

## Marion's Diary

1968

January

1 – 2 [no entries]

3. Wednesday: Linford on plane at 8:00. Ruth left at 9:30 in snow! Coughing, too. She drove all the way. I changed all beds, turned our mattresses, etc., put things away. Plan E in evening. Called at 7:45 – Joe came at 8:15! Quimby and Perry left – annoyed to pieces. Snow removal survey underway. Dyke cleaned up drive!

4. Thursday: Up and out to Leo Koretzky's services at 10:00. Heart; age 63. Very personal, direct, inspiring services. Shop in Winchester. Piles of magazines cleared out. Phoned in evening – Nominating Committee of Plan E continues. Talked with Quimby.

5. Friday: Called Joe on the ten days before annual meeting mail. Called Mrs. Rudzinsky about mailings, envelopes, etc. Got up Plan E stuff for C of C – wrote a couple of late letters in evening. Still very cold – 18 or 20 all day. Brrr. Newlin to bed at 12 – up at 5:30 – washed, spilled water. . . .

6. Saturday: Up early. Newlin to Tufts at 5:30! Cold – to Square for diary and Dr. Gilligan. That was the enemy all right.

7. Sunday: Six inches lovely fluffy fresh snow – and WIND. Newlin got the snow blower going and spent all morning on it. Went for a NY Times in afternoon. I actually started a letter home. Smothers Bros. interviewed George Wallace! The other George Wallace bought a house next door and the price on this fell so far we could buy it!

8. Monday: Cold! 8° in the morning, 2° at 3:00 pm, and 1° at 4:30. p.m. – and wind blowing. It's awful. Folded ten sheets, put Christmas away. Finished letter home. Diddled. Talked with Mary Gavrelis about snow, etc. No nominating committee – just go get the men.

9. Tuesday: COLD –3° at 8:00 a.m. Cleaned out Life pile. I went to

Council Meeting; Newlin had School Trustees Meeting postponed. Re-zoning to Apartment 2 in S. Medford. Electronic voting – not yet. Fulton Street sidewalk plowing urged. . . . Fortuns [?] greet Newlin!

10. Wednesday: COLD –3° at 8:00 a.m. Went through old council agendas, all set for New Year! Ditto League of Women Voters, and Consumers. Towels and bed pad to corner for fluff laundry. Seven towels, pad, and bathmat for 1.35! – can't do that often. Gad, it's cold. . . . Drove Newlin to Providence for Monthly Meeting – tiresome. Very slow in clogged local streets.

11. Thursday: COLD. 1° at 8 a.m. I organized shelves for an hour. Then in to Boston for renewing bulk [mailing] permit. Address book for Wick, “account” book for Linford. Sunflower seeds and pillowcase. Home, filled kids books, made germie and scrapple for M.M. Snow is awful! . . . Faith Luder and ? Spaulding are to be married! Mrs. Mack gets \$8.00 . . . ought to be more.

12. Friday: Still COLD – 10°. The copy is ready for the New Voters' letter.

13 [no entry]

14. Sunday: Phone [call from Virginia] 23 cows electrocuted – 18 unhurt! Bacon Run [farm]. Newlin very worried – big loss. No insurance, we think. . . . I talked to Seniors about Marriage Committee. Very disturbed 11:00 meeting. Me home. Snow and ice still bad. Much phoning to Virginia.

15. Monday: Ran over to Cambridge for 80 copies of our Christmas letter. Book club at Hersey's for last time – they retire. Mrs. Knipp reviewed the two Faulkner brother's books. Took letter to new voters to Maplewood. Ten School Committee – Executive Session for all but ½ hour. Povey and Branson went – and we left at 11:00. Committee adjourned at 1:30! Ridiculous! . . . They found the short circuit in Virginia.

16. Tuesday: Newlin off at 8:00 to rent Box 188 – \$4.50. I phoned and phoned to set up Clearness for Bruce Spaulding. George Selleck OK. To Council Meeting – over early. Then big joint discussion on snow removal. Chief LoBella, Gallagher, etc.; three girls as observers. Gavrelis and two new mothers, Fortin, etc. . . . To services for M. A. Cheek at School with Fultons.

17. Wednesday: More phoning . . . Amy needs so much propping up. Multiple letter sent to Pennell, Selleck and Brown. Pressed off laundry. Sewed a button. Newlin off to Testimonial Dinner Committee. Family letter. State of the Union message good in color – President with much makeup and waved hair! Some thaw. . . .

18. Thursday: Sat ALL DAY at Wicky's desk doing Christmas cards! Mrs. Mack cleaned up. She liked Wicky's letter.

19. Friday: Bulletin at Cambridge. Bought towels for St. Johns. . . . I just want to spend money!

20 [no entry]

21. Sunday: Up late. No Meeting. Newlin in desk room. Elmer Brown took us to Quarterly Meeting at Lynn. Four part discussion of race relations – very good. Home to call on Mr. Leslie, for Nominating Committee. Newlin called on Mr. Sullivan. No.

22. Monday: Rushed down to bank for certificates – to Cambridge to SELL. Market going down. School Committee – agenda continued from last time. Too tired to know or care much. Cafarella absent.

23. Tuesday: To Herson for gas leak, new fuel pump. That's better! Symphony – Berlioz' Romeo and Juliet with Pro Musica [chorus] wonderful. Ice is melting – sun helps.

24. Wednesday: Some phoning, some checking. To Cambridge for Xerox of Nomination Committee report. To Center for Recording. Bum pen. . . . Tea, then home. Joe's last meeting – a dilly. Mrs. Q wants law enforced and was wild about Jan Perry's car! To Rud[zinsky?] for paid up members.

25. Thursday: More envelopes. Gavrelis is typing master letter; Joe phoned it to her. All newly registered votes are done. Things are working. To Cambridge in snowstorm for 400 Xerox invitations. Stuffed and addressed all evening. Murry Fairbank will be School Chr. [?] – freeing Newlin.

26. Friday: Snow to be shoveled – driveway blocked. Newlin off at 7:30 with Manly. Two exams! I finished up the mailing – 205 with nominating

lists, 129 invitations to Annual Meeting. Very tired. To bed early. Headache almost. . . . \$12.03 post care packages to Linford and Fenwick.

27 – 28 [no entries]

29. Monday: Took newly registered voters' mail to P.O. – 832 pieces. Some stapled, some not.

30. Tuesday: Date for car to Herson – they sick; postponed. Council meeting – very short. Then committee of whole on more pay for city employees! Much talk. Two years' contract? NO.

31. Wednesday: I washed. Then in to movies: “Camelot,” another British soft color spectacle with lots of sex . . . To report of Houston's committee on community schools à la Flint, Michigan. Film. Too few in and [sic]. Gemmell for Plan E. “Debate” with June Brenner.

## February

1. Thursday: Another cloudy non-precipitant [sic!]. I mailed Sugar and L. and Cas [sic], then took Penn Square and Mutuals to Cambridge and Mr. Carty. Mrs. Q. called to apologize for June Brenner – “Quaker!”

2 – 4 [no entries]

5. Monday: Book club at Carpenters – Hallowell there. Hersey reviewed “Annisquam” – they had been there six years. Delightful. . . . Phone calls to new directors for Annual Meeting to hear Finnegan on Shakespeare at Library. Good.

6. Tuesday: More phoning to be sure no bulk mail failed. To Symphony with Esther Sweet – car has a shimmy and trouble. Ozawa conducted and another bushy-topped did piano. Too much modren [sic!]. Home tired.

7. Wednesday: Spent morning at Herson's – a little improvement! Everyone edgy. I called some new directors. To meeting early – Mrs. Carter set it all up! Enuf cookies. Sullivan was very good. Kurker and Sacco came! Had about eighty –

8. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came. I did some letters and talked about Faith Luder and folks, with Jean Potter. Too bad. Monthly Meeting – Fay conscientiously objected to Meeting for Worship for the marriage. April 12 – good Friday! What a day!

9. Friday: Linford not here yet. Up leisurely. I'm gonna FAST! Check for Lynch came – lost a bit on it. To High School to see Houston, Crompton, Cangiano. . . . Line too long at carwash. Linford here. Newlin at 7:11. Linford called at least six jobs. Ye Hong Guey.

10. Saturday: Car to Letzelter on Mass. Ave. It needs front differential! I walked over in three inches of snow and blizzard. Nice! Nap. Newlin in office all evening. . . . I diddled. Blowing at 14° or so – Brr.

11 – 13 [no entries]

14. Wednesday: In to Boston for vitamins, Bulletin at State House, duplication of Shakespeare. To Tufts for Hawaiian buffet. Fred Greenwood. To Providence. Back for steak supper.

