

**Jesse Lowe Smith**

**Diary**

**1928**



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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.

### **Sunday, January 1**

About 8° below this A M Eight or ten inches of snow blown into drifts. Wind moderated somewhat.

None of us went to church today other than by radio.

We had for dinner the turkey Clarence brot from Decatur.

Junior left on the 3:34 on his way to New York city. Clarence & I saw him off & got the mail & came home again

### **Monday, January 2**

Penetrating cold – several degrees below zero. Bright day

Clarence left for Decatur this A.M

I worked an hour or so at school this A M.

Spent some time on our song slides this aft

This evening went up to the home of Alex Scornovacco on Washington Ave., Highwood where the body of his son Joe was on display. Joe was killed by a train Saturday during the blizzard like weather. He once went to our school. Was married – one child. The father a sort of invalid.

### **Tuesday, January 3**

Moderated some today Clear.

This aft to Chic. To Chic. Transp. Co. To Brentano's To U. of C – Walker Museum where I visited with its head, Prof. Slocum. Talked possibilities of Geog. Soc. Then back downtown & to Oriental Theatre. Then to Illinois Theatre to see a fine presentation of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the playbill for William Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor!* – ed.]

### **Wednesday, January 4**

School "resumed"

Milder. Sunny.

Morning exercises. Miss Sprague absent. Wired "snow bound".

Miss Moore not here but represented by a sub – Mrs Tomlinson of Evanst.

Teachers meeting at 4:00.

### **Thursday, January 5**

As yesterday. Even milder. Almost thawing. Great coasting in the ravine.

Miss Merva Wilkins of Lake Forest visited me to talk position for next year

Miss Sprague didn't get in until aft.

I taught one of her Latin classes, an arith. class & a 6A science class

Conf. over 8A's after school.

This evening to H.S. to hear Pres Arthur Morgan of Antioch give a very informing talk.

"The apostolic succession in education."

"The emotional commitment to great ends."

### **Friday, January 6**

Milder still. Thawing.

Miss Kratsch absent. Mrs Hawkins substituted.

Workmen began to frame up new openings for fire escapes.

Miss Edwards visited me to talk over English position.

8A's gave movie (5¢) show in aud. after school. Used amateur films More than \$25.00.

Was at H-S at noon to confer with Miss Bezard & Mr Burwell about intelligence tests.

### **Saturday, January 7**

Gray. Melting. Very mild Slushy.

Met Miss Wilma Kuehl in my office at 9:00 - & showed her about, "talking things over" with her – a candidate for Eng. position

Miss Marsh & I worked over some correspondence. Then I went to Chic. To Schantz' office to get a box of Audubon slides. To Adams St. Station of Electric for lunch Bot shoes, overshoes, gloves & shirts at Fields. Tried at two drug stores for arnica jelly. To Turtle's to pick up specimens – two quails & two pheasants, these latter for Grimson & McFadden Home by 5:00. Shopped.

After supper to Mrs Wm Denzel to get checks for Krehbiel (300<sup>00</sup>) & bookstore (41<sup>96</sup>). Long visit afterwards with Mr Bahr – talked tree planting, etc.

### **Sunday, January 8**

Gray. Mild. Still thawing. Sloppy.

To church. Took Christmas slides back and arranged them in place. Corrected index, etc.

Late this aft to Lake F. by trolley & walked about for a while inspecting conifers Then to Highwood. Called at the McNutt home & visited for a while with Mrs McN. Wade absent because of death of father

Chas & Mrs Delhaye then called at house to confer with me about the educ. of their little deaf daughter in Chic

Ernest & Mrs Sundell came in to spend the evening & eat popcorn with us.

### **Monday, January 9**

Little cooler than yesterday

Visitors: Lewis rep. a lecture bureau; Mrs Hoyle, an Indian trading company; etc.

Mrs Loewenstein's group met this aft at 3:15. Teachers of grades 5 – 8 presnt.

Board meeting this evening. Fritsch – Guyot – Creigh – Bliss.

Afterwards Mr Bliss and I called on Ex.-gov. Preuss & secured his consent to give the commencement talk

### **Tuesday, January 10**

Thawed heavily.

Taught an 8A Latin & a 6A science.

Teachers' meeting (7 – 8's) at 4:00.

Wired Harold Rugg for the P.T.A asking for a lecture for Feb 16. Got his acceptance. Fee 100<sup>00</sup>.

At Chamber of Commerce meeting this evening. Dinner. Came away early. Worked on talk to be given at Evanst. tomorrow.

### **Wednesday, January 11**

Fine day. Muddy

To Haven School at Ev. & talked to 7 – 8's on Adventures at homes. Some of my slides & Audub. slides. Marjorie Leaming invited me. - - Looked over Miss Berg's zoo before returning.

Conferred with Mr Durban at H.S. over admitting some of our over-age boys.

Notified nine of our 8A's that their work did not entitle them to graduation

Most of us went to hear Henry Turner Bailey at Woman's Club after school. An inspiring talk.

This evening I went to Presb Ch. to hear Pres Dodge of Beirut college.

[Henry Turner Bailey (1865-1935?), American writer, lithographer, illustrator, craftsman, and teacher, graduated from the Massachusetts Normal Art School and later became the director of the Cleveland School of Art. He encouraged teachers to replace standard drawing books with plain paper and such visual resources as magazine clippings, photographs, casts, illustrated reference books, and objects of decorative art for art instruction. (See entries for January 18, 1921; January 7 and 9, 1922; January 10, 1924; and January 10, 1925. – ed.)

#### **Thursday, January 12**

Gray. Threatening.

Misses White & Sands to the city yest. with one group of 6A's; Jones & Phillips today with another.

Conf with Miss Palmer & agreement that she resume her room in Feb.

Conf with Mrs Childs & Mrs Creigh over teacher situation

Took 8A's picture this aft. Developed negatives after school.

Library Board meeting. Mayor Lewis & Everett Millard there to discuss with us the possibilities of buying property between Laurel & Hazel

Interview with Godshaw at the Alcyon afterwards.

Clarence came in late this evening.

#### **Friday, January 13**

Mild. Sunny at times.

At noon Mr Leech and I went up into Sweeney Woods & dug up & brot away a fine specimen of s. cab.

The gray tip had been nibbled off by some animal. The ground was hard for 5 or 6 inches, but loose around the stem of the plant.

Had proofs of neg. of class printed by Heck.

Wrote inviting Harold Rugg to be guest of teachers for dinner, Feb. 16.

This evening met Mr Craig at school by appointment & discussed the problems presented by his boys

Clarence went to Kenosha for the day

#### **Saturday, January 14**

Bright & sunny. Temp said to have been 60°!

At school a while. Arranged to have Curry stain some music stands. Saw that painter primed new doors on fire escape

To city on 10:04. Schantz' office to leave box of slides. While there got notice from Miss Conwell for me to act as rep of Geog Soc at funeral of Mrs Goode. - - To Albert Agency to talk over teachers. - To Round Table at City Club to hear two excellent reports on teacher training by Supts Ames & Skiles (Costello read Ames' paper) - Much serious discussion of tax situation as probably affected by present special session of legislature

Shopped at Anderson-Carlsen, Fields, & went up to Minna Schmidt, costumer, to figure on boxes  
Home at 5:45.

Clarence spent day at Kenosha again

#### **Sunday, January 15**

Snow flurry in night. Decidedly colder

Slept & read this A.M. After dinner worked over my skunk cabbage specimen. Made notes as I dissected it. Took 6 or 7 photographs.

Developed these and others this evening.

Read from The Best Letters of Jefferson today.

### **Monday, January 16**

A mist in the night froze & everything very slippery until towards noon when it melted.

Talked about Benj. Franklin this A M

Came away from school this A.M. to attempt two photos of the contents of the skunk cabbage "bud" unfolded. Got the pictures, but the lens fell out to the floor & injured shutter

Went to funeral of Mrs J. Paul Goode this aft. Met Prof Cox on I.C.R R train and we went into the church (Hyde Park Baptist) together Geog Soc. rep by Grant, Schantz, Cooper, Cole, et. al. – Addresses by Taft, Mrs O'Neill, Gilk[i?e] & Asst Pastor. Impressive. A very lovable woman Bright. Witty. Kindly.

Then caught 4:40 for Gary. Supper with Edith & Dan. Then half hour with Miss Gle[n?] Shelley – discussing her coming here to take Miss Taylor's Place – Left on 8:00 Home at 10:35

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping eulogy of Mrs. Goode which noted a respected career in political life. She served two terms in the Illinois house of representatives from the 5th senatorial district. Mrs. Goode (Ida Katherine Hancock) was born in Minnesota in 1878. She married J. Paul Goode in 1901, and they moved to Chicago in 1903 when her husband began a professorship in Geography at the University of Chicago. – ed.]

### **Tuesday, January 17**

Mild Sunny most of the time. Muddy

Miss Grunewald unable to come Couldn't get a sub, so made out with help of Mr Vandyke, etc.

This aft Mr Simpson called with some Antioch people to look over b'ld'g. Mr Larson of Little Symph Orch. called with Peel & Dinkaloo concerning a possible concert at Elm Place. Mrs Rubino of Farquhar, etc. called to present her writing system – at teachers' meeting. Afterwards the 7 – 8's and I made out the confidential papers for grad class.

After supper called on Mrs Creigh to talk over teacher situation; at Pub. Libr. an hour; at exh. of paintings at Woman's Club a half hour. Phoned Miss Shelley of Gary offer of 2200. Gave a day for consideration.

### **Wednesday, January 18**

About as yesterday.

Miss Parsons & Mr Hawkins took group of 5B's in bus to Chic.

Miss Grunewald not able to return. – Mrs Roth took care of Miss Parson's group.

Conf with 3 – 4's after school.

Miss Guiney & I at lunch at the Randall's

### **Thursday, January 19**

Rainy this A.M. Then cooler. After 3:00 high winds & cold

Miss Grunewald still absent. I helped sub for her.

Miss Kirkland went to hospital for a minor operation. Mrs Hawkins subing for her 8A's showed the Custer film – receipts 47.65.

Mrs Bliss gave a bridge party and a buffet supper to our staff. Nearly all went. I got there in time for supper. A fine time.

A wire from Mrs Bertha I. Knight accepting our Eng. position at \$2000.00.

### **Friday, January 20**

The wind blew with violence last night and the temp. fell nearly to zero. Today but little moderated

8B's gave 8A's delightful party after school. Mrs Taylor & Miss Bradley planned it.

Conf. with 5 – 6's over promotions.

Mr Leech took me over to the Reichelt's at Deerfield just before supper to leave some music for Wallace to look over. He agreed to play for us at the F of Our N.L. dinner at Kenilworth tomorrow evening.

### **Saturday, January 21**

Almost zero again this A.M. Moderated considerably during day.

To city on 10:04. To Albert Pick & Son to order waste paper hamper. - - Fields for a few books – Sweet Wallach's for chemicals – Almer Coe's for lens & shutter repairs – Public Drug Co. – Art Inst. for lunch & to view special exhibitions – especially that of C W. Hawthorne, & of Oliver Dennet Grover

Stopped off at Kenilworth on way back & conferred with the Pattees & Jensen at the Club House Home & gathered up some things for the "party" tonight

Mrs Reichault & Wallace came at 5:30 & took me to Kenilworth. - - Gathering of 85 of F. of O.N. Fine time. Wallace played the accompaniments. - - Supper, etc. - - Dr Schneider showed his wonderful autochromes.

Consulted Dr Grady about my sore ankle

### **Sunday, January 22**

Milder today but gray,

Loafed at home.

Martha Bottomfield Richards & her husband and Mrs Gabrielson came in from Kenosha and spent much of the aft with us.

### **Monday, January 23**

Beautiful day. Thawed a little.

Miss Grunewald back – also Miss Kirland

Mr Dinkaloo brot over 20 or so of his girls' glee club & they sang for us at morning exercises.

Mr Phelps conferred with me about Bob who has left home. – Bob did not "pass" with his class to H-S.

Read proof of comm. program

This aft. Mrs Fitt had her class on child management.

Miss White's pupils gave a show – matinee.

Number of our teachers guest of Rav. teachers, 4 – 6 skating & dancing.

I went to Dr. Gordon for treatment for my aching heel – probably a strained muscle.

### **Tuesday, January 24**

A little rain in the night. Froze in the aft.

Sent out commencement cards this day.

One science lesson 6A. Miss Parson ill this aft.

Conf. with 2 – 6's after school

Miss White's show this evening. Miles Standish, 5 scenes, then How Boots befooled the King from Pyle's Wonder Clock – one of the best pieces of work we ever had here at H.P. M & K went, also Mrs Chapin.

### **Wednesday, January 25**

Colder but sun moderated temp. a little.

Miss White's pupils took in over \$80<sup>00</sup> in their play

Conf with 2's after school.

Miss Stine's pupils gave a matinee.

Mrs Hawkins a sub. for Miss Parsons.

I promised Mr Jennings this evening to give a Lincoln talk on Sunday evening – Feb. 12.

### **Thursday, January 26**

Rather cold and gray.

Conf. with 1's over promotions

With 6 – 8's ditto and about honorable mentions.

Miss Stine gave her Indian show this evening.

I worked late on my notes for tomorrow's talk.

### **Friday, January 27**

Graduates

A cold day Close to zero. Windy.

Honorable mentions at 9:00.

Closed school at 2:15. Children went home with report cards.

Grad. ex. this evening. Very nice. Gov. Preus gave a fine simple talk to the children. - - - Bruce Godshaw, manager of the Alcyon, had invited the grads & their friends to be guests at the second show – Covered Wagon – so we went down & were very cordially received. Mr. G. gave a flattering talk about me from the stage.

I went down to Gertrude House this aft. & talked to the grad class (of four) on "Something should be done about this." Good time

### **Saturday, January 28**

About 5 below and did not moderate greatly. Clear.

At desk in office with Miss Marsh & Mr Vandyke - - Sen. Swift called to leave a petition for signatures - - Miss Bertha I Knight, elected to relieve Mrs Taylor arrived this A M & I spent much time with her today. She makes a very good appearance

Developed two negatives this evening.

Mr Riddle worked at our radio a while.

Had another treatment of my foot by Dr Gordon.

### **Sunday, January 29**

Moderated and a thin film of snow fell in the night. Gray.

I stayed at home and rested my foot today.

Read from J. O'Donnel, Bennet & Benevenuto Cellini.

Overhauled all my flower negatives and discarded a lot of them today.

### **Monday, January 30**

Moderated only a little

Miss Bertha I Knight began work as Mrs Taylor's successor. The latter was on duty all day.

Miss Frances Palmer resumed 3rd grade, succeeding Mrs Anderson.

At morning ex. we had a thrill from the presence of the Wilmette Pub. School Orchestra, Miss Granquist, conducting. Fine work for a school.

Conf. with various disturbed parents.

Sent Isabel Ma[rin?] and Dorothy Schadewitz to H-S to do morning work & aft. work with us.

Caucus with 6 – 8's after school.

Circulated Sen Swift's petition & got 25 names on it.

### **Tuesday, January 31**

About as yest. Gray mostly. Still cold.

Mr Jensen & Martin Johnson [Mr. Smith may have meant Marshall Johnson, Mr. Jensen's son-in-law. – ed.] picked me up at noon and we went to Naval Tr. Station & made a survey of the beech trees still surviving along the ravines. My first visit to these trees in 12 or 15 years. Three colonies. Thirty or forty all told – Lunch at G.T. Pot.

Went to H-S and had Carter & Tony Dalla Valle assigned to shop work Sent Esther Drake & Bob Phelps over to H.S. with permission to carry two classes.

Conf with 7 – 8's aft. school.

At school a while this evening. The "Wheelock family" worked in our mn'l tr. shop.

### **Wednesday, February 1**

Fine day. Chill. No thawing.

Plastering began at aud. front.

Very busy with miscellaneous engagements.

At dinner this evening at Rowena Bastin Bennett's to meet Prof & Mrs Edson Bastin Other guests – the Wrights, Miss Coolidge, Miss Russel. Then we went to Ravinia school & listened to Mr Bastin's lecture on footpaths of the past. Fine time.

[Edson Sunderland Bastin (1878-1953) was a geologist and author, and professor at the University of Chicago where he was chairman of the department of geology and paleontology. Rowena Bastin Bennett would become a well-known children's book author. – ed.]

### **Thursday, February 2**

Ground Hog Day

Down almost to 5 above this A.M, but came up almost to 32. Sun shone now & then this aft.

K. had an errand to the city today.

Taught a reading lesson in 2B; a review lesson in 8th.

