

Marion's Diary 1980

January

1. Tuesday: Nice clear day for Mummers, Rose Parade, and football. Dinner with with Loise Olesen – fair. Newlin to swearing in of new Township Council. To dinner last minute.

2. Wednesday: Finished L.W.V. addresses. Left them at Barbara Stiles. Myra Woodruff inquired about a flute for grandson. We called Fenwick and got him information. Changed the beds in evening. To “Gounod.” [opera] fine sets.

3. Thursday: A rose for Mae Fawke – set it up. Hope it stays. Dark red. Rushed about for signatures for Adele Brant's birthday card. She's pretty blue. Newlin to Z.B.A. as observer. I put the Square Dance sign up, and practiced at night!

4. Friday: Overcast. Snow promised. I checked the rose. Put up Gravesite Service on Monday, read Monitor on Powell Flute. Pretty cold at home. Still weary!

5. Saturday: Newlin calling for L.W.V. for money. I'm just tired. Put fresh bureau scarves out in our room. About time!

6. Sunday: Newlin to Meeting. I didn't make it. We set up the Activities Room for Vespers. Home. Rest. Barley for supper. Pretty good eating – filled you up and held. Wrote a letter or two.

7. [no entry]

8. Tuesday: Katherine Carpenter died. No long-stemmed red for her. I got a short stemmed pretty one. Reading for Great Decisions will start soon. Gift shop with Dee Bitler. Very sleepy. Home to nap! TIRED.

9. Wednesday: Katherine Carpenter's rose won't last. I went and bought another one. Now looks nice. Not enough square dancers signed up. Dinner with Laberta Hollingshead. She brought along two Rhoads, who knew many residents. Asked many questions and got answers. . . . Ruth and Rebecca Clark went to theatre "Summer." Blatchfords, and many weak ones – eeech!

10. Thursday: Changed our beds. Snow is pretty, but melting. Getting one letter written each day! Soon be finished. Newlin to Moorestown – three Chinese fabrics to be framed. Two pair shoes to be repaired \$80.00!! Dinner with Will Pratt.

11. Friday: Overcast, 58° – sposed to rain. Over to center early to replace the rose. It will last until noon – her services. Took my coat to be cleaned. Shopped a bit. Ramshackle woman paid \$69.00 at the Acme "I'm on a diet." TV evening.

12. Saturday: Cold blowy damp Eccch! All the snow has melted. Newlin brought the bird feeders up to the patio from the tree. "Tips for Short Trips" – fair.

13. Sunday: I went through the Diary for Christmas letter nuggets – Newlin to Virginia twelve times in '79! . . . Newlin to Meeting. Vespers set up as usual. Pretty good barley soup with tomato.

14. Monday: Pestered Newlin till he got his room (bed!) cleared up. Picked up clean sheets over at center. Made up the bed for Mary Davis, tomorrow.

15. Tuesday: Helen Kolman died – suddenly. Fixed up signs and a rose. Gift Shop at noon, tried to print. It doesn't work away from home! Mrs. Horten, friend of Lindy Ware quite good. Suggested her name as a reader to Milne. . . . And then Square Dancing! It was better than I hoped. Two squares! All old hands. We start at

7:15, Camille Rose didn't appear! But I was tired.

16. Wednesday: Ruth and Mary went to Cadbury for lunch. Then to Burlington coat place. Mary bought one – \$147.00! Ruth said it looked nice. Newlin to Township Council meeting. We played Royalty with Mary!

17. Thursday: Bess Piper died. And I put 16 on her notice. To Les Brown's Great Decisions for three books – ours, Ruth's, and Mrs. Crosby. My cleaned coat looks and feels better. I went to talk on Victor talking machines and records. Camden!! . . . Ruth too full of nerves again.

18. Friday: Went to Westminster House with Marilyn Talbot. Chatted with Salati, Martha Bark called, etc. Fine do. Came home here for tea, cookie, and checking notes. Talbot is a good gal. Mr. Gasper of Omaha, Nebraska came at 4:45 for supper.

19. Saturday: Slept late. Showered and off to Bess Piper's service at Leonberg's Funearal Home. Only eight or ten of Medford Leas. Took down her sign and wilted flower immediately after. Took down Helen Kolman's rose in evening. Good thing – Mr. Kolman came in and saw it. I'll never understand these roses.

20. Sunday: We both went to Meeting. I read N.Y. Times article about Dith Pran by S. Shonberg. Terrific. Pran was a Cambodian. Vespers, of course. Helen Kolman's Memorial Service on to bulletin board. Had our bite early to watch the Superbowl. Pittsburgh won.

21. Monday: I went to the Moorestown Mall. A hairnet. . . .

22. Tuesday: Rose Stanton called. I'll pick up a book at 3:30. We sold a tray! Dee Bitler. My feet hurt! To 7:15 square dancing. Two squares. Pretty good! Read second chapter of Great Decisions.

23. Wednesday: Up earlyish. Newlin helped move the stuff to Building 28. I set up table, food, hot water, signs. Ann Auerbach and Peiterson very good on primaries. Newlin chaired discussion, Margaret Myers recorded. I was minority! . . . Nap, prunes. Robert Edgerton, Pem Johnson fine table. I was too weary to cooperate. Chat at Ruth's apartment. Changed beds. Cart back to Ruth.

24. Thursday: Rested up.

25. [no entry]

26. Saturday: Newlin's birthday. Quiet day. No answer phone at Beau Rivage, no serve lunch on Saturday at Hedgerow – so we went to Harry's. Good eating. Full of customers. Then we rode the back ways of Medford – fancy houses, many new. New nursing home looks quite nice. Only one house with solar units! Sent for pants and underwear – Vermont.

27. Sunday: Breakfast. Newlin to Meeting. I read some NY Times. Dinner. Vesper set-up. Home. Nap. Quick supper. Friedman on Choices. Then to cello concert here by #1 of Philadelphia Orchestra. Informal. "\$20,000 bow, Guadinini violin, over \$100,000."

28. Monday: Three clean filters installed in three heat units. Read Friends Journal on Peace. Powerful presentation. Finished and sent a good family letter to Fenwick, Lil Devine, Elinor B. Enterline and Florence Seaman.

29. Tuesday: Diddled in a.m. Gift Shop at noon with Ruth Bump. Weary. Nap. . . . Square dancing 7:15. Newlin brought a record – dulcimer and Ritchie, singing nicely.

30. Wednesday: Big day! Out for a rose for Sara Satterthwaite.

Back to read Great Decisions, 10:30. Three readers, two listeners. Finished. To dining room early. They changed my name, so a day off! 10:30 next Wednesday. Long funeral service notice in afternoon. Changed beds at night.

31. Thursday: We were second, and all set. The rose is lovely. Two bathroom lamps “fixed” by workshop. \$2.50! Gave them \$5.00. Delighted to set them up again.

February

1. Friday: Hastened over to see the rose – it was lovely. Took it down at dinner time. Mum on World Affairs! Just felt anti– all these boys who must play war. . . . 12° and windy! Wore my long dress again. Started Poster. Fourteen shares of Frankford came – one for ten shares!

2. Saturday: “Come to the Valentine Party in the Lounge February 14!” . . . Ten degrees last night, eighteen daytime. Windy, too. Snow storm in south. WINTER. We got none!

3. Sunday: Newlin to Virginia. All morning – sandwiches, can I have blue camper bag? got any quarters? Packages of goodies – Many trips to car. Walking stick. I was done in! Then so much phoning! Newlin got a new tire for the right front!

4. Monday: Modest exercises at home. Sunny, clear and cold weather 18° – 28°. I put the water dishes out on the radiators. Soaked and trimmed my feet to a fare-you-well. Feel better, too.

5. Tuesday: Some exercises! Gift Shop with Dee Bittler. Very slow! Home to nap. Dinner in small dining room. I fixed the Activities Room for dancing. And unfixed it. Tired. But my feet feel better! Newlin’s Vermont package came.

6. Wednesday: Newlin returned from Virginia. I took some exercises in a.m. Read Great Decisions in a.m. (Will apologized for a nap!) Sewed a sock, and my winter coat button holes.
7. Thursday: Newlin in town for Southam, head of Oncological. . . . Home late for Deuills dinner. Long slow service. To hear Dr. ----- on "Theatre in America!" Pleasant to hear him speak. Mrs. Wills died. "Don't hurry the rose." (Lovely yellow at Bende.) Broke a tooth off "in sleep." No pain, anyway.
8. Friday: Lunch with Mary Killie and Margo Young. Nice. Told Margo about Merrilie and Andrew Towl at Pendle Hill. Dinner with Will Pratt. Me in a low spell. . . . Bought a second yellow rose. Put up services notice. Ruth had long article on Dave Hottenstein's career. Clear – NO rain! Our thermal curtains came and were hung. Good.
9. Saturday: Up and over to get the rose from behind the curtain. O.K. To Mildred Wills' services. Full meeting house. Nice variety of messages.
10. Sunday: Ruth and I left at 7:30 – to Kutztown for services. Red carpet, blue walls, purple on alter cloth, pink flowers! Phew! We were right to go for church. Ruth Yost, Mimi! and 2 – 6 for dinner. Moselem Springs Inn. Quite nice, fairly reasonable. Then we rode back over the hills to Virginville. Stopped at the little family cemetery – pictures. . . . Bought three pounds of almonds at Line Lexington. Home. Sleepy. Tired and worn out. I do miss Dave and Mary –
11. Monday: A day of rest and writing. Dully. for L.W.V. KYT [?]. Newlin in to Philadelphia, for interview with Dr. Southam.
12. Tuesday: Typing. Newlin in to Philadelphia again. Fay Z. Martin and three others came to visit in a.m. I went to visit. Then

to early lunch for Gift Shop. Newlin home for lunch. Long, slow, few customers. Rest. Dinner, and off to Square Dance. Two squares! Mrs. Hammett brought a slip . . . Dorothy Anderson died. She didn't know for sure. "Do check it!" Newlin and I went to nurses' station and asked. I printed up the name. Phoned Ruth Salley. Very tired indeed.

