

Marion's Diary 1978

January

1. Sunday: Rainy overcast 30° all day. Washed up and put things away. Newlin typing like crazy. I diddled. He enjoyed his coffee. To Mt. Holly to see Wadlinger.
2. Monday: Cold and clear. George and Newlin hung the owls. They look terrific. I asked all the court to save their Xmas display. Lunch with George and Ruth – then cheesecake! He left, I pulled the sheets off a TV football. [?] Wallen's Journal to Flagler.
3. Tuesday: Cleaned bottom kitchen drawers – fresh paper! Took used sheets and got fresh ones. Thrift Shop. Three good hangers, two place mats – \$1.00 total. Newlin took deposit to bank, \$400! Did L.W.V. Ed. report. Cold and clear. Greenhouse is NICE. My weight holds at 128½.
4. Wednesday: Saw Dr. Atkinson – 120/60 blood pressure! “I'm in good health – may volunteer!” Ruth deeply worried about inflation. Smaller apartment? Retirement and Social Security just about enough in five years of inflation! Grace Ober talking hard about Bill M.
5. Thursday: All beds made. Towels. Dress for lunch with Wallace and Walter Jeffers. Long Island niece of Pratts. Then wait – Jed and Helen came about 4:00. Saw our place, saw Blatchfords, dinner. Ruth late from Cadbury meeting. Talked with language lesson by Ruth. Records here – Newlin to Z.B.A. To bed at 11:00.
6. Friday: Awake at 7:20! Up. Sssh! no radio. Breakfast out at 8:30. Drove to Mt. Holly. Short handed, much flu. Tedious. Feet HURT! Shopped cream, gas. \$15.00. Vitamin C. feet felt better. Three new L.W.V. members. Only sixteen up for Square dancing.

7. Saturday: Cadbury Opening. Rain again. Quiet in a.m. Lunch at home. Margaret Griscom, two Wallens off at 1:00. Arrived in good time. Podium, flowers, red velvet covered picture of Henry Cadbury. Francis Brown spoke well. Ed Forsyth – Lydia – Warder “My father was an innkeeper.” “You won’t like it here.” “We hope you will.” Tour, tea, cookies, home to supper. 6:30 TV 3 OK. Nice affair.

8. Sunday: Still rainy and overcast. I made meeting. Good talk with Kate. She visited with Elmer and Lois an hour. Dinner with Trent and Stryker. Scrapple, apple salad, brown bread, and ginger pears for supper. Christmas letter almost finished.

9. Monday: Reading Club at Ruth’s. “Evening at Symphony” on photographing [filming] for broadcast. Blistering COLD. Did not go to evening movie.

10. Tuesday: Cold, COLD, with WIND. Several apartments below the holly tree had no electricity – a generator out somewhere. We have to be ready for it. Rested. Square Danced – two squares. Some sick, some traveling. Poor Elsa with no partner. I was tired, of course.

11. Wednesday: Auntie’s birthday. I went to Echelon Mall in a.m. Bought pan for bird watering, record, shelf paper, vitamins, etc. Traveled with Louise Olesen. She’s 81! Newlin in to see Dr. Carabasi.

12. Thursday: Open Rehearsal of Philadelphia Orchestra. Tops. We were there at 10:00 – good thing! Barbara Stiles, Margaret Roberts, Daums, etc. We had lunch at Olga’s. Two under \$4.00! COLD. Rest. Dinner with Will Pratt, Miriam Heckman, two Pem Johnsons [sic]. Ann Auerbach didn’t show! Speech on Canal very good indeed. At least he wore my dark gloves.

13. Friday: SNOW! all of four inches! Slush by noon. “And you made it!” [?] Very short handed and long list! Long day. To Mount Holly. Home at noon, rested. Stiff and weary. Must up the vitamins. Wall St. Week in good form despite the drooping Dow! To bed early. Newlin pleased to have PLAT and approval from Tom and Lissa.

14. Saturday: Rained all night – snow is thinning. Our living room heater is KAPUT!

15. Sunday: I managed to make Meeting. Newlin working frantically of farm figures – phones Tom two or three times. Dinner with Jack Gray. Supper – oyster stew – with who knows how many frozen oysters. Didn’t taste good.

16. Monday: They came and fixed the heater. Newlin got off to Virginia about 10:00, dressed for snow, tho none yet. To Blatchford’s for reading club. Read too long from Alan Paton “For You Departed.” Myra to Woolman in evening. Medford Leas Residents’ Association meeting. Bill Martin away. No increase announced yet.

17. Tuesday: Snowed all day. Looked lovely. League of Women Voters postponed to next Tuesday. Square dancing postponed. Wrote a letter to Auntie and Fenwick. Ruth is thinking of moving to a studio for future inflation. Myra quickly and quietly into John Woolman. No reason given.

18. Wednesday: Rain melted all the pretty snow. Bus and HiSpeed – to Wanamakers lunch with Ethel. Margaret found Blood’s cards. Bought “Opposites” at Sessler. Home. Changed beds for tomorrow.

19. Thursday: Bus to Moorestown Mall. Sears’ big catalogue will

be in early in February! Bought metatarsal lifts and cream. Home. Ate lunch here and washed my hair! J. McVaugh told about B.T.U. and solar heating. I thought it fascinating. Bedtime the ground was just covered with snow.

20. Friday: Wow – thirteen inches of snow in Philadelphia, surely ten inches here. I declined to drive Ruth's car in it. We were slow digging out. I shoveled to the bird-seed! Heavy wet snow! Al Johnson and Will Pratt for dinner. TV all evening.

21. Saturday: Colder – 24°. All frozen solid. I recorded and went over the Christmas cards. Took all morning. Adele Brant brought in "The Book" I had lent her (Prevention) at noon. So I ate at home. Newlin came in at about 3:15. Dinner with Schmidts. Byberry Trustees postponed a week.

22. Sunday: To meeting, then home. Snow all over. Ten inches here piled up. Thank heaven for covered walkways. I made corn sticks and we had Ruth's frozen soup (vegetable, from the garden) and cheese.

23. Monday: Four of us met on 3¢ of Haddon. I finished Alan Paton. Ruth read two cat stories. Dinner with Olesen. Ruth left very fast – upchuck! Newlin and I put up the League of Women Voters signs – freezing cold. Elfriede Friese in India. Very good. Non tourist.

24. Tuesday: L.W.V. met in #17. Margaret Roberts on refreshments got home at 4:00 a.m. from Vermont skiing! Energy. Elaine Pratt did a top-notch job. Consensus. Square Dancing – less than two squares! Loberta H. joined us. Fine.

25. Wednesday: Newlin took me to Trailways for the 7:00 a.m. bus. To Boston by 2:15. No white cups at Cooleys. No Boston game at FAO Schwartz. To Holiday Inn. SLOP! Scallops at Legal

Sea Food. Paperback store. Then bus to Longy concert. WET. New England Woodwind Quintet – tiny audience. Spirited, though. Ellie Preble. Home. Rain. Slept well though. Holiday Inn \$28.00! Bob Stallman.

26. Thursday: Warm. 7:30 Fenwick called – nice. Began to rain again. I had \$2.00 breakfast in the bus stop. I was soaked. Lois Brown said Sunday would be OK on our February reser[vation?]. Sun came out. Wind came up. Young black woman drove the bus out of N.Y. To Exit 4 about 4:00. Ruth came and we had a bite at Denny's. All quiet at home.

27. Friday: COLD – I drove Ruth's car. Very long list. Got permission for clog dancers from Moneta. Supper late. Talk of Taxes and 5% increase. Home to TV evening. Sleepy –

28. Saturday: Picked up apartment. Ruth had Byberry Trustees for lunch. I had spouses. Walked and sat and talked and inspected everything. Gathered in Ruth's apartment. Nepley no battery! Ed Bonner got him started – but froze himself. They're for Foulkeways.

29. Sunday: We went to Meeting. Still COLD. Ruth counted her best Limoges gold-edged china. Ready to sell it. Newlin's sale averaged \$585/cow. (Another farm nearby \$650.) \$37,000, – 10% ½ Shedd, ¼ Newlin, ¼ Tom. They hoped for more.

30. Monday: I went to Moorestown Mall for Sears big book. Spent \$21 for Jimmy Galway, BSO Chamber Music, and Paganini played by ----- . My money from Boston trip. Worked on letter "home." B.S.O. on TV.

31. [no entry]

February

1 – 2 [no entries]

3. Friday: To the Hospital. So many volunteers – got through a long list quickly.

4. Saturday: Took the addresses and board notes to Jeannette Pitts. Newlin got my three pairs of shoes – \$6.00 for level heels. Dinner with Frances Hess – then a game in Ruth's apartment.

5. Sunday: Left at 9:00 – Baltimore – George's nice apartment. Dinner at Chinese restaurant with Florence and Harold Seaman. Copious meal – George hosted everything. Then Musica Viva – Strauss and Schoenberg. Nice singing voice "Chinaman." Home. Snow storm threatened – none yet.

6. Monday: SNOW – BLOW – Blizzard. Mr. Kelly and a nurse stayed in the guest room. We offered ours – no takers. Everything canceled.

7. Tuesday: Gradually stopping. But we are really IN. No Square Dancing. Unbelievable banks and curls and whisps of snow. "Our" snowblower just stalled. Ruth's car blown clean! Ours blown solid. Newlin went round the court before 7:30 with a path to each door. Reading club met at Pem Johnson's. Interesting. Voting on Lenape postponed for two weeks. Bridge with Flagler.

8. Wednesday: Sunny and 35°. Big equipment plowed out all parking lots. Two boys shoveled out the car at \$1.50 each. Not bad. Finches are feeding frantically – some are showing yellow again. Maude and I went to School Board Meeting. Playground of old tires looked very interesting. I took some pictures.

9. Thursday: Sunny – it will melt today. Newlin is off to Virginia a day "late." Poached eggs and my bread toasted. No Thursday bus

and no noticeable announcement. I sent a P.I.W. Home to nap.
Dinner with Sara Curtis – about arthritis.