Mrs Boynton had us over for tea. Fine function. Afterwards a number of us went over to Gourley's lumber shed to see the Turnley carriage

At desk in office this evening. Talked program problem over with Mr Vandyke

### **Friday, February 3**

Beautiful day. Began to thaw.

Fred Leighton, Indian trader, came today with a Navajo, Begay, and gave two talks in aud. before noon. This aft they displayed mdse in upper hall and sold quite a little.

Miss Baker, rep. Pathe, called & I agreed upon ten weekly reels

Had Dr Gordon tape up my foot this evening.

Worked in my den all evening.

### **Saturday, February 4**

Mild. Rained at intervals this aft. I had brot over a great wire basket of straw & mulched the tulip rows before I left for the city.

To Chic. Transp. Co. to confer about slides & leave some more negatives. Do. Miss Nichols. - -  
Went to Ford ex. at armory on 16th & Mich & spent an hour or so. Raining by this time To Art Inst for  
lunch & spent an hour or so in the library. To Economic Drug Co, Mandels, Fields – Here I had foot  
examined by expert & bot shoes in which a special pad was fitted. To Anderson's for a try on.  
At home this evening.

### **Sunday, February 5**

A fine day Mild.  
Went to hear Rev Karl Roth this A M. Well repaid.  
Slept heavily this aft. At school a while  
Reading from Emerson's Journals.

### **Monday, February 6**

Beautiful day.  
Spent much time today trying to probe case of stealing Friday – rings from the stock of the Indian  
trader.  
Conf with 7 – 8's after school.  
Went to Boy Scout's Father & Son's banquet at H-S. this evening. Mr Traub presided. Fine  
occasion.

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Heavy showers during the day. Clearing at evening.  
Mrs Chas Gilkey and Mrs Hanson from School of Ed. visited with me this A M & seemed much  
pleased with what they saw.  
Gen'l teachers' meeting at 3:45.  
This evening Hildred Densmore Nash & Ethel Fallstad came to call and at nine Miss Turpin & Miss  
Wheelock came in. Had delightful evening. Popcorn

### **Wednesday, February 8**

Misty at times Cooler  
Miss Fallstad's group with her, Miss Parson & me in charge, went by bus to Chic today. To Steele-Wedels  
where Mr Leo Steele showed us about in thorough fashion. One special feature was the visit to the freight  
tunnel and a walk under the river. - - - To Union Station, Field Museum, Munic. Pier & home  
At home desk this evening.

### **Thursday, February 9**

Beautiful day. Mild. Muddy.  
At noon Mr Leech and I went up to the skunk cabbage patch. Nearly all the tips previously exposed  
had disappeared – gnawed & bitten by frost, but pockets in the ground betrayed the presence of the plant  
which thawed out cavities.  
Aspen buds swelling.  
Visits from Mrs Creigh, Mrs Childs – from Gantz (Laidlaw).  
Library Board this evening.

### **Friday, February 10**

Gray & sunny alternating. Mild. Muddy.  
This day some of the stolen jewelry was returned – bracelet and three rings

A day of endless errands and some bickering.  
Talked Lincoln in two groups of sixth grade.  
Had Dr Gordon tape up my foot again this evening.

### **Saturday, February 11**

Beautiful day but cool.

To city. Chic Transp Co to bring away 11 slides – 7 relating to Lincoln, 4 general, Stebbins for hardware (1<sup>st</sup> to Dist 107). City Club for Round Table luncheon.

Important talk by Richard F Locke of Glen Ellyn about school revenues

To Art Inst where I looked up material in the library. Home at 6:30.

Visited with Archibald Allinson on way in; with Mrs Balke on way out.

### **Sunday, February 12**

Another beautiful day.

M & I to Presb. church to hear Mr. Fitt talk about spiritual growth of Lincoln

This evening I went to Highwood M.E. to talk about incidents of European travel. Showed slides of the monument to the Reformation – also of the Lincoln memorial at W.

### **Monday, February 13**

Very mild. Finally rain set in towards evening.

Showed Lincoln slides this A.M Also a Pathe Review film.

P.T.A. group of upper grade mothers met this aft. Mrs Millard made a fine report upon Country Day School. Mrs Parker & Mrs Gates talked on foods & nutrition. A fine program.

Arranged over phone for Mr Raymoth to come out next Tuesday evening & talk at Pub. Library on dwarf trees.

Miss Knight ill and Mrs Taylor sub.

### **Tuesday, February 14**

Foggy. Some rain.

Visitors: one from Waukegan, two from Lagrange

Misses Sands & Jones took a sixth grade class to Field Museum. Mrs Anderson sub.

Teachers meeting at 4:00.

I got out a circular letter inviting garden club people & others to hear Mr. Raymouth at Library Bldg next Tuesday evening.

Went to dinner at Eames McVeagh's apartments at 900 Lake Shore Drive Meeting of Directors of F.O.N.L. Cowles, Pattee, Von Oven, Dudley, Wheeler, Parks, Mrs Bley, Misses Eskel, Cravens, McIlwaine. Fine time.

### **Wednesday, February 15**

Cooler but still more or less muddy. Gray.

Called at Pub. Libr this evening to inspect cleaning & calcimining over which I have had nominal charge Then went to school to see that boys using playroom went home at nine.

Very busy day.

### **Thursday, February 16**

Very much as yesterday.

Spent some time getting together pictures for exhibit in H. of Pictures.

The big event – the coming of Harold Rugg to lecture under the auspices of Elm Place P.T.A & Lincoln P.T.A. We teachers gave him a dinner in our H. of P – decorated with daffodils & yellow candles. Then the lecture in the aud. Fine audience Inspiring address. I had nice visit with him before the train K. went but M's foot bothered her & she stayed at home.

[Harold Rugg (1886-1960) was a leading proponent of Progressive education. His ground-breaking work continues to influence educators in the 21st Century. In 1928, he wrote *The Child-Centered School*, which had a major impact on the teaching profession. (See February 25, 1922 and March 12, 1927 entries. – ed.)]

### **Friday, February 17**

Surprised us by beginning to snow after noon & a northeaster set in, blowing & drifting at evening.

I let the Kg's, 1's, 2', & Misses Palmer & Bradley go to conv. under auspices of Chic P. & T Association at Palmer House. I went, too.

Heard last part of Florence McAteer's address & all of Dr. Glueck's (fine). Lunch with Miss Phillips. Talked over field work of F.O.N.L. This aft heard Dr Healey. Good Long visit with Mrs Helen Bradshaw Stevens afterwards. Chat with various others, including Margaret Cushing Small of Geneva.

-6's with Miss Phillips & Miss White took bus to city.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the convention program of the Chicago Association for Child Study and Parent Education. Dr. Florence Mateer, Clinical Psychologist, Columbus, Ohio, spoke on "The Physical Basis of the Child's Emotional Health." Dr. Bernard Glueck, Psychiatrist, New York, spoke on "The Significance of Parental Attitude for the Destiny of the Individual." Dr. William Healy, Director, Judge Baker Foundation, Boston, spoke on "Constructive Values of Conflicts, Successes and Failures." – ed.]

### **Saturday, February 18**

Great drifts of snow – snow plows, snow shovels – drop in temp. Clear and cold

At Palmer House by 11:00 in time to hear closing portion of Prof. Otto's talk & all of Prof Kilpatrick's. Both fine.

To U. of C. after shopping & picking up my new suit at Anderson-Carlson's. To Botany library where I stayed until 5:00. Then called on Dr Goode in his sick room & had a fine visit with him. Back to loop at 6:45. Went to picture show at the Chicago. Home at 11:00.

Dr. Owen died yesterday aft. I shook hands with him at the conf. yest. A M

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### **Sunday, February 19**

About zero this A.M. but moderated. Clear. Wind from southwest.

Not at church Read Emerson's Compensation.

Took some photog at sch. this aft – branches, etc. but poor result.

### **Monday, February 20**

Bright day. Thawed little.

Board meeting this evening. Authorized my trip to Boston. Appointed a committee to engage Richard Locke of Glen Ellyn to act as attorney for the Board.

Miss Meyers leading her pupils into aud. for movie lesson stepped into a manhole (uncovered) in darkness & had painful cut on her leg, etc. Sent her home with the nurse.

**Tuesday, February 21**

Gray at times. Surprisingly cold at dawn – zero, at least, but much milder during day.

Visited H.S. for a time this A.M. Mr Reynolds' Latin class.

Dismissed early this aft to hear Congressman Rathbone at Woman's Club. Fine voice. Ingratiating manner. Nothing to say

This evening Mr Raymouth came to talk at Library bld'g about dwarf trees. Very interesting. I sent invitations to three garden clubs who were represented. Audience of 40 to 50.

The Craggs spent the evening with us –

Miss Meyers at home Mrs Anderson, sub.

**Wednesday, February 22**

Melting. No school

Messers Leech, Cunn, Hawkins & I went up to our skunk cabbage patch with snow shovel, broom, pickaxe, etc & thermometers But we had no startling results. Air temp 40. Snow & ground 32. Meant to dig out an extra specimen but could find only our photographic specimens which we were unwilling to disturb. Took two snow pictures.

This aft I took a cabbage picture & two pictures of birch catkins & red maple blossom. Developed ten neg this evening.

Wrote garden magazine article this evening.

Mr & Mrs Cunningham & the baby visited us awhile this aft.

**Thursday, February 23**

Melted some, then grew much colder. Icy

Very busy.

Orchestra gave movie show after school – benefit of band fund

Players of Westminster Guild rehearsing this evening.

Mrs Anderson, sub for Miss Meyers. Mrs Hawkins for Miss McMunn who is ill.

**Friday, February 24**

Off for Boston

Mrs Hawkins again a sub for Miss McMunn

Had an aud. ex. at 9:00 and showed the Washington – Mt Vernon pictures

Gave manuscript of an article about wild flower gardens to Mrs Robertson for publication in her new garden magazine

Arranged for Santi to stoke the home furnace mornings and evenings.

Left at 3:04. Caught 5:30 Lake Shore for Boston

[Pasted to this page is a clipping showing train berth assignments for cars 434, 436, and 440. Mr. Smith was assigned to the lower 5 berth of car 436. – ed.]

**Saturday, February 25**

Enroute to Boston

Delightful day

Daylight from Buffalo on. Darkness upon us as we left Springfield Mass

Half hour late into Boston Left baggage at Elks Hotel & hurried over to Huntington Hall to hear latter part of program of Nat'l Society for Sc. Study of Educn.

Bagley

Judd

Terman.

First two joyfully roasted the yearbook.

**Sunday, February 26**

Boston

At Trinity (Phillips Brooks Church). Great service.

Rector recommended us to read

Life of Prayer – Wm Adams Brown Christ at the Round Table – G Stanley Jones

Influences of New Testament Today – Prof. Scott

Constructive Citizenship L.P. Jacks

Moody – Gamaliel Bradford

After church – to the Boston Pub. Libr to enjoy the fine paintings.

3:30 Vespers in Christ Church (Old North), Emotional thrill

8:00 P.M – “Elijah.” A masterly performance

[Attached to this page are three clippings:

**Order of Music** for the First Sunday in Lent. On the back of this clipping, Mr. Smith wrote with pencil the recommended reading list of the Trinity Rector.

**Vesper Services** of Christ Church “Old North Church,” Ernest J. Dennen, D.D., Rector. The clipping provides the following information about the church:

Christ Church, the oldest church edifice now standing in Boston, was erected in 1723 on Salem Street at the foot of Hull. The interior of the church is little changed by time. One may still see the silver communion service dating from 1733 and the clock which has been in place since 1746. The tower chimes, which are still in use, were first hung in 1744. On a tablet, above the main entrance to the church, is the following inscription:

“The signal lanterns of Paul Revere displayed in the steeple of this church April 18, 1775, warned the country of the march of the British troops to Lexington and Concord”.

**Mendelssohn’s *Elijah***, conducted by Thompson Stone; William Burbank, organist; Ethyl Hayden, soprano; Nevada Van Der Veer, contralto; Henry Clancy, tenor; Henri Scott, bass; and sixty-six players from the Boston Symphony Orchestra. – ed.]

**Monday, February 27**

Boston

Wright & I together nearly all the times we were in Boston

Attended General session at 9:00 & the evening session

The special session we attended in the aft was in Huntington Hall. Kg. & primary conf. on creative education

After this was over W. & I crossed Boston Commons to the State House and attended the reception given our members by the Governor & his wife. In the receiving line was Mrs Lindeburgh [Anne Morrow Lindbergh – ed.] and we shook hands with her.

Great evening meeting!!

[Attached to this page is an invitation card to the Governor’s reception. It is transcribed as follows:

GOVERNOR AND MRS. FULLER  
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY  
AT A RECEPTION TO THE MEMBERS OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENCE  
AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS OF THE  
NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
HALL OF FLAGS, STATE HOUSE

MONDAY AFTERNOON AT FOUR-FIFTEEN O'CLOCK  
FEBRUARY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT – ed.]

**Tuesday, February 28** Boston

A party of us, Nygaard, et. al. went to Art Museum at 9:00 and stayed until nearly 12:00.  
Then W. & I went to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum for an hour or so – a wonderful museum  
In aft. I went with some friends on bus trip to Lexington & Concord – great in all respects  
This evening to general program in Mechanics Hall

**Wednesday, February 29** Boston

This A.M Clark W. & I went over to First Dock & to Old State House  
This aft we went with the crowd that filled two special trains to Plymouth. Impressive  
This evening W. & I to hear Jane Cowl in the Road to Rome – a burlesque on war, etc.  
[Attached to this page is a clipping from the Shubert Wilbur Theatre announcing Jane Cowl in *The Road to Rome* by Robert Emmet Sherwood. – ed.]

**Thursday, March 1** Left Boston at midnight

W. & I heard first number of gen'l session (Pres. Angell's address). Then I went over to Cambridge  
Visited  
Agassiz & the glass flower  
Widener Memor. Library  
Memorial Hall  
Back to Elks Hotel. W & I checked out & took our baggage to the Statler  
This aft – we attended much of the Gen'l Session Then I went to Public Library for one more look at the noble paintings.  
W. & I went over to Mechanics Inst by 6:15. Great crowd at entrance. We were soon admitted. Enormous crowd in place – thrills aplenty – when at length Col. Lindbergh was ushered in, followed by his mother, the gov., et al. A great occasion. A short speech by Lindy. A shorter by his mother, etc. etc  
Left at midnight for N Y.

**Friday, March 2**

Junior met me at station at 7:30. We went up to his home at 127 W. 88th where I rested for a time. He went to his school & I looked in on his work for a short time at ten. Then I spent two hours or so in the Amer Muse. of Nat'l Hist  
At 1:30 Jr & I went for lunch. Then down town to tramp around at the Battery & elsewhere to enjoy views of great bldgs. Went up to 50th story in Woolworth.  
Dinner at Columbia Club.

**Saturday, March 3** New York & Start homeward

Junior & I visited Grant's Tomb & the Library at Columbia, and other bldg's there. To Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Then Metrop Museum – where we had lunch. After that to St Thomas' Church & to look at other notable bldgs. Finally to Grand Central Station & off to Albany, - at 4:30  
Fine view of river until night came on  
Albany at 7:29.

Supper there. Took 9:05 west. Met Mr. Goble of Elgin at the train & we chummed to Chic

**Sunday, March 4** New York to Chicago

Mr Goble & I spent the day together Got in at 3:30

I went to Art Inst. for an hour or so before starting for home.

Home at 6:15.

**Monday, March 5**

Mr Smith, Supt at Barrington & 5 of his staff visited us this A.M.

Mr Rugg, lecturer on liquid air, came. Mrs Stuart Reed Brown asked me to talk at Lake Bluff –  
Apr 10.

Miss Tschirgi ill. I taught an aft. class for her. Mr. Vandyke a morning class

Mr Anderson's band pupils gave some simple exercises at morning ex.

Mr Vandyke and I worked in office this evening.

Miss Marsh absent all week because of chicken pox. Still absent and Miss Bell on the job.

**Tuesday, March 6**

Moderated. After nightfall a little rain with some snow flakes

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Took some catkin pictures at school & developed them this evening.

Mass meeting in our aud this evening to present the proposed bond issue by the city. Amicable.  
Mr Shipness presided. Mayor Lewis and Mr Reay spoke Mr. Cunningham ran the lantern.

**Wednesday, March 7**

Fine day, though chilly. Ice on pools. Snow banks in low places.

After school some of us walked over Exmoor slope. A pair of horned larks, a chickadee or two,  
only.

This evening at Pub. Library to confer with Miss Hendee about repairs, etc. Then called on Mrs  
Geer & William for a time.

