

Marion's Diary

1975

January

1. Wednesday: Polished the Christmas letter. Newlin watched football – Cotton Bowl and Rose Bowl. Mummers' Parade only a few minutes. Enough football to last a year! Saw swearing in again.
2. Thursday: Cleaned. Beds changed. I typed the letter again and went to Moorestown for Xeroxing at .03/sheet. It's on one page this year. No calendars at the Mall. So guess we give up and use Ruth's pretty one. Began to stuff and address. The Kashmir cedar was planted – perfectly!
3. Friday: Newlin took Murrell over to Mount Holly. Then went in to Philadelphia – tooth bothering him. I went for Murrell. Newlin home at 12:30. Ruth and I left at quarter of one for Mary Edgerton's Memorial Service at the house. Early – we called and left after 20 [?]. Willis looked older. Richard, all Willis' family. Not David. . . . Sleet! We got home in time for supper with Pratts. TV and a brief game of bridge.
4. Saturday: Stuffed and wrote Christmas letters to all. Prepared and ready to mail. Flagler better – impatient with reading. Lunch with Miss Bates, who has lost 18 handkerchiefs since coming more than a year ago. I put some white ones in an envelope for her! Dinner with Ruth Hoskins. Newlin tied the tree up – it's nice! Newlin itchy with red splotches.
5. Sunday: Newlin very itchy all over. I went to Haddonfield to Meeting. Saw Else Fernsler. Straightened up apartment.

6. Monday: Reading Club here. Sunny, bright.

7. Tuesday: Newlin to Barnwell's class. I phoned for League of Women Voters – no hostesses! Newlin's itch simmering down. Dinner in a dark corner – he got a fish bone in his throat! Out to clinic. It went down!

8. Wednesday: Newlin off to Philadelphia. Me with Myra to L.W.V. – a howling success, without Ethel Daum. Home too late for lunch. Nap. To School Board Meeting. Maude Sharpe with hives! Newlin to Township Meeting – ended after 12! They will do a report quarterly – by Bernard. Aspirin called for. Ruth back from Salem overnight. Mercifully short!

9. Thursday: Up late. We were cleaned third – about right. Ear is better.

10. Friday: We rode with Mrs. Dawson – worked all right. Dinner with Pratts. Ruth off and in late. Bridge at Pratts. Louisa had a little set-back – talked a bit thickly. I'm worried about her.

11. Saturday: Up late. I washed seven shirts at Kotula's, bought gas – 11.2 gallons! Shoes repaired, etc. Lovely sunny day – I set the plants OUT and sat out at noon.

12. Sunday: Cut up an enormous flat head of kale. Cut up a delicious pineapple – .59! Just pattered in kitchen. Newlin's bone in throat better. Call in p.m. (after gizzards for supper and Superbowl game). Ruth having difficulty. Intestinal infection! Spitting and gagging, dripping urine. Felt messy! I slept over there [at Ruth's]. Gave 11:00 pills at 4:30 – what a nurse!

13. Monday: Cleared up and set up juice and ginger ale, etc. To Reading at Sterns. I read John Balaban "After our War." Lamont prize for poetry. Several were very nice. Vietnamese proverb:

“Birds have nests, men have ancestors.” Looked in on Ruth now and then. Stomach is settled. Now some fever. Saw one reel of “Goodbye Mr. Chips” – poor!

14. Tuesday: Ruth had bed changed and cleaned. Some fever. Newlin to Barnwell’s class. Thrilled – Psalms and poetry. Schlimmie and Drashers new to Square dancing. They did OK. It’s nice to have it again.

15. Wednesday; I rode bus to Echelon. No Neutrogena soap! Ate a soft pretzel! Found a Banzai book which I did not get. Bought Madrick “The End of Affluence.”

16. Thursday: No cleaning gal – Yong is sick again. Beds changed. I washed my hair. Took all day! Transcendental meditation – interesting. Many puzzled by “mantra,” etc. It’s to relax tension. Mrs. Powell died. . . .

17. Friday: To Hospital. Worked pretty hard. Home at noon. Murrell lost her wallet! “on the shelf.” Nap, dusted up for Pratts. Dinner and bridge, TV Washington Week in Review. Interesting bridge – I doubled once and put ‘em up by three!

18. Saturday: Wheatena at 10:00 am. Brown sugar still too hard, even with molasses. Played royalty with Ruth. She seems better. Mrs. Stokes died! And I talked with her yesterday! Two sets of flowers at one time in the hall.

19. Sunday: Newlin up for papers – icy! I baked cookies, finally. Wrote Auntie and Rowley. Found some snapshots. Mary Hottenstein called! So Newlin knows [?]. I missed the Harlem Globetrotters!! Stopped by Ruth’s – she’s better.

20. Monday: Storm continues – snow and such. Meetings canceled. Including L.W.V. here tomorrow – postponed to Wednesday next.

Medford Leas Residents Association – Newlin went for all of us.
Ruth still under the weather.

21. Tuesday: Lovely to see up to five inches of snow – everything looked Chinese-y. I took two pictures.

22. Wednesday: Newlin to Philadelphia. I rode the bus to Echelon and got the soap, finally. Plus doing birthday card. It was quite icy, even then. Kate was scolding someone for going to Moorestown – so we mentioned Philadelphia.

23. Thursday: We were late being cleaned. Nice to have Young back. Snow thinning, but balls wet. Had good program on post-offices and early covers in New Jersey. Coles of Moorestown. Mary Hottenstein called – Newlin took it – so. . . .

24. Friday: A real frost! Sun out – to Hospital. Fairly hard day. My back is talking again. Home earlyish. Dinner for five and then to Pratts for bridge. I did a grand slam! Bid only a game on it! Louisa is so weary and weak.

25. Saturday: Newlin up and off to Swarthmore in rain. Washed off all snow. Powell services in Media. Then Swarthmore College library. Then Alumni dinner and talk by Jim Michener. And home at 2:00 a.m! Long day. I cleaned thoroughly. Checked on supplies. Schlimmie came over in evening.

26. Sunday: Clear windy day. The dinner party a SUCCESS even without Edie Wood. Eleanor with cane; Mary not walking. But went off all right. Supper of soup after they all left. We are so lucky with our health and arrangements here. Ruth and Jack Gray to dinner!

27. Monday: Reading at 112. Newlin on Michener's Japanese Prints. I finished Royalls of Medford [Mass]. Ruth read from

Emily Kimbrough. Lunch with Styrons. Nap. Newlin typing like crazy again. Tom is tired of “little brother role.”

28. Tuesday: Finally a letter home. Newlin went in to Philadelphia for dentist. Then square dancing. I got the Newark Store address – 10 Fenwick Street! and records to be sent for. I’m not getting enough sleep, though. Pretty tired.

29. Wednesday: Unit Meeting here. All set, chairs out, and a total of seven! Butterscotch brownies GOOD! Newlin to Philadelphia for Dr. Carabasi. Judi Palombi all set for open meeting on land use. Eccch.

30. Thursday: The car was off to be checked up. Back in afternoon. I thought Candidates filed until 5:00. I missed.

31. Friday: Over to Hospital. ROUGH day. Mrs. Dawson not there! Then I went to get candidates and signed them up for Thursday evening. What luck! Dinner and bridge with Pratts. Interesting – but cool . . . Walk home and sleep.

February

1. Saturday: Off to 10:00 a.m. meeting in Cranberry Hall. Snowing! Graduate students from McHarg’s department on future Projection in Medford. Home for lunch – called on Bowser. But I was tired! Nap. Marvin Schlenker and Mrs. of ABC-TV – very interesting especially on electronic miracles. And yarns! BUG [?]

2. Sunday: Very sleepy. Newlin out of papers. No Meeting. Kitty and Wisswesser – agricultural chemist – pesticides and such. She’s a Realtor since ‘40’s. Interesting couple.

3. Monday: To Blatchford’s –

4. Tuesday: Newlin to Barnwell on Job. I did get a month's pills ahead. Just feel safer.
5. Wednesday: L.W.V. Board Meeting. Such a howling mess. Lettered signs like crazy – all those B's.
6. Thursday: I went to the Great Decisions – 10:00. They could not answer the starvation problem. I came home. Rested, dressed up and M.C.'d the Candidates Night: Bark, Bieberback, Butterweck, Bowser, Cleary, and Owens. Did all right. They were on time, and we closed on time. Quite a good turnout.
7. Friday: To the Hospital – a HARD day without Mrs. Dawson.
8. [no entry]
9. Sunday: To 9:30 Meeting.
10. Monday: Newlin in to Philadelphia. Reading at Edna Braucher's. Myra had a guest. Two John Goulds! All newspapers, no books! Ordered two records from Newark –
11. Tuesday: Cold and blustery – scattered snow. U.P.S. brought the two records! Record time!! . . . Square dancing – Drashers a step behind! Good – even the grand square.
12. Wednesday: Blizzard – blow, snow – cozy in, blustery out. Newlin in to Philadelphia! Adelle Brant moved in! Went to School Board with Maud Sharp. All present, eighteen in audience. Driving pretty bad – sand truck came around Leas.
13. Thursday: Newlin getting ready to go to Virginia. Me to Great Decisions – Myre Woodruff excellent on Détente and Russia. I asked a question or so. Most pretty quiet. . . . Home. Jimmy vacuuming curtains, plumped up cushions. Newlin off, finally.

Then all quiet.

14. Friday: Cold. I drove Ruth's car alone – not a bad day. Called on Margaret Roberts. Bot a dress for \$2.00 at thrift shop. Home. Nap. Dinner with Blatchford – then bridge at Pratt's. Took Utsch's candy. Some good cards.

15. Saturday: Slept late – up at 11:00. Walked for a dozen eggs, then slept again. To square dance practice. 45 poor! Good large record. "Texas Star" good. Home with cranberry juice.

16. Sunday: Up – pancakes! Good. Could go to Meeting but didn't. Put Christmas balls, etc. away. Put pottery on the mantel. Dinner with Louisa – 87th birthday! Typed Bylaws. Basketball – TV – "Oliver" – sort of clean in dismal scenes [sic].

17. Monday: Reading at Flaglers – her apartment smells! Ruth not back yet. Newlin off to Virginia – back soon.

18. Tuesday: They had a good unit meeting in a.m. at Shetka's house. A NEW gal! Excellent discussion. No square dancing. Flo Caldwell's father died. So I did some typing of bylaws.

19. Wednesday: Newlin to Philadelphia early. Home. I went to Engelke's to discussion leader for Administration of Justice. Pretty slow. Two new gals there. One a L.W.V. from Southboro, Mass. House as bare as a barn.