15. Thursday: Mrs. Mack here – Linford went in for shirt sale – it was over. Thirteen out of fourteen packages came – \$42:00. Took his [record?] player to Sears. It will be “fixed.” Nice dinner. Newlin came at 7:00 – stew, celery, lemon pudding. Me with snuffle – postponed Mrs. Neill.

16. Friday: Stayed in bed carefully. The snuffle dried up. Probably needed rest.

17. Saturday: Cold about gone. The quickest one ever.

18. Sunday: N.Y. Times and Globe (for job ads). Poor Linford – Brigham's store manager! Too hard at any price! Then assistant manager of “Import House” Cambridge. Maybe!!

19. [no entry]

20. Tuesday: Tea at 11:15 with Mrs. Neill. My she is frail. I brought home the Shakespeare book. Ruth's bag is more timely then I guessed.

21. Wednesday: COLD! I shopped for wallpaper – duplicated dining room!

Got a sweater for Newlin. Home foot weary from shopping! . . . To Flints for supper – served at 8:00! Glasses before and after! Fire felt good. . . . Mofensons [?] and Osburn (new minister) interesting.

22. Thursday: Slept late. Missed Mrs. Mack. I had to clean up . 2:00 date with Mrs. Cicerelli – fixed candles. To dinner and Plan E dance. Numbers of anti! Loud music, cold food. Joe’s pots!!! Shurtleff and Anna Roberts, Branson, and Flint.

23. Friday: Up, and to Cambridge with Linford. Did recorder [?]. Lunch; tea with Paul Scovell! House boy of 1954! . . . Home via Design Research and Corcoran yard goods. No purchase. Read end of “Rivers of Blood, Years of Darkness.” [Watts riots] Such unfairness! Linford to Cambridge in car. Ruth wrote of Mrs. Kressley’s death.

24. Saturday: Funny – I don’t know what I did. Mrs. Morrissey came over to play Scrabble – slow! Newlin had an 88 on seven down, with BARQUES! Hunted some wallpaper. To Budget Meeting 10:00 – 2:00. Then Mrs. Hoover for A.F.S.C. [American Friends’ Service Committee]

25. Sunday: Linford went to Meeting! Will wonders never cease! Nice day – almost spring-like. Dinner late. Letter home. Some on Fact Finder. Smothers Bros. good again. Linford bought himself a Globe for job ads.

26. Monday: Washed nine sheets and lots of underclothes. Typed on Fact Finder – it’s getting better. Wore sandals. Snow is going.

27. Tuesday: My legs killed me – from sandal height! I hunted wallpaper, brought two books home. Settled on a mild one. Howard is available – praise be! Must call Dottie Keef – about Bryan and the war news.

28. Wednesday: Fact Finder to HS – more delay! Ordered mild wallpaper. Shopped on Memorial Drive. Finnan haddie and coffee for supper. Newlin to fancy buffet. . . . Linford has a Manpower job for a week at Mass General Hospital. Praise be! Ironed and so to bed.

## March

1 – 2 [no entries]

3. Sunday: To early Meeting at School. Emptied out our bedroom. Newlin worked on Plan E, including getting a new a new secretary for Carol Sharpton! "Personal reasons." Hope so. Then Smothers, and then comments on Pres[ident's?] report.
4. Monday: Mr. Howard here at 8:00; three men for air conditioner at 8:20. I got a ceiling light. Book Club: Jessie on "Beatrice Potter." . . . Ceiling, paper off, paint done! To School Committee. Sinus from paint. Ugh.
5. Tuesday: He finished papering by noon. Check for \$75. I did Shakespeare notes and details. Wiped up floor. Slept. Newlin got Mariani for secretary! Sabias dropped in. The room looks nice and clean (paint only fair). Now for curtains!
6. Wednesday: Cold yet. But I went for seven yards of lovely Garden Walk material. I just love it. The bareness of the room needs the color.
7. Thursday: Shakespeare at Hersey's – Brooks and Neill both there. Me as secretary. It will be a big job to do it regularly.
8. Friday: Cut out the curtains – will be OK. Fourth is in thirds!
9. Saturday: Rushed down to square to go shopping. Home to do big laundry. Nap; then Newlin and Linford lugged up and down to get the room set up. It is nice! Curtain rods in place. Me dead tired, though. Aching, too.
10. Sunday: Newlin to Meeting. I polished up the bedroom. Dinner; Germies. . . . Ironed, set up for Executive Committee. Worked on Police Department. Came on rain, and my feet and legs sure ache. Linford and I enjoyed Smothers Bros.
11. Monday: Delivered letter to McGonagle, stuff to Matera. Checks signed cards to Rudzinsky. To Cambridge. Addressed 985 envelopes. Home. No School Committee. I sewed some curtains, wrote a letter home.
12. Tuesday: Envelopes to Isabel at noon. Sewed some more – they are looking lovely. To Symphony – snow and wind! Linford went, Esther Sweet and Mrs. Bohn drove. Newlin to Council Meeting and budget hearing. Ciampa stayed for budget. Newlin invited Bowen – of Bank. Symphony was all too noisy and contempr'ey.

13. Wednesday: Cold. Snow and rain to see Elmer Brown on records. To Providence. Home as snow set in! Wrote up Shakespeare notes and Bowen invitation. Newlin's cold worse. He'll not go to Philadelphia tomorrow.

14. Thursday: Bright, sunny and cold!

15 – 16 [no entries]

17. Sunday: To early meeting. Rain, rain. Lunch at Yee Hong Guey; went to see the Globetrotters and the Celtics. Noisy – 14,000! Home weary. Worked on envelopes and mailing. Smothers re-run! Why! Picked up Henaghan's and doughnuts!

18. Monday: Carter, Gavrelis, Demeter and Marshall came to stuff Fact Finder. Finished by 11:00. Book club at Clarkson. Rain, rain. Postponed mailing. School Committee on the Flint system again. So depressed that we didn't send the letter co-signed by Newlin and Povey. Midnight – pooped.

19. Tuesday: Took the 750 to the Post Office. Protesting! To pick up Lois and inspect floor covering. Home. Sand[wich?] at Fresh Pond. Note from Mrs. Reed! 100% on the dinner regrets. Linford didn't come home or call until bedtime. Upside down cake – pretty good. Fenwick called. No ride!

20. Wednesday: Up extra early. Newlin took Linford down to City Hall by 6:45. I washed up and took another nap – jaw and tooth aching. Flurry of phones to Mrs. Neill. Sorted Shakespeare stuff.

21. Thursday: Shakespeare at Imlah's went OK. To Cambridge for stuffing bulletin. Got a briefcase for Shakespeare stuff. \$7:00.

22. Friday: Fenwick came in at noon from a 2:00 a.m. bus – plane fogged in. He went out to Cambridge School; saw Jim St. John for an hour. They have vacation, too! Scrabble – I won, with a seven-letter word boost. Eight sheets to wash house.

23. Saturday: I took stuff to wash house again.

24. Sunday: All four to late meeting, in balcony. Everett Mendelssohn very good.

25. Monday: In to Boston for income tax stuff. Lunch in Federal Building. Walk for turtleneck, curtains, sox. . . . Home, feet just screaming. Got blue gloves and bag.

26. Tuesday: Changed Wicky's bed – put pretty spread out. Fenwick to Cassie's. Very tired. To Gilford Choir. Sang marvelously but very chor-y! Needed Beelzebubs. Susan Ratteree – waited for Linford; home, pooped. Washed my hair. It is thin. Brown curtains came and went up OK. I believe they are good.

27. Wednesday: Up, all OK. Susan to Center by 9:05. In town, bought eight pair socks, no turtleneck; green curtain goods. Home for lunch. Feet screaming again. I soaked and trimmed and napped. Spring day – nice. Feel better. To School Committee meeting. Linford gave up his Manpower job at Mass General [Hospital].

28. Thursday: Ugh! Mrs. Mack can't come next week! To Alice Wren's – Romeo and Juliet was awful – fast, choppy, mechanical. I finished ironing; wrapped Linford's birthday package. . . . Called Elvie O'Hara for lunch on Monday – nice. The week will unroll!!

29. Friday: Quiet day – I baked germies and MADE Fenwick's green curtains. They look nice. Hope they fit. To bed early!! Jaw hurting now and then. Peculiar!

30. Saturday: Last shopping – pills, dessert makings, etc. Fenwick rode to Boston on his bike and saw the burned church. Got a record for Linford's birthday. To Ye Hong Guey's! Mrs. Knipp, the flute mender, and the Grant Curtises there too!!! . . . A scrabble game – I put seven down again!