13. Wednesday: I went down to Community Room 28. All set. Newlin came and helped. He hoped for a phone call. None. Program on Pine Barrens. Hon. John and Mary Garrett came! Two visitors, too. Newlin chaired discussion. Elaborate memorial service for Anderson to print up and post. Changed our beds in p.m.

14. Thursday: Newlin off to Philadelphia for 9:00 appointment. Back for lunch. I checked a Richardson bill – OK. Then to B.C.M.H. (Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps). Saw Olesen, Glover, and poor gal with two amputations! Dinner with Will Pratt – then Olympic downhill skiing, and fabulous hockey – U.S.+ Lovely speed skating.

15. Friday: Clear again.

16 – 18 [no entries]

19. Tuesday: Gift Shop and Square Dancing. But first, Dr. Katten pulled the root for the busted tooth. Not bad. Sort of wearying.

20. Wednesday: Read Great Decisions. Lunch with Margaret Milne.

21. [no entry}

22. Friday: Olympics.

23. Saturday: 8 – 11 Olympics.

24. Sunday: Cold and clear. I went to Meeting. Home. Christmas letters. Dinner. Fixed activities room for Vespers. I napped. Raw fried potatoes, chipped beef, salad. End of Olympics. Pageant and dancing and skating! Newlin to L.W.V. fundraising success party!

25. Monday: Will Pratt's birthday. A whole bunch of Christmas letters mailed. Coming to full moon. All the Olympics had lunch at the White House! Flagler for dinner.

26. Tuesday: So – a call for a rose. Then Gift Shop with Voorhies. Nap. Dinner with Colvins. "If $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce costs \$.50, how much would a pound cost?" Square dancing – two squares! Many absent.

27. Wednesday: COLD – 15° or so overnight. Off to read Great Decisions. Rose looks OK. Long-winded services to print up after lunch. Over at 3:00. Home. Read Monitor. Nap, dinner with Styrons. Ruth to Ft. Dix and McGuire Airforce. Interesting trip – pictures and story "for Life." Changed our beds in evening.

28. Thursday: Newlin in town. Good report. Surgeon says no need for prostate operation. Good. Ann Naulty will bring in her observer crew on March 11. "The wheelchair gang."

29. Friday: Typed addresses for L.W.V. Teeth cleaned by Mrs. Dutton. (One broke off.) Dumb dentist. To Quaker Square Dancing. Caller Dave Ainsworth of Medford was good. Must sign him up! It was cold in the schoolhouse.

March

1. Saturday: 4° or 5° outside the walkway. Newlin will NOT go to Virginia Sunday. Deeds not ready. Quiet day sewing underwear! Quick drive to Marg. Roberts. Typed addresses to Barbara Stiles.

Ruth to Reading for Delta Kappa Gamma. Took down rose at noon. Music – violin, viola, cello and piano. Piano LOUD! Pleasant, tho.

2. Sunday: Beautifully clear. Sun on snow. Little tractor with snow pusher came around. We swept. To Meeting. Then to Duells. Grace Ober, Ruth Ford, Bob Coles, and us. Tea, coffee, cake, nuts. They have a lot of sewing around – framed. Newlin saw the office! in a closet!! Dinner, Vespers set-up. Home. . . . Tremendous photographs in Sunday NY Times and Philadelphia exhibit. Must go see it! I sewed all evening on Newlin's underwear.

3. Monday: Beautifully clear and 10° outside the walkway. Did odds and ends. Deed coming? Finished Newlin's heavy underwear. Heavy snow in Virginia and south. We had little.

4. Tuesday: Laundry –

5. Wednesday: Newlin off to Virginia with lunch and bag of goodies from Health Food Store. I took a pretty card around for Elizabeth Acton's birthday, March 11. Leisurely, but busy. Too busy. I want to read and SEW!

6. Thursday: Newlin to Leesburg and Clarksburg, West Virginia. The deeds are registered. Surprised to see Sue – she signed the birthday card! . . . “Finally, I own a part of the mountain. And so does Tom.”

7. Friday: James Stokes died. Dinner with Sally Horter and Will Pratt – went well.

8. Saturday: Newlin home from Virginia with frozen pork and bacon!

9. Sunday: Sat with Ruth in Meeting. Good meeting. Home to

read. Dinner – sewing – nap – supper. Can of soup, Syrian sandwich. How to cut inflation at 6:00 with Mastermind Friedman. He’s good. Sewing again. I like it. Preparing for Flower Show tomorrow.

10. Monday: Beryl Wilde died. Rose – I went to the Flower Show. \$13.50 of gas. Hi Speed Line. Off at 9 and 10th – bus to Show and I had a seat! Show good. Still judging. “Underground house” dumb. Lunch at quiet corner table. More looking. Bought eucalyptus, aloe vera, cheese. Wanamakers – no wool. Health Food, good pretzels. Strawbridge – wool yes! Home really pooped. Put up Beryl’s Requiem sign (Newlin). To bed at 8:30!!

11. Tuesday: Much thunderstorm in the night. Windy today. Beryl’s rose hung its head at 3:00! Newlin put Jimmy Stokes there. Looks OK. This morning Jimmie’s is beginning to look old. . . . Newlin and Myra getting hand flyer for candidates’ night. I’m out! Praise be! Bought another rose.

12. Wednesday: Cold, raw, wet. Nasty weather. Read Great Decisions. Clay and I managed. Then snatched down Beryl Wilde’s poor rose. Charlie Blatchford spoke very well about China. He’s an attractive guy.

13. Thursday: Blustery cold, scatters of snow. Didn’t go to Great Decisions. Cleaned up, sewed. Then to dinner for School Committee. Three – Carlucci, Valleau, and Hamm. Well received. Big petunias by Ruth Plant. Maude Sharp, Les Brown, Hammetts, Vitales, Styrons, Myrna. Cashews and mints, quite good.

14. Friday: Cold, windy. Betsy Walsh came over to talk with Newlin and me. Stayed till lunch. I’m sewing now and then. Sewed during TV evening.

15. Saturday: I washed my hair and laundry! Newlin dug patio

garden. Perfectly wonderful dance and talking Quaker lady. Costumes. \$250! But worth it. She did Shakers. Set up the eucalyptus in a brass bowl in front of red [illegible].

16. Sunday: Newlin to Meeting. I rested. To dinner and Vesper set-up.

17. Monday: Emma Pierce died. Too bad. She outlived her sis.

18. Tuesday: Early to Dr. Katten. Took lower brace, to fill in a tooth. Noon on Gift Shop. Dee Bitler back after illness. Nap. Square Dancing. Went better than usual. Maude Sharp thanked us! I saved Dave Ainsworth's letter and gave dates for fall. Very weary. Clip board and shoulder rags [?] for Marion King. Home, almost in tears.

19. Wednesday: L.W.V. meeting in room 28. Newlin off to see Lenape buildings. We had quick meeting on education. I cleaned up and packed, Newlin pushed it home. Call for Mary Edgerton 2:30. Her daughter driving up from Florida hadn't heard. I said no to Maxine – felt like a heel.

20. Thursday: Early – to fix rose. It is lovely. Went to Energy by Margaret Myers. A summary, little new. Betsy Walsh came at 2:00. Myrna, 2:45. Katherine ZW, Whipple, 4:00. News of Mary Edgerton's Mass. Up at supper time. . . . Braucher, of Penn, hilarious. Dr. Stokes.

21. Friday Mary Edgerton's rose is lovely. Typed income tax lists.

22. Saturday: Ahh! The day. Lunch at Little Mill Country Club – a corsage for Myra and me! Home, and shift to Ruth's car to Ashmont. Met Fenwick at entrance. Perfect. Dinner at Bookbinders – shad! Then walk to Rittenhouse Park. Drizzle. I wanted in at Academy [of Music]. Newlin and Fenwick walked

around Billy Penn! Then concert – two Russian items, Colin Davis, conductor. Poley of Ursinus library a rare next-to. Mrs. Y. and Bill went down at intermission. They fly back to Boston.

