

Marion's Diary 1981

After her stroke, Marion's first entry came on February 20, 1981. Her usual neat, clear hand was replaced by an often illegible scrawl, but she recovered most of her ability during the year.

February

20. Friday: Red clothed kids did lovely exercises. Lindy Ware came in to see, and she smiled. We heard that Madeline Cornwall knocked a hole in [illegible].

21. Saturday: Blatchfords will move in three weeks into Howard Schultz's large one-room. 16 x 20.

22. [no entry]

23. Monday: Last date with Dr. Kane. Leg hurts – The chair is returned – good.

24. Tuesday: Yundt party for Vespers workers. Very nice blue cloth and lovely flowers.

25. Wednesday: Will Pratt birthday.

26. Thursday: Shopping list money all set. I drove the car to the Acme – grapefruit. Seemed strange. Nice dinner with Martha Kyle.

27. Friday: Lois Forrest spoke of inter [illegible] –ment of doctors. TV program.

28. Saturday: Chickweed is in for February 28. Pem Johnson lovely pictures of England. Railroad pictures and churches. Ruth is going middle of April into May. She's charmed.

29. Sunday: I took an Orinase – I'm pretty shaky. Sugar count is 215. I'm shaky, shaky. Not good.

March

1. Sunday: To Meeting, late. Saw no chickweed book in library. We drove to China restaurant in Lumberton Plaza. Full of families. Two dinners, \$10.00. Newlin vespere. Bob Wood for Blatchford's apartment!

2. Monday: Medford Leas Birthday.

3 – 5 [no entries]

6. Friday: Snowy. Weigh 121½ (less fruit) lose weight for diabetic (215 too high of sugar in blood).

7. Saturday: Washed my hair. Lil called – Dyke with sciatica! Tough. Hospital three weeks, no work for six months. Feeling variable in losing weight for diabetes.

8. Sunday: Lovely day, clouding up. Finished birthday card for Elizabeth Acton, March 11.

9. Monday: 121 (lb.) Wow! Bean sprouts and yogurt.

10. Tuesday: No, no dancing yet!

11. Wednesday: Newlin took Elizabeth's card over.

12. Thursday: Candidates' night for school board 7:30. I didn't go to dinner in Red Room. Pretty good crowd.

13. Friday: Newlin off to Virginia with lunch. I sorted out and put away. Therapy. William Haines had fatal heart attack on Tavistock

golf course. Had been here less than one month. In Olesen's apartment [?].

14. Saturday. Slept most of morning. Shredded wheat breakfast. Pancakes for lunch. Dinner in little room. To Ruth's, then back for Pineland culture. Rare singing. Two stringed instruments. Man on tub and wire, chewing gum. Few Symphony fans there!

15. Sunday: Windy and cold again. To Meeting. Styron and Clark and that was all.

16. Monday: I typed my list of deaths – and it went all right. No waitress for lunch! At 1:10 I left. At 1:45 to therapy, to lady on Chinese T'ai Chi. Interesting. Jane Burgess a book, gave Ruth a Bon Voyage check – same as book. \$1,000. Niagara Share \$2,300. Windy and cold.

17. Tuesday: St. Patrick's Day.

18. [no entry]

19. Thursday: "Great Decisions." Elliott Lee – poor!

20. Friday: Dinner with Pratt. Shakespeare Sonnet. "That's nice. Did you write it?" "Thank you! No, it was Will Shakespeare!"

21. Saturday: Took some exercises! Dinner with Swarthmore teacher – Musser, classmate of Marion Roberts. She's pretty good. Musser on Sunday.

22. Sunday: I went to meeting. Wonderful roast beef. My weight is 120! Good. Clam chowder for supper. Read Great Decisions aloud, then "60 Minutes."

