

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1919



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## Forward

**The Author:** Jesse Lowe Smith was born in Macon, Illinois, on 23 November 1869, to the Rev. Leonard Francis Smith (1838-1874) and Bridget Ann Lowe Smith (1842-1941). His father's diary for that date: "At 5:30 wife bore me another child, a boy weighing 10 lbs when dressed. Dr. Tobey was the physician..." Jesse's father, Leonard Francis Smith, son of Jesse Smith and his second wife, Sophia Lake Spencer, had married Bridget Ann Lowe, daughter of William Fletcher Lowe and Elsea Aquila, on 10 September 1863. They had six children, Elsie (1864), Kittie Grace (1865-1932), Clarence Bruner (1867-1943), Jesse Lowe, Edith (1873-195?), and Lennie Francis (1874-1976).

Jesse Lowe Smith attended grade school in Macon, Illinois. With a passion for books and nature study, Jesse saw his life as a teacher. He attended the Academy in Benton Harbor, Michigan from 1884-1887, living with his Great Aunt Margaret Crooks. In 1888 he returned to Macon where he taught for three years. Teaching and studying independently as he taught, Jesse, at age 21, qualified for entrance to De Pauw University in September 1891. He completed his education at the University of Chicago from 1892 to 1894.<sup>1</sup> After one year at De Pauw, he returned for one term at Macon, and then, with his mother and sisters, went to Lexington, Illinois where he taught for four years from 1893-1897, followed by five years in Park Ridge, Illinois. In May 1902, Jesse came to Highland Park as principal of the Elm Place School. He was Superintendent of Schools for District 107 at the time of his death on 21 April 1934.<sup>2</sup>

His diaries reveal Jesse Lowe Smith to be a man of many interests and great influence. He was widely known and respected throughout Illinois as an innovative educator and avid naturalist and in Highland Park as an educational, cultural and civic leader. He inspired the Elm Place School teachers to higher ideals of education and the students to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world around them. He left a lasting impression on all who knew him in life and continues to inspire many who make his acquaintance through his diaries and his legacy in Highland Park.

**Identifications:** In his diaries, Jesse frequently refers to members of his family. During his years in Highland Park, Jesse provided a home from his mother and sister, Kittie. They are often referred to in the diaries as M. and K. His brother Clarence Bruner is referred to as Clarence or Clarence B., and Clarence's two sons, Leonard and Clarence, Jr. (Bruner or Junior) are also mentioned. Jesse's sister Edith married Clarence Danforth (Danforth or Clarence D. in the diaries). His sister Lennie married Arthur Enders, and their children, Robert and Ruth Anne, are mentioned in the diaries.

**Transcriber's Notes:** Every attempt has been made to provide an accurate transcription of the diary entries with respect to spelling, grammar, and punctuation; therefore incorrect or inconsistent (Mr. Smith spelled the same word in different ways at different times) usage is retained without the use of (sic). When words were added above the line, they have been inserted into the text. When words were inadvertently repeated, the second occurrence of the word has been dropped. Margin notes are indicated as such and are placed following the text that they appeared adjacent to in the diary. When words were illegible, brackets have been supplied enclosing a blank space [ ]. Words that could not be deciphered with certainty have been placed in square brackets followed by a question mark [like this?]. Transcriber's notes are indicated by brackets [like this – ed.]. Clippings that were pasted into the diary are described in a transcriber's note, but are not always transcribed.

<sup>1</sup>*Catalogue of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity* (New York, 1910). Accessed online at <http://books.google.com> on December 16, 2010.

<sup>2</sup>*Diaries 1859-1874 of The Reverend Leonard Smith, Circuit Rider* by Blanche Beal Lowe.

### **Wednesday, January 1**

The year began! A fall of wet snow in the night added to what we yet had - - and bob sleds are coming into fashion.

A nuthatch worked over the trunk of the oak in front of my window this morning and his contented comments on his luck were interrupted by the clamor of a heavy squadron of geese going over westward. About sixty were in the formation sweeping across the sky.

Kittie and I passed a quiet day. Mother at B.H. I have been saving myself up to resume work tomorrow. - - Finished reading Starved Rock Bulletin. - - Read four strong articles in the Dial - - Worked over material for Audubon Bulletin.

### **Thursday, January 2**

Coldest day of winter, thus far. Ear muffs a friend and necessity.

Went to school today. Took it easy and got through all right. Heard science lesson in 7B. Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

The post office is now established in the Bock bldg.  
Stamps 1<sup>00</sup>

### **Friday, January 3**

8° or 10° below this A.M.

Felt fine today Accomplished a great deal.

Miss Osborne of the State Board of Health visited all our rooms today and "boomed" the organization of the "Modern Health Crusader."

### **Saturday, January 4**

16° to 18° below, this A.M!! Visited school bld'g a while this A.M. - - Met Lelia Goddard on street. She is visiting Ethel. - -

8:53 for city. Conference at City Club with Lewton over legislative matters. At 1:00 met Schantz and went to lunch. At 1:30 at Schantz's office he & I and Roy Langdon began another conf. lasting until 4:30 - on Audubon matters. Mr. Deane came in to latter part of it.

Shopped at Fields and McClurgs. Home at 6:36.

Visited on way in with Geo Moseley & his wife. On way out with Henry Tilbury - long since one of my Lexington pupils - now a civil engineer laying gas mains, sewers, etc. in the Wyoming oil country. R.R. .58 + .20; lunch .60;

### **Sunday, January 5**

Milder. A little fall of snow.

Did not go to church. Felt "stale" again, much as ten days ago. - - - Ethel Goddard invited me to dinner with her & Lelia, and so I went. Had quite a chat with the girls.

Mr Sandwick came over to talk school affairs with me.

Read three chapters from Boynton's "London & Eng. Literature."

### **Monday, January 6**

Gray and mild.

A few scattering cases of influenza still. Miss Jones and Miss Stine have mild cases. Miss Davis had a "cold" & was unable to be here. Mrs Wright substituted in Miss Stine's. I took Miss Davis' room.

Miss Scully of Winnetka called to apply for a place next year.  
Mr Wallace, Y M C A. Sec., called for a moment.  
Took my lunch today. Boys and I opened one of the "pits" and took out the paper white narcissus.  
Not one was frosted.

### **Tuesday, January 7**

As yesterday. A slight fall of snow.  
The school children hold great carnival on the slides of the ravine.  
Miss Davis able to be at her place today  
Mrs Fitt came to confer with me about an Americanization movement among our foreign element.  
I taught geog. in 4A & science in 7B.  
Teachers' meeting this evening. First two chapters of Hall – Quest's Supervised Study.

### **Wednesday, January 8**

Somewhat colder. An icy southwest wind.  
Miss Himmelreich, probation officer from Waukegan, called & I directed her to investigate the case of Robt Lonnegren living at 650 Chicago Ave.  
Lelia Goddard visited our school this afternoon to see the work of physical examination.  
Conference with upper grade teachers over 8A promotions this evening –  
Agent for Atkinson, Mentzer Co.  
Groceries .63;

### **Thursday, January 9**

Colder.  
Mother came home today from Benton Harbor.  
Agent for McMillan's called today  
Worked with 4B's & 4A's in geog. Watched two groups of 7B's in French.  
Got fine article for Audubon Bulletin from Robt Ridgeway.  
Went to Thursday evening Club (Teachers) at H-S. this evening. Miss Felmley read from Rachel Crothers' play – Three of Us. Fine time.

### **Friday, January 10**

Fine day.  
Accomplished a great deal. Taught 4A geog. Lantern lesson to 6B's on Chicago.  
Movies this afternoon. Fine program.  
Took 4:58 for Chic. To Art Inst. where Friends of Our Native Landscape had a fine dinner in the refectory. Then to the galleries where [ou?]r Soc. displayed a great exhibit of Amer. landscapes. I had an unusually fine time.  
R.R. .58 + .10; dinner 1<sup>00</sup>; lunch .20; nuts .05.  
[Pasted to this page is a postcard invitation addressed to "Mr Jesse Lowe Smith, Highland Park, Ill" from The Friends of Our Native Landscape. It is transcribed as follows:

THE FRIENDS OF OUR NATIVE LANDSCAPE

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AND THEIR FRIENDS OF THE OUT-OF-DOOR  
SOCIETIES IN THE GALLERIES OF THEIR FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF  
PAINTINGS AND ETCHINGS OF AMERICAN LANDSCAPE AT THE ART  
INSTITUTE, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY TENTH, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

REPRESENTATIVE ARTISTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PRIVATE COL-  
LECTORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR PAINTINGS TO MAKE THIS AN EVENT  
OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

THE ART COMMITTEE,

LENA McCAULEY,  
MARY AHERN,  
FRANK DUDLEY,  
JENS JENSEN,  
EAMES MacVEAGH. — ed.]

### **Saturday, January 11**

Beautiful day.

To city on 9:19. Schantz' office for chat with him and Mr. Eifrig. - - - Albert Teacher's Agency to confer with Searles, Miss Smith, et. al. - - To Mr. Metzel's store and with him to the luncheon of Cook Co. Supts at The Morrison. Our guests were various members of Boards of Education. Some discussion, led by Mr. Herrick of Oak Park. Had good time. - - Shopped at Service League, at Miss Rutan's, Fields, - - Home on 5:10.  
R.R. .58 + .30; luncheon 1.70; toothbrush .33; groceries .30; barber 1.00;

### **Sunday, January 12**

Mild day Thawing.

Lopped at home all morning. Had dinner at the Sandwicks this afternoon, Miss Guiney and Miss Grunewald & Miss White also there.

Then I visited with Mr. Parrett for an hour.

### **Monday, January 13**

Mild. Thawing.

Miss Stine back. Miss Jones still confined to her room. Sent Mr Marshall home because of his cough and sore throat.  
Worked on bills today Board meeting tonight.

### **Tuesday, January 14**

Gray. Cooler.

Miss Lena Nixon of Hammond called to confer about our prospective vacancy in Eng. — 7th — 8th.

Lantern lesson in 4A. Attended French lessons in 7A & 7B.

Conf. with 7th — 8th teachers over promotions.

At school awhile this evening.

Box rent .60;

### **Wednesday, January 15**

Sunny. Melting some.

Edith came in on us this afternoon.

Civics with 8A's; in the 7A's French class.

P.T.A. this afternoon. Mrs Mary Bloomer Page talked on education and the simple life. A fine meeting.

Shirley of Scribners called today.

Worked at my office this evening.

### **Thursday, January 16**

Another fine day. And such beautiful nights!

Miss Collins visited us today and conscientiously watched (& assisted) every music lesson given by Miss Crane. She and Miss C & I ate lunch at Sheridan cafe.

Mother, Edith & K. went to the city on the 8:09 and E. went on home to Gary.

Various classes visited today. Taught 8A civics.  
At school awhile this evening.

### **Friday, January 17**

As yesterday.

Very busy. A special thing being our movies. Gave "America's Answer" afternoon & evening. This had been at the ~~Opera House~~ Pearl Theatre here some weeks ago. The film was worn but it was a great spectacle.

Reception at Presb. church this evening for Mr & Mrs Fitt. Mother went earlier in the evening. Kittie and I after the movies.

### **Saturday, January 18**

A very beautiful day. Sidewalks bare.

Worked almost all day on Audubon material. Miss Nixon came to look up a room. She is to begin work on Monday and finally relieve Miss Grenoble Feb. 1.

Miss Nora wrote letters for me this afternoon and part of the evening.  
Groceries 1.44; meat 1.62; barber .25;

### **Sunday, January 19**

Fine day.

Church at 11:00.

Nap after dinner and fine tramp afterwards – Bobolink golf grounds & beyond on edge of woods, & Skokie. Flushed up a flock of 8 horned larks. Home by Green Bay Road. Called in for a half hour on the Wrights. Mrs W's mother, Mrs Vial, there.

Read some from Horace today.

### **Monday, January 20**

Mild – but foggy early in the day.

Miss Nixon came today to begin to assume Miss Grenoble's work at the close of the month.

Am working Miss Nora pretty hard with preparation of Audubon material for the Bulletin.

### **Tuesday, January 21**

Still mild.

Conference with Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Greene over the visiting nurse situation. Will recommend that Board pay for Miss Johnson's full time.

Busy about many things. –

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Worked at school this evening.

### **Wednesday, January 22**

Another mild, foggy day.

Civics 8A; call from Mr. Sandwick & conf. over 8A graduates; Miss Griswold met 8A's & heard their French work and conferred with me about a French class for them at the H-S. in February

Mr. Simpson called & we had a long conf. on legislation, etc.

Miss Davis off this afternoon to fight her cold.

### **Thursday, January 23**

Gray. A little cooler.

Boys uncovered our other two cold frames & took out hyacinths & tulips, etc. In fine condition. Put them in plant house temporarily. Temp there 37° at 8:00 this evening.

Miss Davis at home again today. Our folks sent her her dinner.

Taught 3 or 4 classes. Conf. with Miss McAphee over Spanish classes.  
Did Audub. work this evening.  
Drugstore .10;

### **Friday, January 24**

Another fine mild day. Temp in green house at 9:00 A.M. 33°. At 1:00 – 49°. Movies today fine as to the regular program. But - - I added an extra comedy film which proved to be somewhat smutty.  
Left for Springfield on the 9:31. Met Lewton at Alton station & we went on the 11:30 P.M. “No-Stop”.  
Had a chat with Bert Stevens in N.W. station tonight. He was on way out to Wilmette with a dentist friend.  
R.R. .29 + 8.19 + .25.

### **Saturday, January 25** Springfield

Our sleeper was side-tracked in Spr. early. I got up at 7:30. Met Lewton at St. Nich. We breakfasted at Thompson's. - - The officers & some of the other members of the governing bodies met at 9:00 in the hotel parlors. Probably 75 or more. A.W. Evans presided. Discussed resolutions until 1:00. Lunch – Blair, Lewton, Gilbert, L H. Smith, Briggs, Fisher, Birbeck, Stoops, & I at table. - - Gilbert and I rode over to Capitol with Mr Hoffman to have a view of the new Lincoln & Douglas statues (Rather disappointing). - - Afternoon session began at 2:00. Gilbert, Fisher, & I left in time to catch the 2:55 for Chic. Home at 10:10.  
Meals .45 + .90 + 1.10; R.R. 5.99 + .29; papers .10;

### **Sunday, January 26**

Fine day.  
To church. After short nap after lunch I took to the open Trolley to Braesides. Went through Trumbull woods or, rather, those to the west. Then across the Skokie & the cut-off R.R. & south to crossing of N. Br. of Chic. R. Then east to Glencoe & south to Hubbard Woods station. Home by train.  
Flock of tree sparrows & big flock of crows.  
Exquisite evening effects on the marshes and the pools & ice sheets.

### **Monday, January 27**

Another beautiful day.  
All my staff at work today.  
Planning for exhibit of war material on Thursday and French play in the evening.  
Got in two or more hours work on Aud Bulletin today

### **Tuesday, January 28**

Like a cool March day.  
Norton of Ginn & Co. called & we had a pleasant visit.  
Mr Sandwick & the H-S Board invited members of Boards & Supts of tributary districts to a dinner at the H.S. this evening. Dean Gray of U. of C. was the principal speaker – an inspiring address.

### **Wednesday, January 29**

Another.  
A busy one. Had to cross examine lot of boys to fix responsibility for broken glass panel in Kg. b'ld'g.

To city on 3:49. Met Deane, Schantz, Langdon, & Pattee at Schantz' office and discussed Audubon Bulletin and policies. All of us except Mr. D. had supper together. I caught 8:00 for home. R.R. .58 + .05; supper .65; papers .04.

## Thursday, January 30

[Fine day?]

Had an "ex[hibit?]" Children brot war relics and curios of other lands. Maj. Preston loaned fine collection of battle trophies he brot home recently. In the evening Miss Sachen's pupils – 6B's & 8A's – gave two French plays.

Went to city on 3:49 to Directors' meeting – Geog. Soc., & had brief but fine time there. Back by 6:36. Had no time to eat supper – so went directly to school.

R.R. .58 + .10;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Elm Place School playbill for the French plays. It is transcribed as follows:

## FRENCH PLAYS ELM PLACE SCHOOL

*JANUARY 30, 1919*

TABLEAUX MOUVANTS-LA CLASSE 6B

Barbe Bleue

Interpreter. . . . .		Dwight Moore
LeDuc de Barbe Bleue. . . . .		Hays Rhinesmith
Marie, sa femme . . . . .		Alice Winston
Soeur Anne . . . . .		Margaret Parkin
La Courtesse mere de Marie et d'Anne . . . . .		

. . . . . Gwendolyn Purdy

Le Page de Barbe Bleue . . . . . Lloyd Botker

Irene		Sara Louderbach
Adelaide } . . . filles 'd honneur	{	Adelaide Reesman
Ida		Leonore Smith

Chareles } . . . freres de Marie		Joe Card
Louis } et'd Anne	{	Harris Prichard

Sept fantoms . . . . .		Virginia Purdy Lucille Griesmeyer Helen Rhinehart Shirley Lomax Edward Stupple Joseph Redine Arthur Borchardt
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Stage Directors . . . . .		Alden Green Arnold Werhane – ed.]
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## Friday, January 31

Beautiful day.

Very active day. This afternoon & evening "movies" were "Under Four Flags" (Gov't film – 5 reels), a "vod-vil" reel, animal (bees) reel; "Katzenjammer.

Took in \$35<sup>50</sup> or there-a-bouts.



### **Saturday, February 1**

Gray. Cooler.

First to school house & hauled on wheelbarrow four "tins" of movies to Exp. office Settled up bills. Then 9:53 for Chic. To Pathescope people to try to meet Harry Burch. To Pattee's to deliver some pictures & confer over Bulletin. Lunch at Arcade. — McClurg's for typew. ribbon, etc.; Field's to leave a hat to be blocked.

At Schantz' office for conference with him & Langdon To Prairie Farmer for copies of Jan. 11 no. supporting teachers' educ. program. Home at 3:15. Nap. After supper to school office for a while Worked on Bulletin material

Dist 107 — Typew. ribbon 1<sup>00</sup>; stenog. note books .30;

Bot — Ward's Insect Biog.

Lee's Shakesp & Modern Stage

R.R. .58 + .10; lunch .39; two books 1<sup>50</sup>; barber .25; note books .40;

### **Sunday, February 2**

Gray. Cool.

At home this A.M. Long walk this afternoon. — from Ft. Sher. station west to "Green Bay Road." Scouted along Skokie stream for a while & through woods; then north to Westleigh road; west to C & N.W.R.R — North to Onwentsia Ave — West again & north past Dick's & on until I struck the L. Bluff road. Then east (2 mi.) into L. Bluff & home on R.R.

Visited with small flock of chickadees in full repertoire. Crows overhead & p.h. larks in the stubble. Thin ice on ponds; snow in sheltered places.

Read from Lee's Shakespeare & Modern Stage.

R.R. .05 + .21.

### **Monday, February 3**

Milder — then a light shower about 3:30. Cleared & cold wind came up.

Miss Crane not able to be on hand this A.M.

I went to Waukegan at 11:00 & examined records of hunting licenses. Conferred with Mr. Simpson.

At school a while this evening

Waukeg trip cost .49 + .85.

Charg Aud Soc 1<sup>00</sup>

### **Tuesday, February 4**

A cold wave. Icy wind. Clear night sky and the moon a glittering crescent

Teachers' meeting this afternoon. Chapter VII in Hall — Quest's Supervised Study.

7B's gave a surprise part on Miss Grenoble.

8A's sent out "commencement" invitations

For many days one great train of new trucks has passed through H.P. each day about noon, south bound from Kenosha to Chicago. These are contracted for by the U.S. Govt. The drivers get lunch here. Probably 1000 have already gone by

### **Wednesday, February 5**

A beautiful winter day

Aud. Soc. Meeting this evening. Went in on 5:50. Ate at N W. Station. Directors met at 7:30 at City Club. Pattee and I came out together on the 10:40.

Express .60 (Dist 107)

R.R. .58 + .05; supper .55;

### **Thursday, February 6**

Beautiful. Cool.

"Thursday Night Club" at H-S. this evening. As vice-pres. I presided in the absence of Dr Newhall. Mrs Herbert Smith sang beautifully. Mr. Ball told of the "gas" work in the war dept. He served at Washington during the war – Lieut. Ball.

Dues – T.E. Club .50

### **Friday, February 7**

Fine day.

Honorable mentions this A.M. Fine time

Exercises this evening very successful. The address by Prof. Nelson was one of the best we have had.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. The address was given by Professor Bertram G. Nelson. The graduates were: - ed.]

Edward G. Stuppel	Margaret Parkin
Richard F. Sandwick	Joseph O. Redine
J. Hays Rhinesmith	Dora Lucille Griesmeyer
Joe Card	Robert Boyd
Lawrence B. Siljestrom	Harris C. Prichard
Edward A. Laing	Sarah Louderback
Arnold F. Werhane	Helen I. Rhinehart
Virginia Purdy	Shirley Lomax
Grace Lenore Smith	Alden Gates Greene
Lloyd Paul Botker	Dwight M. Moore
Gwendolyn Purdy	Richard O. Hull
Lester H. Ritter	Alice Winston
Adelaide K. Reesman	Arnold D. Mason
J. Daniel Bench	Nafey B. Larson

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Miss Alice L. Davis, Mathematics

Miss Etta Grunewald, History

Miss Florence Crane, Music

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education was:

Emil B. Metzel, President

Fred Greenslade, Secretary

George R. Jones

Edna G. Greene

William D. Mann

Solomon A. St. Peter

Elizabeth B. Millard

### **Saturday, February 8**

Beautiful day.

To Chic. on 9:20. Evening Post office where I got 4 copies of issue of Jan 11 with Edgar Lee Master's fine poem on Roosevelt. To (Bradner) Sweet Wallach's for booklet on Microphotography & to leave some negatives for prints. Boy Scout headquarters for diaries Met McKenzie Shannon there To Pathescope people to confer with Harry Burch. He showed me a monarch butterfly film. Fine. To Pilgrim Press to inquire about a book. Fields Grill room where Supt & Princ. of Cook Co. had dinner. Talked over legislative matters, etc. Home at 4:21. Nap. Clarence came in at 5:30.

