

## Marion's Diary 1977

### January

1. Saturday: COLD. Mummers Parade postponed – 18° most of the day. Lunch (dinner) with Will Pratt – talk of Belle of Amherst. Oyster stew for supper. Then bridge at Pratts 7 – 9 p.m. Louisa so frail, pushing so hard.
2. Sunday: Newlin for papers – a \$5.00 bill unidentified! No one to Meeting. I typed our letter for copying. Dinner with Louise Olsen. Peg and Sam Nicholson and Peter called. Cheese and crackers and cider and cookies. Ozawa and BSO. Not quite as cold, but snow remains. And a chapter from “Lord Peter Wimsey.”
3. Monday: Reading Club at Pem Johnson's. Nice pictures – bare of Christmas décor. Everyone read humorous items. Hammond on Model T! To Moorestown for duplicating. Worked on letter in evening. Newlin to environmental meeting. My weight holds at 129½! Wow!
4. Tuesday: Thawing some. And about time. Worked on mail. Wrote up December School Board Meeting and took it to Ann Auerbach's. Showed me a slick new duplicating machine, the League of Women Voters'. Supper with Lydia Cadbury and her niece Alice Brown Borton and Alvord Borton. Finished the mail, almost.
5. Wednesday: Cleaned up for Hazel and Mary. They came, enjoyed lunch, talked a mile-a-minute, liked our cookies. Left about 3:30. Newlin to first Township Meeting – fuss on Library parking fill in. To be postponed to 19th! Etc. etc.
6. Thursday: Changed beds, did little in a.m. Nomination

Committee at 1:30. Lynn Yepsen said yes for Secretary. Doris Steel for President, Betsy Walsh 2nd Vice President, Myra, chair of Nominating Committee. Lew Barton, Ruth, Kennedy, Sinclaire and Helen Ridgeway gave history of Medford Leas building.

7. Friday: SNOW! I was only volunteer to get there. Heavy load, thin personnel all around. Visted Louisa and brought Will home. Roads cleared OK.

8. Saturday: My weight 128 lb., 2 oz ! Fantastic. I typed two pages for income tax. And signed up Lynn Yepsen for secretary, Myra for Chair of Nominating Committee, Doris Steele will be President! . . . COLD. Birds are starving! I sent for a water heater. \$17.50.

9. Sunday: Newlin for papers. I went to Meeting, sat alone. Last Christmas letters out. A card to Auntie.

10. Monday: Newlin with a snuffle.

11. Tuesday: Newlin with nasty cold. Only two squares in the Sewing Room! Bloodmobile in the Activities Room. Men cleared the room, and I mean CLEARED! We danced and returned it to its former glory.

12. Wednesday: Went to Sewing Room – Mrs. Wood was FURious. It's back together again? We need two card tables, and that table is as high as the cutting table! I hope you never Square Dance in here again. "I agree." . . . To school board meeting, took Maude Sharp. Plans for new school building.

13. Thursday: Newlin to rehearsal. His cold is better. I went to Nominating Committee at Helen Berry's. Four cars. Even I needed sand! Icy drive was something. Speaker on justice. Rather academic. Lissovitch – You mean there are hardened criminals at

14? Yes, 11!

14. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Full of help. But a blackout of the whole Physical Therapy Department. Snow from noon. Our hot water heater for the birds came. Must be grounded. Louisa back to Leas – frail, weaker, and tired.

15. Saturday: Cold. . . . Played bridge at Ruth's. Will wanted it.

16. Sunday: Newlin for papers. Meeting, dinner, then took Wallens to Poley memorial service in Burlington Meeting House. About fifty there. Police discouraged Helen Ridgway. Driving wasn't that bad. Soy beans and turkey leg for supper. Fresh pineapple, too.

17. Monday: Book Club at Myra's. Coal in Caudill's mountains. Stern read from E.Y. Harburg (friend of Bolig!) poems. Sharp, clever. Flagler a New York Times end paper! I did a pale John Gould. . . .Medford Leas Residents Association meeting.

18. Tuesday: Washed my hair! Thinking of Boston and George Selleck. Still cold – 3°, up to 6°! Lunch with Dressers, then home. Dinner for six – Mr. Dresser, Becky Evans Sinclair, Ruth and us. Her program was delightful and ambitious. “Abigail Adams” – and the mikes were off!

19. Wednesday: Cold – 7° will warm to 20's! Phoned Cambridge. They are not postponing. Phoned Motel on Mt. Auburn St. OK – \$31. Tom called. Lella called. Newlin got a button sewed on his overcoat.

20 – 23 [no entries]

24. Monday: Book Club at Ruth's. Then putting away and out and organizing for tomorrow. Note for change of hostess to Scangarello. Missed Barnwell's “Hill Country of Italy” Too bad.

25. Tuesday: The day – Mr. Scangarello to talk to the Public Unit Meeting at Marcia Pickett's. I started, then sat back. Good crowd – some questions. He was gone shortly after 11:00. I went home and slept! Ordinances, Master Plan, etc. clear as MUD!

26. Wednesday: Newlin off to Virginia. I wrote thank-yous to Committee, hostess, speaker and Barbara Stiles for a good summary. Pretty tired. Cumulative. Ate in little dining room.

27. Thursday: Cold – and shortages of gas. Cleaned before lunch. Schools and factories closed. Bill Martin announced NO increase in rates at this time. They'll review it quarterly. 10¢ per meal on 300,000 meals is \$30,000 saved! Twirlers and tap dancers for program. Put on Xmas spreads.

28. Friday: Drove Ruth's car – busy, but not exhausted. Bought two dresses at thrift Shop for 50¢! Annual clearance sale 4/1.00. Napped. Dinner with Will Pratt and Dr. Eleanor Rogers. Home. Newlin blew in! ahead of the storm. "Roots" cockfight episode.

29. Saturday: COLD – 2° or 3° above! Windy. I washed two sweaters. Newlin happily typing. I tried for questions for Med. Sch. Bd. candidates – if any! Held out in bedroom for one hour of ROOTS.

30. Sunday: Cold. Newlin out for N.Y. Times, for the last time! 10°. To Meeting. Good – "We" source of South African turmoil. Home – sat in sun all a.m. Birthday dinner, Lindy Ware for Grace Ober. Package for each, then swap! Fresh coconut cake, cinnamon buns.

31. Monday: I wrote two letters – all day. Successful. Cleaned up the envelopes for the unit meeting.

## February

1. Tuesday: Newlin working in desk room. I spent morning in the sun and afternoon in car – vitamins, cheese, the framed photograph. The trip is over – I used the last travelers check for the frame – \$17.50.

2. Wednesday: Newlin went out. I sat in sun. Felt good. Kate gave us a Wall Street Journal column on flute making! Slept from 3 – 5:00! Wonderful! Dinner with Dr. Cole. Home, not too cold. TV for me, Newlin to Township Committee Meeting. President at 10:00 in a sweater!

3. Thursday: No sun. Cold. Newlin cleaned out the papers in his closet, then went to look for Zoning Board of Appeals. Cleaned in morning.

4. Friday: I drove to Hospital. Mr. Hunter pinched his hand with a stretcher. I bought two dresses and couldn't wear either! Picture of Christmas bench for Adele Brant. TV at home. No bridge.

5 – 6 [no entries]

7. Monday: Cold. Book Club at Pam Johnson's. I did a John Gould. Ruth a list of "bulls." Helen Lippincott Parrish and Dillwyn Parrish for dinner. She talks, he's pleasant. Fine addition. But élite.

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8. Tuesday: Turned down lunch at Barbara Stiles, but got League of Women Voters stuff for Finance Drive. A program tonight! And we have Square Dancing! Quite slim. Round Dances. Sammis Sharp and Salley very good at sitting out so I could do Elsa. Poor gal.

9. Wednesday: Noon with Curtises. I lent them "Apples" to read.

10. Thursday: Just beautiful day. We were cleaned early. I went over to see Aunt Anna in p.m. She looked so nice for committee day. Seemed the same as ever.

11. Friday: I drove our car. Found the boutique/Thrift Shop. Bought a white with brown top and jacket for 25¢ for Louise. She can wear it! We played a bit of bridge. Balmy weather for a change.

12. Saturday: Up late. Ruth, George, and Mary went to Byberry Quarterly Meeting. Topic “Aging.” . . . Ruth caught a bug. Mary slept in Newlin’s bed. Newlin in Virginia. Lady Barber-Shop Quartet sang in evening. Pretty good. Ruth at home.

13. Sunday: Off to breakfast – good meal. I went to Meeting. Ruth still under weather. Dinner with Hammetts. Royalty. Wore my 25¢ dress. Quiet evening, the paper.

14. Monday: Reading at Stearns – Chimney sweeps, etc. Book Mobile – home – dop about with headache. Nap. Supper with trifle and valentine for each. Early to bed – with a sinus headache. Like Ruth’s??

15. Tuesday: Cool again. Up late. Made a sign for Wednesday Voters. \$5.00 from Mrs. Prall. Did a wash, ironed blouses. Bought a bag – \$6.50. All set for Square Dancing – two squares. Long talk with Duntan. Tom called – Newlin called – wow! Headache gone.

16 – 25 [no entries]

26. Saturday: Must have had flu or something!

27. [no entry]

28. Monday: Up and dressed – pretty wobbly. To Ruth Cichon’s for her OK on the Consensus. Newlin in to Philadelphia. I laid down!

### March

1 – 3 [no entries]

4. Friday: Took Marion Drasher and Mr. Schatz to Hospital. Coughing too much to visit. Read Roots. Quiet evening with Washington Week and Wall Street – sell nasty cough.

