Working on teaching. Saw Jordan’s fire!

16. Friday: Cooked and fixed and shopped. Maplewood didn't answer. Off to boat. Cleaned up barn. All helped. Linford, too. Looked nice. To bed after Association Meeting. Collins angry at Sweeney, and wants Salem to set up water tower with Coast Guard, with well.

17. Saturday: The big day. Five Walls, five Cornwalls, and two Britto on morning boat. Rocks and beach in a.m.; Turkey casserole, beans, chow, and watermelon by Wall. Walks, fishing, sitting under bushes. Rain! Games. Supper. Black bean soup – spilled! I should have insisted on coats for all. To bed early.

18. Sunday: Rain, blessed rain. And only one spot leaks in barn! We pushed the paint cans back and got Linford's chair up to the window. Really quite neat. Slept and read Sunday Globe all day. Walked around the top [of the Island] and saw Mrs. Russell's house. Home [to mainland] in downpour. Newlin at typewriter all evening.

19. Monday: Took Fact Finder to Maplewood. Pretty hot day. Returned Newlin's shirt. Bought pajamas for Linford – not BIG enough! Started to think about typing.

20. Tuesday: I'm going to sew today! Walked to Hillside for oil. Oiled machine good. Took shuttle all apart. Finally it worked very nicely. Made a whole bedspread – looks nice. Stiff in shoulders.

21. Wednesday: Fact Finder is done. Collected envelopes. Stopped in Hospital to see Marie Selvitelli – complete exhaustion! Too bad. Susan and Diannah Shurtleff came over to stuff. Shurtleff is a Goldwater-ite! – firmly so. Criticized everything. Ugh! . . . Tufts chicken picnic was very good. Polly Ulin! Collins? wants to see a Quaker wedding! For an opera! [!?!]

22. Thursday: Cashed a check, bought stamps, put 'em on and mailed 740 Fact Finders. Checked and checked. And just pooped. Shopped, had a nap. Still not enough. . . . To Tufts to see “When the Wind Blew Cool at Rosie's Place” – another over-sexed item with long-haired heroine left holding the cat! Let's have some variety. . . . Did second bedspread.

23. Friday: Still exhausted. Back to bed in a.m. Fixed up all envelopes for sticker typing. Took six out in evening. Letter from Wick. . . . J. Russell fell at home – slumped in walker. Must go back to the Belvedere. Too bad. . . .

Joe Swain dropped in in evening; 10:30 – 11:30. Glad we didn't go to the Island. The record player came home – how NICE!

24. Saturday: Up a bit later; date. Packed, cleaned up, and off for morning boat. Very muggy. Fog horn and dim sun. Meatloaf. Long nap. Picked some raspberries, surveyed the trees. Went to the dance – fun! Rice and Haynes and Leavenses dance well.

25. Sunday: To services lead by Sam Ward. Piano, Art Russell; pretty awful. Lunch. Sat and watched Mary Morse dig out periwinkles for the boys to eat. Lil had a huge houseful. Boat home very full. Traffic quite bad.

26. Monday: Went to town on Plan E typing.

27. Tuesday: Almost finished with typing – had better luck than last time. Kruglak – Cedar Road, is a choice section of Medford. Several took a precinct “to start” so there'll be plenty to do in the fall! Nice and cool!

28. Wednesday: In to Liberty Mutual. Insurance shifted for Friday. Tried to get rid of the Ford – no bids anywhere. Linford went sailing in it. I went to get plane tickets by bus. Picnic at Tufts. T. Plan E. in evening. Set date for October “Festival” Last precinct farmed out to Murano. And all records to Swain. She's pretty, but seems dumb.

29. Thursday: In to Registry. No signature. Out to Tufts. In to Registry. All set. . . . Hated to drive it over to Chelsea and just hand over the keys. Home. Nap. Washed at 4:00. To dinner at Tufts at 6:30. Taxi! .75!! Linford a stick [?]. Home, desk work, etc. Very tired. No shampoo. It is always me or mine that gets skipped.

30. Friday: Roast in at 4:30. Ironing put away. Phoned permission to correct registration. Begonias to Mrs. Branson. Express Wagon for suitcase. Finally, off! Alleghany 11:45; to Reading 3:06. Ruth there. We went for CARS. Good. Her air conditioning is just wonderful. That is next. To Lucille Beck's for bridge. I enjoyed it!! Much food. Ugh. Headache. Just strain and worry. Ulcers??

31. Saturday: Up late. Made four fruit sherbets. Golden squash for lunch. Ruth's car leaked pink inside. Sat around while they fixed it. To Lenhartsville for steak \$3.80 – inch tenderloin. Two guests for supper.

Grape juice, steak, celery casserole, chow, corn, rolls, and sherbet. The house is cool. Ruth had slides downstairs. We sat out back. Guests went to Theatre.

## August

Exchange student Gilles Guesnard spends a month in the U.S.A.