10. Friday: Drove Ruth's car, and took Sara Curtis to see her sister. Lot was full – I parked in Hollyhock Shop – for \$30.00! All very reasonable! Mrs. Brush and Will Pratt for dinner. Pictures of leaguers and Jed and Helen and blueberry field. NICE. Good of the Christmas play.

11. Saturday: Wheatina. Ellen Thomas is home. Ruth and I left at 8:30 for Newtown. Ruth's car oil changed, etc. I visited Auntie. Lunch at Goodnoe's with cocoanut custard pie. Cut up and measured for the fruit cake – and baked it after supper. Ruth to Cadbury.

12. Sunday: Oatmeal – then washed my hair after dinner.

13. Monday: Did a laundry, then went on the 1:30 bus to the Acme. Arthur Douglas thought I wasn't normal. He sent the Home care gals around. I was eating crackers. They took me over to Estaugh. Legs rubbery. Dr. Atkinson came in evening. Checked my out – no pulse in left foot! I don't know what happened – they didn't name it.

14. Tuesday: Valentine's Day. And mine were concealed at home on the desk. Solitaire. Newlin came home from Virginia. "House diet." I walked around the room OK. Helen Wood – Marion Roberts' sister – joined me in the middle of the night. Senile.

15. Wednesday: Sat around playing solitaire. 3:30 date with Surgeon Krueger. Partner Pasquale came (Oriental features!). Yes, he could find a pulse in the left foot. Dr. Atkinson reassured – Yes, you may go on your trip! . . . A bit sudden – I was afraid to hope. Did sloppy packing job! But we went!!

16. Thursday: Ruth took us to 7:00 a.m. bus. Full to New York, change, about ten to Boston. Yes, they had SNOW. We had no trouble. Taxi to Longfellow Park. Unpacked, rested. Monthly Meeting supper! I had fruitcake! George Selleck and Daisy Newman are postponed from last week. To be married! Saw many
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17. Friday: Breakfast with Browns. Newlin to [Harvard] Square. I rested. Lunch at Filene's. Then to Symphony Hall by 2:00. Nice seats like our old ones. Berlioz' "Symphonie fantastique" was tremendous. We MTA'd and walked to Ye Hong Guey. Good as ever. Leisurely meal, then home. Took a couple of pictures of the SNOW! Bought a dress at Jordan Marsh!

18. Saturday: Our own light breakfast, thanks to Lois again. To Square, then Legal Sea Food at 11:30! Chowder tops. Home, nap. To 57 University Rd. Up, up, and up! Lovely light, clean apartment. Little furniture. Served supper of brown rice, spinach, and scrod with sesame seed for topping. Then to first row seats for second time at Soundings, and Berlioz. Then home. Patrick a real help on curtains and slip covers. Good taste all around. . . . Light pulls – curious stones with water-worn holes.

19. Sunday: Nice day. Up, and packed. Breakfast with Browns. Early meeting. Saw many – stayed to past opening of second [meeting]. Taxi to Trailways. Checked bags. Walked around the block, then Howard Johnson across the street. COLD. Had a bite. No Sunday Globe. Bus left at 1:15, more crowded. Noisy. Quick change in NYC. Express to Mt. Laurel. 7:35 phoned Ruth. Home by 8:30. Wonderful weekend.

20. Monday: Holiday – Up slowly. Bright and sunny. Newlin getting signs ready for Lenape Reg[istration?] voting tomorrow. He went in for his new pants from Wanamakers. And I couldn't find the charge plate! Residents' Association Meeting and

Democrats meeting.

21 – 26 [no entries]

27. Monday: Today is the day for Fenwick to travel. The itinerary came – a 40-page booklet! Celia Tuttle – Jugoslavia – six trips. Not much of locals other than churches. Touristy, really. Lovely apartment and private balcony.

28. Tuesday: Reading club on Haddon Third floor. Good spot. Suzuki violinists came – 6:30 changed to 7:00 and still they were late. Couldn't find the place! Brownies, too. Kids were good. Square Dancers frustrated.

March

1. Wednesday: So it was a T.S.A. – transient ischemic attack – a “little” stroke. No, I'll not take aspirin, I have no pain. Increase of lecithin, E, and C. Blood pressure 120/70, pulse 64, weight 134. See Dr. Atkinson in three months (June 1).

2. Thursday: Sue Foster was born in Osaka, interested in Fenwick's tour [?!]. Car came home from shop in late afternoon. Elise Lisovitch read a paper on the Scythians, and they had slides explained by Tom Hoving of the Metropolitan. Very interesting.

3. Friday: Yes, I'd pick up Marie Dawson! SNOW! Sloppy on main roads. No trouble. Looked pretty. About 4 – 5". . . All there at Hospital. Long list, but we got it done. Home, nap. TV evening. Hedrick Smith was on Washington Week in Review. “The Russians” is a remarkable tome! Took Marie's picture to finish film.

4. Saturday: Asked Louise Oleson to be a fourth at bridge. Had a good evening. Sugar-free ginger ale and papyrus juice, cheese and

crackers.

5. Sunday: Up late. Newlin to Meeting, Ruth to hunt Camden Meeting House. Drooled over cinnamon buns, but didn't make any. Drove to Nature's Earth for snacks for Flower Show and Virginia trip. And sunflower seeds for Newlin. Wanton soup, knish, bread, jelly, fruit cup, and last bit of fruitcake. Mmmm! Mailed check to Daum for concert. Quiet evening.

6. Monday: Mended Newlin's gloves. Just dopped around.

7. [no entry]

8. Wednesday: School Board Meeting with Maude Sharp. Good crowd. Nasty weather – more snow! We were crazy to go.

9. Thursday: Newlin to Virginia. I go to Doris Steele's, to go to Camden. Ethel Daum, Ruth Cichon, Ann Auerbach, Doris and me. good lunch! Voke [vocational?] student knew very little about Camden. Ate a bit of my snack. Cooper Point – Cooper ran the ferry! Cattle for Valley Forge, British cattle for Philadelphia.

10. Friday: At last minute Ruth's car was free. I drove over. Long list, I was tiring. Got snow pictures – they're TOPS! Dinner with LOUISA and Will – she is so frail. Dining room noise upsets her. Why try to do it?! Lafferty and Gertrude Marlin died.

11. Saturday: Time to stay home. I washed my hair and rested up. Ruth off for Meeting House on George School campus. Then on to South Jersey. Showed my snow pictures to small dining room. Schlimmie a fine promoter with snow pictures. Found a letter from Alan Hunt – fixed it to send to Newlin, at Tom's request. Started to walk to PO. Ruth came along just then. Fine thing. Doves are mourning!

12. Sunday: Ruth was called. Auntie fell – three stitches in head, and hip hurt. Saint Mary's Hospital, Langhorne. So we went over to see her. She was un-complaining. Looked so little in bed. Nice room. Bed near window. Nurses tactful and nice. Stopped with Hazel and Aunt Emma on way home. Hazel has a big job with Aunt Emma.

13. Monday: Up slowly. Did Fenwick's write-up for Medford Leas Life Kith and Kin. Newlin would do better.

14. Tuesday: Reading at Haddon, third floor. Flagler SLEPT. I read from end of "The Russians" by Hedrick Smith. And showed my snow pictures. Rain in afternoon. Myra returned to Square Dancing – two squares. I had Miriam Heckman for partner. She's good! Fog and wet in the walkways. To bed, discouraged. THE letter not yet arrived in Round Hill. Tom and Newlin at Janney's for dinner.

15. Wednesday: Clear again. Snow almost ALL gone. Oatmeal for breakfast. Still no letter in Round Hill P.O!

16. Thursday: The letter arrived in Round Hill – sent on Saturday! No fingernails left!

17. Friday: Drove Ruth's car. Bought a \$.75 quilted flannel wrapper for Auntie. Stopped at Camera Shop – Marie's two were done. Bought commemorative stamps – quilts. I mailed them out with a "Quilts" stamp. Green menu for St. Patrick's day – interesting. TV evening.

18 – 20 [no entries]

21. Tuesday: BALMY – spring's first day. Reading in Haddon and Flagler and Edna both SLEPT! Square dance with two squares (1-4 couples, 1-6 couples!). It was good again.

22. Wednesday: Up. Cool. Shopped for cake makings. Borrowed Waring hand-held mixer from Ann Naulty. They have three! Made the pudding cake (orange lemon hybrid). Nap. All set. Newlin had the car washed. Dismal L.W.V. meeting, dismal parliamentarian. Hash session on budget.

23. Thursday: We were cleaned FIRST. Ruth off with Helen Ingersoll to wedding of granddaughter in N. Carolina. Handed out samples of cake – Sue, Kathryn Rumble, Ann N., Blatchford. Went to Basco and bought me a hand mixer – \$10.26 (incl. tax).

24. Friday: I drove to Hospital. Almost rainy. Camera shop closed 12:00 – 3:00! Dinner with Louisa and Will. Louisa annoyed by rabbits on all Haddon doors. “What have rabbits to do with Easter?” Several wore black to dinner.

25. Saturday: Shopped for this and that – cake mixes! Made an angel food. Too high for my pan! Tasted fair. Typed two supplements to Income Tax. ½ silo, ¼ calf barn, etc. . . . Played Scrabble in evening. Card for us from Fenwick, mailed Kyoto, March 10.

26. Sunday: EASTER! Dot + Vi : [?] Two colored eggs on the N.Y. Times! Chicago airport iced shut. We had RAIN. I went to see Auntie. She has a WARM robe. Took the angel food cake. They seemed pleased. First asparagus for supper – pea soup, whole-wheat Syrian bread, peanut butter, raisin, cheese, fresh pineapple. Good.

27. Monday: RAIN and flood warnings. Typed another income tax page.

28. Tuesday: Last reading session on Tuesday, Haddon third floor. Flagler SLEPT!

29. Wednesday: Sat in the sun on the patio – it was sunny warm. But my loose tooth aches too much.

30. Thursday: To Moorestown Mall on the bus. Ordered a rabbit trap at Sears. More name signs needed for the evening program! Chief of Police, Volunteer Fire Pres., two volunteer rescue workers. (One girl from Leas – not Willis). Newlin moderated well as usual.

31. Friday: Mild nice day. I was off early. Pat Kahoun gave me 12! duck eggs!! Sarah Koehler lost her starch. Short list but long day. I took some pictures in the hall.