31. Sunday: Wicky up and packed and set; room all straight. To Meeting. Picked up Dan Smith and Prudence Ward. Home to dinner – fried chicken thighs, asparagus stirred, canned fruit and sponge cake. Nice visit. I cleaned up everything. Got a glimpse of President Johnson on TV. De-escalating in Viet Nam; then – no run again!! Wonderful!! . . . Made the Graham cracker crust.

April

1. Monday: Cleaning up, and chairs – all set for book club. Lime fluff tucked away. Elvie O’Hara and Freddy Gifford came together – Chinese soup, pineapple and cottage cheese! Nice visit. Humphry reviewed a biography of Roza. Interesting. All left; I cleared up, fast.

2. Tuesday: Tufts Assembly opening session – terrific! Drinan Conn and Vorenburg! Lunch – circles. Mrs. Bates, Captain Sullivan, Mr. Ziegler of Mass tax Fd. Robbins, Mr. Senna. Fascinating dinner, with pussy willows and pink geraniums. Sears and Richardson as dinner speakers. Ten years [service] for Vandenhoff – recording of appreciation.

3. Wednesday: We finally got our resolution on Police Recruitment. Afternoon session was quite a let-down – only about 54 to vote. Many rushed though at the last minute. Gibson and Breeden all for Negro at all times. . . . Plan E in evening. Newlin hammered too hard on Wellington overpass. McKie good.

4. Thursday: Whipped around and got ready for Shakespeare. Sue Brooks on crutches came. Poor attendance – but we read it! Folks were interested in antiques. Aching all over. To bed early. Just collapsing!

5. Friday: Martin Luther King was shot dead last evening! How awful. Newlin to memorial at Friends’ School. Wrote Holmes and Adams. . . . Washed millions of underwear, changed some beds. Dead tired. To bed early!

6. Saturday: Cool. Washed ten sheets, changed beds. Goldie Conant brought oak leaves, stayed for lunch. I did towels and sox at coin job. Newlin won’t get income tax done till June. Sinus bothering maybe neo-synaphrine!! My knee is stiff, but jaw is better.

7 – 9 [no entries]

10. Wednesday: Read that awful article about chlorine and fluorides – and ordered spring water!!

11. Thursday: Shakespeare – read “Barefoot in the Park” at Jessie Clarksons’s. Hilarious. We read well!! Home. . . . Monthly Meeting at Cambridge Friends’ School. Not very well organized. Another marriage request – Kalmer and Kemp. Busy busy. . . .

12. Friday: Quiet day. Off at 1:15 for faith Luder's 2:00 wedding. Interesting – she with single red rose, “Gold bar of heaven” white flowing – he in brown! Wide wedding rings. Helped in kitchen.

13. [no entry]

14. Sunday: To early Meeting, sat with Betsy. Good Meeting with Gordon Roberts, Warren Guild and others! Easter traffic bad. Linford to late meeting; Luders invite him two weeks from now. Jennifer Kemp of Australia – nice interview. Smothers [sic] and Fathers very good.

15. Monday: And Newlin will do his income tax in June! A new roof leak – right on the table boards in attic! Curses. . . . Book club at Lore Halm's – I took Jessie Clarkson. Sue reviewed an 1875 journal of trip to Japan. I'm frustrated!!

16. Tuesday: Linford announced he needed therapy – knew it at Swarthmore, had an exam here. Can't finish papers here. Hates the place. No wonder. So he wants go back to Wisconsin for therapy, etc. OK. – and we thought we were on easy street. . . . Leak on bedroom ceiling! To League of Women Voters to hear Ione Dugger Vargas on Race Relations. “Open Housing,” supported by council.

17. Wednesday: Up extra early – shoebox of sandwiches and Newlin took Linford and baggage to bus. I drowsed all a.m, then went to the AT&T stockholders meeting in Memorial Auditorium – what a disgust. Saw Alice Wren! Home, supper, and [watched?] Julia Child Red Carpet at the White House as I did Shakespeare minutes. Letter to Australia \$.50! Teeth screamed [sic].

18. Thursday: Mrs. Mack's day. Up before 6:00. Newlin off to Tufts, then to Swarthmore. Sandwich, and off to Shakespeare's birthday. Geffords were very good. Newlin to airport. Then to Tufts University Women's Club. Mrs. Koretsky excellent, but small audience. Then off to Rockport, Peg Leg Motel. Walked in evening after big fish dinner.

19. Friday: Found Mrs. Knowlton's house, then Kay Towle's charmer! I yearn for something of the sort. . . . Peg Leg Greenhouse for lunch. The Yankee Clipper is still there! But shops are fun. Home, nap. Drove in to

Rochester gathering. Gilmore – then Hendl! What a time!

20. Saturday: Washed, and cursed the time it took after getting up late. Rainy – tooth hurts.

21. Sunday: My tooth hurts! Took Sue Brooks to Meeting. Marinated steak pretty good. Long nap. Started a family letter. Newlin home for Smothers – I really must get a job for more money to buy what I want!! I'm tired of being last!!

22. Monday: Quiet day at home. Tooth quiet! Set up weight chart to finish the year. Cloudy, then clear.

23, 24 [no entries]

25. Thursday: To Imlah's with Hersey, to work on Sonnet program. Good visit.

26. Friday: 9:30 date with Dr. Russell – I could hardly wait. Cheek ached. X-ray, wait, pulled. Corroded to tip. . . . No lunch with Ruth – just went home and slept. Liquid diet. Didn't feel pain or reaction – just laid low.

27. Saturday: Up early. Ruth's room all ready; pretty quilt on. I shopped. Newlin got the car (with new starter diddle). I bought five pansies for \$.75 down by the [Mystic] river and planted them out back. Faint rain. Economists on TV – hilarious. Newlin phoning about Virginia.

28. Sunday: Stayed home to plant beans. Cleaned up, and dinner ready by about 12:30 – Ruth came. My gum is mending. Sort of weary, though.

29. Monday: Hunted Ullman's house and found Belmont Springs. Good to have water again. Lunch at Buttrick's. Then to Book Club: Isabel reviewed a Welsh novel. Althea smoked a pipe and was nervous about elections. McCarthy, of course. Scrabble in evening.

30. Tuesday: Ruth followed me down to Herson in Route 93 traffic! Brought me home, then went on right away. I changed spread and put things away. Tired! Good to have her here. Packages to boys. Election day and TV evening for reports. McCarthy good vote. Volpe less than Rockefeller.

## May

1. Wednesday: Suggestions for Library Board via Emily Neumeyer, Irmalee Rouse. In to State House for complete Medford Police list and expiration date. Bill Byard for supper – chicken, asparagus, beans, pineapple and strawberries. . . . Plan E Meeting. Much too talkative. No speaker. Plaistow, N.H. used Englehardt and Finney – no good! Cap #66!!

2. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came, and I went to Friends' Center – all day! George Selleck doesn't like "anything goes" for Kemp and Kalmar. Elmer Brown reluctant. Tea with Florence and Ellen and Mather. TV evening – Karsch and Cosindas, Calcutta. . . . Eyes hurt too much.

3. Friday: I cleaned the refrigerator – down in back underneath. First time!! It needed it. Gorgeous day. Sort of sinus ear, and not very hungry. Flu-ish! Collected stuff for May Fair.

4 – 5 [no entries]

6. Monday: Off to New Hampshire – didn't get to Elvie, but must try the Gray House and New London N.H. Found wonderful sawdust. Sutton is lovely! I yearn for it. I'm beginning to hate the city, tension, noise – unnatural. Chamber of Commerce dinner – report by Filene Center to chamber – Pierce good. Greelish, Byard, Rudzinski, Heneghan and Sullivan.

7. Tuesday: My leg is stiff again. Driving steadily those hours. Washed eight sheets, two spreads. Took towels and underwear to corner. Newlin to Council Meeting – pressure for Sgt. Smith, negro.

8. Wednesday: Fixed a pile of chicken salad for L.W.V. supper. Newlin not home in time. Took Mrs. Branson to Lexington gardens for tomato plants and flowers. Dug the garden – very dry. Planted ten tomato plants – Marglobe and Early Giant Hybrid??

9. Thursday: Car to Letzeltar at 8:00 – home with more chicken. Mrs. Mack washed windows and paint in desk room. Phoned for info for play. No gardening. M.M. – Dan and Prudence had good time. He brought salad! Three marriage requests. I was floored.

10. Friday: Watered everything hard – beans are up. Planted rest of plants,

put out sawdust mulch. It is wonderful! . . . Potters should not do the clearness. Mailed many letters. To bed ex-haw-sted. To island tomorrow.

11. Saturday: Beautiful day. Most windows done. No stove yet. Trees look good. First trick – o [Trichogramma/caterpillar control] released. Supper with Devines. Lisa has apartment and boutique job. Ellen buying house in Springfield, Vt. Dyke [Dyson] happy. Good news all around. Home – cold.