5. Saturday: Beautiful spring day. Teahan’s roses being divided.

6. Sunday: Burt Lippincott died! Poor Marion, with her chemotherapy wig. Took Drasher, Pratt, and Schatz to Hospital to visit. I read Roots. Home – light nap. Then chocolate cookies. To bed, weary. No coughing! Grace Ober had all Lippincotts to dinner. What a gal!

7. Monday: Cold. Plumbers to come. At 1:00 Mr. Savitch came to photograph the apartment and us. I went shopping – \$27.00! Stores about to strike. To hear a China visitor talk about visit. Torrey? Nancy Lippincott in audience with Test. Only David Stern and I at Flaglers’ for Reading [Club].

8. Tuesday: Gorgeous day. Newlin in to Philadelphia to see Alan Hunt and get his new suit. I read “Roots.” Coughing less. Lunch with Schatz, Bohlig, and Martz. Cashed \$1.00 for trip.

9. Wednesday: Up and off to Trailways at 6:40, to Boston 2:15. Not a bad trip – sandwiches, etc. Taxi to Friends Center. Nap. Shopping at Olsens. Rehearsal from 6:00. [flute and harp] concert. Crowded Meeting House! Many friends – Betsy Miller sat with me. Then supper, talk. We walked home and fell into bed.

Caitriona Yeats going to Sweden!

10. Thursday: Up early – to Trailways via MTA. Greetings in Park Street Station by a concert attender! Good trip to NY. Change to express to Mt. Laurel. Home, not too tired. Thrilled with the concert and whole trip.

11. Friday: Drove to Hospital – weary but not exhausted. Pretty long list – Mrs. Hunter better without Mr.

12. Saturday: Newlin left for Virginia in afternoon after pounding all morning on a December report. I do wish he were not loaded up so much.

13. Sunday: Newlin in Virginia.

14. Monday: Beautiful day. I dragged out some ajuga and cleaned up MY garden. Lunch with Oleson. We went to Pinelands Garden Show. Quite nice. Newlin home from Virginia – and off to a meeting.

15. Tuesday: Gorgeous day. I didn't volunteer to take Leas sick [sic] to the Flower Show. Rest. Then Square Dancing. . . . Contra, two squares. The TV is back in good shape.

16. Wednesday: I washed up and made a sandwich and went by bus to the Flower Show. As good as ever – table settings, door yards, corner of a room, miniatures, arrangements. Brought some eucalyptus and two violets for Ruth. Then Nature Food Stores and records at Royer Smith. Home, Dinner with Loberta and Irving Hollingshead – home from Auckland for surgery. This is not the winter for travel!

17. Thursday: Up, ate, washed up, beds made. To Great Decisions on Food and Population. Marr and Hammett quite good. I couldn't

pick up two thumbtacks (did, finally), and couldn't speak right waiting at lunch. Nap – hope it is better. . . . It is.

18. Friday: To Hospital early. Not a bad day. Rain all day. Home. Newlin on income tax – went to deliver material to Duane, Morris, and Heckscher. Brought new Philadelphia phone books. Dinner with Will Pratt and Jean Hoffman. Home, to bed early.

19. Saturday: Up, leisurely. Clear day. But COLD again. Took Jean Hoffman to Jersey Jerry and then to BCH Thrift Shop. I bought a pink \$4.00 [ – ] I think it was Miss Monk's! She bought a sleeveless green – fifty cents!

20. [no entry]

21. Monday: Shopped for dessert – Paschke!

22. Tuesday: Made Paschke. President Friend and all Swarthmore alums gathered in Garden Room, chaired by Caroline Malin. We left for Square dancing.

23. Wednesday: League of Women Voters at Ruth Cichon's. I took Mabel Martin – parliamentarian for Peg Sutton. Respect but no action needed. Nominating Committee report went through smoothly.

24. Thursday: Turned the mattresses and vacuumed. Then changed. Cleaned over noon. Nap. Candidates evening – Staller knows Mutchler – Head of Claims for Aetna. Nice fellow. Knause, Oramonds, Carlucci. Staller for four places. Mabel Martin did a good job.

25. Friday: Newlin took me over – Mrs. Hunter brought me back. I deposited my \$700 check from Niagara shares. Dinner with Will and Louise Olesen. Will upset his soup – so embarrassed. [We]

missed a soprano. For Washington Week and Wall St. and David Susskind on torture around the world.

26. Saturday: Up late after a party! Newlin fenced the tulips and worked on the ajuga. We gave up on the Kashmir evergreen. Lunch with Wills. He's 80! Looks 50.

27. Sunday: To early Meeting. Sandwich and lunch packed. Off to eat at Yearly Meeting. Maurie and Jimmie Collins the only ones we knew! Daisy Newman delightful. Home on HiSpeed Transit line. Strike is on! Ecch!

28. Monday: Reading Club postponed. SO – I washed my hair. Got pretty good. Mrs. Hughes fell in the walkway after dinner. Nurse helped her up. She rode her chair to Estaugh. Went to Burlington City for X-rays. Cracked left pelvic bone! Collins on Samoa and Alice Spring etc., fair.

29. Tuesday: HOT! Virginia Blatchford called Baltimore family. Collected stuff, I took it over. Visited with Mrs. H. Jr. who had a cold. Bought Newlin's thermos (\$2.00!). bought \$3 of construction paper and 5x8 cards. We were 42 and 43 at 5:00 (17 from M.L.) [??] Budget passed. Square dancing interesting. Tom Wickenden died. Planted geranium slips.

30. Wednesday: HOT. Ruth home last evening with a new car. Locked the keys inside!

31. Thursday: The day! We were cleaned and all set. We parked the car at Trailways. 1:30 express to NY. Taxi to Lincoln Center. Bought tickets. Found the Library and auditorium. Found Fenwick. Had dinner at the top of the Met. To concert. It was better than earlier ones. Fenwick and Dean Anderson flute and percussion quite a tour de force. Fenwick chatted with composer of "Elixir" to

be played tomorrow night. Viva had done it 18 – 20 times. Home at 2:15.

## April

1. Friday: Up to hospital – quite weary. Not a heavy day. Cashed a check for the trip. Nap. Dinner with Will Pratt but no cards this time. TV evening. Washington Week in Review and Wall Street – and so to bed.
2. Saturday: Shopped for Monday's trip. Jersey Jerry has sold ALL Golden Delicious and Stayman Winesaps. Only Rome left. Planned for the trip. Royalty in the evening – over 900 in one score! Very good. Newlin is planting peas!
3. Sunday: To Meeting. I came home. Newlin soon. All plans focused on Kennedy Sinclair's invitation to covered dish supper. Mutchler a new member! Delicious food. I took Waldorf salad. (Baked some apples for Newlin.) . . . 8:00 p.m. TV Jesus – sandy bare landscape.
4. Monday: Newlin off to Carabasi. I cleaned up and packed. Forgot nothing. They came at 10:15. We're off. Four hours later, Century Island, Ocean City, Maryland. Settled in – Dorothy Dunton, Ethel Daum, Margaret Roberts, Barbara Stiles, Edie Duncan, Helen Berry and I. . . . Well appointed “duplex” apartment. Dinner delicious – chicken casserole, molded salad, date-nut cake with cream fizz. One table of bridge – three on Royalty. Gorgeous stormy ocean – full-moon tides – to watch.
5. Tuesday: Up in leisure and FOG. Helen Berry, Margaret Roberts and I walked the beach before breakfast. Omelet, toast, and orange juice. Sat about and listened to Ethel Daum till 1:00. Out for lunch – a diner, only fair. Dorothy Dunton and I came home. Nasty shower. Home at 6:10. Ate a little bite and off to Square Dancing.

LAST this season. Young Stiles danced. It was a lovely trip.

6. Wednesday: Newlin off to Philadelphia to dentist. Back at 11:00! I cleaned up the top kitchen shelf. Dressed. Direct to Stationery store in Mt. Holly for Richtberg. Newlin took League of Women Voters addressed stickers to Pitts. Cold and WINDY. Thank-you for Barbary Berry Kendell. Diary up-to-date!

7. Thursday: Changed beds. Went shopping. After lunch watched a Leisure Town square dance in the activities room. Dreadful audience in wheel chairs. They were better dancers than we. "Paupacians" – "Staunchion song" – "Staunch and gray." Performance improved by excellent piano. . . . 7:00 meeting join HMO, please.

8. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Awful day – long and hard! Home. left film. Slept all afternoon. Cold and windy. Dinner with Will Pratt. Standard TV evening at home.

9. Saturday: Up, dressed. And off to the wedding of Florence Martin and Pem Johnson. 11:30 in the Log Cathedral. Crowd. Morgan Osler and John Temple. Home. Medford Leas gave the wedding guests a lunch. Nice. COLD.

10. Sunday: Easter – Meeting at 9:30. Home. Baked butterscotch brownies. Dinner with Drashers. Pleasant. They'll probably not to to Ocean Grove this summer. Gave us red Texas grapefruit! Freezing! Newlin put his shirt over the tulips.

11. Monday: Sun actually warm. Reading Club at Ruth's. Decided to ask Virginia Blatchford and Florence Johnson. Lunch with Jack Gray and Martz – set up physical for me. Got joint stool (\$2.00) from the shop. Cabbage plants from Grace Ober. Went for eggs – \$.95 for extra large. Betty Townsend called. Washington, DC.

12. Tuesday: HOT – 90°! Washed stockings. Newlin out to garden. I had lunch with Maldeis and Stanly Hopkins. Sent N.J. and Federal income tax. Newlin to Moorestown. Rest. Dinner with Dr. Eleanor Rogers and Marion Lippincott. Planted castor beans and lettuce! Quiet evening. And to bed – with no extra quilt!

13. Wednesday: To be 90° again. Newlin to garden at 5:30. Planted seventeen cabbages. Brought manure for our garden. I rocked on “front porch.”