**Thursday, March 8**

Gray. Threatening Then little rain dashed with snow after dark

Agt for Denoyer came and I signed for 24 maps – 105<sup>00</sup> to be paid in Sept.

Miss Tschirgi's pupils gave an historical pageant this aft.

Missis Turpin & Bradley and I went to Mrs Gehr's at the noon hour to look over the statuary she  
proposes to give us.

Library Board met this evening at Mrs Everett's, Much discussion of bond issue (proposed) for  
library site. I had conferred with Rudolph Ingerle to set aside \$600<sup>00</sup> for a painting by him This was  
agreed to.

**Friday, March 9**

Gray. Clearing. Considerable rain during night

Called:

Ag't for Little Brown

Boy Scouts.

Mrs Law – Mrs Creigh

Mrs Morrison

Mr Mann  
Mr Ingerle  
Mr Knox

Conf with Mr. Vandyke over his future plans.

### **Saturday, March 10**

Gray. Moderated

To city on 10:34. Took four pages (materials for mounting) to Abbotts – 235 So Wab.

Shopped at Fields. To lunch there as guest of the Pattees – together with Mrs Baroody, Mrs Richardson & Miss Craigmile. Discussed status of affairs of Aud. Soc. Then we all took auto for Field Museum to hear Cleaves on Cruising along Labrador. Much of the talk crude Had some fine film

Brot home pkg of 31 slides from Chic Transp Co.

### **Sunday, March 11**

Moderated. Mud quite deep

To church with Mother (Presb.)

This aft. Mr. Leech came for me & we went to his house where we parked the machine & took a circle walk inot the Second Skokie. Several kill-deers. Two meadowlarks. Large flock of tree sparrows in full song. Two downies. Two horned larks.

Ellen Truax brot me a fine sharp-shinned hawk which struck against the window at breakfast time.

Mr & Mrs Cunningham & baby came & took M. & K. for a ride this aft.

### **Monday, March 12**

Almost sultry today, & warm rain after dark

Robins about the town, Bluebirds seen, & every other bird that is due.

At morning ex. Lyman Gurney sang & some H.S. pupils in costume advertised a marionette show to be given next Friday.

Mr Beatty of Woodstock & some of his teachers visited us this A.M. Two rep. of the Leighton trading post called.

P.T.A. meeting this aft – Mrs Loewenstein's group. Fine meeting. - - - I had to go over to the DeForest School & talk on the Boston meeting. Mrs Moulton of Winnetka followed with a fine talk.

Board meeting this evening

Miss Dorsch here from Europe.

### **Tuesday, March 13**

Cooler. Gray.

Will Averill visited a while this aft. He and Miss White had a conf. about trying out a little science book he is projecting.

At teachers' meeting I submitted Mr. Bliss' suggestion that the school pupils raise 500<sup>00</sup> for the new addition Much interested debate.

Went to Chamber of Commerce dinner this evening. Sen. Swift talked. Profitable.

### **Wednesday, March 14**

Cool but turning out clear.

Workmen began clearing away rubbish from front of new aud. entrance

Visitors: Gibson from Macmillans; Mr Quayle; Ted Grant; Miss T. rep. travel co.; Mrs Gehr sent two small marble statues which we set up in corridors of elementary bldg.

I photographed some tree blossoms.

### **Thursday, March 15**

Cool – gray, but thawing.

Distributed fruit tree sheets to pupils today.

Advertised the “tumbler show” which we gave this evening. Mr Kendig’s H.S. boys gave us a fine program. We ran a “Gang Comedy” & a sport film. A forty dollar house

Spent an hour or so with Miss Hansen after school, helping plan her nature work.

### **Friday, March 16**

Raw. Thawing in sheltered places.

To Glencoe to inquire about building costs of Mr Rowell. Was shown through the new auditorium.

A Mr Holt of Kenosha, a friend of the Richards, called to inquire about a school position

Boyscout assembly in our aud this evening: Wilmette, Kenilworth, Glencoe, H.P., & Lake Bluff, Deerfield & Glenview represented Fine program. Over 750 people.

### **Saturday, March 17**

Still raw. Cold winds

To Chic on 10:34. To Nixon & Co where Mr Sonnenschein assured me that the water course across my contract lot would be diverted as soon as possible.

To City Club to luncheon of Round Table. A great many members of the Geo. Howland Club present by invitation Walker of Ev; Osborne of Francis Parker School, & I on program. As time was very short, I got off a short performance, the humor of which appealed to the crowd.

Afterwards to Art Inst. & Fields, & home.

### **Sunday, March 18**

Bright day, but still cold.

At home all day. Read Werner’s Barnum and several pages from Emerson’s Journal.

Harvey’s family came this aft & spent an hour or two.

The Pattees came and borrowed about 20 of my lantern slides.

We listened in on Prof. Steiner’s talk at Orchestra Hall

### **Monday, March 19**

Fine day. Still cool.

All birds of season have been here some time but not conspicuous because of the chill.

The A.M, Mr Cunningham, Mr Vandyke & I went up to Port Clinton School to inspect its condition, etc.

P.T.A. meeting this aft. - - the group reading Wickes’ The Inner World of the Child I, however, went to Winnetka to talk to the P.T.A. about nature study. Mrs Parker presided. Had a fine time.

This evening to Skokie School at Winnetka to hear Dr Meiklejohn talk about the Madison experiment. Very stimulating & inspiring Came back with Mrs Millard.

### **Tuesday, March 20**

Still cool, but gray & moderating.

Rev. Mr Prince of Lake Forest came to give the first of a series of three lectures to 6 – 8’s on English Cathedrals. Well received. Fine lecture

Visited the Chapins a while this evening.  
Men came to replace our toilets as unsatisfactory.  
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Mr Moseley died this afternoon.

[Carleton Moseley was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts on October 26, 1863. His obituary described him as a pioneer Chicago coffee merchant. He had worked at the firm of Chase & Sanborn, importers of teas and coffees, since 1886. In 1892, he married Marion L. Wilder, and they had two children, George Clark and Marion Renwick (Mrs. Stewart Braisted Sniffen). Mr. Moseley moved to Highland Park in 1895 and was a member of the Board of Education for District 107 from 1902 to 1912. Mrs. Moseley also was involved in school affairs. The Moseleys are mentioned frequently in Mr. Smith's diaries. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, March 21**

Milder. Very much like spring.  
Last two or three days quite lame again in right foot.  
Gave three boys a lesson in architecture of our school b'ldg.  
At home this evening. Read great deal from Statham's Architecture for General Readers.

### **Thursday, March 22**

Real spring day.  
Lameness in foot bothered me much  
Several classes visited telephone central today.  
M., K, & I went down to Bethany Church this eve to chop suey supper. Mrs Andrew Decker took us.

Got news this A.M. of sudden death of Mr Henry Thayer in Chic last evening.  
[Henry Joshua Thayer was born in Chicago on December 18, 1858. He was president of the firm of Thayer & Chandler, manufacturers and importers of artists' materials, which he helped to organize in 1880. The Thayers are mentioned in Mr. Smith's diaries, see especially the October 21, 1915 entry. – ed.]

### **Friday, March 23**

A warm day. Overcoats impossible  
This aft. went to funeral of Mr Moseley, as an honorary pall bearer Beautiful service. Interment at Lake Forest.  
Went to Pattees for dinner where Wm L. Finley was the g. of honor. Then we all went over to Women's Club where Mr F. lectured, showing some Glacier Park reels and others Splendid. Mr. Gault there, and we all rode back to Pattees, and I left them after a half hour.  
Field trip with one 4B group to Lake Shore

### **Saturday, March 24**

Very warm until cool northeaster blew up at 6:30 P.M After 8:00 a thunderstorm & heavy rain.  
To city on 9:04. Caucus with Mr. Gault. Shopped at Carson's. Home by 12:30. M & I went to Mr. Thayer's funeral at 1:30. Then I caught the 2:34 for Chic. Shopped at Fields. Picked up my new spring coat at Anderson-Carlson's. (90<sup>00</sup>). Conf. with Miss Nichols over my slides. Home by 7:00.  
After supper to Dr Gordon's to get treatment for my foot which has bothered me greatly of late.

### **Sunday, March 25**

Mild. Spring-like again. Buds hastening along

Stayed in all day. Hoped to give my foot a rest. Read from The Jefferson Bible. Read Harley's Life of Chas Thomson

Walked to post office and back this evening

Jack Allen & his father brot in a hoot owl with crippled wing.

### **Monday, March 26**

Snow

A northeaster set in at noon and snow at intervals came down until dark

This aft – Dixie, the Yale Univ. Film. Last of the series but we are to have one we skipped - - Vincennes.

My foot a little better.

Miss Bradley ill & at home. Miss Quick stayed at home this aft. Toothache.

Miss Dorsch came to sub two weeks for Miss Kratsch who is shortly to be married.

Worked this evening some upon my talk for next Thursday evening in Chic.

### **Tuesday, March 27**

Quite a drift of snow on my back walk. Snow plow out. But the sun drove most of it away. My early tulips showed at noon no evidence that six inches of snow hid them at dawn.

Teachers' meeting – six – eight this aft.

Mrs Millard came to talk over movie situation Brot two of her mother's paintings to lend us.

Mr Prince gave the second of his lectures on English cathedrals this aft.

This evening Mrs Chapin and I talked garden seeds a while, then I went down to call on the Moseleys. Had a fine visit with Geo & Marion and Mrs George – with their two friends, Mr. & Mrs Cassidy.

Mrs Moseley had retired & I did not see her.

### **Wednesday, March 28**

Cool & gray, but melting some.

Sent order for over 50 dwarf trees to Van Dusen, etc

Mr Leech planted fr. gentian seed in a flat (sphagnum moss)

Miss Fargo called for an hour.

Agent for S.S. Union called for the annual check - 3<sup>00</sup>

Went to Chic on 4:04. Stayed with Miss Nichols while she worked on my slides until 8:15.

Caught 8:28 home.

### **Thursday, March 29**

Gray. Blustry. Then after night a sort of northeaster set. A snow flurry last night

Went to Chic on 4:47. To Miss Nichols' office and stayed there until 7:45 to get my slides. Then to Sherman House – the Garden Show – to talk on Wayside Adventures. Small audience. The big show attracted all attention.

Visited with Rose Miller & others – including Miss Moore, formerly of our H.S. – and her delightful friends

My foot developed a cramp after I came away from the hotel & bothered me much.

### **Friday, March 30**

Snowing at daylight after a blustery night, but it cleared during the morning, the sun shone, & much of it melted.

Conf with Mrs Creigh. With Gertrude Murdough about art supervisorship.

Went to (Chic) Wilson Ave on 7:04 with seven others of our staff to Dorothy Kratsch's Wedding – in Ravenswood Presb. Church. We went over to the house a while. Then came home from Wilson Ave. Kirkland, Fallstad, Dorsch, Palmer, Jones, Wheelock, Turpin, Bradley.

### **Saturday, March 31**

Fine day. Snow melting rapidly.  
Spent much of morning at school in conf. with Mrs Creigh and Mrs Childs over teachers' salaries, etc.  
This aft. called at the (empty) Schumacher house to look at a desk on 3rd floor offered the school. At Mrs Geer to look at show case.  
Visited at the Sundells.  
Dr. Gordon treated my foot again this evening.

### **Sunday, April 1**

Mild.  
To church – Palm Sunday.  
This aft. with Mr Leech to skunk cabbage patch. Found traces of concealed ice rim about plants  
Brot home big specimen.  
We seined in shallow pools by tracks at W. Park Ave  
Listened to fine address by Rabbi Wise over radio this evening.

### **Monday, April 2**

Mild & delightful.  
Fox sparrows & song sparrows singing near by.  
Mr Vandyke in the city until noon to see his father.  
Miss Quick at morning exercises but home for the remainder of the day  
Miss Kerr & Miss Parson out. Probably "flu". Mrs Anderson & Mrs Hawkins as subs  
Visitors: Miss Scott of Wilmette and Misses Ducker and Wilson of Winnetka  
Mr Leech's seinings in the jars proved to be rich in cyclops, caddis worms, etc.  
This evening I prepared a letter to send to the Nixon Co – announcing my decision to cease payment on my contract.  
Paid to date 1669.50 plus 71.38 interest. Still due two installments of 31.50 each & a final one of 1427.50.

### **Tuesday, April 3**

Delightful. Sultry.  
Our longtime "official photographer" came today to take groups of pictures. At noon he took a picture of our house with Edith, Ruth Anne and I in front.  
E & R A. came this A.M.  
Mr Prince gave the last of his series of cathedral lectures this aft. Fine work.  
Mrs Creigh & Mrs Vail entertained all of us at "bridge" & supper. Fine time. Then we all went to party at Lincoln School. Fine. I came away early to visit with E & R.A.  
Mrs Anderson sub. for Miss Parson; Mrs Hawkins for Miss Miller.  
Pd Bank \$150<sup>00</sup> and gave note for \$300 – 60 da. Took up my \$450 note.

### **Wednesday, April 4**

A fine showery day.

Visitors – one from Harvey & two from Dowagiac, applying for a job.  
News of birth of 8 pounder to Barbara Miles.  
Taught several small groups in science while Mr Leech supervised setting (re-) of tomato plants.  
Geog. exc. to Lake shore with Miss Stine's group  
To church this evening. Sermon by young man from McCormick.  
Brot away Easter lantern slides  
Mr Rommel took more group pictures

### **Thursday, April 5**

Showers much of day; heavy downpour after 4:00 P.M  
Miss White's group gave a fine show this aft – scenes from Iliad)  
Dr Monilaw came to see Mr. Cunningham with reference to his summer camp.  
Paid my taxes \$122.21 (5.51 + 115.71).  
Miss Parson still away, Mrs Anderson a sub.

### **Friday, April 6**

Good Friday

Mostly gray. Mild.  
Had assembly at 9:00 and talked over events of Good Friday & showed some lantern slides.  
Agt for Nystrom.  
M. & I went to Presb. Church to hear Dr. McClure's Good Friday sermon.  
Conf with Mr Ugolini over concrete platform before school bldg.  
Planted two flats of petunias & one each of calendulas, alyssum, ageratum, & antirrhinum for self at school.

### **Saturday, April 7**

Snow flurries at intervals all day. Colder  
Various errands. With Mr Mann & Ugolini to confer about stone walk at school  
At Press office to arrange about printing F. O O N.L. notice  
To Chic to Round Table Luncheon. Discussion by Washburne & Nygaard.  
To Art Inst. for a time.  
This evening Mr Davies & I took out all our flats in the three cold frames & put into plant house I feared a low temp.

### **Sunday, April 8**

Snow – an inch or so – lay on ground at daybreak Sun came out for a time & melted the snow for the most part, but cold wind set in. A raw day.  
M. K, & I to Presb. Ch. for morning service  
M & I went out with the Watsons at 4:00 for an auto ride to Fox River  
This evening M. & I went by taxi to Highwood M E. to hear an Easter pageant.

### **Monday, April 9**

Clear but cool. Had been as low as 24°. Thawed some.  
Dr Alfred Alder (Adler) came today to speak twice. First before us teachers as we sat around in the 7th – 8th lit. room. Then this evening to the general public at 50¢ each. The talk with the teachers was inspiring & suggestive. The evening talk in the Aud. was not easily caught by all of his hearers because of his broken English. 400 or more heard him this evening.

Marion Moseley S[n?]iffen & her Dr. came over this aft & at the close carried off ~~the~~ Dr. A. for a half hour chat. Then he ate dinner at the Silbers.

K went to the lecture. Mrs G. too tired.

### **Tuesday, April 10**

Fine day. Cool

Taught election lesson to 8A's.

Conf. with Mrs Millard over laying concrete approach to aud. entrance

To Lake Bluff this aft. to talk about ravine flora to Womens groups & upper graders.

Then to Chic to Cliff Dwellers' Club to Directors meeting – F.O.O.N.L Dinner Conf.

Jensen, Austin, Dudley, Wheeler, Hooker, Bley, McIlwaine, Mitchell, Eskil, Park, McVeagh

### **Wednesday, April 11**

Fine day. Cool.

Painters finished their work on aud. addition.

Mrs Hastings & Mrs Bullard entertained our staff for tea at Mr H's after school. Fine time.

Koller brot green manure and our men filled cold frames

Greatly pleased with the defeat of Gov. Small yesterday.

### **Thursday, April 12**

Fine day. Cool.

Something of a cold

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Mr Leech's group planted zinnia seed today.

H.S. entertained Lake Forest teachers and us this evening at cafeteria dinner. Fine time

Then to meeting of Library Board Amicable

### **Friday, April 13**

Gray. Then late afternoon rain & all evening.