April

1. Saturday: Let's play bridge! So – found Flagler willing. Had papaya and ginger ale and fresh baked butter scotchies, some with nuts, some without. Flagler loved them. But then I was weary. But pretty good hands.

2. Sunday: Ruth to Auntie's after dinner. Newlin to Meeting. I loafed. The Blatchfords want to go to Hawaii July 15 to August 1. Crazy! Took the bucket to Louise Olesen. Took three duck eggs to Drashers. Egg drop soup with bean sprouts, whole wheat pasta, and cheese.

3. Monday: Reading at Ruth's. I mentioned Diet. David Stern, Myra, Edna, Flagler, and I. And rain! I put up some posters for the 4H Clogging Square Dancers. Finished L.W.V. address typing. Cold. Paid the Estaugh \$498.

4. Tuesday: Fretted, at loose ends all day. Everything focused on the 4H Clogging Square Dancers. Went off O.K. – we had some audience, good punch, many cookies (my germie was off!), lots of

sesame sticks in the big red bowl. Pretty tired, tho. Ann Naulty very helpful. Louise was exhausted.

5. Wednesday: I went in to Philadelphia on the HiSpeed. Newlin rushed around and gave me a ticket to the matinee. Betty Myerses “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enough.” Seven fantastic blacks in seven colors of dresses, each with an awful tale of woe – mainly sex. From “I was the only virgin in the graduating class” to “He threw our baby out the fifth story window.” Gorgeous lights and colors. . . . And it was five years ago that Linford shot himself!

6. Thursday: Up as usual. Made both beds. Over to studio to print FASHION SHOW on Louise Olesen’s colorful poster. Kitty Brown called about a rabbit. I went to Sears for our trap (and cheese for next week). Lunch with Ellen and Whipple. Dee Cole is in Estaugh – nasty cold. Baked a sponge cake for Pat out of six duck eggs!! Two people were digging dandelions across from Lenape.

7 – 10 [no entries]

11. Tuesday: Up. Breakfast. Packed the car and left at 8:20 for M. Roberts’ house on Lost Lake. There and shifted and off by 9:00 to pick up Helen Berry. Actually left about 10:00. 15.5 miles – overcast, perfect for driving. Marg. cook for dinner – soup, chicken, broccoli, casserole. Worked the dishwasher. Read, played Royalty, made up beds, all set. Some blown spray on porch. Peter Pan carrot cake, green salad, fruit.

12. Wednesday: The sun woke me up! Level through the apartment. Oatmeal, half a grapefruit, toast. Red Tide! Thomas Helm Ocean Hazards Boardwalk [sic]. Fido! Key ring for “Helen” birthday. Shopping Donagers and Creative Concepts. Picture of Fenwick at Island City Hall! Lunch at home – dropped egg soup

and bean sprouts. Nap. Card or two. Dinner – macaroni and cheese, ham and coleslaw. Royalty. “Good game.” To bed early.

13. Thursday: Up – cheese omelet, sliced ripe bananas. Cleared up “everything.” Sat on outside step while Helen and Marg. dipped a toe in the Atlantic. Cleared, cleaned, and packed the car (lighter!) and left about 10:00 a.m. Ate at a rest stop to break the trip. Home 3:15. People said I looked rested, and I did feel I’d been away a long time. That wonderful ocean. . . .

14. Friday: Sleepy but up early. Clear, cool, and windy. Marie picked me up 8:20. Short list – all present, went fast! Ruth Hoskins, Dee Cole, Lois Knox, Jack Gray. . . . Home, mail. Shopping. Bobbe Boehm! Nap, dress for dinner, go over without Newlin. . . . Newlin soon came. Must do some letters.

15 – 16 [no entries]

17. Monday: Newlin left for Virginia – sale on Wednesday. Trail Club Wednesday evening.

18. [no entry]

19. Wednesday: Rainy – for Wanamakers Hospital Day. Louise O. asked me to go along. Yes. Bought a vinyl table cover for Room 17 for L.W.V. use! . . . Sale day in Virginia – did better than expected. \$89,000 “our share” will pay off the debts and leave a little bit. Newlin and Alan also went to Appalachian Trail Club meeting in Washington. They didn’t want to take down the shelter and the girls wouldn’t build unless they did. Ecch!

20. Thursday: Rainy but clearing. Sue came here third. Our screens were put up on the front door. (Ruth had them yesterday.) Spring is coming. Last session of Holocaust – ended well. Babyfaced Dorf took a pill. Americans came. Jews beat off the Nazis temporarily in

Warsaw. Good. Rudi survived.

21. Friday: To Hospital. Took camera to shop. Mr. couldn't fix it. Two copies of used film – 20 unit roll. Will cost! Ruth and I had dinner with Pratts. Not too bad. . . . Cadbury's chair – "Burn it!" Now, now, Ruth! [?]

22. Saturday: Newlin home from Virginia before lunch. Long dress, off to Daum's music at 3:00. Violin, cello, flute, and piano. SO nice. Then many cheeses and mixes and quiche and punch – hardly needed supper. Roberts, Cichon, Walsh, Denton, Barbara Stiles, Haughey and many others. Program in evening.

23. Sunday: We didn't go to meeting. Newlin getting ten signatures for Democratic City Committeeman. Cheese on Roman meal bread toasted – good. Walnut Acres fish chowder Very good. Read ----- oversexed but cleverly dovetailed. Missed 60 minutes on TV retirement homes.

24. Monday: Reading Club HERE! Ruth read J.P. Morgan and Henry Ford's meeting. Reincarnation!

25. Tuesday: Big meeting all morning on HCP [healthcare conglomerate] annual meeting ballot and resolutions. Ruth didn't go. We both did. Styron and five sending letter to all members of HCP, addressed by hand. \$696 cost for printing and postage! Please help! I sent \$10.00. We addressed for while at noon.

26. Wednesday: I went to Philadelphia's AT&T phone book library, 21 S. 12th. Unicef pretties, Wanamaker lunch, then 15th and Cherry. Nice calm place. Bought "Buttons" for Wallens. Home. Doug came at 4:00! Mary Fortna at dinner. Newlin out – I got Jean Conti's signatures. She has a lovely peaceful apartment. Browns, uncluttered.

27. Thursday: We caught a rabbit in the trap! Put it in a barrel of water and Newlin took it out to a field for the hawks! Sue said Hopkins caught one! Ruth Hathaway caught two or three baby rabbits.

28. Friday: I took pictures to the therapy folks – they liked 'em! The camera will be \$20.00!! I'd better not drop it again!! Slept all afternoon. Pretty tired. The Sewing Group's 610 items made in one year were displayed.

29. Saturday: Newlin and Dan Smith off planning the May 23 bus trip. I cut some daffodil heads, swept the patio. Put the geraniums out. They are putting up awnings – don't know when ours will come. To Auntie's with a little banquet. She gave both of us a check for \$1,000! Florence, Harold and Barry were up from Baltimore.

30. [no entry]

May

1 – 6 [no entries]

7. Sunday: Helen Berry called at 7:15! To go along to Ocean City, Md. in one hour! OK! Newlin urging in the background. So I packed and dressed and ate. She was here, and away we went. Got down 1:00. Cloudy. Bobi and Don Kendall and two friends were there till 6:00. I fed 'em gemie and pineapple.

8. Monday: Overcast. We went “shopping” to Seaside Country Store. Very nice stuff. Bought some paper goods and a dipper to leave. Lunch – nap. Rain. Supper good – little roast, potatoes, carrots in dried onion soup and mushroom soup. Applesauce and gemie. . . . Steady hard rain. We played Royalty, Scrabble, etc. Ocean rolling in with an east wind. Fascinating. No phone, no TV,

no radio – quiet!

9. Tuesday: Up, packed. The ocean really rolling in. High tide. Light breakfast, trash out, all finished up. A bite for lunch. I washed up. Helen emptied refrigerator, etc. Off at 1:00 (with wind-blown dent on car!). Home soon after 4:00. . . . Everything WET. They had 2¾ inches of rain in a downpour. Dinner with Dr. Eleanor. Home. Papers, to bed.

10. Wednesday: Up, sleepy. Swept off patio, washed up watering spots. Newlin unhooking record player to take to Weather's. Continuing to read "The Thorn Birds [novel]" – terrific book. Made beds in evening. We're first tomorrow.

11. Thursday: First to be cleaned! All set when Sue came. A record from Fenwick – Musica Viva doing Ezra Sims' microtonal music. Jr. High teacher in Philadelphia . . . after teaching six classes. Very good indeed. Must be a good teacher, too. 1/3 black, 1/3 Puerto Rican. Only one went on to High School [?]. . . . Planted little zinnias and Swiss chard here by the window.

12. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Took pictures of Bill, Pat Kahoun, and Hoffman. To thrift shop. Pink flowered cotton – 50¢! (four for \$1.00). Took a little bunch of pink lilies-of-the-valley for Louisa. They flourish this year. Finished "Thorn Birds." It engulfs you.

13. Saturday: Took a nice bouquet of pink lilies-of-the-valley to Ruth. She seemed pleased. She's running tired these days. Took "Thorn Birds" to Miriam Heckman. She has a nice apartment.

14. Sunday: Mothers' Day. Rain. We both went to Meeting. I slept. Got the makings and baked germies for Tuesday. Not well done – oven rack too high! Newlin bought twelve tomato plants. Three in our patio, two for Miriam Heckman, seven in the farm.

15. Monday: Checks to bank – \$500 feels better. Reading at Stern's. Pam read LONG piece on HMO's in Saturday Review. I read "A Circular Poem." Flagler read dumb report on Princeton student protest. . . . Residents' meeting. Hardie reported. Almost forgot the Nominating Committee report! . . . Louise Hardie died 5/14 [sic].

16. Tuesday: Rainy. Up and out early. L.W.V. on the Library. The durndest mess! Who appoints the Board? What term? Who is the architect? How is the addition to be paid for? etc. etc. Mabel Martin brought orange nut bread with cream cheese.

