

Marion's Diary

1970

January

1. Thursday: Went through Mercuries. No Plan E headlines all year! Sorted out a few. Cleaned the corner. Dressed. Still sort of gassy and weary. Desk work in evening. Newlin at desk most of day. Creamed salt cod and Japanese vegetables!!
2. Friday: More letters and things. Some cleaning up.
3. Saturday: Freshened up the house. Supper for Manly's. Cheese soufflé, sliced ham, creamed celery, corn pudding, cabbage slaw, apple crisp, and ice cream. Ground coffee. Nice meal. Nice evening. Lew seems more at loose ends than Newlin. Sue fine.
4. Sunday: Did Christmas cards all day. Fenwick for supper – Biked! Some Christmas pretties put away. Read paper. MISSED TV!
5. Monday: Off to City Inauguration. Kurker subdued. McGlynn full of superlatives. Mrs. Povey took us. . . . To book club at Imlah's. Mrs. Howie “shared” book by Mrs. Wolf. Nice. Liver for supper. To School Committee. Well! Kirker was awful! Eccch! Convery Fine!
6. Tuesday: Becky and Connie are off – clear day. I did laundry. Took toaster to Fenwick, met Kitty! Nice Kitty! [?!] Amey and white whale [?] to Beacon Hill. I had the ONLY car key. Newlin and George by bus! Good supper for forty-five. To Symphony. Contralto – fabulous voice and person! Home with Imlahs.

7. Wednesday: Snow! Gale warnings. No go to Pennsylvania! Mailed \$160 of interest checks. That's nice!!
8. Thursday: Newlin to train – 7:55 am. Canceled too. Telegram canceled. Even Mrs. Mack didn't come. Typed up Brambleton in/out figures.
9. Friday: To Woolworth's for \$5.00 blue and green shirt. Kennedy's for wool jacket and Pendleton shirt. Fine thing. COLD.
10. Saturday: Actually shortened one set of sleeves for Newlin. But not the good shirts. I vacuumed and dusted. Looks better. Newlin to dinner for all elected officials at Carroll's. Me, no thanks – to Burlington Mall!
11. Sunday: To late Meeting – sat in balcony. Very crowded. A young beard offered hope – Jesus carried more worries than we do. Felt forsaken, yet lived again. . . . Wrote family letter.
12. Monday: Bridge with Tufts U. Womens Club – rode home with? Had a couple of nice hands.
13. Tuesday: Worked on nominating committee report – typed pretty photographed for directors [sic].
14. Wednesday: To the State House, early, for bulletin #1. Paid for bulk mail fee. Home. To Lechmere for Sunbeam vacuum – \$50. Home. Rest a bit. Supper. To Plan E Nominating Committee report. I had bills talked about!! Secretary pro tem again. . . . Beautiful Italian knit cardigan came from Ruth – it is a reason for reducing.
15. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came – first time since before Christmas. I wrote up minutes. Three of Abbotts nominees bowed out! Made out a new set of cards for directors. TV repair man came. It's OK –

one new tube. And so to bed – without a bow to Martin Luther King’s Birthday celebration.

16. Friday: Up early to pick up Amalie, and to Center to fold Bulletins. Amey busy with bad throat and wedding. Edie De Burlo sick. So Blashke, Kate, Amalie, me, and Patricia helped. Shopped for Fact Finder holder. None. Lunch at Zum Zum. Good. Shopped. Newlin to Lawrence Memorial [Hospital] Annual Dinner. I typed nomination page – again!!

17. Saturday: Washed ten sheets, two bedspreads. Newlin took snow off back porch – first time out “this year.” Nap. Newlin sleeping long, good. Two scrabble games, then Susskind’s graphologist. Interesting. Father Beal married!

18. Sunday: Snow during night, now rain. Mess. No Meeting for us. Folded wash.

19. [no entry]

20. Tuesday: Got the stuff photographed in Cambridge. \$18.00! Tired of pushing.

21. [no entry]

22. Thursday: Addressed and fixed all day. Processed Mr. Rudzinski’s and Cicirelli’s. All done in evening. Weary.

23. Friday: Up late. Newlin took 215 bulk mail down to P.O. I continued typing on first-class supplement to membership.

24. Saturday: Didn’t receive Bulk Mail – depressed! Durn. Poor gamble – never use bulk mail! To Corazzini’s Open House. Wine and cheese – very impressive! Lots of YOUNG Tufts people. Hard to find in Melrose. Lovely house – copy of an old one. \$35,000.

25. Sunday: Snoozed too late for Meeting. Made ham sandwiches. Took program to Sue Brooks. Took Newlin to South Station. Ate lunch at Aquarium Restaurant. Finnan Haddie – good. \$5.00 including tip. Harbor icy – ugh! Home – much Sunday paper and TV.

26. Monday: No they don't hold mail anymore. Snowed two inches, and rain. But near melting. I got up at 10:00, had Wheatina! Fred Greenwood returned Sears. Shoveled two tracks, etc. Mail late. Hope the bulk mail comes. Newlin home from Philadelphia. To Toder's seminar – then Cambridge Friends School meeting – terrible day!!

27. Tuesday: Bulk mail came today. P.O. “slowdown”?? Me to State House for more bills. Got napkins for book club. Newlin to Council on Manager advertising. Fenwick and I to Symphony. Mrs. Dwyer concerto!! [Nielsen] Bartok piano, and Schumann. Took him pineapple and an apple. Newlin a headache!!

28. Wednesday: Fixed almonds.

29. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came. I went to Cambridge to do recording. Expensive lunch at Pancake House. Newlin fretting on President for Plan E. Marchetti and Matera said NO – but will be directors. So it's Upton and Fred Abbott, Vice President.

30. Friday: Newlin off to school. I found the blue Danish cloth, and cleaned the towel drawer. Defrosted refrigerator first. Newlin to V.N.A. [Visiting Nurse Association?] board meeting. Me to Ralph's office, then Mercury, then dinner with Shockley and Henaghan. Food and drugs [illegible]. Doucette very good questions. Washed, and to corner to dry bedspreads. Big day.

31. Saturday: Up at 9:30. Shampoo. Phoned reading clubbers.

Lunch at 2:00 – to store at 4:30. No nuts. To Woburn Star. Home at 6:00. Hamburg on noodles and half a grapefruit. Scrabble, poor game. Felt aimless and frustrated. Suskind had college kids. Ugh! Sunny day!

February

1 – 6 [no entries]

7. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. meeting of School Committee – a marathon of negotiating with various groups. Upton got an earful. Povey and I stuck it out. Home at 3:30. Pooped.

8. Sunday: To early Meeting. Home to fried chicken dinner. Off to 3:00 concert. Artur Rubinstein – Slater on Fenwick's seat. It was a very satisfying concert. Three encores! Home. I did TV including Advocates on Farm Subsidies. Newlin learned lumber is being cut illegally. Baked germies for packages.

9. Monday: Diddled, folded laundry. Worked on directors' cards. 3:00 date with Dr. Aisner. All OK. Delivered Fenwick's package. Home. Wall-to-wall installed downstairs – nailed and pasted down. Supper at Tufts. Me to bridge. Had lovely time. My turn next. Coffee tank put away. Fenwick wanted vaccination date!

10. Tuesday: Finished cards for Upton. Newlin mailed maps to Virginia for lawsuit! Mailed Linford's Christmas package from New Zealand [?].

11 – 12 [no entries]

13. Friday: Newlin had the car, I went in to see Ruth Osborne. Looked all over for summer dress. Finally, at 4:30, bought at Jordan's. A Shelton Stroller – but 20½! Ugh! Watched “Maggie and the Beautiful Machine.” Must lose some pounds.

14. Saturday: Made 100 apricot chews for Maggie Klinteberg's do for Ruth Arnold. Fixed Plan E stuff all evening. Newlin cleared up the office! Did history of School Committee endorsements.

15. Sunday: Fire in Braker Hall! Holzman office X. . . . Pretty snow. To early Meeting while Newlin snow-blown. Took cookies and Larch Miller puppets! To 4:00 reception for Ruth Arnold and John Kellam. Very nice. Marston and Kee Leonard and Barlow and lots of other old guard. Letter home, and Marriage Committee letter.

16. Monday: Me to Cambridge for much Xeroxing. Forgot envelopes! Bought guest book, though, and put in pages and inscribed and wrapped. Very pretty, I thought. Back for Xeroxing – \$8:00 worth. Plan E stuff into envelopes for M. Gavrelis. . . . Steve Curwood arrested in “biggest” drug haul. Awful!

17. Tuesday: Newlin worked all day in cold room with wet plaster, etc. Threw out much. Brought load home in Tufts truck via front door to attic! Newlin very tired. To Symphony (Fenwick [performing] in Springfield). Elgar! Marching and noisy. Davis conducted. We took Esther Sweet. Me to League of Women Voters at Oremland, on water and education.

18. Wednesday: Finished Beacon Hill House letter. To Burlington Mall for lunch. Newlin pretty sick. Exhaustion. Took letter in at 4:00. Home easily. No Providence – his class is a conflict. Ruth O. liked the letter. Twenty overnight for special shopping and food!!

19. Thursday: Newlin in desk room all a.m. Mary Gavrelis canceled committee meeting. I did front and back stairs and outside. Cleared must of driveway. Melting, but cold again tonight. Took stuff to Tierney and Upton. She knows many Somerville people.