20. Thursday: Off to Great Decisions on Brazil – Mildred Johnson pretty touristy – not much on problems. Home. We had been cleaned! Somewhat! I got two double sheets. Willis Edgerton for lunch – talked all afternoon.

21. Friday: Newlin early to Philadelphia, then Swarthmore. Home for dinner. Ruth and George. Mrs. Dawson picked me up – very

light day! Changed the guest room bed! Shook all. Marg. Roberts perking along. Dinner with Pratts and cards 470 top score! Everybody held 7 trump against the bidder!!

22. Saturday: We would please gather pictures! We did. I did a laundry. No square dancing! Slides of England at 112. So pretty. But I got sleepy. Mr. Wadlinger “found” in Philadelphia! Myrtle Wallen broke an elbow and skinned knees. Too bad! Mr. Rothman’s stones quite intriguing. Flagler’s sister died at 89 (18 years older than Elizabeth).

23. Sunday: Newlin out for papers. Grapefruit is GOOD. He went to Meeting, I cleaned up. Read this and that all morning. Dinner with George and Ruth. Played some cards. Newlin wrote three-page letter to everyone with two maps enclosed. Scrapple for supper.

24. Monday: Reading here.

25 – 26 [no entries]

27. Thursday: Friend of Stern – Dr. Bell, University of Pennsylvania, very good.

28. Friday: Hospital – big day. Me pretty pooped.

March

1 – 4 [no entries]

5. Wednesday: Myra drove to L.W.V. at Daum’s. Such a hullabaloo! Anyway it’s the last one for me! I gave Ethel my papers for Bulletin – uneasy, she’s forgetful! Lunch was delicious – broccoli, chicken, soup and seasoning done in micro-oven.

6. Thursday: Up – we first! Beds changed. I went to hear Will Pratt on Nuclear weapons. He was terrific. Home, so weary! Slept. Dinner and bridge with Pratts. A grand slam! But I was too, too.

7. Friday: Up, tired. To Hospital. Mrs. Sinclair very sick. Mrs. Lewis game! Mary Ann Nicholson to see Mrs. Lippincott. Visited a mile-a-minute. Home. NAP. Dinner with Mrs. Macy! To Lake Pines Colony Club for candidates meeting. Dumb! Lane Bryant came!

8. Saturday: Ruth over to change bed – clean sheets. I did laundry and the blankets from the bed. They SHRANK! I drove over to Wanamaker's and bought two white ones at \$36 and put them on! But the strain! Did a little aimless square dancing.

9. Sunday: Newlin off for papers. We went to Meeting. Then home for apricots and shopping! for Beals. Seven grapefruit for \$1.00! and good. They came after 5:00. Talked a bit, then went over for supper. Kate hovered and took Amey through the Medical Center. We stopped with Ruth – then came home. TV – saw gorgeous skating – Russians #1, USA #2.

10. Monday: Good breakfast – grapefruit, scrambled eggs, toast, and Florence Selleck's beach plum jelly. Our last. Amey took an hour to pack one suitcase! They left at 10:30. We washed up and napped. Exhausted, talked out. Didn't go to movie – "Gigi." A letter from Fenwick came – pleasure!!

11. Tuesday: Up. To bank, then Philadelphia to Flower Show! No place to park except Haddonfield! Arrived 10:45. Central theme fair, side exhibits very nice. Tuesday's child [is] full of grace. Miniature rooms, tables, window boxes, banzai, etc. Bought a couple of seeds. Home. Slept 1½ hours. Dinner and dancing. Newlin ferried voters and the results will be interesting – as always.

12. Wednesday: Newlin off to Virginia – long time to pack. Finally to Philadelphia first. Then back for map roll! Finally on the way.

13. Thursday: We are first again. I hurried the dishes. Made up the beds. Prepared guest room for George. Dinner with Rowleys, Hollingsheads, Mildred Johnson, and me. . . . Mrs. R. on the projector for Galapagos Islands. Three posters up. Amazing pictures – focus not very good. Strange place. Blue footed boobies, iguanas – ecch!

14. Friday: Mrs. Dawson took us to Hospital So many to visit. Kept pretty busy. Home – NAP. Dinner with Pratts and Ruth, then bridge at Ruth's. Louisa had two plastic baskets for us, made in the Med. Center. They're very handy.

15. Saturday: I finally put together some fresh coconut chews. Taste of soap! Ruth and George liked them. I walked over for eggs – pretty blowy. Kate said I shouldn't go, so of course I did. Played words and saw "All in the Family" AND the Jeffersons.

16. Sunday: Up, no meeting! I baked nut cookies for the L.W.V. – a mixed product. Dinner with Styrons – nice. Much paper and Atlantic and letters. Now on School Board report. I took some begonias down to Louisa Pratt. She was pleased!

17. Monday: Up – to Blatchford's for Reading. Ruth's yellow table cloth is good. Lunch with Rouse and brother Andrew. Poked at garden – wet! Dinner with Ruth – Newlin home at 8:00 with typewriter! No supper. Smothers Bros. good. Supporters, dumb.

18. Tuesday: Washed my hair! Took all day. Did some shopping for annual meeting of L.W.V. Square dancing very good – we knew some finally. Newlin too pale after two hours in garden. He didn't dance – I did Moss!

19. Wednesday: Drove to get coffee pot – assembled everything for L.W.V. meeting. Poured all day! Made many signs, and Myra and I watched doors. Twenty-two came. I did poorly on bylaws changes. We cleaned up every thing after the meeting. Newlin went to organization meeting, then helped clear up. So good to do it!

20. Thursday: Washed up and put away all morning. Plain forgot Hewes on Oil Nations in “Great Decisions.” Pretty tired. Dinner with Coles Roberts before evening on “Apples From Bud to Bite.” Auctioned a red apple to me for \$1.25. He had given the talk five of six nights in a week.

21. Friday: Newlin and Ruth went to Greenwich – lovely day. We had an enormous list to trundle. I did a couple of Stretchers including Samuel of Leesure Towne. Very weary. Bought Bovung. Slept. Dinner with Pratts. Bridge with Newlin till he went to Township committee meeting on School budget. Ruth came to play. Mrs. Kennedy Sinclair died – tough.

22. Saturday: Up late. Cut up a pineapple, and just read the paper. Lunch and dinner with Mr. Caldwell. I got some bovung into spots for pink lily-of-the-valley. But it rained again. We danced briefly, then Newlin and Ruth conferred.

23. [no entry]

24. Monday: Reading at Ruth’s – only us and Sterns! Everybody away for Easter.

25. Tuesday: Newlin off to garden. I went to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to see Fran. Hung around, bought books, etc. Luders on Women and Quaker [sic]. Bought an 18½ dress – S&C – it’s too big! Home, pooped. Too tired to square dance. First I’ve missed.

To bed at 8:45. Strike of transit workers really limited me.

26. Wednesday: Up and off to Peg Sutton's – Nominating Committee Chair! Home. Lunch with Tuckers and Sally. Tucker down on management! Hunted natural cookbooks. Newlin off for taxi ride – then Board of Health.

27. Thursday: Up with the whistle. Made dumb sandwiches on thick bread. Newlin vacuumed. I dusted. Adelle Brandt brought a card for Elizabeth Acton – still confined. Florence and Harold Seaman came at 10:00. Pink pips and brownies. . . . Off to Brigantine. Cold. Swans and big blue herons. Not many birds except Canadian geese! Home. Missed the cleaning. Almost a headache.

28. Friday: Glasses broken! To Mount Holly – got along OK. Then to Lakes Optical – new frames \$15.00. NAP. Dinner with Pratts, then a game. Louisa won – 2400 +. Unusual dummy cards. Louisa talked of Marjorie and Dorothy Harbours.

29. Saturday: And lunch with Pratts.

30. Sunday: To 9:30 Meeting. Bro. Andrew pretty heavy. Easter Sunday. Helen Ridgeway read from John Knowles' autobiography. Styron pretty good.

31. Monday: At Edna Brauchers' I read John Dickinson and Tom Paine. Then Moneysworth on current government "fruitcake" expenditures! Newlin in to Philadelphia. Ruth and I to Auntie's with thrift shop dress – it fitted!

April

1. Tuesday: I up and took two lamps to be rewired. Genie is a good shop. Spent \$11.00 for orange juice and a things. 10¢ for four ripe

bananas. To Square Dancing – I bellowed at Bail! He’s really sophomoric! Frat house type. Eccch!

2. Wednesday: Typed bylaws. And page for 1040. Lunch with ed[ition?] of Womens’ Home Companion Cookbook – why live in the past? Hammer and Urquehart . . . dinner for six – Grays and Ewings. She was a Fussell! Awkward, though. I called on Grays with Eleanor’s letter and the guest book. Read papers all evening – sort of rundown. Ruth to Doylestown. I sat out in sun – first time. Snow in Chicago!

3. Thursday: Changed beds. Blowing, blowing!

4. Friday: Up and early to pick up Dawson. Blowing like crazy. Electricity out a couple of hours at Leas. Pretty cold, too. Home – stop for Pampers, then to daughter – we left her there and then I went back. All OK – but just wound up. Newlin went for the rewired lamps, and errands. Dinner with Pratts – bridge here. Very cold and blowy. Me weary.

5. Saturday: Up. . . . Dinner at Chinese restaurant – and George paid for it. Here for a game till Quaker midnight.

6. Sunday: Up. Newlin for papers. I dressed and we BOTH went to early Meeting. Andrew Styron, Helen Ridgeway and Bregman. Fair. . . . Dinner with George and Ruth. I played a game, then home – and found the four pictures for Ruth’s book. Newlin and the twins on phone – frantic. I did a page for income tax – then stalled. Frantic again – Eccch!

7. Monday: Reading at Flaglers’. I read from “A Simpler Life.” Quite a discussion on the Country Club atmosphere. But it was the residents. Lunch. My “paper” for eye exam. Dinner with Adelle Brant. Piano recital – Newlin went, I didn’t. Finished report of School Board Meetings.

8. Tuesday: Dinner with Colvins and Ingersolls. Pleasant. But the last square dancing – three squares. Mr. Flo was there.

9. Wednesday: Up early for 9:00 appointment with Dr. Friebel – good, thorough. I took prescription to Benson, next door and bought new frames (\$27.50 this time). Drops made me fuzzy. To School Board meeting, took Maude Sharp. Oliver left the room when his wife came up.

10. Thursday: Phoned all morning for L.W.V. Board! Young Mr. Rutgers on Water – used McHarg study.

11. Friday: To the Hospital. Easy morning. Restless afternoon. Dinner with Pratts and Ruth. Then bridge at Pratts. I sat in Morgan's rocking chair but it helped little. Still cold.