17. Wednesday: Newlin off to 9:00 date with Garver. I rode bus to Deptford Mall. Made out cash – check-cashing for GNC and bought \$12.12 with check #712! Newlin to Township meeting. I changed beds, put on brown bedspreads, and watched Baryshnikov, Gelsey Kirkland, Makarova, Clark, Tippet, etc. etc. "The Firebird," "Les Sylphides" – American Ballet Theatre, live from Lincoln Center.

18. Thursday: Newlin in to Garver at noon. Home in time for me to go to Foot Dr. Gilbert. I washed up the white rocker which hung all winter. No signs of the beans. Dumb noon table – Clark, Quivey, and ----- .

19. Friday: Drove to Hospital. Marie absent – death in N.J. family. George and I coped. But I was weary. Called on Tony Brown, Emma Middleton, Eve Decker, Marr. Slept two hours in p.m.

20. Saturday: To visit Auntie – with choice of dresses. She kept old Sears blue jacket dress and plaid everyday one. Ruth rested, then hosted a Magician and mother, a "reader." She "saw" music around me. Pretty crude though good-hearted. Several youngsters helped to do the magic, plus Jean Hoffman, both Hammetts. He was really good. One hour.

21. Sunday: Kennedy Sinclair and Belle Mutchler married at the close of Medford meeting.
22. Monday: Reading club 3rd floor Haddon. Myra, Edna, and me! Time to close for the summer.
23. Tuesday: The day for the Medford Bus Trip. Highly successful. Nice weather. Fifty miles through one development after another – Centennial L., Kettle Run, Brick, etc. People really learned. . . . Elinor Prall's 100th birthday – fabulous beef, chunks of cake. Cloggers in activities room.
24. Wednesday: Rain, floods.
25. Thursday: Up fairly early. Washed my hair. Newlin in to Garver. We were cleaned at 11:00. Walton Smith's memorial service at 2:30. Barnwell was excellent, but looked thin and worn. Ruggiero, Hollander, and Willis spoke on health. Hollander good on aging – skin, hair, bones, etc. in layman's terms. Willis made it sound wonderful.
26. Friday: I drove over and brought the car back early. 2:15 appointment with Dr. Atkinson. So healthy! 122/72. Got KCl and sugar and K. tests. . . . Newlin off to Swarthmore for weekend with Caroline Malin! I got Doris Hunter's picture. Dinner with Pratts. George in late.
27. Saturday: One tomato blossom is set on! Rainy again, but no beans!
28. Sunday: Newlin returned – good reunion. His 50th. Played Royalty with George.
29. Monday: Reading Club at Ruth's – last for the season. Good to

have a free day! Memorial Day! Cleaned up my garden – free of weeds!!! Pianist in evening. Nice – pretty thunderous.

30. Tuesday: Ruth to Kutztown for last proofreading. Now it will roll off the presses. She's pleased.

31. Wednesday: Worked in the garden – takes a lot. The second planting of beans is breaking through. Lots of rain –

June

1. Thursday: I took off a blanket when I made the beds. And then it was cool at night! Cleaned almost last. Slides and talk on restoring antiques – interesting. Phoned Lil. She'll be home and glad to see us. Barkley Powell died!! Newlin to Zoning Board of Appeals.

2. Friday: Nice early – but HOT! Three \$1 dresses. One is NICE, brown, gray, and bluish, short sleeves. One must go back. Nap. Ruth to Kutztown. Book is on the presses! [“The Bonner-Smith Circle,” 225-page book of genealogy.] Dinner with Pratts. He never heard of Bonsai! Home, nap over TV. My Orinase is cut in half. Sugar was 65!

3. Saturday: Newlin, Dan, Al Johnson, and Mr. Solly off to see laurel. I watered the garden, finished L.W.V. calling, did odds and ends. After lunch helped get HCP mailing out. Good crowd, good streamlining and much talking. I washed the card tables. Tom Swain on Shakers – pleasant fellow, good presentation.

4. Sunday: I went to see Auntie to take a blue jersey and get my blue favorite. Got home to a table of six including Sam and Ruth Burgess! Plus a couple. They left, I rested. Newlin out to the garden – then we had deviled eggs and blueberry flummery.

5. Monday: Wore two new “Boutique” dresses. White dots on blue

in daytime, brown in evening. Both go well – at 3/1.00! New board elected at Medford Leas Residents Association.

6. Tuesday: Election day! To the garden early – Newlin’s tomatoes, beans, and berries look nice. Actons took me to vote – seventeen took the bus, several cars during the day. Morgan Osler, Maude Sharp, Myra, etc. Our car is ready! TV election results. Helen Berry and I had lunch at the Green Tree Inn. Looked awful – not bad for food.

7. Wednesday: Getting ready all day. Packing lunch, etc. Went to Echelon Mall for vitamins and papaya concentrate. Planted the geraniums in the ground.

8. Thursday: Up early and out. On the road before breakfast. George Washington Bridge, Connecticut Turnpike, Providence and through Boston to Medford. Lil’s at about 3:30 – 322 miles. Traffic not too bad. Walked to Ye Hong Guey, seven minutes early, Fenwick two minutes late. Good supper. Then walked to the Opera “Don Pasquale” with Beverly Sills, and we in second row. Fenwick played. The tickets were \$27 each!! Marvelous. Sarah Caldwell [conducting]. Then drove in pouring rain to Tremont St. Parking.

9. Friday: Stopped in Cambridge. Then I went shopping in Boston. Got Scholl’s shoes, no dress. Home pooped when it rained again. Newlin to Tufts – Had supper with Lil, then visited Bransons and Lamm. And home – nice evening. Poveys away till next week.

10. Saturday: Up and took Lil to Fenwick’s apartment to visit and look see. She loved it. Home for bite of lunch, change, and off to 2:00 wedding of Ann Roberts and Ian Wanless. . . . Beautiful, moving. Groom spoke, Mildred spoke and George Selleck and Elmer Brown, and several others. They all went to Concord! We shopped at Design Research for a plastic bowl for Marion Keefs

Simon. Quiet evening at home. Saw Freeland Abbott in Harvard Square!

11. Sunday: Cool – woke up too early. Down and dressed by 6:30! Diary and such checked on. Cereal and banana, and off to 9:30 Meeting. Met with many, photographed some. Stayed for 11:00 Meeting with Fenwick, then to dinner at Square – phoning for route, and he left for Tom and Sarah's at Mansfield – 30 miles. We rested at Lil's, then to 6:00 meeting for the Browns. Good – ended with standing on his head for the children. We were the end of the line – ate at 8:10. Lovely quilt!

12. Monday: Drove the inner route – Sturbridge, Danbury, Tappan Zee Bridge, Garden State, home. Hot, crowded, delay with repairs. Home at 4:15. 322.5 miles! Newlin to Committee Meeting. Me to bed – tired.

13. Tuesday: All unpacked and put away. Packed and planned for L.W.V. luncheon. And fretted. And slept. Weather good. Newlin built a tomato rack! Second committee meeting! For Newlin, that is.

14. Wednesday: Off at 11:00 with flowers (geraniums in glass block) and coral bells and oregano in Tufts little bowl and blue bowl. Betty Barnard went along. Tickets, change (in cornstick pan), name tags, all OK. Room looked NICE. White [table]cloths. Hot antipasto. All registered came! Trouble on counting. Home with marigolds at 4:00, exhausted. To School Board meeting with Maud Sharp. Very sleepy.

15. Thursday: Clean sheets for double bed. Made it up SLOWLY. Cleaned up nicely. Did not hear Dr., lawyer, Tuttle on Canadian French problem. Went to bed. Elmer and Lois came in about 10:00. Newlin served them fresh pineapple.

16. Friday: Up at 6:30. Weather cool. Dressed, and bacon and eggs breakfast at 8:00. They left at 9:00 with a care package – pineapple, melon, and snacks. I took films to Mt. Holly. Returned two dresses, got a print-out of District 9 voters and signed off at Hospital till September 8. Very tired indeed. Dinner with Pratts.

17. Saturday: Tired through and through. And Newlin suggested bridge! Found Frances Hess. Had a nice evening. Air conditioner in bedroom is fixed. Morgan Osler almost went wild with the racket. Black raspberry syrup in water – good!

18. Sunday: Well, it's warm and muggy! I can't settle down to write letters. I diddled. Newlin to 9:30 meeting. Dinner with Helen Ridgway and H.G. – monologue. . . . Newlin brought some real strawberries. And another pineapple. Lettuce, rarebit on toast, and pineapple! Strawberries and cream.

19. [no entry]

20. Tuesday: Bus to Cherry Hill Mall – black raspberry juice and cheese. Date for book party August 23. Now for guests. Tomatoes are growing. Bean strings are in place. Still tired, tho. Ironed while Jim Michener “did” South Seas. Laundry and thunderstorm.

21. Wednesday: Newlin discarded the Encyclopedia Britannica #11! Real sacrifice for him. H.C.P. annual meeting – bus load plus cars. Everything roses. No resolutions passed. Five consumers elected. Beber apologized. Rain.

22. Thursday: Up, changed our beds, shook the bedspreads, did a care package of lunch. Sue came, Newlin packed and left about 12:00 for Virginia. My film not yet developed. Thunderstorm. Wow! . . . Schlimmie sat and talked till almost 9:00. Her health, pills, etc. etc.

23. Friday: Gorgeous day. Finished the melon, etc. Picked out four books to take to the library. Two copies of Ruth's book came. It is very interesting. Paper is too dark. Looks old and faded, new! [?] Dinner with Pratts. Hard to explain Yearly Meetings!

24. Saturday: Must get facing for Ruth's skirt. She took me shopping. Is it ever tedious to put on! Phew! . . . Reading St. Petersburg – not so good. Dancing to a side of a record is tiring but good. Dizzy at ups and downs.

25. Sunday: Up, to Meeting. Long, Styron, and Dr. Mrs. Lippincott. Tried to sew on Ruth's dress. Read paper. Wrote a page of typed letter! Pretty warm. Whole wheat noodles with cheese, and salad bowl lettuce from my garden. Black raspberries!

26. Monday: Wrote a nice long letter to Auntie about Boston. Read in "St. Petersburg." Took the Herb Book to dinner for Mae Hawkins. Never heard of it! Took brown bags to library. Band concert was successful. I went home for Newlin's call. Thunderstorm at night.