14. Thursday: Not quite so hot.

15. Friday: Pretty bad day. But I got pictures! of Fenwick and Caitriona Yeats, and Ocean City Maryland “picnic!” Ordered duplicates. Nap, dinner without Will Pratt. They have weekend company. Louisa so weak.

16. Saturday: A beautiful day. Let’s get some instant garden. Took Drashers along. She is driving again! Russo’s at Tabernacle had asparagus and greenhouses of plants. Petunias, then pansies at Red Top Market. Bot peat moss for D. – They gave it to us.

17. Sunday: To Meeting. Nice. Only four spoken messages. Mary and George Davis for dinner, then Royalty. . . . Supper – lima beans in casserole, and asparagus, peaches, and brownie. I still can’t write, for some reason. Newlin planted plants and fence.

18. Monday: Early for blood and urine tests. Then EKG and X-ray in p.m. Millie Mengel and Ruth Yost came for lunch and Ruth’s Trace [?] slides. Excitement – I must Not wait. Will see Atkinson this Wednesday. Sugar – diabetes? weight low, thirst. Book Club at Edna’s. I read from Brooks. View from Lincoln hill. Marjorie Pratt died.

19. Tuesday: Heart tripping. Down on sugar, up on vitamin C and

E. Here's hoping. Did a laundry at Kotula's. Nap. Pressed off shirts in p.m. Head aches a bit?? Our screens are on.

20. Wednesday: A loaf of whole wheat bread by 8:00, for food table at Mall. Wanamakers Day, for hospital. Typed a chart. Photographed Marjorie Pratt's flowers, with Kate hovering. Got medicine. Saw Atkinson – no EKG report! Sugar 237. Blood pressure normal. . . . So it is diabetes! No sugar. I think I can lick it.

21. Thursday: First to be cleaned.

22. Friday: To Hospital – rough day.

23 – 26 [no entries]

27. Wednesday: All spruced up for Ethel Shellenberger and friend Frances Godshall. Called on Virgie, lunch; call on Ellen, see apartments. Good visit. Left at 3:00. I was called to give blood for sugar test again. OK.

28. Thursday: we were last to be cleaned. Newlin left at 2:00 for Virginia. Elmer and Lois Brown stopped in – after 300 miles, with 250 to go. Kate joined us. Cranberry juice, crackers and cheese. Widow of Ambassador Davis to Russia talked and showed slides. Quite interesting. My sugar is down to 161. That's better.

29. Friday: Cold. Rode with Marie Dawson. Easy a.m. Home, awning up. Baby rabbit at large. Currres. Covered the tomato plants again. Dinner with Will Pratt. Then 25 best pictures from Barnwell, Durr, Styron, Ruth, Collins, Curtis, Schmidt. Very interesting. My tooth came out – loose for nine months.

30. Saturday: All morning (1½ hour) in the garden. Mulching, pulling weeds. Almost did myself in! Tomatoes are sickly. I

planted onion sets from the trash pile. . . . Hammer wanted me to serve on next year's board. I can't.

## May

Sunday: To Meeting – then to garden to put jump water on the tomatoes. They do look poorly. Dinner – then to see Auntie and Hazel. Showed pictures of Fenwick and concert.

2. Monday: Up early. Read, then breakfast. To Flaglers' for Book Club. Stern is pessimistic about the future. I read Soviet fishing [sic]. Mrs. Pierce quite nice at lunch. Cherry Hill Hi Dancers at 3:15. Interesting. Supper in little dining room.

3. Tuesday: Weeded around the tree beside the patio. Washed some socks. Flowers for Louisa. Newlin not home till tomorrow – Ellen Thomas having trouble??? I typed the addresses for League of Women Voters.

4. Wednesday: Cold. I played Joplin rags to keep warm. Will called for lunch with Wally Jeffers – niece from Long Island. Pleasant visit but Louisa is so frail.

5. Thursday: All straightened up for Becky and Connie. Dinner with Jack Gray, then to Ruth's apartment. Much talk of apartments and such. Jed's wedding, too.

6. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Light day. Stopped in Thrift Shop – four for a dollar. Becky and Connie had breakfast on their own. Left before dinner. Blanche Mack and Will for dinner. Then TV. Becky took a jacket and dress for \$.25!

7. Saturday: To Thrift Shop – Bought a couple of dresses! Four for a dollar. Pretty gold earrings for \$.50. My Mother's Day gift!

8. Sunday: To Meeting. Good, quiet! Worked on yellow dress. Then started the 4 yd. skirt – pretty blue. Pretty long to sew! Fenwick called! He'll hear tomorrow about a new group. Skirt finished! Now belt hangers.
9. Monday: COLD. Reading Club here, with wraps over knees. Newlin stayed. Ruth to Aunt Anna for tracing lost check. Library! Newlin lunch with Bill and Palombi. Dinner with nature trail group. Snow! in N.E.
10. Tuesday: Up – read some Dr. Atkins to Newlin. Soaked feet. Then off to Dr. Gilbert – 11:30 appointment, 12:00 start, 1:10 finish. And leave the “appliances” to be copied! Oh, yeah! Dinner with Blatchfords.
11. Wednesday: I went to Echelon Mall. Dr. Atkins' second book is hardback only. Bought a Jim Michener collection. Newlin off to Virginia. Ruth and I ate in little dining room.
12. Thursday: Washed my hair – it sure is THIN. Cleaned in due time. Beds changed. Hullabaloo about piles of laundry kept by residents!
13. Friday: Rode with Marie Dawson. Home promptly.
14. Saturday: Newlin returned from Virginia about 3:00. Ruth had a couple from Kutztown, with son teaching sign language for deaf. Interesting folks. . . . Program a piano soloist, Mrs. Richie, who is writing books to teach music to youngsters. Very nice. Jazz, too.
15. Sunday: Weather perfect. We went to Meeting. Ruth went to Burlington Meeting but didn't stay for 300th Celebration. We went to Daums' for Philadelphia Quartet and DINNER! Almost foundered. Punch, quiche, cheeses and crackers, beef bourguignon, peas, new potatoes, homemade bread, and cherry tarts. . . . She

played a gold Haynes [flute], he a Stradivarius – Baroque music.

16. Monday: Reading at Blatchfords – I started Jim Michener. Stern read Rosie – hilarious. . . . Much attempt to exchange dresses. No good!

17. Tuesday: Newlin in to Dr. Carabasi. I weeded the peas – two hours' worth. Pooped. Newlin watered garden things. I watered here. House kept cool though in 80's outside.

18. Wednesday: Hot! Newlin with busload to Brigantine nature preserve. Barnwell brought a trapped baby rabbit. I went to laundry – uniform, four dresses, bed pad, and much underwear. Home. Rest. Shower. Physical – sugar 118, but continue Orinase. “Off in five years.” Can do nothing about saggy arm “muscles.” Planted nasturtiums.

19. Thursday: Took off heavy bedspreads. And so it is COOL! Worked on blue dress – belt loops and shoulder tucks. The dotted one and two flowered ones washed well. . . . Baked a germie for the Kids' “Walk for Humanity.” Only 3,000 this year!!

20. Friday: I drove. Easy day. Marie Dawson's daughter “totaled” her car. I bought some more dresses and a sweater. Boland gave me exercise for flabby arm. Dumb Atkinson! Evening of TV. George came in later, for weekend.

21. Saturday: Some more sewing. Strawberries are in! I drove to a farm place that advertised in “Horticulture.” All sub-tropical! Lovely farms and white fences. Played Royalty in evening. Bakely walked twenty-one miles and served dinner!!

22. Sunday: To early Meeting. Then paper and reading. My eyes are not good. Dinner. Round of Royalty. Kate Paine came to show pictures of the “cottage” and to say good-bye. The house is bigger

than Cambridge house. . . . Our own salad bowl lettuce in a sandwich! Ahhh!

23. Monday: Hot. I pulled some weeds. “Show and tell” – Rue for last meeting of Reading Club. Wore yellow flowered dress in a.m. and blue in p.m. Dinner with Colvins. Slides of a “tame” horned owl – very interesting.

24. Tuesday: To be hot again. Went to Deptford Mall – beyond HiSpeed line. Not really worth it. Wanamaker and Bamberger and Sears and odds and ends on two levels. Bot bathing cap! . . . Planted five Indian beans after soaking over night.

25. [no entry]

26. Thursday: Beds changed, apartment cleaned. Car delayed from Arco till 2:00! Off to New York. Pretty heavy traffic through tunnel. Bused up Madison Ave. Found the place [92nd St. YM-YWHA]. Had dinner. Concert from stage World Premier failed again. Instruments too loud for the soprano. Not a bad audience scattered about. Home by 5th Avenue bus, walk across to 42nd St. combat zone – Ecch. Made a bus to Mt. Laurel at 12:00, home at 2:30. Lovely trip. Saw Fenwick briefly.

27. Friday: Drowsy, but off to Hospital. Newlin drove me and took car to Arco. I rode home EARLY with Marie Dawson. Car got finished by 5:30. Dinner with Will Pratt. Usual TV evening. Ruth off to Kutztown for retirement party, all weekend.

28. Saturday: Washed here and ironed. Another cotton dress! Covered buttons, yet! Comfortable weather. Musica Viva review almost panned the performance. Pratts sent us a copy, too.

29. Sunday: Cold – wore my 25¢ dress and jacket. Dinner with Louise Olesen and John Temple. Pleasant. . . . Pulled violets out of

Lily-of-the-valley. Some nasturtiums up. One bean is up.  
Wonderful supper – turkey leg, celery, tossed garden salad – Our garden!! Scrabble in evening.

30. Monday: Cold! Dinner with Miss Paradise – lamb with delicious asparagus. Ruth having a large weekend. Bot strawberries \$1.19/quart, and asparagus .79/lb! Changed calendars – all ready. Typing League of Women Voters addresses. Flag was out after a hunt!