12. [no entry]

13. Sunday: Daffodils are out in force. Beautiful. No Meeting. Some typing for income tax, and copying. Saw Judi Polumbi on TV with Senators Allmond and ?? She was a peppery gal! We need more!!

14. Monday: Reading Club here – after Newlin left for Philadelphia at 6:45! I read a Shakespeare Club bit. Mary McGrory on Bella Abzug was hilarious. Edith Stern does find the gems.

15. Tuesday: Newlin fussed about to get tax copied, then mailed. We pay none now! That's nice. I sent a modest check to the American Friends Service Committee. About time! Baked a germie for Collins' table in the Mall – for Hospital.

16. Wednesday: I went early to Bende with stoneware dish. No. So I ordered a table centerpiece. Long, low, fluffy for Thursday.

12:50! Home. Fuss over misunderstanding of nominating committee request for suggestions. I dreamed up my own. Newlin dashed off a full and complete letter to go into the files. Hammett! Eccch! The flowers came in afternoon. Solid, small. Needs a coffin under it!

17. Thursday: Spring. Up – two lunches for Bowman’s Hill [Wildflower Preserve]. But Dan made other arrangements! Lea cleaned lazily. The great A.R.A. program. Table looked pretty with goose and daffodils on stone base. Program very interesting.

18. Friday: To Hospital – pretty weary. Very long list to do. Home weary – almost headache. Cumulative. Plus back! Ruth played bridge with the Pratts and Newlin.

19. Saturday: Sat in front of Stewarts two hours with Anne Auerbach, registering voters. Gritty dirty spot. They did sixty in the whole day.

20. Sunday: Newlin and I both went to 9:30 Meeting. Sixteen or so young folks filed in and sat in two rows. Andrews and a Philadelphia Friend, leaders. They were opening Camp Darkwater. Newlin and Grace Ober took them on a tour. Fenwick phoned – he is coming to Ruth’s Building party! Cheers!

21. Monday: Reading at Sterns’. Then quick make up bed for Beals. They came in mid-afternoon, from Washington, while I was shopping for our lunch tomorrow. Ruth and Kate sat with us at dinner.

22. Tuesday: Sandwiches – peanut butter and cucumber! Off to Brigantine. Clear lovely day. Saw my Canadian goose families. Newlin and George had a field day with a rail and a snipe! Home. I rested while they visited the canoe, etc. . . . Ruth at dinner. Then tour including Community Room 7 – and there was Kate and a TV

program on bird songs. Will Pratt spoke on Roosevelt and De Gaulle. Excellent!

23. Wednesday: Our screens are ON. Beals left about 9:45, for Connecticut. So nice to have a real visit with them. I washed up and put away. Took Newlin to Ashmont, went to Easlon and bought vitamins and a sundae for \$.30! at Strawbridge and Clothier. Home. Nap. Sandwich supper, and to Jean Luke's for an evening L.W.V. meeting. Well! Ruth Ashon, Marion Thorpe and I were IT.

24. Thursday: Up. Breakfast. Beds changed. Plastic off the air conditioners. Lea stripped both bathrooms and waxed them. That was ALL! Rain again. But warm.

25. Friday: I went over with Mrs. Dawson. Boland said "This is the day" and drove me home. He had a quick tour of the place, and was impressed. Went back in about an hour. Bridge with Pratts.

26. Saturday: Up reasonably early to go to Salem Open House Tour. At lunch we sat with Dan and Pam Smith – what an excitement. Saw a couple of houses in Salem and a couple in Penn's Grove. Then home. Ruth had a commitment elsewhere.

27 – 30 [no entries]

May

1. Thursday: Mrs. Cole away – we were cleaned early – Again!

2. Friday: Sat on the phone most of day and night. I went to bed. Didn't go to Hospital – wanted to save energy. Bed made and all set. He [Fenwick] came after I went to bed. So good to see him.

3. Saturday: Ruth's big day.

4. Sunday: Breakfast – cereal and grapefruit. George and Ruth and Newlin and Fenwick and I. Newlin out late for papers.

5. Monday: Up. Scrapple and pancakes. Fenwick went shopping at Johnson's – shoes, etc. Packed. Lunch. SO slow! Off to Bus at 2:00. He hoped for money at NY bank! We shelled out what we had, and off he went. Hate to see him go, but he is all right. . . . Awnings went up.

6. Tuesday: Names on yellow for Republican primary. Rain. I must get to the Nominating Committee for League. Took Myra and Edna to special School Board and public meeting. "Beautiful people."

7. Wednesday: Cool again, and wet. But it cleared. Finished the names for tomorrow. Typed the announcement. Newlin got it duplicated. Dinner with Dan Smith and his 4th-grade teacher Mrs. Belzer. (70th reunion at Trenton) What a gal!

8. Thursday: First to be cleaned, again. And then inspection! Pieces of glass, cobwebs, market list before and after. Not a good job by Lea! Fine thing to have surprise inspection. . . . Primary June 3 – Republicans came and it was a fine audience and panel of candidates.

9. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Dawson not there – only a modest list to push around, Lots of help out back, though. We drove about to find tomato plants and white cascade petunias. Tomatoes four for a dollar! marigolds six for a dollar! High! Bridge with Pratts.

10. Saturday: Went to the Acme – and found White Cascade petunias! Newlin planted the tomatoes, dug up the ajuga. Then went off with Ellen Thomas to plant stuff in the woods. I transplanted the ajuga. It may survive!! It's nice and warm. We're

eating out.

11. Sunday: Newlin up for papers – he went to Meeting in Medford. Katherine came to see Ruth and went to both Meetings, plus the song service. Dinner together. Open House – Leeds, Solly, Mildred Johnson, Sokol, Gilbert, Marx, Strong, Reid, Hammett. Very interesting – We're next!

12. Monday: Reading Club at Flaglers'. Katherine Kline Dyck came and read. I picked ALL the pink lilies-of-the-valley and took them to Club and to lunch. Ruth and Katherine to Brigantine. We were spot cleaned, and shampooed. Better. Newlin putting fence around the garden.

13. Tuesday: I went to Moorestown Mall for Newlin's breakfast. Bought a sleeveless dress for \$9.00! Spent the day hemming up the pretty skirt with the blue top. . . . Ruth under the weather – six fried oysters at Olga's last night, and she's due at Kutztown Rotary tomorrow. She, too, must learn to stop.

14. Wednesday: Newlin dug our flower bed and planted twelve nasturtiums. The dirt looks better. It is a nice semi-circle around the tree. Hemmed down the skirt of the new dress. Ruth is better, and off to Kutztown. I went to School Board Meeting alone. On phone ALL day for presidents to come to the luncheon.

15. Thursday: Changed bedspreads for summer. Newlin took car to Merrit's and walked home. The mail came – the check for \$56,112.50! I walked it to the bank, and home by the railroad. HOT! I must lose some weight. Dinner with Pratts. We drove to find pink geraniums. Louisa frail. Barnwell brought a Torenia plant!

16. Friday: Drove haltingly to Hospital. Slight day. Home. Car to garage again. Newlin to garden.

17. Saturday: Vacuumed for tomorrow. Newlin to garden. Limas, watermelon, etc. in. Kildeer nest has four eggs! To Ed and Lois' for lovely roast lamb dinner with asparagus! and ice cream with STRAWBerry and cookies. Ed's pictures of Ruth's day were Very good. We brought them all back.

18. Sunday: AT HOME! We had seventeen visitors – emphasized maps and the poster. No one spoke of pottery on mantel! We really did look nice. Ruth returned in p.m. – was tickled with Ed's slides. Had a bad time with health while gone. Just a let-down after all the big affairs.

19. Monday: Reading Club here. We'll meet two more times. Newlin found a weather forecasting [sic] plus Galveston flood – interesting, to me. Ruth read from Alice Lloyd College blurb – rafts pegged with dogwood! I always enjoy it. Medford Leas Residents Association meeting. Ruth goes on the Board. Good – gives her something to gripe about. I kept busy on Democrat name signs.

20. Tuesday: Hot again. My two dresses dried overnight. I've shifted my wardrobe. Did name signs until too sticky. I turned the air conditioner on – first time. (96° in the window alcove!!)

21. Wednesday: Ruth spoke on Parliamentary Procedure. League of Women Voters lunch, silent auction – (I took a Luxo desk light). brought home a basket of Peg Sutton's goodies and a nut dish. Made \$110! So warm – almost sick. Newlin to Planning Board and Township Committee. Finished names for Thursday. Lovely ballets by N.Y. City ballet. Balanchine. Lovely white, then vigorous Villella, then. . . . sort of improvising.

22. Thursday: Newlin to Philadelphia. I washed my hair. Turned out well. I "borrowed" the ladder and put up the bean strings.

Some have broken ground. . . . Democratic candidates night. Few in audience – maybe fifty. I was pretty weary. But it was a good evening. Judi Palombi off to record for League of Women Voters with McHarg.

23. Friday: Rode with Dawson. Came home for lunch. Beastly hot. Almost a headache. Newlin in to Philadelphia again. Pratts had a court dinner before concert by Harbaugh's daughter. We came home to Washington Week and Wall Street Week.

24. Saturday: SO HOT! 96° in sunny window. The beans are up. I did a laundry in p.m. at Kotula's – almost did me in. Nap. I sprinkled the garden thoroughly. Ironed six shirts, housecoat and two dresses while Ozawa led Japanese instruments and singing, U.N. '74 program.

25. Sunday: Newlin off for papers. I switched his summer/winter suits and ties. Over 50! Late dinner with Pratts. Then home, and off to see apartments. Liddle, Grant, Durr, Neilson, Prall, Hubley, MacMillan, Northrup, Lisa, NEAT. LeHecka, Stratton, Marter, Hammer, Lee, Miller. Newlin went over for buffet supper. I ate toast, cheese, and applesauce. One round of Scrabble!

26. Monday: Memorial Day! Reading Club at Stern's. I read from Lange's Survival. Solar House. One more meeting – at Blatchfords'. The first millipede in Ruth's Court!

27. Tuesday: Cleaned up some. Lissa came for lunch and talk. She is a great gal. I sat under a tree because I didn't finish the directions to D. Read a chapter in America – sprinkled the garden and grass. The court looks bushy!

28. Wednesday: Kate left for Maine – a Philo day! Newlin to Philadelphia. I went to Echelon for peanut butter (and two records, Berio and lute). Newlin to Board of Health in p.m.

29. Thursday: Gorgeous day again! Doris Steel brought L.W.V. calendar for Mrs. Prall – in the middle of cleaning. We cleaned up. Pratts came for bridge – down three – not [net?] doubled! Will top scorer consistently.