Worked at desk this evening. Loaned some of my flower slides for Millard to use at Deerfield.

Bo't Cabells Beyond Life 1<sup>50</sup>

R.R. .58 + .10; dinner .95; calendar frame & pad 1.00; papers .10; barber .25; booklet .15;

### **Sunday, February 9**

Another beautiful day.

Clarence spent it at Kenosha, returning towards evening.

To church. Nap in the afternoon & a 5 mile walk west & north from 4:45 to 6:30.

Worked on Audubon Mss this evening

Began Cabell's Beyond Life.

Rev. Mr Fitt called on me a while this afternoon & borrowed my copy of Youtze's Changing Conceptions of Deity.  
Church .

### **Monday, February 10**

Another fine day and rare moonlit night.

Promotions & transfers from to room today.

This afternoon held a memorial service for Col. Roosevelt. All pupils assembled in the auditorium and quotations, anecdotes, & sketches were given. Teachers' meeting after school.

Board meeting this evening. Friendly but tediously long.

Postage for Aud Soc. .28

### **Tuesday, February 11**

Another fine day, as it proved, although a few snow flakes dampened the sidewalks this A.M

Gave much time to examining pupils that have not made good in their grades. Various conferences. - -

After school Miss Grunewald & Miss Jones and I mounted additional Lincoln material. I worked at school this evening.

Rev Mr. Dick called at our house awhile this evening.

### **Wednesday, February 12**

Beautiful – mild day.

Showed Lincoln pictures to three groups:

Kg & Grades One

Grades two and three

Grades 4 – 8.

A busy day. Very tired. Spent some more time getting Lincoln mounts ready

### **Thursday, February 13**

Thunderstorm before daylight. Heavy showers during day and after nightfall. Had been scarcely any precipitation for six or seven weeks.

Miss Nora left this evening for Huntingburg.

I gave a Lincoln talk at Orson Brand's house this evening.

Bread .15.

### **Friday, February 14**

Rained now and then A very light snow flurry after night. Colder.

No school. County Institute. Sessions at Elm Place. Two lectures each by Ex. Gov. Ferris of Mich. and Ex. Gov. Willits of Ohio. About 300 present. Gov. Ferris' talks helpful. Not true to the same extent of other talks. I talked five minutes about the Forest Preserve Act Our visitors spent a great deal of time about our building.

Went down to Geog. Soc this evening & heard Wm E. Ekblaw tell of his experiences in the Arctic in the Crocker Expedition. He married Miss Krieger, formerly of our high-school.

R.R. .58 + .10; music book .10;

### **Saturday, February 15**

A little snow on the ground.

To Waukegan to morning session of Institute. Very good talk by Mr. Ferris.

Caught 12:16 for Chicago and spent afternoon at Schantz' office. McClintock was there for a while & I had a good visit with him. Pattee stayed for a time to help Langdon and me start on the "dummy" of the Winter Bulletin. L and I worked until 5:00. Then I went over to City Club and had a nap. Corrected proof a while – Went to Pub. Library to look up some Lincoln data. Then to a "show" which was fairly good.

R.R. 58 + .15 + 64; meals .75 + .75; papers .09;

### **Sunday, February 16**

Colder than for some day. Sunny at first but turned off gray & cold.

Did not go to church Late in day went to my desk at school for a while & called at Dr Hamilton's to borrow copies of Bird-Lore.

### **Monday, February 17**

Snow flurries this A.M. but all melted before noon. A little warmer.

Mrs Willits of Chicago addressed our pupils – 3 – to 8 on Better American Speech – at 10:00 this A.M. A fine effort. We have been campaigning in this direction for a number of days.

Miss Nora not back from a short trip to Huntingberg.

Conference with Mrs Green over P.T.A. work.

Pepsodont .50;

### **Tuesday, February 18**

Beautiful day.

Cleared plant house of all potted bulbs that we put in there to start – after coming out of the pits Teachers' meeting after school.

Dinner with Mr & Mrs McGregor (Ex-minister), Red Cross official at Great Lakes. Spent a delightful evening there.

### **Wednesday, February 19**

Party sunny & partly gray. A cool lake wind  
Busy. Taught quite a bit. P.T.A. this afternoon. Miss Clara White & her pupils illustrated what outside reading may be Mrs Fitt talked about the new class for women (foreigners) she & others are organizing. I talked of movies.  
This evening Mr. Wright called to talk over slides with me. I worked on a report of my studies of wheat rust last summer.  
Bread .15;

### **Thursday, February 20**

Gray & then rather unexpectedly – at 3:15 P M it began to snow heavily & a blanket of wet snow – two or three inches – was over all by 7:00 P.M  
Unusually active today and I was exhausted at evening. - - Overhauled my Washington slides - -  
Harry Wilson called for a while today. - - Two irate parents took a great deal of my time today. - -

### **Friday, February 21**

Snow melted at a rapid rate today.  
A busy day. Took my lunch to school.  
Stout of Longmans Green called.  
Movies: Roosevelt film (2 reels); Rambles of Man and Dog in Mts.; Deep Sea Pictures; Vod-a Vil – 3. Best was Deep Sea. The Roosevelt film, part 2 – was good.  
Worked on the bills this evening.  
Gave Washington talks all morning – Kg & 1st two grades; 3rd & 4th; 5th – 8th. Used slides.

### **Saturday, February 22**

Heavy snow flurries, the snow melting for the most part.  
To city on 8:[5?]5. To City Club for a conference with Lewton over legislative matters. To Famous Players Company to arrange about movies. Sweet Wallachs for some prints. Shopped at Fair Lunch at Arcade & a visit with Chas & Mrs Jewett. At 1:30 conference with Schantz, Langdon & Pattee. Home at 3:29. Long nap.  
This evening at desk at school  
Groceries .38; lunch .45; R.R. 58 + 10; prints 2.24; barber 1.00;

### **Sunday, February 23**

Bright. Thawing.  
Did not go to church. Felt weak. Slept several times during the day. Tried for a time to get a photo of a cardinal at Dr Hamilton's feeding box but to no avail.  
Read some from Lowell – this being his centennary. Read from Cabell's Beyond Life.

### **Monday, February 24**

Gray. Still rather mild but snow crusty.  
At morning exercises referred to the Lowell centennary & read aloud from The Crisis  
Taught some today. Held a teachers' conf. with 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 after school.  
Took 6:31 for Chic & to the La Salle Hotel meeting of Nat'l Soc for Study of Ed. Talks by H.L. Miller & others Home on 10:05. Visited with Mr & Mrs Clarence Cooke on way home.  
R.R. 58 + .05; "staked a hobo" - .50; Dues 2<sup>00</sup>; groceries .12;  
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the meeting program. The topic for Friday evening's session was "The Preparation of High School Teachers." The speakers were:

H.L. Miller, Assistant Professor of Education and Principal of the Wisconsin High School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Herbert J. Lull, Director of Teacher Training, Kansas State Normal School, Emporia, Kansas

Raymond Kent, Professor of Education, University of Kansas, and Superintendent of Public Schools, Lawrence, Kansas

Fiske Allen, Supervisor, Elementary School, Eastern State Normal School, Charleston, Illinois  
and

W.W. Charters, Dean of the College of Education, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois – ed.]

## **Tuesday, February 25**

Much colder today. An icy wind.

At school until noon. Then took 2:23 for Chic. To Schantz office on an errand, then to Congress Hotel. Visited with various ones of my friends – Hatch, Douglas, Bone, Smith, R C Moore, Clark, et. al. To supper with Hatch & Nida at the Tip Top Inn.

Evening session at Aud. interesting. President Burton's address had some fine points – but very discursive.

R R .58 + .10; papers .10;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the meeting program of the Department of Superintendence for the Tuesday evening and Wednesday sessions. Marion LeRoy Burton, President University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota spoke on "How to Make the Schools a More Effective Agent for an Efficient Democracy?". – ed.]

## **Wednesday, February 26**

Death of Ella Bernard Smith

Cold. Clear.

To school until 8:40, then to Chic on 8:55. To Aud. for A.M. session, sitting with Wright and Slipped away just before noon & went to City Club where I had a nap and lunch. Ate at table with Mr Woltersdorf.

Back for afternoon session & sat with Wright & Whitten Afterwards went to Atlas Film Co to engage some films; then not feeling well came home.

Found that a telegram had just arrived telling of Ella's sudden death at Decatur Clarence, it seems, was not at home at the time

R R. .58 + .10; lunch .50;

## **Thursday, February 27**

At school a while this A.M. Then left on 9:53 for C. with Mother. She went out on noon train for Decatur. I went over to Congress Hotel & visited with some of the men. After lunch I tried to get into two of the big section meetings but great crowds (of local people) barred out a large proportion of those who wanted to attend. So I spent the afternoon visiting educational booths, especially the Community Motion Pictures Co, & the McIntosh Stereopticon Co. Visited at Mel Collins' booth with the two Vincent girls. - - Then at 4:00 went to Directors' meeting of Geog. Soc. – Left there at 5:20 & caught 5:40 Alton for Bloomington arriving at 9:00 Found hotels greatly overcrowded & took 11:10 P.M. trolley for Decatur, reaching there at 1:00. Worse crowding there, so I slept in a chair at the St. Nich. until A.M. R.R. .29 + .15; + 4.46 + .25; lunch .50; supper 1.15;

## **Friday, February 28**

At Decatur.

Got to Clarence's after 8:00 A.M. Found Leonard and his wife there. — Mother & Junior & Clarence. - - Ella's body was at undertakers & not brot over until next morning. - - Her sister, Mrs Hoke (Aunt Mollie) came during day from Indianapolis Seemed broken in health.

During afternoon Jr. & I took a walk. In the morning we had seen 7 bluebirds across the street. A biting-wind came up but we went down to the river & the filtering plant. On the way saw 15 cardinals & three titmice besides several song sparrows and a fox sparrow.

Charley Colby's called this evening  
Breakfast .35; shave .40;

### **Saturday, March 1** Ella's funeral.

Sun came out clear and air warmed up some.

Literally — great quantities of flowers, mostly roses, came to the house. - - Services at 3:00. Rev. Frank Havighorst officiating Burial at Fairview cemetery, a beautiful hill.

Mrs Creight Webb took charge of the kitchen all day, and showed herself a beautiful friend. Mrs Tom Pittner had charge of the flowers and Mrs Morris acted as general director — splendid women. Others might be named.

Mrs Hoke was taken suddenly ill after luncheon — collapsed, and after the funeral was sent in an ambulance to the Macon Co. Hospital. - -

Chas Stouffer & Geo. came for Mother & me to spend the evening at their Mother's — Minnie, & David, & Geo's wife & two boys being there We had a splendid time. Then they took Mother back & let me down at Chas Colby's. Here C & his wife & I visited to a late hour & I went to bed there.

### **Sunday, March 2** Left Decatur for H.P.

A cardinal sang vigorously near my window and Spring seemed further at hand when bluebirds called. This was 6:00 A.M. - - Ate a lusty breakfast with the Colby's then went back to Clarence's. A mild beautiful day Clarence had been called to the hospital and found Mrs Hoke in a serious condition. He wired her two brothers after breakfast.

I left D. at 11:40 and reached Chicago at 5:00 — getting home before seven. Edith & Kittie met me at the train.

### **Monday, March 3**

A mild, spring-like day. To school as usual. Mrs Green present at morning exercises & talked about health campaign.

Then I took 9:53 for Chicago. To movie houses, then to Union League Club where Directors of Geog. Soc. gave Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, a fine luncheon. I sat between Dr Cowles and a writer, Balmer by name, & near Prof. Chamberlain whose neighbor was Stefansson. S's talk was one of the most interesting I ever heard. - - - Shopped at Pilgrim Press. Home on 4:35.

At home this evening  
R R .58 + .10; (ticket 7<sup>46</sup>);

### **Tuesday, March 4** Snow

Rained at intervals during day and snow set in towards evening.

Teachers' meeting this evening.

Agent for Laurel Book Co. called. I bo't some arith. drill sheets of him.

Worked all evening on final page proof of Bulletin.

Read with indignation the pledge of 37 Republican senators to oppose the League of Nations.

Bread .15; oysters .35;

**Wednesday, March 5**

Eight or ten inches of snow on the ground this A.M. Bright day and the snow began to melt.

Had to spend a lot of time today phoning to settle a dispute about an end word on a line of poetry in the Bulletin!

A full day. This evening at school awhile

A letter from Mother tells of the death of Mrs Hoke, Sunday afternoon. Clarence went on with the remains to Parsons, Kansas.

Coffee .90;

**Thursday, March 6**

A cold night and but little thawing today. —

Taught most of the day.

Felt cold coming on and stayed in this evening. Worked up notes on two articles for the local press on garden topics.

**Friday, March 7**

Fine day. Thawing.

Cold bothered me some. Movies today. Miss Jewett delighted us by showing up awhile. She played for us between reels and we sang as in old times.

At home this evening.

**Saturday, March 8**

More snow.

Began snowing about 5:00 and kept it up until late — a wet snow.

To city on 8:09. Orchestra Hall to buy tickets for Stefansson lecture; McClurg's to look over books. Here I had a short visit with Mr. Gilbert of DeKalb. To 630 Tribune Bldg to a "hearing" before the state commissions on pensions. General hearing of "down-state" firemen & policemen & of teachers in the morning. In the afternoon from 3:00 to 4:30 the teachers & the commission conferred — which means locked horns. Mr. Blair led the fight on the commission's plan to change the teachers' pension plan. - - - At noon I took Dr. Cook, Mr. Blair, & Mr. Clarida to the luncheon of the Cook Co. Sup't Ass'n. - - - At 5:00 I went down to the Movie House at Mich & Garfield to see a Prizma film - - Back in the snow storm — my bad cold showing off all the time. Home by 9:30.

R.R. .58 + 30; luncheon 3.10; movie .20;

**Sunday, March 9**

Back cold — weepy eyes — bothered me all day. Did not go out.

Clarence Danforth came in the night He and Edith went home this afternoon.

Bright day. Thawed greatly.

Read freely from Cabell's Beyond Life

**Monday, March 10**

Bright day. Thawed greatly.

Cold bothered me but I worked at school all day.

Kittie and I went down this evening and heard Stefansson's great lecture at Orchestra Hall. Not a big house. Scientific, humorous, modest.

R.R. 1.16 + .20; + .20; +



Groceries 1.15.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from The Geographic Society of Chicago lecture. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

### **Stefansson Lecture, Orchestra Hall**

**Monday, March 10, 1919, 8:15 p.m.**

A rare opportunity is presented to members to attend the lecture of the distinguished explorer, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, which takes place in Orchestra Hall, on the evening of Monday, March 10, 1919, under the auspices of the Society.

Mr. Stefansson has recently returned to civilization from his third journey to the Arctic Region, and the work that he has done in command of the Canadian Arctic expedition during his last trip of five years is proving of great interest to all geographers and lovers of travel. He spent considerable time in exploring and mapping the new land, which lies north of the mouth of the Mackenzie River and west of Prince Patrick Island, and in studying the blond Eskimos found on a former visit. He has a thrilling story to tell of his experiences and he is bringing with him some wonderful pictures of life and scenes in the Arctic.

In recognition of Mr. Stefansson's achievements, the Helen Culver Gold Medal of the Society has been awarded him by the board of directors, and the ceremony of conferring it will be a part of the evening's program, March 10.

It is hoped that members of the Society and their friends will unite in giving the explorer a warm welcome.

A private sale of tickets, from February 27 to March 5, inclusive, has been arranged for members, and the accompanying identification card may be used. Members are free to purchase tickets for their friends at the same price. Prices: 50¢, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00, war tax extra. The public sale will begin March 6.

### **Tuesday, March 11**

Sunny. Cooler. Still melting rapidly. A breath of spring about

One of the boys saw a meadowlark on a corn shock on Sunday. Robins are seen now & then  
Bluebirds have been seen

Conf. of upper grade teachers this evening. Miss Jackson of L. Forest came in and described some language studies she is helping to try out.

This evening I overhauled my flower slides.

Bread .15;

### **Wednesday, March 12**

Cold still bothering me.

Went in on 2:23 and visited World Film Co & Goldwyn Distributing Co. Engaged Ford Weekly Service and of former engaged U.S.A. series of 4 films – 2 reels each

Had supper at City Club with Schantz and Langdon Meeting of Directors of Illinois Aud. Soc. afterwards. Schantz reported his trip with Langdon to conference at Springfield having to do with changes in bird laws. Langdon reported on his recent trip to N Y where he met Pearson, Dwight, & others.  
R.R. .58 + .10; supper .75; lunch .20;

### **Thursday, March 13**

Cold bothered me again today. Rather raw weather.  
This evening I gave a flower talk before the Thursday Club at the H-S. I used the Illinois Aud. Soc. lantern.

Mother came home from Decatur today with a bad cold.  
Carfare of Theodore Juhrend who went in to Ch for lantern .68

### **Friday, March 14**

Cold somewhat better. Gray. A "March wind" blowing. Dash of rain after nightfall.  
5 – 6 – graders planted 16 flats of John Baer tomato seeds today.  
Miss Sachen has been absent all week because of illness  
Stayed at home this evening & wrote on an article about tomato planting, etc.  
Movies today. 4 reels.  
Bread .15;

### **Saturday, March 15**

Rain

To city on 9:19. Felt punk and came away as soon as I could – 1:50. To Bergen's office. He could not find anything wrong to explain my stomach trouble. Prescribed sodium bicarbonate.

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Schantz' office for short conference with him & Langdon - - Fields, McClurg's, Pilgrim Press – City Club for luncheon – Vaughn's for Prizetaker onion seed. - -

Heavy rain came up while I was at lunch and I got wet before I got home. Rained off-and-on until late in evening.

Went to Mr Enk's office in Federal Bld'g to get some slides Miss Alice has been making for me. Pd \$10<sup>00</sup> on acc't.

R.R. .58 + .15; luncheon .50; seeds .10; books at Carson Pirie 1<sup>35</sup> (for Dist 107)

### **Sunday, March 16**

Mild. Spring like. Everything soaked. Grackles and robins and kill-deers vocal.

Late this afternoon I walked down over Bobolink golf course & to the Skokie margin. Meadowlarks all about. Blackbirds in the air. Frogs trilling from the pools. Beautiful reflections in the sheeted masses of water.

My stomach still bothering me. I lay on the bed most of the day.

Reading from A. Quiller-Couch's Studies in Eng. Lit. Also read Moody's The Faith Healer.

### **Monday, March 17**

Rained in the night & a beating rain went on much of the morning. Cleared after sunset.

Felt better today. Planted 4 flats of Prizetaker onions today.

Board meeting this evening. Talked over new building plans.

### **Tuesday, March 18**

A beautiful day with a sunset which lavished richest colors on the greatly overflowed expanse of the Skokie.

Took 4A's over to study the Sheahen ponds. A wet-feet job.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00 At 5:30 a short visit to Skokie via West Park Ave.

At desk at school this evening.

### **Wednesday, March 19**

Still another beautiful day with a beautiful sunset. Misses Davis, Nixon, Schermerhorn, Behrens, Giffen, & Mr Wright and I went up to the blackbird lake & skunk cabbage patch after school this evening. A beautiful spectacle on pond & marsh.

Worked over some Audubon slides this evening.

5B's opened their root pit & found that a mouse had eaten a number of the vegetables stowed away there. Potatoes had been frozen but beets, rutabagas, turnips, parsnips, & cabbage came through all right. Trolley .20;

#### **Thursday, March 20**

Another. Warmer still.

Rode my wheel.

Late this evening, rising wind.

McConnell called to show off his historical maps.

Worked this evening on notes for tomorrow evening's talk.

#### **Friday, March 21**

Strong winds all day that tossed things about. Gray but cleared by noon.

Pupils planted five more flats of tomato seeds.

Helped Miss Esther White's pupils plant short rows of lettuce, radishes, & onions

The usual movies. Used a Ford Weekly – Pottery. Excellent. U.S.A. on aeroplanes. Fine. (2 reels), Ditmar – Tiger pictures; Katzen – Fisherman's Luck

Went down to Roceymoor School, Evanston, this evening to talk on flowers & birds before Evanston Bird Club. Present: Pattees, Olive Enoch, Myrtle English, Mary Reat, Lewis & Mrs Weld, Miss Henry, Miss Mudge, et. al. Got along nicely. Mrs Wheelock there as a disturbing force in the Club. R.R. .42; lunch .10; bread .15.

#### **Saturday, March 22**

Cool. Sunny. Tomato plants at plant house well up.

Worked around home & at school until 10:00. Took 11:30 to Chic.

Conf. with Schantz and Langdon until 3:30 at S's office.

The Winter Bulletin just out!!

Shopped at Fields, Vaughns, McClurg's, Pilgrim Press, Fair Home at 6:36. Visited on train with a machinist in the navy, just back from European service. Half a train load of others with him. R.R. .58 + .10; lunch .20;

#### **Sunday, March 23**

Cool. Sunny nearly all day.

Up at 5:30 & tramped over Skokie meadows until about 8:00. Heavy hoar frost, thin ice, fog.

Meadowlarks, song sparrows, redwings, grackles – abundant. Now & then a bluebird. One fox sparrow whistled boldly. Tried to find some horned larks but unsuccessful.

Stayed at home all the rest of the day.

This afternoon experimented in our back yard with my telephoto lens. Took 4 sample pictures, developed this evening. N.G. - - Worked on a potato article for the Press.

#### **Monday, March 24**

Fine day.

Rep of Cyclone Fence Co. met Mrs Millard & me this A.M. and we gave him a contract for tennis court inclosure fence for ball grounds across ravine - - Geo. Roberts, insurance man and ass't, inspected our bld'g and we had a successful fire drill - - Mrs Colton and Mrs Pearce, Glencoe teachers, visited our school all day. - - This evening I organized an evening class for foreigners – men – at Elm Place while Mrs Fitt met a class of women in an adjoining room. Only two men came.