Our Men got ground in front of aud ready for planting. Plasterers paid their last visit

Mr. Leech's pupils planted asters & snap dragon

We closed school for vacation

I attended an entertainment at Mr Roth's church this evening & made a short nature talk.

### **Saturday, April 14**

Snow flurries much of day. Raw.

At home nursing my cold.

Mr Leech acted in my steady to lead a Skokie trip for the F.O.O.N.L. Four met him at electric station and visited skunk cabbage patch in Sweeney's woods

Mr Vandyke acted for me in the school election Only 22 votes

President – Geo E. Bliss

3 yr member – Earl Fritsch

3 “ “ - Alfred Meyer

1 “ “ - Arthur Wood

### **Sunday, April 15**

Sun came out on a snow spotted landscape and chased it mostly away, tho the day was cool.

I nursed my cold very satisfactorily, staying indoors for that purpose. Read from Emerson's poems, Nock's Jefferson, Adams' on Chartres, & Maugham – Of Human Bondage.

### **Monday, April 16**

LakeShore Division

Gray. Cool. Then moderating

To Wauk Fine address by Dr Lord. Then heard Hughes Mearnes in another fine address.

Went to P.T.A. luncheon. Kaiser of Oak Park talked on taxes. Then Meikeljohn gave a splendid talk.

At business meeting afterwards I reported for the appropriation committee. The delegate body acted upon my suggestion to make an appropriation for the Educ. Bldg to be erected at Springfield, fixing the sum at 1000. to be paid in 3 years.

Mr Thomas brot me home in his auto.

This evening Mr Vandyke and I went down to Skokie School at Winnetka to hear Frau Dr Rot[?]n talk on youth movement in Germany.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, Lake Shore Division program. Dr. Livingston C. Lord, President of the State Teachers' College at Charleston, Illinois gave an address on "The Teacher – Being, Knowing, Doing." Hughes Mearns, Professor of Education at New York University in New York City spoke at the Primary Section meeting on "Setting Free the Creative Spirit." Alexander Meikeljohn, Chairman of the Experimental College of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin spoke at the Parent-Teacher Section meeting on "Some Phases of the School Curriculum and the Parents' Relation to it." Mr. Smith was chairman of the Appropriations Committee. – ed.]

### **Tuesday, April 17**

Fine day Cool wind

Mr Krehbiel and a workman from the Art Inst & fastened the new murals in place on the end walls of the Hall of Pictures. Mrs Millard came twice during the day to watch the work. We like the result very much but regret that the artist did not get more "accent" into his work.

Ugolini worked on the excav. for cement walk before the new entrance.

Our dwarf trees came yest. but remained unpacked. A smaller pkg from Meehan came Friday.

I scouted down to Winnetka & then to Glencoe this A M to learn more about my furnace

Mrs Fogg came this evening to talk over a job.

### **Wednesday, April 18**

Fair. Moderated and slight showers late aft.

Ugolini's truck & Lichtw's auto took L. & K. & me out to dig up shrubs on the Sweeney estate west of Highwood. Mr. Leech joined us. Then the men set the aspens, "blue beech", wild crabs, haws, downy v., etc as I directed – in front of aud. entrance. I pruned the plants in advance

Our dwarf trees arrived & L. & K. & I puddled them. Some were distrib. this aft.

I set out at home some phlox brot us by Mrs Bletsch. Also four dwarf trees – Waneta, Wealthy, Grimes G. & Bartlett. Gave Mr Lichtwalt a standard Transparent I had set out last year

Badly fagged & went to bed right after supper

### **Thursday, April 19**

Bright & gray alt. Sharp cool wind. High winds in the night.

This A.M. set out 8 Canterbury Bells from my cold frame Raked straw up. Cleaned leaves out of cold fr. & packed layer of green manure in it. Made a compost heap of leaves, straw & clay soil back of lot. Sifted wagon load of hard coal ashes & got nearly 10 wheel barrow loads of ashes for my garden beds.

At school twice. Inspected installation of fire alarm system in element. bldg. Helped unpack nursery shipment from Onarga Nurs. Co.

### **Friday, April 20**

Bright but a cold wind.

At school an hour this A.M. caring for nursery stock, etc.

Then Mr Lichtwalt came over & dug up an elm tree for me in Mr Ditmer's backyard and we set it in front of our house on Vine Ave parkway, displacing a crooked tree.

The rest of day I worked at home. Wheeled a load of manure to various parts of garden; spaded this in about trees and in flower beds; planted a row of onion sets; etc. etc.

Hair cut this evening.

### **Saturday, April 21**

Sunny mostly but a continuous cold wind.

Worked at home nearly all day Raked much of lawn for reseeding. Spaded all the garden plots and lined them – about three pounds of slaked lime for each. Planted a few old onions. A row of turnip-rooted radishes. A row of Icicle radishes.

A stand of bees for the school arrived. Mr. Leech took charge of it.

### **Sunday, April 22**

Bright. Milder

At home nearly all day Read from Otto's Things & Ideals - - -

The Leechs', including the baby Jimmie, called a while this aft. Also Mrs Wm Drake with some of her children

After six I walked out towards the Leechs' & just before seven took up my stand to await the performance of the woodcock on the meadow where he has performed in recent years. As the church bell in H.P. rang for seven, he began to call & at 7:10 made his first flight. Mr. Leech joined me there & after four or five flights we went into the house. - - Mr. L brot me home and we called at McNutts for a little while. The McNutt baby is about two weeks old.

### **Monday, April 23**

Fine day but still a cold wind.

School began once more, Mrs Dorsch a visitor One new pupil.

Mrs Loewenstein's group met this aft. Mrs Balke presided. Mrs. L. ill. Mrs Herbert Smith talked about campfire for girls. Dr. Monilaw about boys' camps

Board meeting this evening. Arthur Wood, the new board member. First step as to new b'ld'g. Committee app'td to report upon an architect.

This A M. I left house at 5:10 to try to find a horned lark in its morning flight. Failed to find any but had a fine walk. Mourning dove, martens, field & song sparrows, meadowl, etc. etc

Miss Lucretia Cavannah, Supv. of writing for Cleveland Schools, spent 45 min. with me. Sent by R. G. Jones

### **Tuesday, April 24**

Ice in bird bath. Sun shone but cold wind blew. For a time flakes showered out of the sky.

Mrs Banks, formerly of Abbott's, called to show some prints. Capellor of Thos Charles called. - - -

Met with 6's after school. At Pub. Libr. a while this evening. Tried in vain to call on Ingerle & Crane

### **Wednesday, April 25**

Still cool. Ice this A.M. but a beautiful day.

Our men & I dug up 25 or so elms in G.B. nursery & brot them over to Elm Pl. for distrib.

Conf with Mrs Childs over shades, etc. Taught four boys lesson in historic ornament.

Took 12:04 to Chic. To Francis Parker School. Visited with Miss Cook. Miss Clausenius, Mary Davis, Dr Lukens, et. al. Fine time. Discussed drawing teacher with Miss Clausenius & Miss Davis.

At 4:30 in the loop. At Fields ordered two large vases for statuary niches in Intermed. Bldg. Bot KNO<sub>3</sub> [Potassium Nitrate – ed.] at Vaughans

Home at 6:30. At 7:00 met some of upper grade teachers for conf. At 9:00 Mr V. & I went down to the Ingerles' & had delightful time.

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### **Thursday, April 26**

Still cool. Ice as yest.

Sprayed two elms and a w.h cherry for scale before school this A.M.

Various school duties including distrib. of some elms, etc.

Mr Lichtwalt & I set up screen & lantern at the Y.W.'s for Mrs Fisher's garden talk & Louis Dalponte operated at 2:30.

Teachers' meeting for 4 – 5's at 4:00. Took 6:04 for Chic. To Schantz' office for meeting of Audub. directors where we were on ragged edge of big racket. I left at 8:30 & went to City Club to meeting of Directors of Chic. Teachers College & advisory staff, I being on latter list. Mr Slutz talked & interesting discussion by Mrs Hefferan, Dr Hobson, Mrs Pattison, M[rs?] Morse, et. al.

### **Friday, April 27**

Still Cool. Otherwise fine

Harold Schultz, student of Leighton School of Art, Milwaukee, called to apply for position Also Vida Chatfield of Evansville, Wisc

Talked on conserv. of wild flowers at Y.W.C.A this aft.

This evening operated lantern for Mr Lyon's talk there Most interesting talk on bird banding. Mr L & I visited for an hour afterwards

### **Saturday, April 28**

A beautiful day. Somewhat warmer altho there was ice again in the bird bath at dawn

To Waukegan to confer with Mr Simpson over the distributive fund.

This aft met small group of F of O.N.L. at Ft Sher., electric station & led trip down to skunk cabbage patch and out to Half Day Road. Fine time

Mrs Lautman & two boys, Mrs S.R. Brown, Mrs Welch & Marg. Cox, Mr & Mrs ———, Mrs Turner, Mrs ———, Marjorie Leaming and Mr Kavanagh.

Returning, worked about my place until nearly seven Planted 3 wild gooseberry plants & some wild geranium, used hose on elm & tulips, etc

This evening met Miss Sprague to confer with her about her plans, etc

### **Sunday, April 29**

Daylight saving

More like Spring day than for a long time. Shower after dark

M & I to church in a taxi. Home in the Bletsch auto.

This aft Mr Leech & I scouted around in his auto. Brot back some mandrake & white trilliums from his place

Hepaticas coming nicely into bloom

### **Monday, April 30**

Fine mild day. The brown thrasher & the wood thrush are said to be here & in voice. White throats a plenty.

Miss Jones & Miss Fallstad ill & Mrs Taylor and Mrs Anderson sub.

Mrs Pfanstiehl's group finished discussion of Wickes' Inner World of the Child.

Miss Herman and three other Woodstock girls visited us this A M.

Mr F.M. Lowe & wife called this evening & I showed them the new pictures at school

I gave away cabbage and beet plants. I planted 20 or so beet plants at home. Brot to my own cold frames 6 flats I had seeded at school

### **Tuesday, May 1**

A fine warm day

A Miss Wells of Lake Forest visited me to inquire about a second grade position.

Mrs Creigh, Mrs Childs, Mr Guyot & I canvased the situation for repairs late this aft.

I had a conf with the 1's – 3's this aft.

At school this evening I met Jacob L. Crane for an hour or so to talk over city plans and a memorial he had in mind.

### **Wednesday, May 2**

A decidedly warm day.

Gave two lessons on colonial art to 8A's today while Miss Bradley worked on stage scenery.

Gave two short lessons on spraying for scale

We set up our two large urns on the statuary niches this A M. All very much pleased. The urns listed at 35<sup>00</sup> each at Fields

Mr. Armstrong of Glencoe came to examine the aud roof & make a repair estimate

I planted 2 rows of s.g.p. beans this A.M. This P.M – 1 each of turnip rad and icicle; set out two rows of onion seedlings from school, set another row of onion sets, planted 2 flats of asters, watered young trees & tulips, etc.

7B's showed Evangeline to a poor house.

### **Thursday, May 3**

Yesterday was a record breaker and today much warmer. Shed woolens with great relief.

The men set out some hawthorns lifted from Green Bay site; some bitter sweet; cleaned out lily pool; Kg's made garden yest.

Larson of the Dash Little Symphony called; Eagle Pencil Co man; Mr Roberts & Mr Goss of the Chic Normal College made a half hour visit or so.

The 5's gave two short Milnes plays this aft – delightful.

I planted castor beans, four-o-clocks this aft. Brot soil, plants, & pots over & potted 28 tomato plants.

### **Friday, May 4**

A slight shower at daybreak, an overcast day, cooler; then brisk shower at noon hour, - great drop in temp at 5:00. Not much rainfall. Very much is needed.

Planted nasturtiums this A.M.  
Leslie Brand made with me a survey of bldgs to base estimate for redecorating.  
Disposed of last of dwarf fruit trees today.  
The 5th graders gave their plays again this evening to a good audience.  
I chatted with Messrs Zook, Hilles, & Kennicott about the bldg after performance & then went over to Mr Kennicott's to spend an hour or more with him.  
[Inserted at this page is the playbill for *Eeyore's Birthday* and *The King's Breakfast*, two plays by A.A. Milne, which were presented by "The Fifth Grades of Elm Place School." The playbill is transcribed as follows:

**Eeyore's Birthday**  
and  
**The King's Breakfast**  
Two plays by  
**A.A. Milne**  
to be presented by  
**THE FIFTH GRADES**  
of Elm Place School

**ELM PLACE AUDITORIUM**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 4** **7:45 P. M.**

**Program**

**I**

**Eeyore's Birthday**

**Cast:**

Eeyore..... George Gaidzek  
Pooh Bear..... Jane Doud  
Piglet..... Lydia Hastings  
Owl..... Jack Dennett

**II**

**Songs**

Words by A.A. Milne    Music by H. Fraser Simpson  
Halfway Down  
The Three Foxes  
The Vespers

**III**

**The King's Breakfast**

Introduction..... Kenneth Klee

**Cast:**

King..... Francis Ronan  
Queen..... Harriet Nelson  
Cow..... George Kellner  
Dairy Maid..... Carroll Vigeant

**The Chorus**

Barbara Tennant

Bloss Vail  
Jane Doud  
Harold Holstrom  
Byron Hawes  
Gordon Pett  
Patty Clark  
Estelle Wilson  
Barbara White  
Sherman Keller  
Jean Tennant  
Miller Belfield  
Naomi Smith  
Anita Sheridan  
Dorothy Mann  
Andrew Ericson  
Joyce Slack  
Francis Drake  
Naomi Saathoff  
Royanne Bartlett  
Marion Hayward  
Kathleen Garrity  
Kenneth Klee  
Bidwell More  
Andrew Petros  
Lee Peterson  
Wallace Fritsch

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[Song lyrics follow – ed.]

#### THE KING'S BREAKFAST

The King asked the Queen, and  
The Queen asked the Dairymaid:  
“Could we have some butter for  
The Royal slice of bread?”  
The Queen asked the Dairymaid,  
The Dairymaid said, “Certainly,  
I’ll go and tell the cow now  
Before she goes to bed.”

The Dairymaid she curtsied,  
And went and told the Alderney:  
“Don’t forget the butter for  
The Royal slice of bread.”  
The Alderney said sleepily:  
“You’d better tell His Majesty  
That many people nowadays  
Like marmalade instead.”

The Dairymaid said, “Fancy!”  
And went to Her Majesty  
She curtsied to the Queen and  
She turned a little red:  
“Excuse me, Your Majesty,

For taking of the liberty,  
But marmalade is tasy, if  
It's very thickly spread."

The Queen said "Oh!"  
And went to His Majesty:  
"Talking of the butter for  
The Royal slice of bread.  
Many people think that  
Marmalade is nicer.  
Would you like to try a little  
Marmalade instead?"

The King said, "Bother!"  
And then he said, "Oh, deary me!"  
The King sobbed, "Oh, deary me!"  
And went back to bed.  
"Nobody," he whimpered,  
"Could call me a fussy man;  
I only want a little bit  
Of butter for my bread!"

The Queen said, "There, there!"  
And went to the Dairymaid,  
The Dairymaid said, "There, there!"  
And went to the shed.  
The cow said, "There, there!"  
I didn't really mean it;  
Here's milk for his porringer  
And butter for his bread."

The Queen took the butter  
And brought it to His Majesty;  
The King said, "Butter, eh?"  
And bounced out of bed,  
"Nobody," he said  
As he kissed her tenderly,  
"Nobody," he said,  
As he slid down the banisters,  
"Nobody, my darling,  
Could call me a fussy man - -  
But  
I do like a little bit of  
Butter to my bread!"

### THE THREE FOXES

Once upon a time there  
Were three little foxes  
Who didn't wear stockings,  
And they didn't wear sockses,  
But they all had handkerchiefs  
To blow their noses,  
And they kept their handkerchiefs  
In cardboard boxes,

They lived in the forest  
In three little houses,  
And they didn't wear coats,  
And they didn't wear trousers,  
They ran through the woods  
On their little bare tootsies,  
And they played "Touch last"  
With a family of mice.

They didn't go shopping  
In the High Street shops,  
But caught what they wanted  
In the woods and copses,  
They all went fishing,  
And they caught three worms,  
They went out hunting,  
And they caught three woses.

They went to a Fair,  
And they all won prizes - -  
Three plum-puddings  
And three mince-pies.  
They rode on elephants  
And swang on swings  
And hit three coco-nuts  
At coco-nut shies.

That's all that I know  
Of the three little foxes  
Who kept their handkerchiefs  
In cardboard boxes.  
They lived in the forest  
In three little houses,  
But they didn't wear coats  
And they didn't wear trousers,  
And they didn't wear stockings  
And they didn't wear socks.