30. Friday: Rain threatened. To Hospital. Light load, but it kept me plenty busy. Newlin napped in a.m. – did not go to long anticipated Swarthmore Alumni dinner, etc. Ruth took Davises to Brigantine. They asked us to Olga's fur dinner. Cider was ample, and good. Wow! Then home for royalty. Newlin didn't go to Olga's, either.

31. Saturday: Slept till after 8:00. Very muggy! Breakfast on patio. Gay Slayton would like some coral bells again. Newlin out for apples (last day) and shoes. Late for lunch. And then a flat to chase after. Ruth had four guests for lunch – Davis, George, Mary Sara, and Jim. They left in p.m.

June

1. Sunday: I actually went to 9:30 meeting here. Pretty good. Styron improves. Steak for dinner.

2. Monday: So many little details connected with election. Tried to do school board notes.

3. Tuesday: Election day. Gorgeous day. Newlin found the list of pick-your-own farms in New Jersey. I hunted up Conte Farm and picked a quart of strawbs! Schlimmie called – she had a friend – Margaret Dietrich! We talked like crazy. She looks nice. My recorder came! I'll never!!! Finally did School Board notes for L.W.V. Alan Hunt stopped in briefly.

4. Wednesday: Lovely day. I picked about five quarts strawberries. Gave 'em out around the court, froze some. . . . Much talk about

election results. Grace Donnelly didn't make it! out as President!!
Carnivale and Weiss did. Newlin to Township Meeting. Ruth to
organization meeting. All others for Ruth – She voted for Lindy
Ware.

5. Thursday: Newlin to Philadelphia. Took check for \$40,000 to
Richard Smith Elkins Stroud – plus “information” inc[luding?]
“Who is your husband?” I asked Newlin to be sure to ask who his
wife was. I could spit! . . . Cleaned the two folding chairs. Iffy
weather. Picked peas – so good. Crackling thunderstorm.

6. Friday: Drove to Mount Holly – took stuff to thrift shop. Bought
a dress for Aunt Anna – \$1.00. Tried it on – GOOD! Pratts for
dinner and bridge. I served pound cake, crushed strawberries and
non-miracle whip. Will won again. Mothball sized hail. Picked
more peas.

7. Saturday: Omigosh – I transferred \$38,000 and wrote a check
for \$40,000. Transfer of \$2,000 and deposit slip in Medford mail.
And letter to Richard Smith for government bonds (\$10,000),
flower bonds (\$5,000), \$900 Lehman, and \$1,000 Niagara Share
Corp. That's it!

8. Sunday: To Meeting, then to Cropwell. Anne Holoway there.
Wrote a note with a poem for her. Dinner at 1:10, after six
governors “Met the Press.”

9. Monday: Newlin off at 7:15 for Philadelphia and Swarthmore. I
walked to bank (opens at 9:00). No check had come in, so I was
safe! Bitler rode me home. I took the bus to Moorestown. Bought
salad stuff and MiracleGro and cheese. Margaret Rutherford
“Murder, She Said” Agatha Christie movie.

10. Tuesday: Beautiful salad – all items marked. Well-Sweep Farm
Dressing and plate of cheese cubes. Myra had a casserole. Found

Peitersons – lovely concealed pool for lunch. Five candidates came. Pretty good, but hard on the house. No one knew candidates' names or who was invited! L.W.V. luncheon meeting.

11. Wednesday: We went to pick strawberries. Picked up the Drashers who were walking. Place was mobbed – 100 cars – but we found all we could desire. Marion D. loved the open field. Took some to Pratts and to Ruth, froze some.

12. Thursday: Newlin in to Philadelphia to get his new “appliances.” I don't like them! What difference does that make! . . . Strawberry everywhere, and stinking hot! Strawberries all cleared up! I can hardly wait to go again.

13. Friday: So – Friday the 13th. Boland was not in. Long list of patients. Mrs. D. brought Teri. Good. Quite warm. Merrell and Myra are going on a “North Cape” trip. And we are not even going to Yearly Meeting! Dinner and bridge with Pratts. I doubled, n 2 extra [?].

14. Saturday: Newlin off to Atsion [Lake – pine barrens reserve] with Lippincotts in their '57 Mercedes Benz – home about 3:30. Stuck in sand, no start, rough day. Newlin to tavern for help. Just stay home! I did a big load of shirts and dresses. Dinner with Lisovitch, game with George and Ruth. F's chart is terrific! A.R.A. birthday tea.

15. Sunday: Newlin for papers. I diddled and ironed some. Dinner. To see Homan's Solar House at Indian Mills, on Tuckerton Road. It was lovely. 100 feet long, dirt-covered roof, windmill for pump. I lived too late again. Newlin didn't go. . . . Finished ironing. Wrote a letter to Auntie and Fenwick, copy to Monego. Cool – to sleep.

16. Monday: It will be hot! Ruth to Swarthmore to verify a name.

Newlin doing farm reports. I WASHED my hair and put the clothes away.

17. Tuesday: To Cherry Hill Mall on bus. “Sound Odyssey” is there. I feel encouraged. Newlin to Philadelphia. Strawbridge [and Clothier] had a card table – less than \$20.00!

18. Wednesday: Ruth to Doylestown. Eggleston stopped in for info for “Timely Topics” – we’ll do candidates nights this fall. But not committee. Newlin to Township Meeting of some kind. I turned the record player around, found instructions, diddled a bit, and the AM worked! Muggy with air conditioning.

19. Thursday: Ruth to Flemington, home via Swarthmore. She’s pushing it hard. . . . It is SO hot and muggy you could just die! Air conditioner on almost all day. Cracking thunderstorm, power out six hours. Candles. Visiting in courts. Solitaire. We gave blood again.

20. Friday: Last day till after Labor Day. Murrell and I went [illegible] one week from today she and Myra will land in Copenhagen. Pretty weary. Glad to stop. Got prints and put ‘em in book – slides to Ruth. Ruth in pain at table and walking home. Dinner with Pratts. Little sponge cups, strawberry and whipped cream. They didn’t want ice cream, after Newlin went three times to get it. L. and I top [?]. Played here, on patio!

21. Saturday: Gorgeous clear day. I weeded a little. Ruth’s leg is BAD. I rubbed it a bit. . . . Marked center of two white blankets – one end pink, one green! Flowers are nice. Telephones are just crazy.

22. Sunday: Clear, not humid, but hot. I put jump water on the beans. Newlin shopped for milk and yoghurt for Ruth. He went to 9:30 meeting. Phones are “fixed” – parts flew in from Florida at

2:00 a.m. Gary met them at airport. And we all went to work.

23. Monday: Schlimmie leaves for Germany. I went to Moorestown Mall for the card table and sunflower seeds. None at Wanamakers, none at Sears. Got the last from Gimbels and brought it home on the bus!! Seeds \$1.40/lb! Ruth to dinner with cane and much limping. It's gout! Ruth's Scandinavia postponed. Barnwell filled it. Lovely western mountain pictures.

24. Tuesday: Ruth to dinner with cane and improvement.

25. Wednesday: Washed here. Fair – it smells of Clorox and soap. Ironed a little bit. At least he[?]'s ready to go now. Word from N. E. says zoning approved for the Friends Community. Ruth still with cane, but better. All set now. Solar heat, too.

26. Thursday: Exchanged with Blatchford – and such a fuss! Newlin leaving for Virginia – after lunch! Hot and sunny to overcast by evening. He called – \$1.60 instead of .90!! Penberthy told of Medford's bicentennial. Maude is putting on weight. I got a load of sawdust and put it on my garden – topped by peat moss. Hope it helps.

27. Friday: Cool and overcast – splendid! Off to Kendal at 10:00. Lost in Chester both ways. Had nice visit with Eleanor. Brandywine Museum with five nudes of "Erickson's Daughter." Really very nice. Bus pretty jouncy and drafty. Ruth without cane.

28. Saturday: Muggy, with storms. I read Kreskin [mentalist/mind-reader] most of the day – alternating with Bromfield's "Pleasant Valley." Must try to see Malabar Farm next week. I moved the bookcases and rehung the prints, preparing for music improvement. Ruth off for weekend –

29. Sunday: Mary Rapaport did the papers. I went to 9:30 Meeting.

Then home to finish Kreskin. What a yarn! Mob scenes and suggestibility really threatening. Several storms went round. None here. Ellen gave me white mushrooms – I had 'em in omelet. Very good indeed. I swept off Ruth's wormsies. Pretty muggy, but not too hot.

30. Monday: First bean plant touched the ceiling, and first Japanese beetle on zinnias! Dinner with Blatchfords, Dunbar, and Hoskins. Told Dunbar about Kendal. Newlin came home, Ruth stopped in. All back to normal.

July

1. Tuesday: Styrons leave – to return October 1! Newlin took the radio out of the cabinet and we took both to Cherry Hill Mall. Then to Weathers "for an estimate." We may be in for some expense! I put more sawdust on My garden. Nice and non-humid.

2. Wednesday: I washed my hair! Newlin out to the garden again. Morgan Osler takes over the daily bulletin board. Hewes the big one. Newlin hardly has time to turn around – clipping newspapers like crazy. Willis finally gave up – Robert and Diane were coming. I finished "America." It got complicated, but straightened out. Good on atomic work and blast. Bus load to hearing with other Leas people.

3. Thursday: We were cleaned first. Packed and loaded to go. Card table, Ruth's package and suitcase. We drove out the Turnpike. Newlin couldn't find his (Pa's) watch, and didn't have his razor. And we picked a lousy truck stop in Bedford. Cramped, ecch! Drove past Bedford Springs Hotel – fabulous spot from '90's. Rained.

4. Friday: Tang is a life saver. We had it all the time. We ran into flooding shower. Got to Klapproth's at 12:00. Unloaded, passed

the time of day, and left. We hunted the church, then went to McKeesport Sheraton. All right, but windows were foxed. The hummer had to go all night. Ruth came in next door at 5:30. We had a good dinner with salad bar, then played Royalty.

5. Saturday: Loafed around. Went early to wrong church! Got to the right one with lots of time. Everybody there. Composite ceremony in simple new church. Greetings to all on lawn. Then to the home for punch, and a whole good supper. They opened packages for all. Sarah is a very nice gal – I hope Tom grows up. Sat around and talked in groups on the lawn. Perfect weather. Finally home to Motel.

6. Sunday: Thank goodness they served breakfast. We ate late, then Ruth sat in lounge as we left. Her limousine came in ten minutes. We crossed the McKinley Bridge and drove along U.S.S. J&L, Mesta, Steel Center of the World (very shabby, in all!). Found both inclines and saw the Golden Triangle from top. Then we left to go home. Dumb over-done Howard Johnson's. Then on the road. Stopped in Bedford again at Janey Motel.