1. Sunday: Rain – beautiful easy showers all morning. Slept late. Ironed red cotton. Read paper about China vs. Russia in Siberia. Leftovers for lunch. Ruth's ear hurt. Nap again.

2. Monday: Clear, not hot. Clouds. To New York for Fenwick and Gilles. Kennedy Airport via Elizabeth and Verrazano Bridge. Found Gilles. Plane an hour late. Girls attractive, boys pretty scruffy. No English. Looped on Parkway! Then home. A Carl Bieber bus there! Supper at Howard Johnson. Traffic not too bad. Had slides on the back deck. Gas 20 miles/gallon \$4.38!

3. Tuesday: Blessedly cool! Blankets! Off early, saw Roadside America, Grimes Poultry, Hershey Hotel and Factory. Lunch at Inn. Home by highway for of junky signs. Reading. Then Crystal Cave! Kids were dead! "Picnic" supper on deck; game of Scrabble. What a day! Gilles to England five times!

4. Wednesday: Out to photograph the covered bridge. Then through the Patriot Printing plant. Quick light chicken soup lunch. Boys to Foundry. Nap! Ride to Dunkel's Church and back hills. With supper at Shankweiler's – nibbles to start, then ham, chicken, waffles, stuffing, corn, beans, pepper cabbage, rolls, iced tea, dessert, and fruit cup. Full! 3.50. Poor Gilles has little capacity!

5. Thursday: In Ruth's car to cool regions – Ashland; Pioneer. Horizontal coal mine and locomotive ride. Shenandoah. Awful landscape; lunch at Goodnoe's. Students nice but late. Early supper. Fried tomatoes. Young folk in for evening. Braucher, Guldin, Faust, flute player and beard. Tedious but O.K.

6. Friday: Left Kutztown 7:30; breakfast in diner. To Baltimore. Found George's office – model of apartment impressive. Off to lunch at Hantzlers – art and food. Finnan Haddie excellent. Fried eggplant and red cabbage,

strawberry pie! To Washington at 5:00. Traffic and heat awful! To All States. Parked, supper. Shift[ed] bags to Lila's air-conditioned Cadillac. To AC home. Boys in guest room and private bath. Me in playroom. Heavenly. Gilles met watermelon!

7. Saturday: Read T.N.T. [?] – breakfast on closed air-conditioned sunporch. Biscuits, sausage and eggs, cantaloupe. To All-states via [Washington] Cathedral. Beastly HOT. Boys on tour 11:00 – 2:00; me to Cathedral shops. Pick up boys; to airport. Lunch. Newlin and Linford off to Purcellville. HOT! Air conditioned motel heavenly. Washed up, and dinner at Mrs. Browers. . . . Up the Mountain to Tave Bayles'. "Tenant house out of the cow barn!" [?]

8. Sunday: Up; to Mrs. Brower for breakfast. Blueberry muffins. To Motel; Gilles to 9:30 mass. To Meeting; Gilles letter-writing. Dorothy Orchard shared our picnic lunch from Mrs. Browers. Nap. . . . To Bacon Run for cow entry and milking. Gilles didn't like Linford and Fenwick [climbing] to silo top. Awful rocky road! Picking the ball out of the flower bed. Picnic supper beyond "Mrs. King's." Thunder; long way home.

9. Monday: Brower breakfast. To Motel – water boiling! Filled with cold. To Purcellville Ford. Radiator removed and water line rammed out! Boys to Bacon Run and back by taxi. Walked from Purcellville. . . . Sheds took us to Morrises. Fabulous supper. George does handsome arrangements. Chased cows all evening. Interesting floor in bathroom. I ironed five, and read.

10. Tuesday: Brower breakfast. Car done. Hair date made for 3:30. Washed underwear.

11. [no entry]

12. Thursday: Off from Virginia, via Swarthmore. J. Russell in good fettle. To Westtown for a look-see. To Auntie via Turnpike. Nice little call. She didn't go to supper with us. To Goodnoe's - sat at two tables. On to Kutztown; easy trip. But tired, too. Ruth's ear better, but.

13. Friday: Off early; north to Corning. Lovely mountainous roads. Corning [glass works] jammed but fascinating. We took our time. Rain. Got fresh ice; glad to have some food along. . . . Drove east; stopped to see Cornell from Chasm Bridge. Drove too late. Stopped at Oneonta – crummy motel, poor

roads!

14. Saturday: Big Day. Up early. Drove and drove – road improved. . . . Edge of Kosher circuit. Breakfast near Hudson – mobs! Turn to Silberman’s heavenly spot. Lunch (no meat, no dressing!). Andy and a Perry water-skied; Linford did pretty well. Beautiful ride around the lake. Then to Tanglewood. 16,000! We had excellent tickets; marvelous program: Copland and van Cliburn [playing Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto]. Then home, the whole Turnpike! Made it safely.