27. Tuesday: Up at 7:00. WASHED my hair – done by noon. Very hot and humid. Finished St. Petersburg – sure is over rated. Wonder if Linford knew of it! . . . Newlin returned from Virginia at 5:00. To dinner, John Temple our fourth. Overcast and muggy. I tied up the tomatoes. Wrote a note to Chip Evans about the beans and their yellow leaves.

28. Wednesday: Got my pictures from Mt. Holly – they're Good. Picked some black raspberries. Tom and Eleanor came in p.m. Had a fine time going over old pictures. They took 'em along. I started sending snapshots to people. . . . Enjoyed watermelon. Bought some bone meal and Miracle Gro!

29. Thursday: Changed the bedspreads to the lightweight summer

ones. Shook the brown ones and folded them away. Blueberries not ready yet. Put some bone meal on the beans ahead of the evening shower. Called Lois about July 3 picnic. Turned down Timely Topics chairmanship.

30. Friday: We just couldn't stand it – we went to Mitchell's to pick. Now .35/lb. Ellen and Alice Cook, too. Perfect day. Weymouth the earliest . . . George came in late. Two snacks again!

July

1. Saturday: A quart of berries for Ruth.
2. Sunday: To Meeting. George fixed the sprinkler so it goes UP. A quart of berries to go back. Supper a loaf of whole-wheat bread, salad, chard, and flummery of raspberries.
3. Monday: To Burmeisters for rolls at 9:30. To Ed and Lois' for "Picnic" supper. Poured rain. I took germie and rolls and margarine and butter. Ruth deviled eggs. Chicken casserole and apricot filled salad. Very good. . . . Pictures of Japan trip. Pretty fabrics and stunning silk dress. Nice visit – Ruth drove both ways.
4. Tuesday: Floods! 4½ inches in Philadelphia. Just normally cloudy day, slow clearing. Dining room decorated with red white and blue, ribbons and bells and balls. Roast beef – delicious!
5. Wednesday: Ruth off on a junket to visit Kathryn Kline, etc. We had dinner with Eleanor Marr's sister Jean and husband Leonard. I changed the beds while Newlin went to Township Committee Meeting.
6. Thursday: I took the bus to Moorestown Mall. "Chesapeake" Jim Michener! \$13.00! Newlin out looking up his homework – ZBA in evening. I began "Chesapeake." Took flummery to Grace

Ober at lunch.

7. Friday: Newlin tied another layer on the tomato rack. They are doing well. Beans are climbing, too. Teeth cleaned by Dutton – chunk of filling fell from supporting tooth! Must be filled. Katten busy Tuesday! Ruth still away – Kath. Kline, etc. Reading “Chesapeake” – eyes tired.

8. Saturday: Japanese beetles found the beans. They are yellow again at the bottom. Suddenly decided to go pick blueberries. Ellen, Alice Cook, Margo Young to join us. They went for a walk. Ellen and Alice here at time, Margo not! We left! Ellen and Margo went to Taunton Road and picked some, thanks to Gladys Lawson! Two saucers to Pratts, one to Mr. Hughes.

9. Sunday: To Early Meeting. Messages for us, I felt guilty at leaving Margo. Styrons are off for the summer. Dinner in the little dining room. Nap. Ruth is back. HOT! Hummers on. Ate inside – cheese soup, salad, steamed beans, bread, raspberries. Read “Chesapeake. . . .” [Arthur] Fiedler died.

10. Monday: Hummer all night. Hot, stinky, sticky. I felt ecch. Eyes troubling. Finished five letters with last of snapshots. Cambridge pictures ready for Yearly Meeting.

11. Tuesday: Rain, more rain – everything dank. Ruth has her books! Wonderful!!

12. Wednesday: Beautiful clear day. We went to Brigantine. Flies were pretty bad. Saw a Canada goose family – Pa, five big offspring, then Ma. A skimmer worked the right hand waterway. But the prize was a turtle laying her eggs beside the road.

13. Thursday: Beautiful day, clear, low humidity. We and Marion Roberts went for dinner at the Hedgerow Inn. \$40 plus a \$6 tip.

Delicious food, attractive place. . . . We played Royalty here – pleasant time. Ruth wore her new navy polkadot.

14. Friday: Ruth had company – Wayne and Ann Hayward. No beard this time! Dinner at noon, employees with picnic in wet. Did a laundry. Newlin went in to Philadelphia to get papers from Alan. Pumpernickel bread, lettuce, flummery. Myrtle Wallen has first ripe tomato.

15. Saturday: Newlin of to Virginia with lunch. I read along in “Chesapeake.” Awful slave beatings. Stopped to see Ellen – no medicine for Parkinson’s, and she feels “like a million.” Looks well, too.

16. Sunday: Damp. To Meeting here. Then read “Chesapeake.” Walked around to call on Louise Oleson. Oh, no, she couldn’t show Oley’s pictures. Why she’d have to lift each slide out to read what the picture was. That would be an awful job! Oh no! Herb Hinman has run through them – he ought to ask her.

17. Monday: Took bus to Moorestown Mall. Bought a Little Ben alarm and fluorescent – \$13.75! Also Handi-wipes at Pathmark. Read “Chesapeake” but couldn’t finish it. Wet, wet, muggy, sticky rainy, wet.

18. Tuesday: WASHED my hair. Finished “Chesapeake,” passed it to Flagler. Ellen may move to Haddon – will need to eventually. I picked two tomatoes from Newlin’s patch. I’ll have one maybe tomorrow. Fenwick called! Praise be! Had chipped tooth filled.

19. Wednesday: Off at 8:30. To Foulkeways, Swarthmore, Willis, and Kendall – planned, at least. Too hot today. Did not go to School Board Meeting. Probably labor fuss.

20. Thursday: Newlin returned from Virginia. He has all the

signatures. Praise be!

21. Friday: Newlin up and off to Philadelphia for Alan Hunt's signature. Then on to Leesburg – with breakfast, lunch, and tidbits. Could be back on Monday.

22. Saturday: I did a laundry. Morgan Osler “wouldn't touch anything. Might start a fire.” [?] So, I turned on the air conditioner! Washed two red dresses. OK. Went with Ruth to Cadbury for supper with Ed and Lois, to show trip pictures. Very pleasant.

23. Sunday: Beautiful clear, cooler day. To early Meeting. Bean sprout and cucumber sandwich and sliced tomato. So good! Crunchy.

24. Monday: Waited for Bookmobile to return Flagler's book, and get two. Went down to see Millett's tomatoes. Look good. I visited a while. My leaves are yellow – beans and tomato.

25. Tuesday: Ruth and I did Kendal, Crosslands, Swarthmore Library and Willis – with the Ingelneuk thrown in. Saw Else Fernsler by accident. Willis off to New England for three weeks. Home early. Big filling ground down to hold “appliance.” [dentist] Letter from Lois – son of File, Byberry Meeting, found dead in car – carbon dioxide! I wrote to them. Woe is me!! Basted Newlin's new green pants.

26. Wednesday: The man in Charlestown is giving him a hard time. He didn't take his calculator. Real mistake. I picked some tomatoes from Newlin's garden. It's getting sticky again. He'll be home “tomorrow.” I hope he holds out. To sewing – Newlin's pants done on machine.

27 – 28 [no entries]

29. Saturday: Newlin got his pants done by Moorestown tailor! – \$2.75. Bridge with Louise Oleson. Good hands and scores for all!

30. Sunday: Early meeting for Newlin. Ruth went to Byberry memorial service for suicide son of a trustee. We had fried tomatoes, BEANS, corn on cob, blueberries. Ruth came and told us all about it. I couldn't have stood it.

31. [no entry]

August

1. Tuesday: So hot humid ecch! Rain off and on. Ruth off for visit with Ruth Phillippi – with quart of blues and three or four tomatoes. Also tomatoes to Ware, Miriam Heckman, and each of the court. They're perfect!

2. Wednesday: Sticky, hot, humid. Floods in Texas.

3. Thursday: STICKY and oppressive. Cleaned –

4. Friday: Acton brought two ears of corn – we had them for lunch! Too rainy for blueberries. Tomatoes are tops! I washed my hair – in honor of Yearly Meeting!

5. Saturday: I did a final wash, so Newlin would have underclothes. Dinner with Caroline Malin. Greetings to Daisy Newman.

6. Sunday: Rainy. Beds packed into duffle bags. Food. Clothes. Fan. Chairs. All set to go at 9:00. Off. Newlin drove through NYC. Rain in downpours. Waited for 1½ hours in Providence for floods. Pushed on to case the joint. Finally found a motel. Pleasant. Fell in bed.

7. Monday: Up, good breakfast. To Wheaton College! We were almost first to register. Advantageous parking spot. Unloaded between showers. Beds made. Sort of dumb lunch. People coming in. George Selleck's keynote Roots of Quaker Belief and action in New England. Quietly good. High standards of conduct. Fan is SO helpful. Room palatial!!

8. Tuesday: H.H.H. – Awful! Just getting acquainted with the layout. Elmer Brown “That of God in Everyone” with many Bible references. He knows his stuff. Workshop – ghastly. Tom Waring and current live-in and Patty Smith and her woes. Wayne on cancer and acceptance.

9. Wednesday: Becky and Sara Monego here. Sarah asked us for dinner and to return for evening talk. Becky goes for Connie tomorrow. Good and attractive directions to Mansfield. Good meal – casserole and slaw and butterscotch brownies. Tiny house, much to do. . . . T. Canby Jones and new call to Peacemaking only fair. Much on Hiroshima, Nagasaki. August 9 is anniversary! Wayne Jones GOOD in workshop.

10. Thursday: Clearing! We are learning – don't dawdle over breakfast! – even a poached egg on a dinner plate! Helen Hole, Susan Hole. Aging! enough to age anyone. Weed and P. Smith for joint Workshop – members wept over suicide of sister thirteen years ago. Pretty dismal. Russell de Burlo at dinner with Browns and Helen Ridgeway. Gordon Brown on Q.U.N. office – good. But I stayed in in evening. I walked in a.m. – found cards! Lovely chapel.