20. Friday: Newlin snuffled badly all night. Quite clogged. No snow train tomorrow! I went to Bank – no lease! Hunted here. No luck. Phoned Kate Paine. OK.

21. Saturday: Off to Conway with Kate Paine and the railroad enthusiasts. 4½ hours! Dirty train! Perfect day! I took ski-mobile up Mt. Cranmore! Kate, No. Visited Leonard Hooper. Perfect apartment! and view! LONG ride home, hot and stuffy. Off at Winchester. Kate extatic!

22. Sunday: Headache – almost – with weariness and foul air. No meeting. Newlin better.

23. [no entry]

24. Tuesday: Stuffed Bulletin – high old time! Kate took Amalie and Amey and me to lunch. Very nice and reasonable. Amalie talked a solid hour. I get snappy! Kate craves to see Foulkways! I couldn't stand it that long.

25. [no entry]

26. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came, praise be! Made apricot jello and planned food for Friday.

27. Friday: Raced around for shrimp bisque, frozen, and scallops. Wow, the cost! Good rice, creamed celery, apricot jello, biscuit apple crunch and ice cream. Coffee and almonds. Elmer Brown's tape took Virginia Townsend and Polly Wood on beginnings of 5 Longfellow Park. Had to miss afternoon meeting on school salaries.

28. Saturday: Finished washing up . All put away. Weary. To Cambridge with Newlin at 3:00 for 4:00 date with Becky

Cummings and Nora Fairbank. Wonderful gal. Home. TV evening. Six ladies on Susskind's \$5,000 – gal interested in old folks on fixed income and poor!

March

1. Sunday: Slept late . . . last of Newburg for lunch. Added up adults for records. Snow! To 4:00 meeting on the plans to be presented for a variance. Luder's plan all underground. "Who are our neighbors?" Egad, we'll never make it. Home – supper at 7:00. Papers. To bed, weary. Fell on Mount Auburn St.

2. Monday: Snow! wet, two inches. Washed all a.m. Tumble dried while Newlin went on errands to Cambridge Friends School. School Committee meeting at Hobbs. Stage – poor acoustic. Room looked nice. Mr. Parris more tactful, good. Home early!

3. Tuesday: Symphony – I drove Esther Sweet in – Fenwick on seat. He's in Springfield Symphony again – nice. Slaters are moving! Tough. Newlin too tired.

4. Wednesday: Newlin teaching past lunch. I took hamburg in gravy and crumbs to Young Friends Potluck supper, plus Marriage Committee. Then to Plan E in Medford. Upton OK. More than half new members – Robinson a prize!!

5. Thursday: To Mary Murano's for League of Women Voters meeting on Welfare. Overstuffed house! Egad. Expected 25! Tough. Coffee at end. . . . To Cambridge for more statistics work. Does not come out. More males and females than residents and non-residents!

6. Friday: Phoned for bridge Monday night alert. Made apricot cookies. More – or less – statistics!

7. Saturday: Dopped around with shopping, etc. Total eclipse of sun at 1:47 on Nantucket. Boston 96%. Eerie. At Meeting for 1:30 discussion of Priorities. John Grossman an alternate plan – basement and twenty feet back of present kitchen. Wayne Jones – good! Best ever. Supper at Mall. Home, talk. Met Harlan Boynton.

8. Sunday: Doorbell at 8:15! Paper boy! So we made early Meeting. Flurry of sitting on sample chair. Dinner. Tried statistics again. No go! To Mary Gavrelis' with copy of Election Committee registration. Reppucci sharp and helpful, Demeter normal!

9. Monday: Newlin to Visiting Nurse. Harrington's have a Chrysler Imperial. Me to Center for final non-resident statistics. Silbermans there too. Decided on twenty chairs! To Ullman's for Book Club – Lora and her own translations. To Bridge evening, me a hostess. Not bad. I did tea and coffee and cookies. Sununu [?] did centerpiece and prizes and fancy cookies. Elaine, drinks and cookies.

10. Tuesday: Typed up annual Recorder's report for Monthly Meeting. Put old Fact Finders in new plastic page covers. To Malden to apply for Social Security – minimum eighteen quarters. I have nineteen!!! Allies Inn counts! Fenwick can get benefits if in school till 22! Newlin can get benefits in summer months. Hawkins bathroom light OUT!

11. Wednesday: Up – more ambitious. Gorgeous day. Diary up to date. Checked on Shakespeare materials – needed minutes!! Bought three rosebuds – 62¢ each – to take to Towls – a beautiful dinner for David Scull and dau[ughter?]. Maps and talk of Africa small business aid. Everyone else had been to Africa. . . . \$20 – \$25,000/person for a year abroad! Egad!

12. Thursday: Mrs. Mack, praise be! Off to Shakespeare with Fontneau. Read "Regina of the Little Foxes." Home exhausted.

Took deviled eggs to Monthly Meeting – Newlin to Chamber of Commerce supper. Gave Recorder report – finally! Will have two Monthly Meetings! A fourth marriage request.

13. Friday: Newlin off to class – started Green [electrician] downstairs on three lights. I cleaned up. They left at 9:40. Then to return papers to safe deposit box. The new ice cream in Medford Square is delicious – at .75/pint! Mailed Recorder report. SNOW. Newlin full of Nominating Committee phone calls.

14. Saturday: More snow spits. Newlin on phone for Nominating Committee. I changed three beds. Newlin to Visiting Nurse budget request at 11:00.

15 – 16 [no entries]

17. Tuesday: Checked on Consumers [Reports] and drove, tiptoe to Mirak. An air-conditioned wooly black Chevelle, and turquoise Dodge Dart. \$1,045. We took the Dart. Wrote a check. Test drove. Home, pleased. To the Symphony with Esther Sweet. Good program. Fenwick not at Powell all week.

18. Wednesday: Letter home. Waiting for car. Newlin to Providence by train, rode back in Proctor [Houghton?]'s Thunderbird! Newlin to Committee Meeting for Cambridge Friends School in evening. I dopped around. Solitaire! Gee – the things I should do!

19. Thursday: Off to Coulson's for "Ghosts." Worked on book gift lists of Shakespeare Club history. Sent cards to absent members. Life magazine on addict kid. Tough – then three of the Chicago Seven and three Wechsler, etc. lawyers – Egad!

20 – 21 [no entries]

22. Sunday: To late meeting with crowds of young people. Interview with Joan Soderberg. Nice kid. . . . Newlin couldn't get the car out of the garage. Brakes locked, front and backing [sic]. Gavrelis meeting called off. Quiet evening. Took an artificial violet to Ellen – she liked it!

23. Monday: Took car to Mirak – to book club at Edie Sayre's. She reviewed Tom Watson and I.B.M. "Think." Interesting. The industry is the shadow of the man. Got the car. No charge. Newlin to [?] Committee Meeting.

24. [no entry]

25. Wednesday:

They retire to Victoria, British Columbia – perfect climate, not over-run. To Silberman's for dinner. Copeland and Towl. Very nice.

26. Thursday: Planes a gamble. Mrs. Mack cleaned up. To Shakespeare. "Enemy of the People" – left before finish. To Center for paint chips, and then to Airport. Alleghany loaded on time. Then sat one hour. Then to Allentown in 55 minutes. Ruth still there! Supper at Walps. She showed all her pretty things. To bed, weary.

27. Friday: Up late – Off to see Helen Feree in her retirement home. Drove all through Lancaster County and Mannheim – the other Kutztown just a hamlet. Home. SHAD supper. Slides of trip. So handsome. To bed late. Beautiful country!!

28. Saturday: Left house at 7:45 for 4th and Arch Yearly Meeting. Isobel Duguid and Fran. Education morning. . . . To Newtown via Bustleton and Somerton – AWFUL! Beulah Stover showed her apartment. Home – planned the furnishing of Ruth's apartment. It will be hard to choose but will look nice.

29. Easter Sunday: Snow! I reached for the paper and RANG the BELL! Snow and blow all day! Oyster stew for dinner. Played Royalty – good game. Much TV. Amazing storm.

30. Monday: Royalty and TV. Some records. Drive shoveled out by afternoon. Lunch at little place near Moselem Springs Hotel. Alliene a stroke! Went over many wills and property lists.

31. Tuesday: Nice lunch and gift shop at Moselem Spring. Packed up casserole and books and papers. I miss fresh air! Hate to leave, though.

April

1. Wednesday: 8:00 bus to NY – uncomfortable seat. Good connections for non-stop to Boston. Sat in front seat. Bouncy, headache. Newlin drove in and we ate at Ye Hong Guey. To Plan E in evening. Pretty pooped. Mayerson. Pihl. [?]

2. Thursday: Up early – did Shakespeare minutes. Felt like a Zombie. Aspirin. Car stopped twice – why do I always get it? Nap helped. To bed early. Rain in floods all day. To Center to see paint sample. RAIN. Martta came over by car and bus!

3. Friday: Felt better. Slept late. Bought seeds, coffee, cheese. No desk light. Home. Straightening up a lot. Vitamins help. Gorgeous day – windy. Nose dripping. Lots of letters and notes in evening. Harry O[’Brien?] called!

4. Saturday: Shopped for meat. Made aspic. Pork and potatoes in new-old casserole. Newlin cleared up desk room for income tax blitz. I vacuumed and dusted about. Perfect day. Newlin raked, too.

5. Sunday: To 11:00 Meeting. Hordes! Including thirty or so out on

the grass. With guitar. With song. Now really! Had picky throat. Didn't go to Roxbury or to Abbott open house.