7. Monday: Newlin up, raring to go. Breakfast at 8:00. Drove 240 miles. Home by 3:00. Making whole trip 790.9 miles. Overcast and foggy. Good for travel. We had just nibbles all day. . . . Newlin to garden, then in evening to Township Committee. No meeting. Good to be home. Ruth made it OK. A tomato on the door handle [sic] and two ears of corn in evening. They came to spray for bagworms. I shoved 'em off. Shower again.

8. Tuesday: Newlin off on bus to hearing at 8:00. Our first sliced tomato for breakfast! Muggy. I swept and visited and did two cards to Kate. No news, really. Laundry in p.m. Muggy. Dresses washed well.

9. Wednesday: We picked fabulous blueberries on Stokes Road –

eight pints at \$.20/pint. Cloudy, muggy – but we stopped when the sun came out. I napped. Then the Board of Education Meeting with Mrs. Neilson. New principal elected with Oliver’s dissenting vote. Little beans are set on.

10. Thursday: Newlin off to one more hearing – Vote NO for us. I took a tomato to each resident in the court. They were very appreciative. Changed beds. Air conditioner men came about noise. Finished after lunch. Rest. Then Sue cleaned us most wonderfully.

11. Friday: To Mt. Holly store for a book for Ruth. Found “Kate” – biography of Katherine Hepburn. To Library, and to sunflower seeds. Home, hot foot for lunch. Made bed for George. Dinner with Pratts, then bridge. I had good cards. Home – in rain. Charlie Keef died on Sunday. Corn on cob and mushroom omelet! Blueberries!

12. Saturday: Newlin out early in a.m. No hummer on. Me tired. Took “Boston” to Miss Monk. She was grateful. Her feet hurt! Newlin got out family pictures for Ruth. Spent all afternoon on them. Wedding pictures in evening. I lost consistently at cards. Wrote to Dottie.

13. Sunday: Newlin for papers. RAIN. I didn’t go out! Russian prison camp – even if you’re a Danish doctor is grueling. Children removed after two years – what a parting! . . . Pratts and George and us – with cake and ice cream at Ruth’s. Poor gal – her own party, yet.

14. Monday: Newlin in for liver scan and injection. Pouring rain. We’ve had six days of steady off-and-on RAIN. I finished “For the Sake of Humanity” – Dr. Thomsen, Danish Red cross man held for someone else’s doings. Russian “justice” curdles the heart.

15. Tuesday: Newlin off before breakfast for milk. Route 70 flooded, and curve between C and D flooded. Much damage. It may clear by Thursday! Newlin felt sort of slack after yesterday. We picked blueberries! A pint each for Ruth, Pratts, Bail, and almost around the court. Tomatoes coming nicely.

16. Wednesday: Newlin took pants to sewing group for new pocket and seam. Peg Sutton brought League stuff. I went to library – two books and Atlantic! Photo store closed Wednesday afternoon. Virginia Blatchford almost fell in dining room – tripped over cane! Ruth Hollowell Gray in 80% immobilized with rheumatoid arthritis. Poor gal!

17. Thursday: It may not be raining, but sunny and HUMID. I did beds. Newlin typing and phoning on candidates' nights – for the LAST time. Conflict, change of dates – ecch!

18. Friday: Bridge with Pratts. Louisa won. Prize: a choice of tomatoes! No blueberries or ice cream!

19. Saturday: I washed my hair! It's hot and humid, but I must get rid of the sticky stink! Started "Undercover" – E. Howard Hunt doing "For Nixon" what he had been trained to do for U.S. in Office of Strategic Services and Central Intelligence Agency. First beans for pre supper with Ruth. They were good.

20. Sunday: Muggy and HOT. Newlin off to papers. We went to Medford Meeting. Young people! Lunch at 1:00. Newlin saw ambulance go out in a.m. – we learned that Elizabeth Thiermann died on the way. Poor gal. But good, before she moved into Haddon. I picked some beans, tomatoes are piling in. Finished "Undercover" by E. Howard Hunt – awful.

21. Monday: Dreadfully muggy. Spent the morning with chest X-ray in Hollaender's office. Then \$16.00 shopping! Our notice came

that the radio was ready. We went to Weathers, put feet on and box on top, and hung an aerial and it works!! We went to Colvin's for hors d'oeuvres. Dinner with Cooper. Then Medford Leas Residents Association with Ruth in charge. She did OK. Very short with errors – usual style!

22. Tuesday: Picked more beans. Over to clinic without breakfast, to give blood for all sorts of tests. Talked with Olie about the cabinet re-making. October 1! . . . Visited with Louisa – her granddaughter has a nervous breakdown! Made two quarts and one pint of tomato juice. Cut Mr. ----- cantaloupe.

23. Wednesday: Last round of check-up. Dr. Atkinson poked around briefly. I was done and went to Elizabeth Thiermann's memorial service in #17. Ruth started early! Read a poem and gave a biography. Then her son gave personal details. Several spoke. A good session. Virgie quite broken up. She had a chauffeur! but learned to drive – a great gal.

24. Thursday: Newlin got stuff from Mt Holly, including snapshots of wedding. We went to 112 to see the book finished up and off with the printer. Long morning! We were cleaned after lunch. Joe and company gave us a program. Girls sang nicely. It was amusing. Jack Gray sat by me – Newlin didn't come.

25. Friday: Muggy, thunderstorms. Just dragging about. Dinner at noon with Pratts so "help" could have picnic. It rained! We played bridge from 6:00!. after fried tomatoes. Committee Meeting with Eggleston, Simon, Hammer, and Pratt in a.m.

26. Saturday: Marvelously cool. #18 residents seemed pleased to get a snapshot of the court in spring colors. I read a little Nate Shaw. Newlin brought two big bouquets in. So refreshing! An extra blanket.

27. Sunday: Newlin out for papers. I made 9:30 Meeting. Celestine Smith spoke of Thiermann. Then we went to Mount Laurel with Ruth. Newlin wouldn't sit facing with no women! Then spoke of Marcus and his trombone and Bible. He's was one who might have built this Meeting House. Can we do as well? . . . Dinner with Strykers. Grated corn pudding, beans, fried tomatoes – m-m-m-m! Morgan back on the bulletin board. George Ingersol to Mt. Holly with ??? . COOL.

28. Monday: Cut a pineapple and made tomato juice. Cardiogram suspect skipping. Yes! Made the bed. Newlin got boards cleaned up. Looks nice – but it's hot. Fred and Sally come about 3:00. Tuckered out. Talk, rest, and dinner with Olesons. A bucket of perfect tomatoes. Jack's Trails talk – home to talk and to bed!

29. Tuesday: Breakfast at 7:30 – off on the road at 8:30. We'll be hot! They're moving to their house in Hendersonville, N.C. I hope Fred survives. We visited Ruth and saw Jacks – then home to wash up, return sheets, and REST! We picked ten pints of blueberries.

30. Wednesday: Newlin off for voting data – I attacked the record cabinet. Then in p.m. took Auntie's jack-in-the-pulpit to be framed. And bought Herculon to cover Newlin's cushion. Sprinkled in day time and evening. And it is comfortable to sleep.

31. Thursday: Cleaning day. Sue did us before lunch. Do wish we'd hear about the record player. To get the music finished up.

August

1. Friday: HOT – HOT – HOT. I washed a load of underwear and socks in #14. Took pretty long. Newlin needs 'em to go to Virginia.

2. Saturday: Made four quarts of juice. Pretty wearing. Tom and

Eleanor came in afternoon. From Berta's, where it was HOT! It was 99° here – 110° in the court!

3. Sunday: HOT. Breakfast at 7:45. Lima beans! Pole beans, tomato juice, scrambled eggs. I took photos with no film [sic]. Newlin off at 10:30 to Virginia. . . . I washed dishes. Read the paper. Skipped dinner! Went to supper. Adelle Brandt fell at Elizabeth Flagler's front door. Nothing broken!

4. Monday: Took a perfect tomato to each person in the court. So HOT!. Terrific thunderstorm in afternoon – blacked out from 5:30 to 8:30. I stayed near the phone. Then sat on Ellen Thomas' porch – four candlepower isn't very bright.

5. Tuesday: Mr. James died! And 27-year-old doctor was killed last evening by a drunken driver. The third??? I went to Cherry Hill Mall. Bought a plastic picture frame and brass coasters for pills. Supper with Ruth – all about Guldin's wedding. Newlin came in in time for dinner. Took tomatoes to Linda Willis. Much bad rain and storm.

6. Wednesday: HOT. Muggy but clearing promised. Typed a couple of statistics for Newlin's political opus.

7. Thursday: We were cleaned last before lunch. Weather ideal. I went for stamps and PEACHES. \$5.00 /5/8 basket at Tabernacle Hale Havens – lovely. Blissfully cool. Newlin hammered the typewriter till midnight to get his “Carpetbagger in Medford” to Medford Leas Life office.

8. Friday: Newlin left at quarter of seven for Philadelphia – with breakfast. I slept again. Up. Did six pints of peaches! Open kettle method. More tomorrow. Dinner and game with Pratts. “The engraved invitations are delayed. Hope you can come!” Talk of Ed James. Tomatoes in two bags for office.

9. Saturday: Newlin ate the last of the blueberries – it was a good season. Canned six more pints of peaches. Hope they hold! Picked a bucket of tomatoes and gave them all away! . . . Ruth called to go see Auntie. Off at 1:15 with wedding pictures and little bouquet. She had had the Dr. and an enema. Looked pale and shaky – in bed. Poor gal – wish she could sleep away. . . .

10. Sunday: Hotter! Newlin's first cantaloupe. Very Good. Off for papers. Beans and tomatoes for breakfast. Steak for dinner.

11. Monday: I washed my hair! Movie – bad storm, electricity off. To be continued tomorrow. One awful crack – must have hit something. Scrabble with six candles.

12. Tuesday: Made a big kettle of tomato juice – two cranberry jars full. And good! Newlin working on James' Memorial Service. Found a Swarthmore couple to come – Dean and Jane Caldwell. Flowers by Lindy, music by Lisovitch, etc, etc. More typing for him!

13. Wednesday: I paraded over to sewing group. Gladys Fleming covered Newlin's cushion with the brown Herculon and zipper! So helpful. She was glad to do it for him at no charge!! To School board Meeting with Sharp and Neilson.

14. Thursday: We were cleaned and freezer defrosted. I put two pints of stewed tomatoes in to freeze. We have so many. . . . Edie Duncan and Molly Zavada came to start on the Presidency Unit. Molly is terrific. Edie conservative Catholic against Mrs. Ford on TV.