23. Monday: Modest exercises continued.

24. Tuesday: I tackled Square Dancing. Shaky, but OK. Not too tired. The exercises help.
25. Wednesday: Newlin to Philadelphia. I drove to Russo's, then had lunch at Light Bite. Quite good.
26. Thursday: Cleaned. Lunch with visitors. They came to see the apartment – late. Saw Blatchfords.
27. Friday: I got the address material all set. Typed a start. Wrote new cards. It pulls my hand – eech! Will Pratt for dinner.
28. Saturday: Typed almost all day.
29. Sunday: We broke Meeting! Dinner with Deuells. On traveling. I finished the typing of L.W.V. addresses and took them to Jean. Lovely skating dancing on TV.
30. Monday: Rain all day. President Reagan shot – hit under arm into lung [illegible.] Dan Rather did competent reporting. George Martin for dinner. Called on Louise Oleson. Monday – therapy until next week.
31. Tuesday: Square Dancing. No cookies or refreshment – whole family.

April

1. Wednesday: Bus to Echelon Mall. Nice nursery rhymes for little Keef-Simon. Home pretty tired. Nap. Jean Hoffman for dinner. Newlin to L.W.V. organization meeting. I changed beds and washed the breakfast dishes. Lovely dancing on TV.

2 – 3 [no entries]

4. Saturday: Washed my hair. Pretty good results. Wore my new \$2.00 dress. Looked pretty.

5. Sunday: Both to Meeting. Good dinner with Lenk, then vespers. Nap. Soup and pancakes. Emptied boxes!

6. Monday: Shower. Early for date with Nicholson. He was careful, followed my folder. No sign of stroke, or comment on leg! Kane was a real loss! Therapy. Home to change the guest bed, with a quilt added. Newlin to [illegible] meeting.

7. Tuesday: I baked two apple dish. The Beals came at 5:00. Dinner, 5¢ post card. Home via greenhouse. Amey very tired. To bed early. Maple syrup and three nice cakes of soap! Election BAD!

8. Wednesday: Perfect breakfast. Apples, bacon and eggs, Ruth's Vermont Country Store bread – toasted. Newlin had to go out for Election. They left about 9:20, and I washed up and put things away.

9. Thursday: Lunch at University of Pennsylvania. Good. Vitelis may do it again.

10. Friday: Will [Pratt] occupied. We went to Lite Bite for supper, official for Ruth. Good meal.

11 – 12 [no entries]

13. Monday: Heart and blood action 8:00 a.m. Rested. Mary and Henry Colvin had a nice dinner party for Ruth, with Fran Hess. Good muffins, bread sticks, cookies, and flower from home. Newlin to Democrats I stayed for dumb movie. Ruth retired.

14. Tuesday: Rain again. Ruth's cab came at 2:00 she's off! And my camera did not function. Income tax came. \$67 for New Jersey, nothing for National. I set up cart for L.W.V. tomorrow. Newlin is pretty tired and pale looking.

15. Wednesday: L.W.V. Unit on Pinelands. Load it up and take it down to 28. Nine people. Jane Burgess came and helped clear up. Tired, tired. Changed the beds. Took off my woolly sheet. Newlin went to Pinelands in evening.

16. Thursday: Biss to take film to Sears. Pretty weary. Cold. People shopping. Excellent former Haddonfield gal on living in Russia – clear, precise, and to the point. Dr. Hadley unhappy with my iron. Come in tomorrow.

17. Friday: New test for iron – [illegible]. Now if I'd just take it! Headly! Wrong Smith or what?

18. [no entry]

19. Sunday: Easter. Ruth Hoskins. Took pink lilies-of-the-valley to her.

20. Monday: Dr. Nicholson – all OK. Continue what I'm taking. Sugar 130, etc. etc. Weight 123½ with shoes on!

21. Tuesday: Began a cold! Dinner with Dr. Rogers. Hymns! Dr. Rogers heard about our coming here!

22. Wednesday: Canceled trip to Betsy Ross, Quaker Meeting and Navy Yard. Curses! Washed a load including my winter sheet, and a dress.

23. Thursday: To Moorestown Mall for pictures. Ruth's not good. Afternoon, helped dress for Fashion Show – not bad but TIRED!

24. Friday: 1:30 date with Gilde Davis for dinner menu. Flagler breathless from walking over. Invitations are out. Dinner with Pratt.