11. Friday: A glorious day. Breakfast with Sibyl and John Barlow a delight. Elmer Brown good – he jacks us up. Better worship-serving. Junior Yearly Meeting afternoon fun – I got some pictures, Becky, Sarah, and Tom for evening. Miriam Brown.

12. Saturday: Pretty well packed. Breakfast. Elmer B's final ½ hour. Home. Loaded the car and left. Drizzle to rain. Newlin drove twice, I was weary. We got home (twenty miles farther than NY) for dinner in little dining Room.

13. Sunday: I've had enough meeting to last a while.

14. Monday: A laundry.

15. Tuesday: Newlin took the car for its annual sticker. Didn't pass. To Arco on Thursday. We went to the annual Stockholders Meeting of Columbian Cutlery, via Rodale's experimental farm off Grim Road in Maxatawney. Lovely day – too rushed to eat at Crystal [cave?]. SEE AUGUST 22!

16. Wednesday: Slept and caught up.

17. Thursday: Put the Yearly Meeting sheets out – no fresh ones except for the double bed. Tomatoes all around the court, and Gay Slayton, Baldwin, and Rumble. Piles of them. Lunch with Pratts – they have visitors tomorrow and the weekend.

18. Friday: Fenwick called – He won the audition and has a contract starting September 1 with three weeks holiday, with pay. Hurrah for the BSO. . . . Three quarts of tomato juice. Dish of peaches. Weary but excited. The day is less humid. Dinner with Morgan Osler! What a guy.

19. [no entry]

20. Saturday: I didn't make meeting. Newlin did.

21. Monday: Newlin to Dr. Carabasi 10:00. He's going wild with Henrietta's incredible "caution." Phone, phone, phone.

22. Tuesday: This was the day to go to Maxatawney and Reading.
23. Wednesday: Newlin took car to Mt. Holly – didn't pass. He dug out a five-foot bayberry plant for Ellen, and more to go. Very steamy warm. Hard work.
24. Thursday: Newlin took the car to Arco before 8:00. Back in the evening. Sticker O.K.
25. Friday: Ruth and we lunched here with Cousin Conrad Wilson who wanted her book, even with Valley Meeting error! Dinner with Pratts. Ellen Thomas' moving day. A real hullabaloo. Wrote tomato cards for next Monday here.
26. Saturday: Set out the cards. Went to see Auntie – she had had the doctor! Gas, diarrhea, sick. Poor gal. I left a red geranium and mint leaves and a little tomato juice. Met Ruth there! Supper with Bill and Edith Coles. Good. No bridge. Actons sometime. . . .
27. Sunday: I made it to meeting. Ruth Hoskins prayed for the newly designated Pope John Paul. So Purinton and Ray Hardie are to be married in October. Midge Ilgenfritz had a handsome arrangement in the Lounge. Dinner with Louise Olesen.
28. Monday: Rain and floods – five inches overnight. Courts 11, 13, etc. – just ran into the apartments. Ten dryers rented. We had our court in for tomato juice, dilled cream cheese and health crackers to announce Fenwick is in the BSO. Rolled up the big rug so no-one would fall!
29. Tuesday: Made three quarts of tomato juice – with cloves this time. Humid and HOT. Went for first roll of Yearly Meeting pictures. Klinteberg, Sibylle Barlow, Dorothy Averill, Jeanne Clepper, The costumed Quakers and the turtle. Nora Fairbank Dunning poor.

30. Wednesday: Newlin off to Washington via HiSpeed line and train. I washed my hair. The Estaugh at a meeting last night accepted Bill Martin's resignation! I changed our beds – we are first tomorrow!!

31. Thursday: Newlin discouraged with Lella and her questions. Slept, weary. We were first. Rushed.

September

1. Friday: Nest week I get back into schedule. Mailed addressed stickers to Margaret Roberts. Now for the names on cardboard for the politicians! Newlin put his office away for George this weekend. Last glads are here.

2. Saturday: Newlin to Brigantine – alone. Walked the Leeds Path. No unusual sights to report. He sure earned the brief vacation. Brought \$2.00 of peaches home. Played bridge with George – a real first!

3. Sunday: Meeting here. Caroline Malin praying for all making big step to school, to college, etc. Rest of messages encouraged The Estaugh to make a good choice. We went to Mt. Laurel. First time this summer. Cool! . . . Played bridge with George – he is pretty good. Whole wheat bread, peanut butter and cuke – peaches!

4. Monday: Labor Day. Working on George's bridge after lunch. Gave him some beans, one tomato, slices of whole wheat bread. Medford Leas Residents Association in evening. Resolution for Bill Martin – 90% stood up! Then Elliott Lee scolded the petition supporters for knowing little about it.

5. Tuesday: Printed names still woozy. Went with Ruth to see auntie – pneumonia and diarrhea! She looked better and ate a little

bit. Coughing up nasty phlegm. Took red geraniums in a plastic glass. Dinner with Dan Smith. He goes to Wells Eye [?].

6. Wednesday: Finished penciling name signs! Newlin off to Zoning Board of Appeals business. Nights are cool, days in low 80's, low humidity. Really lovely weather. Dinner with Betty Biddle – she's very nice.

7. Thursday: I went to Moorestown Mall. Stocked up on vitamins. Got a fresh black marker. Dinner with Colvins. Rockwell art from museum 6th and Walnut. Interesting. . . . Caught vole #2, tomato for bait. Newlin to ZBA.

8. Friday: Up and out early, to Burlington Hospital. All there. I held up pretty well. Feet were weary. L.W.V. is starting up. Helen Berry called.

9. Saturday: Caught vole #3, peach for bait! Took about an hour. Wrote Kay Toll final directions. Did two names. Shoulder too cramped to do more. Dressed before lunch to go to Lydia Cadbury's memorial service. Drove all the way in, taking Helen Wright. Very nice service. Helen had old home week. Home, tired, for dinner. Played a bit of bridge with Dorothy Cadwallader.

10. Sunday: My neck and shoulders are SO stiff. Too many names all at once.

11 – 12 [no entries]

13. Wednesday: Million dollar suit against each of 19 Medford board members, including Newlin! I just didn't want to go to School Board – but I did. Mr. Solati got me an agenda, etc.

14. Thursday: Hustled about – changing beds, etc. Stripped the double bed and got two fresh sheets. Went with Flagler to Mt.

Holly for pictures, and underwear. . . . Margaret Roberts needs typed stickers this weekend! Will try!! Four Freeholders gave us a good program. Names looked nice.

15. Friday: Traveled with Marie Dawson. Lunch for Newlin. He got off by himself. LONG list, but many discharged. Ended in good shape. My \$4.00 white shoes with old inners were comfortable. Dinner with Pratts and Morgan! Evening – dozing and TV. Newlin left his packed zipper bag on the bed! Our Charter “Book” came.

16. Saturday: Up late. Breakfast. Typed last of addresses. Finished film on Schlimmie.

17 – 24 [no entries]

25. Monday: Up and off from Chincoteague, down the spine of land to the bridge/tunnel over Chesapeake Bay – then MESS – thoroughly ugly naval base area. Then Williamsburg! Green, but so confusing. We made it by dumb luck. We rode the bus around and heard the movie “Making of a Patriot.” Looked about and hunted our way home.

26. Tuesday: Up and out for breakfast at cafeteria. The Governor’s Palace and gardens (herbs and holly maze) and the Capitol – a very good tour leader on the grandeur of the Court! Lunch, then Abby Aldrich Rockefeller’s Folk Art Museum – quilts and paintings. Change of clothes, and attended an organ recital at the Bruton Church.

27. Wednesday: Up and out by 8:00. 1770 Court House with Rockefeller’s portrait and the Mace of Williamsburg. Magazine, Guard House, then the closed Wythe House with basketmaker, blacksmith shop, harness shop, musical instrument maker, cabinet maker. No bakery. Two black cats!! Lunch and nap. Exhausted. To

movie of “Hammer Men.” Bought a record and a pair of candles.

28. Thursday: Another lovely day – we enjoyed a last breakfast at the cafeteria, checked out at 9:30. Charlottesville at 12:00, lunch in our pleasant room. Rest. Monticello and Monroe’s Ashlawn. Morven [Governor’s mansion] in back road! Skipped Mitchie Tavern. . . . Ran up \$19.00 in phone bills. Thought I was home. Good fish dinner, right there.

29. Friday: Off to Skyline Drive, very leisurely. Clear as crystal. Skylands, delightful and COOL. Must go again. Took too many pictures. Newlin identified a raven! right at the motel. All the heat but one on in p.m.

30. Saturday: Cool. Car didn’t like going up the hill loaded. It stopped. Road crew started it. Nice breakfast. So many babies and little kids traveling! Sauntered through lowlands to Weona Villa. Ate at the Inn. Saw the Orthodox Meeting and Chosen Books in the old Elementary School. To bed weary. The cleanest motel ever seen – but small.

October

1. Sunday: Breakfast in Round Hill Diner! To Meeting. “Be cheerful.” Photographed the gravestones. To Greggs – light lunch on porch. Then the Brown Homestead, and the rather dumb barn conversion. Newlin found Jane Brown Gemmill [children’s author, Swarthmore 1919] and talked a lot.

2. Monday: We sneaked out of an empty house – seemed queer. Holmes drove Sue and Susan to the airport to fly to niece’s funeral. Weird accident. . . . We were home for lunch. The car was filthy. Unpacked, rested, registered voters. Newlin spoke for voting. I spoke for Square Dancing. And then to bed.

3. Tuesday: Newlin with a cold. Two squares and one coupl! Pretty tired. He didn't go dancing. Elliott Lee and Maurie Collins shifted furniture.

4. Wednesday: Newlin snorting. I washed my hair. Then went to Margretta Edward's services at 3:00 pm. Styron in charge. Newlin didn't go to Township Committee. Snorting pretty badly. I wrote notes and notes!

5. Thursday: Bus to Moorestown – peanut butter only. I bought a quilted robe at Sears, \$18.00. Held Betty Smith's hand on Land Bryant delayed shipment. Marion King for dinner. Book review – Franklin, Dangerous Man! Cathy Drinker Bowen – odd of him [?]. Newlin didn't go to Zoning Board of Appeals.