#### HALFWAY DOWN

Halfway down the stairs  
Is a stair where I sit.  
There isn't any other stair  
Quite like it.  
I'm not at the bottom,  
I'm not at the top;  
So this is the stair  
Where I always stop.

Halfway up the stairs  
Isn't up and isn't down.  
It isn't in the nursery,  
It isn't in the town.  
And all sorts of funny thoughts

Run round my head;  
“It isn’t really anywhere!  
It’s somewhere else instead!”

## VESPERS

Little Boy kneels  
At the foot of the bed,  
Droops on the little hands  
Little gold head.  
Hush! Hush! Whisper who dares!  
Christopher Robin  
Is saying his prayers.

God bless Mummy.  
I know that’s right.  
Wasn’t it fun in the bath tonight?  
The cold’s so cold,  
And the hot’s so hot.  
Oh! God bless Daddy - -  
I quite forgot.

If I open my fingers  
A little bit more,  
I can see Nanny’s dressing-gown  
On the door.  
It’s a beautiful blue,  
But it hasn’t a hood.  
Oh! God bless Nanny  
And make her good.

Mine has a hood,  
And I lie in bed,  
And pull the hood  
Right over my head,  
And I shut my eyes,  
And I curl up small,  
And nobody knows  
That I’m there at all.

Oh! Thank you, God,  
For a lovely day.  
And what was the other  
I had to say?  
I said “Bless Daddy,”  
So what can it be?  
Oh! Now I remember it.  
God bless me.

Little Boy kneels  
At the foot of the bed,  
Droops on the little hands  
Little gold head.  
Hush! Hush! Whisper who dares!  
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- ed.]

### **Saturday, May 5**

Clear. Warmed up somewhat but chill wind in aft.

At school this A.M., with help of Mr Davis repotted waterlilies and set them into their pool. Mr. D. and Mr Leech & I then unpacked the copy of the Urbana Lincoln recently ordered from Caproni & Bro, Boston. Fine shape.

This aft. I spent half hour or so listening to some plays given by group of Miss Page's pupils in our aud.

Otherwise: I planted tigrideas, gladioli, Golden Bantam corn (15 hills), a row along back fence of amber cane, feterita, kaffir corn, & sudan grass. Ran my sprayer much of day.

### **Sunday, May 6**

Clear, but so cool.

M & I to church. Heard Mr Vanevera, the missionary, talk

This aft only a short walk – to Mr Oliver's to see fine magnolia display, etc

### **Monday, May 7**

A little frost this A M Bright but cool.

Visitors – Miss Wilkin's of L.F & her stepfather, Prof Richards; Miss Tobey of Galesburg; Miss Shirley of Hammond

Showed some flower slides at morning ex.

Spent the evening with Mr. Bliss over school board affairs

Went down to the Kutzers' at 6:00 to see a little green heron perched in bewildered fashion in a maple tree

### **Tuesday, May 8**

Milder today. No frost this A.M.

Went to City on 4:04 to have a conf. on Audubon affairs with Schantz. - - - Then at 6:30 to Miss Eskill's apartments at 1254 Lake Shore Drive to dinner & directors' meeting of F.O.O.N.L. Fine dinner. Fine time Pattee & I came away in Edison Wheeler's auto with Mr Jensen I got off at Wilmette

### **Wednesday, May 9**

A fine warm day.

Mr Zahnle ploughed the school garden and our men lifted our nursery stock & reset it in the back garden. Mrs Childs came over to the site for a while this A.M. - - Miss Hansen came with fourth grade pupils & I helped on their nature work

I gave the third graders a lesson on seeds this aft – forage grasses, etc.

Meeting with Mrs Childs & Mrs Creigh over teachers' schedule.

This evening I went with Mr Zook & family out on the meadow to see the woodcock perform. He flew away just as we expected his first flight & we had to come back.

Then I called on the Fays at 638 Skokie & had a long talk about Robert.

**Thursday, May 10**

The Lincoln statue

Threatening. Then light shower. Cooler. Still the outcome – very dry.

Mr Steenhill's men cut into the face of the brick dado in the Lincoln vestib. & set in place our replica of Taft's Urbana Lincoln. Fine effect

I spent 8 periods today with 4-5's with lessons on seeds

Attended 6:30 dinner at H-S. given to principals by Mr Sandwick. Excused myself at 7:30 & went to meeting of Art League at Winnetka. Business meeting followed by a play. The Ewells brot me home.

**Friday, May 11**

Clear. Cool. Dry. Overcoats this evening.

Planting day with 11 groups – 3 – 4 – 5's.

Wheat, oats, rye, barley, flax, buckwheat, tobacco, peanuts, milo maize, kaffir corn, feterita, sudan grass, broomcorn, amber cane.

Went to second lecture of series by Mrs Wickes at 4:00 – Y.W.C.A.

Dinner at 6:15 at Mr & Mrs Law's, Mrs Wickes the guest & Mrs Gatewood.

At home this evening.

**Saturday, May 12**

Ice in the bird bath again this A.M

A heavy working day. Spent about two hours this aft with Mr Guyot and a rep. of Pub. Service at school All remainder of day at hard labor.

Took out dead sugar maple at corner parkway & reset. Hoed tulips, etc. Reset some lily-of-the-valleys. – Partially treated stem of big apple tree with lime-sulphur. Watered various parts of yard & parkway. Set out wild plants at school grounds (two hours). Also wild plants at home – Eryngium, Lobelia c. & s., Brauneria, Eup. p., Silphium t. & l., Baptisia l., Euphorbia c., (Osmunda c. & r.; Struthiopteris, Adiantum,)

Cool all day.

**Sunday, May 13**

Mothers' Day.

Ice again in the bird bath. The day milder, however, than yest.

Edith & D. came on the train & stayed until nearly 7:00. We all walked over to school this aft. to see statue and pictures & the pet lamb – that seemed very weak.

About church time Colin Sanborn & his wife walking by the H.S. saw a jay tangled in a tree top & came to me for first aid. C & I phoned Billie Drake who came up to climb with his spurs. By that time a jackie had seen the bird's plight & climbed a teleph. pole & released him

Drake & C. & I went over to school for a while to see the stuffed birds

**Monday, May 14**

Fine day. Milder No ice.

Set out 3 rows of beet seeds & one row of beet plants – before school. After school set out 5 each of Osmunda C. & R; Adiantum; Struthiopteris.

Board meeting this evening. Passed budget allowing increase in salary schedule. Selected Raymond Flinn as architect of proposed new bldg.

**Tuesday, May 15**

Milder. Finally gray, & delightful slow shower after 5:30 P.M, the first one for at least 5 weeks. Everything has been waiting for a rain. The apple trees are coming into bloom; wild crabs nearly out;

To Milwaukee this A M & a fine interview with Miss Charlotte R. Partridge at the Layton School of Art. Discussed the candidacy of Harold Schultz for Art position.

Home early this aft but rested at home.

Then scattered 10 lb of grass seed just before the rain

### **Wednesday, May 16**

Splendid showers in the night. Warm rains. Then this aft, about 3:00, & on – electric storm and a literal deluge Great growing weather

Mr Jensen & I had lunch at H-S. today & then looked over the Green Bay site.

At 8:30 A M Henry K. Coale Jr. took Colin Sanborn and me out to Tom Mooney's on Ridge Road to get an immature bald eagle which Mr M. had shot. Colin took it to Field Museum

P.T.A. business meeting & election of officers this aft. & I spoke on various pertinent matters.

This evening Mrs Pfanstiehl had Mrs Wickes give a talk at her house which I attended. Fine time. About 30 present.

### **Thursday, May 17**

Sultry.

Miss Grunew & I had a long conf over unhappy relations among the teachers

Santi & I planted wild currant bushes in urns at side door of aud

Left at 7:34 for Chic Took C & A for Peoria – left at 1:00 P.M. Sleeper

### **Friday, May 18**

Peoria, Pekin, Normal, Lexington

Raining heavily when I left my Pullman at 7:00. Breakf at restaurant nearby & at 7:32 caught P.P.N. for Pekin Visited Lincoln School – Miss Anna Kumpf, Princ. for an hour or more Learned considerable about Marjorie Lynch whom I expected to see but she was ill with pleurisy. Called on Dr Edgar VanHorn for a moment. Took 11:22 Big Four for Bloomington Spent aft at Normal Visited Arthur Williams, Miss Barton, Mr. Turner, Miss . Took 5:10 bus for Lexington. Mr Mahan & Douglas took me out home for the night. Fine visit with Mrs Mahan & the rest. Country very beautiful. Recent rains have put courage into the lives of the farmers.

### **Saturday, May 19**

Fine day after the heavy showers in the night.

Guinea fowls & lambs made morning music. After breakf. I went over to visit Bert & the daughter O[m?]a. Then at 9:00 I left the Mahans. Walked into town Visited here & there all day. – Billie Lindsay & Anna Pearson at the Lindsay & Smith store. Bessie Smith & L.H. Emmet & A[mn?]y. Basil Dawson Mrs Lindsay & Mary & Ruth. Mrs & Mr Welch & Maude Kilgore Vesey, Har[n?]y Flesher, Mrs Dement. Walked past the school plant & past G.J.'s ruinous looking house; the Sheridan Van D home. Lunch with Jim & Mrs Van Emmet & I spent two hours in "Fernwood Fells". Great & rich plant life. Made up pkg of wild ginger-roots, dutchman's breeches, etc to plant at home

Doug Mahan took me up to Pontiac to catch the 8:12 Alton for home

### **Sunday, May 20**

A fine day Everything hurrying into bloom or leaf.

My yellow lady slippers (yello) which Mrs Zahnle gave me in full bloom. The stemless lady slipper I got at Stevensville has three buds

Young yarrow plants are to give my young grass a tussle.

Loafed at home today. Walked out to Skokie & to elect. r.r. tracks. Golden ragwort about ready to bloom. (Shooting star on my parkway in bloom). Trilliums abundant. Passing their climax. Bitter cress. Phlox.

### **Monday, May 21**

Shower in the night. Cooler & clearing.

Set out clump of wild ginger & a dutchman's breeches clump this A M

We teachers were Mrs Millard's guests at the wild crabapple festival in the Desplaines Woods, late this aft & evening. A lovely time. Bird migration seemed at its height. Trees infested with birds.

### **Tuesday, May 22**

Fine day.

I set out 12 pompoms (Dreers) before school and at noon 6 or 8 "hardy chrysanthemums" brot me by Ruth Rhinesmith

Long conf with Mrs Childs & Mrs Creigh in adjustment of teachers' salaries this A.M.

Agent for Lyons & Carnahan. For roof paint.

Teachers' meeting this aft.

At home I set out 22 John Baer tomatoes; mowed most of my lawn, etc.

Stemless lady slipper in full bloom.

### **Wednesday, May 23**

Fine day but cool wind.

Miss Parsons & Miss Cramer took a group of 5B's to Chic in bus – Mrs Hawkins the sub.

I went with Miss Palmer's room & Miss West's room (2 busses) to Buffalo Creek Farm this A M Fine trip. This aft I went with Miss Behrens & her 3A's to Spinney Run Farm (Farwells') west of Wauk. Beautiful setting. Toggenberg goats. Ayrshire Cattle.

Had blowouts – one west of L. Forest & one at Everett. Unusullay delayed. I got in at 8:00.

This A M before school I put up screens & trimmed back yard

### **Thursday, May 24**

Warmer. Sultry this aft. Then light rain with lightning at 7:30 P.M.

Planted more G.B. corn and s.g.p. beans before school. Also mixed helichrysum. This evening a row of calliopsis to edge the gladioli bed & set out bed of calendula plants & snapdragon plants

Miss White's pupils gave Alice-in. W. at matinee. Very successful.

Mr Davis of Kenilworth visited me to borrow a copy of Bobbett's report.

Began to give away tomato plants.

### **Friday, May 25**

Light shower in the night. Cooler. Wind.

Fastened in the last of the screens before school.

The 8A'2's – Miss Nixon's group, went to Hull House, etc. today, Miss Knight & Miss Nixon in charge.

Passed out most of the tomato plants today.

Miss White's show this evening superior. M. & K. went.

### **Saturday, May 26**

Angie Crooks

Showery but out door work possible after a time

Dictated letters to Miss Marsh at school for an hour or more Then worked at home all day. Badly fagged when I quit at 8:30. Set out asters, zinnias, alyssum. Trimmed grass in back yard. Set out 6 Globe tomato plants Sprayed my big apple tree after clipping out a quantity of small branches infested with scale, etc. etc.

Late this evening Harvey Lowe phoned that Angie Crooks had died. We have no particulars.

### **Sunday, May 27**

Cool! Cool!

At home most of day. Went over to inspect school garden. Everything showing but the tobacco plants.

This aft. the Pattees came in their auto with the Collinses & I went with them. Showed them Mrs Insull's place (lilacs, tulips, etc), & Egandale Then we drove up through Waukegan to Asbestos & walked up the tracks to a display of flowers on the flats – shooting s, pucc., star & blue eyed grass, heuchera, phlox,

Buckbean through blooming. Came back to our bldg & ate our lunch in Miss Sprague's room.

Quite cool this evening

### **Monday, May 28**

Still cool. But, how lovely the lilacs and tulips! And the foliage!!

At morning ex, Mr. Anderson's band pupils performed very promisingly.

The Kg – Primary's gave a circus – matinee & evening. Delightful. Fine house.

I spent an hour (nearly) this evening with Mr Bliss talking school matters, & then an hour with Earl Fritsch – same purpose

Ordered plants of Bahr to fill urns & window box at school.

### **Tuesday, May 29**

Clear for most part

M & I left on 6:34 for Gary. Then Edith & D. took us to B.H., getting there by noon.

Angie's funeral was at 2:30 in the M.E. Church. Harvey, Blanche & the children had come the day before. Aunt Margaret Emma got in at 2:00. Mertie Taber a little before noon. Mrs Avery (Ethel) and Mrs Ewing (Mildred) were there from Chic. & Detroit respectively, - Mrs Eaton did much of the housework – Burial at Crystal Springs. Lovely appearance of nature. - - We all ate supper at the Crookeses – M & I and E & D. slept at Lennie's.

The dune country blue with lupines. Dogwood blossoms lingered but past their prime

### **Wednesday, May 30**

A fine day – but cool!

Harvey's people left at 10:40. E & D & M & I at 11:00. – I left the auto at the Gary station & took the electric for Chic Mother went on to Edith's I spent a half hour in Chic viewing the memorial day parade on Mich. Ave. & then home.

This evening replanted some beans, set out some more asters, sprinkled, etc

Lennie quite fagged. She was called in at Crookeses Sat. evening & had charge until the funeral was over.

Aunt Emma remained at the Crookeses – Mertie also.

### **Thursday, May 31**

Fine day but cool

Hazel Bell began her work as sec. Miss Marsh left Tuesday.

Went with Miss McMunn & Miss Hanson & a group of 4A's to Wauk this aft. Saw coal freighter with self unloader at new coke plant.

This evening ran my two sets of hose & sprinklers

Called on Mr & Mrs North this evening & discussed disposition of the Morgan property & the possibility of turning it into playground

### **Friday, June 1**

Fine day. Warmer Very much of a summer day.

Miss Sands & Miss White took a group of 6B's to Field Museum. Mrs Taylor sub.

I gave away remaining tomato, zinnia, aster, calendula & snapdragon plants.

A great swarm of bees collected on a limb of the oak over my back fence at noon & Mr Leech and a large group of pupils came over to see it. Mr L. hived them & this evening brot away the hive.

Sprinkled heavily again this evening.

Miss Tschirgi's pupils gave a show after school – Benedict Arnold.

### **Saturday, June 2**

A fine day – but cool!

Went with members of Garden Clubs to Waukegan Flats today. Lunch there. Left about 3:30  
Five or six auto loads Mrs Gleason, Weinberg, Newman, Frank, Wright, Pease, Gail, Marks, Connerton, et. al.

Shooting star, phlox, fleabane, star grass, blue eyed grass, valeriana e., puccoon, etc.

Set out petunia plants about the bird pool

To Winifred Metzel's wedding at Wilmette Reception at Club at Kenilworth Fine Came home with the Clows.

Erigeron pulchellus -

Robin's plantain

### **Sunday, June 3**

Fine day A little warmer but furnace fire feels good

Mother came in on the train with Edith & D. The last two went back on the 3:34

I took a walk out on the prairie & through Sheahen's woods late this aft., Met Mr & Mrs Spalding & Marjorie there. Walked home with them.

Brot back 6 plants – black-eyed Susans

Mr Jensen called while I was gone and left a specimen of cypripedium candidum

### **Monday, June 4**

Gray at times, but clearing & still cool.