25. Saturday: Picked up pills. Chatted with Jean Hoffman. Nap. Newlin to garden. Had dinner with Burgesses and ----- . Good company. Listened to [illegible] "Requiem." Philadelphia Orchestra in the big cathedral.

26. Sunday: Clear. Newlin to Meeting. Restful day. Last of bean sprouts in egg drop soup and toast. Wrote a note to George and Amey Beal. Paper says snow storm in England! Oh, brrrr!

27. Monday: Clear and beautiful. I worked at the fringes of the garden. Showed Wyck pictures to Mary Haines [?] [illegible]. My postcard came, my mail came through OK. Awning went up. Shad for dinner. Snapshots into scrapbook.

28 – 30 [no entries]

May

1 – 2 [no entries]

3. Sunday: Last minute checking for party. Adele's chair stalled in walkway! "Was the toy gift OK for Show and Tell?" Yes. Got her a box, retired.

4. Monday: Court Party! Flowers all morning. Lunch. Therapy. Chair for Adele. Nap. To go over at quarter of five. Flagler big help on flowers, and everything. Me doppisch! Very tired! "Show and Tell" worked well.

5. Tuesday: Gift Shop at noon. Pulled the bouquet down, took half

to Flagler. She was pleased.

6. Wednesday: Newlin to 9:30 appointment. No to Dr. Katten. Home for lunch. I washed my blue and white travel dress. Came CLEAN. Couple of shirts.

7. Thursday: Cold – 41° overnight. Went for four geraniums – RED. Five dollars. Newlin bought some flowers. Coleus.

8. Friday: I went to Burlington M.H. Clinic – old home week. Saw everyone. Bought a card for Mrs. Prell. Bought a \$2.25 dress for Mothers' day. Home, pleased.

9. Saturday: Washed. Good blue spotted dress washed well. Newlin set up the tomato frame and planted three tomatoes. I didn't get the little flowers in. Newlin was working pretty hard. His new suit came – looks nice. M. Drasher in Woolman.

10. Sunday: Fenwick called, Mothers' Day. So Newlin called him back. Musica Viva leaves in one week for five weeks in Europe, includes West Berlin. So good to hear from him. Newlin to Virginia. I took nuts to dinner – Duell and Borton and us. Took candy to Dawson and shopped in Ruth's car.

11. Monday: Mild, rainy. Therapy signed off. Reading and sewing. Thankful goodbyes [?]. Storm! Adele called – scared! Becky Monego called in evening – 9:30.

12 – 21 [no entries]

22. Friday: We went to Winterthur – Newlin led! Nice lunch salad. Hottenstein's room is tour A. Clip board locked in the bus. Chinese hat is lost! Ruth home at 7:00. Good trip! Shetland wool cap for me!

23 – 24 [no entries]

25. Monday. Memorial Day. I changed [illegible]. Pressed fourteen dresses in afternoon. Can mushroom soup. Chicken sliced on toast. Marie Dawson came for election material. Charlie Styron [illegible].

26. Tuesday: Gift Shop.

27 – 28 [no entries]

29. Friday: Took Dan Smith to Bill and Edith Coles' spot for laurel. Beautiful. TV evening. Will Pratt faintly interested in Ruth's trip.

30. Saturday: Card for Hammond B. – took it to Haddon.

31. Sunday: To Meeting – together. Tinkered with garden. Egg shells and jump water. The beans are jumping. Dinner in little dining room. Prime ribs and angel food cake. Peas and mushrooms – first peas! To Ruth's for TV. . . . Gov. candidates, thirteen Democrats, eight Republicans.