6. Monday: Changed our sheets. Washed rugs at wash house. Queer sore throat and blinking ears.

7. Tuesday: Cleared out magazines. Changed davenport to open desk-room door. Closed desk. Went down back steps. Reduced dining room table. Such a heaving around!

8. Wednesday: Cleaned down front steps. Got all extra chairs down. Cleaned and cleaned. Tiresome. Bought geranium and begonias at Mahoney's. House looks nice. Newlin worked on desk-room clutter.

9. Thursday: Shakespeare Club here – probably last time. “Love's Labour's Lost.” House looked nice. Sofa is [only?] remaining Victorian piece. Very tired. All put away, though, and library chair up and waxed for living room. Davenport across radiator. Went well. . . . Head and nasal snort is endless.

10. Friday: Lovely day. I took Aimée L'Africaine to the Mall! What a time. Poor gal – lost in store!! etc. Took her magazines. She bought a hat and scarf. The \$1.00 dress from Thrift Shop needs adjustment. More than I can do.

11. Saturday: Tied up papers and took load 280 lbs. \$1.25. . . . Early lunch. To 1:00 services for Cleveland Bridgman – military line. All impersonal. Esther serene. Widow taut. Howard heavy. Home – Newlin on income tax. Me to Beelzebubs [Tufts glee club]. Quite good.

12. Sunday: Up, early Meeting. Paint is pretty Mr. Thatcher there! Home – Newlin not to Bakers Island meeting and dinner. Me and Devines. Felt let down. . . . To Gavrelis – Demeter in great form.

Gene Sullivan very helpful. Worked late. Home to bed. Dan Smith and Pam Johnson ask to be married!

13. Monday: Mild and sunny for the flowers on back porch. Typed up "Poem" for Friends School brochure. Newlin not to Visiting Nurses – working on income tax – me typing as we go.

14. Tuesday: Typed and figured all day. Eleven pages! No money due at this time, we overpaid in Dec. Quarterly. I bought Tenneco [stock]. Should have gone to Council Meeting on Code enforcement.

15. Wednesday: I went shopping! Bought a reduced-price blue part wool – perfect dress, \$24; and a thin summer all-purpose dress for \$40. Girdle, etc. etc. Splurged at Baileys – saw Margaret Welsh and declined to join the Moratorium Peace mob. Income tax all done! Bought two trays for our wedding present. 10.00.

16. Thursday: Shakespeare Club at Beattie's. Then to Tufts U. Womens Club to discuss future of club. Dumb program on cooking. Left early to get chicken supper for Mrs. Clatanoff. She's a frail but well organized gal. Plea for support of Rockport Bus trip. I'll go.

17. Friday: To Cambridge to stuff Bulletin. Good crowd, big job. Money to Estabrook for Tenneco. Surveyed damage in Square – useless violence! Took Mrs. Clatanoff, three boys and two cats to 4:00 plane. Poor gal – so alone. I haven't helped much.

18. Saturday: Finished wrapping gift. Birthday book, map, all set. Perfectly timed trip. Church wedding for Margi Snyder and Brian Roberge. Reception, then to the house – buffet too. Much family visiting. Very nice. Cousin Beulah at 80 is incredible. Her house is sold. . . . Perfect day. Groveland is lovely village.

19. Sunday: To early Meeting. Ninety adults present. Not full! Paint pretty. Fenwick to dinner – veal heart, beans, noodles, green salad. He had a two-hour lesson with Mrs. Dwyer! Couldn't wear R's shirt – took him back at about 6:00. Newlin to Plan E Executive Committee.

20. Monday: Rain on the Holiday Parade! Rotary had 99¢ pancakes! We went. They served 1,000 up to 12:00 in social room of St. Joe's. Nap. Much coughing for me. To Chamber of Commerce dinner. Harry O'Brien gave Newlin a huge bowl and award, me an orchid. But Rebecca Robbins died, and I felt badly. "a lifetime of service."

21. Tuesday: Finally washed Newlin's underwear at wash-house. Phone calls on the award – Marchetti, Oxnard, Shockley, besides many comments. Nice!

22. Wednesday: Washed in old machine. Sheets dried outside between showers. The rest in attic. All set for Shakespeare final party.

23. Thursday: To Shakespeare at Brooks'. Miss Rebecca Robbins! Thirty present to hear Packards out-do themselves. She is fabulous. . . . Finished ironing. Mrs. Mack here – thank goodness.

24. Friday: I can't get my work done. Rebecca Robbins was 53 – Ethel Amory is still suffering. Mrs. Fisk is hoping to go – you can't do anything but go through the motions – It's awful. Ethel died. Mrs. Neill looked so cadaverous and frail.

25. Saturday: Newlin to Wellesley on Yearly Meeting business, with sandwich. I spent a few minutes in garden. Sunned. Talked with Bransons. Did NOT get much done. Mouth sore. Felt dismal. Found needed recipes. . . . Ethel Amory died Friday – services Monday.

26. Sunday: Daylight Savings Time is here again.

27. Monday: I did the refrigerator. Then to Boston for rinse. Finally found some. Home via Cambridge for Ethel Amory's memorial service. Very nice. Hot. Paint in meeting is good. The Chinese porcelain bases are gone! Mrs. Fisk's services at the same time! We did not go out to Lincoln. Long School Committee meeting in North Medford.

28. Tuesday: Shampoo – the White Minx seems OK.

29. Wednesday: Picked gorgeous dandelions – had 'em for three meals.

30. Thursday: Made jello. Bought greens for jug on stairway. Newlin to speak at rally against Cambodian policy. Me to Mall. Wrote letter to Mr. Fisk. To bed early. Sinus, aspirin.

On a separate memoranda page Marion wrote:

I don't know why, but I'm frustrated. Newlin is too busy on Meeting and protest and code enforcement to fix the light at the phone, or finish screens, or tie papers, or help garden. Home comes last! I do wish he'd spend time HERE. . . .

May

1. Friday: Made dessert. Bought Ricebread and glasses at Cooley. Home. Hot and tired. Newlin to evening at Mendelsohn's. I cleaned up linoleum. Just about ready for company.

2. Saturday: Omigosh – screens on! Windows to be washed. Then preparation of supper. Seafood Newburg, rice, beans, handsome salad plate, pashka! Super dooper – three sets of wines! Luria,

Gray, Manly, Ounjian, Cornwall. Crowded but good.

3. Sunday: Put more stuff away. A good party! Sue Manly brought a book. Wrote a letter home about the party. Newlin to Tufts on exam books. Me to Gavrelis. Alex present. Good session.

4. Monday: Changed beds. Debated laundry. Phone call for Quaker phone calls . . . spent rest of the day on the phone. To big School Committee and Council joint meeting on portable classroom buildings for North Medford. Long. Voted free space for Scouts. I spoke for Camp Fire Girls.

5. Tuesday: WHIL at 9:00 – 10:00 OK. I don't warm to Ed Mattar. Then to Lexington Gardens. Call for help from Ellen on keys. Newlin to Faculty Meeting. Everyone upset over four students' deaths on Kent State College campus. Newlin to Council Meeting. Massé's chain saw \$180.

6. Wednesday: Fixed big chicken salad for League of Women Voters annual meeting. Then went to Plan E on code enforcement. . . . Young Taitz wanted Association support for Peace protest calls. No.

7. Thursday: Good day – cool and windy. Rode with Tufts U. Womens Club and Mrs. Wootton to Rockport. Good lunch. Walked a bit. Much “shopping.” Home weary.

8. Friday: Be sure to go to bank for rolls of change for the May Fair.

9. Saturday: Up late. Fuss around. Mail and key to Upton. Pick up platter from Povey. To May Fair – cashed till 3:00 with time off for hot-dog lunch. Young Skinner pretty good. Music – dumb! Shopped for Island. To bed early – tired.

10. Sunday: Left at 8:30 for boat. Water running down the path. Someone took our piling! Mowed grass. Storm [windows]s off front. Double bed made up. No water. Gas operates feebly. Chimney up. Some storms up. Home dead tired. Newlin worked till 12:00. Nominating Committee and Code enforcement!!

11. Monday: HOT! Muggy! Washed dishes before and after breakfast. Washed sheets. Feet burning. To Myrick with Imlah. Newlin to Visiting Nurses to talk code enforcement. Then to Analysts [?]. Played bridge and loved it . . . always do.

12. Tuesday: All wound up on crisis. . . . To Beacon Hill Friends House. Nice cheese soufflé and good beets. Minted chocolate cake. Me on Nominating Committee.

13. Wednesday: My heart thumping like crazy. Shakes the chair or bed! Read Guild and Adelle Davis. Finally slowed. . . . Plan E Executive Committee Meeting here, and I went to Committee of Whole at City Hall. Police reps talked to Executive Committee.

14. Thursday: Very tired – mentally blank! Monthly Meeting – three and ½ marriages! Mary Hall included. Took good noodles and hamburg and sour cream!

15. Friday: Two books – Frances Richardson came from Ruth. I mailed one back. Did Marriage Committee letters, and Got the Sticker! [?] That was luck. Heart not right yet. Very draggy –

16. [no entry]

17. Sunday: Quarterly Meeting at Framingham. RAIN! Cozy lunch. \$40,000 for Salem Quarter! Julia Abramson spoke. It was beautiful and green out there. Long day. . . . Then Gavrelis. Demeter talked endlessly! Pretty tired.