### **Tuesday, March 25**

Milder. Spaded some of my garden this A.M. and after school I planted three rows of onions & onion sets and a row each of lettuce (Simpson's Black Seeded) and of radishes – white-tipped

Miss Lindburgh was ill yesterday but on the job today.

Got some guinea pigs of Geo G. Greene today for our school. A hawk with a broken wing was brot in today.

Went down to City Club this evening to dinner of Friends of Our Native Landscape. W.D. Richardson showed flower pictures made in the Dunes, finer than most of mine. They were superb. Millard and I came home together

R.R. .58 + .15; dinner 1.25; garden seeds .45

### **Wednesday, March 26**

Slight rain and gentle drizzles today.

Agent for fire proofing masonry about boilers called.

I talked gardening in 4B – A, 5B – A, 6B – A, 7B & 8A.

Called on Mr. Egan after school to talk garden plans. Talked with several people on garden topics by phone

### **Thursday, March 27**

Cool. Clearing.

P.T.A. this afternoon. Mrs Herbert Smith and Mrs Winston made excellent talks.

I talked gardening with 7A's.

Science in 7A & 7B. Taught one arith group.

### **Friday, March 28**

Fine day.

Very busy. Science lessons – garden talks – a conference with teachers of grades 1 & 2 & Kg; the movies. Then I hurried home to dress and catch the 6:31. Mother put up a lunch in a box while I dressed. I was to eat on the train but there was time to finish it at the station. - - At the Art Institute I took Treasurer Schantz' place at the door.

I went home with Lewis & Mrs Weld to Evanston to spend the night

R R. .29 + .05; supper .45;

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#### **INTERMONTHLY MEETING**

Friday, March 28, 1919

FULLERTON HALL, CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE

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Lecture by

**Professor Ralph B. Dennis, of Northwestern University**

**Title: "Some Recent Experiences in Russia"**

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Members of the Society will recall that Professor Dennis was announced for the Stated Meeting of February 14. Owing to unavoidable circumstances he was obliged to cancel his engagement.

The story of Russia is a very tragic and important factor in European history. The enormous extent of the country, its unlimited resources and great diversity of climate together with its vast population of unawakened peoples make a future possibility in its problems which will vitally affect the entire world.

Professor Dennis tells his impressions of conditions in Russia in a very concise and illuminating manner.

### **Saturday, March 29**

Lake breakfast and delightful visit with the Welds. Then to city – to City Club where the “Round Table” met. Dr Owen spoke on the Problem-Project method. Had lunch there, Dr. Cook & Mr. Bright among the number. Shopped at Pilgrim Press, Fields & Vaughn’s. Home at 4:21.

Great effort apparent by Mayor Thompson’s forces to secure his re-election.

Mr Clow called this evening

R R. .29 + .10 + 11; lunch .75; tooth paste .39; seeds 2.10;

### **Sunday, March 30**

Clocks forward – one hour!!

Gray. Threatening. Slight rainfall in night. - - Snow flakes at evening. Colder.

At home all morning. Spent afternoon with Mr. & Mrs John Bley who met me at Ft Sheridan R R station shortly before three. We walked over the Sweeney estate and down into the Skokie. Cold, but had a fine time. Great display of skunk cabbage. Home by 6:00.

Called on H.R. Smith to get some garden dope of him this evening.

Trolley .10;

### **Monday, March 31**

Cold. Sleety granules. Clouds broke away towards evening. Sunset propitious.

Miss Maxwell unable to be here. Miss Fargo doubled up her work & she & Miss Behrens held the fort.

This evening at school & taught men’s class – foreigners. Mrs Fitt with me & helping

### **Tuesday, April 1**

Very cool; but clear. Sun shone cheerfully. Grass growing green. Elms blooming.

4B’s had a soil trip with me. 8A’s studied meaning of town election.

Opened b’ld’g this evening for classes of adult women foreigners. Mrs Fitt, Mrs Tremaine & Miss Chandler worked with them.

Barber 1.25;

### **Wednesday, April 2**

Milder today but a heavy frost last night. Gray later in day & sprinkle after 8:00 P.M.

Mrs Marshall helped today as yesterday in Miss Maxwell’s room

Worked hard today to clear up office work. Heard two classes.

Conferred with Joe Genest about feasibility of letting his son Arthur – freshman at H-S, have a working certificate. - - - Met a foreman from Cyclone Fence Co. and planned setting fence around two sides of ball ground. - - - Aud Soc. at City Club, this evening. Pattee and I came away in time to catch the 9:10.

R.R. .58 + .10;

### **Thursday, April 3**

Gray. April like – light showers.

5th & 6th grades re-set 14 flats of tomato plants today Science in 7B & 7A.

This evening I went out to the Ridge (country) school in Mr Wright's district and gave them a bird and flower talk. Used the I.A. Soc. lantern. Enjoyable time.

### **Friday, April 4**

Mild. Gray much of time.

Men began to set up enclosure for play grounds. – Bidamon, foreman.

Oversaw much plant house work.

Heard two fifty minute classes this A.M.

Movies very successful as to subjects today.

Meeting for community house in Aud this evening. Speaker Director J W F Davies, director of Community House at Winnetka. Used lantern slides. Good talk. Small house. Munro spoke a few minutes afterward

### **Saturday, April 5**

A very Spring day ending in a sprinkle late in the evening.

At school – I inspected Bidamon's work in erecting the playground screen; watered plants, etc; made out & sent away fruit tree order to Onarga Nursery Co; made out movie accounts; wrote a long letter to Mr. Deane.

Visited Green Bay nursery & planned distribution of its young trees, etc. Called at Bahr's three times. Went down Glencoe Ave & measured off some garden lots, planning one for myself. Conferred with Mrs Copp. Made some more garden at home – 2 rows onion sets; one of onion seeds; one each of radishes & lettuce; two of beets. Sifted ashes and spread on garden.

Barber .25; bananas .45;

### **Sunday, April 6**

Fine growing day with a lively warm shower late afternoon – thunder all around but in the distance.

I spent an hour or more in the woods off South Sheridan Road & at Central Park before church. Then communion service at church.

At four this afternoon I wheeled out W. Park Ave. & spent some time along the thicket bordering the R.R – west side of tracks. Approaching storm sent me in but I was pelted before I got home.

Willow catkins a beautiful sight. Bees absorbed in extracting the pollen Golden-crowns, phoebes, fox - & song sparrows, m. larks, bluebirds, red-wings, etc.

### **Monday, April 7**

Fine day on the whole Sudden rain storm after 9:00 P.M.

A busy day. Two science lessons. – Call from Mr. Keagle, new minister at Unit. Evang. Church.

Annual dinner at Presb. Church this evening. I sat down to dinner (with M. & Kittie) but had only 15 minutes because I had to meet my class of Italians at Elm Place. Nine present. Afterwards I went back to the church & was present at election of officers

### **Tuesday, April 8**

Beautiful day. Off at 7:15. Left copies of petitions for nomination of Mr Metzel for Pres't & Greenslade & Mann for members at St. Peter's & with Geo. Jones. On my wheel led way out to swampy second growth woods (Muzik) in Skokie. Koller & his team & 3 workmen. Got a load of aspens, gray & red o. dogwood, hoary viburnum, nannyberry, crab, haw, hazelnut, willow, etc. Then had men set out these on school grounds.

Zinnias, asters, & marigolds planted by 8A's. - - Mrs Green & I had conference today - - - Lewis Fernandez, Phillipino boy, former pupil, called to confer with me about getting a clerical job somewhere - - This evening Geo. Green ran off for us as an audience of teachers the movie films made of our school last year.

### **Wednesday, April 9**

Brisk showers at intervals. Not cold.

Scarlet maples in full blossom.

Elsie Lindbergh, 2A teacher, notified me this A.M. that she had been married last evening. I asked her to remain until I could get her successor. Am mortified to have a fly-by-night performance like that. She "bagged" a soldier.

My workmen continued to set out shrubbery.

Mrs Millard came to look over things with me.

6A's gave delightful dramatization of Courtship of M.S. before 6B's & 7's - 8's this A.M.

Agent for Burton Holmes Travelogues took up a half hour of my time this (late) afternoon.

### **Thursday, April 10**

A few showers. Cleared. High winds after night.

Kept two workmen going making paths, etc. Had Koller haul tree butts from Green Bay Grounds to Elm Pl. to make support for ravine slopes.

Mrs Humphrey & Miss Moulton called to arrange for use of aud. for dancing lessons.

I went down to Evanston after school to consult Mr. Kingsley about a teacher to succeed Miss Lindbergh (Mrs Harold Heffner).

R.R. .48 (Dist 107);

### **Friday, April 11**

Gray. Light shower after night.

Very busy - Mr Mann spent some time with me & we went over the Green Bay property together - - Some boys with a delivery wagon went with me there later to bring away some small trees - - Kept three workmen going fixing up paths & embankments - - Pupils finished transplanting tomatoes. - - Planted zinnias and more asters. - - Ran three movie shows. 2:30 - & 7:30. Special feature the two reels showing (1) our dramatization last May of the old fashioned district school, and (2) Elm Place School in full action. Charged 10¢ & 15¢. Took in 88<sup>00</sup> or so.

### **Saturday, April 12**

A gray day. Showers this afternoon.

Errands at school - then took 10:38 for Chicago. To Schantz' office for a while. To Mrs Jewett's cafeteria where I talked over things with her. To Fields - shopping, then to the Grill Room where Cook Co. Supt's met for luncheon, etc. Talk was about legislation and about formation of a "Lake Shore Division" of I.S.T. Ass'n - - -

To McClurg's to select sample set of Nature Books To Anderson, the Tailor. To Vaughns for seeds. Home on 5:50, visiting with Mr. Parrett on the way. At school desk awhile this evening.

Seeds, etc for Dist 107 – 1<sup>30</sup>;

R.R. .58 + ; luncheon .95; garters .50; belt 1<sup>00</sup>; cuff buttons 1<sup>25</sup>; barber .25; ice cream .15;

### **Sunday, April 13**

Palm Sunday

Beautiful day.

Did not go to church. This afternoon went up to the Sixth Ravine and “loafed.” Hepaticas still beautiful but will soon be spent. Wood anemones beginning to appear. Hermit thrushes here for a week or more Fox sparrows linger.

Mr Metzel picked me up on my homeward way.

Trolley .10;

### **Monday, April 14**

Rainy much of the day.

A busy one. School Board this evening. Important financial report of Sec. Greenslade showed that we are running behind badly. Debated dropping special studies. Considered calling an election to put before the people the proposition to take advantage of the new Hicks law, permitting a raise in school revenues from three to four percent.

### **Tuesday, April 15**

Misting or raining nearly all day.

Newton Maechtle – 13 years – buried today (diabetes). Misses Cramer & Clara White and I attended the preliminary service at the house.

Some of the boys filled our frames with green manure this afternoon after school. Temp. was 100° or more.

Gave three groups a lesson on cutting limbs off of trees and treating cut surfaces.

Talked up in various rooms the matter of a cat census in H.P. Children are collecting flower pots for the school - - Getting all pupils to prepare some nature study stunt for Friday & certain ones for tomorrow's P.T.A. exercise.

At school this evening clearing up bills, etc.

### **Wednesday, April 16**

Drizzle again all day.

P.T.A this afternoon Our pupils read or talked off garden notes, bird data, etc The 8A's advertised their campaign against the Fly.

My strawberries and nursery stock came but I left it unopened.

Went to Chi. on 4:58. To Art Inst. to dinner of Friends of O. N. Fine time Dr Cowles & Mr Rosenfeld displayed slides. Dr C. talked about vegetation of Monterey Peninsula.

R.R. .58 + .05; dinner 1.00; shine .20.

### **Thursday, April 17**

Drizzle – ditto

Distributed fruit trees today. Did many other things.

### **Friday, April 18**

Sunny day. Cheery

Very busy one. Had the rooms visit and entertain one another the first hour. Then I took a group over to our nursery after some fruit trees and two red cedars. Then I entertained Miss Wolcott & Miss Slack of



Racine, the former applicant for a position. - - After lunch I continued distribution of fruit trees Then took 8B's out to plant one linden, three h.b. cranberries, & two v. cassinoides. - - Then movies. - - Then to City Hall to a conf. on good health week.

Too fagged to go out this evening

### **Saturday, April 19**

Fine day. Did not go to Chic. Missed lecture before Aud Soc. by Jack Miner.

Worked at plant house affairs some in the A.M. School election in the afternoon. 16 votes. Greenslade, Mann & Metzel re-elected Long conf. with Mrs Millard over school affairs.

Met Miss Sternburg of Decatur who wishes a position here. Spent some time with her

Planted parsnips and some more beets this evening.

Re-set some onion plants at school.

At school again this P.M

Barber .60;

### **Sunday, April 20**

Easter

Threatening early but cleared. Cooler.

To Presb. Church. Excellent sermon by Mr Fitt.

This P.M. a fine nap. — Then took a taxi beyond Deerfield. Walked rest of way to Des P R. Couldn't get to Billie Folsom's shack because of the deep water Walked back after a delightful loiter in the fields. East of Deerfield was picked up by Bob. Greenslade's auto & home.

Church .50.

### **Monday, April 21**

Fine day.

I find that many of my tomatoes set in flats in the cold frames look sick — Perhaps sun burnt or what?

For morning exercises we had a program made up of representatives from the several rooms — a nature program.

The 8A's gave the Anti-Fly lecture with lantern slides, three times — to Annex, to lower rooms — to upper rooms.

Board meeting this evening. Decided upon increases from \$200 to \$250. A long meeting — running nearly to 11:00.

Bicycle repairs 1<sup>00</sup>; ice cream .30

### **Tuesday, April 22**

Another fine day

Spent morning with 7A's & Mr Marshall in out-door tree surgery.

Teachers meeting this afternoon. Finished Hall-Quest's Supervised Study.

Went to Glencoe during afternoon to get data from Mr Rowell about school election, etc. Mr R. not at home

This evening staked off my garden reservation on So Glencoe Ave.

Dist 107 — R.R. .20

### **Wednesday, April 23**

A thunder storm early this morning and a rain which flooded the landscape. Lightning splintered the steeple of the old Catholic Church building.

Started re-setting tomato plants in pots.  
Did much office work.  
Worked on notes of suggested activities for the Geog. Soc.  
Groceries 2.12; wrist bands .15;

[Among the Jesse Lowe Smith papers in the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library is an undated, typed manuscript entitled "Memorandum relating to certain activities of the Geographic Society of Chicago." It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Memorandum relating to  
certain activities of the Geographic Society of Chicago.

At various times the Board of Directors of the Geographic Society or committees appointed by it have given special attention to the problem of the expansion of the activities of the Society. The last special committee I recall appointed for that purpose was named by Prof. Salisbury in 1911. The members were Professors Grant and Baber and the writer, and suggestions submitted to it for consideration had to do with departments of reference, of instruction, of research, etc. I have not at hand a copy of its final report and do not recall what constructive work was the outcome of its activities, but I do believe that the idea of having a standing (and functioning) committee charged with the consideration of the problem of the expansion of activities of our Society and expected to report at definite intervals to the Board of Directors if not to the Society itself is a good one and I further believe that its careful consideration should now be taken up by the Board of Directors with as little delay as possible. I do not favor the appointment of such a committee, however, until the entire directorate shall have considered both in a general way and in as much detail as possible the scope of its proposed activities and shall have prepared itself to assist the committee intelligently in its work.

We shall want on this committee members who are not only in a strategic position to further a program of expansion but who will give a great deal of time and energy to that task. In a friendly and confidential way, I think we are agreed that most of the committee work of our Society is more or less perfunctory, and that if the penalty for service of that sort were stoning at the hands of those who served efficiently, there would not be many of the Directors entitled to heave a stone. Now I hold that the present moment is peculiarly opportune to work for expansion of the activities of our Society and as we can not afford to go about this in a perfunctory way, I favor the enlistment of all the Directors as a temporary (but efficient) committee-of-the-whole to consider for a while the outlines, at least, of a comprehensive program. In the course of consideration of the problem by this committee-of-the-whole, some of our Directors may find the problem so interesting that they will enlist on a special committee for a real "drive" with whatever that entails, and we may discover members of our Society outside of the Board of Directors equally capable and also willing to serve on this special committee on constructive work.

Suggestions for a Program of Activities

As a member of the proposed committee-on-the-whole, therefore, I take the liberty of presenting some suggestions for a program of activities, these in part to embody freely suggestions that have at other times been brought up by various members of the Board. The program I have in mind presuppose, in part, financial resources greatly in excess of our present resources and indeed assumes that the special committee we may create will at once lay plans for a working endowment of steadily increasing proportions. Our income from membership fees might well be reserved in its entirety even now for the running expenses of the Society, secretary's salary and other administrative expenses, lectures, excursions, etc., and expenses of publications and other undertakings to be referred to later met from the endowment fund-to-be. We cannot hope to occupy the field that is peculiarly our own as the only geographic society west of the Alleghenies without a liberal endowment. Even with greatly increased membership we can by the aid of membership fees alone only strengthen here and there our present

activities. Other activities we should all be proud to undertake, activities our very strategic position forces upon our attention, we can undertake only as we secure such an endowment as, for example, that of the American Geographical Society of New York.

As to a Paid Secretary.

I favor the appointment at the present time of a paid secretary for part time activity and the opening up of an office for the Geographic Society. Perhaps we can find a competent high-school or college man who can give his time on Saturdays and from 3 to 6 on the afternoons of other week days and be satisfied with the modest salary we can afford to allot to him. He could serve as executive secretary of each of our standing committees and see that each functions appreciably. He could study and plan our excursion programs and lead some of the excursions. He could get out a monthly news and announcement bulletin. He would assemble our books and other belongings and begin to collect other geographic material. Ultimately we should have a full-time secretary with the title of director and editor of publications. This position might well attract men of creative scholarship and qualities of leadership and rank in educational importance with that of the headship of a department in our Universities.

As to Publications

The following bulletins have been issued:

Bulletin No.1. The Geography of Chicago and Its Environs. Salisbury and Alden, 1899.

Bulletin No.2. The Plant Societies of Chicago and Vicinity. Cowles, 1901.

Bulletin No.3. Lantern Illustrations for the Teaching of Meteorology. Cox, Goode, and others. 1906.

Bulletin No.4. The Weather of Chicago. Cox and Armington. 1914.  
Bulletin No.5. Animal Communities in Temperate America as Illustrated in the Chicago Region. Shelford. 1914.

Bulletin No.6. Starved Rock. Sauer, Cady, and Cowles. 1919.  
Excursion Bulletin No.1. The River and Harbors of Chicago. 1905 and 1911.

Excursion Bulletin No.2. The Rock River between Rockford and Dixon. Blount. 1911.

Excursion Bulletin No.3. Stony Island. Baber. 1915.

It will be seen that the Society has published only seven bulletins in the twenty two years of its existence. In that time at least two bulletins have been prepared by active members of the Society and published by the Illinois State Geological Survey which should have been issued by the Geographic Society. These are The Physical Geography of the Evanston-Waukegan Region by Atwood and Goldthwait (1908) and The Physical Features of The DesPlaines Valley by Goldthwait (1909).

With an adequate publication fund our Society might have specialists at its service to carry out the definite program outlined at the very founding of the Society twenty two years ago. We could grant an author five hundred dollars to prepare a bulletin and a royalty on sales besides and even increase the grant generously where extended research was necessary. Then we could fix a nominal price for the sale of bulletins at, say fifty cents or one dollar, and meet the deficit from our publication fund.

A partial list of subjects for bulletins is ventured:

The Valparaiso Moraine.

The Ecological Relations of the Flora of the Sand Dunes of Lake Michigan.

The Succession of Plant Societies in the Lake Michigan Basin.

A Monograph on Lake Michigan (History of its basin, shore lines, raised beaches, etc. Tributaries. Shore drift, levels, dunes. Fisheries. Commerce, etc.)  
The Story of the Great Lakes.  
The Chicago River.  
Geographic Factors in Growth of Chicago.  
Significant Factors in Industrial Development of the South Shore.  
Sketch of Natural History of Chicago Area.  
Forest Preserves.  
The Fox River Valley.  
The Rock River Valley.  
The Kaneville Esker & Other Eskers of Northern Illinois.  
The Flora of the Chicago Area with a Check List.

For each excursion, as a rule, a printed outline or bulletin of descriptive matter should be prepared beforehand and distributed in advance of the excursion. This it would be the task of the secretary and the excursion leader to prepare. Some of these excursion outlines or bulletins would doubtless be only of passing interest but others would be of permanent value either in themselves or as a sort of rough draft for a more extended treatment of the area under observation. In this way excursion bulletins might grow into standard bulletins of reference. I find that even people not familiar with the work of our Society have discovered and are using our little Excursion Bulletin No.2, published in 1911 preliminary to an excursion to the Rock River country on Oct.27-28 of that year. It seems to be the only available guide to the area treated which is accurate and attractive in style. This illustrates the value of excursion bulletins.

#### As to Material Equipment.

The Society should have a permanent home of its own with an adequate auditorium, etc. Here would be the secretary's office and information bureau consulted by newspapers and magazines, students, specialists, and the public in general. Here would be a great library of description and travel and a comprehensive catalogue guide to exhibits in museums and art galleries of Chicago to supplement specific book references. Here would be copies of all available maps and atlases of significance. There would be large collections of photographs procured in part by purchase and also from the activities of our own members whose significant photographic mementos of travel would find a valued place here. Here, too, would be great loan collections of lantern slides and of motion picture reels making easy a graphic study of characteristic activities of a great city.

Chicago has a great museum of natural history. There is no more appropriate place than Chicago for another museum, a museum of industrial history. Perhaps the Geographic Society of Chicago could have a part in bringing into existence such an institution and in so doing find a local habitation as well as a name. However that might be, it is true that the Geographic Society has never committed itself to a big enterprise nor given our citizens a chance to finance it. Is it not time now to commit ourselves to the enterprise?