June

1. [no entry]

2. Tuesday: Election Day. Not busy in Gift Shop.

3. Wednesday: Echelon Mall in a.m. Washed in p.m. Newlin up early for bulletin boards on election news.

4. Thursday: Newlin to Virginia. Packed a good lunch. Served peas for Newlin. Ironed a dress.

5. Friday: Took two dresses to Thrift Shop. Set up my new clothes holders. Closet is nice. Dinner with Will Pratt and Katherine Whipple. Good. TV evening.
6. Saturday: Drove with Ruth to Kutztown. Lunch at ----- Pantry. Hills were pretty. Saw low-income Friends' home in Newtown. Supper at Goodnoe's. Home at 5:00. Took a picture of Bonner Hall [dedicated to Ruth Bonner].
7. Sunday: No Meeting. Dinner with Duells.
8. Monday: Breakfast on patio. Weeded and trimmed and put jump water on everything. Rested. Fenwick called from Portugal! Read and approved Ruth's Foundry item. Will call when [s]he gets home.
9. Tuesday: Garden trimmings – picked peas! Gift Shop, then Camera Club (Poor pictures!) Home. Dinner with Jo [?] Dickey. Opened packages at Ruth's – lovely Scottish sweater for me and a plain one for Newlin.
10. Wednesday: To Echelon Mall. Vitamins, shoestrings, powder. Home relaxed. Lunch with Blatchford and guest. Home, nap. Cool, so I wore my new sweater. Lovely. Newlin came in at 6:00. Glad to see him. Made my bed. Rain off and on.
11. [no entry]
12. Friday: Tomatoes are growing!
13. [no entry]
14. Sunday: To Meeting. Made germies and Waldorf salad for L.W.V. at 2:00. Newlin ate a bite with us. Ed and Lois to dinner, then movies. They showed theirs of Columbia. Coffee! Lois has a

new gold wedding ring and a band of emeralds!!!!

15. Monday: Raspberries from Newlin's garden. Ruth said Yes to Medford Leas Life. Newlin to Township Committee meeting. To Philadelphia, to library. Newlin [invited?] Schmidt to dinner.

16. Tuesday: Stinky hot. My shoes came! They're OK. \$42.00! Hope Mrs. Rockefeller of California gets less! Newlin brought tray and dish and spoon from covered dish of Sunday L.W.V. So hot – fan on all night. I took three aspirin to sleep.

17. Wednesday: 9:00 meeting in the court on “trimming.” I passed my saucer of raspberries. They were admired. Newlin wrote a letter on our decision! \$20 returned for when our bus did not go!

18 – 26 [no entries]

27. Saturday: Ruth to Kutztown for a month with Ruth Yost. Will be back on 13th. Cadbury, then Colvin dessert.

28 – 30 [no entries]

July

1. [no entry]

2. Thursday: To Moorestown Mall. My snapshots are fair.

3. Friday: I washed my hair. Quite weary. No fruit. I've thinned down the piles on my radiator. Material to Hugh Middleton.

4. Saturday: Rain, rain, all day. I wrote letters. Dinner at noon. Bacon lettuce toast sandwiches very good.

5. Sunday: More rain – all day again.

6. Monday: Clearing up. "People" [magazine?] came.
7. Tuesday: Gift Shop at noon. Very slow. O.T. Fourth of July picnic – hot, 95°, sunny. I was pretty tired. Mc Sweeney, Browning, Maddox – pitiful [illegible]. I went home and rested! Tomatoes and beans good.
8. Wednesday: 95° and humid – phew! Chased some Japanese beetles. Harvested! Newlin brought in blackberries. Good. Reading "Tree Crops." Newlin to Philadelphia. Brought nice check – \$13,000 home.
9. Thursday: Continuing heat wave. Needlepoint is coming along. We are not uncomfortable. Newlin working on his share of evening panel on Reaganomics. Pratt and Pem Johnson. Good program.
10. Friday: Employees picnic. Dinner at noon. Jesse Condit joined Will and us. Nice.
11. Saturday: Washed – three shirts, two dresses. Ironed. Nice "Cantabile" music. Flute, clarinet, harp, piano. Flute studied with Weiss and Pappoutsakis. Soft tones, nice speed work, too.
12. Sunday: To Meeting. A good one on Mary Walker and Addie Weber (teacher, English, Trenton). Had a real meal of beans, corn, (Johnson) and chipped beef (frozen), salad and cheese bar! Ice cream (1.69/pint!) and blackberry juice! Pops and Fenwick. Good day.
13. Monday: A few drops of rain! Hot and humid. Got Ruth's card set up – plus handkerchief in package. Dinner with Colvins, then home. Lovely party with blueberry torte – mmm. Flowers and pretty [sic].