23. Sunday: Wrote a nice letter to Madeline Yundt, plus \$22 for tickets. I wore my gardenia – to modest furore! Then set-up for vespers. Home. I fixed some supper. Enjoyed some TV, and so to bed.

24. Monday: I have a COLD! Stayed in bed with salt-water gargle and 2,000 [vitamin] C's every two hours. Held in good shape.

25. Tuesday: Dr. Katten, 795 – 1008 [?]. Re-set my new tooth and did three cavities. Whole bill \$110. Not too bad. He is good. Then Gift Shop 1:00–3:00. Thank goodness no square dancing. Went home and to bed. Election bus at 3:00. Very slow for write-in of Butterweck. Newlin out most of night!

26. Wednesday: Still a cold! All the election figures to be checked off. Leisure Towne sank the Lenape budget. Diddled about. Newlin to School Board Meeting. I changed our beds in evening. Ethel Shellenberger called. We'll sit together, and lunch, too.

27. Thursday: Newlin with a 10:00 date with dentist. I went along to see the free rehearsal of Philadelphia Orchestra – a small part – under Muti. Vivaldi “Four Seasons.” A delight. “Sometimes we play, sometimes we don't.” Lunch at Horn and Hardarts. Chink Rickards, too. Home at 3:00. Betsy here. Margaret Myers very interesting. Miriam Heckman – sort of chilled. No really, but prim straight mouth. Cold continues.

28. Friday: I wrote a good letter to Ann Auerbach, and typed up the L.W.V. addresses. Received census card, which I filled out while Newlin watched Three-Mile Island review on TV. No change in anyone's opinion. Newlin messed around out in the

garden, erecting stakes and planting peas.

29. Saturday: Rainy. Newlin in garden to plant peas and onion sets. We have lunch date with Will Pratts. Penn State folks. The COLD hangs on, darn it.

30. Sunday: Newlin to Meeting. Dinner and set up activities room. Finished a good two-page letter for Fenwick, Lil, Ethel Shellenbeger, etc.

31. Monday: Ruth to Cadbury.

April

1. Tuesday: Nice day. Helper on Gift Shop “forgot.” J. Benjamin had a lot of guests – Test and friend stood behind the counter, thanks. Mailing letter to many. Reading a bit of Ducky Holmes biography.

2. Wednesday Newlin to League Board Meeting. I rode bus to Echelon. Had a Baskin Robbins ice cream cone! Dr. Scholl’s foot helps. Neutrogena soap and Tritle’s lotion. Not too dead tired. Newlin to Township Committee Meeting. Changed our beds in evening. Lunch with three guests, came to see apartment about 4:00!

3. Thursday: Straightened up around – Sue cleaned us. Betsy Walsh came in – met Blatchfords and interviewed Martins. Newlin observed Pinelands Commission all day. My cold hangs on yet, tho not bad. Lydia Roberts died – Hammett gave me her name and the date at dinner. Dee Cole has four generations there, and I missed a snapshot! I’ll go in for a rose tomorrow.

4. Friday: Rain again. Off for a rose. Was she a resident? Marion Roberts’ sister-in-law. Must find out. . . . Easter Friday. Services

put up in afternoon. Rose is lovely.

5. Saturday: Dinner and bridge at Frances Hess' – very nice indeed. Four took her a daffodil.

6. Sunday: To Meeting – beautiful day. Dinner with Deuells – quite OK. Room fixed for vespers.

7. Monday: Spit up my supper – felt vile. Indigestion? Newlin very good at cleaning up. He went to joint meeting of School Board and Township.

8. Tuesday: Went to the Robinsons about the bills. “Just wait till you're billed again.” Gave Mrs. Bunning my March dates. Great relief. Hardie with a stroke, left arm, etc. Mary Witwer in Gift Shop – fair. Bob Edgerton to dinner, Royalty at 57.

9. Wednesday: Rain, off and on, in floods. Pond over the road. Sewed on the needlepoint – progress being made. Dinner with Marian King and ----- . Newlin said “to Virginia tomorrow” so I changed the beds and finished the almonds.

10. Thursday: Gorgeous day. Bouquet of violets, and pink tree for table. To the L.W.V. ladies. Sue cleaned us up nicely. Newlin to Democratic County meeting in Mt. Holly. I read and sewed and wrote to Becky Monego. Now – “To Virginia on Monday.” Why make a plan??

11. Friday: Put Foundry into a file, off the desk. Five years. Good effect, financially. Called on Schlimmie. Dreading third operation. Newlin to garden. I'm cleaning up many things. Walked for eggs. 95¢ for extra large. Pratt for dinner.

12. [no entry]

13. Sunday: Up, to Meeting. Newlin to garden. Fred and Mary Abbott stopped – talked till noon. Newlin made some coffee. I offered some cashews. They were heading home. Newlin off to Democrats selection of ----- . He's way behind.

14. Monday: Fixed Newlin's lunch; off to Moorestown. No cushion! Nice snapshots of Fenwick's castle. Supper at home. Over for MacArthur movie. War – eeech! Pretty dress lengthened.

15. Tuesday: Quiet morning. Fashion Show. Dee Bittler good. Dumb clothes, and expensive. Read some of Ducky Holmes [baseball player].

16. Wednesday: Up early. L.W.V. only five. Ann Auerbach called home in Ohio. Mother in a coma. . . . Small do on caps, budgets, etc. Newlin home for dinner. Felt low. Becky and Connie are coming Saturday! Changed beds in evening. Cart returned to Ruth at noon.

17. Thursday: The bushes Newlin had ordered arrived. Retired teachers gathered here at noon. Ruth on program. Flagler and ----- well for dinner. We didn't stay to hear about Gettysburg. Episcopal minister Flagler knew.

18. Friday: Vole #1, vole #2 caught. I gardened! Had lunch with Mrs. Ludwig, a friend of Blatchfords. Toured our apartment. Newlin's paper control tops. So glad. Newlin to garden in afternoon. Pratt, then TV all evening – and so to bed.

19. [no entry]

20. Sunday: Gorgeous day. Harker Acton signed the birthday card for Knight, talked with Ruth about the apartments. Seated at table, then asked to move to other dining room! Pretty late. Set up vespers again. I don't like it. Vole #3 caught. Vole #4 also.

21. Monday: Vole #5, a big fellow! I washed my hair. I am going to Boston, Wednesday a.m. 7:00! Beacon Hill Friends House. Home Saturday. I'm pleased. Must get money tomorrow. Lettered up five democratic name signs.

22. Tuesday: Vole #6.

23. Wednesday: Vole #7 and 8! Newlin took me to 7:00 bus to N.Y.C. Change, Boston at 2:15. Taxi, \$2.00! Supper at \$2.50. Franks, cold saurkraut, potatoes in dressing, germie for dessert. Seventeen and four staff members in house. Baryshnikov and Minelli in Pops tunes. Lousy TV.

24. Thursday: Cold. Sat on Alice Wren's porch ten minutes. Interesting. Then to Shakespeare's Birthday at Helen Stearns. Sue Brooks was there. Fifteen around the table. Sandwiches, champagne, and had some Elizabeth cake. 1811 wedding furniture in front bedroom. Costs all in notebook. I hope my pictures hold.

25. Friday: Vacuumed the room – washed smudges off the paint on door. To Harvard Square. A mess [subway construction]. Bought a \$2.00 sandwich! Lunch with Ellen and Margaret Klinteberg who lost 22 pounds because of my picture! To Symphony Hall – Mahler's Seventh. Five parts. 1 and 5 blasting with drums, 2, 3, and 4 lovely. Saw Fenwick afterward – to his surprise! To Ye Hong Guey – a whole dish of char sue dang with almonds. I ate it all. Home, lousy TV. Paid bill – \$39.00.

26. Saturday: Up early, bed changed. Good I cleaned yesterday. Taxi to Trailways \$3.00. Stand at gate. First on. Seat by third window, off road. Missed a bus in NY, stood an hour. The PEOPLE! To Mt. Laurel. Taxi? Two don't answer. One busy. Cherry Hill came \$13.20. He came promptly, brought my bag in! Nice kid.

27. Sunday: Rain, 50°. Put things away. The rose bill is here. Diary up to Date.

28. [no entry]

29. Tuesday: Gift Shop – went OK. I'm reading the book Fenwick gave us. Light and interesting.

30. [no entry]

May

1. Thursday: Loaded and off to Jamaica Plain – driving. Two hours late starting so we drove hard, almost killing. Musica Viva at Longy School. Interesting program. People out and about. Mass Ave. a mess.

2. Friday: Newlin had lunch at Tufts. I took a little cake for Ellen, and had lunch. Took two cartons of books for Linsley.

3. Saturday: Newlin and Fenwick and Bill Bellows planted bushes and had a nice time. Clear weather. I opened the little arch window and tied it. Up and down stairs pretty often. . . . A good chicken and rainbow trout supper at Jan and Newton Wayland's.

4. Sunday: We went to Meeting. Saw many. Betsy Maxfield Miller and Sandra, de Burlo's NEW house. Back to Fenwick's for barbeque supper. They had a work day and cleaned up well. I'm wearing out!