18. Monday: Tried to type Fact Finder on Code Enforcement. Went poorly. Newlin to Urban Redevelopment Authority. Enormous School Committee Meeting. Fenwick had car in p.m. to move air conditioner. Fixed the switch on telephone light. Almost blacked out.

19. Tuesday: The plumber fixed our drain. Newlin dug all gardens, planted twelve tomatoes. Heart still pale. Can't get much done. He and Herman Silberman interviewed Smithline. I fixed noodle and hamburger for his C. T. [?] Meeting. Towls want us to live in Dewing's house, to keep it for Friends.

20. Wednesday: Newlin on desk for last minute stuff. I found out he was eating at McClellands! So stupid of me to call her when she was hostess! To Providence in afternoon.

21. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came. I went over to the Center for stuffing Bulletin. Newlin to Winchester, then I took him to the airport for Philadelphia and Virginia. House all clean and no schedule to keep. Fine thing.

22. Friday: To Dr. Russell's for cleaning. Cavities next time. Final copying for Gavrelis Committee. Hot! . . . Whipped cream fizzer at Buttrick's! Crazy!! Petunias and marigolds all in.

23. Saturday: Trik-o is here, but nobody is off to the Island.

24. Sunday: To late meeting. Good but talkative. Henry Perry spoke – inviting guests to join us in meeting for worship. Took Gertrud Wagner to dinner at Mall Hot Shoppe. She liked it. . . . Last committee meeting with Gavrelis. A little rain.

25. Monday: Rainy, overcast. I got wedding invitations answered and checks written. Dress hemmed, too. Even some TV viewed. To bed too late.

26. Tuesday: Up and out to Hingham for office sub. or errand running. Did very little. Back to Cambridge and 4:00 date at May McClelland's with Vicky Tompkin. Interesting. To Mall for supper. Hunted shifts for Aimee.

27. Wednesday: Called Dottie Keef. Went to Cambridge for recorders. Got a lot done. Wound up at Keefs' for supper. Good oven "fried" chicken, canned vegetables, fruit cup dessert. Home at dusk. Dottie would ride to New Hampshire for sawdust sometime.

28. Thursday: Washed my hair all morning. Got fairly nice – White Mink! for color is OK. . . . To hearing on zoning appeal. Gordon Roberts suitable low-keyed. Eloise good. Architect OK. All neighbors and Longfellow [?] there in opposition. John Brooks for Mrs. Luther. . . . Went in Town – supper at Zum Zum and movie "Z." Terrific! Newlin must see it.

29. Friday: Up late. Mail out to Marriage Committee on July Meeting. Did some food shopping for weekend. Went in town for pillowcases – and a shift for Aimee. Supper at Midget – Fisherman's Platter almost killed me!! That's enuf of that!

30. Saturday: Another gorgeous day. I changed our beds. Cooked pot roast, germies, and jello salad. Cleaned out garage. Fenwick came for car at 5:30 – ate a bite and left, LOADed – Trick-o, etc. Watered the garden – good. Beans are up. Channel 2 Auction is just hypnotic!

31. Sunday: Up, breakfast on back porch. Beautiful day for Fenwick to go the Island. Missed the boat! Went to Rindge, stayed the night at Wayland with a friend.

June

1. Monday: Fenwick home by 10:30. HOT. Went to get Newlin – good to have him home. To School Committee Meeting – Kennedy School? No – Osgood School! Shambles of a meeting with Lepore, chair. Voted a pilot program of single sessions at four schools.

2. Tuesday: Crisis department. Ariadne Forbes is GOOD. Phoned for certificate. Pushed on license – really got to work. To Needham for 6:30! meeting of Beacon Hill Friends House nomination committee. Brought Bates home – to bed>

3. [no entry]

4. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came. I went to Cambridge and brought home 600 cards for the 70 – 71 budget pledges to put three members on each. Did ‘em at evening, as Newlin went to [illegible] Meeting security analysts. . . . Lovely tea party at Susan Brooks’ for the new Secretary V.P. – garden. Moon tonight. Lovely.

5. Friday: Up late. To washhouse. Newlin to Cambridge for checks. Then to Malden for summer Social Security. Hope it works. It means \$500 or so for us. . . . Fish for supper. Channel 2 – Galsworthy items disappointing. Boston athletes pull most money! Wrapped Soderberg’s gift. Hope it’s OK.

6. Saturday: Rainy again – or yet. Tomato blossoms show yellow. To Soderberg-Cummings wedding at 2:00. Very simple. Music in balcony. Girlfriend read the certificate. Brother spoke very well.

7. Sunday: To the Island. Cloudy, cleared of. Newlin Scythed, mowed, raked. I did up the boys’ room and played Johnny Maple-appleseed. Rested some. Home. Tired, and so to bed.

8. Monday: Newlin to Visiting Nurse at 9:30. Me to 3:00 School Committee meeting with Mrs. Morrissey. Bargaining bit – and

points for extra-curricular activities. Ridiculous. Every assessment will be challenged.

9. Tuesday: Washed at the corner. Went late afternoon shopping. Good luck with silver bags, a cushion, kitchen table cover, etc. Home via Pewter Pot Muffin Shop in Arlington Center. Bit of ironing done.

10. Wednesday: Newlin off to school. I stopped to see Aimée. She did not want shift or other dress. I took 'em home. She returned the shoes. She's just the limit . . . aren't we all! Worked on files to turn over. Newlin to Cambridge Friends School Commencement.

11. Thursday: Hot – just awful. Newlin to Friends Center and School – lunch at Tufts. 1:00 Strawberry garden party at Grauel's home. Aimée took me. Rest. . . . To Monthly Meeting – (fourteen eggs, deviled!). Turned over Marriage Committee files to Nora – Praise be! So hot, felt ill –

12. Friday: COOL! To close windows! Went back to bed two hours. Newlin didn't even know. Watered garden good. To Island. Shopped. Newlin to Cambridge Friends School at 2:00.

13. [no entry]

14. Sunday: Beacon Hill Friends House all day – benches were hard, crowd dwindled. Newlin stuck it out. Zaradniks fly! Quiet evening. Warm.

15. Monday: To Center to try to pick paint color. Asked for two patches to see. Newlin phoning frantically to set up a dinner to thrash out manager problem.

16. [no entry]

17. Wednesday: To Center at 2:00 – to see patches of paint. Lois mad. But the creamy is prettier. Rug is gone, so green is gone!

18. [no entry]

19. Friday: To Center for Bulletin – Amey drove! They are building a house, 24x26 garage. Betty Woodbury came, and Merrilie and her mother McAfee, and Miller. . . . Hot – beastly hot – cooked oxtail, shopped and went to Island. Cooled off.

20. Saturday: Cool and fresh. Should have had warmer clothes. Newlin cleared brush diagonally – massive job. I cleaned two barn windows. Put up new blind and moved the old. Cleaned lamps. Hamburg at noon. Oxtail soup at night. Scrabble.

21. Sunday: Up – cool and fresh. Newlin mowed. I closed up. Returned in a.m. – gorgeous day. Both tired and nappy. Me sinus in ear and face again. Fact Finder to John Upton. Me to last Gavrelis committee.

22 – 23 [no entries]

24. Wednesday: Easy morning. Pretty hot. Off to Providence. Then to Allen’s Neck Friends Church, Apponagansett. Smith’s Neck F. C. [?] and home via S.E. Mass University. Massive buildings. Very interesting Probably delayed Newlin no end. I can’t help it – new ideas are needed.

25 – 27 [no entries]

28. Sunday: To Meeting – sat in balcony behind whispering visitors. Andy Towl – “Love must be constantly renewed.” How true! Special Monthly Meeting for marriages and memberships. Ate late lunch at Window Shop.

29. Monday: Addressed for Fact Finder all day. To School Committee Meeting with Mrs. Morrissey. (What a perilous driver!) Negotiations most of evening – gum-chewing coach, etc. Gavrelis approves Directories. Fact Finder acceptable.

30. Tuesday: Up a bit late – ready to go at 10:00. Upton came at 12:15, all odds and ends done. He went over cards. Mailed 405 bulk, and about 40 at \$.06 at 2:15. I cleaned up. Then to Council Meeting. Reed's last. Joe Callahan, Acting Manager. Abbotts read my school report.

July

1. Wednesday: Up early. Put the soap dish back on – home it sticks. Got the files set up in attic, bought 24" x 61" door for \$3.00! Too heavy to get it farther than back porch. Put caulk on soap dish. Went over for Newlin at 5:45. Screens on too. Ye Hong Guey. Tom called, Tom and Elinor here next Tuesday for supper and night.

2. Thursday: Mrs. Mack cleaned us up.

3. Friday: To Island. Association meeting – nothing unusual, including limping generator.

4. Fourth of July: Painting and path clearing and eaves fixing. Water and store. Elvie O'Hara called in p.m. Strawberry shortcake at 75¢ in Hall. Good. We admired Barney's garden. Sat on Devines' porch with Ellen and Bob Harrison. Alaska daughter Gail flew down! Fireworks; cloudy.

5. Sunday: Painted two windows and the table background. Newlin replaced top under the roof opening in front. Cut the wet path open and lugged endless piles to "dump." Evening song service – DeWitt Wise – a thunderous Bircher! Scrabble.

6. Monday: Up, breakfast. Newlin mowed. I put up a blind. Cleaned up, and home on morning boat. Shopped for menu for Tuesday. To School Committee Meeting. Pretty weary. Negotiations endless! Community Schools added some ten playground supervisors. Good.