14. Tuesday: Gift shop with Shelly.

15. Wednesday: Wrights called and had a tour – our apartment, garden, Rancocas, etc. Wearing! To Hugh Middleton's blitz. Late, of course. Brought envelope home. Skipped L.W.V. afternoon. Slept a two-hour nap!

16. Thursday: Betty Biddle brought four peaches. We'll be first next time. Nice speaker on old New Jersey houses.

17. Friday: Took tomatoes around the court. Rain date with Will.

18. Saturday: Picked three tomatoes. Cleared off wire around coral bells. Took Schlimmie's pictures. Note to Dottie Keef.

19 – 27 [no entries]

28. Tuesday: Washed three dresses, couple of shirts. Pretty warm. Sprinkled my stuff. Last on Gift Shop for July.

29. Wednesday: Ironed the dresses.

30. Thursday: Up – did dishes. Left at 10:00 for Campbell's museum. Sat with Mary Witwer. Dishes handsome. A shaving bowl! Left-hand tea-pots. Dinner at Kenny's – good lunch. Home. Nap. Gorgeous day.

31. Friday: Took Adele's quilt to thrift shop. Lindy charmed. They'll see an antique woman for pricing. Good. Bought a brooch dress, \$1.00! Pratt and us in new dining room. We spoke of quilts. Will silent.

August

1. Saturday: Beautiful day – NO RAIN! Newlin watering all about, overnight, too. Bridge with Flagler tonight – I won top score! Flagler is patient with us.

2. Sunday: Tom and Eleanor came for dinner. Back to Virginia. Then N[ewlin?] to Lake Champlain. Nice to see them.

3. Monday: Washed my new brown dress with [illegible]. Fits OK. Good for \$1.00!

4. Tuesday: To Cherry Hill Mall – lovely peaches. Red Havens. It is a big collection of stores! Bot a bit of wool.

5. Wednesday: Sewing the rick-rack corners down. It does look better. I had early dinner and did my final Gift Shop Blitz with Shelly. Quite weary.

6. Thursday: Candidate Keane (Kane) for Governor came, had a look around. Newlin M.C. at 12:00 – good crowd. Wore best pink for dinner for Ruth – her speech very good. We sat on her porch a bit, then home. Big day.

7. Friday: Rested! Lunch with Will and ----- . Rest. Did L.W.V. chore for use of room 28. Must work fast to beat Hugh Middleton. Spoke with Camille Rose. Dim! Called on Louise Oleson. She had a bug.

8. Saturday: Steady light rain.

9. Sunday: I went to Mt. Laurel meeting. Late, but OK.

10 – 12 [no entries]

13. Thursday: I bought work shoes at Johnson's – \$23.00. Not bad. Left my coat to be cleaned. Took pictures of Schlimmie, took them

to the Mall. Nuisance.

14. Friday: I washed my hair. Quiet day indoors. Dinner with Pratt. He was born in dark hills of Dakota! I told of gas Co. check to Indians for “swiping” their oil. Good.

15. Saturday: Quiet day. Bill Coles asked us to take tickets for the river boat ride. OK. They’ll be back for Sept. 9. Newlin to Brigantine, off at 7:30 with lunch. Lawson for dinner.

16. Sunday: Newlin to Meeting. I put on my shoes – to garden with trash. Picked tomatoes. Hugh Middleton asked us to fill in on Sept. 21. OK. They’ll be away! Beans, tomatoes, and a bit of ham for supper. Dinner with Stiles.

17 – 27 [no entries]

28. Friday: We went and bought a new car. Omega Oldsmobile, blue 540 – RHP. Drives nicely. Front wheel drive and much chrome. No other celebration.

29. Saturday: Drove for eggs! Fine. These boat trip people and their shifting and shifting.

30. Sunday: Dinner with Deuells. Lamb chops. The tooth supporting my lower piece BROKE off. No pain! Beans, corn, and sliced tomatoes for supper. Fenwick showed in Pops.