5. Monday: Up, early. Folded up bedding. Off via Friends Community. Wayne Jones, Lucy Allen, Polly Wood. It is new and a-building. On home – trucks and buzz almost wore me out. Supper at Denny's. Home TIRED.

6. Tuesday: Bath in tub. Dressed. Gift Shop. Weary.
7. Wednesday: Finished card for Mrs. Prall. Wrote Nancy St. John and Edie de Burlo. Ruth called – I took her book to her. Fire drill! Lunch with Styrons. Nap. Dee Cole and Will Pratt for dinner. Made eight small signs for tomorrow.
8. Thursday: Democratic candidates – few with material. Styron a good M.C. – even with bad tooth!
9. Friday: Newlin left for Virginia, etc. Me tired. Glad to rest.
10. Saturday: Wrote with Germie recipes to Jan [Curtis] and Newton Wayland.
11. Sunday: I knocked some levelness in the garden and planted zinnias and nicotiana. And plan for railroad ties boundary, and chrysanthemum pretties. Why try to do so much? Fenwick called, he watered the plants, and is sending a package. Mothers Day. White carnation in my hair!
12. Monday: To Moorestown Mall. Old film, lousy pictures. Deborah Glover services with music, hymns, in the lounge. Very pleasant. “Plaza Suite” movie in evening. Three couples in a certain room. The third, parents of a bride locked in the bathroom was hilarious. Waited and gook fil home. Newlin home from Virginia – dinner with Knights and Flagler.
13. Tuesday: Gift Shop – \$690 in last week.
14. Wednesday: Newlin took and sent film. Took bus to Philadelphia for date with Southam. I washed the winter bedspreads at Kotula. Tore my pretty coat. Frankford letter settling Aunt Anna’s affairs. I went for Ruth’s pink cared – undeliverable.

Grapefruit three for \$.99. NO. We'll drink juice. Changed both beds in the evening.

15. Thursday: Clear and cool at night. Newlin and Dan off for a run-through. I finished Fenwick's "Community of Sound" by Louis Snyder. It is gentle, understanding and good. I liked it. Trimmed the fern! Fenwick's Mahler 7 came!

16. Friday: Went to Winterthur gardens. Delightful! Lovely Oriental building to eat in. Soup and mushrooms! Planted tomatoes first. Awnings up in afternoon. I thought I was taking Ruth's mail on Saturday. NO – to Virginia, for Caroline.

17. Saturday: Newlin off to Virginia at 6:30 a.m. Washed in a.m. Trimmed. Cereal for supper. Interest of \$400 came! We're getting neater looking – I freed the azalea from heavy greens beside the patio. Tired.

18. Sunday: Newlin home for dinner, and setting up vespers. He's so busy with absentee ballots.

19. Monday: Me to Quakertown Meeting House to meet Ruth about Aunt Anna's will and residue. Pleasant rest there. Three pounds of almonds at Line Lexicon, \$3.25/lb. Good to be on my own. Home for supper. A good list for directors of M.L.R.A.

20. Tuesday: Weary, but did Gift Shop with Witwer. Had the Frankford page Xeroxed and mailed with return card. I hope it hurries! Newlin and Dan Smith ran an excellent survey of Medford. Popular. Urge a repeat. Fall?

21. Wednesday: All set for L.W.V. meeting in #28. NoBody Came! I must have overlooked a cancellation! I'm getting old! Quiet morning though. Then quick – ten notices for Newlin to put up at 9:00 or so. I don't like push push.

22. Thursday: To Moorestown Mall for snapshots of Boston. They're NICE. Republican candidates – two! Ten quick notices to take down. One awful – anti-abortion, anti-gun law – Eeech! And he looked sensible. A black man for County – Good.

23. Friday: Milled around with two birthday cards – Harker and Hammond (next week). Played the Mahler #7 which Fenwick sent. It really is something! Putting it away on the shelf I found a Mahler #1, unopened!

24. Saturday: Overcast, but not too hot. Dug weeds out of the garden – nicotiana is up (1/8 inch!). Few zinnias. Newlin working on mailing to Democrats. He pulled a bag of tall grass out of Adele's violet patch. Now, my garden?

25. Sunday: I went to Meeting. Newlin at desk, and helping with absentee ballots. Vesper set-up again. I mailed letters. Cereal for supper!

26. Monday: Out to farm – Ham Bail mentioned a Tufts Emeritus professor murdered. NY Times had a small bit. Bob Robbins. I felt desolate for Brooks, for the church, for Lil. I called Lil and heard all about it. Ghastly. . . . Put a bucket of shredded stuff on the little oak trees.

27. Tuesday: Just dragged about.

28. Wednesday: Spent most of morning turning mattresses and vacuuming both sides. Then made 'em up. Cool at night. Got the sprayer out – garden is dry. Raked grass and put it on.

29. Thursday: To Moorestown Mall. Dunn Funeral Home – good shot. Showed it around. Nice of Beacon Hill Friends' House. A few of Winterthur Gardens, OK. Washed in p.m. so Newlin would

have clean clothes for Swarthmore Alums tomorrow.

30. Friday: Newlin off to Swarthmore. Vole #12 caught in trap without bait! Drowned. Ecch. Good quiet day. Nap. Little achievement. Album is set up with all the snaps.

31. Saturday: Picked out some grass. Changed my wardrobe to summer. Tried long dresses. Marian King thought the polka dots better. I tucked the back of the skirt. Read People all p.m. on the patio. Helped Betty Smith with absentee ballot.

June

1. Sunday: Both went to Meeting. Voting booth in position, vespers set up. Oatmeal for supper! Tasted good.

2. Monday: Vole #13 caught with seed sprouts. Hot, humid. I rocked out front, reading.

3. Tuesday: Election Day. The machine doesn't work! a flag? We need three democratic election workers. Clay Styron went and liked it! Newlin out for the night to all bases. Typed results for bulletin boards. Jessie Condit needed ballot delivered. It went.

4. Wednesday: Ripped up the begonia plant and geranium. Newlin to L.W.V. Board at Doris Steel's in evening. . . . Changed beds. Vole #14 caught and drowned.

5. Thursday: Moorestown Mall – no rocking chair, no blouse. Peas before lunch. Good! The first. Our outside was painted with a minimum of garden harm. Cold. slept well under down puff.

6. Friday: I planted my cuttings. Then read directions! Covered for moisture. Lunch with Will, dinner with Will. Handed Ruth the Medford, Mass clips about Robert Robbins. Awful! Dr. Kane in

a.m. Walked for eggs with good new hat. Car to Arco – we can change snow tires now.

7. Saturday: No car.

8. Sunday: No car!

9. Monday: Newlin gets car back, to go to Virginia.

10. Tuesday: Busy busy. Newlin loaded and off to L.W.V. lunch. Then to Virginia. Had a good report on school needs. Missed a rambling, rambling speaker on Social Security.

11. Wednesday: I went to Echelon mall. Bought Jimmy Galway's Songs of the Seashore.

12. Thursday: Galway record side B – impossible.

13. Friday: After calls to Linden and The Home we're off to see Fran. Lady on Vine St. told us keys were in the door!! She is in a nice place – but . . . we went thru Philadelphia, home by Tacony-Palmyra Bridge. Not delightful! Lunch at Denny's. I pressed my dress. Ruth wore light yellow pants to dinner! I raked the yard for a bucket of grass. Two nice records came for Newlin from Fenwick. My Galway must go back!

14. Saturday: Shortened the long slip. Dress looks OK. So off to Ed and Lois' 40th wedding anniversary – Lavender Hall. Cute toast, excellent food, nice private room.

15. Sunday: Newlin fighting the typewriter again. Seems to be on the way!

16. Monday: Much electioneering all the time. Absentee ballots . . .

17. Tuesday: Did around the evergreens – looks better. Allis Borton on Gift Shop.

18. Wednesday: Took Galway record back – Echelon Mall. Exchange! No comment. Bought two whit seat pads, a chunk of cheese. Bought stainless steel snippers. Changed our beds.

19. Thursday: No car yet! We went shopping in afternoon. Bought two pints strawberries and whipping cream. Needlepointing like crazy to finish the cover.

20. [no entry]

21. Saturday: Spicked [!] up. Flowers nice. Table of bridge with Frances Hess. Records, hilarity. Six berries, whipped cream, brown sugar. Delicious.

22. Sunday: Me to Meeting. Allis Borton spoke well. Home. All the dishes done and put away. Dinner with Ruth Salley. . . . Mrs. Leo Brown died. Flower – Grace Ober not home. Court nine pretty orange rose. Died during the night. Picked one at breakfast. Then bought a yellow one, Monday a.m.

23. Monday: Worked on the edges of the needlepoint seat cover. Mrs. Pinam at dinner. Then Bob Coale [spoke?] on North Cape. I slept! Then home to finish sewing the cover onto the seat cushion. Looks pretty nice. Bought a yellow rose and set up services card in p.m. Put the rose away at 9:00.