6. Friday: Up early, off to Hospital. Car parked under the tree. Pretty busy – Tony Brown and Fleming. Many pictures. Duplicates for Yearly Meeting. Schlimmie's were pretty good. Her apartment was hot! Then TV evening. Newlin's cold is better.

7. Saturday: Showery. Wrote notes to Virginia Townsend etc. Ate a bite of lunch, then went to find Auntie. Just beyond Pineville on 413. She looked well, but I had trouble communicating. Brought a nightie home to be washed. Ice cream in Newtown. Cleared up. More letter writing.

8. Sunday: Clear and cool and I felt better. Extra [vitamin] C helps. Off to Meeting. Home. Typed last of L.W.V. addresses. Dinner slow with Conants. Newlin typing like crazy to get maps, etc. into the mail. I sent Yearly Meeting pictures to most. Auntie's nightie bleached clean on the grass!

9. Monday: Columbus' Birthday. Newlin in to Dr. Garver, I washed. The awning came down. I spotted one geranium. Ruth says Auntie has enough savings for four years. Wow!

10 – 14 [no entries]

15. Sunday: I went to Meeting.

16. Monday: Newlin in town to Garver. Home by lunch.

17. Tuesday: Washed.

18. Wednesday: Loaf of whole wheat in the oven at 7:00. Then over to room 17 for meeting. Celia Tuttle and Mabel Martin came, they liked the bread and soya bits. All done and cleared up at 12:00. Newlin off to Virginia with six dinner knives for Tom and Eleanor. Put up signs for Forsythe and Mc[illegible]. Storm doors put on. Made up one bed.

19. Thursday: Cleaned second – old flowers out. Made up my bed. RESTED.

20. Friday: Early to Hospital in Ruth's car. Got Schlimmie's pictures – \$19.44! Changed clothes. Put up Forsythe and McGann signs. Marie Dawson came, pleased. Cichon there. Forsythe the only pair. Dinner with Pratts. TV and to bed. Dr. Lisa died.

21. Saturday: Beautiful day – weight 127½. I played Jefferson's music and other in a.m. Lunch at Harry's with Ruth, then a drive to B.C. Community College and Arney's Mount Meeting House. Cleaned out some old jelly glasses. Faye Zimmerman Martin's book too!! Very nice indeed.

22. Sunday: Another beautiful day. Ruth and I went to call on Auntie. Brought laundry home. Nice letter from Mary – they have the green pincushion.

23. Monday: Newlin still in Virginia. I did a laundry with Auntie's

things. Mended a bit. Newlin home at dinnertime! To go to Charter Study Commission at Cranberry Hall. Maybe I'll go to Kutztown after all. I had given up.

24. Tuesday: I drove to Kutztown Farmers Bank for selling meeting and Jean Fister, Billy Yoder, Carl Beeber, Roland Rhode, etc. etc. Strange – little boys grown up! Dr. Ken Lambert a pain! Used Burlington Bridge both ways.

25. Wednesday: to Cynthia Smith's for evaluation of LWV. Interesting. Must have better publicity. Home at noon. Nap. Changed beds to be ahead tomorrow. We are first. Newlin to Township meeting.

26. Thursday: Acme parking lot at 7:45. To U.N. Tour, lunch in Delegates dining room, with Everings, food man from Penn. To Quaker Office and Quaker House. Disarmament speeches . . . coke or yoghurt and home. Tired.

27. Friday: Heavy load – George Pierce about. My pictures came. People are surprisingly good. I loafed until 2:00 waiting for the mail. Dinner with Pratts passed off all right. TV for evening.

28. Saturday: George came, with snacks. Unwrapped and measured all oriental rugs. I kept tabs, sitting in sun. Dinner with Falwell, Ed and Helen. Bridge with Ruth and George. Poor cards. Missed a musical program.

29. Sunday: Standard time! To Meeting – “Pray.” Sat with Kate Payne. Home, baked a loaf of bread. Elliott Lee saw the pictures. Fine. Dinner, then bridge. Supper – fried tomatoes, Elizabeth Acton's eggplant and tomato. Honeydew delicious – 99¢. A cookie too. Put my pictures in the album. Betty Barnard called – poor gal – to get a lawyer!

30. Monday: Newlin up and in to Garver 9:00. I slept again. Newlin went to L.W.V. candidates' night in Community Center. Few in attendance.

31. Tuesday: Hallowe'en – folks dressed up. I didn't. Dining room is shy of hostesses. Poor service.

November

1. Wednesday: I on bus to Philadelphia. Sessler, Wanamakers, Pomerantz – poor pickings. Lunch at Wanamakers. Interesting 4 [?].

2. Thursday: Newlin and I went over to see Auntie. Soon after 11:00 she was in the hall, waiting for bed to be made up. Eight or ten dismal companions. Mary and Marion came up to visit. I took modest wash home. And Bobby Humbrecht's picture to be mailed. Lovely pictures of fungi and mushrooms in p.m. Dinner with Actons.

3. Friday: To Hospital. Long list, no Doris Hunter. But we coped. Snapshots – people were good. I sent them around with a note. Nice acceptances. Reid, Hopkins, etc. Dinner with Pratts. Evening of TV for me, Newlin off to Headquarters.

4. Saturday: Ground out two do's of cranberry. Took all a.m. Ruth in Kutztown. Newlin clipping every paper for his political notebooks. I was weary.

5. Sunday: Up and off early to Byberry Meeting. Looked at Bonner row of stones in graveyard. Willis and Virginia, Ruth and Howard, Rachel and Joshua. Table not set, everything a mess. Ruthie pulled it together – delicious dinner. Turkey (chestnut and sausage), baked sweet potato, my cranberry relish, mushroom, ice cream and sauce. Candy, germies, etc. Willis in good form. I drove home –

got lost in Burlington. Stopped to see Hazel. Picked up leaves.

6. Monday: Talked with Ruth. Reminded of Ruth Irish's lunch "Just for so." Very nice gathering. She's having three parties – two lunch, one dinner! Sat between Heckman and Mahlow. . . . Residents Association Meeting. Sat with Schlimmie. Newlin on voting – good. Ruth on "Fun Event" for Bill Martin. Ruth Irish and Grace Ober on A.A.H.A. meeting.

7. Tuesday: Out at 9:30. Photographs of China visitors – Mabel Marin, Myra Woodruff, Dorothy Test, two Styrons. Young in New York. Then voted. Pretty good turnout for Leas. Bus at 2:00, cars at 4:45 and 7:00. Dinner with Ewings. They know Reading Friends. Newlin off to the polls. Two squares of square dancing. I "did" Anderson. Fair for first "do." Took spice and sugar cookies for supper at supper.

8. Wednesday: Overcast. The day after! The charter passed easily. Newlin was called at 7:45 and typed furiously to get lists for bulletin boards. Flue shots. Ruth said NO. Nap. Then School Board Meeting – over in an hour and ten minutes. New fellow sworn in. . . . Fenwick called, asked for Ruth's rugs. We'll go up on December 1 and 2.

9. Thursday: Changed beds, recipe to Dot Richtberg, call to Mary Colvin for Beakey and address. Then to Doris Steele's for more evaluation. Home for lunch. Camera Club on Mountains. Supper, then Henry Sharpe on Energy Crisis. Lynn Brick came. He was pretty dull. He was good – but it is pretty depressing.

10. Friday: Drove to Hospital – took a package to Hollyhock Shop. Picked up a 25¢ British lady dress! Home. Slept. Dinner with Pratts. A loaf of lemon bread! Pretty good.

11. [no entry]

12. Sunday: We drove off at 9:30 to Baltimore. There in good time. I took cookies. Ruth, bits and toy for Derek. And book. Perfect dinner (except for chicken and fish mix). Vegetables, two pies! House is lovely. How different from Ed and Lois. Barry looks like Linford. Barbara colorless. Home without error.

13. Monday. Wrote B. and B. letter and asked for Barry's new address. They all went up to see Auntie. Eleanor gets most of Aunt Katherine's estate. No furniture left – it all went to a Watson cousin some time ago. Eleanor building a house.

14. Tuesday: Left at 8:15 for the Art Museum. Third Empire – Napoleon and Eugenie? Such ornate Rococo items. . . . Square dancing – two squares plus three! Cartwell is improving.

15. Wednesday: Florence called and talked with Ruth an hour, urging shift to Chandler Hall. Changed beds. Put on brown winter spreads. Now for a hot spell.

16. Thursday: I little bit of rain. Shopped a bit in a.m. Did a wash after lunch. To reception for Bill and Alice Martin: Ruth presented her “shoebox,” Mary Malone a pocket computer, Ira Schmidt for the Board, a desk set. Alice charmed with her first orchid. Pictures in album were a real HIT. To LWV at Daums on JH school funding. Fair.

17. Friday: Up. Rainy, a little. Drove to usual parking spot. Had a light day! Took my 25¢ dress back – too straight. Got China visitors' pictures – they're Good! Dinner with Pratts. Showed pictures to Edna Braucher, Mrs. Barnwell, George Martin. TV evening. Ruth went to Chandler Hall – looks better. Fifty-five beds, Friendly atmosphere.

18. Saturday: Geese woke us up. Wet, clearing. Newlin

transplanted Ellen's pine tree. Now if he'd only sort his clippings!
I picked out a cookie recipe from Fay's book. Soaked my feet!

19. Sunday: The New York Times came after weeks of dearth.
There is still a lot I don't need in their ads. To Meeting here.

20. Monday: Newlin in to 9:00 date in Philadelphia. I did two
packets of almonds. Thanksgiving or Boston?

21. Tuesday: See November 14! Art Museum – no card for our
Christmas cards. . . . Square Dancing went pretty well.

22. Wednesday: The call came. There is a bed for Auntie at
Chandler Hall, in Newtown. SO – Ruth and I left in two cars – me
about 8:30. Got there all packed in my car. Ruth attended to
finances. We followed the ambulance – like a funeral. Unpacked,
settled. Auntie was very quiet. Lunch at Goodnoe's. I bought a
mince pie – LARGE \$3.75. Came home. Ruth did a laundry, then
came home. I slept. Ruth didn't go to dinner.