12. Sunday: Mothers Day. Rainy, some blow. Glad we are here. My new blue earrings are pretty!

13. Monday: Cleaned up dishes – 11:00 date with Prudence Ward and Lois Brown.

14. Tuesday: Newlin phoned Phil Shea – got Linford's new address. Setting up Executive Committee – much phoning. I got handles and paint. . . . Five o'clock interview with Elizabeth McCullough, age 18, Catholic; marrying Jew, age 22! Ugh! Newlin to Committee Meeting on Honey Fitz for ret[arded?] child. Took Isabel Duguid to Brooks. Yellow rose bush – very unusual.

15. Wednesday: Ran out of paint for drawers. Winter things out of closet. Newlin got screens up in strategic places. 80° in afternoon! Car wouldn't start. Newlin rode to Providence with deBurlo. Painting done. Looks NICE.

16. Thursday: Mrs. Mack washed paint in lining room. Car didn't start! New battery! FINE! Newlin to Committee Meeting, Cambridge in evening. I did Marriage Committee letters; all up to date. A little rain. Phyllis Teitelbaum called.

17. Friday: Bulletin stuffed – then advice on May Fair planning and organization. We looked for Trick – o. Got a stove pipe with a damper installed.

18. Saturday: The May Fair [rummage sale at Cambridge Friends Meeting]. Cold and wet. I washed and changed beds. Car not free till p.m. – I sorted tickets for them. Made over \$200 – good.

19. Sunday: Quarterly Meeting we did not go to. Clearing up the refrigerator. Ironed pillow cases, etc. Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in

living room. Coffee and cookies. Me in Fenwicks's room with TV and sewing, and a letter to type at midnight on High School financing and Wall St. news. Ciampa quite a guy – and Taitz and Greelish.

20. Monday: Delivered letters. To bank. Packed. Lunch, and cleaned up. To book club at Isabelle's "Twelve-pound book" read by Mr. and Mrs. Gifford. So good! Off to airport in rain, etc. To Allentown – supper at Zollinga Harned [sic]. Home and to bed.

21. Tuesday: Restful. Read ALL magazines and got some ideas for the Island. Diner lunch – walked home as Ruth went to hairdresser. Nap; supper here. Quiet evening as Ruth lectured Topton in her blue knit jacket dress. Her clothes are very pretty, but cost!! Wow.

22. Wednesday: Leaving early for Pippa Passes – Picked up more near Reading. Harrisburg, Turnpike, down along the Ohio River to Marietta. No rooms. Fifth place – town hotel, but redone. Third floor! Food at Duncan Hines' Betsy Mills – greasy fried chicken! Ugh.

23. Thursday: On along the Ohio, with much industry. Then into the hills toward Jenny Riley State Park and Lodge. Made lake; walked a bit. Noisy air conditioning. Very pretty spot. Alice Lloyd College Prom! Loud music, white gloved girls, etc.

24. Friday: Up, breakfast, and on to Pippa Passes. Incredible folds of mountains; poor shanty shacks. Few chickens and pigs, etc. Met bosses at Alice Lloyd College; delivered stuff. Then on to Pine Mountain – Laurel weekend; we had a cottage. RAIN. Really wet! Fabulous hairpin road; a motel on a detour – ! – high on a lookout.

25. Saturday: Breakfast at Pine Mountain – brown sugar! To Cumberland Gap – too foggy for lookout trip. East in Kentucky, then up 83 (?) to Harrisonburg, Virginia. Pure Village Court Motel and Restaurant – Very nice. View out back across meadows with ducks.

26. Sunday: Breakfast at Pure! What a name! Clear. Two chunks of Skyline Drive – just lovely. Lunch at Battle Town in Berryville – superb. Drove up to the spring, then up to the School House. Mild compared with Kentucky and Skyline. Home by Route 15, by 8:15! . . . 1600 miles, 38 [?] for car.

27. Monday: Ruth's pictures of Alaska and South – in cellar! A fireplace fire. Lunch at Walp's. . . . Plane home; early! Waited for Fenwick – to Tufts. Wait for Faculty Meeting; Fenwick ate, I waited. Home to dishes to do! Garden O.K. – needs more sawdust.

28. Tuesday: Put away, organized, read mail. Cleaner, and big shopping. Patches for Fenwick's elbows. Hot! Home for fish supper. Newlin to Council Meeting. Fenwick bit in eye – to Tufts, and to Mass Eye and Ear. Called Newlin home from City Hall – he went. Fenwick's room organized.

29. Wednesday: terribly stiff in legs and back – change in shoes. Dates in calendar for what we know.

30 – 31 [no entries]

## June

1. Saturday: To the island.

2. Sunday: First Sunday of month – at School! We took Helen Swezey and two fellows. Rain.

3. Monday: Washed all day here, and tumble dried. Looked at wallpaper. To joint Committee – School and Council. We keep the cage!

4. Tuesday: Slow going. Off to Cambridge School panel on News – Tom Winship, Louis Lyons, Manning – very good. . . . Student building a very good thing – not yet done. Ironed shirts. Got wallpaper books for Fenwick's room. Newlin to Council.

5. Wednesday: Phone calls with Fultons. Mrs. Mack came today. Me to Cambridge School panel – Mrs. Chayes, moderator. Sheriff Sears, Councilor Tom Attkins, Urban R. Champion and Law head Gleason. Terrific. “Don't give up!” Home via Cambridge and tea; supper for Mrs. Mutch. Plan E meeting with planner. . . . Kennedy SHOT.

6. Wednesday: Thursday: Flurry to take Fenwick to Harvard where he locked his bike last night. Kennedy dead. How awful – streets deserted; endless TV. Louis Lyons [radio commentator] all choked up at loss of able young leader. Hot - 60°

7. Thursday: Everyone disconsolate about Kennedy. Two Kennedys, Martin Luther King really rubs out all apparent leadership –

8. Friday: Painters painted house like crazy. Three! It is a fast job with thick gucky paint; not much scraping and chipping. I took the last tricko to the boat and gave it to Mrs. Levens! Then home. Fenwick to see Mrs. Dwyer.

9. Sunday: No one to Meeting – Commencement at Tufts. Galbraith outspoken and good. Newlin spent p.m. repairing busted under-the-porch door. Kennedy, TV – train ride; night burial.

9. Monday: Up to take Newlin to 8:45 plane. By luck Mr. Painter came and we could let him in. Newlin wrote him a check. Took desk room shades to Square. RAIN. Only one cushion at Gilchrist's!

10. Tuesday: Rain. I read the paper, did some mail, then shopped in Jordans. PJ's and a shirt, no cushions, no fabric. Frustration. . . . Fenwick drove to call on Miss Preble. Brought home her flute to repair! This should be good. Got a raise, too – now \$90.00. Was \$80.00, minus about \$15 for tax, etc. Mr. Howard says ten rolls for Fenwick's room.

11. Wednesday: Painters came – so did Hurricane Abbey – ! – Such rain! Started with a flat tire for Fenwick! I put four handles on screens. Stymied again on cushions for Island!

13 – 14 [no entries]

15. Saturday: Painters painted all day.

16. Sunday: I washed the chairs before breakfast, then painted them. Beautiful. Oak tree weeps on its trunk and looks thin. Al Devine for dinner – Stroganoff and yoghurt! Overcast – rain as we drove out of Salem.

17. Monday: Rain again. Fenwick had two interviews for possible jobs. Just hankering. He got two raises last week – is now \$3.00/hour [\$17.70/hour in 2007 dollars]. Pretty good, I think. I visited with Mrs. Povey in p.m. No school committee meeting.

18. Tuesday [no entry]

19. Wednesday: Poked about the garden. The painters got my porch row of beans. To Sears warehouse in Dorchester for shelves for Fenwick – got wrong piece! Durn. Feel tired and discouraged. Restless at night – thinking of Linford. Remembered the Sunday date I plain forgot.

20. Thursday: Stuffed bulletins in a.m. Mrs. Benfy and Isabel Duguid. Then laundry done. Then cash check, mail Linford's Draft Board letter; to Fooks for impression for new tooth. To Lexington Gardens for flowers – carnations. Ham supper. Fenwick to Door Store for shelves. Got 'em too narrow!

21. Friday: Waited for Doty to install air conditioner. Exchanged shelves at Sears Warehouse. To Winchester for new tooth – lower is extended rather clumsily and bulkily. Fenwick planning his shelves. Linseed oil applied. . . .

22. Saturday: Fenwick finished his shelves by after lunch. Stained the Sears shelves. Cleaned his closet, emptied all shelves. New piece wired and going before bedtime. Beautiful job. Me mowed yard.