15. Sunday: Hot – 91°. Up late – breakfast before Gilles’ 10:45 mass. Wicky to Meeting – bike broken on Mass Ave! Walked home. Lunch; shopping for vegetables and to Spa. Linford sailed, and fixed old flat. Wick mended the bike parts. Washed and brushed the car inside and out – perfect! Picked flowers for all. There’s a watering ban! Saved a bucket for flowers. Gilles found Life magazines and radio.

16. Monday: Safety sticker – all OK. Trying to put things away.

17. Tuesday: Washed. Very warm and humid. Some telephoning; too tired to iron up shirts. Gilles: no salad, no juices, no tomatoes – he’ll be glad to get home!

18. Wednesday: Ironed early. Gilles up at 11:00 or 11:30; in the house constantly. Very hot. Went for corrected registration. OK – tedious. Then to Liberty Mutual – new application needed! Gilles’ name on our folder. Home, pooped. Bought gorgeous towels for Martha.

19. Thursday: Marriage letter off. Note[s] to Nora F., George Davis, and Ruth. Desk work. Typed some names. Phoned some. Big shower at supper time. Linford to library. Fenwick to Tufts – one hour late for supper! Played Railroad and Hallowe’en records.

20. Friday: Mrs. Mack at 8:30. Met Gilles. Much talk. Gilles and Fenwick to Prudential. Me to bank and errands, Delta Gamma put away. Shirts, cleaners, food, etc. Bell to Island. Gorgeously clear and non-humid. Gilles not impressed. “Murder, She Says” – movie a fine chiller. To bed, early. Phosphorescent bugs under pier.

21. Saturday: Up at 8:00. First ashes out! Breakfast. Store traffic. I forgot

Newlin's keys! Lead Globe editorial spans Reed and Brickman on movie censorship. Fenwick built boardwalk to nowhere. I walked Gilles around the ¼ sec. Quanset to light [sic]. Snake spoiled his breakfast! . . . Dance – Fenwick and Gilles on drinks.

22. Sunday: Gilles on Pope's boat! Massey and Mr. Bennett, and Pandolfi. Me on early boat. Letters, etc. Quiet day at home. Keys for Newlin in place. Back for boys. Rain Sunday night. Newlin brought news of J. Russell and Tom, etc. To bed late. Wonderful rain! Gilles' knee hurt.

23. [no entry]

24. Tuesday: Fenwick biked to DeCordova Museum. I drove Gilles and went vegetable buying. Tomatoes still \$2.00/carrier – and small from drought. Gilles plays Crokinole and Labyrinth poorly. Chopsticks well!

25. Wednesday: Washed, changed beds. Boys went for engine for kid brother. Met Mr. Hawkins. Got stamps for Gilles' Pa. Terribly hot – 15 iron [sic]. Typing too. Plan E flurry of chairs, but no lights at Headquarters. To Rudzinski's.

26. Thursday: Typed off and on. To Amy Beal and Mimi Fernsler for interview. Nice place. Lovely lace on wedding dress. Home, to type till after midnight at Swains.

27. Friday: Up as usual. Fenwick [working] on cinder blocks. Typing of M.S.S. for Fact Finder; done at 12:20. Newlin and Joe Swain off to Hannover and Whitten. . . . Shopping. Milk. Paper. More "crete." Little rest. Ye Hong Guey for supper; home via Atlantic Ave. and Cambridge. Corbusier died. We visited his building. Ironed. To bed!

28. Saturday: Up – so relieved it is at the printers. Newlin off to do errands – bumped left front fender and light – DARN. No car maybe for ten days! Two brown handsome bedspreads from Ruth. Boys working on engine. Wick doing concrete wall.

29 – 30 [no entries]

31. Sunday: Up. Missed Mass here. Taxi to Cambridge; Gilles to Mass on Concord Ave. We to Meeting – good we were. Gilles had a tour; we met

many. . . . Awful lunch at Waldorf. Trolley to Art Museum – fine visit. Home. Clipped Life magazines all evening.

## September

1 – 2 [no entries]

3. Friday: Big gang of Mrs. Andrews friends. Fenwick and Gilles tried to find color TV. None at Grant's.

4. [no entry]

5. Sunday: Up – bacon and eggs. Taxi to Cambridge; St. Peter and Quaker [meeting].

6. Monday: Labor Day. Slept late. Linford rushed up to school. Newlin rushed in to Witten. Fenwick on back yard. . . . Bill Hanna off to State institution – complete breakdown! Poor gal! They have quite a house! To Yeshilians' to “ask” about color T.V. Went down for two hours – some dumb violent programs, some pretty.

7. Tuesday: Phoned that all [envelope] stuffing would be Wednesday, but went down anyway for oversights. All sticking done. Final precinct typing divided up. All set for big push.

8. Wednesday: Farmed out two columns to Povey – typed frantically. Linford and Gilles and Newlin and I to Headquarters at 7:00; top speed all evening. All stickers came in. Finished at 10:15. . . . Gilles worked very hard. Picture with Mayor pleased him. Me pooped. Marottas there in force.