31. Tuesday: Wrote up notes for School Board Meeting of May 11. Evening with Republican candidates. Pretty good crowd. Thacher poor! Gal for Sheriff quite good. Excellent [illegible]. Mabel Martin did a skilful job. TV lights hard on eyes.

## June

1. Wednesday: Took Newlin's cut-off and basted up pants. To Sewing be stitched, \$.50! took stuff to Jeannette Pitts. She was home with new baby daughter. Democrats in evening. Selassie the mystery man. Poor presentation.

2. Thursday: Changed beds. Made a hefty sandwich for Newlin. He left for Virginia about 11:30. Princeton man with pictures of lunar landing on Mars. Enthusiastic cuss. Needed to be! We had enough for a year.

3. Friday: I drove Ruth's car. Ran beautifully. Short list. Dawson went home. Names were added. Hunter left at 11:00. Lynne Ford told of Middlebury graduation at lunch. Found a dress for Louisa. \$1, 16½, unworn! Hope she likes it. Dinner with Louisa and Will in dining room. Absentee ballot assist for Charlotte Ramsey. TV and losing 76'ers.

4. Saturday: Clear and cool. I cleared out last year's blueberry jam.

Helped Adelle Brant with her absentee ballot. Ruth had two Hehr [?] friends for lunch and sat next to Wares. They were related! Bot a white handbag, \$9.00 in Gift Shop. Hamburger at Denny's. Good.

5. [no entry]

6. Monday: Newlin came home. Will go again Wednesday. Bill Martin urged write-ins for Garry and Betty Trumbower, Newlin, and Myra.

7. Tuesday: Election Day. Mabel Martin spoke of her Washington trip. Foreign Policy in a.m. I took Knoxes to vote. Bus at 2:15 – full. 201 votes cast in #9 – largest in M[edford?] of 599! Newlin and Myra and Trumbower. All were elected by write-ins.

8. Wednesday: Newlin left for Virginia about 11:30. I rode to League of Women Voters lunch with Peitersen. Very good meeting. Palombi, Stebbens, Gaidens for speakers. Cynthia Smith in charge of charter study. To School Board meeting with Maude Sharp. Hordes of teachers wanting speedier negotiations. Marlton Village Club House and delectable meal.

9. Thursday: We were second, so I had to hump. Beds made. Gave a bundle of sugar peas to Sue. She was delighted.

10. Friday: Drove Ruth's car to the hospital. Pretty hard day. Got a card and two ties for Fathers' Day. Rested. Dinner with two Pratts. Home for TV evening. Blatchfords have a new color TV. Gordon Roberts dropped dead after Committee Meeting, age 55. Awful.

11. Saturday: I raked up some cut grass and let it blow on the garden. Left at 10:30 for pictures of Quaker buildings and to visit Auntie. Bought wormwood and oregano at the home Fair. Newlin home for Belmont Race – and dinner. Seattle Slew, triple crown.

Auntie liked the tan and white dress.

12. Sunday: Sprinkled the planting between us and Adele. Nice to have enough hose. Finished a good letter to Fenwick, Auntie, Kate Paine, and Yazzie of Monument Valley, Utah. It's turning warm. This no sugar is a nuisance. Newlin to vespers to learn about for next week. Sugar peas for supper.

13. Monday: Newlin to local Democratic Committee Meeting.

14. Tuesday: Left the hose and sprinkler out – the boys wound up the hose and TOOK the sprinkler. Drat. It was broken and patched. Rain off and on. Good. Newlin to County Democratic Committee Meeting – about 450!

15. Wednesday: Newlin to Virginia again. Grapes, Tang, peanuts, yoghurt and jelly. Rain clearing. Picked a little kettle of black and red raspberries. Such seeds! Changed the beds and stripped the double bed in evening.

16. Thursday: Cleaned first. Took the bus to Moorestown. Sears PJ's for Newlin. No Danskin bathing suit! Strawbridge at Echelon may have it. So . . . did a wash in p.m. Must pick peas! Sue's husband has diabetes. Mr. Homan of Solaria in p.m.

17. Friday: Last day for volunteering – after Labor Day, next. Took Charlotte Batzle's dress in. Just looked, and found a blue one for \$.25! Denver family here for Pratts. Blatchfords like their color TV.

18. Saturday: To Town Meeting in a.m. McGaugh, Sharp, and I put up posters! Very poorly attended. Dumb. [Only] 1/3 from Medford Leas. Back in Ruth's car. To Harvey and Alice's 50th wedding anniversary. Nice party. All kids present. Wished I had MY camera. Newlin home from Virginia when we got home. Visitor to

farm – “How many calves in a litter?” Banker!!

19. Sunday: To Meeting at all. Dinner à trois. Made raspberry flummery from our garden. Delicious. Peas, lettuce, and cheese for supper. On patio.

20. Monday: Pretty hot. Newlin all set to go in to Hospital. Took him to HiSpeed line. Exchanged PJ's and returned nightgown. Bot cheese and [illegible]. “Meet me at 2:00.” Out in heat again. No air conditioner till Wednesday. Visited with Flagler. Quite a storm – a rainbow, gorgeous sky.

21. Tuesday: A perfect day – no humidity. Ruth got her knee drained and medicine put in it. Newlin in the garden all morning. I picked up this patio garden. 11:00 – 11:45 I showered, walked over, walked in the pool, and home again. Water felt nice. I was tired all over. Played Shakespeare songs. Jim Michener's TV special.

22. Wednesday: Washed my hair. Reading Wallace Stegner. Man's novel about old age. Delightful humor and expression.

23. Thursday: Ellen Thomas and I picked our first blueberries on Taunton Road \$.35/lb. (a pint's a pound?). A quart to Ruth for Saturday guests, a saucerful to Cole, Blatchford. Home to be cleaned last.

24. Friday: Lovely day. Loise Oleson and I went to Atlantic City for the 26 National Square Dance Convention. Watched waltz lesson and two square-dance groups. Awful acoustics! Lovely costumes. Home by 4:00, pooped! Car worked perfectly. Lucky parking – \$2.00. Newlin bought little Mrs. Mardin's chair for \$25.00. It is a good fit.

25. Saturday: Overcast. Newlin and I went for more blueberries.

Luscious ones. Then Grace Yoder, Mrs. Angstadt, and Eva Heisler. 1700 quilts for the Folk Fair. \$85,000 gross for Reading Hospital. Fair cleared \$6,799 on Easter candy for the church. 2,000 pounds of chocolate! They liked the place MUCH! Quiet evening. Blueberries to Bail, Grace Ober, Pratts, Acton, and Richtbergs. They are SO good.

26. Sunday: I went to Meeting. Hot and muggy. Newlin worked on his leading of 4:30 vespers. "Miscast." A real pull. Made blueberry mush à la Eva Heisler. Turkey leg for supper, asparagus and sugar peas. Newlin's tour de force is over – everyone is relieved. Hope it is the last!

27. Monday: Pretty warm. No absentee ballots requests being sent! Newlin worked up a request and got it signed by eight. I took it over – Kelly's girls said "Medford Leas – wouldn't you know!" Brought 'em back and took 'em around. Pratts, Walton Smith, Marg, Virgie, Braucher.

28. Tuesday: Election Day! I hope the Medford Elementary School passes. Took eight absentee ballots over to the Mosquito Control. Skimpy vote. Newlin went to hear the count. School lost by two votes – must wait for absentee ballots!

29. Wednesday: The school won by nine votes! Maude felt badly. We were pleased. Very hot and sticky. Newlin put up notices of the count.

30. Thursday: Clear, no humidity – after beds and dishes – Marion Drasher and Ellen and I picked blueberries. \$1.55 at .35/lb. Home weary. Peas for lunch. Drashers for dinner. Lunch with Wares – Lindy sees nothing out of her left eye, and can joke about it. Two glads are up to the top of the feeder – one is blue!

July

1. Friday: Newlin working on farm – desk stuff. To bank too late. So, evening. George came. Bed and room ready. Did a laundry – shirts and dress to iron. Birthday dinner – Delicious beef with Pratts. Then two singers for program. \$500. I did TV, Newlin talked with Hunt.

2. Saturday: We got the chair back – Hopkins said he'd ruin the upholstery to mend it, then it would cost. Suggested sending it to an upholsterer who could mend it and replace the fabric. I'll sit on it a while longer. He quoted \$250 to do a chair. . . . George and Ruth went to Kutztown. We had dinner with C. Malin and Betty Myers – full foreign living. So what! [?]

3. Sunday: Up early. To Meeting. Lee spoke about Quakers and caring. Home to write a couple of notes. Actually! Froze two more pints of blueberries – now six. Sat on porch for Syrian bread and lettuce sandwich supper. Not too humid.

4. Monday: Fourth of July. Newlin watering in court with two 75-foot hoses! Nice décor in dining room – red, white, and blue colors, girls in hats Rock Cornish hens at noon, good blueberry muffins. Sat out to watch fireworks – hot and muggy. George left with a quart of blueberries. Played hearts in afternoon – better! Ate last raspberry flummery of the year. . . . Butterweck died 7/3.

5. Tuesday: Down to 70° last night! Muggy today. Paid board and rent again. Took a picture of the glads.

6. Wednesday: A Dr. Wright of Moorestown, Prof. of Bible at Temple University, was excellent on the Dead Sea Scrolls at 10:30 a.m. Essenes left Jerusalem for the wilderness when Alex the Great's successor tried to “Hellenize” everyone. From 125 [?].

7. Thursday: Second section of Dead Sea Scrolls. This time he had

a map – geographical and plan of the digs (plus cisterns) BC to 68 AD. They lived in a “monestary.” No women. Scroll of Laws told of rules and regulations. No scolding of superiors in the pecking order.