24. Tuesday: I tick on my neck at 6:30! Up!! Dressed to go put the rose up at 7:00. Waved good-by to Ruth. (Kutztown). Blatchford had home care girls at 6:45. Va. Gift Shop. Tea for Friendly Visitors. Got Newlin's cushion about set. Humming bird on coral bells. A humming bird at dusk!

25. Wednesday: Wayne and Ann Hayward for lunch. They'll never make it to any retirement home! Ruth took 'em to Cadbury. Stinking hot, muggy. Ate some peas! Vole #15 and #16! What a rush.

26. Thursday: Vole #17! Election day. School Band. Rose call for Elizabeth Clark, unknown to most. Newlin to garden briefly. Watering blackberries and bushes. Bus to Allen School at 4:00. Took 17. So hot and muggy. Panel on "Inflation." Ed Hewes and Newlin good, Lee lousy, M. Myers poor. Myra an O.K. M.C. Signs for election on doors! After the panels I drove to polls – "good driver" Knight. Drove a load. Newlin went for results of voting – down, 2 – 1!

27. Friday: I tended the rose. Put up her memorial sign for Saturday, noon. Did laundry, washed my old seat cover. Leaked red on Newlin's undershirts! I rocked and sewed in the court. Stifling hot. Dinner with Margaret Myers and Pratt! Fair.

28. Saturday: Not enough energy to go to Kutztown for Dave Hottenstein's sale. Edged the garden, added dried grass. Killed two Japanese beetles on my zinnias. They are showing color. Newlin to garden. Peas before lunch. Rose down. Fan out. Weather cooler – only 86° – less humid. Court Party – 7/22. Cantabile Players in evening – piano, flute, harp, etc.

29. Sunday: Vespers floor was shiny slick with wrong wax. I made signs. Elizabeth Eggleston fell! Too bad.

30. Monday: Newlin and I went to Fairmont Park sculpture tour with excellent lunch at the Rusty Scupper, near Cadbury. Beetles are a huge crop! The trap hangs in the tree.

July

1. Tuesday: Gift Shop with Shelley Lyman. She's good. Blueberries to sell – wheeee!
2. Wednesday: Pratt former student coming in a.m, leaving in p.m. Car please, and lunch with Helen Ridgway. Much librarian talk.
3. [no entry]
4. Friday: Flag is up. Joan von Erdberg joined us at corner table. I took almonds. NOBODY commented on them. She is against E.R.A., women belong at home, etc. etc. She's pretty hopelessly self-centered. Japanese beetles galore. Watermelon in p.m.
5. Saturday: Ruth has lunch with M.L. Life staff, with Mabel Martin.
6. Sunday: Meeting, dinner with Deuells. They're nice folks. Then set up for Vespers. Cottage cheese for supper – only fair!
7. Monday: Laundry for Newlin. Reading some Ducky Holmes. J. Russell Smith traveled in style, said Rebe!
8. Tuesday: Newlin to Virginia. Left at 10 of 4:00! Ate some lunch from his package. I brought blueberries from Gift Shop, added them to his packet. Watched TV of the first iron bridge, built by Quaker Darby in England. Fascinating.
9. Wednesday: Hotter. I changed the beds. Spring bedspreads off, summer ones on. Washed the striped Bates. Pretty good. Read in afternoon. Lunch with Mary Leeds and Lois Bohlig. Card to Gertrude Knight for birthday. Linden Heacock phoned! Poor Fran!
10. Thursday: Ted Gordon on developments in the Pine Barrens. Dull, meandering. I think I slept throughout it.

11. Friday: Dinner at noon – buffet in evening. Employee’s picnic.

12. Saturday: Mary and Henry Coloin did a beautiful dinner for Ruth. I did feeble flowers. Newlin thought he’d make it, then didn’t. Car got HOT! I was distressed and let down. He has to go back Monday!!! Fresh cut off corn, jam, angel food birthday cake, neat place cards.

13. Sunday: Happy Birthday, Ruth! Frances Hess joined us for a 3:00 dinner at Braddock’s. \$50.00 or so. Glad to pay it. Hot outside. Good food – hot, prompt enough.

14. Monday: To Moorestown Mall, leisurely. Newlin off to Virginia, Ruth to Cadbury. Felt lonesome for dinner! Back for “The Great Gatsby” – slick and clever.

15. Tuesday: Gift Shop at noon. Pretty tired. Gertrude Knight on Shop – talkative! Put Newlin’s stuff out of desk room. Work – but improvement. Republican Convention for three days – dumb!

16. Wednesday: The desk room is becoming the guest room. Bed changed, Newlin’s things to this bathroom. Clean bureau scarf. Took some hammering on the bureau feet. Yo heave ho! Looks nice. Pretty warm. I stayed home for supper. Three candlepower – electricity off at 5:15 – on at 5:00 in morning. Nasty wind and rain and donnerwetter storm. I changed my bed. . . . Finished Annual Report of Dead Flowers Lady!

17. Thursday: Cleaned first, Dr. Pawluk date, Mary Davis coming, maybe after lunch. Ears wouldn’t blow clean, so oil to soften ’em up. Try again next week. Celia Tuttle – review of Dorothy Stickney’s “Openings and Closings.” Fair.

18. Friday: Mary wants to take us all for dinner. Newlin home in time. Enormous and good dinner at China Inn, Lumberton Plaza.

Modest price. Nice and good. Home for TV evening.

19. Saturday: Ruth and Mary played Royalty “all day!” Dinner at table 11 – nice. Then man singing a variety of songs, thanks to family of Viola Paradise. Very nice gesture. We all enjoyed it. Newlin went to the garden. We played some royalty. HOT – HOT. Wrote Sue Gregg – Thank you! I picked two tomatoes, Newlin brought in four!

20. Sunday: HOT again, less humid, though. Newlin and I went to Meeting. Dishes and paper till noon. Move for Vespers – Newlin patient with it. Newlin fixed bag-a-bug for Betty Biddle. We had two nice peaches and five little bitty ones. Newlin’s cushions progressing. Coolerator on all night.

21. Monday: To Moorestown mall – HOT. 100° going to dinner. Morgan Osler! Newlin watered in the court, then went to Township Committee. Lunch with Mammets. Fair. Hot in p.m. Coolerator is on all day. 106° p.m. Dot Richtberg garden pictures, and Race Track [illegible] Medford Leas Bus!!

22. Tuesday: Quiet a.m. Gift shop – alone. Made out O.K. Voorhees just forgot!

23. Wednesday: Rainy all day, overcast. Slow start. Newlin two committees. I cut some nicotiana and a tomato. Wind blew it down. Dinner with Burgesses. Good folks. Newlin to Township. Committee meeting on erection of TOWER for cable TV. Vole #18 caught.

24. Thursday: Cool night! Cleaned last. Took bus to afternoon stores. Met Steinberg, dinner with her. She’s pretty frail. Porch being built. NY City scared of mice! Evening program to teach children non-violence. Peace Committee of Yearly Meeting – nice gal.

25. Friday: Gorgeous cool night to sleep. My right ear spilled gunk on the sheet. The left one held tight! Lots of flooding – no use! Laundry in p.m. – Ira Schmidt joined us for dinner. Will seemed tired. Much TV. Hinman will do Great Decisions – good! Newlin cleaning out stacks of papers!!! Vole #19.

26. Saturday: Guitar trio – quite nice. Soft sweet music.

27. Sunday: Both to Meeting. Set up for vespers after dinner. Heard Mary Colvin had bad broken bones – foot and finger! Called on Sunday, while Henry was off to dinner. Took a couple of tomatoes down on Monday.

28. Monday: Cadbury, then back! Ruth gave highlights of the South Pacific. She was in top form – funny, etc. They all learned something.

29. Tuesday: Big day. Ear washed out successfully. Fire Drill! Meeting Gift Shop workers. \$5,000 to activities, balance to Lees (carpet) fund. Quick lunch, Gift Shop O.K. Nap. Then off to Burlington County College Theatre. “See How They Run!” Hilarious.

30. Wednesday: They were Colvin’s tickets. We sent a do to the Memorial Fund. Quiet day, by necessity. I changed the beds. Newlin off to short meeting.

31. Thursday: Ruth pretty weary – too much HEAT. Bob Coale for dinner. 4:00 Zeta Rodee program on Mt. St. Helen’s blow-up. Very interesting. Topo[graphical representation] made by her sister.

August

1. Friday: Stinky hot. Took tray of tomatoes around the Court. Our first to offer. Beans for breakfast. Social Security Insurance wrong amount – why? Got to Lumberton Office. “There’s a miscalculation, a letter will explain it.” Fine. Newlin brought in several tomatoes. Dreadful heat. 58¢ for a dish of chocolate ice-cream!

2. Saturday: Hot, hot, hot. I washed my hair. Picked some more tomatoes. One weighed one pound! Beans for breakfast. Stitched and read most of the day. Colvins for dinner – good time. Mary stimulating. Newlin to garden. Stinking HOT. Newlin brought in five more tomatoes.