9. Thursday: No voice – throat hurts. But mail is done! Fenwick and Gilles in to Durgin-Park for reunion 13! Saw Capitol. Fenwick bought shoes. I washed in a.m. – shampoo in p.m. only fair. . . . To Monthly Meeting – two meat loaves. Off in taxi – Linford drove rental car home. M.H.S. [?] spent 1½ hour in language lab.

10. Friday: Rain, clearing to muggy. Wicky chased Dr.'s name [?] and fresh bread and olives. Off to Becky's in rented car, Linford at the wheel. Swam and visited High School. . . . Dr Freeman came – gargles and steam. Kids home O.K. To Yeshilians for color TV.

11. Saturday: Overcast, but clearing. Me still pretty flat. Clears on one side, and flares on the other. Steam and gargle, etc.

12. Sunday: Sudden rush to pack. Wicky rode bike to Meeting, then to South Station. Ticket to Westtown – shipped! Linford packed trunk and box and bike and taxi to South Station. Tickets to Swarthmore. Lunch at Ye Hong Guey. \$9.00! Just a day of trying to fit everything in the little space. Newlin didn't have enough money.

13. Monday: Decided in the middle of night to take 10:00 train! Fenwick swept out the garage and put blocks and tools away – and didn't take towels or Conrad! Gilles neatly packed. Newlin taxi to Square and back. Then off to train. . . . My throat is like a rash up into my mouth, and so sore. Ear, too! Washed dishes. Stripped beds, and lay low.

14. Tuesday: Rain! Good. Cleared by noon. Bought Vitamin C and steak. Took stuff to cleaners; brought shirts. Took toaster to Mr. Doty. They are working on the car. Assembled more for Wick. Nice outgrown [clothes] to Branson. She's stripping parlor! Kitchen is lovely. Fever – 101°. Light vote – #33 at 10:15!! [?]

15. Wednesday: Got some relief, but not clear yet. Many calls after election! Callahan #7, Sullivan #8. Awful. Twomey is Ferullo's boy! Got toaster back. \$3.00. "Take Chick's aquarium please!" . . . Gilles in on his way. Thank goodness all O.K. with him. It really was a responsibility. Phoned Ruth, no can do for Friday.

16. Thursday: Calls with Mary Gustafson. Can't make the First Day School Committee meeting tonight. Many calls with Mrs. Chatterton about PTA meeting with School Committee candidates. Boyle of Hillside just adamant.

17. Friday: What a day – WASHED: ten sheets, ten towels, and not much else. Steam good for head. Reset attic [clothes] line.

18. Saturday: Washed six bedspreads, folded sheets, pressed towels. Cashed check. Got cleaning – took four mattress pads. Wandered around Tufts library [under construction]. WOW! Newlin home. Steak for supper. He to Tufts Convocation. DeBurlo is here, Ernst not. . . . J. Russell took Newlin to lunch at Pancake House!!

19. Sunday: Eye stuck again. Twelve hours – fairly comfortable night. Rainy, 57°. Newlin to Meeting with paper money – “drive carefully!” No New York Times – Strike! Sunday Post very mild. Newlin brought peaches and an African violet! Lunch late.

20. Monday: Went to see Dr. Freeman again – dope, nasal spray, blood pressure properly low to take it. Thought I could go to School Committee Meeting – all dressed up, and still a temperature! . . . Mrs. Branson is stripping their living room. Four gallons!! Fenwick called. Needs his stuff. I guess I’ll not make it.

21. Tuesday: Very hot. Used up all black string sending six packages to Fenwick, “special handling.” \$8:00!! Don’t care though, he needed it. Ironed a dozen pillow cases.

22. Wednesday: Wrote the checks and sent Newlin to pay the Bud’s Body bill. No check from Liberty yet! Liver for supper unusually good. Very HOT – fan and I slept in Wicky’s room. A.C. on – too cold and drafty for my ears!! Durn!

23. Thursday: Still sticky hot. Tied up papers in a.m, loaded car at noon – 500 lbs. \$2.10! and 34 on bottles! . . . Pennell thinks we are not a Christian meeting – no virgin birth! . . . Newlin to Headquarters – supper quite late. Cards to Marriage Committee. Still a little temperature. But both ears blink, so it’s on the way. . . .

24 – 25 [no entries]

26. Sunday: To Meeting, dragging. Sat with Mary most of the time. Sunday School is getting under way. And two coffees every Sunday! Teachers scarce yet. . . . Home to dinner very tired. No temperature, though.

27 – 30 [no entries]

## October

1. [no entry]

2. Saturday: Washed everything.

3. Sunday: Up as usual. Gorgeous day. To Island. Newlin drove first time beyond Cambridge and Medford! Dyke helped close the house. Lunch in sun. I walked the quadrant for bayberries. Charlie Morse had a heart attack on Friday! Al is staying a week. Wards are staying the winter!! Forgot stove polish.

4. Monday: Phoning and fretting. To Symphony – some nice pictures. Beethoven's 9th, with massed choruses. Very effective.