8. Friday: Mrs. Drasher and I went for blueberries again. Overcast till we left at 10:15. \$1.75, and I had to borrow a dollar! We toured M[edford?] including Johnson’s corn corner. Pratts, then Washington Week and Rukeyser from London. Hummer on all night. HOT.

9. Saturday: Dreadfully hot. I read John McFee on Alsaska – four long parts in the New Yorker. But terrific. Our first tomato is ripening for tomorrow. (I pulled a dead bush out of the court!) Shopped hurriedly “What’s this quart of half-and-half doing here?”

10. Sunday: Newlin working and working on farm desk work. I went to Meeting – quite good. “I praise” license seen by Styron. Took glads to Ruth – magnificent! Helped do beans with Lindy for Grace’s freezer. It is cooling off. Finished our lettuce, and “Alaska.” Ate first tomato.

11. Monday: First issue of People came to Ruth. Good. M. Drasher, E. Southerland, and L. Olesen picked blueberries. 5½ lbs. \$1.90 for me, some to Pratts. More tomatoes coming in. Birds are getting them. Tuli-Latus Mignonette came. Fair.

12. Tuesday: HOT and MUGGY. Glads are top-heavy. Lovely inside here. I did a laundry here. It actually rained, some hard. Thunder and lightning about. Restless, aimless – can’t get down to work on directory. Must!!

13. Wednesday: HOT and MUGGY! I drove us to Ram’s Head Inn on Route 30, Absecon, for lunch. \$20.10 and \$5.00 tip. Generous servings of good food. 39 miles one way. Clean, light, leisurely!

Home at 3:30. School Board tonight. Newlin for blood test, Virginia tomorrow.

14. Thursday: Newlin off to Virginia. I changed beds and got ready for Sue. Dreadfully HOT. Took afternoon bus to Stewarts, taking Newlin's suit to the cleaner. Bought sugar-free ginger ale. . . . New York City had a blackout again Wednesday night with massive looting. Much inconvenience. Subway, elevators.

15. Friday: Radio and papers full of blackout details. So costly to individuals, businesses, and the city.

16. Saturday: So hot – busy keeping cool! Styrons gave slides and talk of Western trip. Included Spider Rock of Canyon de Chelly. (Mine is better!)

17. Sunday: HOT! Up, to early meeting. Good – though Styron spoke twice. All men but Helen Ridgway. Ruth took me for Wadlinger's paper . . . she was here for supper. First fried tomatoes, squash, cole slaw. The last of the quart of half-and-half. Grace Ober at dinner. I shared cookies with the table. Put jump water on the tomatoes. Newlin's garden is awful!

18. Monday: HOT! Light load for Moorestown, but nice on the bus with upper windows open. Milk, bread, cheese, Vitamin E. . . . Tom and Eleanor came about 5:15. Had easy trip from Bennetts. But so hot! 6:30 for dinner, they were out of things. Quiet evening here, phoning, etc.

19. Tuesday: Cheese omelet, blueberries, toast, and tea at 8:00 a.m. It got hot on the porch! They left about 9:20 for N.Y.C. via the Holland Tunnel! It was murderous HOT all day. Newlin returned for dinner. All returned to former calm. Gorgeous glads from the garden. White petunias very pretty. I slow sprinkled the bushes near Adele Brant.

20. Wednesday: Newlin up at 6:30 to go in to see Dr. Carabasi. I slept. Overcast, so it was not so hot. He was home by lunch. We spoke of Nicholsons (Tim, Mary Ann, and Nancy). Then went for blueberries! Made the sun come out! Ten pounds in less than an hour.

21. Thursday: Our day – cleaning and porter. Margarite as slow as slow. Porter worked huff, puff hard. Very warm. and humid. Pearl came to finish it off. . . . Watering, watering. Johnstown flood again!

22. Friday: Blueberries are still good. My eyes are bothering me. I read Adelle Davis again on diabetes. Dinner with Pratts. Then evening of TV – Washington Week with good personnel – Hewitt Johnson, Smith, McNeill. Then Wall St. – Carter Randall seemed almost ill. Cool – a good night to sleep. Newlin to turn off the water, got a rusty wire fence in his left palm. Nurse came at 11:00. He went to Hospital for tetanus – home at 3:00 a.m.

23. Saturday: Clear, low humidity. Newlin slept late with hand under tension and in high sling. Consternation in Leas dining room! Ruth and I went to see Auntie. She expected us! She had a fan, but it was hot. Looked frailer than ever. Home, dinner with Blatchfords. I cut Newlin's meat, and tied his shoe-strings.

24. Sunday: Ruth went off for more pictures. Dorothy Sinker died – the one-hundredth since we came! . . . Fenwick called in the afternoon. Playing second flute with Bob Stallman on the North Shore. Roast pork, cole slaw, blueberries. Delicious. Ruth stayed in Odessa.

25. Monday: Up early, breakfast. To Mount Holly by 7:25. Dr. Betts removed the bandage and said “Keep going.” Three stitches out next week. Overcast. I went to Conshohocken – ten pounds of

sunflower seeds, ten pounds peanuts and raisins. Home by lunch. RAIN. Newlin to evening interview for counsel. Dinner with Sammis [?].

26. Tuesday: My ear opened! Did nothing to speed it. And it is even better! None of this “in a barrel” sound.

27 – 29 [no entries]

30. Saturday: Jo and Horace Heilman took Ruth and George to lunch. Stayed for talk at supertime. We played a royalty and each won. 1,000 point game!

31. Sunday: To meeting. Edith Muir eulogized briefly. Dinner with Ruth and George. Typed. Then to Moorestown Mall for vitamin C. Pretty warm. Couple of tomatoes for George.

## August

1. Monday: Muggy, hot, thunderstormy. Worked on the directory. Dropped off Medford Lakes envelope to Doris Steele (at paper). Phone most of evening. Quite a bit of rain and several thunderstorms. Newlin had three stitches out – O.K. Phone Forsyth’s office –

2. Tuesday: Clear, but dripping. I WASHed my HAIR! Over the noon hour I watched TV. Bridge, Balanchine dances, Julia Child. We miss a lot by going to lunch. The last blueberries. Dinner with Richtbergs – pretty bad!

3. Wednesday: Newlin to Municipal Offices. I typed. Hard rain, twice. Hemming old dress. L.W.V. at Board Meeting voted to pay for the Directory. Went with Newlin to Township Committee Meeting. Only Judi and Angus and the Mayor! Bought two little baskets of peaches, \$1.50 each. Tabernacle [?].

4. Thursday: First to be cleaned! Appointment with Kitty Mac Gloughlin at 10:00. Went over most of directory. Everybody in a good mood after last night's meeting was over. Sat with Flagler a bit. Took some printing to Doris Steele's home. Home earlyish. Newlin at Zoning Board of Appeals.
5. Friday: Corrections to printer – three! Then shopping for sponge – total \$13.00! Pratts enjoyed a dish of peaches. Ruth off to Kutztown via Philadelphia, then up into Pennsylvania, and down to Sandy Spring!!! TV was good.
6. Saturday: Newlin and I went for blueberries. None in Medford. Went out route 70 – fine! Seven quart jars filled. Some are small. Tired. Rested. Very muggy and hot. Cracking good thunderstorm – hit a house in Medford and elsewhere. Wind and pouring rain. Played a scrabble game. F[enwick?] not at home.
7. Sunday: Still muggy – 78° at 7:15! To Meeting here. Pretty good. Took Marion Roberts to Mount Laurel Meeting. Pretty hot! Sun burned. Good supper – fried tomatoes, corn on the cob, peaches. Perfect summer fare.
8. Monday: Newlin off to Virginia with good lunch – peanut butter and raisin, watermelon, and cheese. Quart and pint of blueberries –
9. Tuesday: Nostalgia, nostalgia. I fixed up the Brides' Book. Went through the snapshots. Mounted several. . . . Had a gay dinner with Dr. Eleanor Rogers, Alan Moore, and Ruth. Asimov and science fiction – the future, etc.
10. Wednesday: Bus to Deptford Mall. Bought Laurel Lee's "Walking through the Fire." Read it in afternoon. Ruth went to New Hope in Virginia Blatchford's place. I went to School Board meeting with Maude Sharp. New Assistant Superintendant

\$28,000! Long hash on Health curriculum. Sharp storm at dinner time.

11. Thursday: Cleaned first. New weatherstripping and adjusting of door by expert workers. Ellen “How to clean pewter?”. . . Flagler groaning about. Blatchford LOVED Laurel Lee. To Stewarts and cleaning in p.m. Took the lurid jacket for Fenwick.

12 – 15 [no entries]

16. Tuesday: The day! I went to Columbia Cutlery annual meeting of stockholders! Heard all about it. . . . Hot and muggy. 203-mile round trip, plus a blown hose at the service station. Five pairs of stockings and dinner at Crystal! Big day. Home soon after 11:00. I think I’ll keep my 5 sh [sic].

17. Wednesday: Dopped around, made lunch for Newlin. Put figures on a farm and mountain map of assessments. Newlin too weary to go. Went to bed – to get up “early” say 5:00.

18. Thursday: Newlin got off “early” at quarter of seven. I made a bed and went to Moorestown Mall. Had to cash a check at Wanamakers. Silicone spray worked well on my window. . . . Ruth took me to Russo’s for a tree ripened Blake basket for \$2.00. I did five pints of the worst in the evening. A card came from Fenwick.

19. Friday: Cold – in the 50’s. I got up slowly. Five more pints of peaches. Nap. Walked down for pills. Supper with Pratts. Ruth took Baldwin, Rumble, and Ware to lunch. Bridge with Pratt’s almost makes you scream! I took ’em some cut peaches.