It might be possible to find among our membership some who would assume the entire expense of issuing a bulletin. They should be given a chance. With this method of financing, several bulletins might be under way at the same time. The check list of the plants of the Chicago area upon which Dr. Pepon has been working for a number of years would doubtless be at our disposal. If this could be issued after editorial revision and additions by Prof. Cowles and Dr. Coulter as an enterprise of our Society, we would be credited with a service of signal value to Chicago and the middle west. As a by-product of this enterprise might come an illustrated guide to characteristic flora of the Chicago area which would interest a very large clientele in and far beyond the area.

#### As to Excursions

It would be a good investment to set aside each year a generous sum for this work. Then in addition to excursions designed simply as enjoyable outings there could be series of excursions planned to meet the needs of those wishing help in interpreting the various types of landscape in our area. Bulletins 1,2,5 and 6 and the two Bulletins of the Illinois Geological Survey above referred to would thus be the texts for excursions, some of a day's duration, some of only a half day, practically all of which would be as interesting to our members not engaged in teaching as to teachers themselves. A competent lecturer should be employed to conduct these field excursions. We should have automobile excursions to meet the needs of the increasing number of our members who go afield in that way. We should make it profitable for specialists to accompany our excursions to Starved Rock, to the Galena area, The Dalles of the Wisconsin, the Appalachians, our National Parks, etc.

Our Chicago River excursion should be an annual affair to the end that we do our part in arousing interest in the river for its usefulness not only for carrying commerce but as an ornament to the city. We should offer our members and their families a two weeks' cruise on the Great Lakes with specialists to direct the itinerary.

#### **Thursday, April 24**

Cleared by strong, cold winds blew today.

Pupils had a perfect orgy today of potting tomato plants. Used the east wing of the aud. and filled all our pots available (small ones) and used some flats besides

Worked some this evening on a letter to Mrs Wheelock.

Learned of "Tad" Vandolah's death which occurred yesterday! He spent a day with us during the "flu" epidemic.

#### **Friday, April 25**

Heavy frost. Ice in exposed places. My beets & seed onions are up, my two plantings of lettuce & radishes conspicuous, but these did not seem hurt by the cold. Warmed up some but the wind almost biting.

Gave three bird and flower talks, meeting all the pupils today

Directed some planting of bittersweet, high bush cranberries, & prairie roses.

Sold off about all our stock of trees.

Movies at 3:45.

Worked with Miss Nora at school this evening.

#### **Saturday, April 26**

Fine day but cool. Again a severe frost.

To city on 9:20. Took some lantern slides to Schantz. To City Club to see about luncheon arrangements. To Steinway Hall to McClintock's lecture – the second of the Audubon series. Fine. Visited with McC, Gault, Deane, Schantz, et. al. To City Club for luncheon with the group – Round Table – that had been in session with Owen as speaker.

Afterwards went with Mr. Gilbert over to McClurg's. Then to Von Lengercke's for shoes, etc; Sweet Wallach & to Vaughn's. Home at 4:40. Went to my new garden on Ridgeway Drive & burned over some piles of weeds. Koller came & plowed it for me. Late supper & more garden work at the house. Then at my desk a while at school.

R.R. .58 + .10; lunch .75; camera repairs 1.25; plates 1.10; shoes 7<sup>00</sup>; leggings 2<sup>00</sup>; Vaughn's 1.85

#### **Sunday, April 27**

Threatening A.M. Drizzle late afternoon turning into decided rain & thus into the night.

Bolted church. Slept and read.

Langdon appeared about 3:30 and I showed him around H.P. until the 5:40 train.

### **Monday, April 28**

Clearing: Cold. Strong winds.

At school much of day. Wrote a barberry article for the H.P. Press. Revised a letter to Mrs Wheelock. Wrote letters to teachers. Spent part of this evening at Mr Metzel's talking over school affairs. Mr & Mrs Watkins there at the time.

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, April 29**

Clear. A little warmer

To Chic. on 9:19. To Remington's for ribbon. To Albert Agency to confer with Miss Smith about teachers. Spent a half hour on Mich. Ave. studying & admiring the beautiful Victory Loan decorations & watching the aeroplanes evolving. Then to McClurg's for a book. Vaughan's for seeds. Home at 2:34. Went down to Howard Smith's to funeral of Grace, one of our little 4B girls. Then to school house to confer with the janitors. Wrote some letters. Early supper & caught 6:39 for Racine. Spent delightful hour or so with Miss Gertrude Shaw, her mother, & brother & his wife. No hotel acc. available so came home. Here by 11:30

Dist 107 – Chic trip 1<sup>00</sup> My share .20; Racine trip 2.14;

Potatoes .75 Nasturt .45 Watch chain 1<sup>50</sup>

### **Wednesday, April 30**

Gray & threatening. Rained a little after nine this A.M.

I planted first thing this A.M. two rows of spinach & a long row of nasturtiums. Then I set out the tigrdias. Then at school until noon. Sprayed tomato plants with nitrate of soda solution.

Sundry home errands after lunch and a nap. Again at school for a while.

After supper went to office with a discharged soldier to look up the name of Huffmaster, his sister's husband. To no avail. Loaned the man \$10<sup>00</sup> to get him to Princeton.

Barber .25; bread .15; ice cream .30;

### **Thursday, May 1**

Heavy rains in progress at daybreak continued most of the day.

Took 5:20 for Chic & caught 6:50 for Geneva. Visited schools in the morning. Recall the work of Miss Adele Swanson in the smaller b'ld'g. Nice visit with Supt Coletrap

At noon took trolley for St Charles. Visited West School in the afternoon. Like the work of Ethel Pritchard and Miss Cole. Did not see Miss Wagner's work but liked her appearance. - - - Chas Davis came for me in his machine and took me to his house where I visited with Miss Alice and the folks for two hours. Then I took the trolley for Aurora and went to bed at the Aurora House – a fine hotel

All the countryside wet & getting wetter.

R.R. 30 + 1.16; breakfast .45; R R. .[5?]8 + .33 + .46; lunch .50. Hotel 4.50.

### **Friday, May 2**

Clear. Slept late. Lollled around & read. Then took 11:00 trolley for DeKalb with Colwell, Stoops, Miss Keith, McDowell, Storm. Fine trip over. Note: Bliss' Woods about 8 miles west of Aurora are in the kame belt.

Went to Glidden House. Attended afternoon program but was called out by Dr Cook to meet H.S. Dixon & Ed Vail of Dixon who talked over their school situation and invited me to visit them tomorrow & see whether I would care to be candidate for Supt there.

After afternoon session we had a banquet of members of Round Table and others at which Dr Cook & Mr Orville Bright made appropriate remarks. After an early evening session we attended an exc. program of plays given by the Junior class

Barber .45; trolley .60; dues 1.00; banquet .50; play .50; hotel 2.00

#### At DeKalb

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the conference. The general topic for all sessions was The Problem-Project Method of Instruction. Pasted to the following page is a clipping of the playbill for "An Evening of French Farces" presented by the Junior Class N.I.S.N.S. — ed.]

### Saturday, May 3

Heavy rain in night and continuing until noon.

Took 9:04 for Dixon. Went to Mr H.S. Dixon's law office and then to office of the bank where I met all the Board and talked over the situation. Lunch with Mr. D. at Nachusa Inn. Fine time.

Took 1:28 back for DeKalb. Visited at Normal School Bldg. Visit with F.K. Balthis, landscape man. Saw the Maypole dances of the students

Took 5:25 for Chic. Visited all the way in with Harry & Mrs Gillett — a delightful visit - - Went over into loop a while to see the beautiful spectacle of illuminations on Mich. Ave.

R.R. 2.52 + 1.26 + .29 + .10; supper .60;

#### At Dixon

### Sunday, May 4

Heavy thunderstorm and downpour in night and until morning. Everything afloat.

Did not go to church. Slept much. Walked down to Stipe's Woods & the Skokie late in the afternoon. Saw King rail, sora, Gt. Am Bittern, Summer yellow, b&w creeping, ovenbird, mud hen, etc. Trilliums commencing to bloom.

### Monday, May 5

Gray. Cooler. Still threatening.

Received Ethel Pritchard's acceptance of 2nd grade position for \$1000.

Much desk work this A.M. This P.M. had a fine science lesson with 8B's.

Several new pupils including a colored boy — the first in many years.

Helped at night school this evening.

Onions from our own garden now.

### Tuesday, May 6

First day with drying winds of the season. Sultry towards evening then rain began about nine P.M.

6B's & 6A's reset many of our tomato plants today.

Our 8A's gave their "fly lecture" at the Business Men's Ass'n this evening.

Board meeting this evening to authorize the call for an election on May 17 to vote on increasing our school revenue from 3 to 4%.

The Board held a session in my absence and raised my salary to \$4000<sup>00</sup>!!

Miss Davis and the Misses Behrens visited with our folks this evening.

Dist 107 — 1.20 — carfare for boys — slides.

### **Wednesday, May 7**

The showers of last evening cleared away and we had a beautiful day - - After 4:30 this evening I went down to my extra garden site & found a long lagoon in the dead furrow, but this I channelled out with a hoe. - -

Much desk work. Mr Metzel and I got his letter to the public ready and sent it in to the Press. I also finished my weekly stipend of Out Door Notes for the Press.

Went in to Illinois Aud. Soc. meet. this evening. Various publicity schemes discussed  
R.R. .58 + .10;

### **Thursday, May 8**

Gray & cool – finally slight showers Clearing late in day.

5B's had a tomato stunt. Nearly all re-set now. I let Mrs Schendorf have 24 plants in 2 inch pots

Gave garden talks ~~and~~ in 6th – 7th - & 8th.

Notices for election for revenue were put up by my pupils today.

Miss Laura Muhlke ate with us at noon today.

Bread .15

### **Friday, May 9**

Clear and cool. Ground began to dry off.

Miss Esther Newberry of River Forest called to confer with me about a 2nd grade position.

Showed two Ford reels today – (1) Carborundum, and (2) The City of Philadelphia. No charge.

Just grades 6 – 7 - & 8.

Made two trips to my garden plot and cut a channel with a hoe to drain water out of the furrow.

Finished lawn mowing which I began yesterday.

### **Saturday, May 10**

A fine day. One of hard physical labor.

At school I handled flats and flower pots, watered plants, etc

At home sifted ashes and hoed in the garden.

Koller harrowed a part of my new garden and I began to plant about 4:30 P.M. Ground was frightfully hard to work. I had to spade out furrows for potatoes.

Planted 9 – 25 ft. rows of White Rose and 11 – 25 ft rows of Early Ohio potatoes

One double row – 25 ft. – of Telephone peas

One do. of Gradus

I was completely exhausted when I finished at 8:40 P.M. - - - by moonlight

### **Sunday, May 11**

Beautiful day. No fire in the house.

Too stiff & sore to enjoy a tramp. Lollid on the bed nearly all day.

Took care of the plants at school – an hour's work watering them.

The flats I set in the additional cold frame looked all right today.

Kittie went up to the Y. Hut at Ft. Sheridan this afternoon to help entertain – this being Mother's

Day

### **Monday, May 12**

A fine day with a hazy ending.



Miss Florence Fake of 5634 Blackstone Ave., recommended by Harry Gillett, called to apply for a 2nd grade place.

Miss Boswell visited us today. I had a caucus with her over the situation in the DeKalb Normal.

Took 23 – 4A's on trip to Waukegan this afternoon. Misses Stine, Parks, & Boswell went along. Great trip. Mr Kern, Game & Fish Warden, showed us around the fish docks. We found a fine freighter, the Joshua Rhodes unloading her cargo of 7200 T of hard coal. There were 15000 barrels of salt at the salt dock, etc.

At desk awhile this evening.

## **Tuesday, May 13**

Another fine day. Still a little cool.

Ugolini worked at setting up some playground apparatus for us. Mrs Millard superintended this. B.E. Nelson, formerly Supt of S. at Racine, called to press the merits of Keystone slides. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ rep. D C Merrill & Co. called. A photog. by name of Hauch asked & got permission to photo the rooms. - - - Held court over a fight between Alfred Lighthall and Earl McGath. - - Other troubles - - This evening spaded up some more of the home garden. Planted another row of Icicle radishes. - - Parsnips now showing plainly.

Bicyc. repairs .20; rake .10;

## **Wednesday, May 14**

Warmer. Hazy. Then warm showers with some severe thunder after 4:30 P.M.

Had Koller plow up Glencoe Ave. lots – 100 x 200. Expect to turn most of this over to persons wanting a garden.

Boosted garden clubs today. Grades 5 – 8 elected each a capt, 1st & 2nd lieut., and the insignia were distributed, etc.

Judge Perry L. Persons of Wauk. addressed our P.T.A. on work of juvenile court. Valuable talk.

I worked on notes of a talk to be given at Western Springs tomorrow evening.

Groceries .40;

## **Thursday, May 15**

Western Springs

A hard day's work. Then I left on 5:50 for W. Spr. to talk before the P.T.A. on school expenditures. Got there late – 8:30 Mr. Jno Laidlaw of A.S. Barnes & Co, 1922 Calumet Ave, presided. I rubbed it in hard on the subject of school expenditure. Came away in a heavy rain.

Rained a deluge late in the night.

R.R. .60 + .70; supper .55

## **Friday, May 16**

Plant house & other activities. Science lesson in [7A?]'s.

## **Saturday, May 17**

Election 73 to 6.

Much plant house work this A.M. Fine day.

Election from 2 to 5:30 this afternoon. Albert Larson and Mrs Jas Duffy clerk & judge. I was sworn in as judge, also. Hard to get people to vote. Proposition authorizes board to increase its levy to 4% - Present rate is 3%.

Mowed yard after supper. Too wet to work garden.

Bread .15; barber 1.00.

**Sunday, May 18**

Fine day. Felt unrested.

Took 4 photog. of robins & young on post between school grounds & Dr Hamilton's. Developed this evening.

Mr. Langdon came out and we went over Audubon affairs late this afternoon.

**Monday, May 19**

Very busy day.

Got stack of letters off. Taught science lesson or two.

Went down to my Glencoe Ave. "farm" and allotted part to Decimo, Cimbalo, & Robt Wilson.

Took over a piece myself and planted a row of Bantam Evergreen Corn.

**Tuesday, May 20**

Windy. Sunny and then threatening.

Children brot over 150 four inch pots & we reset tomato plants into them.

Teachers meeting this afternoon. Talked over the new Lake Shore Division & census taking & other topics.

Nida called me up today and notified me that I am to be chosen first President of the new Division.

Planted 2 rows of Stringless Green Pod beans this evening & set out Mother's gladioli.

**Wednesday, May 21**

Rained in the night and drizzled now and then today.

Gave science lessons in 7B – 8B – 6B.

Mr Marshall & I got up a temporary frame to set in the hall archway on the second floor – to try out a scheme for setting up a copy of The Frieze of the Prophets

Edith came today from Gary

At school desk for a time this evening.

**Thursday, May 22**

Gradually cleared during the day but it had rained some in the night.

Visited Mr Rowell this A M. and compared notes as to teachers.

This afternoon took 2:23 for Chic. To McIntosh's for carbons; Spalding's for a ball; Vaughan's for cabbage plants. To Directors' meeting of Geog. Soc. - - Lively but worth while session

Home on 8:37

Dist 107 – Ball 1<sup>00</sup>; carbons .60

R.R. .60 + .10; supper .75; cabbage plants .60

**Friday, May 23**

Very busy morning. Among other things distributed 400 Prog. Everb. strawberry plants

12:56 for Chic. to attend organiz. of "Lake Shore Division" of State Teachers' Assn. Those of us in Cook & Lake Co. organize this Div. & withdraw from the N.E. Div – our purpose being to invite Chic. teachers to go in with us if they do not like the Chic Division Met at Wendell Phillips H.S. Addresses by Moore, Chadsey & Owen. Then those of us from outside withdrew to another room & organized the Division by ourselves to insure a constitution which would prevent Chic. members overwhelming us. Miss Eliz. Haley & one other of her friends got in & caused some trouble, but we voted them down. I presided & was elected first Pres of the Division –

R.R. .60 + .12; supper .50; shine .20; membership 1.00;

**Saturday, May 24**

At the Dunes

A beautiful day. Left on 7:13 for Chic. & went down to 63rd St. Station to round up members of Geog. Soc. making start from there on the 9:33. Main body of party got on at Randolph. Mr. Winslow was business manager

Nat. Study Soc. & Wild Flower Preserv. Soc. of Chic. also on train but got off at Mineral Springs.

We got off at Port Chester – 78 of us. Millard & Lewton in the party. Lunch along Fort River. Then climbed Mt Tom & came down into valley of the “river” again. Went home on the 3:50. I stayed behind at the Wilson’s after visiting a half hour or so with the Pattees & their friends – Mrs & Miss Semple. – I had a great visit with the Wilson family & the Crums, their cottage neighbors. Laddie & Margie took me into Port Chester to catch Lake Shore 8:50. Home at 12:06 Expenses paid as excursion leader

**Sunday, May 25**

Ideal day.

To church with Mother. Clarence D. came this A.M. & he & Edith went home this afternoon.

Loafed at home most of day.

The Clows visited us this evening

**Monday, May 26**

Fine day. Hazy.

Wild crab beginning to open. Hawthornes – the earlier ones – open.

Miss Crane not here today. Doing extra work at Glencoe.

Mr Silber’s nephew, a Mr Cahn, gave bird talks to two groups of pupils – 5 – 8 and 3 – 4 this A.M. He has some very fine slides and talks well.

The Thursday Evening Club had a picnic to the Des Plaines this afternoon & evening, I in charge. Took Exmoor bus & one of Ringdahl’s horse buses to carry 32 & Rothacher bro’t 4 in his car. Made our headquarters at Mr Folsom’s shack. Built a fire out of doors for coffee. A fine time. Tagged for Presb. House – 1<sup>00</sup>

**Tuesday, May 27**

Another fine day.

The engineer and the two janitors set out in nursery fashion 27 red maples, etc. in our Green Bay gardens and some diervilla & aronia, a belated shipment from Meehan & Son

Distributed over half of our tomato plants. A big job.

Dug up my tomato patch this evening and set out 16 John Baer plants and 6 Beauty plants, the latter sent me by Fred K. Balthis of DeKalb.

Miss \_\_\_\_\_, principal of Dixon H.S. visited Miss Davis & us today.

**Wednesday, May 28**

Another.

Spent three quarters of an hour trying to photograph a bluebird on the Pingrey lawn.

Miss Davis and the 6th’s, 7th’s & 8B’s prepared our bean patch for planting & got most of the planting done. A fine piece of work.

I had Bartoli take hose over to G.B. garden and wet down the new stock of trees & shrubbery Gave out nearly all the remaining supply of tomato plants today.

5th graders & I planted 12 – 4 ft. square plots of grains, etc today in the Ritter garden across the street.

This evening Misses Guiney, Davis, Grunewald, & Mrs Taylor and I met to talk over eighth graders.  
Dist 107 – tags .40  
Barber .25;

### **Thursday, May 29**

Another beautiful day.  
Distributed last of tomato plants. - - 3rd & 4th graders planted in the Ritter garden. Upper grades finished our bean planting.  
Memorial Day exercises this afternoon. 7A's, & 8B's, & 8A's furnished program I showed the usual lantern slides.  
Mr. Davis and I set the plants in the urns on the parapet of the Annex terrace.  
I set out 20 zinnias and 12 asters at home.  
Mr. Bartoli was knocked over by an auto last evening and cut about the head. He was at school a little while today but unable to work.

### **Friday, May 30**

#### **Decoration Day**

Worked in my new garden nearly all morning. A hot day and the work nearly wore me out.  
Planted one more row of Bantam-Evergreen and five rows of Stowell's Evergreen.  
Mowed my yard late this afternoon  
Ice cream .30 + .06.

### **Saturday, May 31**

To Chic. on 8:09. Shopped at Vaughan's & Fields & Mandel's. Visited with Langdon at Schantz' office. Got my suit at Anderson's & left it on the train (the 1:50) when I got off at H.P. Didn't think of it again until about 6:00 P.M. Then took 7:33 in to inquire at Lost & Found Dep't – but unsuccessfully.  
Planted one doz. peppers (Mountain Sweet) and one Beauty tomato. Also 10 hills of cucumbers (one of Long Green & nine of Chic. Pickle) and 15 hills of lima beans (Carpenteria) in G. Ave. garden and two rows of navy beans in Ridge Rd garden. Hoed my peas there.  
Letter from Lennie told of Ruth's having a serious case of scarlet fever. Phoned L. this evening to learn of conditions  
Popcorn .30; Bordeaux .60; pepper plants .30; tomato plants .30;  
R.R. 1.20 + .20; lunch .70; beet seed .15; sundries .55; ice cream .30 + .17

### **Sunday, June 1**

Another hot day.  
On bed most of day. Refreshing naps. Walk late in afternoon to Kopp's Woods. Fine display of wild crab, hawthorne, geranium & phlox. Bladder nut in bloom. The Watkinses picked me up & we rode further. Stopped in at the Jewett farm & saw the pigs & chickens. Miss Annis entertained us. One old sow has 16 offspring & the bottle is used to help her out.

Lennie phoned us about Ruth today. Fever very high. Arthur & Robert living away from home.

### **Monday, June 2**

Cooler. A short rain with thunder & lightning in the night  
Much desk work today. Watered my garden this evening.

Took 6:52 P.M. for Chicago. Recovered my lost suit of clothes. Had been turned in by the crew of "Jim English's train". Caught the 8:00 home. Then went to school bld'g, got a basket of manure, came home and built up a cucumber hill in a box sunk in the ground.

R.R. .60;

## **Tuesday, June 3**

Fine day

Activities of Chief of P. – Ed Maroney – brings to light the stealing ~~of~~ by gangs of our upper grade boys led by the Sheeks boys. Today M. took 3 of our 8th grade boys to the police station to tell what they know – Victor Sheeks ran away last week with Harry Kline & Leslie Allen. Latter two are back.

Amadeo Carani suffered a scalp wound while using the vaulting pole after school and I took him to Dr Grady who put in two stitches.