3. Sunday: Set up Vespers – seems popular. Good supper!

4. Monday: 8:30 a.m. M. to Mrs. Dutton. She is tops. Dentist, ecch!

5. Tuesday: 9:30 here – advanced sales of “Know Your Towns.” I did a laundry! Coffee was instant, from L.W.V. supplies. Table enlarged.

6. Wednesday: Newlin off to Virginia with good lunch chilled. I left at 1:30 to WALK to first music lesson. Hot as the limit. Hat worked well. Music went all right. 78¢ for a dish of ice-cream! Bought a shade for Newlin’s lamp. Not too tired. Changed our beds in p.m. Gift shop in p.m with Ruth Irish.

7. Thursday: Cleaning day – 90’s again. Two tomatoes to Sue. Went to Isabel Richter’s services at 2:00. Martha’s Vineyard minister who did nicely. Ruth with feathers again – too bad. Probably HEAT!

8. Friday: Made two quarts of tomato juice. Picked some more. Huge! Coffee table done. Les Brown brought it over! \$6.00 – I

gave him \$10.00. Dinner in little dining room with Ruth. Home. Newlin came about 7:00. Ate dinner here.

9. Saturday: Hot – all night, too. Cleaned corner of coral bells. Fence is removed. Newlin to garden.

10. Sunday: Newlin not setting up for Vespers! We went to Meeting here, then to Mt. Laurel. Nice air through. Fairly warm. That's enough for one day!

11. Monday: "The Quiet Man" – movie. O.K.

12. Tuesday: Newlin to Dr. Katten. I drove. We found him! HOT HOT HOT.

13. Wednesday: Newlin off to Virginia with lunch at 9:30! I walked to music lesson. Not bad. Dish of ice cream helped. My sun hat is very useful. Home through plant property across Route 70. No-no!

14. Thursday: I went to Moorestown Mall. Pem Johnsons for dinner. Speaker for Pearl Buck's "Children of the World" very good, low keyed.

15 – 17 [no entries]

18. Monday: Newlin out to Mt. Holly. Got a new stamp on the car – no wait, no rush! M.L.R.A. in evening. 100th meeting. All past presidents present, and commented about by Follwell. Mr. deCou and Gary T. spoke well of past.

19. Tuesday: Newlin to the garden. We have lots of tomatoes. Caught the Muscovy duck! Hurrah! Some music practicing. Not too good.

20. Wednesday: Ruth heard Ann Hayward died – in Jefferson Hospital. Hard on Wayne. Drove over for third music lesson. Fair. Talked about Fenwick. Home, rather tired. Cool in evening. Blissful!

21. Thursday: Cleaned, fairly early. Sue FOUND her lost diamond! Evening program – Ed Follwell on old Korea – Costume, hat, shoes, pictures – very good. Wrote a good letter “home.”

22. Friday: Cool! A laundry. Then two quarts of tomato juice. Newlin with Committee meeting for lunch. Me with Ellen T. and Viteleses. Rode to Dr. Gilbert – feet feel much better. Walked thru library. Pleasant. Pratt for dinner, TV evening.

23. Saturday: Slept till 8:30! Ann Auerbach dropped in to see Newlin. Glad to have tomatoes. Frances Hess called for bridge. Delighted we went. I wore the pink dress. . . . At 2:00 a.m. Newlin was on the toilet when the Bell phone rang. He tangled and fell. Wrong number.

24. Sunday: Home health came, looked at his back. “Use heat.” Quite stiff. No one to Meeting. The nurses really took care. I did the vesper set-up! And went to the service. Mabel Martin quite good. Home. Newlin grunting and sore. And so to bed.

25. Monday: I went to the Mall without a ticket – bought an electric heat pad. Improvement. I was off my practicing for my last lesson. Beautiful slides and music via Camera Club.

26. Tuesday: Tried to make up on practice – but I’ll not make the low notes. Washed my hair! It is so sticky I can’t stand it.

27. Wednesday: Newlin felt able to go on a bus trip to Moorestown and lunch. I had the car. Had lunch at little shop. Good soup, quiche and heavenly chocolate ice cream! Home, Newlin resting

and grunting. . . . Last lesson – “You’re doing very well, but you are not yet ready to take your son’s place!”

28. Thursday: We were cleaned third. Pretty weary. Napped. Dressed to go to dinner with Ruth and Flagler. Benihana of Tokyo. And in walked FENWICK! I was bowled over! Good show of cooking our meal. It was delicious. Talk pretty good. Played hearts here, ate peaches! And so to bed. Home by way of Cadbury.

29. Friday: Overcast. Breakfast on patio. Fenwick and I had cheese and egg, sliced tomatoes, toasted whole wheat buns, coffee. Fenwick picked a tomato. Played records. Lunch with Ruth in dining-room. Call on Olesen. Sat on Ruth’s porch. Home. Nap. Packed – he took four tomatoes and two packages of pretzels. Thick overcast. Fenwick drove us in to airport, I drove us home for TV evening.

30. Saturday: Well, my weight in 130! Now to fix it! Grace Ober’s corn at 12:00 is no way. Lunch with Mrs. Trent. Nap and coolerator. Humid again. Kyle’s for supper. Newlin working on L.W.V. publication.

31. Sunday: Newlin nursing hot water bag again. His back does bother him. I went to Meeting. Home. HOT. Dinner with Deuells – nice folks. Table #11, good. Cold dish supper. PEACHES. Newlin working too hard on L.W.V. Acton’s corn! 3½ ears for Newlin.

September

1. Monday: So Hot – dolled up for athletics – but we stopped to see Eleanor Humbrecht at Ruth’s. Never got out. Dinner with Sam and Jane Burgess. #11. I didn’t go to supper. Newlin went over. We had cantaloupes!

2. Tuesday: HOT again. We’re back to normal: Gift Shop at noon.

Ruth Salley – we'll see!

3. Wednesday: Picnic lunch for [illegible] therapy. 10:30 to 1:30. Pretty loosely organized, but OK. I did NOT like the racket and noise.

4. Thursday: We were second – and ready. It was a bit cooler. Newlin's back improving.

5. Friday: Please to Room #7 to hear Ray Wilson – a tour of speeches. (Paul Goulding). Refreshments. Caroline Malin all thumbs and not prepared already! Burgesses, Betty Bidde, Lippincotts, Becky Clark, Marion Roberts, Smiths, Helen Ridgway. Won't we please go to lunch? Table reserve "lost" – we waited while they set up an 8. Newlin off to dentist. TV evening. 4H clogger pleasant.

6. Saturday: For breakfast – the last cantaloupe, last raspberries. Nice on the patio. Lunch with Ruth and two "students" – Bob and Irene Masters and daughter, teaching. 29 addresses in 31 years! Air Force colonel, retired. Dinner with Pullen and Eisenhardt. Newlin registering votes for L.W.V. I washed in p.m.

7. Sunday: Up, clear. Newlin is sprinkling trees and bushes all around. I went to Meeting. Styrons home. Nice. We had dinner with them. Supper – fried tomatoes. Mmmm, bean sprouts, peaches. I skinned a pound of almonds.

8. Monday: Money is coming in! Niagara Share with extra dividend – \$500. . . . From U.S. Gov. \$57,000 for land near [Appalachian] Trail will be \$2,000 for us. Most for Lissa and Tom. I went to Moorestown Mall in A.M. Bought two dresses – \$9.99 and \$14.99. Sears. Movie "Gigi" quite pleasant. Dinner with Knox, Ruth to Cadbury.

9. Tuesday: Wonderfully cool again. I did odds and ends. Gift Shop. Mailed letter to Fenwick, Lil, Becky, etc.
10. Wednesday: Newlin in to Philadelphia on the bus – short line. Bought some shirts! I walked over for eggs, the field was FULL of ragweed. I won't do that again till the season is over. Awful variety show in auditorium.
11. Thursday: We were first – it pushed us. Dinner with Pem Johnsons. Collins' pictures of flowers and animals around the world. No talking. Fair.
12. Friday: Worked all day on the prettier dress. Stiffening helps the belt. Looks pretty nice. Finished Eudora Welty's "Optimist's Daughter." Rare characters. Photo of gorgeous spider web in yard. Cool at night. Blissful. L.W.V. – please phone! I wrote a note –
13. Saturday: Worked most of the day on turning up the skirt of the \$9.99 dress. Done. Ruth had fabulous catalogue for the Tulpehocken sale. Dinner with Marion Roberts. Newlin watering many trees and bushes. My elephant skirt came to Ruth!
14. Sunday: To Meeting. Read Theroux in Sunday Times! Batzle for dinner fourth. Newspaper. Newlin hammering at typewriter to set out vesper pattern for chairs in Activities Room. Fried tomatoes and succotash, peaches. Pretty warm. Overcast – sample of rain.
15. Monday: Ruth to Cadbury again! Lunch with Drashers. I like them.
16. Tuesday: Gift Shop again. Dinner with Middletons and Bob Edgerton came for dinner! Went all right. He stayed to visit Ruth – pleasant on her porch.
17. Wednesday: Up and over to bus early – 9:30 to Fallsington

[Bucks County, Pa], lunch. Then Andalusia – Very nice trip. Debate on Quaker white house caps under outdoor bonnets or removed? Becky Evans said under. Lunch was only \$2.50. Should have seen even more.