23. Sunday: I went to Meeting. Margaret Klinteberg could not come to dinner. I came home dissatisfied.

24. Monday: School Committee Meeting till all hours. I'm losing interest.

25. [no entry]

26. Wednesday: Newlin came home from Virginia and Pennsylvania – I met him at airport – rain! We missed each other in the new quarters. . . . I had such mixed feelings – he went to Medford Urban Renewal Meeting in evening.

27. Thursday: To Holman's Print Shop for Newlin's Harpers Ferry picture. Nice! To Kirstein Library for [illegible] Dewey notes. Tooth filled.

28. Friday: Me to Cambridge to do recorder work. Newlin copied letter to send on furniture. Laundry. Rummy with girls, Rummy with Randy and David. Scrabble with Newlin – nice.

29. Saturday: A spanking clear day. Fenwick exchanged a defective record.

Newlin took a letter to [Bar?] Cummings. I gardened. Cut out a rose, a black berry, a front tree. Fenwick to Island. We ate swiss chard!

30. Sunday: Newlin and I to Island. I painted the front door, inside and out. Newlin trimmed much deadwood. We set up the hammock! Very warm. Home. Fenwick emptied his room! Such piles of stuff! To bed, weary.

[Memorandum pages] I wish I knew why I feel so critical all the time. Table manners, hankie instead of Kleenex, sleep habits – all sorts of things. Maybe I'm just a cranky old female!! Who knows –

## July

1. Monday: Mr. Howard came and did ceilings, removed wall paper and most of paint. Air conditioner is in. Fenwick is painting his desks. It has been murderously hot – nineties. Me to Cambridge for Ellen's keys. Wrote letter home.

2 – 3 [no entries]

4. Thursday: Moved back into Fenwick's room. Such a pleasure! Cleaned up the rest of the house. His room is too full, but well planned. Took Newlin to boat – perfect day to work on roof.

5. Friday: Finished up around. Painted bathroom window. (2 coats. Silicone enamel is great stuff.) Young Howard and brother-in-law taking down the big elm out back. Me to Island Fenwick left at home to enjoy room.

6. Saturday: Newlin worked on roof. He scrapes, gucks, then paints – aluminum paint. I painted bathroom window and door. Wiped up floor. Must do wall and paneling. Looks nice. Home on evening boat.

7. Sunday: To Meeting – very disturbed with Mary Billings – Martin Clark got an overseers page and presumably got to work on the marriage of Gronko and McCullough.

8. Monday: Clear and good!

9. Tuesday: Washed all clothes. Then pressed off big day, and not much accomplished. Feet hurt. . . . Fuss about marriage certificate. I phoned

Philadelphia for two, and bought parchment. Mrs. Billings talked an hour – awful –

10. [no entry]

11. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came – cried to hear that Linford was to go. Took Newlin to evening boat with load of food. He hasn't done our income tax yet! I get panicky.

12. Friday: To the Friends Center – The Sunday School desk is unlocked! Then to Jordan Marsh. Very weary, but home. Packed more food, and Fenwick and I went to the Island. Someday I'm going in leisure. Bought elastic for feet. Pretty good.

13. Saturday: Did nothing for Ruth's birthday! Newlin worked on roof all day. Fenwick helped some hours. I painted our bedroom window. Took big lamp and Fenwick's band sweater to Driftwood [consignment shop on the Island]. Home on evening boat. Kids had a tea for a record player.

14. Sunday: To Meeting after late rise. Pretty warm. Home – creamed salmon dinner. Newlin working on the furniture division. Called twins – they were having a Bastille Day party! Made green pillow for Fenwick.

15. Monday: Hot and muggy – 90's. Baked germie at breakfast. Shockley called. Newlin to airport for 1:00. Home – HOT – to get Linford at 4:03. Home via tunnel and Cambridge Sears. So hot. Watered tomatoes. Linford off in car in evening. Ruth called and broke down!

16. Tuesday: Linford to City Hill by 6:45 – only a little late. Phoned at 6:00; they hadn't made up their minds yet! I washed and ironed; pulled some onions. Got Newlin at airport – ½ hour late. Very hot – air conditioner on all night, for the first time in history – for the draft! We swapped beds.

17. Wednesday: I slow watered the back garden all a.m. So hot. Newlin to Providence; Linford off to dinner date. Rain, praise be. . . . Shockley on the pit – they are anti-Reed, anti-Health Board, anti-Plan E – and you can't blame them. The pit is a MESS.

18. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came. Plumber fixed toilet leak and spritzer in sink. Linford is to appear on July 25. Poor guy – so much indecision. . . .

Hot, hot again. Too hot for Newlin to work on the tin roof. Me to Boston, to return Venetian blind and buy wedding package.

19. [no entry]

20. Saturday: Quiet morning. To wedding – McCullough and Gronko at Beacon Hill Friends' House. Really very nice. Blue cake with daisies! Took petunias for hall table. Awful table-cloth!

21. Sunday: I just didn't get to Meeting. Very warm.

22. Monday: Washed and washed – and dripped with heat. Went shopping for food. Really weary.

23. Tuesday: Hot as the dickens again, and DRY. Newlin got reservations for dinner at the Top of the Hub – \$30.00! and it was full! Very slow service; out at 10:00. Boys looked so nice dressed up. They're both good looking! . . . Linford's driving is frightening. Newlin working on income tax.

24. Wednesday: Coolish – very sleepy! Incredible, slept all day. Some light rain. Linford took friends to Ye Hong Guey – locked himself out of the car. Fenwick biked in to the rescue. That makes at least 30 miles of biking in the day! Poor Linford!

25. Thursday: Up early. Newlin took Linford to Lechmere for the Army Base. Mrs. Mack washed paint in kitchen. Me to Center. Cluster on addressograph. Home. Pickle in knapsack. . . . Linford turned down by army psychiatrist. Now what! He got a haircut too. Looks nice.

26. Friday: Me to Center –

27 – 28 [no entries]

29. Monday: Me to Center again. Defrosted refrigerator – and how it was needed.

30. Tuesday: Not a bad day. I washed and ironed and shopped. Very tired. Especially with the problem of Linford's decision [?]. Wore mesh shoes all day – leg very stiff and painful.

31. Wednesday: Cool. Fabulous. Newlin dropped me at Center so Linford could have the car for New Hampshire. Home for late supper – too tight to buy a meal! What a guy. He did see New Hampshire employment and certification people; is on list for openings. Learned of “interns.”

## August

1. Thursday: Newlin dropped me at Center. Linford off to New Hampshire and Maine. Slow day at Center. Lunch with the ladies. Packages to P.O. on way home. My legs and feet are dreadfully painful – right, especially. In to Boston for vitamins.
2. Friday: Rain, praise be. Grass was just brown. Rain in the night and early morning. I walked to Mass Ave, then bus to Center. Here at 9:30. That’s enough! Hope Linford has good luck and some picking in jobs. Colebrook N.H., near Canadian border looked very nice. . . . I let an Australian Quaker fat boy stay at the Center. Jack warren – knew five-year meeting, etc.
3. Saturday: Fenwick met Michael Walsh [a friend from Eastman School] at airport, and spent the day at the Island, “holed up” – according to Devines. Three hours on the rocks with sunburn to show. Hope they closed up in good order.
4. Sunday: To Meeting – Lawrence Wylie spoke very well. . . . Fenwick off with visitor again – I’ll be glad when he goes. His grandmother is in the Project! Nice enough – not much on conversation or manners. Oh well, he’s only a freshman!
5. Monday: Fenwick had the car and was with Michael Walsh all day. Closeted mainly, with music. I’ll be glad when he goes. Ate supper with us. First corn of the season, etc. (Fenwick was not docked for missing the day!)
6. Tuesday: Returned Ellen’s key at 9:00 am. Ellen said the “Australian Quaker” was a hoax. I should have known better. Australian lady at Pendle Hill never heard of him. . . . He got \$40.00 in Detroit from Quakers.
7. Wednesday: Washed and changed four beds. Off-and-on rain; finished in attic. . . . Said I’d be Voters Service Chair for Med. [?] Mrs. Povey typed up all the letters and questionnaires for candidates.

8. Thursday: I finally got a trip to the bank all set. Took so long! Gulf Life [?] to be sent in. I ought to do something about the packets of papers! Looked over the Burlington Mall – quite a place. Dinner at Morisseys' with five Rouses and two Greens. NICE. Barton, Julia, and Moira. Dottie Keef at Stearns.

9. Friday: Very muggy. Fresh pineapple waited too long. Gained two pounds! Mr. Meiers looked at the roof spots again. An AWOL is to be offered tea and sympathy on Sunday. Our map comes tomorrow! Baked germies. Linford didn't get the job he thought he had. Awful.