20. Saturday: Still blissfully cool and non-humid. Schlimmie was hot. Two pints – packed cold with ¼ cup sugar, fill with boiling water. Lids on tight. Into big boiler covered with boiling water. Sit till cool. . . . Walked over for eggs. 1342 steps home. Made a

yellow sign for Ruth's dug-up court. Quiet evening with Ruth's Quaker costume book and our own bonnet. A bath!

21. Sunday: Cool again. Lovely. Meeting – Bill and Alice Martin and three sat in front of us. Flagler called. I showed her the bonnets. Planted lettuce and put grass mulch on the garden.

22. Monday: I washed my berry-picking dress. Newlin came in almost late for supper. We talked so much I forgot the School Board meeting. We enjoyed the snapshots I had sorted and mounted.

23. Tuesday: Off to Betsy Walsh's by 9 a.m. To Ocean City with Helen Berry and Margaret Roberts. Found Barbara Stiles, Ethel Daum and Edie Duncan. . . . The beach, the ocean, the sand. Delicious lunch. Home at 6:15. Dinner late. Such a good day.

24. Wednesday: Newlin in to Philadelphia – will be postponed till after election. I went to printer. Did my proof reading and sat two hours! It will be five columns, accordion pleated. Newlin took the car to Mt. Holly. It passed except for the insurance card!

25. Thursday: Slept late. Up. Turned the big rug. Flowers from Becky and M.D. and Wilma P. Kirk. I slept 1½ hours. It is blissfully cool. Barkley Powell brought his electric knife sharpener and did the whole court.

26. [no entry]

27. Saturday: Bed is ready, so is room. Fenwick played at a wedding and then came down – here at 9:00. Visited, and then to bed.

28. Sunday: Up. Breakfast on patio. Fenwick and Newlin and I to Mt. Laurel Meeting. Stonework and big trees. Home. Took flowers

over. Saw cake. Ruth too many butterflies to eat! The party was a great success. Fenwick read the certificate and played. Pretty modest gifts.

29. Monday: Fenwick drove as we took him to Philadelphia airport. So short a time. We invited the court to come at 4:30 to have some sandwiches, cake, and punch, and to see the Lady of the House.

30. Tuesday: Typing and typing to get a two-page letter done. Lists and records.

31. Wednesday: Duplicated the letter – and now the many notes.

## September

1. Thursday: Hot, sticky. Changed beds, swept porch. Took two double sheets over and got new ones. Working on thank-yous and Brides Book. Went to lecture on Greek Island Archaeology. Dismal! Put the Lady of the House away in her box after Sue saw it.

2. Friday: Last Friday vacation of the year. Fruit flies are awful. Dinner with Pratts. Ruth's ingrown toenail still hurts. Louisa is frail, absent-minded – wants to deal but takes SO long. We hurried home for Wall Street week –

3. Saturday: Hot – hummer on most of the day and night. Notes to be written all day. Crickets are cricking like crazy. Flagler off to John Woolman – feels lousy.

4. Sunday: Newlin to Meeting, I didn't go. Finished the thank-you notes to all but Ruth. Took directories to Ethel Daum. Ruth Cichon in Garden State with a heart attack. . . . To Bernie and Libby Haines for ice cream, peaches, tea, brownies, and Styron's flower

slides. Lovely pictures – excellent photography. Home by flashlight through the woods.

5. Monday: Labor Day. Newlin shifted the little lounge chair out in favor of the porch rocker again. I'll try it. Muggy, but temperature OK. I picked a few more Indian beans.

6. Tuesday: To Sears to order a calculator and three shirts for Newlin. All the mamas and kids were shopping. Home – long phone call with Henrietta. Drove for eggs. Very humid and hot and much thunder. Ruth brought a package from Aunt Anna – Aunt Lilly's [illegible] ring for 40th!

7. Wednesday: Newlin to Township Committee Meeting. I did sign up for Square Dancing.

8. Thursday: Cleaning all off schedule. Actons going to dinner for their 60th anniversary! So – early. Flagler came home from Woolman, feels lousy. Lost her interest in things.

9. Friday: To Hospital – first day back. Dawson just home from two weeks in Ireland. LOVED it. Five took a Volkswagen bus. . . Mr. Boland there. Marie Robinson promoted to head of department. Nice. Not too tired. Dinner and evening with Pratts. Louisa is SO frail. Frightening.

10. Saturday: Washed here and ironed. Newlin happy about Caroline's call. Sees a little daylight. Beautiful day. Dinner with Kit LeHecka and Tina Jacks and husband. "Four wise men from [illegible]." Indians asking for teachers. Whitman and Spaulding and wives went to serve with an M.D. [?]

11. Sunday: Gorgeous Philo Day. Ruth off to Brigantine with the Jacks. To early Meeting. Then with maps and Bess Piper to find Woodfords. Finally found it! On the hard road, beyond West

Centennial Drive. Home. Dinner. Newlin and Jack Gray and two Colvins found it again. . . . Tomato soup and corn for super. Mutschler and K. Sinclair came to see the castor bean plants! Tennis finals.

12. Monday: Newlin's lunch packed. Car windows washed. Off to Betty Woodford's for the day. Nine cars. . . . First meeting of Reading Club at Ruth's. I read a John Gould on "Shook and Bolter." Virginia read a hilarious chapter from a Wellesley book. Dinner with Pem Johnsons. "That's Entertainment" movie with dancing by Astaire.

13. Tuesday: We must go see Cherry Hill Lodge – will be open for a board meeting of Friends Manor. It is really pretty good. Solid, generous rooms, ample kitchen, etc. etc. I prefer Leas. . . . "Bugs Eye View of Nature" film by Alta Williams late husband. Superb reflections, stunning flowers, incredible hummingbirds. Really super!

14. Wednesday: More talk of Friends' Manor – \$15,000/unit and \$399/month. "Moderate income" facility! Newlin to Dr. Carabasi. Me to Echelon. Bot cedar binding for gold blanket! With Maude Sharp to School Board. I gave out directories.

15. Thursday: We got cleaned. Then to Sears to pick up Newlin's calculator, and thread to do blankets. Took one to do while waiting to hear Jeanette Johnson (wife of Federal official for Pennsylvania and Maryland) on "Literary search for Herbs" – good display, many samples. Rosemary most effective. She was interesting.

16. Friday: Off to Mount Holly with card for Boland. New volunteer – Mr. Pierce. Former milkman and crack salesman, I'm sure. He's "looking." One elevator out. Phew! Dinner with Pratts. Louisa holding her own, but frail.

17. Saturday: Pretty good day but getting HOT. Blankets continue most of the day.

18. Sunday: Meeting here, then Mt. Laurel. First house torn down, second toward road, third toward BIG sassafras tree! Silent Meeting! Sewing on blanket finished!! Fried tomatoes and egg drop soup with bean sprouts. Sour [fruit] flies are frantic and so am I! We walked around Mrs. Trent's mound. Lovely.

19. Monday: Reading club at Blatchfords. Miss Volkhausen came briefly. I read James Michener's "The Milk Run." Ruth read from Elizabeth Fry – section on Gurney girls – seven in red cloaks. . . . Absentee ballots table and sign. Four tables to sign request for STOP sign. Long Medford Leas Residents' Association meeting. Typed League of Women Voters list.

20. Tuesday: At least two thunderstorms and some rain last night. Newlin up early, walking, walking. Muggy day. Finished up petitions.

21 – 22 [no entries]

23. Friday: Off to Hospital. Big day – but I shopped a tailored wool dress and cashmere coat! \$4.00, \$2.00 each.

24. Saturday: Pianist played nicely in lounge.

25. Sunday: I just didn't go to Meeting. Stomach rumbles too much. Sewed on by quilted dress.

26. Monday: Reading at Flaglers. I read about rehab of building in East side of NYC with wind-mill for hall lights and heater! Got a diabetics book from Bookmobile. Collins slides and talk on [illegible].

27. Tuesday: Quiet day to prepare for Square Dancing. Three squares! Couple of new people. Poor Elsa in trouble again.

28. Wednesday: To Echelon Mall for binding and color for quilt dress. Pretty weary. Newlin dug up glad bulbs. I had good nap.

29. Thursday: Trip to Energy [exposition?] with League of Women Voters. Doris Steel drove Elaine Pratt and Ann Auerbach and I. Ichthyological lab interesting – effect of heat on fish. Nuclear plant – ecch. Home – two with sitters on edge. They pay \$1.00/hour! Lovely day, chaotic lunch.

30. Friday: Up early! Off to Hospital, finished by 11:00. Three pushing, two helping out back. To Pierce's sale. Found two strollers for Ruth and gold necklace and blue beads!! Bought pair of wine glasses, 25¢ each. Marge Bersch is back. Dinner with Pratts – just AWFUL. L. not able to lift coffee cup. And SLOW bridge!!!!

## October

Saturday: Rain again. Quiet day. Newlin cleaning up his office! Preparing for book club here on Monday. Dinner with Coopers. New Englanders Phoned Lil – Dyke is buying in Australia, near Grafton.

2. [no entry]

3. Monday: Book club, without Ruth or Newlin – went all right. I did “Jonathan Ashley” in honor of the new picture.

4. [no entry]

5. Wednesday: Bus to Echelon and HiSpeed to Philadelphia. Bought two tickets for Senior Citizen reduced fare. Bought a gold

stained glass with red camellia for Becky and M.D. Rode the Cultural Loop past City Tavern and Penn's Landing. . . . Newlin to Township Committee Meeting.

6. Thursday: We were cleaned FIRST. Made us push. I changed the beds last evening. Two blankets on. Kate returned – good haircut, looking well.