31. Monday: Finished candidates’ names for the 10th. Hooray!

September

1. Tuesday: Warm off and on. Got sheets and made up Mary’s bed. Jo Dickey came for the bonnet. I showed her the Daguerreotype and she wanted that! First Gift Shop of the fall with Sally Ruth.

Neighbor Almin [?] moved in.

2. Wednesday: Warmer again. 10:45. Dr. Katten finished at about 12:30. Two teeth pulled, \$45.00. Newlin went along and drove home. Milkshakes for lunch. Mary Davis is here.

3 – 7 [no entries]

8. Tuesday: Gift Shop.

9. Wednesday: Les Brown took the first trip on the river. Perfect day, nice trip. Good food.

10. Thursday: Beautiful day. Wright and Scott signed off. Martins signed. Candidates' night. Bob Meyer pretty good. Saxton OK.

11. Friday: The second boat trip down and up the Delaware River. Martins said No. Conrow went, Helen K. went, Mary Leeds had a diabetic blackout. Coast Guard. Newlin went with her. We got home before 3:00, Newlin got in at 4:00 or 4:15.

12. Saturday: Many comments on the trip. All good. But I was weary.

13. Sunday: Newlin felt sort of bushed.

14. Monday: A white rose is up for Helen K! Shock! Dinner with Bob Wood and Faith Miller. Ruth to Cadbury. I wrote a big letter and got it out to Lil, Fenwick, Elinor, Becky. Three quarts of tomato juice.

15. Tuesday: Wet. Up to Dr. Katten at 8:15! My teeth will come tomorrow. Home, nap. Gift Shop. Nap. Dinner with Mr. Charlton. Worked well. Skipped the band concert. Soups and cottage cheese!

16. Wednesday: Rain. Wore my work shoes to Echelon Mall. My teeth didn't come. Supper with Ruth Salley. She got a substitute for Gift Shop for me – the 29th. Asked to attend Helen [illegible] service and lunch.

17 – 28 [no entries]

29. Tuesday: Home.

30. [no entry]

October

1. Thursday: [no entry]

2. Friday: We left in good time for Cape May. Audubon Society of N.J. weekend – hawks and [illegible]. Good dinner. Man with three owls, lovely program. Cool. Dungarees OK. Phoned Will Pratt and hall committee.

3. Saturday: Butterfly banding. Long COLD boat ride. Some birds. Must have ticket for meal! We had seafood – good. Prizes for photography! Speaker on African birds. People were wearing out!!

4. Sunday: Newlin off to hawks. I wrote letters. We walked through Lungren's Gardens, then home.

5. Monday: AM for Florio[?]. Made a good impression even tho late.

6. Tuesday: To room 7 for Lois Forrest. Medical [?] and arboretum. Gift Shop. Tired. First square dance – better. Only two squares.

7. Wednesday: At ease. Court party OK. Flowers nice, Blue cloth,

white napkins. Birthday on place cards. Horoscope for the day on each one. Went OK. For Frances and ---

8. Thursday: Cleaned. No change of sheets. Sue not here for two weeks. Ruth's student on Egypt and Israel. Burgesses good at the table. Speaker good. Elementary education, reading.

9. Friday: Cut down four bean plants – and ate beans. Wrote letters to Miriam Heckman and Mr. Boyle. Flagler away. Dinner with Pratt – went easily. TV – full of Sadat. Did a laundry.

10. Saturday: I washed my hair! Quiet day. Put sleeveless dresses away, brought out warm ones. ESP lady terrific!

11 – 13 [no entries]

14. Wednesday: Storm windows on. Took down all the beans. Lovely sun.

15 – 19 [no entries]

20. Wednesday: Water Conference – Exit 11, N.J. Turnpike. Driving flawless – no mistakes. Big wide world all OK. Betty Biddle did Gift Shop for me.

21. Thursday: Newlin emptied the garden and poles. I brushed up. Florence and Harold Seaman came up from Baltimore. To Smithville, incredible dinner, Brigantine. Home to Ruth's porch. No supper. Naps. L.W.V. on abortion laws. Pretty good four-man panel.