10. Saturday: Cooked \$2.00 of lamb stew; fixed peaches. Typed Newlin's letter about the Board of Health not meeting. Waited for Molly Gregory to bring Loudon map and install it. It is wonderful! Fenwick off to Ye Hong Guey for supper. Newlin walked.

11. Sunday: E-normous Meeting for Worship. The "Sanctuary" bit started. Wylie very good; boy's statement good, too. We went home – there were plenty to carry on. Newlin served in afternoon.

12. Monday: I took Newlin to the plane for Virginia. Spent some time at Friends Center. Must call Peterson.

13. Tuesday: To the Friends Center. Stood outside with Elsie Landstrom, Tom Waring, etc. Got chairs. Shade. . . . Those awful Resisters! Ugh. Ecch! Linford off in Maine – Interviewed in Unity!

14. Wednesday: Linford away. I made eleven boxes of jello fruit salad, deviled 28 eggs. Hot. To Center for supper. Fran Conant and Merrilie Towl. Good meal. But we were really wondering why. Merrilie went through the trash barrels for garbage! Craig Swain burial! I was exhausted.

15. Thursday: To Center in a.m. – worship down to two or three! Bite of lunch, shopping, home. Linford asked for birth certificate at 2:30. I got it out of the bank. Wick needed a ride home; worked on bike. To Pierre Seronde for movie premier. Bought three books – "Population Bomb" is frightening.

16. Friday: Gorgeous day. Linford off to Vermont. I wrote a card for Hurds' 50th anniversary and took it up to Lil Devine. Home at 1:00. Linford is

home – or car is! In to Jordan Marsh for towels for Barry Seamon. Took Wick in in a.m. Overcast and cool.

17. Saturday: To Center.

18. Sunday: Instead of Meeting I went to New Hampshire. Lovely day. Windham is O.K. Just felt better.

19. Monday: To Littleton for peaches and corn. Car dead on Arlington St. – called Dilboy; they said they corrected it. Sat and talked long with Lil' Devine.

20. Tuesday: Met Newlin at airport and changed bags. I took him to Yearly Meeting. Home via New Hampshire. Sat at Arts and Crafts for two hours reading Adam Smith's "The Money Game" – hilarious! To youth Council Meeting in p.m.

21. Wednesday: To Center again.

22. Thursday: To Center to clean up after breakfast and get some lunch.

23. Friday: Newlin in town, me to Center. Trash and garbage and flies and maggots – no lids for cans. We took four packages to the Cambridge incinerator. Merrilie vacuumed. I talked loud to Betty Woodbury. Kids don't need to sleep on davenports.

24. Saturday: Stayed home, did hair, and typed Newlin's letter to the Committee on overstepping authority. I shopped for groceries. Newlin bought shoes and shirts and walked and walked.

25. Sunday: Very hot and muggy. Deviled eggs and did pineapple before breakfast. To meeting – Watsons, Nicholson, etc. back. Betty Woodbury on "Learning Experience" very good. Home for dinner in dining room – the last! To Center for supper. So HOT. Rain.

26. Monday: Washed everything in sight for Linford to go on Thursday. Postponed till Friday p.m. so Wicky could go. Such procrastination!

27. Tuesday: I dropped over for lunch. Everything was cleared up and dishes done in five minutes! Newlin shocked Meeting with proposal to continue

worship but “lock the Center.” Wow! But there was NO recognition of his letter or comments.

28. Wednesday: Errands at home. Xerox for League, etc. in evening. Newlin and I saw “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” from the fourth row. Enchanting! We loved it. Such a nice celebration for 31 years, even by M.T.A. [public transportation].

29. Thursday: Linford has chair, card table and chairs [sic]. Newlin dentist date in Winchester. I got some hardware and desk items. Eric Rutan was arrested at 11:15. We went over in p.m. They were having one more meal together – huge roast. Phoned for U-Haul. NONE, of course – Labor Day! Dried up beef “steaks” for supper. Awful.

30. Friday: Gorgeous day. I went in for League errand. Lunch across from Schwartz – nice. Home, good roast beef. Newlin got cartons. Linford got paper padding. Linford refuses small tow [trailer?].

31. [no entry]

## September

1. Sunday: Lugged and lugged – loaded small trailer. Newlin and Linford left at 1:00 for Unity [Maine] – He’s really off! Fenwick uses the empty room for practice. I mopped it out. . . . Fenwick working extra on flute repair.

2. Monday: Very tired. Napped. Sprinkled very dry garden. Newlin home by 7:30.

3. [no entry]

4. Wednesday: Newlin and I got flu booster shots. I washed all but sheets. Cloudy, overcast.

5. Thursday: to Center for more Clearness Committee data. Fresh bread at Sage’s! To Boston for pillow cases and sheet. . . . Last paper to League. Mrs. Povey forgot to ask Senators to League program! She and I and Sullivan sat up front; I timed. Upton on birth control! Sacco got nasty! I ate too much, went too long!!

6. Friday: Sinus and headache – tension, exhaustion, reaction from flu booster shot?! Made beautiful fish bisque. Nap and aspirin. Newlin ate with Freshmen; Fenwick to Ye Hong Guey and movies. I ironed. Rain! praise be!

7. Saturday: We loaded for the second trip to Unity. I mended a coat, put in some canned goods, etc. The desk came from Stillwell. Newlin left at 2:00. Fenwick worked six hours and made two brass keys for the desk. He is terrific.

8. Sunday: To Meeting at Beacon Hill – eleven or twelve in parlor. Good. Home, Food. Newlin returned in good time. Safe trip. Linford has two pros, a young gal, another fellow in his building – sounds good. Wrote letter to marriage committee, and Dear Folks.

9. Monday: Lois Brown and I took vacuum cleaner to repair. She took flute up to Wicky's shop. Shopped \$12.00 at Stop and Shop. To School Committee. Not late! Put flyers in for Library, Mercury, Gas and Electric, Pewter Pot, and Elder H.Q.

10. Tuesday: Nap. Knee is hurting again. Washed the eight sheets and bedspreads. Naps. Fresh flowers around. Newlin off to Council Meeting on zoning. Wellesley incident on T.V.

11 – 18 [no entries]

19. Thursday: We pulled out of the driveway at 6:00 a.m. – to Rochester at 2:45. 417 miles. We unloaded. Walsh appeared. All stuff to room. I went on at 4:00, got rid of trailer. Traffic!! I went on to Newark, N.Y. – some nice villages. Stayed in tourist home for \$4.00.

20. Friday: Up to go at 7:00 – blinded. Off to see Jackson Perkins roses. An experience! Lovely dew. . . . To Syracuse. Found two cups in the bushel basket. 25/each! Visit and lunch with Bessie. On to Williamstown via Troy traffic! Hills were lovely. And the Inn was something – ! \$10.50 with private bath.

21. Saturday: Up, leisurely. Earrings from Flea Market. Lovely hills and houses. Woolman Hill is terrific. Gang came by lunch time. Who am I! Quite a variety. Much talk. Play reading. All so serious. To bed – HOT and

squeaky. Fresh home made bread.

22. Sunday: Tiptoeed up early on breakfast K.P. Cereal, juice, eggs, rolls, milk, coffee. One last discussion on corporate worship – I've about had it! Good turkey pie dinner. I drove three to Beacon Hill; home by 4:00. Big committee meeting in evening.

23. Monday: Washed up and straightened up. Much phoning on presentation of Plan E Charter for next Tuesday. . . . To Book Club and Helen Stearns. I drove Elaine, Jessie, and Lora. Pretty tired. Phoned a lot – School Committee.

24. Tuesday: To bank for \$2,000. To hear Al Frezza at ladies' talk session. To Estabrook – good it's paid. Got Marriage lists, and duplicated them. Home for hamburg supper. Then to Committee meeting. Went well; done early. Amey Beal came in to see apartment – Branson's is for rent at \$120.

25. Wednesday: Newlin has a sore tooth! L.W.V. nation wide set-up. Rebecca Robbins called to start Shakespeare! Washed my hair. Nap, omelet supper. Hot! Beals saw Branson's apartment. They'd be nice neighbors – Plan E Executive Committee.

26. Thursday: Picked five tomatoes – one for Hawkins. Washed towels and finished Joan Baez – very nice. A good one to circulate. Sent Fenwick's check for \$900. Stopped at Library and got good start on city list for the panel next Tuesday. To City Hall for more.

27. [no entry]

28. Saturday: Washed many sheets, etc. to Chester Smith burial service in Manchester, with Elmer Brown. Both Jeannette and Caleb spoke! No tears. Stopped a moment with Elsa Martz.

29. Sunday: Off to the Island. Beautiful day. Brought one bed back. Nothing on closing up. . . . McFarlands hacked off our Northern sumac. Ge-rate day! The three-corner house was sold! Two fellows looking at it, too.