15. Friday: Dopped around the apartment. Lunch with Mrs. Duncan Brown and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. James' sister. Then off to laundry. Pretty warm. Dinner with Pratts and Ruth. Then bridge on

the porch. A bit airy. We moved inside. Louisa said it was a big week – Marjorie moved to Haddon. Went home with no refresh[ments?] Letter from Fenwick – he’s coming to Boston for a year to play with the Musica Viva – contemporary music – then tour Europe in ‘76.

16. Saturday: Up, and over to hear Lisovitch’s Choice. 17th and 18th century organ. Surprising number for Mr. James’ memorial. Ruth started, Caldwell’s of Swarthmore, Wallen, Lisovitch, Andrew long, Ridgeway fair. Bill Ware’s sister died at Foulkeways. . . . Lunch again with Ramsey and Brown, with Ruth. 3:00 to 5:00 at League of Women Voters at [illegible]. Signed up five voters. Fried tomatoes and limas for supper.

17. Sunday: Newlin for papers – me just dragging. Newlin to 9:30 Meeting and to Medford Leas Meeting. Lunch with Helen Geer. I pressed off shirts.

18. Monday: Newlin up early to go to Philadelphia. I made tomato juice. Took L.W.V. stuff to Marion Thorpe – She is incredible! Her brother and his brother both died of heart this summer. Retarded kid in cast and thin. 3:00 date with Gary Trumbower – over in five minutes. Ruth ran a fantastic meeting on policy at death of a staff member. Many amendments. Clark, stupid. Oley a nuisance. ----- about loudspeakers for square dancing.

19. Tuesday: Clover Day! I went to Echelon – for lunch! Bought 2 (TWO) dresses, a green sleeveless \$15.00, a striped one \$30.00. Tried on many. Two shirts for Newlin – green with white polka dots and a gray one. Home – pretty weary.

20. Wednesday: Foulkeways canceled out. Ruth asked Howard Lippincott about blueberries. He took us to an organically grown patch – lovely, quiet, no mosquitoes. We picked almost six quarts. But I was pooped. Newlin to Planning Board. I stopped over to

Ellen's to see Al Johnson's flower pictures. They were lovely. Then Lippincotts showed midnight sun and fjords. But I was done in. Fenwick called from N.Y.

21. Thursday: Cleaned second. I vacuumed and dusted. Milly Mengel, Ruth Yost and friend here for lunch. Sat and visited, then went on to Ruth's. I had some headache. Took aspirins, slept lightly but quietly all night. Felt as though I hadn't slept.

22. Friday: Up, NOT rested. Heart a little less jumpy. Beans for breakfast. Soccotash and tomato soup for lunch. I slept a good nap. Then dinner with Pratts and bridge. I was high, Newlin low. My headache was gone. I wore my new green dress.

23. Saturday: Disposed of a cantaloupe. To Dr. Decker's memorial service. Barnwell did a beautiful job. Then lunch. Emma Cadbury is here!! Shopping. Fenwick called – he has an apartment September 1, \$206/month. St. Stephen St. – Ugh! He stayed with Lil!

24 – 27. Cleaned first – then off to Boston. Pretty warm. Sandwich lunch. Right through N.Y. and up the line. To Legal Sea Food at 6:00. 302 miles. Wait an hour! We had fried fish. Then on to see Lil. Tired.

28. Friday: Clear, cool. We went shopping via Friends Center – shoes and one stroller dress. Sandwich lunch in grubby corner. Bailey's for ice cream. Gilchrist for macaroons. Dottie Keef "dinner" at Hot Shoppe, and visit at home. She's wealthy! and knows nothing. Godey's Lady's Magazine.

29. Saturday: Rain! Everyone slept late. We drove out to Groton. Found it! Fenwick looked handsome. Had cleaned the berry patch. Brought honey and pickles home. Willie's antique and junk shop barn yielded a \$22.00 Fairbanks scale for Newt and Jan! Home to

Legal Seafood. Home to Lil, Fenwick off with car to practice – found Bob, will do duets.

30. Sunday: Gorgeous, clear, cool day. Fenwick practicing in attic! We went to Meeting. Wonderful welcome. Hunted Timmy. Nix. Ye Hong Guey. Delicious. Then duets with Bob Stallman – Spectacular!

September

1. Monday: We loaded up Lil's bucket and mop and went in to the apartment. 121 St. Stephens St., Apt. 29. It's good! I swept the second room, washed bathroom. Newlin did kitchen, Fenwick did windows and big room. Dinner at Hot Shoppe with Lil. Called on Branson and Povey.

2. Tuesday: Shopped grocery staples. Tried for a pan, dish rack, shower curtain. Took stuff to apartment. Lil went along to Ye Hong Guey. Delicious. Fenwick went to practice. We went home to pack. Joe and Helen Sabia stopped to call. So good to see them.

3. Wednesday: We packed up and left stuff on porch for Fenwick to pick up. He got a van and did his moving. We left via Foster, R.I. – very attractive spot. Sort of dull pottery color. Home by Garden State Throughway. Home, 350 miles! 9:00. And Newlin went to the Township meeting. I went to bed.

4. Thursday: Watered garden, straightened stuff out. Tried to rest up. Tea ceremony and lovely slides of Japan, by Morinuchi. And we hear they have a lovely new house – ¼ mile woodsy lane, Oriental house by a lake!!! . . . Ordered two lampshades for Fenwick. Sent.

5. Friday: Newlin up early for Philadelphia. Me to Hospital in Ruth's car. Pretty tired – but back [is?] in fair shape. Scolded

Oleson – shiny floor. Talked with Flo Dadwell. Very tired – to bed at 8:30.

6. Saturday: Off at 9:00 for Uncle Ellwood's funeral at Fletchers in Bustleton. STRANGE – Ruth spoke well. Lunch at Nathan and Marion's. Wildmans there – Glassboro Dean, Roland Richardson, Avril and ?? We stopped with Auntie. Home, supper with Dr. Lisa. Called Mary Ann and Susie Nicholson. Her parents are IN to Haddon.

7. Sunday: Overcast. Newlin for newspapers. Car didn't start. Cleared up desk. Dinner with May Hall – used up film. Watched tennis finals. Fried tomatoes and beans and peaches. So good. But you have to wash up.

8. Monday: Reading Club reconvenes – without Flagler. Went nicely. I read “Last Log round-up.” Didn't stay for movie – Dining room is SO crowded.

9. Tuesday: Gorgeous day. I did a good laundry. Spotted dress and summer housecoat. Ironed shirts and stuff. Newlin working frantically on political notebook for lounge. To Mt. Holly for paper and cardboard. People are signing up for Square Dancing.

10. Wednesday: I did last two names for candidates. But weary again.

11. Thursday: Slept till 9:00. Newlin to Moorestown for duplicating. Changed bed and put on wool blanket. Lunch with Ramsey! Home for cleanup. Newlin out all afternoon on names and mailboxes. Candidates' night. Hope Judi gained. Horace Brown attacked Mayor!

12. Friday: Over to Hospital – longest list ever! Overlook 2! [?] Home exhausted. Cleared up and DUSTED for Pratts. Cranberry

juice.

13 – 14 [no entries]

15. Monday: Ruth Irish – “Who is Flo – who is M.B.S.” puzzle for whole bus in a.m!! Lunch with Willis – deaf and blind! Awful! Ruth almost perished. . . . We signed up voters in lobby – standing room only for Ruth’s Meeting. Twenty-five names to announce.

16. Tuesday: Typed page for Bulletin on Pres. Accountability. Typed report of School Board Meeting.

17. Wednesday: Reading at Blatchfords. I read the end of “Alex Dolg-----” – leaving Russia in spite of roadblocks. Hair-raising. . . . Miss Kitty told of 85th birthday in Vermont. A police officer drove them up and came up for them! Must tell Kate!

18. Thursday: Picked up Mary Rappaport at 8:15, then Edie Duncan. Go Glassboro Workshop. Very helpful. Judy Palombi talked like crazy. Lunch. Afternoon on Election Laws – title 19A. Fun!! Home, dinner with Sanderses of Pendle Hill. Six sons one day. He was very skillful on Pendle Hill.

19. Friday: Up fairly early. Newlin to Philadelphia. I to Hospital in Ruth’s car. Very long list to push – I was weary! Done at 12:10. Home, and NAP! Bridge with Pratts here, till 9:30. Newlin top score. Louisa and I were set 3 on a re-double, [illegible] WOW! Patty Hearst is caught – will she go to prison???

20. Saturday: Up, pretty weary. Newlin off to Virginia – when? He pounded the typewriter all morning. I gave up and went over to Find Mathias and Greshes at Ruth’s. Visited, then sightseeing, lunch, stopped here. Newlin was gone and everything in apple pie order. More visit. They left – I ate M&M’s and cashews compulsively. Cup of tea for supper, and then couldn’t sleep! Full

moon!! Pretty warm. I took my page of signatures to Ethel Daum.

21. Sunday: Overcast, humid. I went to early Meeting. Visited Vergie and Virginia. Dinner early in little room with Ruth. Then directions to Solaria for Wiswassers. Home. Read a minute, then WASHED my hair! And it is cooler! Heavenly.

22. Monday: Perfectly beautiful day – but temporary! It rained and rained all week. Made nut jumbles. Pretty good, for L.W.V. and just for so. Bus to Moorestown to shop. No Sears Catalog until January.

23. Tuesday: Just a lost day – rainy.

24. Wednesday: Reading Club here – small meeting. I read the description of the Powell Flute!

25. Thursday: Gave blood first thing. Then at 9:30 Flo Cadwell came. Her equipment is superb. Then she had a tour. Left between showers. Dinner with Mr. Pullan in small dining room. 27-year-old retarded daughter. Grace Ober much interested. His [?] speech was fair.

26. Friday: Very busy at the Hospital. I drove Ruth's car again. Home, weary. Nap. Made up bed for George and set towels, etc. Newlin came home well before supper. We played bridge with Pratts. He showed us his gold medal, set in clear plastic. Lovely.

27. Saturday: I went over to Weathers – waste of time. Depressed. Pulled out balance of mildewed zinnias. Magician for special Saturday night program. George could see too effectively! We all liked it.

28. Sunday: A gorgeous day. I went to Meeting. Only Brother Andrew spoke. I read for the 4:00 L.W.V. committee. Thorpe and

Zavada. Good! Then fried tomatoes and limas, apple sauce and cookies. I felt wonderful. No back ache.