7. Tuesday: Tom and Eleanor day. 11:45 – no, not for lunch! For supper. Chinese soup, turkey salad, deviled eggs, pear jello, blueberries and ice cream. Iced tea. Worked on identifying old spoon initials. Good visit. Off to Providence at about 10:00.

8. Wednesday: Wrote letter home. Fenwick wanted car for pickup of freight, and for date with Lisa Devine. Newlin to Friends Center – last trip with Ellen to bank, etc. Newlin to Urban Renewal in p.m. Then took Fenwick to Cambridge MBTA at 11:30.

9. Thursday: Off to wash house. New sheets tumbled nicely. Ironed in evening – dresses and shirts. All cleaned up now. Merrilie on duty at Center (emptied office!).

10. Friday: Up, dressed, breakfast, and to Center by 9:00. Henry Mack started office ceiling. Living room done. Locks on windows and shelves in place. No phone calls. Mail for Draft Counselors. Home. Shopped. Supper. Maggie on TV. Very muggy and hot, but no rain.

11. Saturday: Muggy – and no rain. Perfect day to go to New Hampshire. Sandwiches and Laconia and Freedom Acres. Sawdust! Big day! Jars are ready with harps for lamp shades. Look sort of dumb. Do I paint the lids?? Newlin drove last leg – not too tired, though. 300 miles.

12. Sunday: To Meeting. Sat in front of Browns – so glad they are back. Paint looks nice in parlors.

13. Monday: Shopped and got new work shoes, and macaroons! Wearying, tho.

14. Tuesday: Up. Lunch packed – to Center. Cleaned up closet table and wall lights. Went to Boston for bulbs, stickum paper, new garbage can liner, lampshade etc. Big day to break in my new shoes! Pooped.

15. Wednesday: Newlin picked the first blackberries! We each had eleven for supper. I cleared up the desk in living room HOT – muggy. To Cambridge for Marriage Enrichment with Guerlichs (from Reading!). Interesting. Little new.

16. Thursday: Mrs. Mack cleaned us up. Looks slick! I finished Plan E stuff on Fenwick's desk. Looks better! Much rain – in showers. Good for the garden.

17. Friday: Up – gorgeously clear. I weeded the front walk. Put sawdust on side garden. Emptied car trunk. Opened cellar. Newlin took Walsh's books to Tufts, then [sent them] to Alice Lloyd College. Newlin working on farm stuff. . . . Szell and Cleveland Orchestra very interesting – no flutes!

18. Saturday: Hot – clear, sunny. This will make the garden jump. I changed our beds. Triple load to the washhouse, including six sheets – wearing the WIDE shift [sic]. Wrote to Lissa and to Five States for road maps. Ruth's reservation to Montreal, OK. To Island.

19. [no entry]

20. Monday: Home on early boat. Absolutely fogbound, ½ hour late. To Center by 9:05. Phoned fur rugs. Green office is nice. School Committee Meeting – No decision on imbalance.

Community School well received. Program for little kids.

21. Tuesday: To Center again. Ladies for lunch. Clothing room key was locked up – Elsie Paine in a dither! Newlin worked on finances. Home late. Much phoning about Redevelopment Authority. Cooked all evening for tomorrow. COOL!!

22. Wednesday: Up early – packed up food. Picked up Amalie Meisel, Charlotte Taskier, and Lois Brown; and off to Baker's Island. Perfect day. They liked it. Home; the rounds – late to get home. Long day!

23. Thursday: Pretty tired with the effort of yesterday. Chicken salad, deviled eggs, tomato aspic and excellent cantaloupe. Brought yoghurt back home from the picnic. Defrosted refrigerator.

24. Friday: Went shopping for trays (Design Research) for Dan and Pam. HOT! All dressed, so I fixed up a tiny cup of flummery in ice for Mrs. Hawkins. And called on her. She enjoyed it. Then to Tufts to see Anouilh's "Ardide." Love! Morals – scandal and repulsive mess! Home.

25. Saturday: Newlin picked again and I made the second batch of flummery. So good! Early lunch. To Dan and Pam's wedding. It was lovely and joyous! Queen Anne's lace and daisies for the room and her hair and bouquet. Several speeches. One song. They received everyone in the driveway. Just very nice. Home – SO HOT – in 90's. I was almost sick of heat. Newlin sprinkled all day. Scrabble on back porch.

26. Sunday: Me to Meeting. Then benches out [?]. Home to eat oxtail – delicious – and flummery. Quite warm. Newlin working on a review. I wrote a family letter. Maps coming in!!

27. Monday: To Center with fan. Newlin had car. Made more flummery. First nasturtiums really out. Tomatoes almost ready. I washed in afternoon and ironed a bit at night to get Newlin ready. Noisy! Polly Wood and Charlotte Taskier [?].

28. Tuesday: Up early. Newlin to plane to Dulles. Me to Center. Meetinghouse floor waxed and buffed. HOT! Awful. To Boston – got Linford’s address and phone. Blanket for Christopher [?]. Picked blackberries. First tomato! To Mary Higgins.

29. [no entry]

30. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came to clean us up. I went shopping for food. Little specialties for tomorrow. Gave Mrs. Mack some flummery and two tomatoes. I’m not eating them. Connie Butler is calling and planning for next Tuesday. HOT! . . . Brought Aimée L’Africaine up here to see the garden and visit. She is not eligible for food stamps – has \$8,000!!

31. Friday: Picked up Amalie Meisel at 8:30. Were down at Hingham Home shortly after 9:00. Pleasant day. Hot, but with a breeze through. Polly Wood there too. We served tea. Had flummery for supper. Amalie called Charles Parks a pusher. I reprimanded and explained and he smiled!

On a separate end-of-month memoranda page Marion wrote:

We are having a perfectly awful series of humid 90° days. I’m putting bath water on the tomatoes. They are terrific! The nicest I’ve seen anywhere. . . . I get more Social Security when Newlin is “unemployed!” What a racket it is!

August

In which Marion and Ruth take a two-week tour of the U.S.A.

1. Saturday: Phoned Bernice Oremland for League of Women Voters paper – I must send to all state representative candidates at once! To Mall for lunch. Bought rain hat, notebook, belt, and dress! Home. Nap. Typed till 10:00. Susskind and city magazines – Good, Positive. I have picked twenty tomatoes! Fabulous!

2. Sunday: Clear and hot – maybe less humid, but sunny. I was too late for Cambridge Meeting. Went to Lawrence! Pitifully few. Summer Sunday School class only. Home via Route 62 – lunch at Mall. Egad it is HOT – bought papers. Retired to cooler. Finished typing.

3. Monday: To Cambridge. Library books put away. Very hot. To School Committee Meeting. Kurker defending his plan of area school and Hervey School not used! Left at 10:00 to get Newlin from Virginia. Hot Hot Hot!

4. Tuesday: Laundry in p.m. Dresses! All done up for the summer. Newlin to Council Meeting. Home at 2:30 a.m. Kurker, Newlin, take note of who is staying. \$5,000 for start of Urban Renewal and new school in North Medford. To Cambridge in a.m. Newlin too on Treasury desk. Tomatoes for the ladies.

5. Wednesday: Much laundry. Mainly ironing and mending. To Providence for Newlin's Committee Meeting. I found two shirts for him. Home. Ate leftovers.

6. Thursday: Took League of Women Voters flyers to Library and Chamber of Commerce and Mercury.

7. Friday: Went shopping – Pan lids at Morgan Memorial. Had Catherine Hinds facial (\$15.00!) and glasses fixed. Walked me weary. Then Fenwick for supper. Made tea and flummery and lamb and rice. To Cantabridgia Orchestra performance –

interesting. I don't care for modern. Very tired!

8. Saturday: Washed the dishes from supper. Up late and leisurely. Wore new girdle. Sewed odds and ends. Meatloaf for supper, and a batch of flummery. Watched tennis – fabulous!

9. Sunday: To Meeting – about twenty members, total about eighty-five. Newlin did some checks. To Mall for dinner – baked fish. Pie! Pleasant place. Home. Sunday papers. Wrote Lissa and two wedding answers. Watched finals of tennis. Roche beat Laver – amazing! To bed. Pretty warm. Bransons home. Mrs. Hawkins hopes to come home! Newlin watering out front.

10. Monday: To Center – last time. Put “pulls” on two curtains. Did some recorder work. Much more to do! To School Committee Meeting – they voted a plan for “imbalance” – Lil there to speak to camping. Over at 10:30. Much talk of Weight Watchers. I'm losing now.

11. Tuesday: Washed my hair. Overcast. Rain. Cool night to sleep. An inch of rain – we need it badly. Newlin to Center as treasurer all day. Changed our beds and made up Ruth's. Getting ready for THE TRIP! Ahhh –

12. Wednesday: HOT again! I defrosted the refrigerator, then to the laundry. Four loads, everything. Got my travelers checks. Phoned for voter registration card. Very tired. Biggest tomato for lunch. Picked five more. Newlin picked blackberries. Mending caught up. Handbag OK.

13. Thursday: Mrs. Mack cleaned us up. Plants moved out. Shopping for seafood newburg. Caroline and Bob Warren and Christopher came to “tea.” Beastly hot. To Mall for supper. Monthly Meeting – four weddings! Room looked nice.