18. Thursday: Newlin up and out for a Philadelphia 9:00 date for Liver scan. He went to Swarthmore, looking up Jim Michener. Jim was not in two Halcyons! Supper with Becky Evans. Jeanette Johnson on flower arrangements. Only fair.

19. Friday: Getting weary and run down! Rested a lot in honor of tomorrow.

20. Saturday: Open House 9:30 – 4:00. I was a “Girl Guide” to lead groups to apartments. Went very pleasantly. Ruth Salley had good descriptions and typed program. Faith Miller had candy! Too many were crowded. Three wound up here after Bob Coale wanted to see outdoor storage.

21. Sunday: Warming up. Both to Meeting. I worked on four independent name signs. Done, too. Hard on eyes. Dinner – LAMB chop! Southerland and Uhlinger. Pleasant. No Vespers. Whole wheat toasted, tomato and bean sprouts. Peaches. Diddled till 10:00 – Reagan and Anderson debate.

22. Monday: Hot again. 94° in bedroom window. To Moorestown Mall, to take films. Home. Lunch with Louise Olesen. OK – Home, Nap. Cooler on! Typed addresses for L.W.V. Dinner with Dr. Rogers. Lois Forrest on her trip to Africa – Very good – and how different! Caught Vole #20 last evening! Cinnamon bun – m-m-m-m!

23. Tuesday: Hot – 76° at breakfast. Gift Shop – Mary Crooks, steady talker! I’m reading a biography of Jim Michener – the author tells the story of each of a group of stories. Sort of dumb.

24. Wednesday: 6:00 Ann Auerbach – pretty good. Dinner with Viteleses. (Ruth elsewhere!)

25. Thursday: Harvest Show. Three tomatoes – blue! Newlin's red limas (picked that morning!). My miniature peppermint and two little zinnias and one curl from #14's curly willow tree! a blue! Dinner with Hugh – candidates night.

26. Friday: 6:00 Ann Auerbach. Penny Chollak, quite cluttered! Not as good as Mary Ann Kalb on Monday a.m.

27. Saturday: Piano Duo canceled! We played bridge at Ruth's with Frances Hess. Dinner with Dot Richtberg and Mrs. Addie Weber.

28. Sunday: Up and off to Meeting. Chairs FACING – Deuells, Wares, and Bortons. OK by me. . . . Sausage meat, scalloped tomatoes, lima beans, applesauce for supper. Pretty good. Dinner with Deuells. Took my \$9.99 dress to Dot – she was pleased.

29. Monday: Up and off to Moorestown. Snapshots – spider net NICE. Groceries. Home. Planted three pots of aloe vera. Sprayed the geranium. Planning on letter for instruction on MIT and Loomis S[ayles?].

30. Tuesday: Cool! Many phone calls about voting. Acton brought a silver grass used in Thai recipes. Gift Shop – very slow, Ruth Salley talking steadily. Kate Paine is around. 23 have signed dancing sheet. We phoned Fenwick. Margaret Myers for dinner.

October

1. Wednesday: Up and did a laundry to get Newlin ready. Lunch with Styrons – nice. Dinner at 6:00 with Myra Woodruff. Shopped

Acme – shelves empty! Changed the beds and heard long process of possible nuclear war – Chilling! Newlin to L.W.V.

2. Thursday: Up, pressed shirts. Packed good lunch. Newlin to Virginia. To bus shopping in p.m. Then registering voters 4:45 to 6:00 with Jane Burgess. One only! Japanese dinner, many dressed up. Delicious food. Old Salt skipper on P.M. program.

3. Friday: Cloudy overcast – finally gentle rain. Marion King cut some flowers. I loafed around – then changed and went for dinner with Will Pratt. Picked up Kyles. . . . Success! Newlin called – Shedd wishes to stop – Newlin doesn't want to change at 76. He'll have to sell the farm!!

4 – 10 [no entries]

11. Saturday: Rainy all day. Newlin planted the lilies of the valley. Slow lunch at Brighams. Call on Lil. Nice. Dinner at nice restaurant near Symphony. I drove the car to parking place. Walked back. Ruth and I had tickets. Newlin got one for \$20.00. Mahler's 8th – with singers galore. Ruth and I walked down – she almost passed out! No travel with her, please.

12. Sunday: Up – good breakfast. Only made late meeting. Knew about ten. Joyce Chen for dinner quite nice. Not too expensive. Delicious dinner in dining room [of 235 Forest Hills St.] – Sue cooked it. Then off to Longy. FULL. Schoenberg terrific. Bach so gentle. We went home, took his things home. He went to a disco to dance off the adrenalin. What a guy.

13. Monday: Up earlyish, packed. Took Fenwick to Symphony Hall, picked up Ruth, and left for Leas. Lovely day. Good food at Mystic. Good bit of traffic. The other side of Tappan Zee Bridge was two or three miles of fender-to-fender “stopped.” Had a bite of supper at 7-11. Quite tired. 103 miles around Boston. 329 miles

south.

14. Tuesday: Tired. But I did Gift Shop with Cyphers. And then Square Danced! Dave Ainsworth is GOOD. Three squares. I went to bed, weary. Used yellow puffs! Felt good.

15. Wednesday: Too tired to go to open rehearsal. Quiet day. Marion King for dinner. Nice tea for Dr. and Mrs. Kane. Evening changing beds and finishing signs for candidate meeting. Will I call the Leas Leaguers? O.K.

16. Thursday: Cleaning day. Substitute came as I was to go to meeting for Girl Guides for Saturday. Newlin is a guide, too! in a.m., me in p.m! Dorothea Curtis' rose is up. Too bad. New Mr. Wickham and Henry Moore for lunch. Newlin stuffed boxes before breakfast. I wrote my letters to the banks . . . eecch! Awning is DOWN.

17. Friday: Forsythe and Weinstein at 4:00. Pretty good crowd. Good presentation. Styron, M.C.

18. Saturday: Open House. Florence and Harold Seaman came. Ruth sat down where there was no chair, cut her head on a seat! Mended. Dress changed. Beck on job helping Henry Colvin at 11:30! I was a girl guide. Mr. Barker – two bedrooms and a den.

19. Sunday: None to Meeting. Newlin working on L.W.V. stuff – I was just too tired. Must write letters. . . . Reviews of Fenwick's [Boston Musica Viva's] concert came in – delightful. Ruth's head and big day yesterday kept her in bed. No pain, thank goodness.

20. Monday: Shopped in the new Acme. Quite nice. Ruth's name heads the list of Reading Drama Aloud! A new project. Now – if Shakespeare??

21. Tuesday: Slow morning. Gift shop with Dorothy Test. Lois Forrest called gathering of Quakers. Newlin went. Ruth to Medford Leas Life (She had no invitation! I couldn't remember ours.) Square dance – Marian King announced my birthday. They sang!! Batzle fell!

22. Wednesday: Weary. Dinner with Knights – Ruth brought almonds and macaroons! I keep writing notes and never get caught up. . . . L.W.V. meeting in #28 at 9:30. I made it OK. Henning substituted for Lonkertch. A consensus, too. Caps and committees. I called all Leas Leaguers!

23. Thursday: Cleaned and put the strip of carpet on the bedroom heater. Heat and Open vent from now on. Feels nice. I went along to Moorestown, signed Ann Auerbach to a letter and showed Newlin where the good cookies grow at Peter Pan. He'd never been there! Dinner with Jundts. Will and Ed Hewes on Electoral college – terrific.

24. Friday: Managed a decent note to Ruth. Will Pratt and Jean Conte for lunch. Will and Ruth for dinner! Then TV viewing. Newlin ran to Medford and Moorestown and collected a lot of stuff – L.W.V. I napped 1¾ hours. Full moon, too. Cloudy.

25. Saturday: RAIN – a real northeaster – lights twinkled all a.m. The tomato frame blew down! Newlin got the fire extinguisher out – I got candles! Didn't last long.

26. Sunday: I went to Meeting. Pretty much talking. Still rainy. Cleared up the tomatoes. Had tomato soup in mugs. Baked an apple pudding. [illegible] they are forward looking. Delicious.

27. Monday: I cleaned up the garden. Frame and bushes down, half basket of green tomatoes disappeared at noon. GOOD. Kate was charmed with them! Scott took us to Mexico – endless buildings.

Sort of dumb! Tired from garden. . . .

28. Tuesday: Washed in a.m. Gift Shop at noon. Then large turnout to dance – Ilgenfritz and Les Brown, etc. etc. I was tired but happy about it.

29. Wednesday: To Echelon Mall – tried coats at Gimbels and Strawbridge [and Clothier]. No ice cream – Baskin Robbins unlit! Sat with Deakes both ways. She's quite a gal.