22. Friday: Cleaned before lunch. Dressed. Ruth had Kutztown company. Lunch and visit to our apartment. OK. Walk back. Nap. Candidates Night, Surrogates. Six for Council, Meyer not present. Names down. Weary. Oh so weary.

23. Saturday: Taped bottom of heater and shower and [illegible]. Rain, and to be cooler. Very tired. Newlin rushing like crazy. Virginia lawyer said case would come up in November. Ethel Daum disappointed. Newlin working on mailing. Off to meet Gov. Byrne, me for TV.

24. [no entry]

25. Sunday: To Meeting here. Then Cropwell, to hear Ruth on Quakerism. Visited with Anna Holloway. Home – Newlin on phone till ten of 1:00! This everlasting campaign. Rain. To supper at Main building. Ruth ate with Deuells.

26. Monday: Still weary. Sorted BSO clippings and Brooks' clippings. Now where to store? Paul Deuell's slides and yarn just tops! Elmer and Lois Brown stopped in! Kate could't come!

27. Tuesday: Rain. Quiet morning. Gift shop. OK. Finished Typing LWV names. Newlin in town all day. Bought a book, walked twenty blocks, and had Dec. 1 set for him to go to hospital. Prostate. . . . Three squares to dance. Ruth in Kutztown for Bonner Hall.

28. Wednesday: Clear. I changed our beds. Still weary.

29 – 31 [no entries]

November

1 – 4 [no entries]

5. Thursday: Packed Newlin's lunch. Cleared off on 10:00 bus with Jean Hoffman to Vitele's "lunch" and "Just Between Ourselves," by Alan Ayckbourn [playwright]. Funny, with awful

final scene – facing audience, open eyes and mouth.

6. Friday: Wrapped up brass to be polished. Flu shot – hope it works. No secretarial service work done for Newlin . . . Ruth and I had dinner at the Light Bite. Home – Newlin was home! They finished at noon. Phoned without luck for sleep for Newlin.

7. Saturday: Off about 10:30. Nice day. Lunch at Trainers. Stop at Mohr's. Too late for metal polishers. On to Lincoln Motel. Newlin without extra charge. Rest. Change to Moselem Springs Inn. Ferba [?], Ama Moyers. Ralph Morgan, Deisher, Evelyn Hass. Signatures of each. [. . . illegible . . .]. Orange juice and to bed. NO HEAT! Cold!

8. Sunday: Seven Mennonite Wagons going to Meeting! Breakfast at Pied Piper. Home for dinner! "I must get home."

9. Monday: Washed my hair. Made lemon butter. Eggs. Slept thru Drama club. Home. Movie at 7:00. Newlin stayed. Very good. Dustin Hoffman, Streep, good boy. Believable. Dinner with ---- .

10. Monday: One of those days. Gift Shop – they are beginning to buy Christmas packages. Then Camera club for "Music with Pictures." Mr. Hawkins, professional. Terrific fall colors, mountains, little girls, flowers (50 orchids in NJ!) churches, etc. Then square dancing – two squares. Hilarious. . . . Morry Atkins in hospital – too bad.

11. Wednesday: Changed our beds. Skinned almonds for Fenwick. Dressed. Not caught up yet.

12. Thursday: We were First! [for cleaning]

13. Friday: L.W.V. here at 186. Coffee, cheeses and crackers and LEMON Butter.

14 – 20 [no entries]

21. Saturday: Oyster Supper – \$8:50. Ruth dining with Colvins. I ate with Frances Hess and Jean Hoffman. Marion King joined us. Such a rat race! We had hilarious bridge – with fresh pineapple, cheese, crackers and lemon butter.

22. Sunday: Vespers for Newlin to fix. Weather COLD. Dinner with Deuells, Colvins, and us. Nice. I took lemon butter – praised!

23. Monday: [no entry]

24. Tuesday: Tag end of a.m. on Memorial. Gift Shop – tiresome. Picked up pills. Square Dancing and revival singing group. Curses. Two squares. Chairs to sit on. But it was tiring. Very tiring. Newlin a flu shot.

25. Wednesday: Pretty tired. Fixed oranges for tomorrow. Louise Crosby for dinner. Pleasant. Cool out! Wrote to Florence S.