After supper tonight I set up wire netting for my pea vines and planted two more rows of navy beans

My stringless green pod beans began to appear last Saturday. - - The navy beans planted by upper grade pupils last Wednesday were coming up Monday (yesterday).

## **Wednesday, June 4**

Left on the 4:37 this afternoon for Wakefield, Mich., to see Elsie K. Annis, 8th grade teacher. - - To Milwaukee where I caught the Ashland Limited for an all night ride. Ate supper in Milwaukee.

Country everywhere fresh and dripping from the frequent showers. Saw red cedars in thickets north of Port Washington

## **Thursday, June 5**

At Wakefield (via Ironwood) at 7:30. Breakfast at Wakefield hotel. A mining town among the knobs of the Gogebic Range.

Visited schools in the morning. Favorably impressed with Miss Annis – She asked for more time to consider the offer. – Supt Reed took me over to see a near by ore mine & dump before lunch. After lunch I tramped out two miles or so to see the surface pit mines – Plymouth & Wakeley Then back to W. where I took the bus to Ironwood. Heavy rain while at a hotel. Took 8:09 train back for Chicago.

Had fine visit on the train with an educated Italian.

At different points our train picked up men who had been on a spring fishing vacation.

## **Friday, June 6**

In Milwaukee by 7:15. Took breakfast there & then the 9:00 for home. Got a shave & went home until noon. Heavy shower at 1:00.

Took up routine work this afternoon. Miss White had gone at noon to be with her mother at the hospital & Mrs Wright was in her place.

Harvey Lowe and his wife, Blanche, & little son Vincent – 2 yr. & 2 mo – came in from Milwaukee where they had been visiting Don Ely & his wife.

Ice cream .60.

## **Saturday, June 7**

A fine day although there were two or three light showers.

Spent the morning and one hour of the afternoon at school Miss Alice Meyers of Florence Station came to candidate and I offered her a primary position.

We & the Lowes had a fine auto ride about Ft. Sheridan & H.P., then the L's left for Edgewater to spend the evening at the home of a friend. They are to go on to Houston, Tex. tomorrow.

Went to my Ridgewood Drive garden. Cultivated my potatoes & hoed the peas. Mowed my lawn. Barber .60; groceries .75; root beer .12.

### **Sunday, June 8**

Beautiful day. Rested extensively

Re-read first lecture of James on Pragmatism & an essay or two on Shakespeare by Lee.

Went down to lake shore via Ravine Drive this afternoon and read & dozed on the beach for two hours or so.

### **Monday, June 9**

Fine day.

Nora Behrens came back this A.M. from a hurried visit to Louisville where her mother is in a hospital and asked to be released because of the seriousness of her mother's condition. So she left this evening

Miss Crane announced that she would not remain as our music supervisor another year.

Got word from Miss Annis at Wakefield, Mich, that she would not accept our 8th grade position.

Board meeting this evening. Decided because of financial condition not to employ a French teacher this year.

8B's hoed the entire bean patch and mowed the parkway.

Mrs Wright held down Miss Clara White's place today

### **Tuesday, June 10**

Fine day. Warmer.

Miss Crane rehearsed our graduating music this A.M.

Miss Clara White back on her job.

I spent an hour or so on school bills. - - Entertained Matheny (Thos Chas. Co) and rep. of Robertson Soap Co. Mr. E W. Schalck, field entomologist, called and we had a pleasant conference. Helped some 7A's set out a row of zinnias as a border for the bean patch.

Gave away our flats of asters, zinnias, calendulas, & marigolds. Plants were large – indeed overgrown.

Teachers' meeting.

Worked in garden this evening. Planted 4 more rows of navy beans & 5 rows of Black Beauty popcorn

### **Wednesday, June 11**

Warm day.

This evening hoed home garden. Reset spinach. Planted pkt of Rosy Morn petunias  
Barber .25.

### **Thursday, June 12**

Hot and sultry.

Thunderstorm this evening and good rain

Went to my G.A. garden after supper and got in my 3rd row of Bantam-Evergreen.

Helped 6th graders plant elm & scarlet maple seeds under lath shelters at the Ritter garden.

Began the census by having pupils fill out blanks for their own families.

Met some of the upper grade teachers this evening to confer about picnic, etc.  
Barber .25.

### **Friday, June 13**

### **Flag Day Exercises - - & Picnic**

Hot. Brief showers. Steamy.  
Assembly at 9:00 & parade of colors east on Linden Park Place to Emil Rudolph's house & return, & the hoisting of flags at the main flag staff.  
Then continuous "vaudeville" until after 3:00.  
Magician tricks at 10:00 & at 1:00 – Dr. Geo. Welles of Chic. Excellent. - - Chicken Little at 11:00. King Arthur play written by 5th grade girl – Cath. Mueller - at 2:00. Merch. of Venice contest by 8A's at 2:30.  
Athletic contests all A.M. & into afternoon. - - 40 gal. of ice cream sold - -  
This evening I set out 36 late cabbage plants.

### **Saturday, June 14**

Hot. Sultry. Heavy rain in Chic. None here.  
To city on 9:53. At Vaughan's bo't pumpkin seed. At Field's, ordered two frames to mount Lincoln memorial poetry. - - Ate lunch with Cook Co. Supt Ass'n at Fields. Home at 4:37.  
This evening ran hand plow through all my potato rows & carefully "bugged" the plants. Great crop of bugs & eggs. Also cultivated my peas & the beans at R.D. garden.  
Conf. with Miss Jewett and her mother about our school music.  
R.R. .58 + .10; Shave .25; lunch .95;

### **Sunday, June 15**

Another hot day.  
To church & heard sermon by Rev. F. Fitt.  
Lopped around house nearly all day. Read much from Pease' Illinois, the Frontier State.  
After supper inspected my two gardens away from home & went down Ravine Drive. Found one blossom on the pink-and-white lady slipper stalk.

### **Monday, June 16**

Still another. Threatening storm failed to furnish more than a few drops.  
Miss Hoyt of Evanston called to talk school position. Mrs Sammons of Winnetka, music supervisor, called on the same errand.  
Pupils hoed the bean patch again. Miss McManus' 2A's planted Big Tom pumpkins in Ritter garden.  
I gave away some flats & pots of flowers sent by Mr Boynton's gardener.  
This evening ran my cultivator through all my stuff in the Glencoe Ave garden and planted 5 hills of pumpkins – Winter Queen. Then met at school – Mr Marshall to plan mn'l tr. work for next year. Went over Miss Jones' promotion list with her  
Messenger to city – Dist 107 - 1<sup>25</sup>  
Ice cream .15;

### **Tuesday, June 17**

Heat tempered somewhat by cooling breezes.  
Exhibit day. All the rooms hung with exhibits & decorated with flowers. Beautiful display.

Children visited exhibits this A.M. Patrons came this afternoon and evening. Very encouraging attendance.

Miss Culp of Berwyn came to apply for vacant Eng. position in upper grades

Miss Grenoble came to the exhibit this evening with her sister and Miss Sonnenberg of Wilmette.

Miss G. accepted the Eng. position to my great relief.

Conf. with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene today over teacher situation, etc.

Turned hose on garden for first time this evening.

Ice cream .30.

### **Wednesday, June 18**

### **8th Grade Picnic**

Warm, warm Light showers two or three times but not much shelter needed from them.

40 gallons of ice cream cleaned up and much more needed.

Mr Marshall and Misses Davis & Sands gave up most of the day to pulling off the athletic program.

This was a great success.

In the aud. were given 5 shows, a magician, Dr. Welles, sent out by Mrs Laura Dainty Pelham, in a duplicate appearance made a great hit.

Miss White's Chicken Little show was fine; also the King Arthur play by 5th graders. The M. of Venice contest by 8A's was about as good as we ever had.

Took in about \$165<sup>00</sup>

This data should be on page 164! [Mr. Smith noted that this entry should have been recorded on the page for June 13 instead of this page. — ed.]

[Pasted to this page is a clipping announcing the Elm Place Annual Picnic. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

## **Come to the Elm Place Annual Picnic**

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*Bring your lunch. Bring some nickels or  
larger coins. There will be Ice Cream  
and Candy to buy. There will be  
Four Different Nickel Shows.*

### ***PROGRAM, FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH***

9:00 a.m.

Flag Day Exercises and Parade of the Colors.

10:00 a.m. First Show: Tricks of a Magician.

10:45 a.m. Second Show: "Chicken Little,"  
by Miss Esther White's Troupe.

1:00 p.m.

Third Show: Tricks of a Magician (Repeated).

2:00 p.m.

Fourth Show: King Arthur Play by Fifth Graders.

2:40 p.m.

Fifth Show: Merchant of Venice Contest by  
Eighth Graders.

### ***PROGRAM OF GAMES:***

10:00 to 12:00 p.m. Field Meet of Grades Seven



and Eight.  
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Field Meet of Grades below  
Seventh. Ball Game Finals of Grades  
Seven and Eight.

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10:00 to 3:00:

*Continuous performance at the Ice Cream Booth.*

*FRIDAY, JUNE 13. Bring Lunch. Bring Coin.*

## **Thursday, June 19**

Last day of School.

A warm day.

Assembly at 9:00 for honorable mentions. Went off well. Children left at close of exercises.

At "commencement" exercises this evening – we ran our fan at full speed and the room was measurably cool. Mr. Fitt's talk well received. - - The music was flat – lacking in spirit, etc.

Mr. Mann read a resolution (which I had prepared), praising the work of Miss Alice Louise Davis in our schools, she being obliged to remain at home at St. Charles next year.

Ice cream .60;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the commencement program. The address was given by Rev. Frank Fitt.

The graduates were: - ed.]

President Grenville Mott

Lydia Garling

Marie Bletsch

Clayton E. Baird

Emma P. Miller

Anna Johnson

Jean R. Grimson

Norman Geminer

Grenville Mott

Abraham L. Fell

Marion Richards

Marion E. St. Peter

Margaret E. Swan

Irene M. Stevens

Margaret Johnson

Edith T. Nagle

Alfred E. St. Peter

Herman A. Juhrend

Thomas R.L. Strong

Irwin B. Sheeks

Harold Keating

Paul W. Chapman

Marvin J. Witten

Clare E. Holland

Dorothy E. Carlson

Mabel C.M. Howe

Charles T. Masterson

Arthur H. Borchardt

Robert Boyd

J. Henry Kline

Ida Sharpe

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Miss Alice L. Davis, Mathematics

Miss Etta Grunewald, History

Miss Florence Crane, Music

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education was:

Emil B. Metzel, President

Fred Greenslade, Secretary

George R. Jones

Edna G. Greene

William D. Mann

Solomon A. St. Peter

Elizabeth B. Millard

**Friday, June 20**

Warm but tempering breezes came up.

Worked at school all day, checking up reports, etc. A number of the teachers helped me very effectively.

Miss Booth came out to inquire into a vacancy – a former Moline teacher Liked her appearance.

Miss Nixon agreed to take the “extra” position in 7th – 8th grade.

This evening I finished mowing the yard, and then I used the hose on the garden

Ice cream, etc .36.

**Saturday, June 21**

Longest day.

Warm day but tempering breezes.

To city on 10:38. Interviewed Mrs Vernon at Columbia School of Music about Miss Carlisle, candidate for music sup. here. Went to the Jewett cafeteria to see Miss J. but was obliged to talk things over with Mrs J. only.

Home at 2:21. Met at my office Elizabeth Payne and after interview gave her 5B position with prospects for extra nat. study teaching. Salary \$1100.

Staked my tomatoes this evening & hoed entire garden.

Dist 107 – Chic. trip - - 1<sup>25</sup>

Barber 1.05;

**Sunday, June 22**

Beautiful day. Tempering breezes.

Called on Mr Parratt a while this A.M. Took 11:27 trolley with Wade McNutt of the H.S, & Jas Van Riper to attend a dinner at La Salle hotel in honor of McNutt & his bride-to-be, Miss Ruth Koenig. Rev. & Mrs K, Rev & Mrs Pfister, Esther K, Paul K. & his wife, Miss Kieffer, Miss Fisher, Mr Hallge (Uncle) made up party. Elegant dinner. Fine time.

Went up to Plaza hotel about 6:00 & spent two hours or so with Mrs & Miss Jewett. Latter has consented to be our music supervisor another year.

Charge Dist. 107 - .75

R.R. .60 + .05; supper .65; sundries .22.

**Monday, June 23**

Pleasant weather.

School work all day, planning improvements.

Took 11:24 for Chic. Visited Leonard Peterson & Co to inspect tables, etc; Amer. Seating Co. for desks; Sweet Wallach & Co; Fields; Fair; ~~McCl~~ etc.

Home at 5:44. After supper the Deckers took us down to see our gardens, then I went to City Hall to attend a committee meeting on organization of a Park District.

Dist 107 - .80.

R R .60 + 20; paper dolls 1<sup>05</sup>; book .10; ice cream .30; barber .25; Filter 1<sup>40</sup>; Panchr. plates 1.47

**Tuesday, June 24**

Late this afternoon a nice shower – but not nearly enough for garden purposes.

At school some today.

Went to city on 5:50 this evening to try to meet Supt L.A. Mahoney of Moline who is temporarily at the Fort Dearborn hotel. Unable to find him

Zinnias beginning to bloom.  
Dist 107 – R.R. .70;

### **Wednesday, June 25**

Hot day.

Went to wedding of Wade McNutt & Ruth Koenig at Evangelical Zion's Church near Hastings & Ashland. Mrs Van Riper, Misses Sands, Cramer, Guiney, Stine, & Mr & Mrs Taylor & Mr & Mrs Bloomquist there. Pretty ceremony. Wilting heat.  
R.R. .60 + .30; barber .25;

### **Thursday, June 26**

Cooler. Breeze blowing.

Gave potatoes on Ridgewood Drive coating of arsenate of lead this A.M. This afternoon cultivated & hilled them. Went all over peas, beans, & popcorn there also

At school part of day. Miss Sands started to help me on the census.

### **Friday, June 27**

Cool wind blowing with strength all day Chilly in evening.

At school much of day. Mr Wright rep. Nat'l Wood Renovating Co of Kansas C. here with his tank & with aid of the janitors & Taziali treated 190 desks.

Margaret Heffron of Rockford came to talk over the math vacancy. Offered her \$1125<sup>00</sup> & she went home to think it over.

I cultivated my Glencoe Ave. garden this evening & cut poles for the Lima beans.  
Barber .25;

### **Saturday, June 28**

Another cool day East winds.

At my desk at school most of day. Cleared up nearly all the accounts including my own.

Mowed my yard today Hoed over part of my garden Dug up burdocks in the alley, etc. - -  
Planted in sods four hills of pumpkin seeds, hoping to grow plants before setting in the Glencoe Ave. garden where the pigeons or some other birds mined for the seed  
Barber .25; seed .10; bread .35; shaving soap .35; old bill .50;

### **Sunday, June 29**

Fine day

Called at Millard's before church, then went to hear Rev. Mr. Fitt. Fine sermon on the league of nations.

Fine nap after lunch, then off on my wheel west of Deerfield. South by the Kellog farm & east on County Line a half mile to a small colony of *Asclepias ovalifolia* I saw there June 18, 1918. Today all specimens were in fruit to my disappointment.

One small colony of *A. Sullivanti* on road W. of Deerfield soon to bloom. Found more specimens of this same species on Co. Line Road.

Mrs Jewett & Miss Annis came along in their machine & I went home with them. Ate supper there.

Family of flickers left nest in cottonwood stump across our alley today - - - Waxwings busy in mulberry tree at the Jewetts.

Church .10;

### **Monday, June 30**

To city on 8:09 to attend conf. in W.T. Wilson's office, 30 No Dearborn, over affairs of our proposed Lake Shore Division. Lewton, Miller, & W. present. - - Reported that Ex. Com. of State Teachers' Ass'n had rejected our application. - We laid plans to continue organization.

Bought turnip seeds at Vaughn's photog. supplies at Sweet, W. & Co., & shoe polish at Fields.  
Home at 11:36.

Worked at school this afternoon. - - Board meeting this evening - lasted until 11:15. Planned summer repairs, etc. Debated plans for housing teachers. - - Learned tonight that Judge Persons on Saturday committed the two Sheeks boys, Harold Keating & Harry Kline to Glenwood  
R.R. .60 + .10; polish .25; photo. supplies .67; seed .15; barber .25

## **Tuesday, July 1**

A little warmer. Various duties this A.M, then left at 10:45 with Fred \_\_\_\_\_, chauffeur for Florsheims - for auto ride to city - - Took Audubon lantern to Schantz office & visited with S. & Langdon. Then to W.D. Mann's office to leave the plans of Elm Place. - - To C.L. Rickett's office to secure change on some diplomas & figure on engrossing a resolution. - - Lunch at Arcade & chat with Miss Jewett. - - To U. of C., Botany Bldg. Conf with Dr. Geo D. Fuller over trip to Colo. - - Visited Dr. Crocker & made notes on chemical constitution of milkweed sap. Home at 6:00.

This evening made memo. for specifications on calcimining, painting, etc. and left at Mr Mann's. -  
- Called on Mrs Green - - Visited an hour with the Steeles, Hellers, et. al.  
R.R. .60 + .10 + .38; lunch .43; papers .09  
ice cream .30;

## **Wednesday, July 2**

Hot day.

At school most of day Miss Sands cooperating with Mr Schneider of the H.S. in pushing the census work  
Miss Sundt, a Minneapolis teacher, visited our bldg & was an appreciative appraiser of our equipment.

Very dry. Soaked the garden this evening.  
Barber .60; ice cream .30;

## **Thursday, July 3**

Very hot.

At school most of day. Gardens not artificially watered are at a standstill. - - My double row of gradus peas much stunted is fruiting a little. Got a pint (shelled) this evening. The double row of telephone peas has grown much more vigorously, is much taller, & is just blooming.

My 11 rows of White Rose are in blossom. The Early Ohios produce only abortive buds.

## **Friday, July 4**

A hot day. Very hot.

I spent most of the day at my desk at school.  
Sprayed my cabbage plants (Glencoe Ave.) right after breakfast.  
Didn't celebrate in any particular fashion.

## **Saturday, July 5**

Rain!!!

A light drizzle by daybreak turned into a nice shower which freshened everything up. Not nearly enough to soak the ground, but very acceptable. Day turned off cool and pleasant.

At school much of day. Miss Cramer came down from Bowen camp at Wauk. and told needs of the boys there. Packed up discarded books, bird pictures, balls, & bats to send there.

Planted turnip seed & a row of (Golden) Bantam-Evergreen on G.A. farm. Set out 3 sods in which I had Winter Queen pumpkin seeds started.

Hildegarde Powers came out to talk Kg. with Mrs Millard & me. Miss Parks came to ask to be released.

Barber .25;

### **Sunday, July 6**

A beautiful day, delightfully cool.

Mr Geer called me up to go for a long ride, so at nine we were off, Wm. driving, his wife & her sister, Miss Edmonson, included in the party. Went down to Mr. G's office in the city, then headed westward. Various detours necessary because of road repairs, then we trailed in behind a Jewish athletic ass'n on way to St. Charles. Four great truck loads of young people – mostly men - & one Ford truck. We tried to pass them & as we tried to clear the last, it lurched towards the ditch. One of the young men jumped down & ran into our moving machine – was knocked over, narrowly escaping with his life. Bruised severely. We were almost mobbed for a time. Finally took y.m. into Glen Ellyn – had bruises dressed, & Mr. G was relieved of 50<sup>00</sup> for the y.m; 10<sup>00</sup> for the manager; 10<sup>00</sup> for the doctor!

We went on to Elgin. Visited short time at Mrs Kleinosheg & daughter Cecile. Then home by 7:30. - - Then to school to show Supt Ellis of Kane Co & 20 or more school officials my Annex

### **Monday, July 7**

Another fine day. Part of it at school.

Went to Wauk. after lunch to get some blanks of Mr. Simpson. Called on Mrs Bess Bower Dunn at Co. Clerk's office for information as to valuation of Dist. 107. Chat with Helen Welsh on the street.

Took tax levy around to secure signatures of members of Board

Planted one row of Grand Rapids lettuce.

Dist 107 – Carfare to W. - .48

Root beer .12; barber .25;

### **Tuesday, July 8**

Fine day.

Spent some time this A.M photographing A. phytolacoides along Co. Line roadside. Developed this evening. Under exposed.

Miss Caldwell of Waukegan called to consider 3rd Grade. Tho't highly of her.

Miss Schermerhorn came to confer with me about leaving for a year to go as governess with the Mather Smith family. It is agreed that she is to have the leave desired

W.J. Brown came to confer about classroom partition.

I spent some time with Mr. Mann over proposed school room alterations.

Ice cream .30;

### **Wednesday, July 9**

Very hot. Wind storm at 6:00 P.M. that carried dust and debris everywhere. No rain. There are no potatoes in the ground because of the drought.

Went on my wheel with my camera outfit into Sweeny's woods and got two photographs of asclepias p. Should have done all this work two weeks ago. - - Nearly eaten up by mosquitoes – then had a sweat bath coming home.

Worked at desk at school in afternoon and evening.  
Barber .25; ice cream etc. .30 + .27

### **Thursday, July 10**

Fine day.  
At school much of time  
Made a visit in the morning to milkweed patch to secure material. The Clows called this evening.  
Mr. Reesman came to adjust a bill against the Board.  
Meat .50; soda .10;

### **Friday, July 11**

Rode out on Highway road to St. Paul tracks to take photos of milkweeds, but came back without any pictures. Spent afternoon setting up my "studio" in the aud. & took 4 photog. This evening developed. Everything badly underexposed.  
Barber .25.