Miss Miller & Miss Thomas absent at the start and Miss Phillips & Miss Moore went home ill. Mrs Anderson & Mrs Hawkins subs for Thomas & Miller

This aft. I helped Miss White's 6's plant maize & Miss Hansen's group pumpkin sods

Board meeting this evening until nearly eleven – not Board but Bldg Comm – Wood, Fritsch, Childs, Creigh. Flinn presented plans we discussed.

I set out some snapdragon plants, & planted petunia seed today. Also set out 6 rudbeckias.

### **Tuesday, June 5**

Showery nearly all day. Drenching for a while in the aft

To city on 10:04. To Mr Fout's office but he was at Delevan, Wisc To Everett Millard's office & conf. over buying school sites, etc. Shopped at Fields, etc. Home by 3:00.

Miss Sprague's 8B's gave their Don Quixote play at 3:00 & at 8:00. Beautifully done.

M., K & Mrs Chapin went this evening.

### **Wednesday, June 6**

Drizzled much of day. Cleared in aft. Milder.

Planted clump of delphinium & three of Chinese lanterns this A M. Two of latter from Mrs Greene.

Mrs Pearl McCord Hill spent an hour or so with us. Related certain school troubles at Glen Ellyn Teachers meeting this aft.

I spent some time looking up real estate data about playgrounds

Miss Thomas still at home. Mrs Hawkins a sub. Miss Moore out & Mrs Anderson a sub.

### **Thursday, June 7**

A lovely day – but not any too warm.

Planted some shooting stars & puccoon sent me from Essex by Miss White's relatives.

A very busy day. Finished a several hours' task of writing each teacher's formal notice of re-election, etc. & after Mrs Creigh & Mrs Childs signed them, the envelopes were given to the teachers. Two agents called. A mother came to intercede for her wayward boy.

Mr Schultz who is to be our drawing teacher came from Milwaukee & spent the day.

Miss Quick & Mr Anderson gave their music festival to a large audience this evening. A great success

### **Friday, June 8**

Fine day.

Prepared a memo on bond issue situation. Gave one to Arthur Wood at R.R. station; mailed one to Mr Bliss. This aft. Mr B. called me up & asked me to invite members to a meeting at 3:00 tomorrow.

Took pictures of 8A's this A.M. & developed them

Library board members met this evening with the Mayor & Counsel & Everett Millard (Park Dist), Discussed status of the proposed purchase of the Cole site, etc

### **Saturday, June 9**

Gray much of time but nice on the whole

To city on 8:34 to call at Chic Transp Co. for pictures of Lincoln Mem. left there; to Mr Ricketts' for piece of parchment; to Abbott's for mounted pictures (not finished), to Vaughans & home. To Mr Wright at Lincoln School for a copy of ballot used by his district June 2.

To Mr Bliss' house to special meeting of School Board – Wood, Childs, Fritsch, Guyot present. Decided to circulate petitions for school election & distributed 5 copies.

To Anne Woods' big wedding at Episc. Ch. & to the reception afterwards. Great time

Nap after supper, then mowed yard. Then made several copies of the petition.

### **Sunday, June 10**

A beautiful day.

Delivered copy of the petition to Mrs Childs, Mrs Creigh, Mr Getz of Sunset Terrace, and Dr Fritsch, this A.M. Then had a sleep.

More sleep this aft. Then walked down Ravine Drive. Found two stalks of the Lady Slipper there as in previous years. Came up Everett Millards or Mr Metzel's private walk from the beach. Visited Everett for a time. He brot me home in his machine

### **Monday, June 11**

Beautiful day.

The 8B's gave the 8A's a picnic on the Ft. S. grounds this aft. I went up only for an hour as I had to come back and circulate my copy of the petition

I got 63 names. This and the other petitions totaled 328.

School Board meeting this evening. Mr Richard F. Locke of Glen Ellyn, our attorney for the time being, was present & the Board adopted a resolution prepared by him – calling an election for June 23.

A child brot in a specimen of Camassia today. Probably from a distance

### **Tuesday, June 12**

Mr L & I posted up 10 notices of election today

A real June day, warming up to sultriness as the day advanced. South wind blowing strongly.

Got out commencement invitations.

Misses Phillips & White took a 6th grade group to Art Inst

Conf with 3rds at 11:00. With 4 – 5's at 3:45, finishing up with 7 – 8's at 5:00

Negotiated with Mr. Fout for a job for Miss Dorsch for the summer at Lakelawn Hotel, Delevan,

Wisc.

Wrote article for paper which Mr Bliss read over at a late hour this evening

Made two hose connections run for four hours this evening.

### **Wednesday, June 13**

Fine day. Fine shower in the night.

A full day.

Conf with 6th graders finished promotion lists

Took pictures of orchestra this aft & developed them this evening.

Arranged with Supt Skiles of Ev. to borrow six band boys for the band tomorrow.

Miss Tschirgi's pupils gave another historical play this aft.

Brown's men finished some storage shelves in the upper dressing rooms.

### **Thursday, June 14**

Flag Day

A perfect June day!!

Flag Day exercises went off very smoothly. Mr. Anderson enlisted some Evanston, Ravinia & Lincoln Ave pupils to swell out our band & the music was very creditable.

90 gallons of ice cream, great quantities of lemonade; boxes of lollipops; vaudeville in aud by 8's; in playroom by lower grades. Games. Pony rides for 1 – 3's. "Nonsense" movies at the last in the aud. Great day.

This evening to the Library Board. We went on record as opposed to extension of Sheridan Road across library property and favoring extending library property westward

### **Friday, June 15**

End of school

Also a perfect day!!

Morning assembly went off well. Flag bearers were chosen from each room because of superior citizenship.

Spent aft. checking up teachers' reports

This evening's program great success. About the best music we have ever given M. & K. there Edgar Jenkins brot over a luna moth after 10:00 this evening.

### **Saturday, June 16**

Another perfect day.

Some of our staff and I worked at the school nearly all day, overhauling contents of costume and scenery rooms & discarding useless materials, etc. Important work but a real hard job.

This evening I mowed yard, sprinkled, etc.

Callers: Misses Jones & Fallstad; the Craigs, who spent the evening.

### **Sunday, June 17**

Downpour during church time & rain afterwards. Warm rain.

M & I to church & return by taxi.

This aft. Lewis Colwell & wife & daughter Charlotte & Ella Colwell called for a short time A fine visit. Their youngest, a son in 2nd yr at Urbana, is in the R.O.T.C.

After 4:00 I took trolley & went to woods at north end of reservation [Fort Sheridan military reservation – ed.] Visited the haunt of Liparis L. west of 6th Ravine bridge & found one stalk just coming into bloom & two small plants.

Vib. acerifolium just opening its blossoms. Lovely

### **Monday, June 18**

Rain again in the night.

At school most of day. Worked on census cards

This evening at council meeting where we of the library board submitted our resolutions concerning a library site.

Hoed in my garden and set out some snapdragons & ageratum this evening.

Mr Scales, physical director, began his classes on the school grounds this A.M.

### **Tuesday, June 19**

Old fashioned thunder storm late in night. Overcast sky today. Slight dash of rain after six. Foggy at 10:00 P.M.

Various errands in and about school.

Gave some time to the Sisters of Loretto who with their pupils were rehearsing for a play.

Mrs Pardee called to consult me about way to get started as public school musician.

Udell called to look up records of his children

I left copy for ballots with printer. Also Mr Fout's signature to be printed in facsimile

Albert Nafe's funeral at Presb. Ch. this aft. I attended.

Set out petunia & ageratum plants this evening. Also asclep exaltata plants in "forest preserve", purpurascens & tuberosa in "prairie parkway"

Spent evening with Mr. Bliss.

[Albert Nafe, Jr., aged 35, was born in Highland Park on May 17, 1893 and died of pulmonary tuberculosis according to his obituary (*Highland Park Press*, June 21, 1928). – ed.]

### **Wednesday, June 20**

Gray at times. Sultry.

Wrote out printer's copy from Mr Bliss' notes & delivered to the printer. - - - Mailed ballots' proof to Mr. Locke. - - Sent letters out to each board member calling for a meeting Monday evening. - - - A night

telegram to Dr. Fritsch - - - Turned over census material to Theo Arnswald to look up. - - Long conf. this aft with Mrs Herman and the P.T.A Board. - - - Ditto with Mr. Guyot this evening. Got in some weeding today

#### **Thursday, June 21**

A warm June day. Delightful.

Took vacuette sweeper down to Chic for repairs – applying at 203 No. Wab. Called on Mr Deane and had a brief talk over Audubon affairs.

Home at 2:00. At school office this aft.

Mrs Rubin took Mrs Everett & me to a dinner at North Shore Hotel, Ev., for trustees of libraries of North Shore. Mr Kappes presided. Addresses by Dr Koch & Mr. Gallagher, by Mrs Errett of Kewanee, Pres of Ill. State Library Ass'n. Fine time

#### **Friday, June 22**

Gray. Finally a thunder storm & a deluge after 4:00 P.M

Planted seeds of canterb. b, foxg., delph., & coreopsis this A M. Other garden activities.

Attended to school errands & worked at my desk. The men worked in the Green Bay gardens.

Talked school election here & there

Analyzed Pentstemon digitalis for Mr. Bahr.

#### **Saturday, June 23**

Special election

Cleared in aft. Pleasantly cool.

Spent morning getting ready for election which began at 12:00 & ended at 7:00. Mr Richard Locke, our lawyer, spent aft. supervising the election Albert Larson & Mrs Childs were judges – Mrs Comer, clerk. Almost no opposition.

137 for bonds – 3 against

135 “ building – 3 “

This evening Sarah Margaret Mills' wedding. M., K & I went with the Lowensteins' to the wedding at the church. M. & K. did not go to the reception at the Club. I did & had a great time.

#### **Sunday, June 24**

Loafed on the bed much of the day, Finished re-reading The Hundredth Man.

This A M. went over to Wm Dooley's to secure his receipt for the ballots I left at his house last night. Mrs Dooley took the message

Rained this aft. and then torrential rains this evening.

I called on the Geers & the Sundells this evening.

#### **Monday, June 25**

Rained off & on during the day. Cold & damp in house. Re-kindled the furnace.

Clarence drove in this aft.

Worked at school all day. Hazel away this A M at Harry's wedding. On the job this aft.

Big event was the Board meeting this evening & the signing of 265 - \$1000 bonds Mr. Locke, our atty, present & taking charge of formalities

Earl Fritsch came back from White Lake just to be present. Quorum: Arthur Wood, Earl Fritsch, Wm Guyot, Mrs Childs

#### **Tuesday, June 26**

Cold & drizzly, but cleared off warm by noon. Began to dry off – first for seven or eight days.

Long conf with Raymond Flinn this A.M. - - Atty Locke called at 10:00 & I turned over to him the bonds I had locked in the safe. He took them to Wauk. & had them registered. Returning at 5:00 I went with him to turn them over to Will Dooley.

Worked on my reports at school all day.

Clarence spent the day in Kenosha. He took us all for a fine ride this evening.

I listened for nearly an hour to Claude Bowers' speech (radio) at the Houston Convention this evening.

[Claude Gernade Bowers (1878-1958), author and politician, gave the keynote speech at the 1928 Democratic National Convention in Houston, Texas. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, June 27**

Listened a while as Franklin Roosevelt placed Al Smith's name in nomination – 10:30 P.M.

Warm, fine June day.

M. & Clarence left for Decatur in his auto this A.M. Planned to stop an hour at Lexington enroute.

I went in on the 8:34 with the bonds which Mr Dooley signed last night.

Met Mr. Locke at Mr Bliss' office & we carried the bonds to Holland Cassidy's office, same b'ldg, and after some formalities I left the bonds with them

Called at Durand Steel Locker Co., Carson Piries. Ate lunch at Arcade & had a chat with Miss Annis. - - Home at 4:30.

Met an agent - - - Visited a while with Florence Clark who had spent aft with Kittie. - - At home, mowed part of my lawn Set out annual lupines, verbena spinosa, & didiscus plants sent me by Mrs Sampsell - - Mr. Bliss called to sign a document. Also Guyot & Mrs Childs

[Alfred E. Smith (1873-1944), governor of New York, received the Democratic nomination for President at the 1928 Convention. He lost the election to Herbert Hoover. – ed.]

### **Thursday, June 28**

Rained – sometimes in torrents – nearly all morning. Cleared in aft, but overcast at evening

At school most of day. Conf with Carson-Pirie man over linoleum We sent off our last report this evening.

Wet & soft as it was I mowed backyard & west yard & parkway this evening

### **Friday, June 29**

Sawyer

Threatening but clearing.

Left on 10:34 to Chic. for Sawyer – R R to Mich City. Bus to Sawyer Went to Hotel de Carner. Arrived at 2:30. Walked out to Mr Ramoth's. He took me in an auto to beginning of trail up Warren Dunes I scouted over it & went up lake shore to the New First Congreg. Church camp Met manager Harris & cordially invited to bring my party to their camp tomorrow evening. Back to hotel by 6:00. To bed early.

Dianthus armeria

Chaenopodium capitatum

Agrostemma githago.

### **Saturday, June 30**

Sawyer

Fine warm day.

Waited for first bus from Chic. No Chic people, but Mr Pershing from South Bend. Ditto, no one on bus two hours later. So Mr. P. & I hoofed it to Mr Ramuth's lunching under a tree enroute. Visited there; then went to Wilderness Lodge at foot of trail. Her at length came Mr & Mrs Jensen, Mrs Laird, & Miss

Randall in taxi. So we went up trail to dune top. – Barnett came later – then Mr & Mrs Arden & Son – Then Mr & Mrs Turner & Mr & Mrs Bayliss. I walked to the Cong Ch camp for coffee, etc & we had our evening meal on dune top. At dark went up shore to Camp where we had cots for the night. Mr & Mrs Arden & son pitched a tent on shore.

### **Sunday, July 1** Stevensville

Late breakfast and we rode off in our friends' autos to Stevensville beach. Mrs Jensen, Laird & Miss R waited while the rest of us made a 2½ hr excursion into tamarack marsh. Pitcher plants & partridge berry in bloom. Clintonia, pyrola, cypr acaule, etc. in fruit.

After lunch two of the machines brot the Jensens, Mrs L.; Miss R & me to Stevensville where we caught 4:07 for Mich City & 5:50 trolley for Chic. Home at 8:45 P.M.

### **Monday, July 2**

Very warm day. Started with thunder shower at 8:00. Then hot & humid.

At school most of day.

Mowed all my lawn this evening.

### **Tuesday, July 3** Mr Fred Clow

Heavy thunderstorm in the night & downpour.

All day hot and humid.

At school most of day.

Mr Clow died at the hospital this A.M. from fall from a tree Saturday. Never recovered consciousness. I called at the house for a time this evening.

### **Wednesday, July 4**

Warm after heavy shower in the night. Cleared during day but rain again intermittently during evening.

At the Clow house three times. Have arranged for machine to take flowers & extra passengers to Crystal Lake.

Read nearly all of Carl Becker's The Declaration of Independence today.

Planted seeds from pod of Cyrip. acaule which I gathered last Fall. Also planted some Baptisia seed. Tied up tomato vines. Pulled weeds.

### **Thursday, July 5**

A beautiful day. Cool at evening.

Errands at the Clow house this A.M. There after lunch, & went to the church in one machine I had engaged.

Funeral at 2:00. I acted as a pallbearer and went to Crystal Lake cemetery. Came home in Mrs C.A. Smith's machine.

Mother got home safely from Decatur at 6:00 P.M. Kittie met her in the city & brot her home.

Hoed in my garden this evening, then called on the W.A. Alexanders to deliver two text books in English.

[Fred Clow was born at Chambers Island, Green Bay, Wisconsin on May 29, 1853 and moved to Crystal Lake as a young man. He came to Highland Park in 1890 where he worked as a building contractor.

According to his obituary (*Highland Park Press*, July 5, 1928), he was "responsible for many fine homes in Highland Park." Among his projects was the Ward Willits house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Mr.

Clow was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and served as a trustee of the Y.W.C.A. He is mentioned frequently in Mr. Smith's diaries and was Mr. Smith's landlord until 1927. — ed.]

### **Friday, July 6**

A very fine day.

At school most of day. Met rep of Durand Co and figured on lockers for basement & for teachers' room. Mr Olander came to figure on round tables.

I finished hoeing all of the garden this evening. Dug up Clara Butt bulbs. My one spec. of L. Philadelphicum has been in blossom a week

### **Saturday, July 7**

One of the hottest days of the year

I went in to Chic this A.M. To Dow's to get repairs on two spectacle frames Walgrens for Pepso. etc. Home by 12:30.