7. Friday: Newlin to Philadelphia early. Rode with Marie Dawson – medium heavy day. Then took film over and bought a long dress, \$2.00. Filthy. I washed it in Woolite and it is perfect. Pratts said no dinner and no bridge. Louisa is failing.

8. Saturday: Baked apples. Sewed on quilted dress. Newlin to Democratic Headquarters, and I to Stewarts to take directories. Met Penny Chollak and ----- . Pretty cold. Puffs out again.

9. Sunday: Rain. Newlin to Meeting. I made cranberry “sauce” – first of season. \$.49/lb. . . . Supper – turkey salad, corn, cranberries, gluten bread!! Ruth joined us. Papaya spears for dessert. Ruth liked the new dress. Finished up the top of the quilted jumper.

10. Monday: Clear to start. Reading at Pem Johnson's. Ruth poems by and for women. Edna, Cezanne. Me on early writing. Stern. Thurber's Fables. Home. Awning is down. Geraniums in. Queen of the Stardust Ball, sort of tawdry – nice dancing. Dinner with Southerland.

11. Tuesday: Newlin frantically busy. I set Community Room \$17.00 for L.W.V. for international relations in November. Trimmed a bush, hard. And pulled out some ----- . Found an old rabbit nest under the ground pine. Square dance. One couple short of three squares. Currres. Announcement of Gilles' daughter's birth! Pictures from Harold and Florence are nice.

12. Wednesday: Overcast, cold and raw. Newlin signing Gary Trumbower letter and racing around. I washed my hair. Storm windows are upon the doors.

13. [no entry]

14. Friday: To Hospital. Merz immobile on stretcher. Can move legs and arms in the big tank! Busy without Marie Dawson. Weary. Almost the last of the castor beans into the album. Nice on pictures of Doris Steel.

15. Saturday: Off at 11:00 to Jean Carson's for Becky and MD's 50th – early. “Can I help you?” Then whole family was there. I wore my light green turtleneck dress. Nice affair. Good food. Becky the flute player with kinky permanent! Announced engagement. Another Becky and Mike! Pictures. Home. Nice aura of beamishness!!

16. Sunday: Quiet day. Turkey salad, cranberry relish, sliced tomato.

17. Monday: Rainy. To David Stern's. Ruth read from Jessamyn West. She cut it well. I read from New Yorker.

18. Tuesday: Fairly balmy. Castor beans were thrashed about by the wind. So we took 'em down and cleaned up the garden. Ready for winter. Wrote to Florence Seaman and sent back four pictures. Square dancing. Elsa without a partner again – but we had three squares.

19. Wednesday: Up slowly. To Echelon – finished braid for my quilted [?] and bought a black top floor-length quilted bottom “lounge robe” for \$37.00. My winter evening dress! A car load to League of Women Voters at Margaret Roberts. First cider! Late

home, and I was tapped as recorder for consensus on Charter Study Commission. Bought Sugar Blues.

20. Thursday: Rested up after last night. Changed beds.

21. Friday: No hospital. Newlin's lovely shawl "wrapped in love." I had forgotten how pretty it is. Two orchids, too. Off to Ram's Head Inn for delicious dinner – \$30.00 worth!!! I splashed dressing on my light dress. Lovely day, soft coloring in trees. Light supper. Call on Pratts. Louisa starts long story as we get up to go. Took recorder notes to Cynthia Smith.

22. Saturday: Newlin up really early and off to Virginia by 7:00. I slept and fixed up the house for company. Ernie and Barbara Foust and a hanger-on Williams. Supper. Delightful program. Misty pictures of Scotland, then demonstration of spinning, two versions. Williams wore his hand woven suit. I wore my new shawl. Many kilts identified in the "map." Much interest.

23. Sunday: Up. To Meeting. Fousts and Ruth and George and Williams! Good meeting. Visited here. Barbara copied dyeing notes from rug books. I passed George's snacks. They liked the closets in the apartment. Asked about the bug picture in the bathroom. Lunch at Harry's. Off to Kutztown. Mahler's #4 nice music. Fenwick called. Betsy Zimmerman will come up to get the corner cupboard on Friday. Fenwick is in Mahler #1! [BSO] Finally wrote Jean Carson.

24. Monday: Called McDonald. OK. Reading at Ruth's.

25 – 27 [no entries – but after this interval Marion's handwriting had deteriorated sharply. This may indicate the first of her strokes.]

28. Friday: Took teakettle along and N.Y. Times on Irish art loan for Marie Dawson. Three blouses for \$1.25! Fairly busy. Slept two

hours! Pratts had family in visit. We sat with Willock. Home – Eva le Gallienne on Cavett show. Washington Week and Wall St. Week, then Susskind and college prexies and a Ph.D welder – interesting.

29. Saturday: Nice and balmy. Up late. Lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Romig. Quakertown house, Newtown office. Chatted and saw our apartment. Then I went to see Auntie. Took store cookies and picture album. Back by 6:05. Had a seminar in little dining room. Turned clocks back. Played a bit of Royalty with Ruth.

30. Sunday: Light early! Newlin to Meeting. Got no Irish art on TV. I did my B+B notes for Thursday dinner party. Worked at League of Women Voters rep. on School Board. . . . Turkey legs for supper. Cleaned Newlin's top drawer.

31. Monday: Reading at Blatchford's.

## November

Tuesday: Square dance – short for three squares.

2. Wednesday: School meeting very serene. Negotiation meeting until 2:00 a.m! Made our beds in evening. Some headache.

3. Thursday: Got my flu shot with many others! Then to Moorestown on the bus. Got the electric mattress cover. Not much else.

4. Friday: To hospital. Busy a.m. “Suck in your guts.” Bought a black dressy hat, \$.75 plus box, 25¢. Becky's pictures done. Home by Jersey Jerry. Louisa to stay in bed a few days. Dinner with Will. Apple betty almost knocked me out. Trace of headache hangs on.

5. Saturday: Baked apples, made a loaf of Mrs. Hoover's bread.

Newlin put cranberry mulch on the court and dug some bushes. Trying to clear off. Handed out samples of bread. It is smoother than stone ground wheat.

6. Sunday: Rainy off and on. Ruth off on a weekend. Supper bean sprouts with dressing. Soup – cream of celery with no sugar, dab of yoghurt, fishies from Pratts. . . . Reading “Sugar Blues” is very convincing. Maybe my headache was diabetes, maybe flu.

7. Monday: Newlin calling like crazy on absentee registration. To Reading at Flaglers’. Small group. I read again from Will Pratt’s book. Newlin got his flu shot in p.m. Dinner with three speakers. Interesting program, I thought. Divorce and working. Gather at Ellen’s afterward. I took cider and cheese. Pregnant lawyer marriage counselor and Gray Panther.

8. Tuesday: Election Day. Newlin out by quarter of 7! I baked a jonny cake. Brown outside, wet inside. Ate the crust and threw it out! . . . Drove four at 9:00. Hess picked up two at 10:30. Nine on 1:30 bus! No wait! 84 absentee ballots, mostly Leas. Dinner with Louise Oleson.

9. Wednesday: Much phoning and typing up of election statistics. And resting! 153 absentee ballots in Medford. 94 in District nine – or something like that.

10. Thursday: Newlin left for Virginia about 11:30. Phoned from Mt. Laurel library to get Newlin’s role to Styron! He had a good sandwich. I took shirts on the bus and it rained! Ruth Cichon phoned – she WON! All three L.W.V. are in! Garzynski and Dietz.

11. Friday: Up – drove Ruth’s car to early bus to Raleigh. Then to Mt. Holly. Saw Kit LeHecka, Barclay Powell and M. Lippincott. Talked with Mary Ann. Saturday a.m. dinner a deux with Will Pratt. Louisa will never get home again. Depressing.

12. Saturday: Jean Hoffman can't go. Nancy Nicholson can't go. So I went to Brigantine. Snow geese in some numbers. Traffic, too. Lunch on crackers and cheese at Smithville. Home via cider at Jersey Jerry. Jean and Helen Ridgeway and I went to American Friends Service Committee 69th birthday. Ate in little dining room. Schlimmie in B.C.M.H. for tests for numb right arm! You never know!

13. Sunday: Cold last night. First frost Saturday a.m. To early Meeting to get Ruth at 10:50. Took Dr. Rogers home. Nice in apartment! Some sun, the dirt is cleaned up in the storage tanks of solar heating. Dinner in small dining room again. WASHed my hair.

14. Monday: To Dr. Horowitz – a change in prescription. He is thorough and GOOD. Reading will be here next Monday. Newlin came in from Virginia. Not as successful as he hoped.

15. Tuesday: Cider is on hand. Teeth cleaned by Mrs. Dutton – she's GOOD. Daughter in California solar heating. Square dancing went well. Three squares. Charlotte Batzle at loose ends.

16. Wednesday: All set for the evening session of League of Women Voters in #17. Many cards up in the halls. Ann Auerbach did a nice job on the Canal question. Will Pratt came. She wants to hear him.

17. Thursday: Beds made, dishes washed, and all set for Pine Barrens trip with L.W.V. Sharon Peiterson drove. Chollak and Easterly, Stiles, Steel, Peg Sutton and Elaine Pratt. Lunch at Clearwater. Pigmy pines, Whitesbog, etc. Mr. Young, Mr. Lincoln Center – very good. What a handsome man!

18. Friday: Getting weary. Off to Hospital. Easy day. Pale pink

dress \$1:00, sweater 50¢. Shrimp coat \$5.00. My \$400.00 interest check deposited. Feels better in the money department. TV evening.

19. Saturday: Cumulatively weary. Mast have a slower day. Newlin's cold is full-blown. Assembled and stuffed all day on Cadbury 10,000 mailing. All Quakers this time. Ruth is very good, Grace Ober talkative. Other Board members fair.