5. Tuesday: Called all the people we called before – postponed. Much guesswork. We know he's been censured. We know there are photographs. We know seven agreed and one stuck on the pay issue. . . . Fixed the wing chair seat with boards. All set.

6. Wednesday: Nap. Phone calls. Fixed up for Ruth; she came after lunch. Talked and talked. Unloaded four chairs – two needlepoint, two rush-bottom. Apples, peaches, tomatoes, nuts; steak supper. . . . The HEARING on Gianelli. Cella till 1:00. Mrs. Branson was shocked.

7. Thursday: Up as usual. Took Ruth for ride – DeCordova [Museum], white birch baskets, aquarium, etc. Crab for lunch (3/can). She went on. . . . Mrs. Mack polished. Curtains up. All set. Ladies of tea committee came. Successful plan. Six sandwiches, four cookies, cider, doughnut holes and pretzels.

8. Friday: On phone all day. Kurker gave Foti a sheet on Twomey. She's passing it to us. No signature or address.

9. Saturday: Yes, Twomey ran for two elections out of Medford. Told us of one. I'm really burned up on this one. Did not correct the four years in his biographical paragraph. . . . To Manly to department tea – wore new wool dress – nice time! Supper at Carrolls.

10. Sunday: To early meeting. Newlin worked.

11 – 13 [no entries]

14. Thursday: First meeting of Shakespeare at Guild's. Coffee and nibbles. Nice. Read "Barefoot in Athens" – tremendous! Death of Socrates, etc.

Hoover and others chill [sic]. Deviled eggs for Monthly Meeting – lots of food, crowd ate it all up! Martta is quite a gal. Home.

15. Friday: I really didn't want to go, but League of Women Voters open meeting for council was on. Mrs. Hawkins went on five minutes' notice! Door collection other than ours. Kurker and his "bumper" strip! What recreation did he have in mind? Hiking and camping. Swimming! . . . Donato – feeble. 70% from state for building! etc.

16. Saturday: The League of Women Voters Open House – walked my feet off and loved it. Modern white walls and rear gardens. Canham on Acorn Ally best – lived in. Horse stable 70-foot room of Queen Anne, very nice. Good to help Urban Renewal – but kids there? and neighbors? . . . May have made \$7,500!! . . . Bought reels for Dyke. Chicken at Tufts for supper.

17. Sunday: Typed and wrote and rewrote and retyped all day. No Meeting. Steak at Tufts. More writing. Taped Hebert's talk and visited with Devines. Nice machine. Phone and supper and still typing. To Headquarters – small group. Joe had done nothing! Newlin walked out at 11:00 almost unstrung.

18. Monday: Actually got the gas leak done! Frezza mad [that] Plan E took no ad! Long talk with Mrs. Foti. Worked on Fact Finder till 1:30. Committee liked Hue and Cry. . . .

19. Tuesday: Helped Mrs. Foti get her letter in. Council Meeting. Houseparty, then meet at 11:00 to see Fact Finder! Home at 2:00! They took out all fireworks and slams! Witten produced over night. We correct and it is back in twelve hours. Twomey worried. Santosuasso and Parker worried. Council prefers Skerry!

20. Wednesday: To Alumnae Hall by 8:30. Littlefield and Astill polished and washed and packed. Home by 11:00. Too weary to do much. . . . Checked on coffee and Mrs. Gullion. Mrs. Sabia's letter printed – very good. The frantic one from the work party is off to Frezza. Newlin phoned three!

21. Thursday: Mixed cream cheese. To Wessell's for 10:00 unpacking and setting up. No sugar tongs! Checked with driver and Alumnae Hall. Made sandwiches – smoked oysters, shrimp, cheese on dark, cucumber rounds. Tea went well. Committee wonderful. . . . Dead tired – to Window Shop for supper. To bed pooped.

22. Friday: Still weary. Unpacked and put away dishes and silver. Rested some. Newlin out to dinner. . . . To League of Women Voters for School Committee – Frank Rudzinski had news release with big mistakes in it. I mailed Bonsignore. Cafarella finished him! Foti letter held till Friday. Ciampa's [letter?] good.

23. Saturday: Got boys' plane tickets changed. Shirts, etc. Newlin calling for money. \$75 from Brooks. To game. Sunny Homecoming Queen and track – cross-country finish. Plus the undefeated un-tied 1934 football team coached by Lew Manly. Me with sinus ear and headache. Sat behind Atwaters – handsome family. Lost to Williams. . . . Turkey dinner at North St. Church. \$1.50. Good.

24. Sunday: Up late – headache about gone.

25 – 28 [no entries]

29. Friday: Stuffed Bulletin.

30. Saturday: Very tired. Sat around. Went to Pop Houston's Memorial service. Hersey, Lou Manly, and Tredinnick did a good job. Socrates on death particularly effective. "Barefoot in Athens." . . . To football game – with result of some sinus and weariness. To bed early.