14. Friday: HOT – HOT. Met Ruth at 11:30. Lunch at NOISY Window Shop. To Wyeth exhibition – beautiful. Ruth sat and waited! Home. Good supper. Fenwick came with load of stuff. He is off to Rochester. Hummer all night – humid.

15. Saturday: Up early, normal breakfast and dishes washed. To plane to Montreal. First check cashed! Canadian Pacific station HOT. Laurentian Hotel lunch. 2:00 – ah! Positively cold in our double room. Fish for supper. A deer and a beaver done [?].

16. Sunday: Good night. Breakfast at 8:00. Outdoor stop at White River! Much water with trees. Played Royalty. Endless ponds and woods. Then into plains – flat, square. Aurora Borealis very bright. Could read by moonlight. Many bright gas lights on farms. But so far from neighbors.

17. Monday: Ruth up extra early for Medicine Hat. Student didn't show. Odd hours, early, etc.

18 – 19 [no entries]

20. Thursday: Alas, we leave Banff – visited springs and nearby lake. Lunch and turn in car. Sat in station – train roared in on time. Passed the (continental) divide soon – gorgeous sights on both sides. Nice man and professional woman at table. Lamb chops! Wow! Saw elk along road!!

21. Friday: Up for first trip to Butchard Gardens. Fabulous! Lunch at Princess Mary with cheese soup and strawberry pie!! Boat crowded to Seattle – we had seats and didn't move for about five hours. Exit last – Independent taxi, no wait. To Roosevelt Island. Called Lissa. Ruth took pictures of all old houses, by taxi. Only \$5.00! Last trip for driver. Victoria is NICE.

22. Saturday: Up early – left Roosevelt with Bob Well at 8:45.

Lovely place. Lissa very energetic and dominating. Kids nice but scarce. Off on 12:15 train to Portland. The Hilton. 89° HOT. Walked around, slummy area. Found Red Wagon Coffee. Pleasant singe room – cussed air conditioning. Demonstration paraded around outside.

23. Sunday: To First Friends Church, then Friends Meeting! To rose gardens with Jessalee Mallalien and Hazel Hemphill. Gray Line tour – Pittock Mansion, Zoo train, etc. Nap. Watch stopped. Missed movie. Must get it for Valeriani. Cards and letters.

24. Monday: First meetings. Hazel Hemphill! Ann Louise Strong fabulous! Hickel opened – solidly stimulating. Lunch was Scranton. Good, too. 4:30 to 10:30 bus to Timberline Lodge and buffet at Bowman’s Country Club. Raconteur from Boca Raton. Wife president of two-state League of Women Voters!

[Marion sometimes writes “diary is caught up,” which suggests that she sometimes writes from memory. This may account for her arrival at Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood on the 24th, and her presence in Somerville the next day – etc.]

25. Tuesday: Pretty sleepy – enormous group to hear about government change. Out early to hear Mayor Ralph present Somerville’s case. Sounded good. One gal and tape recordings, some pictures. Hope they win! Dopped around shopping. Beautiful wool and quiana!! Fruit for supper. Letters and cards. To bed late. Lindsay for lunch – TOPS.

26. Wednesday: Mailed package before breakfast – 90¢. Packed and ready. Good session of “what to do–” Karin Smith of Wakefuld, Ruth, J.M. O’Hare, OK. Checked out, jut juice and jam wrapped for Marion. To station – HOT. Train doesn’t run today! Wow! Bus to Salem. Ruth met bus!. Senior Acres – steak and beef good – lawns lovely. Visit with Marion Lodge.

27. Thursday: Ruth drove us all around Oregon! Lunch at nice Arrowhead Golf Course and Club. Then back to rest, and leave for train. Late! Bomb threat in Portland – Legionnaires and [illegible]!

28 – 30 [no entries]

31. Monday: Up in Albany Hotel in Denver. Ruth tired. No Gray Line.

September

1. Tuesday: Up – rough fast night 85-95 mph! Some Iowa and Illinois farmlands. Chicago ½ hour late. Parked Ruth's bag. Confirmed flight. To Palmer House. Gray Line to S. Chicago and Robie House and renewal. Lunch. Then separate! Charming figures at Peacock's! To O'Hare – jet non-stop to Boston. Over Albany could see Boston and New York! Taxi home \$6.00. Newlin called. Fenwick called. Rent in!

2. Wednesday: Started by falling with stool – skinned toe and wrenched foot. No breaks. Unpacked and put away. Picked tomatoes. Ruth called. Read some magazines. Wrote mail. Took rent to bank, etc.

3. Thursday: Foot hurts. Took Fenwick's books up and all but bureau. Laundry done. To bank with birth certificate, P.O. for mail! Napped. Went for Newlin on 10:47 plane. Pretty weary.

4. Friday: Up slowly. Toe is “festering.” Newlin to Cambridge, me to Dr. Freeman. He cleaned it up, etc. Shopping supper – fresh swordfish and tomatoes. Rehearsal for Cummings Claiborne wedding. White carpet!

5. Saturday: Dashed over to Design Research for a pair of trays. To

wedding. Must rehearse exits better. Gold skirts, white lace blouses and touches of orange. Pretty. A good silence! Reception at Commander [Hotel]. Music etc. Wow!

6. Sunday: Up – To Meeting. Baltimore man on selling all. Nora it is like a blanket [sic] – she’s wonderful. . . . Lunch at Mall. Home. Nap. Papers.

7. Monday: To Island on 10:30 boat. Newlin mowed and trimmed a lot. I was really weary. Nap in chair, and new view. Scrabble in evening. Missed Lil entirely. Called on Barney’s garden. Took elm bugs over.

8. Tuesday: Home on morning boat. Cleaned and filled lamps first. Shopping for food. Pretty weary. Slept two hours! Toe not much better. Chased down blender part at Sears. Watched Maggie – I must resume! Three more weddings!!! Hurds, Kenfields.

9. Wednesday: Newlin up to School. I took two ties out of the cleaner hose! Noisy, though. Put maps away. Tomat soup. Vacuum to repair. Clock hands fixed – free! Got rug. Feel better. Raining a bit! Pops Orchestra and Boston Ballet did “Peter and the Wolf” on TV – nice! Shakespeare schedule and Bridge schedule both came.

10. Thursday: Mrs. Mack here – polished us up without a vacuum. Made deviled eggs again for Monthly Meeting. Two more weddings! Approved trustees sale of house. We’ll stay interested in house next door – Dewing.

11. Friday: Off to Island – heavy traffic. Popcorn and peanuts for supper! Mild Scrabble game. Lamp chimney broke.

12. Saturday: Ripped up boys’ beds. Folded unused sheets and put ‘em back in drawer. Why bother. Newlin cut up some firewood. I cleaned out the stove corner. Finished up old clothes closet.

Scrabble with Al's new gas light – very effective. Moon is lovely –

13. Sunday: Up – clear and lovely, but clouds are coming. Home on a.m. boat, with lots of trash for the pier barrel. Home. Papers. Dinner at the Mall. Glad to miss traffic.

14. Monday: Rainy – not doing much though. Got laundry ready – didn't get to wash it! Put things away. Peaches are delicious! Wrote good letter home. Bought vitamins. Played bridge at Tufts. Loved it!

15. Tuesday: Rain! Primary! Dismal. Took Ivy Harris to poll, then N.E. San [?] – she gave me a Millay book. Nice. To Cambridge – Lois fussing on weddings, etc. Newlin did checks. I must get to work there, too. . . . Mrs. Hicks and Drinan in! Sacco tops!!

16. Wednesday: Up. Sandwich. League of Women Voters in Winchester. Four-star Panel. Gov. very good. Voters Service must DO more. . . . Turkey legs and fresh applesauce. Angel food iced with chocolate. To Beals for pictures of house. Nice Tombstones and beach. Amalie Meisel there.

17. Thursday: Newlin lost his keys – much stirring about. Paid Baker's Island tax – \$134. Bought PPL shares \$160. Now about broke! Trying to fit washline with drill. Slow. Newlin to Dr. Aisner.

18 – 20 [no entries]

21. Monday: Stuffed bulletin. I got Amalie and took her home. Lois had cake for us. To Billerica for Book Club. Mrs. Knipp dropped out!!! Carpenters in Winchester Apartments. Miriam did a travel book. Evening – awful hearing on High School transport. Phoned [illegible] about certificates.

22. Tuesday: Went to Coop for pen and ink. Fussed and copied one certificate. Lunch with the ladies. Many names undecipherable.

23. Wednesday: Copied Dan and Pam's certificate. Asked to Xerox it. It was so nice to have a typed list of names. Pen is fair. . . . To State House for referenda. None local.

24. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came. At 10:00 Mrs. Povey and I called on Valeriani to see the High School – fabulous. Not lush, but serviceable. He paid our lunch. Emily Flint is no longer with The Atlantic! She phoned about Nicholson. Newlin called Callahan to apply! Planned League of Women Voters meeting with Bernice.

25. Friday: Much phoning. Jim Nickolson made City Manager last night! Got sticker and license and chippers and India ink for fountain pen. Tea at North Street Church. Dreadfully hot – 90's and muggy. Read Jim Michener's book. Newlin preparing for Yearly Meeting committee tomorrow.

26 – 30 [no entries]

October

1. [no entry]

2. Friday: Took Dan Smith's certificate and got it Xeroxed – lovely. \$100 – took too long. But it is Done.

3. Saturday: Newlin went to Island with a basket of food. I went to Beacon Hill Friends House. A real mixer – talks, small groups, large groups.