### **Saturday, July 12**

Warm. Cooler toward evening.  
To city on 8:09. Fields for socks; Dr. Lane's office to get prescription for glasses as I have lost my old ones. Went to Dow Optical Co. to place order. To McClurg's for a book; Von Lengercke for goggles, etc. Then met Mother on 11:10 & went with her to the Pere Marquette & saw her on her train.  
Home at 1:06. Met Miss Clara Smith, a candidate for 3rd grade. Spent an hour or so with her. Then came Marjorie Parker of Three Oaks, Mich., & Mildred Wilson of Evanston – same errand. - -  
Miss Sands turned in her summary of the census today.  
R R .60 + .30; lunch .45; shoe laces, polish, etc. 1<sup>00</sup>; goggles .65; photog. materials 2.60;

### **Sunday, July 13**

Fine day.  
This A.M. got a phone message from Gambs who with his wife & a Mr. Elliot had arrived in Chic from Washington enroute for Denver, etc. Took 12:35 in & spent afternoon with them. Went to Munic Pier & Lincoln Pk by water & back by trolley. Planned a tramp with Gambs & Elliot to begin about July 25.  
Home at 7:00. (G. & the rest left on the 5:10 for Omaha).  
R.R. .60 + .20 + .60 + .05

### **Monday, July 14**

Very hot. Fine shower about 6:00 P.M. that cooled things off a little.  
To city. First by trolley to Evanston. Called on Nat'l Teachers' Agency. Mr Kingsley was away, but conferred with his daughter about Miss Mabel Everett. Then to Mr Nichols at Central School – same errand. Trolley to Chic. Lunch at City Club. Shoes to Lake Shoe Co. to be hobnailed. McClurg's for notebook. Dow Optical Co. for glasses; Von L. & A. for socks. Home at 5:03.  
Miss Mabel Everett called this evening & I offered her 3rd grade at 1200<sup>00</sup> which she accepted.  
Dist 107 – R.R. .35 + .30 + .32  
Lunch .65; socks 3.00; noteb. 10; ice cream .55;

### **Tuesday, July 15**

Rather stuffy in the night but cleared off cooler & pleasant.  
Betty Card's funeral at 10:45 at the house. A beautiful child.

At school all afternoon. Several letters. Sent Miss Parker offer of 3rd grade.  
Conf. with Mr. Mann this evening. - - Planted a row of beets. - - Our first string beans yesterday  
Worked over lists of Colorado flowers this evening  
Bread .10; beet seed .10;

### **Wednesday, July 16**

Fine day.  
To city on 10:38. Lunch with Schantz & a conf. on Audubon matters. It seems that we shall not be able to raise money to keep Langdon as permanent secretary  
To Von L. & A. about socks; Dow Opt. Co. to leave glasses for change in style; Crerar Library to look up Alpine flora of Colo.; McIntosh Stereopt. Co. about lantern fixture;  
This evening worked over my flower lists.  
50¢ sent to W. for M't'eering in R.M.N.P.  
R.R. .58 + .25; lunch .60; sundries .25;

### **Thursday, July 17**

Another. Somewhat warmer. - - Wheeled out beyond Deerfield to my milkweed patch this A.M. and brot back some stalks - - A. syriaca & Sullivanti. Put them in tubs at school.  
Worked at my flower books. - - Friebele's men began on our floors today. Did such a poky job that I got permission of Mr Mann this evening to call them off.  
Ice cream .30; meat .60;

### **Friday, July 18**

A warm day.  
Took my camera out to the milkweed patch west of D. & got 5 pictures.  
Worked over milkweeds for a while this afternoon.  
Mother came home from B.H. today.  
Went to a conference over the coming election on the park dist. this evening at City Hall.  
Cheese .35; barber .35;

### **Saturday, July 19**

Another warm day.  
To city on 8:09. Fields to take my suitcase for repairs. Dow Optical Co. for my glasses. Lyon & H. for music for Kittie. Pilgrim Press for a book. Stebbin's for razor blades. Home at 11:35.  
Photog. milkweed blossoms this afternoon. Worked over school reports. Heard from Miss Marjorie Parker declining 4th grade  
R.R. .60 + .15; glasses 13<sup>30</sup>; Bobbitt – The Curriculum 1<sup>35</sup>; razor blades .75; ice cream .30;

### **Sunday, July 20**

Fine day. Warm.  
To church.  
Nap. Then to school to work up some notes on the park dist. election. To Mr. Geer's at 6:00. Mr. & Mrs William & Charlotte and Mildred Welch. There until 8:00. Then home to spend more time on the "dope".  
church .05;

### **Monday, July 21**

Also fine and warm.

Spent considerable time today on copy for printer relating to park district plans.  
Wrote letters at school. Conferred with Mrs Millard & St Peter.  
Rec'd acceptance by wire of 3rd grade position – Clara B. Smith of Dixon.  
Ordered my R.R. ticket for Denver.  
Barber .25.

## **Tuesday, July 22**

Ditto.  
Rushed through a lot of work, preparing to leave. Checked up acct's with Mrs Green & Mrs Oscar Larson representing P.T.A. Got unpaid Board bills ready. Wrote letters. Conferred with janitors about their work. Tried to see Mr. Mann about building alterations.  
At desk until 11:15 P.M.  
Pd 2nd & 3rd installment on Victory Liberty Loan of 50 dollars.  
Pd Bakke and Gieser, also Chas Grant (Building Loan) in advance.  
Ice cream .45; groceries .60;

## **Wednesday, July 23**

Off for Colorado.  
See notebook for details. [Mr. Smith kept a separate notebook to record daily entries during his trip. – ed.]  
9:33 P.M. for Chicago and 11:20 P.M. for Denver.

## **Thursday, July 24**

Enroute  
Very, very hot day.  
Had an extra half hour wait at Omaha which I spent with Aunt Eva and Margaret

## **Friday, July 25**

Denver a few minutes before eight A.M.  
Took 8:00 for Boulder.  
“ D.B. & W. for Eldora  
1:30 Met Gambs & Elliot there, and in an hour or so we were off.  
Slept at night in a deserted cabin near the Fourth of July Mine.

## **Saturday, July 26**

Arapahoe  
Made the ascent today.  
Again we bunked in the old cabin.

## **Sunday, July 27**

Gambs left to climb Neva.  
Elliot & I went down to Eldora & spent the night at the Goldminer's Hotel.

## **Monday, July 28**

Elliot and I set out for University camp. By a very circuitous route came to Bluebird Mine & followed Boulder Creek up to the camp.

## **Tuesday, July 29**

On to Silver Lake. We found Gambs away on the ascent of Navajo. Bunked at Musselman's.  
I pushed on up past Silver, Island, & Goose Lakes, & to lower Triple Lake.



Gambs, Elliot & I together this evening.

**Wednesday, July 30**

We set out for Stapps Lake, Elliot ultimately going it alone. G. & I climbed above Albion & the Green Lakes, crossed the shoulder between Bald Mt. & Navajo, then down to L. Isabelle. Passed Long Lake, around Brainerd L. & at last to Stapp's.

**Thursday, July 31**

To Buchanan Pass and up Sawtooth.

**Friday, August 1**

To Audubon. In the storm, Gambs made the top. I waited lower down.

**Saturday, August 2**

Gambs & I made Audubon and Paiute and climbed down into the magnificent gorge between Paiute & Paiute Horn.

**Sunday, August 3**

G. & I left Stapps today. Crossed Middle St. Vrain, climbed over the spur & got down into Allenspark.

**Monday, August 4**

Rested today while Gambs and one companion reconnoitred towards Mt Copeland

**Tuesday, August 5**

We set out by auto to Longs Peak Inn where G. & E. left via Storm Pass for Bear Lake. I went on by auto to vicinity of Y M C A camp and hiked it up to the Geer Cottage.

**Wednesday, August 6**

Geers took me by auto near foot of Bear Lake Trail. Went to the Lake & met Elliot, (Gambs off on a trip) & he & I went up Taylor Gorge.

**Thursday, August 7**

G., E., & I explored Glacier Gorge.

**Friday, August 8**

Gambs went away by Storm Pass

Elliot & I climbed Flat Top, dropped down to Odessa & to Fern. Then over the telephone trail to Mill Creek Station where we parted – he to Bear Lake and I to the Geers.

**Saturday, August 9**

At the Geers. Went shopping in Estes Park.

**Sunday, August 10**

The Geers and Carquevilles & I had dinner at Longs Peak Inn & supper at The Wigman.

**Monday, August 11**

Horseback ride into Estes Park.

**Tuesday, August 12**

A tramp by myself today. To Mill Creek station, then over past Cub. Lake to The Pool. Visited the Teckers. Home via Y M.C.A. The G's took me for an auto ride through glorious Dunraven Park this evening.

**Wednesday, August 13**

Left for Allen's Park to meet Millard when he should arrive.

**Thursday, August 14**

Allenspark

Spent the day loafing. Everett did not arrive until late this evening.

**Friday, August 15**

Colorado Mt Club

Went by auto past Copeland Lodge to the corral on the way to Wild Basin. Carried our dunnage on to the camp of the Colorado Mt. Club.

This afternoon rambled off towards Finch Lake

**Saturday, August 16**

M. & I went to Thunder & Eagle Lake today.

**Sunday, August 17**

We went with a small party to Ouzel Falls and then to Ouzel Lake.

**Monday, August 18**

E. & I climbed Chief's Head

**Tuesday, August 19**

An easy botanizing trip to Ouzel Falls.

**Wednesday, August 20**

We went with the regular party to Bluebird, Junco, & Pipit Lakes.

**Thursday, August 21**

We made the trip to Pear Lake reservoir & to the lakes at the head of Coney Creek.

**Friday, August 22**

We broke camp.

Ate lunch at Longs Peak Inn.

Climbed Twin Sisters

Visited Dunraven Ranch.

Slept at Estes Park

**Saturday, August 23**

Everett left.

I went out to the Geers.

**Sunday, August 24**

Geers, Carquevilles and I had (lunch) chicken dinner at Steads.

**Monday, August 25**

Had a motor ride down Devils Gulch and back via Thompson's Canyon.

**Tuesday, August 26**

Left for Denver and caught 10:00 P.M. sleeper for Omaha.

**Wednesday, August 27** Omaha.

Got to Aunt Eva's house about 5:00 P.M.

**Thursday, August 28**

At ease

at Aunt Eva's.

**Friday, August 29**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

**Saturday, August 30**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

**Sunday, August 31**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

**Monday, September 1**

Fine day.

Worked on my correspondence. This afternoon on the bills at school & sent a reminder to each of the teachers. Edith & Danforth & Ruth went home this afternoon.

Junior & Mother and I went to Ravinia this evening. Fine performance and an immense crowd. End of the season.

Trolley .15; tickets 4<sup>50</sup>;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Ravinia program, which featured Antonio Scotti in L'Oracolo, an opera by Leoni, and in the second act of I Pagliacci by Leoncavallo. – ed.]

**Tuesday, September 2**

At school early & conferred with Mr. Davis & Mr. Syren about supplies. Then to city on 10:53 with Junior. To Fields where I phoned seven or eight orders for books and Jr. shopped. To Arcade Lunch where we ate & visited – with Mrs & Miss Annis. to Abbot's to order frame for the Frieze of the Prophets. McClurg's to look over books.

Artcraft Theatre to see some of the Briggs' movies. To Ziegfield to see Nazimova in "The Brat." (Movie) – Supper at City Club. To Municipal Pier by trolley & a stroll there. Then to the Play House to see Elsie Ferguson in the Witness for the Defense (movie)

R.R. 1<sup>16</sup> + .56; meals 2.53; shows 1<sup>78</sup>;

**Wednesday, September 3**

This A.M. at my desk at school.

Mr Noerenberg began work on the stone work of the east wing of the auditorium

Junior & I went to Waukegan this afternoon, visited the docks, etc., then came on to Great Lakes. Made a tour of the grounds, visited the big kitchen, & saw a boxing match or two in the open air amphitheater.

At my office this evening. Mr & Mrs Geo Green called and we had a long caucus on the boarding problems for teachers.

Trolley 1<sup>00</sup>;

#### **Thursday, September 4**

Fine day.

Gathered corn for dinner & some cucumbers.

Junior went home on the 9:19.

Worked at school rest of A.M & all P.M. Also this evening.

The Behrenses came in – Miss L & her mother; Miss Clara B. Smith of Dixon; Miss Alice Meyers of Florence Station; Miss Clara White.

Long conf. with Mrs Millard over finding homes for the teachers. Took Miss Meyers to the Decker house for over night.

Meat .50; bread bill 1<sup>50</sup> peaches .55;

#### **Friday, September 5**

Grew warm & sultry this afternoon

Began our two days' institute at 10:00 A.M. All present except Miss Cramer and Miss Nixon. - - Spent much time today conferring over problems of housing. Appointed a committee of teachers to work on it.

This afternoon Miss Jewett talked on music & Miss Grunewald on economic conditions at certain periods of Amer. history. Splendid effort by Miss Grunewald.

Watered garden thoroughly this evening. - - Harry Kline came to see me awhile. He is off for a week's vacation from the Glenwood School. Is enthusiastic about life there.

Gathered 30 ears of corn for drying today.

Ice cream .45; Sat Ev. Post .05

#### **Saturday, September 6**

Uncomfortably hot.

Institute very successful today – Miss Giffen, Mr Wright & Miss Clara White on the program this A.M – Miss Jewett & Miss Guiney this afternoon.

Hired Waino Santi for assist. janitor this evening - \$65<sup>00</sup> – 4 hrs per day, 8 on Saturdays.

Soaked the garden again this evening.

We have had more than three bu. of tomatoes – to use and to give away. I planted 16 John Baer and 6 Beauty. The latter have not demonstrated their superiority to the John Baer.

At school a while this evening.

Ice cream .21; bread .36; Ice .30;

#### **Sunday, September 7**

Hot day. Did not go to church.

We all went to the Greens for dinner. Lois there. Also Happy Shannon.

Went to school house & put words of hymn, "Purer yet & purer" on board for morning exercises.

**Monday, September 8**

First day of school

Very hot. Morning assembly as usual. Miss Jewett at piano to delight of children and teachers. Large influx of children – from parochial school & from Ft. Sheridan. Had school only until noon.

Teachers met at 1:30 for general reports – then I spent rest of afternoon with 7th – 8th grade teachers working on program.

Board meeting this evening. Mr. Metzel & Mr Jones absent. Committee of teachers came to report to Board about high cost of living. Were sympathetically received. After they left, long discussion of possible relief took place.

Ice cream .25;

**Tuesday, September 9**

Cooler, fortunately. Ran school until 2:30. Had long conf. with the three 3rd grade teachers this evening.

A very busy day. The bookstore did booming business.

At office desk this evening.

Barber .25;

**Wednesday, September 10**

Rain!

Awoke in the night to hear the delightful patter of rain. A good shower, over by 8:00 A.M. Rather sultry afterwards

Another busy day. – Conferences with Mrs Greene and Mrs Millard over boarding situation.

Exhibits of vegetables & flowers began to come in. Mrs Greene helped some of us get the exhibits ready.

Wrote two paragraphs for H – P. Press.

Bread .20;

**Thursday, September 11**

Comfortably cool.

This A.M. went to Glencoe Ave. garden & brot away a few cucumbers, a good “mess” of lima beans, and about 20 ears of corn. A cow had plundered the field of nearly as many more. Mother dried the corn today.

Flower & vegetable exhibit on in good style. Mrs Green & Mrs Alvar Bournique were judges. Mrs G. worked until 10:30 tonight, assisted by Geo Morton.

I took booth rooms of 3B's on trip to Rudolph garden today.

Three of the rooms harvested popcorn that was planted in May in the plant house cold frames.

Ice cream .15;

**Friday, September 12**

Beautiful day.

Wound up our exhibit today and sent materials home. - - - Miss Dougherty home with laryngitis - - Took 3A's to Rudolph garden.

Spent two hours at school desk today.

This evening worked over first two chapters of Monroe's Measuring the Results of Teaching.

**Saturday, September 13**

Fine day.

To city on 8:09. Visited with Mr. A.J Metzel and enjoyed particularly his descriptions of what he saw in Japan.

To Fields to leave two hats to be pressed; Vaughan's to get winter wheat, rye, & vetch, and also radish & lettuce seed. Devoe's for blueprint paper, Economy Drug Store for tooth paste, etc. McClurg's to look over a great variety of books. Schantz' office to confer with him about geographic and Audubon affairs. Home at 1:20. To school all afternoon. Ordered bulbs of Dreers; books of McClurg & A. Flanagan. Worked over scientific apparatus & materials in the stock room. Again, this evening. Dist 107; Vaughan's .75; Devoe 1<sup>60</sup>  
Lunch .45; Drugstore 2.10; bread .20; R.R. .58;

### **Sunday, September 14**

Cool. Gray at times.

Sermon by Dr. McAfee was one of the most inspiring I ever heard. Text from Second Timothy, 2nd chapter – "Remember Jesus Christ." He read a beautiful version of the 2nd chapter by Dr Moffet.

Christ the pioneer; the Savior; the Master.

Visited with Mrs Moseley and her mother & Marion, and they brot Mother & me home from church. - - Mr Parratt and Norris & his wife took me for an auto ride this afternoon - - Had a nap – Then went down with Mr Sandwick to the house he has bot – to look over the tree-planting problem. - - Miss Behrens & her mother called for a while this evening.

Church .10;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping, presumably from the Presbyterian Church bulletin. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

We are very glad to welcome the Rev. Cleland Boyd McAfee, D.D., Ph.D., to our pulpit this morning. Dr. McAfee was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Chicago, from 1901-04, and of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, from 1904-12, and is now professor of Systematic Theology in McCormick Theological Seminary. He has recently returned from France where he did special preaching among the American troops. We count it a great privilege to have Dr. McAfee address us this morning.

### **Monday, September 15**

Warmer.

Morning assembly without first two grades as east wing of aud. was in use by the carpenter.

A busy day without much special incident.

Gave science lesson to 8A & to 8B. Took 4B on a soil trip into woods on school grounds

Groceries 2.00;

### **Tuesday, September 16**

Fine day. –

So dry that leaves are falling.

New pupils and studying seating problems make one busy. Science in 7B; geog. in 4B. Conf. with Mrs Millard over housing problem.

At desk this evening.

Dug a half basket of potatoes this evening.

Ice cream .15;

### **Wednesday, September 17**

Warmer. A little sultry at evening.

8A's & B's & 7's harvested their beans late this afternoon.

I called grades 6 – 8 together for one hour this afternoon to talk about the anniversary of the signing of the constitution. - - - A fine occasion to celebrate but it peeves me to have the reactionaries, state & national, so passionately fond of the constitution just now.

Taught 4B geog.;

Peanuts .05; barber .25;

### **Thursday, September 18**

A shower this A.M. between 7:00 & 8:00. Gray the remainder of day.

Science in 8B. Voltaic cell.

Spent much time on seating problems.

With the 4B's made a raid upon paper littered on ground in the woods.

Conf. with Miss Sands on history work. – Miss Clara White on science.

At school desk this evening.

Some of the boys & I went across street today & brot back from Col. Moffet's a box of weapons & other Phillipine curios loaned to the school indefinitely.

Ice cream .20;

### **Friday, September 19**

Rain again this A.M. & off and on until 10:00. Heavier than yesterday.

Conf. today with Mrs Millard about school situation; with St. Peter over coal, etc. Called up Cyclone Fence Co. to get figure on screen for windows on enlarged wing of auditorium.

Geog. lesson with 4B's. – Trip to Vine Ave. viaduct.

Conf. with Misses Guiney, Grenoble, & Heffron over our literature course With Miss Everett over the plus activities of primary pupils.

Dug up a basket of Early Ohio potatoes on my farm.

Repair on handbag 1<sup>00</sup>;

### **Saturday, September 20**

Turned off very sultry. Disagreeable in extreme.

To city on 8:49. Visit with Mr. Metzel all the way in. To Carson Pirie's to place order for window shades for the new windows at school. Prof. Cox' office where I had long conf. on affairs of the Geog. Soc. - - Schantz office for Geog. Soc. letterheads - - To Morrison Hotel for luncheon with group interested in the Lake Shore Div. I presided at conf. Long, Wilson, Hevenor, Lewton, Miller, Pringle, Mrs Wilson, Miss Whitham. - - To McClurg's. Then home at 4:37. - - Too sultry to work this evening. R.R. .60 + .07; lunch .75 + .20; ice cream .30; barber 25;

### **Sunday, September 21**

Heavy thunderstorm in night. Severe. Raining until about 10:00 A.M. Turned off cooler.

Met by appointment Mr Metzel and Mrs Green at school & discussed school affairs until noon.

Fine nap this afternoon Then M., K. & I went for a fine ride with Mr & Mrs Greene to Lake Forest and back

### **Monday, September 22**

Fine day. Cool. Ran the fan for a little time this A.M.

Our large reprod. of the Frieze of the Prophets came today. This is to be the memorial for Mrs Shannon

Busy day. More new pupils. More anxious parents to placate, etc.

Field trip with 4B's – history – to bluff and lake shore.

Board meeting this evening to consider teachers' salaries. Voted a bonus of \$50<sup>00</sup> to each teacher and increased three who receive 1000 to 1100.

Ice cream .15;

### **Tuesday, September 23**

Fine day. Cool.

A full day – as usual. The teachers had a picnic party at the beach below the Millard house this evening. An ideal evening. Fine time. Mrs M. came & furnished the ~~stake~~ steak we broiled. Nineteen of us present.

### **Wednesday, September 24**

Fine day. Cool.

Committee meeting of officers of the Teachers' Club – held at Annex office. Newhall, Taylor, Wright, Cooper, Sands, Mrs Freeman & I. Decided to have but a few meetings this year – the first to be a beach party to McCormick's estate – Oct. 4.

Dr Anderson & his wife began physical ex. of school children today.

Went to Mr. Glaser's this evening. Friends of Our Native Landscape met. Jessup, Dudley, Bleys, Mitchell, McCauley, Millards, Arnold, Jensens, Wheeler, Perkins. Ate around council fire. Trolley .20;

### **Thursday, September 25**

Another. Cool.

This afternoon sent Miss Clara White & Miss Guiney to Chic. to study exhibits of chemical ass'n. I taught in each of their rooms at times.

Field trip with 4B's to Skokie – Sheahan's Woods.

Library meeting this evening. Voted to raise Miss Ridlon's salary to \$125<sup>00</sup> & Helen Flinn's to 75<sup>00</sup>.

My manuscript bag which I lost last Saturday in Chic. came to me today from Carson Pirie's! An Oak Park lady had found it and turned it in.