Left at 4:00 for Lake Geneva to be one of weekend guests at Mrs Hutchinson's. Hot journey. Bus from Kenosha to Lake Geneva. Patrick met me and took me out to the house. Guests were Dr & Mrs Land & Dr Crouse. Delightful party.

Mr & Mrs Goldsmith whom I have met there twice before also present.

### **Sunday, July 8**

Lake Geneva

Very warm day, cooler at evening when clouds blew up & over.

Very delightful time at Mrs Hutchinson's. I was very much attracted to Dr Crouse & we had long talks together.

Splendid ripe tomatoes (Sutton's B of A) in the hot house.

The Chic. Univ people left in their auto at 4:00. Patrick took me in to L.G. at 6:00 & I got home in good time.

### **Monday, July 9**

Fine summer day.

Raymond Flinn & I spent the morning together, first going over some plans he presented; then visiting the Nat'l Kg College at Ev. where we were shown about by Miss Kerns. We were very much impressed by the plant & its equipment. This aft I was at school. Conferred with Mr Winters about building a metal enclosed janitor's room, & accepted his estimate

Friebele's men began decorating halls of int. bld'g today.

This evening the Cunninghams called a while.

I dug up tulip bulbs; sprayed & watered the phlox. Miss Lingard in full blossom.

### **Tuesday, July 10**

Fine day. Not too warm. Mowed yard.

Went to Chic on 11:34. Lunch with S.R. Lewis at Illinois Athletic Club. Discussed heating schemes.

Back by 3:30. At school. Met Mr Guyot & the two Deckers. Studied the heating system. Passed upon repairs to be done.

This evening watered part of grounds. Driven in by swarms of mosquitoes

Gerard Van Schaick killed in auto accident near Eagle River, Wisc., yesterday.

[Gerard Van Schaick was born in Chicago on August 17, 1880 and came to Highland Park with his family in 1889. — ed.]

**Wednesday, July 11**

Fine day Cool breeze this evening.

Two hours or so in yard this A.M.

Errand at school (or two). At noon hour went with Mrs Childs & Dr Fritsch to Nat'l Kg College to look over some details of bldg.

Back in time to attend funeral of Gerard Van Schaick at the house at 2:30 Episcopal service – Mr Keller

Worked over some flower slides to select for a talk tomorrow

Dorothy Clark – called for a while this evening.

**Thursday, July 12**

Fine day. Rather cool

At school some of time.

Mr Cunningham took me this aft in his auto to the Univ. of Chic where I talked to a roomful of Dr Frank's pupils – on some wild flowers I have met. Well received Fine ride.

Mrs Greene & Lois called this evening. Nice visit.

**Friday, July 13**

Showers (light) this A M. Clearing. Cool

Conf. with Raymond Flinn this A.M. Then to Mrs Kuppenheimer's at Lake Forest upon invitation of her daughter, Mrs Cahn, who wishes her children to know the out-of-doors. I was to advise her how to help them Mrs K. is now blind, but mentally alert. Had a fine visit with them Came back after lunch

At school all aft. This evening spent delightfully at Rudolf Ingerle's – he & I alone there I gave him on behalf of the library a check for \$475<sup>00</sup> as part payment on a picture, \$125<sup>00</sup> still to come.

**Saturday, July 14**

Fine day

To city on 10:04. – Amer Seating Co., Tennant's, Field Museum. Home at 5:30.

Sprinkled a while, then M, K. & I went out for a fine ride with Mr. & Mrs Hawkins – Silphium l. opening a flower bud now & then. One clump of Asclep tuberosa beginning to bloom; Asc. syr. beginning; Sullivanti in bud.

**Sunday, July 15**

Fine day.

M & I to church. Taxi Long rest this aft. Walked over to Green Bay garden.

Visited with the Parratts this evening.

**Monday, July 16**

Fine day but warm.

At school most of day. Ray Cardy measured for blackboard. - - Menoni's men began to resurface part of school yard - - Miss Evelyn Chambers of Sioux City – cousin of Mrs Thomas – visited me at school this aft.

Clarence D & Edith drove in this aft.

I sprinkled from both taps all evening.

**Tuesday, July 17**

Another fine, warm day.

Clarence & I visited Mr. Bletsch this A.M. at his invitation & arranged to store in one of his sheds the old Turnley carriage which I had stored in Gourley's warehouse last summer. Then Gourley's truck towed it in place. Alas, it was too tall to go through the entryway, but tomorrow our staff of men are to remove the wheels & thus get it inside.

At school all day. Accomplished much

We all had a fine ride this evening – Lake Bluff – Lake Forest.

[Parmenas Taylor Turnley (1821-1911) came to Highland Park in 1881 and served as mayor from 1888 to 1891. Born in Tennessee, Parmenas Turnley graduated from West Point in 1846 in the class that included Civil War generals George B. McClellan, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, and George Pickett. He served in the Mexican War and in the Civil War (for the Union). His mother was a cousin of President Zachary Taylor. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, July 18**

Sultry.

E, K, D. & I set out for Naperville at 9:30. Drove through showers from Des Plaines on & at Downer's Grove stopped for lunch during a thunder storm and heavy downpour. Went on to Naperville Nursery where Mr Von Oven entertained us splendidly. Hot & sultry & we started back after an hour or so. Storm followed but did not overtake us. This evening I met Mr Flinn & Mr. Glidden at school bldg & went over fire protection plan again. Was discouraged at Mr. Glidden's condemnation of the bldg.

### **Thursday, July 19**

Rained in the night. Cleared for the morning but heavy rain again at one o'clock  
M., E. & Danforth drove to Kenosah, Zion, and back this A.M.

I worked at school nearly all day.

Mr Jensen and I had lunch & a conf. at Green Tea Pot.

Mr Guyot and I had a long conf. this evening at school.

### **Friday, July 20**

Threatening. At length cleared. Cool.

Edith & D went home this A.M. I was at school most of day. Called at public library and went over special funds (children's) with Mrs Denzel at her house.

This evening mowed part of my lawn. Then went to Dr Fritsch's house to a meeting of building committee. Present, - Mrs Childs, Mrs Creigh, Arthur Wood, Dr Fritsch, Mr Flinn. Practically accepted Mr Flinn's layout.

### **Saturday, July 21**

Mowed more of my yard this A.M, then to Central St Evanst where Mrs Creigh met me in a machine to go to the Nat'l K.C. Miss Kerns showed us about and we had a good time. Then I took the elevated at Central St. for Chic. Great downpour when I reached Adams St. Bought ant poison at Vaughans.

To Art Inst & a show. Cleared in aft. Finished mowing this evening.

Set out this A.M. five roots of Lygodesmia juncea which came from Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Some seed on the stems & this I planted also.

### **Sunday, July 22**

Fine day

Loafed at home all day.

Read much from Emerson's journals; also from writings of Jefferson  
Visiting the Chapins late this aft.

### **Monday, July 23**

Fine day.

At school.

Conf. with janitors over painting. With Raymond Flinn over fire escapes for rooms 8, 9, & 10.

Visitors this aft: Miss Crane of Hibbing; Miss \_\_\_\_\_ of Niagara Falls – kg teachers looking for positions.

Planted (again) seed of delphiniums, digitalis, canterbury bells, hollyhocks.

Tied up my tomatoes.

### **Tuesday, July 24**

Fine, warm summer day. Great mosquito year, this!

Trimmed dead wood out of my sw. w. oak this A M Then to school. There all day

Visitors; Billie Sutherland and his friend, mater book agent – introducing the Lincoln Library. - - -

Miss West's sister - - agent for L-M. filter - - - express man - - -

Conf with Will Brown over carpentry work - - with Friebele over some burlap dado, etc.

This eve. walked into Skokie meadows slashing right & left with my hkchf to keep off mosq.

Lythrum a, Rudbeckia h, Liliu s., (still) blooming; Lobelia s. almost spent. Prairie dock; Lepachys budding

Conf with Zahnle & Ugolini about work.

### **Wednesday, July 25**

A fine summer day with pleasant breezes

At school all day and this evening.

Guyot & I had conf. this evening over filter repairs, etc., & I wrote some letters afterwards.

Miss Grunew & I conferred this aft over next year's work.

### **Thursday, July 26**

Warm day with overcast sky in aft & tempering breezes. A very few raindrops.

Mowed my yard this A.M At school one hour. Then there (all aft.) until 3:00 when Mr Cunningham and I went up to Mrs Walter S. Brewster's in Lake Forest to see the dwarf apple trees. Mrs B not at home but the gardener, Mr. Clawson, gave us a lot of time & the visit was very profitable.

Miss Grunewald had supper with us and stayed until nine. Set my sprinkler again – first time in several days

### **Friday, July 27**

A fine day. Cool. Threatening at times.

At school most of time. Mr Ugolini conferred over some cement repairs. The carpenter – Hennig – over work in closets. – Workmen over surfacing a portion of the lawn

Mr Cunningham and I started out to explore the tamarack swamp west of Volo, but our auto died “on us” just west of Highwood. We were towed back & the trip postponed.

Pruned trees & shrubs at school Mowed with a scythe in lot south of us.

Went down to Miss Grunewald's first thing this A M to look over some “clearing” being done – not to her taste – on her place.

**Saturday, July 28**

At school much of day.  
Sprinkled flower beds & soaked trees this evening.  
Released Hazel Bell from steady attendance until Sept. 1.

**Sunday, July 29**

Cool this A.M. I had my vest on all day!  
To church with Mother Nap after lunch. Stroll over to school garden then chats with various persons.  
Overhauled my stock of "clippings," culled articles, etc  
Showers this evening

**Monday, July 30**

Mother's 86th

Fine day  
Went to Ravinia & took 4 pictures of a fine milkweed group – *Syriaca*  
Then met Mr Guyot at school for a conf on bldg changes Then Mr Van Bergen & Mr Vigeant to discuss our bldg needs & the city's bldg ordinances  
This aft developed 6 negatives Made notes on a great specimen of *asclepias* I had brot in  
Worked on classifying my great collection of magaz. articles & clippings.  
Mother's 86th birthday, Mr & Mrs Chapin called this evening. So did Mrs Kail & her mother.

**Tuesday, July 31**

Fine, but a little sultry & threatening.  
Met with Messrs Flinn, Van Bergen, Vigeant, and Carr at Mr Morris' office, (bldg comm.) to hear Mr M. discuss provisions of bldg ordinances with Mr. Carr, et. al. Then Mr F & I had a conf. I then decided to go to the city to see Arthur Wood to confer with him over fire escape situation, the changing of the heating system, etc Mr W. had left his office for the day before I got there. - - - I had conf with Mr. Flinn. - - To Beckley-C for samples of wall board; home at 4:30.  
Worked at my home desk Called on Guyot after 8:30 this evening & arranged about going on with certain work  
Mother went with Miss Sarah & Mr Decker to the camp on Long Lake.

**Wednesday, August 1**

Sultry. Gray & clear alternating.  
This A. M took some pictures of the rosin weeds & *eryngium* on the parkway & developed the negatives  
Continued overhauling & classifying the pamphlets, etc., in my library.  
Went for a drive this evening with Mr. Dill & passed the site of my Nixon investment at Glen Ayr – a sorry spectacle.

**Thursday, August 2**

Very sultry.  
Mr Flinn & I spent three hours on the plans this A.M  
Filter man began his work.  
Phoned Carson Pirie to prepare to lay linoleum in rooms 10 & 11, etc

I walked out W. Park Ave to R.R this aft. Mr Cunningham joined me later Spaded up a dozen or so mandrakes & several trilliums (nodding), etc. At home set up app. & photographed two mandrake roots. Developed them

K. left with Mr Decker for Long Lake this evening.  
Mimulus coming in to bloom.

### **Friday, August 3**

Very warm Then this aft a succession of downpours which soaked things completely.  
M. & K. came home from Long Lake at eleven A M

I worked at home today & read extensively. Finished Miller's Creative Learning & more than half of Thayer's The Passing of the Recitation.

### **Saturday, August 4**

A heavy rain with strong wind in the night toppled over tall plants with water soaked plants Finally brisk showers ended the day & a cool wind set in.

At school part of the day. Worked at my books, etc.

### **Sunday, August 5**

Gray but clearing. Cool.

Left for Gary on the 6:34. 8:00 o'clock from Randolph. At Gary by 9:00.

Clarence D & E. & I left at 10:30. Drove to vicinity of Warren's Woods Road under reconst. & I walked up muddy road into it while E & C stayed in the auto. Woods dripping & mosquito beset. Worth visiting, however. Home by old road instead of Dunes H. Fine trip. Got to H.P. at 9:30.

### **Monday, August 6**

Fine day.

Tied up gladiolas, chrysanthemums, etc. Mowed much of my year

At school this A M This aft Mr Cunningham took me out County Line & Dundee Road & I brot back specimens of rosin weed, eryngium, petalostemum, lepachys, teucrium, euphorbia c., daucus carota, etc

### **Tuesday, August 7**

Very warm & sultry.

At school twice this A.M. Spent most of day photographing Daucus carota & developing plates. Studied flower arrangement. Eryngium also.

Mr Flinn called to confer about getting bid on fire escapes for the Elementary Bldg.

### **Wednesday, August 8**

Warmer than yest.

Finished lawn mowing this A M & dissolved in perspiration.

At home all day except a short trip down town.

Worked over euphorbia corollata. Took 6 pictures. Developed. Some quite successful.

Mr Russel rep. Baird & Warner called to go over Port Clinton situation with me

### **Thursday, August 9**

Very warm. But at 6:00 P.M a cool breeze sprang up that was a life saver. Later on the wind died down. A light shower at 8:30

At school only for a half hour to confer with the linoleum men  
Read from (Davenport's) Dearborn's Intelligence Tests. Worked over specimens Made several photographs. Developed six negatives.

Had one "roasting ear" today & one cucumber from our garden.  
Library Board this evening. All present except Mrs Beardsley.

### **Friday, August 10**

Cooler. Much cooler this evening. A stirring wind

We have had now about 18 apples from our tree, & the wind brot one more down this evening.

To Chic on 10:04. To Mr Bliss' office & to Mr Wood's. Neither in. Then to Mr. Flinn's office for conf over fire escape. – To Sweet W's for photog supplies. Lunch at sandwich shop Fields for shoes, collars, shirt. Hoefeld's for shirt. Rand McNally to order two globes R.R. office & steamship office for circulars Chic. Pub. Libr & Newberry Library to look up McGuffey Readers. Found a Fourth at first. That was all. To McVicker's to see-hear a speaking movie. This evening at school a few minutes Then called at the Kennicott's.

[*Lights of New York*, the first 100% "all talking" feature film, a crime drama produced by Warner Brothers was playing at McVicker's. – ed.]

### **Saturday, August 11**

Cool breezes continued today

At school this A.M Mr L. & I planted some more corn for Miss White's work; potted some tobacco plants; planted some peanuts in pots.

Had Lois & Elizabeth Greene come over to school and express their opinion as to location of south fire escape. Mr Flinn & I agreed on his plan.

This aft at home – Miss Kerr called me on phone to announce her marriage to Henry K Coale!! I reminded her I would need to report it to the teachers committee & hunt a successor

Sent special delivery letter out to Mrs Creigh

Listened this evening to Herbert Hoover's speech of acceptance from Palo Alto, Calif.

### **Sunday, August 12**

A beautiful day.

This A.M. the Sundells came to take me for a ride with the intention of returning in mid afternoon. – We went to L. Zurich, Algonquin, Elgin, St. Charles (where I chatted for 5 minutes with Alice Davis & her folks), to Geneva where we ate our dinner at Geneva Cafe. Then to W. Chicago near which we visited the home of Dr Lunak, an asst supt of Chicago schools. Mr. L took us over his extensive "garden" (2½ acres) and showed his astonishing collection of fruit trees, etc. - - Then home by Des Plaines, Glencoe, etc Then M. & K. had supper ready for us and we prolonged our "trip" until 9:10 P M.

### **Monday, August 13**

Beautiful day.

To city on "teacher business" To the Albert Agency where I consulted Miss Smith, et. al. Phoned Dr Hoyt of Chic Univ. for her assistance Home at 4:00. At school for a time. Then this evening met Messrs Guyot & the Deckers there to confer over steam changes, etc.

Charge

### **Tuesday, August 14**

Another.

An hour in the garden. Then to Mrs Thayer's to confer over some diseased trees To school - & then to Nat'l Kg at Evanst. Conf with Miss Golden over a teacher. Then to Dean Stout's office at N W. Chatted with Miss Ravens but did not see the Dean - - Lunch at Thomson's. Then to city & to Univ. of Chic. - - - Conf with Dr Hoyt over teachers. Then delightful visit with Dr. Cowles & Dr. Fuller. Then home at 6:00.