30. Monday: Typed up list of city personnel with errors. Xeroxed. Worked on organizing speech. Judge Brooks phoned about the liquor referendum –

he didn't know about D- hotels and motels! So we drove a copy to him and to Carew. Long day.

## October

1. Tuesday: A bag of apples with the rent money. Three of us on the Plan E Charter. Brenner on Council, me on Manager, Quimby – quite good. Diddled rest of day. Note to Ed Hinshaw on starving [sic]. Newlin to Council. Linford called. Wonderful editorial on “temporary license” and carnival [?].
2. Wednesday: Picked six or eight tomatoes; chard for supper. Garden potatoes are bigger this year. . . . Xeroxed Referendum on liquor. Plan E voted No on D - hotels and motels. Four visitors – the man almost incoherent! Tired – tired –
3. Thursday: Sticker for the car. Then in to ABC–LWV work session. Lunch in dumb building unit. Bought two dresses at Stearns! Home, tired. Sorted Life magazines for Linford. The Roman series is gone, but Egypt is there – the great religions. Rain, after 93 days! Supper at Tufts.
4. Friday: Finished dragging family letter. Sure didn't do much. Ordered plywood.
5. Saturday: Picked up plywood and hardware and two door chains. Tomatoes and flowers continue well.
6. Sunday: To the Island. Gorgeous day – warm sun, cool air. Stove down, rat holes nailed, beds stripped. Poison out, all done but two doors and three windows. Mower drained, boards on. I pooped out at 3:00, Newlin at 5:00. Very tired. Home with Al Devine.
7. Monday: Rain! Wrote family letter. Jessie took me to Elane Curtis's for Book Club. Isabel reviewed. A biography is simpler to do! To School Committee Meeting with Branson, Early! Newlin phoning on the victualers' license. 434 Salem St. He had lunch with McGlynn.
8. Tuesday: Car to Mirak – speedometer \$15.00, labor \$15.00! I dug out old Council Agendas for Newlin for City Hall. Newlin to Council Meeting; me to Symphony with Amalia Meisel – she enjoyed it. Cataracts, though!

Mozart, Janacek, Wagner. Brought Esther Sweet home – pleasant.

9. Wednesday: To Mrs. Kitzinger's – signed up for Unicef. Got four house keys – one to Hawkins. Long phone call from Cicirelli. Mercury gives good account of Council Meeting. . . . Did eggs for Monthly Meeting. Mailed two little packages to boys – ring to Linford, studs to Fenwick.

10. Thursday: Monthly Meeting – chased around for marriage [illegible] duplication. Made a report. Grace Luder!!!

11. Friday: To dentist for a cleaning up. She does exercises, too. I must continue – I feel better. No leg bother at all.

12. Saturday: Lovely day. I washed. We went to the game – LOST! Big crowd there. Newlin's tooth bothered some. Drove about and wound up at Carroll's for dinner. Expensive! Mr. Hawkins sat with us. Home to press up laundry.

13. Sunday: To the Island. Slowly closed up tight. Perfect day. I brought some bayberries. It is a lovely spot. Maybe we can use it more next year. I'd like to mow the wilderness. Al helped us lug a bed and mattress home.

14. Monday: Put things to rights a bit.

15. Tuesday: Checked with Miss Forsyth on Wednesday. Also Grace Hobbs. It's all O.K. for the election night. Read Look Magazine article by Reverend Pike. Uncanny! Impressive, though.

16. Wednesday: Spent day with Martta Silberman and the wool curtains – \$10.00 to clean 'em! She is sensitive! . . . Took material on Medford to Isabel. They want to start a new school!

17. Thursday: First meeting of Shakespeare. Imlah, Hersey, and me on sonnets. They were very good. I cut mine short. Off to Tufts University Womens' Club tea at 4:45. They were in costume and the place was empty! Awful. . . . Phoned Linford about trip. He's resigning!! We felt terrible.

18. Friday: Another hot day. The Fact Finder must get going. To Center for Bulletin. Took Kate Paine to see the Burlington Mall – with lunch! Call on Sue Brooks! Hilarious time. Home. Chairs refused at Perkins [School for the

Blind?].

19. Saturday: Overcast, then rain. I washed and changed our beds, hung in attic. Poured rain. We went to football game with Wagner. Good game – we won. Just soaked.

20. Sunday: Off to Meeting with McCurdy wedding pkg [sic]. On mental health. Danvers, good drugs, happy hospital with hope. . . . I typed on Fact Finder all afternoon; Newlin worked to clear desk. Plan E executive meeting – all coffee. Did pretty well . . . Linford will be home Tuesday. He has a car!

21. Monday: Just a work day. Ruth sent a card – “one of the best relatives in the world – from the other one!” Convulsed Book Club at Sue Manly’s. Went to dinner and meeting at Beacon Hill. Home with no new jobs! Very tired.

22. Tuesday: Copied Fact Finder again and took it to Maplewood. Linford came in in a bug! [Volkswagen] Lucky his bed was ready. Laundry for me!

23. Wednesday: Linford off to Boston to find “Computer training.” Looks and acts very well! Wonder why the break!

24. Thursday: Fact Finder is ready! Linford off to Maine with a trailer. Me farming out addressing.

25. Friday: Linford home in mid-afternoon with enormous load. Me pooped out fast! Headache to top it off. . . . Just too much push, push.

26. Saturday: I washed a big wash in a.m.; Linford off on second trip. Newlin saw a football game on TV! and yearned for Tufts, Williams. (Tufts won!) Addressing. Ironing.

27. Sunday: No Meeting, no car, no N.Y. Times! Stamped and fussed with mail. Endless detail. Linford came in p.m. – more unloading. He got his bed up and ready to be slept in. I must write letters. Linford agreed on job counseling. Good. . . . Watched close of Olympics. Smothers went overboard on God and Moses.

28. Monday: Typed and checked. Picked up Hayes’ addressing. Put extra stuff in Shakespeare box. Took ad to Mercury – \$42.00. Bought elastics.

Home, more detail work. All stuffed in twenty minutes! Peterson, Graham, Karen Graham, Hawkins, Povey, Lin! Newlin took it to the P.O. Good!

29 – 30 [no entries]

31. Thursday: Shakespeare at Charlotte Stewart's perfect "Town House" apartment, Lake St., Winchester. Fewest Hallowe'en callers ever. We just had no lights. Maybe six calls!!

## November

1. Friday: Linford spent evening with Dan Smith. I'm glad he has one friend!
2. Saturday: Mr. Povey took the papers out of the cellar, for church. I chopped up petunias and most nasturtiums. Tied up zinnias. Garden is winterized. . . . Linford and Newlin put on most storm windows. It feels so good!
3. Sunday: Me to 11:00 Meeting. Dan Smith has been to Esalen (California) and valued it – a week.
4. Monday: I went up to do Linford's bed – room a mess. Hostility almost visible. "I'm not doing much right now . . ." but he did do quite a bit of cleanup. Had to miss book club at Wyatts'. Plumber didn't come to do kitchen sink faucet. Mad!!
5. Tuesday: Election Day. Overcast, but good. Changed our beds, put on electric blanket. Very heavy vote. Mrs. Branson and I did the 6 ABC – TV – LWV chore. Home at 9:15. Easy. But Nixon won – watched off and on. Nip and tuck. . . Wore my new matte jersey, and it looks nice. My hips are down! New faucet came.
6. Wednesday: Can't wash – kitchen hose on new faucet! Off to wash house. Sacco, McGlynn, Cavanaugh – durn! Nothing is good news. . . . Linford will talk with Dr. Crowell today.

7 – 10 [no entries]

11. Monday: Newlin took me to Mohawk 7:00 a.m. flight. Rochester – sun!

no snow. Fenwick's recital without hitch. No nerves. Tom Muraco to accompany. Mozart Quartet, Poulenc, Bach and Berio! Wonderful day, but full of waiting. McCurdy and Sibley fine stores. Supper at Italian Village. Home smoothly in a big jet.

12. Tuesday: Noreaster hurricane blow and rain (no snow!). Slept in a.m. Baked apples, made cranberry relish, and cut up turkey. Off to Symphony with Linford in his bug. He got a dent in the garage – but good program. Stood for Munch's choice Fauré. Resounding Stravinsky "Rite of Spring" – incredible program notes.

13. Wednesday: Wrote letter home. Windy, but clearing. Nap again. Linford in at 2:30 for late lunch.

14. Thursday: To Shakespeare at Herseys'. Richard II. Needs historical background.

15 – 16 [no entries]

17. Sunday: Rainy. To Meeting. Picked up Koob – home to very slow roast beef – good! Apple pie good too. Finished the letter for Dan Smith. Smothers guests "The Committee" did a flying trapeze act – hilarious! And rhythm pats.