30. Thursday: We were second for cleaning. Up and rushed about. Young black fellow for porter. I stuck and stamped a few of Newlin's letters. Tired at lunch. The car was free at 2:00, so I went to the Burlington Coat Factory. Impressive. My coat may have been there – I couldn't find it. Home weary, and to bed.

31. Friday: I was SO tired yesterday I washed my hair! The storm sash went on the front door. Good. Hallowe'en parade at noon. Middletons saw Newlin re-placing a bench in the driveway! They were coming home from orchestra.

November

1. [no entry]

2. Sunday: I went to Meeting. Dinner. We did Vespers setup. A lot of errand running and advising of absentees.

3. Monday: I wrote two pages of hum hum gossip about electioneering. The telephone drove me wild.

4. Tuesday: Egad, election day! With awful results. Reagan swept everything. Poor Jimmy Carter. Poor Anderson. I'm glad he got enough for his share of money. Evening on TV very long and involved. Carter signed off before the west coast polls were closed.

. . . Square Dance was lovely – three squares and two extra couples. I swung Jessup.

5. Wednesday: I went in town – bought a feather-bed coat at Lane Bryants. Cost too much. It will keep me warm!! Lunch at Wanamakers. Lovely day to doppel around.

6. Thursday: We were [cleaned] first.

7. Friday: Newlin rushing around on L.W.V. stuff. Ruth and I had dinner with Will Pratt. Poor guy. Home for TV. Newlin made it too.

8. Saturday: Big day – Annual Meeting of A.F.S.C. [American Friends Service Committee] in Philadelphia. I went on bus, walked to Friends Select [School]. Had part of draft, and a good seat for Disarmament and Survival. Steve Thierman was excellent, even a bit hopeful. Bought a Helen Caldecott book “Nuclear Madness.” Ate my sandwich, a cookie, then four speakers on Africa. Quite moving. Peg Atkinson, Nicholson sat with me. Nice. Rode home with Bernie Haines. Nora Fairbank!

9. Sunday: Rainy, muggy. I went to Meeting. Dinner with Deuells. Only one speaker – Helen Ridgway. New sign in the hall – “QUIET Please.” Shopped. Dumb corn and pineapple pancakes, a tomato, and baked apple for supper. Fenwick on TV.

10. Monday: Cold and blowy. Brrr. I bundled up and walked for eggs. Felt good! Dinner with Sally Horter. “Hamlet” on TV – excellent, but slow moving. I went to bed before the finale. Cracking good British movie. . . . Helen Hayes and “Candlehoe,” [film] wild race of train, wild melee in [illegible].

11. Tuesday: Cold and windy but nice sun. Our big kitchen fluorescent bulb is still out. Rested and read Forbes! Gift shop at

noon, tedious. Square Dancing NICE. Marian King and Cartwell – sort of dumb for dinner.

12. Wednesday: Mary and Hugh Middleton a postponed dinner date. Sort of lousy. Ruth charmed with their England trip.

13. Thursday: Theatre! Bus at 10:00. Lunch at Faculty Club. Red chairs! “Moby Dick Rehearsal” excellent set, storm, etc. Home before dinner. Quiet evening, picking up putting away.

14. Friday: L.W.V. food at Community Center. Newlin busy on books and money. I packed everything. Took too much. Judi Palombi on White Collar Crime at 6:00 a.m.

15. Saturday: Cleaned up the house. Newlin uncovered the bed! Piles of paper OUT! Dr. and Mrs. Matthews of Topton to dinner with Colvins to see the place. They had no notion of what they were getting into. . . . Twelve pastors on board of twenty-four people! Home quietly.

16. Sunday: Newlin went to Meeting, I didn't.

17. Monday: MLRA meeting in evening. \$100. per person by Appreciation Fund!

18. Tuesday: Rain. No sunlight to sew by. Gift Shop and delightful square dancing. I cleared out some webs in kitchen and bugsies up high. Competing program in evening – no help at all! Clearing, cold. Hunted up some play books for Ruth Salley.

19. Wednesday: I sewed Velcro on my new coat all day. They blew the water out of the sprinkling system. Dan Smith's birthday, and Decker's tomorrow. Dinner with Wallens, with cake and ice cream and chocolate sauce. Wow! Changed beds in evening.

20. Thursday: Nip and tuck to get Newlin off, letter about Pinelands to Sen. Barry Parker, and date with Bob Noyes on L.W.V!!

21. [no entry]

22. Saturday: Oyster Supper \$8.00 per person. Not for me!

23. Sunday: Newlin to Virginia to be there for Monday appointment. I missed Meeting.

24. [no entry]

25. Tuesday: Gift shop with Ruth Salley, talking steadily. I swept the floor for square dancing. Danced with Myra. It was good. I do like it so much.

26. Wednesday: As I went to lunch Ruth in car said I'm going to County Library, then lunch at the Muffin in Mt. Holly. And to Acme for fruit for the table tomorrow. Quick dinner in "Terrace Room." Newlin home at 10 of 8 – sandwich and soup. Some progress on sale of farm. Ruth full of trip – April 14, 81.

27. Thursday: Thanksgiving! Yes. I set up pretty fruit. Table 57 in far corner of new dining room. Sally Horter and Martha Kyle made a good table. Ruth had cantaloupe rings. Almonds. Sally brought melba toast, pecans and dates. Beef Wellington, mince pie. WOW – Quiet p.m. at home.

28. Friday: Before shopping I got a lid for the gas tank. Newlin lost it getting gas. He's acting like an old man. . . . I went to Basco for Christmas and wool in Moorestown.

29. [no entry]

30. Sunday: After dinner we all went to see Hazel – her birthday is December 1! Took a little jelly jar. Skinned some almonds for Tom and Eleanor. Aunt Emma is a real problem – in bed pretty much now. Nice day. Supper at pancake house.

December

1. Monday: Pretty rose for Tingle Dickerson – Sally's having a real job.

2. Tuesday: Quiet morning. Newlin unloading papers. Gift shop at noon – busy! Bought a tin for Tom and Eleanor. Tired – a nap. NICE Square Dancing. I do enjoy it. Small turnout, only two squares! Dinner party.

3. Wednesday: I went to Philadelphia – havinets, cap, and scarf. “Conrad” for Newlin. Fire across from Wanamaker! Lunch at Gino – OK. Home, unwrapped, etc. Changed our beds. Big day.

4. Thursday: Cleaned middle of morning. Toasted a pound of almonds for Tom and Eleanor, put in tin box and cardboard. Newlin wrapped it, Friday a.m. Pictures of Hudson River – good, interesting. Dinner with Burgers. Wore my COAT!

5. Friday: Cool, quiet, windy day. Shopped \$15.00. To Philadelphia Orchestra – bus. Sat with Elsie Lisovitch. Roussel, Sibelius Violin Concerto by 19-year old gal, Dylana Jensen, and Bartok. I liked 'em all. Home, dinner with Newlin off on the town. I did TV evening, with notes! Must find Mildred Simon for ticket. (Newlin to Philadelphia, Christmas shopping)

6. Saturday: Cool, nice. Newlin wrapped trains for Louise Oleson. A.m. and p.m. I had Russian record and sewed. Wrapped Xmas packages. Watched Notre Dame lose a football game to U.S.C. Radio and TV. Joan Baez.

7. Sunday: Fairly quiet Meeting. Vespers after dinner. Supper chipped beef on rice. OK. I'm sewing on Newlin's seat cover.
8. Monday: Took basket over for Chinese exhibits. Took bus to Moorestown. Pictures of end of Falsington pretty good. After dinner, M.L.R.A. – Newlin off to Democrats. Wore my new featherbed coat a couple of times! Grace Ober had new carpet – color Fudge!
9. Tuesday: Lunch for Newlin to take to Virginia included pickled cabbage from Ruth and Kutztown. Gift Shop very tedious with Ruth Salley. Four student couples joined us for Square Dancing. Had a wonderful time. Four squares. Marie Dawson popped in!
10. Wednesday: Quiet morning. All went to Anna Johnson's farewell party. \$3,100 check to her from residents! Nice. Ruth and I had dinner with Colvins. Why did Anna leave? She had to – her legs hurt her seven days a week. Sunday off was not possible!!
11. Thursday: Cleaned up by Sue. Dee Cole's Dec. 26 birthday card is all signed. I rode the afternoon bus to Ironstone – my mended earring at \$10.50 looks nice. Bob Coale on China rather dull!
12. Friday: Newlin returned in time for supper with Will Pratt. Good. Then TV evening. Then unpack.
13. Saturday: Washed quite a bit and ironed off some shirts. Had a deep nap – waked at 5:00. Dressed around. To dinner with Frances Hess – then for bridge. Poor hands, fair scores. Four in one room gets “close.”
14. Sunday: Slept late. No Meeting. Mended gloves and a button. Dinner with Duells. Pleasant. Cold but only overcast. Cooked a

turkey leg and gummy rice, baked apple for supper. Bill Moyer
good on the Right. But late. I sewed some.

No further entries in 1980.

Marion's first entry in 1981 came on February 20. Her usual neat,
clear hand is replaced by an often illegible scrawl, the result of a
stroke.