29. Monday: Beautiful clear day! Last quart of tomato juice made. Ellen brought enormous puff balls. Back is almost OK. Mrs. Neilson made a fourth for dinner. The [record] player is ready at 2:30! I went over for it and Newlin rigged it up and it is worth the \$35.00. It is quiet and sensitive – worth three months. Organ recital by Kirk – Mrs. Elwood K. – was quite interesting. Many popular tunes.

30. Tuesday: Mushroom omelet for breakfast. Delicious. Played records like crazy. It is SO good to have it back in good order. First Square Dancing – too many absent. Hot – door locked. Little, late air conditioning. But I held out O.K. Flo's equipment is excellent. L.W.V. meeting also in Building 17. I gave cookies and put up signs. But didn't get there.

October

1. Wednesday: Styrons came back last night! Reading at Elizabeth Flagler's. Ruth had hilarious paper "on limericks" from Pratts. I finished New Yorker profile on a Welfare Mother – just incredible. Newlin to Township Meeting. I played Russian music!! and MISSED the School Board Meeting.

2. Thursday: Changed beds. Finished breakfast ahead of Sue. She is GOOD! Prowled about under Haddon. Vendeteria and three-unit laundry. Greenhouse coming. . . . Pine Barrens talk and lovely pictures by a German Swiss and his wife.

3. Friday: Off in fear and trembling. The shortest list of the year! And Mr. Cooper, President of Senior Citizens for Medford, helped. Ruth to South Jersey . . . dinner and bridge with Pratts. Ruth gave Deford the go-ahead on the book. She's tired and wound up.

4. Saturday: Newlin off to Swarthmore. I thought I'd go, but a new voter had a call in! Durn. Newlin home at 4:00. I did a wash – now 75¢ for the big machines. Home – records! So nice! The last tomato juice of the year. It has been good. Called on Kraemer, to register to vote.

5. Sunday: Newlin off for papers. Clear and lovely. We went to 9:30 Meeting. Styron good – Fortress surrender without a shot! I transplanted the “palm.” Dinner in small dining room. Nap. Took last material to L.W.V. and Helen Mahony. Eggplant, French toast, tomatoes – and I broke a tooth!! Washed some socks.

6. Monday: Just waiting till 2:00 to get tooth fixed. Come back Wednesday for an hour. “My Fair Lady” – Joe Hairdresser and one singer and piano. Short, but nice! Deaf Willis sat with me – heard nothing.

7. Tuesday: Gorgeous day. Pulled up some garden. Trimmed the border. Air circulation better. No key for door. No air conditioning if 68° outside. . . . We had four squares! [square dancing] Hurrah! Indefinite on watcher's fee. Massey wants to dance! Bradbury!! Ecch. Maybe Angus. Newlin to Philadelphia to see Allan Hunt.

8. Wednesday: What a day – Newlin off at quarter of seven for Philadelphia. Reading at Myra's – David Stern, Hyman Kaplan terrific! Then off to John LeBar's services at 11:30. Say mechanical [sic]. Barnwell tops. Hasty lunch. 1:00 with Dr. Meland – temporary cap on tooth. Home, nap. To School Board Meeting with Neilsen in Allan School.

9. Thursday: Newlin up early – had milk at night. Off to Moorestown for duplicating for tonight. A full page! folded! Cleaned in mid-morning. Freeholders candidates came. And we had an audience of fifty to sixty! But they are awful.

10. Friday: To Hospital. Dawson still away. I was alone – with a very short list. Mutchler was in the hospital – and furious! They cut down on her coffee!! Dinner with Pratts, then bridge at their house. Delicious pineapple 79¢ – and honeydew 79¢.

11. Saturday: I dug up the patio garden. Such marl! I edged it along the house – many stones were out of beds. Next is the ajuga [bugleweed] – it does spread! Played Royalty with Ruth. Felt pretty dopey. We ate 1/3 of a honeydew. Delicious!

12. Sunday: Newlin took two trips for the pile of papers! No meeting. Ruth and I went over to see Auntie. I took Ruth's book. Auntie was pleased with the pictures. Very warm and sunny.

13. Monday: I washed my hair! And baked brownies. Phoned Fenwick. He has a letter in the mail. His box came from Germany. We stayed in evening for Kate Hepburn and Bogart in "The African Queen." And so to bed!

14. Tuesday: Sat in travel agency till tickets were OK. \$157! Then off to Conshohocken – no apricots! Too expensive. Back, pestering to have thermostat lowered for Square Dancing. COOL! Dancing was good, though poorly attended. The temperature was about 89° – awful! Newlin to Lenape for L.W.V. candidates meeting. Myra went too. Not me!

15. Wednesday: Reading at Ruth's. Hammond on Quaker report on Mid-east. Miss Kitty on Frank Lloyd Wright in Philadelphia. Myra on Boarding House. Me on international pressure on free press. Lunch with Egbert of the Cedars! Wrote up a couple of paragraphs for the directory. Kate is back. The temperature was 87° – a record. Newlin brought half a bucket of tomatoes in!

16 – 18 [no entries]

19. Sunday: Up and cleaned up by 9:15. Went to early Meeting. Fenwick came! Nice to see people. Then off to breakfast at Spot Pond. Newlin surprised!

20. Monday: Up. Down to find Browns off to Richmond. Breakfast at Spot Pond – shirt for Newlin at Kennedy’s. Home, took Ellen to bank. Got front fender dented. Ugh – awful crash! I was unnerved, but exchanged papers, etc. Turned in the car and wrote it up. Felt awful. . . . Went shopping in [Harvard] Square. Newlin trailed patiently. Bought at Bob Slate’s and card shop. On home, flight OK. Medford taxi came on time – his third trip to the airport.

21. Tuesday: Put all away. Prepared for Square Dancing. Hinman good additions. But no squares. Comfortable in the room. Big toenail is coming off again. Watched the world series – late! Couldn’t sleep – accident haunts.

22. Wednesday: Reading at Ruth’s. I did Ciardi – not much appreciated. Ruth off to Kutztown! She pushes so hard. We had dinner with Lydia Cadbury and Marion Roberts. Rare! Newlin off to Board of Health Meeting. Wrote a letter “Home.”

23. Thursday: We were cleaned FIRST. Made us hustle. Worked on L.W.V. stuff. Smith Family Dinner – all but Celestine. Broiled Toll House cookies! Mints and nuts. Very nice. To Marion Thorpe’s for final meeting! Edie balks – Ecch. I’ll do it ALL – in a.m.

24. Friday: Omigosh – I didn’t get my uniform from the cleaner! Went in old flowered jersey – no-one challenged. Busy a.m, home tired. Tooth cap put on at 3:30. Sat in lounge an hour. Restful. Dinner and bridge. Ruth edgy.

25. Saturday: Muggy again. Hunted Fenwick’s rug – didn’t find it

in the closet! Distressed. Off to do a laundry. Changed the clocks all around. Movie “The Bishop’s Wife” – oldie, and funny skating – an angel! Hilarious.

26. Sunday: Newlin for papers. I went to 9:30 Meeting. Newlin doing scrapbooks like crazy. Fried tomatoes for supper. Work on L.W.V.

27. Monday: Up. Made tomato juice. Two quarts! Then to Timely Topics. We’ll have bees! Lunch. To Dr. Meland for permanent cap, and old hardware fit. To Africa [?] with Jimmie and Maurice Collins (and Lew Barton and Mrs.) Some tuning up of L.W.V.

28. Tuesday: Early to Edie Duncan’s. Limped through the consensus questions – but finished them. A six-year term for president! . . . Nap – copied list of 47 deaths! Nap. Dinner with --- -- Morris, former New York L.W.V. coming here sometime. Dinner was too late. Square Dancing was squares!! Praise be!

29. Wednesday: Book Club at Ruth’s. Rested. Then went out to Edie Duncan’s for the second section of unit on Powers of the Presidency. Mollie Zavada was excellent. I was pooped again.

30. Thursday: I wrote the consensus for the two meetings. Will go to Board Meeting for approval.

31. Friday: Hallowe’en! The staff at Acme were all dressed up. Waitresses were dolled up, too! I didn’t get to the nice afternoon party. Elizabeth Griscom in bonnet, shawl, and glasses – introduced as Wallen’s grandmother!

November

1. Saturday: Up early and off to Kutztown with Newlin , George, and Ruth. Deestan’s sale – I bought boilers and books! Delicious

lunch while Ruth ate with Delta Kappa Gamma. She wore her awful suit. I was pretty weary. We got home for supper.

2. Sunday: Went alone to early Meeting. Ed, Lois and Hazel came for dinner, and others came to the Author's Party in the afternoon. Charles and Jane Bonner, Kermit and Vera, Bernice, Mary Alice, Elinor and Annette Humbrecht. It was terrific. Willis made it too late. Ruth's jumbles were tops. I added flowers to the table, and nuts.

3. Monday: Wrote up School Board Meeting, and the Consensus on Presidential Power. Getting a cold! Durn. Newlin left for Virginia till Wednesday before dinner. Dinner with Paradise and Monk. Flute and harp duo without mike – too pale. She had a Powell.

4. Tuesday: Election day. I voted early, then helped May Hall Flagler, and Helen Ridgway (endlessly!). Sunburned as I ate lunch on the patio. Last tomato juice! Started chocolate cookies. Then sent over to fix chairs. Barnwell had 114! and likes the room. Square Dancing went well! Betty Bernard was my partner.

5. Wednesday: Newlin returned from Virginia with lots of bittersweet. To L.W.V. Board Meeting to present the consensus. They OK'd it. He went to Township Meeting. Peg Sutton was sat on by Eph. crude, etc.

6. Thursday: We were just finishing being cleaned when Holmes and Sue came. I put towels up and finished up. Newlin walked them to the Rancocas. Dinner. Newlin off to Zoning. We enjoyed "When Philadelphia took the British." Witty and good.