4. Sunday: In to Beacon Hill with Beals. Morning session one too many. Meeting very good. Newlin went to judge Brooks' then came in to dinner. Home. Phoned on speakers, etc. It was a good

session. With Cuzzi for 1 ½ hours! Erratic!!

5. Monday: Off to see R. Flagg for speaking on Tax. To Cambridge to copy. Home to lunch (Newlin a cold). To Lore Halms' for Book Club – Harlston a new member. Isabel reviewed Washington's Expense Account! Freddie G. Fogbound. Hester drugged –

6. Tuesday: Stayed home – shampoo, changed beds, got Monitor articles on referendum. Toaster at 4:30 – fried ham for supper. Phoned for Plan E – some got no mail! Newlin to Council Meeting. Jim Nicholson for City Manager.

7. Wednesday: There was a Plan E meeting. Upton sent out notices to some people! Gavrelis committee report welcomed. Then hash on Manager fiasco.

8. [no entry]

9. Friday: It took me 1½ hours to go to Common Garage from Medford. Fog, deep traffic crawl – “horror scene.” Rehearsal good.

10. Saturday: Up – foggy and damp. Off to wedding. A lovely occasion. Christine Davidson, Chip Noon (Baltimore Urban Renewal) too wet for terrace. Cheese, bread, cider in parlor. Antique music – charming. Home in rush for Island. But the boat goes early!

11. Sunday: Off to the Island. Closed up completely. Newlin trimmed a lot. Poison out. Beds stripped etc. etc. Lovely day. Home tired. Glad to beat the traffic. The trees look SO nice.

12. Monday: Worked up the Shakespeare notes. Wrote letter home. Glad to have the holiday here. Haines and Kay Turner called! What a week this will be! Bridge Club at Tufts – I won FIRST! A

silver rose pin! Lovely.

13. Tuesday: I got the Referendum questions typed up and off to Esther Sweet. Duplicated the Monitor series. To Knights of Columbus of Somerville for Tufts U. Womens Club \$3.00/per person “market survey.” Soap advertising! Newlin to Redevelopment Authority Meeting. I missed School Committee. Planted the mums, cut out old bushes.

14. Wednesday: Baked germie. Made stuffed dinner rolls. Newlin off to Cambridge in p.m. I worked on phone. George Miller, Brooks, Brunaccini. Supper for Kay and Haines T. He looks dreadful! Fish gucky – rest edible. Nasturtium nice. Fixed five pounds of grapes for tea!!

15. Thursday: Newlin to dentist at 8:30. To Shakespeare Club. No record player. Newlin to airport – Virginia! again. Tea at Hallowell’s very successful! Ate many biddies. Sliced stuffed roll a hit. Phoned with no luck – Tierney, Taitz, etc. Mail out to some.

16. Friday: Rain. Calls to Harry O’Brien, Flagg, Plati, and Henaghan. Duplicated Plan E constitution and gave Upton nine. (Gavrelis one!) Bought papers on liquor [?]. Leisurely evening. A rainbow at supertime – made me feel encouraged.

17 – 18 [no entries]

19. Monday: Got together with Landy and Tempone to block our material. To Book Club at Nat Wyatt’s – Allman reviewed Brother Ullman’s book about Canadian Negro colony. Supper. Wrote out speeches. Newlin on 10:37 plane from Dulles. Good to have him home.

20. Tuesday: Did not take Isabel’s bus to Museum. Polished speeches. All set. South Medford Mothers Club – Mrs. Taddeo,

President! Went off OK – good questions. But very high and very tired. Blue knit is perfect dress.

21. Marion's birthday. Wednesday: Well! Sixty-three – hm. How do you know how old you are! Drove to Providence – very sleepy! Dangerously so. Quick turkey supper. Phoned most of night. Newlin phoned to Virginia and Tom – transacting business. I signed up Jim Brennan. Ruth sent a photo album with color prints. Fabulous.

22. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came. Shakespeare in Melrose. "Raisin in the Sun." Me – Mama! Elwell will speak for McGonagle. Nap! Good supper. Chamber has ad saying \$1,000,000 in taxes from Carrolls! Did notes and some phoning. Newlin to dentist – not too bad.

23. Friday: All speakers for Wednesday signed and supplied. Info to Mercury. Traveled to Lexington to find out assessment statistics.

24. Saturday: Planted the tulip bulbs! Pulled a pile of weeds.

25. Sunday: To early meeting. Sat in balcony with Jordan. Martta there, and Ingrid Hasskarl, Ethel Jones, and Joan S. Cummings. Letter home.

26. Monday: Mrs. Povey helped tie. Pretty tired. Newlin working with Cavanaugh on No on D. I got Lexington data. Rain. Tired. But off to Beacon Hill Friends House meeting. Good meat sauce on PILES of spaghetti. They want to drop Antioch cook!

27. Tuesday: Mrs. Houston helped bundle All done! She took to libraries and Temple. Cavanaugh to go to Council. Kurker raised Chapter 22. Cavanaugh MAD!

28. Wednesday: Took Voters Guides to several schools. No

opposition. Lunch in Saltonstall. Flagg is sick. Oremland and I sat with Emily Flint on plans. All OK. I will speak on the tax – YES! Very small audience. Went off all right. Upton nosing around. Ate at Tufts.

29. Thursday: Pooped! Up early. Two school deliveries before Shakespeare. Ruth Lawrence at Brooks' house. "Cymbeline." Unfinished. Cleaned front hall!!

30. Friday: Took Newlin to school. Sue Brooks wants a poem on Edith Scott! Abbott got the files from Upton. I took the needed quote to Mary Gavrelis. Newlin to airport. To Cambridge –copied Claiborn, Cummings. Supper with Polly Wood and Taskier at the Legal Fish Market. \$2.50, but good. Stuffed Plan E with Mary after 9:00! Sargent and White debate!! Full page ad in Mercury.

31. Saturday: Plan E mail delivered. The meeting on Wednesday will be our first legal one this fall! Upton is awful! Hallowe'en – I went to the Mall for a leisurely dinner. Only one caller, and he left before I got down.

November

1. Sunday: What did I do? Newlin away. Got papers, anyway.
2. Monday: Lew Manly died at 10:00 p.m! Heart. These athletes! What a blow. Hard on Newlin. Much phoning. Carpenter the key. Newlin flew in from Virginia while I was at Curtis's for Book Club. Stearns read from old Frenchman on teen age and growing to maturity – tedious. Gifford pretty bad. . . . Newlin to Nominating Committee in Cambridge, in evening! How does he do it?!
3. Tuesday: Took Ivy Harris, then Bradbury to vote. What a cranky - - - . A nap. Started on thank you notes. Worked on birthday poem for Miss Scott – 93! To Symphony – a nap helped. Pretty weary

and bothered.

4. Wednesday: Much phoning for Lew Manly. Should do more for Plane E quorum! Lavine spoke – stickery guy but good librarian, I guess. He left – John’s resignation as president. We voted him out as director, too. Demeter livid against Newlin.

5. Thursday: Typed poem to Scott – To Shakespeare. Talk with Abbott – they liked the greetings. Newlin to Center. Me to Badminton! Pooped. But felt good! Hamburg supper. Added papers instead of my work! To bed 10:00. All set for tomorrow. Blowing off cold.

6. Friday: Left at 6:30 for Newburg – found Ruth O.K. Winesap apples! 270 miles each way – long day. Took it easy. Taconic just lovely in late afternoon. Car worked pretty well. Home at 7:00, pooped!

7. Saturday: Left at 7:00 for Calais, Vermont. Got there at noon. Found cemetery. Mr. Harrison had four wives, the goat! Casual ceremony – no church or God. Beautiful light over field. Many neighbors there. To Stow. We lunched on apple and seeds near a church. Trapp Family closed! Motel. Dinner at après ski dive!! Pool game good. Overcast.

8. Sunday: Up late. Left Stowe – hunted breakfast! Lovely clear day. Hills so pretty. Route 100, then Woodstock, then Route 89. Ate dinner at “88” in Manchester. Much atmosphere. Home by 4:00 – heavy fast traffic – ugh. . . . Newlin to Plan E Executive Committee – I wrote notes and family letter.

9. Monday: Newlin to Nurses Board. Too late for Analysts. I found the Walden Organic Store! Apricots, sunflower seeds!! . . . Hostess for bridge – made coffee and tea, set up. Only four tables. Isabel’s hyacinth vase a hit! Very tired.

10. Tuesday: I went back to bed till 2:00! Shopped. Finished my report for League of Women Voters. Put stuff away. Howie asked me to hostess on Monday! OK.

11. Wednesday: Holiday all around. I washed my hair all a.m. Cooked chicken for Monthly Meeting tomorrow. Delivered my report to Mrs. Oremland. Newlin finished a tribute to Lew. I copied it and he delivered it. Did Shakespeare minutes. Good to get caught up.

12. Thursday: To Mrs. Taylor's for Shakespeare. All OK – not too much left of two histories in three meetings. Hard to write up. Added an exam instead of doing my own work.

13. Friday: the thirteenth! I took the good watch to Shreve's for a new buckle. Ordered informals. Shopped at Women's Educational and Industrial Union. Bought \$2.00 [illegible]. Lunch at Cambridge Pewter Pot. To Center to finish Steinberg proof and copy Vicki and David. Now to get all three sent.