18. Monday: Studied my lesson and diddled. Rainy. Rode with Jessie to Edie Sayre's – choice house, but they are getting a divorce. Reviewed Helen Hayes – rather poorly. Home. School Committee Meeting. Gibson impressed Russo!! Newlin to Cambridge for school.

19. Tuesday: Sinus headache and ear. Nasty. Half upset stomach. Nerves? food? cancer? flu? Who knows; who cares! . . . Newlin to Cambridge School again. And his by-laws are being well received. But he's really worn down.

20. Wednesday: I made dates for Linford – Dr. Crowell called in evening. . . . Good news! I brought my savings up to \$900. Took Newlin to Providence. Supper at Ye Hong Guey. Mended Linford's socks; nice long evening. Windy – but subsided. Saw the S.M.T.I. campus at Dartmouth. Must find Esther Bridgman, too.

21. Thursday: Shakespeare at Imlah's. Handsome brass rubbings by Irving.

Ruth Laurence reads wonderfully well.

22. Friday: Off to early Unicef! Should have been 11:00!! To Center briefly. Heard about Hingham's difficulty from Polly Wood. Too bad. To Tufts Theatre "Oh What a Wonderful War." Just devastating! I almost died. Mrs. Clat, our guest.

23. Saturday: Couldn't get over the depression. Newlin busy on Friends' School Christmas letter. Wish he'd work as hard on ours, or something for our family. Even Plan E gets no thought any more.

24. [no entry]

25. Monday: Tore in to State House for Report on Dental Health. Majority and Minority in one pamphlet – Terrific. No School Committee. To Hingham? Not this time.

26. Tuesday: Up early. Left house at 8:10. Unicef cards with Ann Cirle. Nice. Lunch at Center. Did some recorder stuff. Newlin needed car at 4:00. I shopped near home; evening at home reading Fluoridation! Planning Plan E meeting. Many phone calls.

27. Wednesday: Depressed and discouraged. Why bother with turkey? Then I decided I'd better! Bought a fresh one at Burlington Mall. Rode out Middlesex Turnpike. The businesses!! . . . Game of Scrabble went poorly. I found the ad for Christmas pie pages – Wonderful! . . . Blue shoes half soled. \$3.00 – but comfortable.

28. Thursday: Thanksgiving. Up at 6:00, turkey in at 7:00. 290° till 1:00. Good. But not as good as the nine-hour slow one. Cranberry juice, celery and blue cheese. Fresh carnations. Fruit and vegetable centerpiece. . . . Read, wrote a coupla letters. Saw Ghengis Khan on TV – good. Rainy evening.

29. Friday: The trash went early! Damp out. Newlin to apply for Medicaid!

30. [no entry]

December

1. Sunday: Newlin remembered, and we went to Friends' School Meeting. Then invited Greenwoods to supper. Left over turkey, hot rolls –
2. Monday: Rushed to work on fluoridation. State report is good – with minority very much there.
3. [no entry]
4. Wednesday: Plan E. Newlin let talk about Community School go on all evening. Fluoridation effort wasted! We have material anyway. Mariano on N[ominating?] Committee. Young Reppucci there.
5. Thursday: Read “Gammer Gurton’s Needle” [ancient comedy] at Fran Nichols’. Really crude and earthy! And olde Englishe.
6. Friday: Restful day. Wrote up Shakespeare’s club “Gammer Gerton’s Needle” notes.
7. Saturday: Changed all beds. Shopped groceries. Newlin and I went to Burlington Mall for supper. Fairly successful. . . . Linford wants a camera! For architecture pictures – offered Fenwick’s. Bought engagement calendar, and filled it up.
8. Sunday: I made it to early Meeting as kids left. Good meeting. Eloise Houghton: There is hope in our choices. Improve individual and group. . . . Nap. Mended shades, darned socks, made Christmas lists. Newlin sent for coffee for Tom and Eleanor.
9. Monday: Cold – 20’s. Linford up for 7:20 breakfast. Me shopping for sweaters, and nightie for me! No O’Brien robe for Fenwick. Home. Newlin sent letter to Dutch Treat folks. Bitter cold. Newlin to Tufts for papers
10. Tuesday: Unicef cards again. Quite cold. They are going well. Soon be out of pop[ular?] ones.
11. Wednesday: Wonderful to think of a day with no supper to get! Shopped at Women’s Independent Union. Got little Christmas trees for Auntie and Turkey. Very weary. Wonderful wire work by student at store. Newlin Dutch treat at Tufts with council. Ate too much.

12 [no entry]

13. Friday: Baked chocolate cookies. To bed early – sick. The Flu! Headache, dull.

14. Saturday: In bed all day.

15. Sunday: In bed, liquids only. Finally spit up – felt better. Slept. Still headache.

16. Monday: Gorgeous sunny day – a skim of snow didn't melt. Newlin has thick snuffle. Linford forgot his lunch! Me a bath and new nightie. Better, but weak. Had to cancel out on bulletin stuffing, Unicef and Providence –

17. Tuesday: Cold and clear. Found the record player, and records worked again. Got dressed in pm. Newlin to Tufts for supper. He sure eats a lot – we both need to lose weight. Had to call off Unicef selling. Too bad.

18. Wednesday: Got dressed in a.m. Not too bad. Still a lot of coughing. Went to store, bundled up, and drove! Cooked roast (for sandwich meat) mashed potatoes and beans. Skinned four packages of almonds. Newlin very snorty and cough-y.

19. Thursday: Newlin [has] a bad sinus and cheek. Called dentist, then drove to clinic. Went to wash house and errands. Pretty weak yet. Cough, too. Made Fenwick's bed. Toasted almonds. To bed early. What a sick family!

20. Friday: Cleaned out Fenwick's room. Took Newlin up [to Tufts]. Met Fenwick's 11:05 plane at 11:35. Took a Tufts fellow to airport – was he ever glad! Fenwick off to shopping at Coop. Got records for us to give to Linford. Ruth will fly up. Rain turning to snow.

21. Saturday: Four days for mail from City Hall! Newlin's cold is bad. I'm still weary. Fenwick off to work at 7:15, Linford off at 8:15. . . . I set up crèche. Afternoon shopping for Vitamin E and trim and food. Mended Newlin's P.J's. Sent boys to St. John's – 24 hours early! Scrabble. Strode's scrapple is poor. Bessie's sweater is a HIT! Pretty to see Branson's [Christmas] tree.

22. Sunday: Overcast, with a skin of white. The desk must go. Linford got

the trailer, we all took it out to Molly's. Then to Ye Hong Guey. So relieved to have it done. Fixed up the room. Got more Christmas things down. Cards are piling in – I just feel sterile!

23. Monday: Pouring rain. Went “shopping” to [illegible], etc. Only fair. A couple of things for the [Christmas] pie – nothing real! Glad the rug book is here for Newlin – only a check for Fenwick and Linford. Thinnest Christmas ever. Coughing yet – and frail!!

24. Tuesday: Fixed up Newlin's sleeping parlor. Ruth's chair down. Newlin went for a tree for the table – \$1.00! Fenwick met Ruth, and mailed his fixed flute to California. Supper – cold ham (super) and celery. Much wrapping and assembling. Tree is pretty. Pie order didn't come. Off to Loud's for 22 and balls [?] – added fortune sayings, and that was it!

25. Wednesday: Up late – oatmeal and prunes! Packages! Ruth's sweater fits! But so many seat cushions, pearled gloves, Penn cookbook. . . . Mrs. Parkinson, Linford – tea sampler; Fenwick, Wyeth book; Newlin, Kalliroscope. To Becky's for marvelous dinner. Ruth's pictures of Ruthie's wedding, very nice! Home. Cold.

26. Thursday: Bitter cold – mean temperature 3°! Just awful. I went shopping! and vacuumed around. Invited folks to lunch. Made jello salad. Supper pork chop only fair in electric pan. Too hot? Stretched table.

27. Friday: Boys to dentist – late start! Made apple pudding. Set table and watched Apollo landing after noon trip!! Auntie, Ed and Lois, Becky, Ruthie, and Howard for lunch and visit. Chinese soup, Virginia ham, jello, hot biscuits, apple and ice cream. Ruth to plane at 4:45. We ate [dinner] at Yee Hong Guey.

28. Saturday: Normally cold; two inches of snow, then rain and sleet. Real good!! Shoveling called for. Fenwick went to see Miss Preble. Did a batch of chocolate cookies. The last pretty brown, but good. Little roast beef for supper – good. Quiet evening – reading and records.

29. Sunday: Newlin off to Philadelphia, 2:15.

30 – 31 [no entries]