31. Sunday: Daylight Saving is off. To early Meeting. Interesting – Dave McClelland, Betsy, Eloise, etc. Home. Dinner. Paper. . . . Took cards around to various candidates; learned of Twomey's headline misuse. Phoned and fretted "nitpicking."

## November

1. Monday: Still fretting from Twomey's headlines. Took Mercury and mailing to Hammer: not illegal, just "sharp practice." No Willis Report. Home weary. Lunch; Book Club at Halms'. Rode with Jessie. Mercury has no blast in it – ?? Mrs. Povey dropped in. Phoned for cars all evening. Medford High School burned; two center buildings – awful.

2. Election Day: I opened Headquarters, then drove ALL DAY. Took sixteen to vote. Waste of time. Rouse drove in AM, Joe Swain all day.

Newlin watched counting. I slept and talked with Wicky and Ruth. Pa's estate papers are about settled. . . . To Sullivans' – Nicholson lost; #8. Kurker #9. Skerry [illegible]. Campbell topped the list! Santorosso off. We called on both losers. To bed by 2:00 – long day! Everyone shocked!

3. Wednesday: On phone all morning. Loss of Nicholson and Santosuosso really painful. Went for milk and gas. Used \$3.50 on election day! 6:00 meeting to hear of High School plans. Good. Then to Plan E. No quorum – Third time! . . . Collection for Medford High School Band and music didn't get off the ground! I wrote check for an ad . . . again! No treasurer in sight. Everybody mad and disappointed and weary.

4. Thursday: Newlin up at 4:00, me at 6:00. Read Hamlet at Coulson's. Very sleepy. Two-hour nap upstairs while gusty wind blew. Made applesauce. Newlin wrote family letter. Now I must get down to work – on house, and self, and papers, etc.

5 – 8 [no entries]

9. Monday: Dee Electric came – said the air conditioner is clean! Talked insulation and siding and paint color. . . . The Great Blackout! Full moon lovely. No lights from Maine to Philadelphia! Complete! Got the lamp out, ran the heater manually, all cozy and comfy. Transistor radio came in handy! No inconvenience – stayed off the phone.

10. Wednesday: Newlin getting ready to go to Swarthmore at 1:00. Letter not done for Plan E special meeting. Got it from Joe at 1:30; typed it. Mrs. Luther ran it. I took to Cicirelli. Then picked up. Drove up route 93 to Derry, New Hampshire. Sure got there fast. Supper at Carrolls – \$1.00! Peace Corps picture book in evening. Both cars [fit] in garage OK.

11. Thursday: Overcast. I hunted out books to take to Ruth for Pippa Passes. Put "histories" together – we do have a lot. Read some of Wyzanski's essays – he is terrific. Made cranberry to take along; made noodles and hamburger for Monthly Meeting. Newlin home on 8:00 plane.

12. Friday: Off finally about 9:30. To Kutztown by 6:00 or so. Enjoyed pepper cabbage. Ruth's house looks so nice. Sorry she was in Ohio. She sleeps in smaller bedroom. Furnishes nicely. No headache! Tired, not exhausted.

13. Saturday: Up and away by 9:00 – most leisurely. To Westtown – visited with Fenwick. Then Fenwick and Chris to lunch at Farmer in the Dell. To Swarthmore. Saw J. Russell and Linford and dining room and Clothier [athletic field]. To Westtown – changed to wool. Called on Hunts. Supper at Ingleneuk with Linford – he went Square dancing. Back to Westtown; parked at Farm House. Walked to “Carnival of Thieves” – an ambitious comedy with entr’acts. To bed, kids to party. Fenwick and Chris both minor – fair.

14. Sunday: Boys ready at 8:30 – took [them] to Darlington’s Corner for good breakfast. Me on my way – 480 miles. Home by 7:30 or so. Taconic in winter twilight was heavenly. No headache! Car is slick, roads good. Stroudsburg Port Jervis fine in off season. Secret of good time – don’t eat!

15. Monday: Up late. Newlin washed up dishes and put away suitcase. Took Newlin to Harvard Faculty Club for lunch. To book club. Gifford read “Abigail” The Cat in the Stable – NICE story. . . . Special Plan E [meeting] voted down the High School fund-raising doorbell ringing. To school Committee meeting in High School basement. Not very attractive or effective. Englehard – tops for ed[ucational?] specs. To bed late.

16. Tuesday: Feeling and looking tired. Much phoning for checkers on recount. Took a nap in a.m! To Dr. Aisner – perfect 120/70 blood pressure. All OK. Too tired to go to Symphony. Phoned all evening.

17. Wednesday: Finished “Up the Down Staircase” – so good in spoofing office announcements, English composition. . . . Sort of declined for the final one-third – more phoning for watchers. Not enough! To M.E.C. – terrific report on cost of four-year High School. Gavrelis, Cafarella, Foti, Mutch. . . . Wrote Wicky and Letchworth on Simches recommendations: St. Laurence, Hamilton, Rochester, University of Illinois, University of Kansas!