Our Elm Place boys played football with Lake Forest boys at L.F. 42 to 0 in our favor.

### **Friday, September 26**

Fine day. A busy one.

Went to city on 11:44 to attend Chemical Industries Nat'l Expo. Had Miss Jones & Miss Payne come in on 12:56.

Lunch at Miss Jewett's, then to the Coliseum. A wonderful exhibit. Especial: a lump of coal & its products; coal tar products; dyes; cyanamid; flotation processes, etc. - - Visited with Mr. Balke in the Pfanstiel Products booth. Here came Dr Goode & we had a fine visit.

Stayed at ex. until nearly seven. Home on 8:00-8:37

R.R. 60 + .14; lunch .35 + .85; Salvation army .65; admission .55;

### **Saturday, September 27**

Fine day. Warm to the point of sultriness.



Divided my time between office and garden today Kept Miss Nora at work on our revised catalogue of books Worked at desk until 10:30 P.M.

Gathered the bean pods this A.M. This P.M dug potatoes & harvested popcorn

Have had 1 ½ bu of Early Ohio's and nearly 2 bu. of White Rose. Latter are longnosed, average larger than former

Got nearly 70 ears of "Snowball" popcorn.

Mrs Decker came down in auto after supper & gave me "a lift."

Delighted to meet this evening Phillip Cole – Lieut of Engineers – just back from France.

Barber .25; ice cream .15; tea .70; bread .20;

### **Sunday, September 28**

Rained at 12:30 some. Again this evening.

To church. Exercises of graduating from departments of S.S. and installation of officers.

Rode home in auto with Geo Moseley & his wife.

Slept much of afternoon. Worked over the piles of books and pamphlets on my tables.

church .25

### **Monday, September 29**

Old fashioned thunder storm in the night and much rain.

Sultry today.

Fire prevention the topic at morning exercises.

Carpenters fastened up the Frieze of the Prophets.

Worked at home this evening overhauling my lantern slides as well as reading educ. bulletins.

### **Tuesday, September 30**

Raining this A M. and now and then during the day. About 6:00 P.M. rain fell in torrents. Streets flooded.

Teachers' meeting after school. Health instruction the chief topic.

A cold bothering me. Probably began during or caused from my work Saturday when I perspired so heavily

Barber .25; bread .20;

### **Wednesday, October 1**

Heavy rain in the night

Left on 6:49 for Wheaton to give a flower talk at the Du Page Co. institute. Heavy rain during the morning  
Cleared off warm in afternoon.

My cold bothered me much but I got on rather well. - - Stayed for a little of the afternoon program.

Home at 4:37. Nursed my cold the remainder of the day.

Frances Chrisler – a child when I was at Park Ridge – introduced herself to me today. Also Miss Brough, sister-in-law to Agnes Kendrick Brough. Also Mrs Robbins, nee Sharpless, who once taught in the grades at Lexington & knew many of my friends.

At Wheaton

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the DuPage Institute. – ed.]

### **Thursday, October 2**

Clear. Warm.

My cold bothered me greatly. Took two hours off at noon and had a nap. - - Accomplished much school work never-the-less.  
Ice cream .30;

### **Friday, October 3**

Clear. Still quite warm  
My cold much better.  
Gave copy for election ballots to printer.  
Conferred with city clerk Warren about making public record of our soldier boys' military experience.  
Nature trip with 3A's.  
One with 6A's.  
Ice cream .30;

### **Saturday, October 4**

Sultry & humid all morning. Cooler in afternoon. Thunderstorm & downpour in evening – 8:30 on.  
At school part of A.M. Called on Mrs Green and Mrs Holland on P.T.A. business. – Gathered last crop of lima beans of the season on my Glencoe Ave. garden, cut my fodder, brot away two small cabbage heads.  
School election this afternoon. Had trouble in scraping up 14 votes – all for authorizing maximum tax limit of 2% for educ. purposes.  
This evening in my office. Various duties until 10:30. Home in a taxi thru the rain  
Barber .25; baker .38; peanuts .05

### **Sunday, October 5**

Rained now and then this morning.  
At my office a while this A.M. Then had a good nap.  
Lopped around this afternoon. Then walked down Linden Ave – Cedar St. – Sheridan, Carey, etc to Ravinia & rode back on trolley. Wrote a letter at school – Prof Wm E. Ritter, La Jolla, Calif. – then home.  
Trolley .05;

### **Monday, October 6**

Fine sunny day.  
Visitor – the inspector from the Chic Kg Institute who showed much interest in the work of the school.  
Miss Powers on duty but too ill to work  
Miss McManus' group of 20 occupied for first time the east wing of the aud.  
This afternoon 4A's had field trip to Wauk., Misses Jones & Dougherty and I in charge. Met Mr Kern, game & fish warden again and were shown favors.  
This P.M. at office desk. Worked over motion picture data.  
Charge Dist 107 – 1.44  
Ice cream .15; nuts .05;

### **Tuesday, October 7**

Beautiful day. Busy one

Beach party to the McCormick estates – I arranged for the “Teachers Club”. Nearly 60 went from H-S, Lake Forest, Elm Place, Lincoln Ave., & Ravinia. Trolley to Sacred Heart, then walked into Cyrus McCormick estate where Mr Fred Jackson, gardener, took us around. Then to Harold McCormick where the Supt., Mr. Dunford, took us all around.

Went down on beach where we had camp fires & ate our suppers. Walked back to Academy station & then home by rail.

Trolley .20;

### **Wednesday, October 8**

Fine day.

Unpacked shipment of bulbs from Dreer’s today. Over 90 dollars worth Made descriptive list and a page of planting directions which Miss Nora ran off on the rotary mimeograph.

Stomach trouble of some kind came on me rather suddenly after school & I had to come home for repairs.

Sent our movie (Centennial movie) to Co Supt Tobin’s office in Chic. today for Mr. J.U. Hoffman who is taking it to N. Dak. for a few days

Dist 107 – Syren’s R.R. - .60

### **Thursday, October 9**

Rained some in the night. Cleared up but south wind blew all day.

My stomach and bowels troubled me in the night and this A.M. I had an attempt at vomiting. So I stayed in bed all day. Dr Bergen came and prescribed for me. Better by evening & dressed and went down to supper.

### **Friday, October 10**

Rained a little in the night. Cooler. Clearing. Frost imminent and I gathered my pumpkins this evening from my Glencoe Ave. garden.

Felt much better today Did my usual amount of work at school.

### **Saturday, October 11**

Cold in the night but gray and probably little frost.

To city on 9:19. Conf. with Mr Schantz. Then to Fields to meeting of Cook Co. Supt & Princ. Assn. Lunch.

Then we discussed affairs of Lake Shore Div. Decided to call Fall Meeting for Nov. 14 at Oak Park. Enthusiastic discussion of program for the new Division.

Home at 3:29. At school desk until nearly six. Worked on bills – and at it again this evening. Kittie came up & helped a while – distributing bulbs in display baskets, etc

R.R. .60 + ; lunch 1.15; gloves 2<sup>00</sup>

bakery .18;

### **Sunday, October 12**

Frost

Sharp frost last night but no havoc caused. Beautiful day.

To church with the folks.

Nap after dinner. Auto ride with the Deckers about sunset.

Began reading “The Education of Henry Adams” today.

Wrote number of letters.

### **Monday, October 13**

Fine day.

At morning exercises a number of children under Miss Heffron's direction gave Riley poems quite effectively - I showed how to plant bulbs & boosted the sale of our bulbs - which went off rapidly today

School Board meeting tonight. Metzel, Greenslade, & Green present. Bills voted. Friendly discussions.

Miss Everett ill and in Washington Bv'd Hospital in Chicago. Miss Edna Behrens substituting Barber .25

### **Tuesday, October 14**

Fine day. Milder.

Field trip - 4B's. Planting lesson - 2B's.

Teachers' meeting this afternoon. First chapter of Monroe's Measuring the Results of Teaching.

Mrs Fitt & Miss Chandler had a party for foreign borns, members of their evening classes. Party in Annex this evening. I attended for a time.

### **Wednesday, October 15**

Began to drizzle about 11:00 and then rained at intervals into the evening.

6B's harvested crops from specimen plots - buckwheat, millet, broom corn, flax, etc

6A's gathered their share of bean crop. Poor condition.

I had boys fill stands in plant house with soil scraped up from site of hot beds back of Annex.

Mooney from Community Mot. Pict. Bureau and Hanna from Nystrom called.

New pupil - 15 yr. old girl, last 13 in Cebu, P.I. [Philippine Islands - ed.]

Conf. with Misses Smith and Meyers over third grade pioneer work.

### **Thursday, October 16**

Drizzling this A.M. but cleared in afternoon. Somewhat cooler.

Science - 8B's.

Bulbs - 1B.

Worked at my desk until 10:30 this evening.

### **Friday, October 17**

Left at 3:49 for Benton Harbor. Caught 5:05 Mich. Central. Bo't ticket for Niles under impression that one could not get off at Galien & take branch over. When I reached G., I found it possible to do the latter & at 8:15 left there for B.H. Found Arthur reading at the table; Ruth in bed; Lennie at a church function.

R.R. .30 + .07 + 2.95; supper 1.00;

### **Saturday, October 18**

Arthur & L. & R. took me in the auto to Stevensville & left me about 8:00 A.M. I stocked up with wienies, crackers, jam, & chocolate and set out for the marsh & dunes. Over the brow of the hill I paused & loafed a half hour to feast on the beautiful spectacle of woods & marsh & lakes & the distant dunes - with brilliant color everywhere. I had a day amidst gorgeous colorings, bright and then hazy - a wonderful light. Out to lake shore, then climbed two or three successive dunes. Worked down shore, now along beach, now on "sky line." Opposite where I suppose Bridgman to be, I picked up an old trail & followed it nearly a mile until a house came into view. Back to the lake. I stopped to toast my wienies. Then worked on & at last about three miles north of Sawyer as it proved, or perhaps a little less, I explored a blow out & came up

on the crest of one of the most beautiful moving dunes I ever saw. It was too beautiful for words. I made its circuit above and then explored the woods partly around its base. Then worked my way out the road which it has invaded & came out of the belt of dunes. Followed along these & then country roads into Sawyer – about 5:40. About six the folks including Angie Crooks picked me up & took me back to B.H. Expenses .49

**Sunday, October 19** Benton Harbor.

To church with L, A. & Ruth – Congregational. Good sermon and excellent music. Afterwards looked over S.S. equipment.

All of us ate at the Crooks, L. pooling her provisions with theirs. Then we all, except Angie, went for a long auto ride. A very beautiful ride. To Sister Lakes and back. Once we stopped to wander in a bit of untouched timber to thrill over the beauty of beech trees & maples & lindens. Bladdernut bushes loaded with bladder pods. Gathered supply – also poke berries, etc. Had small basket of specimens of this sort when I left at 7:30. – Spent lot of time on train going over hymns in hymnal L. gave me – then lost it after I got to Chic.

11:30-12:12 train home.

church .10; R.R. 2.95; trolley .05; R.R. .30; magaz. 20.

**Monday, October 20**

Drizzle & slight showers at noon & later.

Taught new hymn: “Lead on, O King Eternal” at morning exercises

Miss Grenoble’s pupils preparing an autumn pageant.

Miss Everett to be absent again this week.

Worked at office until 9:30 this evening.

Barber .25.

**Tuesday, October 21**

Cleared. Cooler

Spent considerable time this A.M. preparing an article advocating forest preserves for Lake County. – to be printed in several weekly papers

Miss Grunewald gave her paper on the high cost of living in past epochs of our history before the Woman’s Club this afternoon.

Neff called on me to represent Appleton’s.

Spent some time with Miss Grenoble & others discussing her pageant plans.

Peanuts .05; shoe repairs 2<sup>35</sup>

**Wednesday, October 22**

Fine day.

Autumn coloration of oaks & maples is well on and is much better than because of the dry summer we had anticipated.

This A.M. began storing bulbs at school in pits for forcing.

This afternoon Miss Meyers and I took 30 – 3A’s in the motor bus to the Arcady Dairy at Rondout. A beautiful ride.

At my school desk again this evening.

Candy .35;

**Thursday, October 23**

Mild. Gray & hazy at times.

4B trip to head of Forgan Ravine. - - Science with 8B's. - -

Took Miss Smith's 3B's on farm trip. - Anderson's stock farm near concrete road two miles or more west of Glencoe. A good time tho range of farm products was somewhat limited. - - Mrs A. & the 15 year old girl served each of us a glass of milk. - - This evening I attended at City Hall a committee meeting in the interests of the Lake Co. forest preserve.

Paper .05; barber 1.25;

### **Friday, October 24**

Mild. Almost sultry in afternoon. High south winds after dark.

Spent considerable time studying work of 3B's - Miss Everett's group that Miss Edna Behrens has been taking care of for the past two weeks. I like Miss Behrens work.

This afternoon helped the 5B's make geranium cuttings. Filled five flats.

About 4:30 Co Supt Ellis of Kane Co with several auto loads of Kane Co. officials came to look over our little school. I gave them a talk & then showed them around. Very appreciative crowd. Co Supt Simpson also present.

Then I went down to Mrs Chas Everett's to select from their things they are giving away what the school can use - pictures, books, etc.

At school desk until 9:30 this evening.

Girl scouts 2<sup>00</sup>; Negro relief 2<sup>00</sup>

### **Saturday, October 25**

At the Dunes

Left at 7:40 this A.M. with Mrs Keller, Miss Goddard, & Mrs Bruchman in an auto, Mrs K driving - for Chic. Parked auto & went with Geog. Soc. exc. to dunes. Got off at Oak Hill station. Wandered through the woods to the lake where we ate lunch. We four & Miss Wolaver left the party then & went east a half mile or more to Miss Wolaver's shack. Then we went on a little farther & thru the draw or blowout - over the moving dune. Mrs K & B & I then pushed on and got the 4:37 trolley. Left Chic in auto at 7:15. Home in good time - a drizzling rain.

Had a beautiful day in the dunes. Wonderful coloring.

Expenses 2.40

### **Sunday, October 26**

Rainy. Loafed at home & slept.

This evening we went to Church to hear Mrs Quayle tell of her experiences in Y huts in France. Church .25.

### **Monday, October 27**

Rain or mist all day

Miss Grunewald suffering with a boil on her jaw and I subbed for her.

Mrs Everett (Charles) sent up a trunkfull of costumes and piles of portfolios of pictures, etc., these representing surplus from her attic.

Too sleepy to work at my desk this evening.

Roosevelt exercises this morning - his birthday. 6th graders recited poetry & anecdotes.

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, October 28**

Heavy frost. Coldest yet. Leaves carpet the earth.

7B Science.

A desk this evening.

Dismissed half hour earlier to permit some of the teachers to go to Ossoli.

Dug up the gladiolis this A.M.

### **Wednesday, October 29**

Very heavy frost. Cleared. Then gray. Steady rain after nightfall.

Miss Grunewald unable to be at her desk today and I subbed in her place.

Teachers' meeting. Chapters II & III of Monroe

Lights installed over the Frieze of the Prophets today & produced a beautiful effect.

Bread .20;

### **Thursday, October 30**

Rainy. Very mild. Almost sultry.

Busy visiting rooms 8B science. Helped in 8A arithmetic.

Pupils gave Miss Grunewald surprise party. She had to hold her face the while because of her boil.

### **Friday, October 31**

Clearing. Mild. Almost sultry.

5A's made some geranium cuttings. - - More bulb planting by 3B's, et. al - - -

Another installment of bulbs from Dreer arrived – Van Sion, Glory of Leiden, Paper-whites, tulips, etc.

Hallowe'en parties in various parts of the building and down to the Kg.

At desk a while this evening. Boys raided the grounds but hurried away at first call – all but some small boys who were allowed in to get a drink of water.

Barber 25; candy .15;

### **Saturday, November 1**

Quite cool. Gray but clearing.

To city on 8:09 with Mother. Saw her off on train (I.C R.R) for Gary. To Cent. Scientific to get big pkg of materials which I checked at N.W. station. To Devoe's for blueprint paper, Vaughn's for labels, Goldwyn to talk movies, Arcade for lunch, McClurg's where I spent a lot of time going over books, Lyon & H. for music; then home, quite tired out. Went to bed early.

R.R. .90 + .28 + .85; lunch .42; Pkg. 48 (Dist 107); Labels 1<sup>25</sup>; Type ribbon 1<sup>00</sup>; blueprint 1<sup>00</sup>; book .25 (blank);

### **Sunday, November 2**

Fine day. Cool.

To church and heard a supply preacher. Bored. Fine rest this afternoon. Wrote out memo for the Geog Soc.

This evening K. & I went to hear Prof Willett at Presb. Church. An inspiring address.

Church .15;

### **Monday, November 3**

Rather fine day on the whole although there were a few rain drops in the afternoon.

Miss Grenoble's autumn pageant came off this afternoon and it was charming and in good taste.

Our boys played the Glencoe eleven on the high-school grounds after school and won a close victory – 20 – 18.

I electioneered a while this evening and then worked hard at my letter suggesting certain activities for the Geographic Society.

#### **Tuesday, November 4** Election

Wintry wind today.

Up early and on the streets soon after seven to electioneer for the forest preserve act. Spent quite a little time that way during the day.

This evening Miss Nora ran off 25 copies each of my 6 page letter to the Directors of the Geog. Soc.

Prepared a book list for Albert Larson to use in buying for his Christmas trade.  
Barber .25;

#### **Wednesday, November 5**

Moderated. Fine day.

Sub'd in Miss Stine's room all morning while she had an errand to the city.

Sent my letter to each of the Directors of the Geog. Soc.

Various activities.

This evening, the pupils gave their autumn pageant again. Had a good house. Cleared about sixteen dollars.

#### **Thursday, November 6**

Drizzle before noon, then much rain at intervals the remainder of the day.

Took 4B's on long ravine trip this A.M. – Moraine Ravine to its mouth. The group caught in the rain & took refuge for a while under a spruce tree.

The afternoon set 6A's to potting some bulbs I set apart for the school. Then we got them into the pits – lettered A,B,C,D,E. & F. the latter north of the Annex. A is daffodil, etc.; B is tulips, C, hyacinths; D, paper whites; E. Tulips & h; F., Daffodils, etc.

This evening Clarence D. phoned that Edith was to be operated upon at the hospital this evening. We arranged to have Kittie come down tomorrow. - - - I intended to go to Elgin tomorrow but called up Lewton & arranged for him to represent me. Rowell called up and agreed to act also.  
Peanut brittle .10;

#### **Friday, November 7**

Cooler. Gray.

Kittie had intestinal trouble in the night so I went down to Gary in her stead. Mother, Clarence & Mrs Eklund at station. Mrs E. drove us to the flat – she is C's landlord's wife - - - Edith was operated on last night as a sequel to terrible pain in her bowels which had set in rather suddenly. Last night a large fibroid tumor was removed from her abdominal cavity. She came thru the long operation rather well & rallied nicely toward morning. In great pain today.

I came away at 2:55. Found K. better but weak. - - - This evening phoned to Gary and found Lennie there.

R R. .60 + .85 + .37; barber .25; candy .10;

#### **Saturday, November 8**

Windy. Gray much of time.



Phone message from Gary this morning was that Edith was resting well.

Went to city on 8:09 To Anderson to leave trousers for repairs, etc Cent. Scient. for apparatus. Amer. Seating Co. to order folding chairs. - - Luncheon of Supt Assn at Fields. Got a report from the Elgin meeting where a resolution expressing approval of our new Division was passed. After some discussion we decided to call a business meeting for some Saturday to revise our Const. - - Mr Hamilton of Oak Park and I went over to Art Inst. to try to rent hall for the meeting. - - Then I studied books & book lists at McClurgs. Home at 5:21.

Letter from Miss Everett makes it necessary to find permanent sub. for her place. Mrs Green & I conferred & this evening offered it to Miss Edna Behrens.

R R. .60 + .42; lunch 1.30) phone .50

### **Sunday, November 9**

At Gary.

Turned out to be mild and sunny.

Kittie and I took the 10:38 and the 11:40 for Gary. Found Lennie & Ruth there – also Mr. Danforth, Senior.

Edith seemed to be holding out well. Mother saw her this afternoon a little while. Was very nervous. Suffered much

K. & I came away at 6:40 & got home on the 8:36. From Gary in we visited with Mr & Mrs Grady. Mrs G. was Grace Mains, who was one of our substitutes some years ago. [See May 5, 1913 entry. – ed.] R.R. .60 + .28 + .12 + .74 + .74 + .75.

### **Monday, November 10**

Rained heavily in the night and now and then today. High southerly wind shifting to N.W. after night.

Phone from Gary told of Edith's continuing improvement and of a fire in Danforth's (Eklund's) apartment b'ld'g last night when Mother, Lennie, Ruth & Clarence D. fled in their night clothes. - - Folks now at Margaret Wilson's. Nothing burned in Clarence's apartments but all smoked over.

Board meeting this evening. Absent St. Peter & Mrs Millard.

Bananas .20;

### **Tuesday, November 11**

Armistice Day.

Sharp frost. Beautiful day.

Had Kg & grades 1 – 3 give a parade around the b'ld'g & across the ravine with every available flag flying. Then these small people assembled in the aud. and we had "exercises" for them. This afternoon grades 4 – 8 met in the aud. after they had gone over the story of the day & its significance in their own rooms. Capt. Holmes talked to us and answered questions – which the pupils "fired" at him.

I went to Mr. Rowell's office in Glencoe after school and met R. & Harper & Skiles to consider changes in the constit. of Lake Shore Division.

Trolley .20;

### **Wednesday, November 12**

Real winter. Icy wind. Much below freezing.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Discussion of chapter on testing spelling.

Took 5:55 for Chicago. To Aud. Directors' meeting at City Club. Schantz, DeLoach, Eifrig, Kavanagh, Raymond & Mitchell present. Also Sec. Langdon. Much talk about means of raising revenue, etc.

Mother came home this afternoon. Reports Edith still improving.