23. Thursday: I took the stuff over and set up ten fruit pyramids.
Looked nice. Dismal day – Thanksgiving! Mrs. Trent did flowers
for every table! Batzle helped her. Bess Love and Ruth Ford (?)

24. Friday: To Hospital – told them I'd be away next week. Not a
bad morning.

25 – 26 [no entries]

27. Monday: A bit of snow! Bus canceled! I went home and
washed my hair. Collins travelogue in p.m. "Covered Wagon!"
Lovely mountains. Too many people repeated.

28. Tuesday: Went on postponed bus to Moorestown Mall. Found
two cotton flannel nightgowns – \$12 and \$14! . . . Square Dance –

one more evening this fall, with another class!

29. Wednesday: Went to see Aunt Anna. Florence and Harold were there. We walked her out the hall to the window to see the snow, twice! She's amazingly loose in the joints. Newlin went along, visited as Harold did the laundry.

30. Thursday: The big day to travel. Felt wonderful. Through George Washington Bridge and New York, then around Providence. Also around 128 to Arlington Brighams. 335 miles. Bad traffic about Boston.

December

1. Friday: Called on Flints – Emily is a house afire! Must get Gamble book on Wanted Children. Newlin to lunch with Dan Ounjian. I went to Cambridge, lunched at 5 Longfellow Park. Found little pens and Chamberlain engagement [book?]. Lil went along to Legal Sea Food. Thick traffic Friday night. Fenwick to Pierre Seronde's home. And the Boston Game – subway, etc. Pooped.

2. Saturday: Newlin and I to Edwin Case for two pairs of shoes for Newlin – \$90.00! To Coop for second Boston Game for Lil. Drove in to Ye Hong Guey. Fenwick came, then drove us to Symphony. Mix-up on tickets – all OK. Very nice program. Japanese composer [Toru Takemitsu] so slight he made Ozawa look tall!

3. Sunday: Up slowly. To Meeting, very tired! Saw people after first session and went to 11:00. Mary McClelland looked pale. Off to “lunch” at Polly Wood's Harbor Towers apartment. Fenwick and George Beal and Amey and six or eight others. Snow! . . . Then to Meeting for birthday for Sue Brooks, 95, Amelia Emerson, 90, and Selleck, 80. Then home to unload rugs for Fenwick, then home in snow!

4. Monday: Up and off leisurely – through Boston, Providence, Connecticut Turnpike, Tappan Zee Bridge. Home at 5:30. Newlin to dinner, I unpacked. Pretty woozy. Medford Leas Residents Association. Foggy at first, then warm. Howard Johnson's clam chowder. So HMO is leaving Medford.

5. Tuesday: Rounded up cider and pretzels and bits and cups and napkins for last dance session – one square of visiting folks. Flo in lovely “sharp” dress. Easier to do it than find anyone to help. Louise Olesen housebound. . . . Caroline Malin: “Some of our dancers are 81 and 82.” “How old are you?” “72.” “Oh, you're old too.”

6. Wednesday: I just HAD to rest. Got up late, washed up and put away, napped. Really Very tired. And praise be I did rest. A call came from Chandler Hall at 10:00 that Auntie was having oxygen and was weaker. Probably not last the night.

7. Thursday: Call at 4:00 a.m. “Wrong number.” Auntie died at 3:45. Went with Ruth to make a deposit, collect her clothes, meet Hazel at Fletcher's in Bustleton and plan funeral. We picked Saturday for those who worked. 2 p.m. 1 – 2 visiting at Fletchers. Then we phoned. . . . Social Security, Eleanor and Florence, etc.

8. Friday: Very tired, but off to Hospital. Light list. Only George was there the last week! Got prints of China trippers, dispersed them. Louisa indisposed – Will bearing up. Home, to bed – too tired to write my letters to Lil and Polly wood. Took three coats and three dresses to Hollyhock shop.

9. Saturday: Rain – all day. Aunt Anna's funeral from Fletchers, Bustleton. One spray of mums and carnations (\$55.00, the minimum) to be taken out of the estate. Fran, Tom, and Cheri and John came from Pittsburgh. Florence and Harold, Eleanor,

Annette, and Bob, Hazel, Mary – Nathan, Marion, Bob, Pat, and baby Amy, Glenn and Connie. Nepley spoke, Ruth, Mrs. Beigle, Newlin. Nepley at grave. Pall bearers Nathan, Bob, Glenn, Seaman, Humbrecht, Ivins.

10. Sunday: To Willis and Virginia's – Ed and Lois and us, and Friend Lou Shoemaker. Nice quiet day. Willis in good form with family yarns.

11. Monday: "Waterloo" authentic fight scenes – but white gloves!

12. Tuesday: Seemed to work on thank-you letter for Boston friends all day. Sent them with nice notes. Lil, Polly Wood, Amey Beal, Fenwick, Virginia Townsend (with negative). Nice to be free of Square Dancing.

13. Wednesday: Still working on thank-you letters. League of Women Voters lunch at Hedgerow Inn. I took the money – it all balanced. Mary Rappaport and Katherine K.Z. Whipple and I – School Board meeting.

14. Thursday: Newlin off to Philadelphia for 9:00 date. Changed beds and washed up dishes. Sunny and mild. I walked over for eggs – then tired. Mr. Metson, Jr., World Problem: Refugees. He is head of the refugee desk at the State Department. Dinner in Red Room – then factual discouraging speech.

15. Friday: Rode with Marie. Newlin in to dentist – short a.m. Marie all agog about being a grandmother again. Betty Barnard sat with us to wait for Will Pratt. He didn't show. So we came home without lunch. Louisa is not getting better. Ruth much upset over George's condition. Went down to Baltimore. Could see him only ten minutes at a time. Very sick indeed. . . . I baked cookies – but sorghum is pale.

16. Saturday: Mild, sunny. Newlin concocted a wreath for the front door. Looks pretty good. Wire base, clippings from bushes, holly, and bought berries and red ribbon bow. Finished a letter to Sue Brooks for her birthday. Lost a Scrabble game. Fenwick on tour for five days – forgot about reservations! NY, Washington, etc.

17. Sunday: Windy. To get colder. To Meeting. Then home with Marion Roberts to see Christmas cactus and pre-Scattered Seeds! [sic]. Dinner in little dining room with Willets and Pem Johnsons. Typed names on envelopes for appreciation checks. Ruth came back from Baltimore.

18. Monday: Newlin off to Virginia. Christmas decoration day. Sewed some cards on felt slips for atrium. All done in a.m. Nap. “The Fabulous Fondas” reads fast. Christmas cards are coming in. George hovering on the brink.

19. Tuesday: Ruth called to go along to Frankford office. She gave them the contents of Auntie’s black bag. Maybe six months to distribution. Stopped at Somerton graveyard. Sorry I didn’t have my camera. Would take afternoon sun –

20. Wednesday: To Echelon Mall – books for all. There is a new Nature Food Centre Store! Did well at spending money. Rest. 4:00 at Dot Richtberg’s. Then dinner. Delicious cookies. Newlin home from Virginia for dinner.

21. Thursday: Cold – WINDY. We were first for cleaning. All beds made up. We’re getting ready for Christmas. Poinsettia came from George, Altman package from Tom and Eleanor. Wrapped packages – look nice. Belles of East – voice and bell, good. Finches came to the new feeder. So nice.

22. Friday: Cold. Up, drowsy. To Hospital. Eleanor Stratton and Katherine carpenter both over there. Home with shopping done.

Skinned two packages of almonds. Made GOOD cookies – brown sugar, whole wheat pastry flour and carob bits. Ate too much sugar.

23. Saturday: Charlotte Batzel has the darnedest background for the memorial flowers. Tod Phillips called it “reredos” – a dark wood frame with light fabric gathered in it, and a semicircle on the table. Looks like the interior of a casket!

24. Sunday: To Meeting. Small but effective. Kate was there! Dinner – then off for the Allegheny plane at 4:17. Rain! Early enough to run around and find un-loading spot. He’s here. Duck, cranberry, celery casserole. Ruth brought a pie. Last-minute wrapping!

25. Monday: Fenwick was Santa from Japan! Carving and book for Newlin, silk hanging for Ruth, scarf, tea and purse for me!! He had good taste. To Louise Olsen’s for snack and view, then dinner – almonds (me) pecans (Louise) cookies. Fenwick fixed the record player. Newlin and Fenwick walked in the woods here.

26. Tuesday: Newlin and Fenwick to Cherry Hill Mall and Cadbury for new needle. Adjusted to Fenwick’s satisfaction. So much better. . . . Then to Longwood Gardens. Conservatory terrific – poinsettias, orchids, bonsai, swamp plants, ferns. Then at dusk the tree lights came on. Parking lot was fairyland. And overhead a huge flight of geese – strung across the sky. Splendid junket. Home for duck soup and Royalty.

27. Wednesday: Told about Bakers Island at breakfast. Then off to airport. Me pretty tired. Cumulative. Bermuda Secret half-hour film. Home and to bed. Aspirin guaranteed sleep. Newlin off to Township Committee meeting.

28. Thursday: Slept eleven hours! Up, beds changed, and returned

to normal. We were cleaned last. Wrapped two packages, one for Fenwick, one for George. Lunch with Pauline Abt. Shopped. Nap. Dinner with Colvins (pictures and Royalty) Very special!

29. Friday: Cold. Newlin scraped the frost off and warmed the car. He is thoughtful. Short list [at Hospital], finished early. Home. Nap. To dinner with Will Pratt. Then I did two washes of laundry between TV programs. Pretty cold.

30. Saturday: Washed my hair! We went to Medford Farms, all at half price. Bought \$16.00 worth. Dinner. Then bridge with Louise Olesen. She laughed at Newlin's U.N. record. She was top scorer with good cards. One grand slam! But I was tired again.

31. Sunday: Slept till 8:00. Up and to Meeting. Very warm! Kate was there and talkative. Home. Washed dishes. Sunday paper on cruelty to animals in experiments. Typed up L.W.V. list. Lenk left the table, pasty faced. . . . Duck gravy on soya pancakes. Boston Pops LIVE for New Year's eve, with Mitch Miller. Fenwick was there – visibly. Cheers.