18. Thursday: Drove most erratically to Manningham with Imlah. Read “Send Me No Flowers” – much funnier aloud. Sue Brooks asked me to be Secretary, and Mrs. Neal came! . . . Too tired for Tufts University Womens Club. Got milk. Phoned off and on all day and evening. Very weary. Turned cold.

19. Friday: Newlin’s letter for Fund to Ellen first thing. Home. [Wrote] letter

home – first in ages! More phoning for recount. Everybody canceling out! Awful. Joe Swain did a good job at the last minute.

20. Saturday: The recount! Lasted longer than expected. We were short one desk. Home after late supper at Carrolls. Took till 7:00! The chances for “error” – wow!

21. Sunday: Newlin fighting to finish papers. So little sleep. Mentally weary. Started on thank-yous – didn’t get very far. Must welcome Jean Gibb!

22. Monday: Made up some beds. Linford’s electric blanket OK. Cleaned up his room; started on attic. School Committee Meeting at Kennedy on teacher salaries. Taitz was there! Interesting meeting; home sort of late. Transportation check from Mrs. Ringwalt!

23. Tuesday: Cleaned up the attic, made cranberry [relish] and Sunday School Pudding. Bought turkey, nine+ lbs! Washed in p.m. Shampoo in evening. Really busy! But getting done OK.

24. Wednesday: Ironed some hankies, vacuumed around. Put finishing touches out. Bought Celtic tickets (3.50!) and Sage’s pumpkin pie. To airport. A madhouse. All three arrived home OK. Good hamburgs for supper. To game – Ernie in Linford’s place! Terrific game.

25. Thursday: Poached eggs. Turkey in; off to 9:30 Meeting. Good; small. Brought Joel home with us. Dinner at 1:30 – Pennsylvania Dutch good – stuffing and greens, pumpkin pie. . . . Linford took Joel home. We rode out to see Concord Bridge – crawling with people. Twilight lovely. . . . Played Brio Labyrintspel and Crokinole and Anna Russel, etc.

26. Friday: Cereal – Wheatina – sort of dumb. Boys off to Gardiner [Museum], Fine Arts jewelry, Prudential, and Bailey’s. M.T.A. home. I got tickets for “Sound of Music.” Drove in! The Christmas lights were turned on on the Common! Such a jam! . . . Movie (3:30) lovely and lilting. Common garage new to the others. So, via Louisburg Square. Home, roast beef for supper.

27. Saturday: Poured rain. Chris and umbrella walked around Walden Pond and woods. Then to Salem, Fenwick driving. Poured. Customs House, House of Seven Gables (very good) submarine, Chestnut Street, Witch

House (feeble); submarine lunch. Home. Clearing, with odd clouds. Games and records in evening. To bed early.

28. Sunday: Up as usual. Persimmons and eggs. Packed; to Meeting. [Took] Warren Thompson to Ye Hong Guey. Drove Atlantic Avenue, saw the Constitution very briefly. And to the airport – one awful jam. They got out and walked with luggage. I finally got Newlin, and came on home via Cambridge! Nap, paper, letters. Seems quiet. Phone with Lil – Ellen in another accident!

29. Monday: Took letters for Fund to Center. Found lost wedding certificate! Picked up Mrs. Conover's A.F.S.C. [American Friends Service Committee] clothes. Finished family letter. Set up Sunday breakfast for welcoming Jean Gibb.

30. [no entry]

December

1 – 5 [no entries]

6. Monday: Up early. Left house at 8:00. Saw Keely – to Orphans Court "Audit." Conference with Wolfenden. Settled odd issues. . . . Lunch on road. To Westtown, saw Wick and Chris. He went to Wesleyan in red Jaguar with teacher! Saw Linford's [former] room. Cranberry still there. Stopped with J. Russell – briefly. And at Chick's place. Pew!

7. Tuesday: Up late. Talked and talked; lunch at Trainors. Visit with Auntie. Wilma didn't answer phone. Bucks County Historical Association Museum and genealogical library! Wow! To Reading, cross country. Supper at Mt. Penn. Off to airport. Scrapple, chow chow!!

8. Wednesday: Up early and out to sell Unicef cards. All gone! Over \$5,000. Mrs. Alden, friend of Warings, pleasant. Table, displays etc. all down. Home – Smorgasbord lunch – delicious. Parked in Cambridge for Christmas shopping. Brio and balls, Abigayl, Newlin's, etc. . . . Ruth phoned. Allan Grim died on the 7th. . . . Linford phoned. Wants off campus living permission at Tufts 1.25 [?].

9. Thursday: Me drive to Shakespeare at Fisk.

10. [no entry]

11. Saturday: Newlin gone all day – me loafing. Thought of Christmas letter. To smorgasbord supper with ice swan. Fultons and Black, new – very Ohio Wesleyan! “The House of Bernarda Alla” – Spanish women – domineering, frustrated and awful! Well done. Black – and light floors.