Mother's report of the fire last Sunday night in Danforth's flat at Gary was startling to say the least. She hurried out through the smoke with an armful of clothes – barefooted.  
R R .60 + .07; supper .65; bread .10;

### **Thursday, November 13**

Coldest night thus far. Biting. Clear today.

Mr Wright called today to collect salary information for presentation to his board.

P.T.A. met today, Mrs Holland presiding. Business meeting, then Miss Jewett had 7th & 8th graders sing. Mrs. Herbert Smith sang two or three numbers. Then there was an informal reception to the teachers

Mr. Nelson of the Highwood Schools came down to borrow some costumes for a Thanksgiving play.

Peanuts .05; stamps .25

### **Friday, November 14**

Still cold. Clear.

Among other things today, the 3rd & 4th graders bro't vegetables for their "pit" which was duly dug and filled. - - - Found to my dismay that all the pots in the bulb pits north of the annex were frozen. Piled great stores of leaves in all the bulb pits today.

Dinner this evening at the Geers. Dr & Mrs Newhall & Miss Burns, guests.  
Barber .25.

### **Saturday, November 15**

Fine day. Continued cold.

To city on 8:09. To Chic. App. Co. – 32 So Clinton - - for tubing, etc Fields to look over Chemical Set. - - Scott, Foresman to look up an edition of Last of the Mohicans - - McClurg's to look up books. Bro't away Jurgens, The Old Madhouse, and R's Letters to His Children; to Anderson's for a suit left to be repaired; home on 1:50. Slept rest of afternoon

At school a while this evening. Worked over a book list.

Apparatus 1.55. Charge Dist 107.

R.R. .60 + .21; lunch .40; tooth paste .82; barber .25; Anderson 5<sup>00</sup>

### **Sunday, November 16**

Fine day. Milder.

Loafed at home nearly all day, only going out for a short walk towards evening. Went up to school house to listen to some Victrola records and write the hymn for tomorrow A.M. on the three blackboards.

K. & I went to Presb. Church this evening to hear Prof. John Scott on events since the signing of the armistice

Began De Morgan's The Old Madhouse today.  
Church .25.

### **Monday, November 17**

Mild. Pleasant.

Mr Florent bro't several kinds of instruments to morning ex. and advertised his plan of organizing a boy's band. His efforts were received with enthusiasm

Miss Behren's 3B's had their farm trip this afternoon. Took them by bus to L.F. Swift's farm near L. Forest

Caucus with upper grade teachers this afternoon over class standing of certain pupils.

Called at Harry Lighthall's this evening to investigate Irving's absence from school and to notify him of the possibility of legal action to secure attendance. - - Worked rest of evening at school desk.

### **Tuesday, November 18**

Another fine day, but blowing cooler at evening.

Spent some time working with "problems" today.

Science in 7B.

Met with the teachers to plan their visiting day for tomorrow.

Mother in bed all day with a bad cold.

A group of boys and I repacked our bulb beds north of the Annex, banked them with leaves and a dressing of manure, etc. Stored away soil under the Annex for mid winter use.

### **Wednesday, November 19**

Beautiful day.

All the staff went visiting today except me. I worked on our system of book keeping all day and this evening.

### **Thursday, November 20**

Fine. Milder.

This afternoon went down to Woman's Club at Glencoe & spoke fifteen minutes or so on the Birds of the Skokie. Mr. Kennicott, forester, of Cook Co., spoke first and at length. Then Mr Ravenscroft showed some beautiful autochromes of Skokie Views. Then I talked. Was well received

Mr Von Hofsten [Hugo Olaf Von Hofsten, American artist (1865-1947). — ed.] had a beautiful exhibit of watercolors, Skokie views, etc.

This evening went to Presb. Ch. to hear Rev. Mr McDowell preach on the social unrest. Fine effort.

R.R. .20; candy .10; barber 25.

### **Friday, November 21**

Mild. Threatening.

Visitors from St. Charles today — Miss Collins, Ward, & two others (sisters)

Sending out today 300 or more letters notifying parents of physical defects of children

At desk this evening at school

Bananas .27; peanuts .05.

### **Saturday, November 22**

Fine day.

Raked leaves and spaded them under in my garden. Went to lower garden and bro't back some cabbages, small but good. Took some to school to bank in dirt pile under Annex, ready for pot planting in February.

This afternoon and evening at school. Overhauled war posters; cleared out a little in stockroom, planned some book shelves; etc.

Barber .25; ice cream .15;

### **Sunday, November 23**

Another birthday!

Fine day.

To church this A.M. where Mr Fitt preached a sort of anticipation of a thanksgiving sermon - - denounced the failure of the peace treaty before the senate.

At 3:30 I went to the Woman's Club at Glencoe to repeat - with expansion - my talk on the Skokie - this time quite an audience of men being present. Had a good time Mr. & Mrs Rowell, John Grant, Jessie Mann & others present.

This evening Mrs Capt. Morrison - Salv. Army - talked at Presb. Church - most appealingly  
Trolley .20; church 50

### **Monday, November 24**

Fine day but grew gray towards evening. Dash of rain after 10:00 P.M.

Mr Noerenberg's men began on the alteration of the west wing of the aud and there were no opening exercises. I called up Mr Pearl and got his ready consent to the use of the theater for the ex. next Wed. afternoon. Miss Jewett and Mrs Greene and I went down and looked things over this A.M.

Science in 7B and 8B.

At school this evening. Gave some time to affairs of L.S. Division. Phoned Lewton.

### **Tuesday, November 25**

Threatening - then a northeaster late in the day. Sleet late in evening.

Slipped away awhile this afternoon to Dr. Hamilton and he spent a half hour on my teeth. Planning to crown two of my teeth.

Florent met some of our boys after school and planned a band

All of us had tea at the Boyntons' across the street. Number of H-S. teachers there. Mr Du Moulin, veteran musician, there for a while. Talked charmingly.

This evening I poked at home and finished reading - "The Old Mad House."

Phoned Lennie this evening; also Danforth about Thanksgiving plans.

Bread .10.

### **Wednesday, November 26**

Wintry today. N.E. wind.

Feature of the day was our Thanksgiving program which we held at Pearl Theatre. The music was fine and the Miles Standish play a success in every way.

Had a sitting with Dr Hamilton and am now ready to have a tooth crowned.

Mrs Eleanor Wiegand sent me as a gift her new set of Bailey's Cyc. of Horticulture - 6 volumes. A splendid contribution to my library.

Barber 25;

[The Editor relied upon L.H. Bailey's *Manual of Cultivated Plants* to verify the Latin plant names used by Mr. Smith in his diaries. - ed.]

### **Thursday, November 27**

Thanksgiving Day

Kittie not feeling well enough to go to Gary, but M. & I left on 7:28. Took I.C.R.R. & S.S. to Gary.

Lennie, A. & Ruth had got there yesterday. Edith up and around but with "unstrung nerves."

After dinner I spent an hour at the Wilsons - the Crums being there for the day. Fay is Mrs Howard Crum. Had a nice visit.

Lennie & A. & R. left at 4:45. M. & I at 6:40. Made poor train connections & so did not get home until 10:05.

An inch or more of snow at Gary & children out with sleds. Only bare trace of snow here.

R.R.  $1.20 + .28 + 1^{70} + .75 + .12 + .72$ . Flowers  $1^{00}$

### Friday, November 28

This A.M. spent much time conferring with carpenters & others. Brown's men began to place window frames in west wall of aud.

Took 1:38 trolley for Chic. 1:12 min. To Carson, Pirie's to order window shades. To Sherman House to banquet of E.L. Notable – the discussion of the Lake Shore Division, and the Hogge – Judd controversy. Visited much with Walter Hatfield.

Left after 8:00 and went over to hear Forbes-Robertson lecture on the prose of Shakespeare with readings from Hamlet. Fine but I could not hear well from where I sat. – Afterwards went to a movie version of Barrie's The Admirable Crichton.

Rained all afternoon and evening.

Barber .25; R.R.  $.54 + .14 + .30$ .

Theater  $1.10 + .10 + .30$

E – L dues.

### Saturday, November 29

Rained heavily much of time until afternoon. Then heavy blow began, continuing violently into the night. Grew much colder.

To Chic on 8:09. - - To Cent. Scientific Co. for apparatus and chemicals which I took to N.W. station & checked. To Prof Cox's office for a conference. Fair to shop. Lunch at Arcade. Took 1:28 for home.

To school bldg until 5:00. There again after supper until 10:00. Sent out about 20 letters to Chicago Princ – relating to Lake Shore Div.

R.R.  $.60 + 35$ ; lunch .42; barber .25; baker .38; books .50;

### Sunday, November 30

To church.

Nap this afternoon. To the city this evening to look up Dr Goode and others

R.R.  $.60 + .28$ ;

### Monday, December 1

Light snow in the night. Then more late today. Colder.

Children sliding on sidewalks. Sleds brot to school

Not able to use aud. for morning ex. Carpenters at work. Had windows in by Saturday noon.

Syren ill and not on the job.

Started plans for the Christmas play. Miss Jewett and I had conference after school over it.

Committee meeting at City Hall this evening over Municipal Christmas tree festivities.

Dr Hamilton fastened crown on tooth on lower ~~left~~ right hand jaw.

### Tuesday, December 2

Within 6 or 8 degrees of zero this A.M. Did not thaw today. Saw one bobsled. Scraped off snow from walks for the first time.

Syren still off the job today. Waino Santi's wife helped.

Mrs Millard back from Santa Fe.

Science in 7B.

Helped two of my boys to set up lantern at the club for Mrs Winston

Worked on text of Christmas play this evening.

### **Wednesday, December 3**

Zero or lower this A.M. Clear - - - Went down to Mr Reeseman's at 7:30 to see a flock of 21 Bohemian waxwings Fluttered down from an elm to feed on mountain ash berries & so on. A brave sight

Colin Sanborn phoned me that he & a Field Museum man saw many large flocks of these birds flying southward along the shore on the Wauk Flats, Sunday.

Teachers' meeting. Talked over spelling tests.

Went to Chic. on 4:58. Dinner at Union League Club of Geog. Soc. Directors to consider program for enlarging activities which I had prepared. Fine dinner Fine time. Everybody spoke Mr Mather present and talked on Nat'l Parks

R R .60; barber 25; bread 20.

House 5.00;

### **Thursday, December 4**

Moderated a little.

Mr. Syren came the latter part of the afternoon – first time this week.

8B science. Took pupils in 3 sections to examine the motor at the annex.

The Clows called this evening.

### **Friday, December 5**

A little milder.

Miss Jewett and I spent considerable time today fitting pupils with parts for the musical end of the Christmas play

Mother & K. went to city to shop. All the big stores did not open for business until 11:00 because of the coal famine.

Workmen nearly through plastering the new portions of the west embayment in the auditorium.

### **Saturday, December 6**

Snowing at dawn – soft & damp. Snowed at intervals during day.

Many errands this A.M at school & elsewhere Then took 12:53 for Chic.

A smoke cloud hung over city and twilight prevailed. Shop windows were dark – to save coal. Art Inst. was closing at 3:30 when I went there Places of business had opened at 11:00 and ran until 5:30.

Shopped at Fields, McClurg's, Mandels, & Public Drug Co. Home at 6:30.

Dist 107 – book .50;

R.R. .60; barber .25; meat 1.25; bakery .38;

### **Sunday, December 7**

Doctor Hamilton and I met at the 6:24 trolley this A.M & went to Wauk. Breakfast at cafe, then off through the snow for The Flats Crossed over to lake shore on the sewer pipe & worked north into the pine groves. Saw 5 or 6 flocks of snow buntings in flight but found none at close range. One waxwing, some tree sparrows, small bands of ducks, flocks of gulls, a few chickadees & crows, and a w.b. nuthatch made up our find. Worked north to the road to Beach, then up to the wagon road & south into Waukegan. Home at 1:10.

Mrs Moseley saw as many as 200 B. waxwings in her trees at one time this past week.

Rev. Preston Bradley of the People's Church gave the address this evening. Fine. Uneven in structure.

Trolley .25 + .20; church .20.

### **Monday, December 8**

Cold. Sharp wind. But moderated after nightfall.

Used the aud. for morning ex. Miss Thomas of Evanston recited two selections – one from Tarkington's Seventeen. She and I conferred about the Christmas play, she to get up some dances and games for it.

Mrs Millard called for a while. - - Miss Jewett and I began to drill our boys for the play.

Board meeting this evening. Absent: Metzel, Mann and Jones. Agreed to increase Miss Johnson's salary.

Bread .20;

### **Tuesday, December 9**

A little more snow today than it grew much colder.

Miss Jones nursed a swollen jaw this A.M. and I taught her room most of the time Miss Heffron ill this afternoon, and the teachers doubled in their work to carry her classes.

I taught 7B science. Committee on Christmas plans met at City All this evening. Booth, Butler, St. Peter, Mrs McKenzie present. No sure prospect of lights for Christmas tree – so we tentatively agreed to abandon the project

Barber .25;

### **Wednesday, December 10**                      8° to 12° below

Coldest night thus far. Crowded our heating plant but we were toasting warm by 10:00.

Miss Heffron unable to come & Mrs Taylor carried her work.

Miss Frederick of Evanston came to help plan games and dances for our Christmas play.

Mr Metzel visited me for an hour or so this A.M. Rep. of Farquhar & Albrecht spent a half hour with me this afternoon

### **Thursday, December 11**

Much milder. At noon today about 30° above.

Busy especially with planning Christmas play

Frank Leofando began to give us 1 ½ hrs or so daily – assisting Mr. Davis.

Miss Heffron at work again.

### **Friday, December 12**

Thawed much today. Began to get colder after nightfall.

Miss Frederick came up from Evanston this afternoon to help on games and dances for the Christmas play.

Spent quite a while studying the work of 5B today.

Invited to Mrs Kimball's this evening for a dinner and to meet and hear Mrs Johnson – head of the school at Fairhope, Alabama. Went down with Mr & Mrs Green & Mr & Mrs Newhall in the Greens' auto. Rev & Mrs Fitt, Mrs Tremain & Miss Cates, Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Tennant, Miss Griswold, Mr. Lufkin, - present. Fine time. Had Mrs Johnson before.

(Gave Miss Frederick 5<sup>00</sup> towards carfare expenses, etc.)

Barber .25;

### **Saturday, December 13**

Turned much colder. Severe. Icy walks.

To city on 8:50. To Schantz' office for a conf. Then to Mr. Deane's for a similar purpose – Then shopped at Fair - & went to University Club for luncheon where Mr West entertained our committee – Salisbury, Patten, Cox, Goode, Pearson, Hamlin & me. We agreed to recommend the employment of a permanent sec., & two committees were appointed – one on secretary, and one to formulate scheme for a publication of some sort.

Spent remainder of afternoon shopping at McClurg's. Bo't Adams The Degradation of the Democratic Ideal, and Inman's Intervention in Mexico.

Pd. for electric lights for Dist 107 - .60

R.R. .60; knife 2<sup>00</sup>; leather cover .35; books 2<sup>25</sup>; peanuts .10.

calendar pad .35;

### **Sunday, December 14**

About 4° below this A.M. Moderated a little but rising wind at night.

Church this A.M. This evening Rev. Chas Craig Stewart of St Luke's, Evanston talked - - - a profound & searching sermon – The Road Builders

I read today the long introduction by Brooks Adams to Henry Adams The Degradation of the Democratic Dogma. Also read much from Inman's Intervention in Mexico

Walked down Park Ave to Lake after dusk.

Church .50;

### **Monday, December 15**

About as cold as yesterday.

Miss Jewett and I worked with pupils preparing for the play. Miss Frederick came again this afternoon. I have already turned over five dollars to her for expenses.

The teachers held a caucus this afternoon to prepare a petition to the Board referring to an increase of salaries. I met with them part of the time

Miss Jones & her pupils had their pioneer "breakfast" this afternoon, a very successful affair.

I worked this evening on a circular letter and referendum ballot to be sent out to the members of the Lake Shore Division. Phoned Lewton, Rowell, & Harper today.

### **Tuesday, December 16**

Moderated a little & there were light snow flurries after night fall.

A busy day – plus. Got out proof on circular to be sent out to members of Lake Shore Division. Had some pupils address part of envelopes at noon hour. Then after school & this evening several of my staff did the rest – got nearly 800 letters ready.

Board meeting this evening to consider request of teachers for increase in salary – Misses Guiney, Esther White, & Stine appearing for the teachers. Board not ready to pass upon the matter. Adjourned subject to early call.

Pd out for stamps for Lake Shore Division today \$27<sup>32</sup>

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### **Wednesday, December 17**



Still zero weather. Milder at outset – then grew colder. Moderated towards evening and an inch of dry snow crystals fell.

Went to Wauk. this A.M. to try to get information about our school revenues. Co. clerk's office not yet received returns from state board of equalization. - - Visited with Mr. Simpson & talked over situation with him. – This afternoon spent some time on the play, etc. - - This evening reviewed my mss. of the story of the Christ child.

This was the day that, according to silly newspaper gabble, the world was to come to an end because of the conjunction of so many planets  
Dist 107 – Waukegan expense .50  
Barber .25; peanuts .05;

### **Thursday, December 18**

Three inches or so of light snow covers our icy sidewalks. Moderated  
Busy day. The play rehearsals. - - School finances - - Miss Jewett stayed until nearly 9:00 P.M.  
Worked over the Christmas slides until 11:00 P.M.

### **Friday, December 19**

Bright day. Not much below freezing.  
Had our program of carols this morning and the story of the Christ Child with lantern slides.  
Never had quite so fine music. Our aud. packed like a sardine box.  
This afternoon our annual Christmas play, repeated this evening. A great success. About 90 Eighth graders in it. Stage picture beautiful.  
Took in \$31<sup>20</sup> at the door this evening.  
Jack Rogers – Clown  
John Steile – Squire  
Tom Mann – Lord of Misrule  
Frank Jones – Geoffrey – K of R.  
Polly Wyles – Julia  
Mirriam Metzel – Mistress Quickly  
Reginald Holland – Master Cook  
Harold Mentzer – Master Simon  
Edwin Ernst sang – When I was a Bachelor; Rex Parkin, O Mistress Mine; Robt Peck & Windsor Gieser, Under the Greenwood Tree; Polly Wyles & Marg. Forgan, Mother Mary, Virgin mild; etc.

### **Saturday, December 20**

Bright. A little colder than yesterday.  
Spent most of the morning straightening up at school. Banked the change which accumulated from various funds.  
Slept most of the afternoon.  
Sent two packages to Lennie this afternoon.  
Barber 1.25; candy .25; bakery .25;

### **Sunday, December 21**

Had fever and general achiness. Felt wretched. Dressed & appeared at meals, but on the bed all day.

### **Monday, December 22**

In bed all day. Under treatment from Dr. Bergen. Temp. 101°.

### **Tuesday, December 23**

In bed all day. Dr Bergen called.

### **Wednesday, December 24**

Better. Found my fever gone this A.M. Got up at noon. Took it easy. Wrote a letter or two.

This evening some young people serenaded us with  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
and  
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.

### **Thursday, December 25**

Very much better.

Slept heavily both morning and afternoon.  
Edith phoned a Christmas message  
We have received many cards & remembrances.  
Gave our paper boy fifty cents and got his Merry Christmas therefor.

### **Friday, December 26**

Went up for my mail this A.M.

Late this afternoon I went to the school house. Gave janitors their paychecks. Carried some parsnips to the guinea pigs. Brot home an express package which proved to be a reading lamp from Clarence for Mother. K & I each drew cuff buttons. Junior being the donor.  
Mounted several pages of material in my war album.

### **Saturday, December 27**

Beautiful day

Went to city on 8:49 and came back on 11:00. To City Club to get the ballots of the referendum vote – left there for me by Mr W.J Hamilton. Short visit with Schantz.

One trip to school house this afternoon

Worked on my scrapbook.

This evening worked over data of the Lake Shore Division.

Barber .25; candy .15;

### **Sunday, December 28**

Left for Springfield on 8:08. Took 10:15 Alton. Mr. Simpson of Waukegan & I were together. A beautiful day.

Got in in good time & went to bed early to secure a good rest.

R.R. .30 + 6.00 + .81; lunch 1.25; supper .50.

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### **Monday, December 29**

This A.M. I appeared before the Executive Committee of the State Assn – to represent the interests of the Lake Shore Division. Hogge, W.T. Wilson, Long, & Lewton helped.

Bogan, Pres't of Chicago Division, had sent in warm protest against the recognition of the L.S.D. but neither he nor Miss Haley appeared in person. Our application was unanimously accepted. Later in the

day Mr. Bogan and Miss Haley vigorously upbraided Potts & Waldo & Engleman for admitting us with the clause frankly making membership open to the whole state & to please the gentlemen named I substituted the clause formerly there – a harmless appearing one but meaning about the same as the other. Whereupon Miss Haley's crowd promised to acquiesce.

At meeting of City Superintendents this afternoon & dinner at St Nich. - - - This evening Long, Hatfield & I visited in their room until 8:30 before going to evening session.

Meals 1.50 + .55 + .55.

### **Tuesday, December 30**

Was on hand at the statehouse by 8:30 to see that our delegates from the Lake Shore Division were seated and permitted to take part in the business meeting. They were duly announced and seated without protest. A long business session lasted until 12:30. Then I had lunch with Stoops, Fisher, & three others, packed my bag and came away on the 2:55. I was afraid that I would be worn out if I stayed until the end of the session.

A train wreck at Bloomington blocked the way and held us up three hours or so before we could get by. Got in to Chic. barely in time to catch the 11:30 for home – Visited with Edna Toland and Miss Gahan on the way as far as Winnetka.

Meals .55 + 1.50 + 1.50; porter .25; hotel 1.75; R.R. 6.00 + .30; magaz. .35.

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### **Wednesday, December 31, 1919**

Rather fine day on the whole. After nightfall a mild northeaster set in and snow blue about.

Did considerable work at my office today. Mounted some material in my war scrapbook. Began on the final volume. Wrote some letters.

Edith & D. came in on the 10:10 this evening.

As usual read from Tennyson's In Memoriam.

Barber .25;