20. Sunday: Stuffed instead of Meeting. About finished. Ruth held on. Newlin's cold still snorting. Carrying meals makes it so late. Toasted cheese on Shiloh bread, can of Walnut Acres soup. Applesauce.

21. Monday: Newlin closeted in his room while Flagler, Myra, and Edna and I had reading club here. Flagler read from "An Englishwoman in the Rockies." I did a laundry over the noon hour. To Moorestown to order my glasses. Carrying meals to Newlin. Cold is nasty.

22. Tuesday: Rainy. Newlin's cold improved. To dinner. No square dancing for him. I danced with Batzle. She is good. We had two squares and one couple. Many away on holiday. Found Pratt, Hammett and Ben Strong in Who's Who! . . . Shopped some. Ground up cranberry relish (Cape Cod cranberries), and made applesauce. Easter is March 26.

23. Wednesday: Rainy. \$18.00 worth of stamps for Newlin. Addressed L.W.V. labels and wrote report on School Board. Took all p.m. and evening. Done though for November. Wrote Helen Berry at last. Wrote Appreciation check for \$130 for two of us. Dinner in little dining room. Called on Schlimmie. She's improving after her stroke. Phoned Fenwick – he's busy!!

24. Thursday – Thanksgiving: Overcast. Newlin out to walk. I

“housecleaned” under the kitchen drawers. Dinner with Louise Olesen. I took cranberry, Ruth brought pecans. Beef Wellington, turnip, stuffed celery, marinated cauliflower, melon dessert. Terrific!

25. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Doris Hunter no longer with us. Strained her back when small wheel of wheelchair dropped into crack at elevator! TV evening – Washington Week in Review and Wall Street. Always interesting.

26. Saturday: I walked over for eggs – between showers. Ruth in charge of movie “It Can’t be Done” pretty edgy. All right subject – bridges, Stone Mountain, Mt. Rushmore, Panama Canal, Mt. Washington, etc.

27. Sunday: Newlin to Meeting. N.Y. Times Book Review on McPhee and his new Alaska book. Rain again. . . . Whole wheat and soy pancakes and turkey gravy and cranberry filling – good. Bean sprouts, too.

28. Monday: One more Reading Club, at Myra’s. I read last of Pratt’s Panama Canal section. Amazing research!! I drove to Morristown for my new glasses. They’re O.K. “Our twenty best slides” was GOOD program in p.m.

29. Tuesday: Pretty cold. Last session of Square Dancing before January 10, ’78. Went well. Maude Sharp dropped in. Two couples less than three squares.

30. Wednesday: I went to Philadelphia! Rain. Men’s clothing sale at Wanamakers. Found a chamberlain calendar and a little Swiss calendar and Newlin’s pocket diary. (And missed Hoagie Hansen’s call for Swarthmore funds.) Home TIRED! Voted for \$1,100,000 bond issue for Lenape District – Shawnee and Cherokee. Total of 147 in Medford! 754 in seven communities! LOST!

## December

1. Thursday: Rain again. Newlin to Philadelphia and found a coat with liner at \$70.00! I “rested” and read the Friends Journal. Hilarious lunch with Helen Ridgway, Curtis sisters (their Ma was read out of Meeting!) [?] . . . Newlin to Zoning Board of Appeals after reconnoitering. Ruth in to Philadelphia for check???

2 – 3 [no entries]

4. Sunday: Took Newlin in for 10:45 admissions appointment at Jefferson. \$1 to park car for one hour! . . . Home. Felt oddly empty and bereft. But he’ll be all right.

5. Monday: Least Reading of season at Myra’s. And she will move December 15. In to see Newlin – rainy wet! Too late in day. I got hooked for fares on bus and HiSpeed! Kazoo and five-year diary at Woolworth’s! Foul day!

6. Tuesday: Dopped around and rested after Monday’s trip. Two fillings turned out to be three! Dr. Katten pretty good. Maureen O’Conner former waitress nice.

7. Wednesday: A skim of snow. Cold and WINDY. Bus to Echelon. Kazoo at Sam Goody’s! . . . Dinner with Drs. Rogers. Dr. E. intrigued by Cadbury. She was ushered about by Bill Martin in person.

8. Thursday: Up – took apples to Newlin. “Less than two a day is hardship.” Burger King solar inquiry, and Medford Farms Gourmet shop on way home. Steel cut oatmeal!!

9. Friday: Rainy, clearing. COLD. But no snow. Long list, frustrating, tiring. Newlin will be ready at noon tomorrow. Dinner

with Will Pratt and Jack Gray. Usual evening of TV. Pecans came from Koinonia. Now for some cookies.

10. Saturday: 14° and blowing – but clear. I filled the goldfinch sock and before the door was latched three were on it! Services for Marion Lippincott in Moorestown, then go for Newlin. George and Mary here. Newlin ready Sunday!

11. Sunday: Cold. I left at 9:30, arrived in Philadelphia in 45 minutes. Took a picture of the flying bull outside the dorm. Parked by the proper door. Home – Dinner with George and Mary. Home to unpack, do the mail. Supper – wonton soup, peanut butter.

12. Monday: Newlin got the snow tires out and put on the car. Packed the car. I saked and rubbed my feet. Lunch-fast. Off after a nap! Newlin called from Dulles! I missed Betty Townsend – she saw Fenwick with the BSO! I cleaned out my stocking drawer. Didn't stay for Friendly Persuasion.

13. Tuesday: To Cherry Hill Mall – owl [illegible]. Pajamas, gown. Everybody stayed for the questions and answers about future of Medford Leas. I did a laundry. I put in a work order for a longer wire on the phone.

14. Wednesday: Enormous dish of oatmeal with prunes in it. Pressed off shirts. Washed socks and stockings. To School Board Meeting with Maude Sharp. Medford has a special Media Center – interesting!

15. Thursday: No change of sheets – why bother. Bus at 1:30 to cleaner and Stewarts. Home. Helped [sic].

16. Friday: Rode with Marie Dawson. Very long list rather tiring. Home promptly. Baked chocolate cookies. Dee-licious!

17. Saturday: Went with Ruth and Wallens to Cadbury and drove to the Mall. Towels fixed up for George. Bought a frying pan for Fenwick. His package came through. We phoned – he'll not be down for Christmas. So we packed his package. Newlin home from Virginia in time for dinner.

18. Sunday: Up. Newlin to Meeting. I went to call on Auntie. Rainy – OK trip. She's pretty good – can't hear, tho! Baked a fruit cake with applesauce. Hope it's good. Nice holly from Virginia.

19. Monday: Rain again. Newlin in to Philadelphia for his coat. Two calls before he went on bids for wood "harvest." Made sand tarts – fifty nice, fifty too brown. U.P.S. took Fenwick's package for \$2.00 (arrived two days later).

20. Tuesday: Newlin to Virginia. Surely the last trip this year. Cleaned up and straightened out. Read quietly much of the day. Must get more rest.

21. Wednesday: To Echelon Mall. Rain again. Finished L.W.V. typing.

22. Thursday: First nice day in weeks – washed my hair! Cleaned up late. I counted out cookies for the court. Didn't stay for program. Home. Newlin phoned – to be home tomorrow. Got Adelle Brant to check the length of my long dress and lounge robe.

23. Friday: Much frost on Ruth's car. But melted and off. Easy day – they liked my cookies. Wrapped packages, sewed skirt. Nap. Dinner with Will Pratt and Mrs. Montgomery. Home. Newlin phoned. He left Leesburg at 4:30. Tired. Holed up in Quality Inn on Baltimore Bypass.

24. Saturday: Leisurely up. Call from lumber bidder who missed the date! Oatmeal for breakfast. Newlin home at 12:10 – plat

registered and recorded in West Virginia. Lunch with Drashers – Chase Manhattan Trust. . . . Nice spiced wine and cheese and peanuts at Louise Oleson's. Dinner – lamb, etc. Many parties. Christmas program – poor singing but not [illegible]. Knox good reader.

25. Sunday: Nice Day. Fenwick called. 200 applicants for BSO audition. He's being heard (1/3 or 1/2 only) January 4. . . . Delicious rib roast with Fortna [sic] and Jean Hoffman. Quiet day. No celebration, no packages. Discouraging.

26. Monday: Quiet day. COLD. I wore my quilted skirt to 4:00 at the Richtbergs. Very nice food with Adele and Ruth and us. Then dinner together. They're both handicapped. Bill Martin showing slides of Italy – mile-a-minute – in correct pronunciation. Quite poor in result! Baked a second round of fruitcake with applesauce.

27. Tuesday: Cold – wore my quilted jumper. Ruth off to Swarthmore. Bought a vaporizer at Moorestown Mall Thrift Drug – \$6.99 including tax. \$22.00 for vitamins. Worked on Christmas letter in evening.

28. Wednesday: Up. Typed our letter. Newlin paying for it to be typed! Copied in Moorestown – looks nice, one page only. Now to get it in the mail. Envelopes addressed. Run around to see Atkinson – so, I got an appointment.

29. Thursday: Newlin working on the farm books AND clearing up the desk room for George. Some of the cards got mailed – not enough, tho'.

30. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Nice day. Mrs. Marlarkey a test case!! Did a laundry to meet the New Year in good order. The guest room was ready!! Late for dinner with Will Pratt, Mrs. Montgomery joined us. Then the TV evening. Washington Week

and Wall Street.

31. Saturday: Shopping! Cream, cider, Kirby Mill Pottery mugs (\$4 each!). Dinner with Will Pratt and George, then Christmas! Ruth pretty writing paper, Newlin Eakins Portraits, George cheesecake and snacks and dance book, Fenwick tea smoked oysters and sweets and records. \$5.00 for Mr. Amiot the mailman! Hot spiced cider in mugs, plus cookies and fruitcake. Played new games. Watched the Times Square ball drop 1978.