12. Sunday: Cold, gray, snowy, rainy. Jean Gibb, Isabel Abbott and Freeland for scrapple, chow-chow, poached egg, grapefruit and pleasant breakfast. To Meeting. Small. Two speakers. Lunch at Ye Hong Guey with Beals. Quiet afternoon and evening. To bed, early. Thank-you to Ringwalt.

13. Monday: Rainy. Lovely. Cut up big pineapple. Newlin shoveled slush. Sent checks. Book Club. Edie Sayre talked about the store front Churches – baptism of Holy Spirit, and speaking with tongues. Strange. Hersey – “If it is helpful for people that is good.” . . . School Committee – Frank’s last.

14. Tuesday: In to Boston to shop. Smitten by pretty gloves – not in Ruth’s size. Frustrating all around. The Kennedy sweaters were OK. Baily soup – .45 a bowl. Good but not worth it! Newlin to scholarship Committee in Cambridge.

15. Wednesday: Spitting snow but I drove to North Shore Shopping. Amazed – only 18 minutes. Had good success on Newlin’s wallet and electric blankets – two! That settled the blanket business for some time. Newlin to Nominating Committee, Plan E. Four were there! Pompeo!! by Susan S.

16. Thursday: up, all set. To Mrs. Neal’s for Christmas Party. I feel so pampered – things are in such good taste. . . . Made up Linford’s beds and Wicky’s room. Phoning to Tom about J. Russell and Bess.

17. Friday: Washed, changed our beds. Put on my new electric blanket. Baked chocolate cookies. Newlin to office party – a whole lunch! We to Britto’s for supper. Then in to grubby South Station for Fenwick. Came with suitcase in one hand, handle in the other.

18. Saturday: Sprinkled and pressed ironing. Fenwick slept late. We all went over to Sunday School party and play. Three flutes, fine time. Play quite

good. Newlin to Museum for Christmas cards. Linford came on early train – called at 7:00 or so. Good. Gordon Roberts' red socks!! Roberts talked Westtown with Wicky.

19. Sunday: Breakfast – to early Meeting. Small. Christianity in action: what if? a negro family moved in, etc. . . . Home, cold roast dinner, long nap. Head still hurts some. Newlin on Christmas cards; Wicky on record playing.

20 – 21 [no entries]

22. Wednesday: Shopping – Turkey \$8.50; total \$17.00 plus. Gee the money it takes! Wicky in bed, with bug? Looks pale.

23. Thursday: More shopping. \$20.00! Mrs. Mack cleaned us up. Ruth came at 5:00. Put the tree up. White and silver ornaments, white and green lights, wooden bowl of balls and green on table. Crèche. Looks so pretty. . . . Ruth very heavy and awkwardly stiff in our chairs. Fenwick shopping in Harvard Square – saw friends!

24. Friday: Fourteen-pound turkey 10:00 to 6:00 at 250, then 300. Wonderful! Double cranberry. Fixed up pie stuff. To Medford Square for Newlin's travel ticket and last minute junk. . . . All packages under the tree. Talked and looked at cards; Ruth showed us her pictures. To bed.

25. Saturday: Breakfast at 9:30! Packages: quilt, and Turkey's lap robe, and Newlin's plaid blanket, and many records. Wick's inscriptions, tops! . . . To Becky's for dinner – 19! Rain – superballs for the boys! Me the pie – Presscraft papers. Tom is thinner, Jed lost charm!

26. Sunday: Poached eggs! To late Meeting; to Ye Hong Guey. . . . To Museum of Fine Arts for GOLD jewelry of Alexander! Fabulous. Ruth tired easily. Home. . . . Scrabble in evening: "squirt" – Q on double-the-letter; T on triple: 78! Wow! To bed too late.

27. Monday: Up; breakfast at 9:00. Ruth off at 10:00. Linford to Medford Square, Newlin on errands. Early lunch. Newlin to plane at 1:00. Fenwick to dentist in Winchester. Me in town for sweaters and shirts. Supper late.

28. Tuesday: Up late. Car to Hernon for blinker and foot pedal, etc. Fenwick and I shopped at Zayres for pants and 88 [?] ties, gloves, etc. Turkey

chopped up to soup. Meat ground up. . . . Fenwick and me to Symphony, with aspirin. Wonderful violin concerto – Sibelius. . . . I'm one of Chick Abbott's mothers!

29. Wednesday: All names on, and buttons on, and all to cleaners. Sausage and pancake lunch. Call on Keefs. Grand house, but busy with visitors. Nice Keefs from Maine. . . . Ham and pineapple supper. Thank-yous written: Becky, Schmidt, George. Wicky sent for MMO [Music Minus One record] \$7.00!

30 [no entry]

31. Friday: Fenwick cleaned Meetinghouse and parlor. \$9.00 pay! Bulletin stuffed: Kate Payne, Elmer, Joel, and me. Small crew. Got a Gold catalogue for Ruth.