14. Saturday: Up as usual. Off to 10:00 service for Lew. Hersey very good. Socrates quote excellent. Freeland almost broke down. Dan Gray and Bridgemans came – then Newlin off to Worcester to Yearly Meeting Committees. I did almonds, cake and apricot for Monday. Home at 7:00!

15. Sunday: Cleaned up and straightened up. Vicki and David came to check names. Then visited – archaeology and music. Furniture set about for Book Club.

16. Monday: Vacuumed and got all set – linen cloth! Windows awful. Natalie Wyatt reviewed "The Freezing Point." The apricot on sponge cake was delish! Cleaned up and put away. To School Committee Meeting. Parade of department heads on budget.

17 – 18 [no entries]

19. Thursday: Shakespeare at Mary Wootton's. Picture window! Bought Ibsen paperback. No badminton. Supper and house meeting at Beacon Hill Friends House. Newlin to Tufts special dinner. Paul Lynn piano tuner nice kid. Mrs. Mack scrubbed kitchen.

20. Friday: Unicef from 9 – 11. Then a Luxo desk lamp for the attic. Lunch. Newlin to airport via Sullivan Station and Callahan Tunnel! To Cambridge. Copied a Certificate. Called on Kate Payne. Buttrick's, then home. Kate is getting herself scared stiff.

21. Saturday: Up, breakfast, and wash all dishes. To West Roxbury to deliver Clayborn Cummings certificate. Enjoyed seeing the wedding pictures. Shopped. Home. Harvard Yale game!! Met Newlin of 5:58 – to Ye Hong Guey. Susskind on midi skirts, then husbands of Women's Lib!

22. Sunday: A party! Then to early Meeting. Good meeting – “You can't build a fire with a stick.” Newlin met Hauser MIT electrical engineer who asked about Linford. Baked potato dinner. Made germies. To bed early.

23 – 25 [no entries]

26. Thursday: Thanksgiving Day! Up at 6:00 to put turkey in the oven. To Meeting at 9:30 – Fenwick too! Grossman and Betty Woodbury chatted with him. Bill Hauser, MIT for PhD, guest. Crokinole! Fenwick to Elinor Preble at 9:30! Good day.

27. Friday: Up slow. To Unicef at 11:00, till 1:00. Then – no bread – poor shopping. Fenwick found pepper mill, knives, etc. I took

watch to Shreve [Crump and Low, fancy jewelry] and window shopped. "Artisans" for knives.

28. Saturday: Fenwick to Powell at 9:30. Early lunch. Newlin and I to Audio Lab. Bought a Pioneer 770 for \$250; brought it home. Newlin working on farm checks too hard to let Fenwick set it up. F. packed. I took him to Harvard – he'll dine then go to meet [Jan and Newton] Wayland – for Groton overnight. Scrabble –

29. Sunday: Cold and overcast – but we went to the dedication of the new Medford High School Building. Dave Skerry – good chairman. McGlynn did very well. Then we walked! It's big! Home, dinner, Christmas shopping by check. Nap. Papers. TV. Nader on "Spray America."

30. Monday: Got by-laws (125) duplicated for \$16.19. Took Lebanon and germie and suitcase to Airport – Met Fenwick – good weekend. Bad swordfish for supper! To High School for Community School registration.

December

1. Tuesday: Read "Railroad Street" by Ruth's student. Ecch – so crude, such awful people! . . . To Center to work on Recording entries. Mrs. Rabinowitz's mother a Wharton. Loafed and read all evening. Newlin to Center for American Friends Service Committee lecture.

2 – 5 [no entries]

6. Sunday: To early Meeting. All at school! Very small but good. Mailed invitations. Reed can't come. Moved on Thursday! Baked chocolate cookies (120!). Letter home. COLD.

7. Monday: To see Ballou for arrangements. Sound good. To

Center, copied Kimber-Housmann. Done by noon. Mary Louise visited. To Book Club at Sayre's. Hester did "Period Piece" – delightful. Mall, groceries. To School Committee at Hobbs with Lil Devine.

8. Tuesday: Quiet day – germie. Laundry. Ironing.

9. [no entry]

10. Thursday: Mrs. Neill's Christmas party. Lovely. I took Jessie, brought Stewart and Coulson home. Snowy and nice. Miss Scott didn't get there. . . . Cleaned up the house. Nominating Committee Meeting here. Mateo, Povey, Carter, Foti, O'Neill, Newlin.

11. Friday: Unicef cards – rushed. Mr. Kitzinger's assistant Miss Donaldson (almost simpering saccharine!) Bought Fenwick's key case. Candles, white, ribbon, etc. Tea at Center. Pretty pooped.

12. Saturday: Washed my hair. Newlin packed up his office to move again. Home 12:30.

13. Sunday: Last minute packing, etc. Snow! Tufts for brunch – to High School – found Bulls [?]. Walked to Tufts at 3:00. All set. It looks nice. Fire on scrap paper. Very few came. Some lost. Houston, Sullivan, Marchetti, Cafarella, Parker, Santosuosso, Andrews, Swain, Pompeo, Abbott. Newlin to Executive Committee meeting. Me to bed, tired.

14. Monday: Put things away. They didn't eat much. It was a good party. Changed our beds, probably last time this year. Spam, cabbage, and lemon-pudding supper. Me to play Bridge at Tufts. No rugs, bare, chill. Brrr. Good cards. Isabel won first cards! For their freighter trip.

15. Tuesday: Gorgeous day. And I have picky throat! Stayed in

bed. Blunder [i.e. blender] soup. Pretzels, salt water, vitamin C. In bed all day. Five Calabates four or five times. Logy, but no pain. Newlin to Friends Center to concert by Earlham chorus. Dick and Snyder.

16. Wednesday: Up and dressed. Not much ambition. Newlin drove to Providence.

17. Thursday: Awful flooding rain. I drove over to stuff bulletin. No one else there. Roads flooded. Then to joint School Committee at City Hall. Took Povey. Report on High School, and try for elementary [school] in North Medford.

18. Friday: Up early. Very icy. UNICEF at 9:00 – 11:00. Busy – shopped a bit. To Center. Did recording. Smearly! Durn. Newlin came at 5:30! Supper at Tufts. Long day.

19. Saturday: Up, slow. Drag around. Got cranberries and made relish. Wrote letter for Margaret Dunkle. Wrote for Beacon Hill Friends House. Letter home – Becky's letter to the boys. . . . Miss Linford a lot.

20. Sunday: Almost throat again. To late meeting. Gordon Roberts and Abe Sangry good – much critical talk! To Andover with Margaret. Dunkle and Lloyd Wilson – Potters, lovely home. Dan and Pam, Beals, Spauldings didn't get there. Good meal! Fruit cake!!

21. [no entry]

22. Tuesday: At last – found the sizzle platter for Ruth with a rack. Slick knife for Fenwick. Wrapped nicely.

23. Wednesday: Snowstorm forecast for afternoon. Newlin to dentist. I packed assorted packages and loaded up. We left at 3:30

– bad storm. Could hardly get down the driveway! Very slippery, slow, made it to New Haven Plaza Hotel. To bed relieved! Supper at Zum Zum. Yale buildings lovely in fresh white snow. Many cars off road . . . bad.

24. Thursday: Up, out of New Haven in sand and salt. Home by 1:30. Unpack, get settled. Off to meet Fenwick at Valley Forge. COLD. Late last hamburger customers at Boyertown. To bed, tired. Stiff mattress is good. Ruth's house is comfortable.

25. Friday: Christmas! Ruth had smoked turkey and ambrosia for four!! Records from Fenwick, sweater from Turkey, sofa cushions, cap and scarf, slippers, Adirondack book. Missed Linford. Ma's mink muff! Ruth's old scarf for Fenwick! A knife and key case for F. Sizzle platter for Ruth, gloves and scarf for Newlin. Lovely white quiet day.

26. Saturday: Newlin and Fenwick uptown for shoes. Pick up. Cranberry punch ready. Dave and Mary, Harriet and husband came for call. Fantastic racket of talk! Loved seeing them. Fenwick played "the picture" chillingly effective! He is good. To Glockenspiel for supper. Too full to walk.

27. Sunday: Up, off at 9:15, to Byberry Meeting. Very small. Nice old woodwork. Very familiar! First time in many years. Glad Fenwick could be there. Lunch at Ed and Lois'. Snow! Left F. early for limousine and went home. Good Christmas. Auntie very deaf – Ruth and Howard to go back to NY in afternoon.

28. Monday: Up at 8:00, off to Newtown. Auntie is very frail. Cousin Beulah settled in happily. Good lunch at Goodnoe's. Leisurely visits. Back to Kutztown without other visits. Car in cellar for packing. Played Royalty. Lamb stew of a leg of lamb!!

29. Tuesday: Up, off at 8:45. Perfect clear day. 350 miles via Port

Jervis and Danbury. But slow. Loaded with two chairs, much turkey, many packages. . . . Plowed ice over driveway two feet deep. Newlin chipped it out. Worked hard. Tired. Such a good vacation.

30. Wednesday: Newlin got Beacon Hill letter copied. I sent it out. Lamb stew at lunch, turkey in evening. Final program of “Civilization” – most interesting. Basically optimistic. Newlin to Plan E nominating committee with flurry of phoning. Must do mail.

31. Thursday: Mrs. Mack came – I shopped coffee, seeds, Earth Farm bread. Home for lentil soup. Good! Nap. Read papers. We are all cleaned up for the end of the year. No celebration. “Peter and the Wolf” on TV. Storm warnings for tonight. No license yet. New system?