7. Friday: Up. Lunch for four – off to Brigantine. Climax was the swan who ate chocolate cookies! Hope I got pictures.

8. Saturday: Nice breakfast. Holmes and Sue left at 9:00 – I washed up and put away. And was Very Tired.
9. Sunday: Rested!
10. Monday: Newlin in for p.m. date with Garver – he skipped the Swarthmore Telethon. I went to School Board Meeting at Haines School – interesting as usual.
11. Tuesday: L.W.V. in Room 17. Administration of Justice – Thorpe and Bersch. Newlin to Philadelphia. I washed Barnard's coffee pot and set up and cleared up with Helen Mahoney. Rest. Square dancing – 8's with new people and Anderson and Wells. Myra!!
12. Wednesday: Book Club here – all fixed up. Luckily overcast. David Stearns wanted to know how we felt on Israel so he could put forth his opinion. Ruth and Grace Ober left for San Diego. Doris Steel came for directory material.
13. Thursday: Dinner with Cadbury and Hoskins.
14. Friday: Off to Hospital. Mrs. Dawson not there! I worked – but all helped. Newlin went for pictures at Moorestown – not all that wonderful. Swans nice. Dinner with Marion Sumner and Pratts, then to talk. Washington Week. . . . Picked up a dog turd from the corridor at the end of the Convalescent Center.
15. Saturday: Up, early, edgy about Ruth's car. It started and drove like a charm. I took Whipple, MacMillan, and Samuel. Saw some geese, a blue heron, aigrettes, and much traffic! Dinner with Blatchfords – they're both frantic about Virginia's coming hip operation. Windy and cold – but clear.
16. Sunday: Newlin to eleven N.Y. Times'. We went to Medford

Meeting. Mrs. Tomlinson a real bustle-bustle. Dinner in small dining room. Arranged the bittersweet for the winter. Asked Elizabeth Flagler to come see. Nice visit – showed her my pictures. TV programs, and to bed. Note to Dottie with her pictures of Esther.

17. Monday: Gorgeous day and thawing! Made applesauce. Last of Virginia red ones. And did a wash here. Kate and I went to Foulkeways. Crum Thatcher smiled at “Swarthmore.” Heart-breaking! [?] Nice visit with friends – Isobel Duguid in good shape. Residents Association meeting run by Helen Ingersoll. Dog ban announced – furor!!!

18. Tuesday: Indian Summer –

19. Wednesday: Mild, lovely. Reading Club at Sterns and Edna and us – but interesting, as always. I read Grassroots follow up of square roots. John Gould. Lunch on the patio! Ruth came home after supper – good trip all-in-all! [to San Diego?]

20. Thursday: Sugako Foster – liked her picture. We ate out on the patio – surely the last time this year. Blizzards in the west! Got clean sheets and saw the thrift Shop. Dinner with Ruth, Uhlinger, and Southerland. Amy Blatchford came in and got set. We just played Scrabble.

21. Friday: Rain – more rain! didn’t allow for detour through Lumberton! Poured on the way home. Esther Murrell had 37 operations [?!]. Good nap. Then to Colvin’s dinner in small dining room. Red candles in candelabra – berries and ivy. Special ham, sweets, peas, corn bread – very good. Nuts, candy, whipped cream on pecan pie. . . . Then to hear Will Pratt introduce Senator Ammond – and to hear Ammond herself. WOW. The Hechts visited until bedtime.

22. Saturday: Hechts left at 8:00, we got up at 8:30! Cold and nice – they left. I made nut jumbles. Pretty good. Newlin ate at desk. All set for the Oyster Supper. \$5.00 this year, and in new Fire House. Delicious. Also more room. We went at 4:15! Lucky. Saw Colvin's gorgeous Norway pictures. Very nice indeed.

23. Sunday: Newlin for eleven NY Times! We went to early meeting. "Thankful we're here!" – "I don't know!!" Wrote a nice note to Colvins.

24. Monday: Newlin in to Philadelphia for afternoon. We played bridge before and after Bro. Andrew's Churches. Interesting churches, good bridge game.

25. Tuesday: Washed my hair. We were cleaned. Then Newlin helpfully ground the handle for three batches of cranberry [relish]. Filled the big white bowl. Rest – then square dancing. Ended with the Squash!

26. Wednesday: Reading Club here. E.R.A. [Equal Rights Amendment] – women only. I read "To Buy a Car in Russia," Ruth the authentic Thanksgiving, Myra a poem by Edna. Newlin in to Philadelphia – home at suppertime with Ingersolls. Home. Gave Ruth her fan. Talked a bit and came home. Bed made up for George.

27. Thursday: Thanksgiving day. Ruth drove. Cranberry, cider, cookies and nuts. Turkey with chestnut stuffing, candied sweets, succotash. Mince pie and pumpkin chiffon by Becky. Excellent dinner. Tom and Sarah, Ruth and Howard Levine, Rachel, Joshua, Mollie. Slides of Ruth's book party, and Hawaii! Home – they'll be here for lunch tomorrow.

28. Friday: To hospital – small list. Home – quick change. Ruth

invited ALL to lunch. They came, sat about, and visited. But I was weary.

29 – 30 [no entries]

December

1. Monday: We went to Alice and Bernice's house for delicious lunch with Granners and his Ruth. I took some pictures. Cleared off nicely, didn't get lost coming home. 4:00 – Grace Ober, Alan Hunt, Bill Martin and Ruth told of San Diego. Ruth was terribly keyed up. Nasty to Wes [illegible].
2. Tuesday: The last square dancing of this session. And Flo will call for us in the spring. Tuesday p.m. again. Good.
3. Wednesday: Reading Club at Ruth's. Sterns and Ruth and I! Recess to after January 1. Newlin to Township Meeting – They voted down the Wawa item so he joins the majority.
4. Thursday: I went to Ethel Bates' funeral, complete with open casket and glasses! She had withered away. Poor gal. . . . Our telephone was installed at noon. Place looks nice and clean. But – time to think about Christmas. Newlin to B.Z.A. [Board of Zoning Appeals?]
5. Friday: To Hospital – second bridge detoured! Dawson was late – but we coped. Bought a little coleus at their sale. Home. Very tired. Slept while Newlin lunched. . . . Supper with Pratts and bridge. Poor cards, poorer play. Home, really weary. Saw Ruth Gray and Les Brown. Blatchford is home.
6. Saturday: Fog, mild. Up late. Selected our Leas Christmas card. Changed “threads” (wardrobe). Newlin washed our window! Cleared out magazines. Lunch at Cap'n Barnes – oyster stew!

Drove around to see non-Wawa! Torchlight Tour – Italian owners of two years. Virginia Blatchford back to Hospital – hip “dislocated.” Harpsichord in Community [room].

7. Sunday: Newlin papers! Me to 9:30 meeting. Very good – Helen Ridgway on Hanukkah, Marshall on Francis Bacon’s def[ense?] of a Friend, Andrew on friendly, Miss Kitty tying it all together. . . . Mended socks and dress bits. Dinner with Stearns. Newlin worked like crazy on Class letters. Expected to go to Virginia – instead, typed all p.m. – will go Monday.

8. Monday: Newlin up and out at quarter of 7. Some trouble – phone to Actons – excitement! He got to Leesburg in time for his appointment. Snowflakes which looked pretty but didn’t make. To Moorestown Mall. Lampshade for Pratts – good.

9. Tuesday: Rain! I went to Cherry Hill. An attaché case for Newlin, but NO cheesecloth. And Sound Odyssey boss not at work. Too bad. Nap and record playing. Bean sprouts help a cheese sandwich.

10. Wednesday: Still trying to clear. I went to Echelon Mall – better gloves and scarf – but NO books. Baskin Robbins has good ice-cream cones! I finally started on our Christmas letter.

11. [no entry]

12. Friday: Dawson drove us. Pretty busy.

13 – 16 [no entries]

17. Wednesday: Newlin in to dentist – lost a filling. Shopped and bought at Design Research – a luscious “nap” blanket. Beautiful – for Fenwick. I did some on the Christmas letters – we finished them in evening. Earlier than for a long time! Dinner with Elfriede

Friese. Interesting. Washed my cap and scarf in Woolite.

18. Thursday: It's blowing COLDER! We were cleaned first – Newlin up and bouncing at 6:15 – thought it was 7:15! Me weary. Ate, dishes, and changed beds. Then to help sew Christmas cards to strips. Everyone helping – got done fast. And such lovely cards. The place looks very nice.

19. Friday: To Hospital with Mrs. Dawson. . . . To Thrift Shop. Found a dress – good-looking – for \$3.00. One of Mrs. Mori's 287 dresses. Not 110 good one! [sic]

20. Saturday: Ruth had her Board to dinner – Tomato juice, turkey potato filling, dried corn, scalloped celery, chocolate sundae, and a pie. They loved it. . . . We had dinner with Annette and Paul Urciolo – eecch! Loud, joking Italian!! We all enjoyed the madrigal singers of Moorestown High School.

21. Sunday: To Meeting – Newlin for eleven papers. We went off to see Auntie – she is fair. Glad to receive cookies, but the dress did not fit! Late dinner with Margaret Milne. She's a good character.

22. Monday: Lovely snowy day. I made chocolate cookies. Fenwick is coming Christmas Eve. Boston has two snow storms. Beautiful pictures of Switzerland, with alpine horn record. Lisovitch did a beautiful job. We had lunch to help Ruth eat up her leftovers.

23. Tuesday: We were cleaned in afternoon. I vacuumed in the a.m. and ironed three shirts. Elmer and Lois Brown with Chuck Pyle came for twenty minutes! Cider and cookie – should have been cheese and crackers. We finally wrapped our gifts. A nice pile!! Snowy and icy outside.

24. Wednesday: See Thursday's note!! Dinner with Olesons – Olie put himself out for Fenwick. We had cheese before dinner. Nice.

25. Thursday: Off to Echelon. Chinese padded jacket from Lits! Home – washed up. Nap. Everyone is going away for Christmas. Dinner with Kate and Hammond – who talked all the time! Newlin still pounding the typewriter – I can't get in to fix the bed for Fenwick. It's a dull Christmas Eve. Boy played organ in Estaugh and in lobby – nice!

26. Friday: To Cherry Hill for the new hornbox – home. It's defective! Lunch. Took it back. Other defective too! Money returned – \$141. Phone given – mid January. . . . The room is ready. Christmas at Ruth's apartment. Lovely. Then a game of hearts!

27. Saturday: Fenwick and we went to Brigantine – Big blue heron day! Raced back, and to Chinese restaurant as Fenwick's guest. Then to Holiday Inn for bus. Long trip for Fenwick. Hope he made it OK. Another game of hearts here. We like it.

28. Sunday: Newlin for papers. I went to Meeting.

29. Monday: I just had a hunch, and drove to Kutztown to see Turkey – She is in intensive care at Allentown Hospital. Went in last Monday. Mary Harriett and her husband, Dave and Josie and their little girl. Dave in and out to Reading. I had a piece of pie, then left. Too bad – heart and kidney.

30. Tuesday: We were cleaned – two single sheets again. Newlin working on farm stuff. I went over for fresh double sheets and redo of medicine. Supper with Jack Gray. Home for finishing "I take thee, Serenity." Feminine but understanding.

31. Wednesday: rain. I made cranberry relish. Called on Virgie –

foot trouble, into a cast! Poor gal. Nap, and mail. Newlin phoned Caroline – she's still UN-decided. TV for evening. There is one set of papers for School Board out!