26. Thursday: Breakfast and clean-up. Basket packed for table center. . . Thanksgiving Dinner with Louise Olesen. Turkey, oyster bisque, cranberry salad, egg nog, hors' d'oevres, and PIE. All went well. Macaroni and cheese and tomato juice from our garden. Talked with Fenwick – \$240 [ceiling] fan for his room.

27 – 30 [no entries]

December

1. Tuesday: I took Newlin to HiSpeed Line. At 8:am he had tests, went to lunch; admitted to Hospital at 1:00. Private room, \$385 per day. Some six hundred beds – a marvel of machinery and care. Food good and hot. . . . Did Gift Shop and Square Dancing.

2. Wednesday: Operated on at 11:00. Spinal, but no headache.
3. Thursday: I went in in am, with apples, tangerines, oranges, etc. He was tired – weary. But OK. I picked up “Namibia” and Les Brown at Friends Center. Lunch at Schraffts. Transport free for elders.
4. Friday: Hugh Middleton called on Newlin.
- 5 – 6 [no entries]
7. Monday: Newlin walking the halls. Good. Lunch at Hospital “Atrium.” I found Woodstock (?) one mile into Philadelphia. Handy, ample parking.
8. Tuesday: Call at quarter of nine – Come and get me. \$12:00. I called Betty Biddle – NO! Frances Armin – Yes! Cold and showery. Lovely rainbow. I drove in and got him at 12:00. Home – for lunch! Square dancing. Prescription: REST.
9. Wednesday: Rest and slow going. I did Gift Shop for Armin. Dinner with Ruth, Morgan Asler. I put my outing flannel sheet on. Feels good. Down to 30° and blowing.
10. Thursday: Sue still sick. Marie is pretty good. Ann Auerbach told us about Kelley Peitersen. L.W.V. in Red Room. Newlin won’t go.
- 11 – 17 [no entries]
18. Friday: Ruth’s treat. Bonnie drove us in to the Academy of Music. Miriam Heckman in Newlin’s place. Saw F. twice – but [--- illegible ---]. Home, and beautiful lights. Nice!

19. Saturday: Quick purchase of grapefruit. TV. Baking soda for burned pears in boiler. Newlin working at cleaning up the room.

20. Sunday: Cold – to Meeting. Few speakers. Dinner for five with Deuells at a table for four. O.K. I washed my hair in the afternoon. Newlin went over for vespers. I had a tray at home.

21. Monday: I washed. Finished up Newlin's [illegible]. Ruth off on Cadbury viewing of Stiles tree, 2,800 bulbs! Square dancing. One square up front. Dave is tops. Bought book marks for Christmas books.

22. Tuesday: Weary, slow to get up. Busy at Gift Shop. Weary. Skinned some almonds! Newlin wanted to go for a watch. My red earrings were ready. Cookies from Colvins.

23. Wednesday: Newlin got the room in order. I got the bed made up.

24. Thursday: The Day. I went for Fenwick at the airport. Plane late, me shoed to parking lot at \$1.75/hour. I got back to meet him coming down the steps. Nice. He drove us home – Dinner with Louise Olesen.

25. Friday: Christmas Day. Fenwick brought packages! Bosnian rugs, records.

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27. Sunday: Lunch fixed. Fenwick left after 9:00, loaded. Tea with Frances Armin – very nice. Dot Cole sure can't hear. But we all ate well. Cheesecake!

28. Monday: Quiet morning. Vespers service for Virgie Mendenhall. Quite good. Ellen pretty worn down. Elsie Lisovitch

on Switzerland. Gorgeous pictures, and a good line of talk.

29. Tuesday: To the Gift Shop. Pretty many customers. Cookies for Ruth Salley. Dinner with Colvins. We were slow being served, and Mary and Henry were both on a high horse – complaining and such. There's no use.

30. Wednesday: To get cleaned up and orderly again. I put the new flannel sheet on Newlin's bed.

31. Thursday: We were cleaned first. Square Dance poster up, eleven signatures. Dinner with Morrell and Dunbar – Hilarious!