Ran hose an hour or so. Then our neighbors, the Chapins came to spend the evening & to hear their friend, the Rev Mr Blackburn of Scotland give a radio talk at 9:45.

### **Wednesday, August 15**

A warm day but not disagreeable

At school about all day. Mr Vandyke back & on the job.

A long conf this A M with Mr Flinn including an inspection of the site of the new bldg This aft. I met Mr Brown & Mr Steele with reference to the fire escapes

Began soaking my flower beds at five & continued until after dark

Miss Jean Brockway came with Mrs James Duffy this evening to apply for a physical educ. position.

### **Thursday, August 16**

As yesterday – yet warmer.

At school all day. Met Mildred Schneberger of Arlington Heights, candidate Then Mrs Meanor & Miss Swail, representing Book Trails. Then Wm J Brown about his bid on fire escapes. Then Miss Kerr who outlined her troubles. After lunch I met her again for a short time Then I phoned for Henry Coale & had a session with him until nearly seven

After dinner called on Raymond Flinn for a while to talk over bids for work

### **Friday, August 17**

A shower in the night Gray at times. A little cooler.

Conf with Henry Coale and Miss Kerr in my office this A M.

Then busy with various repair matters, etc. all day.

This evening watered my parkway.

Then spent an hour or so with Mr Davies. He seems to be improving slowly.

### **Saturday, August 18**

Fine day. Not too warm.

To city on 10:04. To Albert Agency for conf. on candidates. Fields to buy socks and leave hat to be blocked. Sweet, W. for camera plates. Vaughans for derrisol & turnip seed. Home at 2:00.

To Bahr's to talk over planting matters and get a pound of grass seed.

Over to lake front & walk as far north as Moraine hotel to look for Euphorbia polygonifolia All in fruit.

Dug up with pick large part of back yard lawn – raked in vigoro and sprinkled it this evening

Helen Schmidt, grad. of Chic. Teachers' College, Kg of Grand Rapids, called to apply for primary position.

### **Sunday, August 19**

A fine day tho warm in the sun.

At home all morning. Analyzed ragweed blossom

This aft a walk into the Skokie – Sheahen's woods, along the drainage ditch saddle trail, over the Skokie meadow – up to Greenwood Gardens. On the meadow there near Mr Barnett's house I found a

colony of 30 or more fringed gentian plants – due to bloom in two or three weeks. Shared my discovery with Mr Green who introd. me to Mr Barnett. I went to his house & visited with his wife & her mother.

Walked home down Green Bay Road – now much torn up for repaving.

### **Monday, August 20**

A warm day but not oppressive.

At school. Set Mr Van Dyke at task of mounting cork bulletin material above blackboards  
Conferred with men setting blackboard. With Johnson temp. control man who came to detach thermostads

Met Miss Ethel McBroom of Grundy City, Iowa, and her sister Mable, the former a candidate for primary position. Spent much time with these young women and rated them well (Pd \$25<sup>00</sup> to Miss McBr car fare

Planted grass seed in a worked-over area in our backyard. Dressing of vigoro on remainder of backyard & some portions of front.

### **Tuesday, August 21**

Shower in night with high wind. Fine day

At school

Doctor Hamilton's office from 10:30 to 11:40. Refilled lower right premolar

This aft. met Mrs Alice Fisher McNerny of Des Moines who would like an appointment. Then Miss Justine Kilcran of New Haven, sister of Mrs Ed Knox. Showed both of these ladies about.

Met John Samuelson about new panic bar.

This evening Mr Guyot and I went over the bldg together & agreed to have Mr Grimson plaster the air tunnels

### **Wednesday, August 22**

A fine day. Cool.

At school much of time.

Met with Olander and gave him an order for 4 round tables & 32 small tables.

Mr Bliss & I had a short conf. this evening over Mrs Henry K Coale's (Eileen Kerr) status.

Albert Agency notified me that Miss Ethel McBroom accepted our first grade position at 1950.

In Dr. H's dental chair from 9 to 11 this A M

Borrowed 350<sup>00</sup> at bank for 60 days

### **Thursday, August 23**

A heavy rain with hail this A.M. Cleared by late aft.

Went to Wauk with Mr Oleson (his auto) and Mr Bletsch to visit the N.S. coke & chemical Co's fine plant. Shown about by Mr Solberg, Supt. Very profitable Luncheon at Mr B's expense. Home at 2:00.

At school rest of P.M – until 4:00 when I went to dentist. Dr Wurth cleaned my teeth & explored for cavities One small one

This evening reset my canterbury bells & foxgloves

Grimson's men began to rebuild air tunnels

### **Friday, August 24**

A fine day. Cool

All morning supervising work at school. Our men emptied the wall cases in the west landing office, & distrib. contents to other rooms & packed away things in the rooms to be furnished with fire escapes. Mason began to cut openings for fire escapes.

Decker's men began on the steam lines

Another session with Miss Kerr. Advised her to file her resignation & I withheld the letter of dismissal I had ready

Mowed my yard. Scattered hay on newly turned up patch on back lawn. Dug up madonna lilies

Mr Leech & I went into Skokie just south of Greenwood Gardens. Scouted about & brot back some specimens. Found prairie w.f. orchis with maturing seed pods

### **Saturday, August 25**

Another fine day

To city on 9:04. Carson Piries to order some cork carpet and a gallon of linoleum cement. To Economic Drug Co; Fields; to Mich Transit Co's office where I got an option on a berth on the Manitou.

Home at 1:00. Lunch. To school for a time with Mr Vandyke. There I met Miss Kerr for a few minutes. Gave her a copy of the formal notice of her position being forfeited. Mr V. & I took 2:34 south. He got off at Wilson Ave. I went on to Chic. Bot ticket to sail on Manitou next Monday for the Soo. Wired Miss Turpin

Home at 6:15. Found formal letter of resignation of Miss Kerr. - - Set out hollyhock plants

### **Sunday, August 26**

Another beautiful day

Read much from T.V. Smith's The American Philosophy of Equality.

Had a ride between ten and eleven this A.M. with Mr Leech. We went out to look for seeds of the wild four o'clock. This aft we went to Wauk flats. Great exhibit of liatris, small white asters, flowering spurge. Then Lobelia Kalmir, potent. fruticosa, Tofieldia glutinosa, solidago, etc.

Pattees called at the door for a few minutes

### **Monday, August 27**

Manitou for the Soo.

See loose notes.

### **Tuesday, August 28**

Enroute for the Soo

See notes

[Generally, Mr. Smith did not record entries in his diary when he traveled away from Highland Park. However, he kept notes of some travels and recorded the entries onto 4 1/4" x 7 1/4" sheets of blank paper. Holes punched in the left margin of these sheets indicate that they were once contained in a loose-leaf notebook. The travel entry for August 27 and a portion of the entry for August 28 are missing. The following entry refers to August 28. - ed.]

Beautiful sunset on our right had no sooner faded out when moonlight against the purple horizon slowly filled the sky. Dark silhouettes & shadows about us at Northport. Quite cool. Harbor Springs most attractive from the dock. Lighthouse on narrow point and houses strung along for a ways have two water fronts. The sailboats rounding the point and heeling way over

To be addressed:

Jacob L. Crane

Eileen Kerr

Harold Schultz

**Wednesday, August 29**

Mackinaw I. & Sault.

See notes

[The August 29 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Wednesday – Aug 29.

Splendid day. At Mackinac I at 6:30. Brkf on boat, then ashore. Shave & shine 75; Squibbs .50; Walked past fort on road below – to overhanging cliff & back. Moosewood, rose mallow, cornus —, ragged robin.

Met Emma Hartke Mooney & daughter Helen who got on the M. here for Sault St M Visited with them quite a little on the way. A delightful trip. Subdued light, wonderful effects Light rain the last hour of the trip

The Cohn family not including father, a druggist in Engelwood

Had great pleasure in using my big maps of the channel after we passed Detour. While I and others were intent on the maps we almost overlooked the Pinwheel girls who were out in a rowboat, but caught their message to meet them at 10:00 tomorrow on the Canadian side

At Sault found no room at the new Ojibway & the (old) Park Hotel, so went to the new (Sault) St Marie, a 3rd rate hotel but comfortable - - - Went over to the locks and had an hour watching the locking up & down of several vessels. Then said goodbye to Mrs Smith & Misses Brown & Cornish Supper at Ojibway & back in rain to my hotel.

Tips .75 + 25; meal 1.25

**Thursday, August 30**

Soo to St Joseph I.

See notes

[The August 30 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Thursday

Aug 30, 1928

Breakfast 1.05; hotel 2.50; ferry .10.

Left for Canadian side at 9:30 and shortly afterwards met the girls with Prof & Mrs Lewis all in the machine. We were off for a day of it which ended for me about 8:30 P M when they brot me to Rainsmere, a hotel facing across from Neebish

The high point of the day was the visit to Slate Falls in the Missisagi R where the brown waters swirled about grim ledges, whorled round about and slipped over round rock masses & tumbled down into deep sunk channels that wound about bold headlands. We reached this place by riding through fine forests, mostly deciduous, up and down and in and out. A great place for summer camps

**Friday, August 31**

Rainsmere Hotel

St Joseph's I

See notes

[The August 31 travel entry is transcribed as follows [brackets within the notes are Mr. Smith's]: - ed.]

Friday

August 31 – 1928

At or near Rainsmere all morning. Nice visit with guests, Mr & Mrs Adderley of Pittsburg – Mr A. an old friend of ex-gov Price about whom we had interesting converse.

The girls came for me after lunch. [I spent most of the morning working on my notes, now in a warm nook along a stone wall, then in an angle of a s. & r. fence, then on a deserted dock. Paul & Edith Rosenfels with Mrs Lewis came along & I had a fine chat with them) We had a long & interesting drive – Barton's Hill, Porter's farm, etc. Watched a barn raising near the latter. Met John P.

To the Pinwheel cottage then. While the girls got supper I climbed up through the woods back of the house to the grassy hill top which gives so inspiring a view.

As we ate supper Mrs Lewis came in for a while on her way to her house

Then the Pinwheelers took me in their launch across to Neebish P.O. & back, crossing in front of a mighty freighter, & cheered by a glorious sunset as we recrossed the river. The girls then took me home by water

I had a sort of dysentery which bothered me all day & I was glad to get back to my room.  
Hypericum perforatum

**Saturday, September 1**

As yesterday.

See notes

[The September 1 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Saturday

Sept 1, 1928

Worked at my notes this A M. - - - A wedding party of 30 or so came here for dinner. The bride, "the most popular girl on the Island," was the telephone girl at Richards Landing. The groom, the ferryman there. There were speeches by the two rectors present and a response by the groom. A toast was drunk with water, the chief actors & all others as well were photographed a number of times. The bride flung her bouquet out in the yard for all to scramble for. Then they drove away, the groom's auto dragging behind it a collection of old shoes and sheet iron junk

"Those he approves who ply the trade,  
Who rock the child and wed the maid."

The girls called in a while this aft but I did not go over until after five when I walked along the shore. Stayed until nine & the girls brot me back in their launch

**Sunday, September 2**

~~Left St Joseph's I for Soo.~~

See notes.

(Picnic with the Lewises & the Rosenfels)

[The September 2 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Saturday

Sunday

Sept 2 – 1928

Rained in the night. Cleared

Met the girls at their home at 10:00 & we joined our forces with the Lewises & Rosenfels for a picnic at a distant gold mine. We had a great day. Discussions & reminiscences. The R twins argued with Dr L & were bantered by him. It was the best of company.

Made coffee and ate a huge meal on the grassy hillside below a deserted mine and beside the stamp mill. All – mines & buildings & houses deserted but one – a caretaker's home. Most picturesque country. Great rounded & precipitous domes and ledges of ancient rock. Wooded masses with clearings for small farms, lakes lying among the hills. All looked much like the Eng. Lakes country & the mists & gathering clouds heightened the effect. Left at 3:00 just as it began to rain. One part of our return journey we ran through a very belt of very heavy rainfall. Home after 5:00. I walked back to the hotel at 7:00

Paid hotel \$10<sup>00</sup>

**Monday, September 3**

Left for St Marie

See notes

[The September 3 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Monday.

Labor Day.

Sept 3, 1928

Rained most of night & continued heavily much of the morning. The Pinwheelers picked me up a little before eight & took me through a driving rain to Richards Landing. Here I waited an hour or so until the bus, an antiquated affair, arrived and we set out through the rain for the Soo. - - - - Crossed Pine Island Ferry. The disconsolate old lady on her way to the hospital. The kindly Scotchman who talked disease and the Bible with me. – The soggy grain fields. –

Rain over when we reached the Soo. Went to Murray-Hill Hotel. Watching locking performance for two hours. Felt punk. Rested in room. This evening saw "The Road to Ruin."

**Tuesday, September 4**

Soo to Escanaba

Felt rather punk all day

See notes.

[The September 4 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Tuesday,

Sept 4, 1928

Left Sault Ste M. at 9:00 for Escanaba

Hotel 1.50 + 90 + 70 + 75 + 35

R.R. 5.48 + 35

Long ride through country without much interest. A wait at Trout Lake for train from St. Ignace.

Flowers at Nahma junction

At Gladstone took street cars for Escanaba. Coal docks. Ore docks. The high sandy cliff, forested, between G. & Esc. The reedy shore.

At Delta Hotel.

Carefare .30; papers .35;

supper 1.25.

The mystery of scrophularia nodosa

**Wednesday, September 5**

Escanaba for H.P.

Felf disagreeable & the long ride home was uninteresting for the most part.

## Thursday, September 6

Fine day.

Bowel trouble continued but seeming to improve

At school a while Passed out payroll. During my absence much of the special work halted  
Grimson's men began plastering ducts today, the fire escape men to put in their brackets Mr Davis at  
work but looking badly.

At home most of day. Developed 6 plates this evening.

## Friday, September 7

Fine day

Still much troubled with my bowels.

At school most of day. Gave considerable attention to Mr Schultz, our new drawing teacher

Signed a new note for indebtedness to Mr Tennant, as I had requested that four of my monthly  
payments slide by, to be resumed Oct 15. I now owe him in excess of 1790<sup>00</sup>

## Saturday, September 8

Fine day Warmer.

Felt somewhat better. Consulted Dr Winters this aft & got prescr. & diet chart.

At school all day. Directed work, etc

Teachers' meeting this aft. All present except Parson, Phillips, Hawkins, Knight, & Miss Sands –  
the latter recovering from an op. for append.

[Among the papers of Jesse Lowe Smith in the archive collection of the Highland Park Public Library is the  
prescription mentioned in Mr. Smith's diary. It is transcribed as follows:

WILLIAM L. WINTERS, M.D.

PHONES

OFFICE: H.P. 2750

RESIDENCE: H.P. 2760

2 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD

HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

HOURS,

3 TO 5 P.M.

EVENINGS AND SUNDAYS  
BY APPOINTMENT

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Mr. J.L. Smith

(1) Diet.

Cooked cereals, Toast, Bacon

Eggs. Stewed fruit. (apple sauce).

Orange Juice – if desired.

(2) Lunch. – Soups & Boullion.

Custards. J[unk?]et. Meat – (Beef  
lamb or Ham).

Bread – Toasted or 1 day old.

Tea.

Vegetables – (Cooked & pureed or  
chopped finely.)

Fruits – Very few.

(3) Dinner –

Same as lunch except

meat in small portions if taken twice daily.

### Avoid

pastries, concentrated Sweet.  
Fried foods. Pork (except Bacon.  
[Mil?] Milk – ed.]

### **Sunday, September 9**

Beautiful day.  
To Presb. Church with M.

This aft at 3:00 at memorial services for Mrs Seyfarth, a most useful woman who died suddenly at the hospital on Thursday.

Walked home with the Ingerles and visited there a while

Walked along Green Bay Road this evening to size up the radical reconstruction going on [Nellie Martin Seyfarth was born near Genesco, Illinois on September 10, 1878. She married Robert Seyfarth in 1903, and they came to Highland Park in 1911. During her years in Highland Park, Mrs. Seyfarth served as Regent of the North Shore Chapter of the D.A.R., president of the Highland Park Woman's Club, a member of the Ossoli Club and of the Visiting Nursing Association, and as a member of the Board of Education for District 108. She also served on the "movie committee" with Mr. Smith to ensure that only acceptable films were shown at the local theaters. (See February 19 and 24, 1927 entries.) – ed.]

### **Monday, September 10**

First day of school.

Fine day but growing sultry. Showers at dark & after.  
School opened with enthusiasm. 806 enrolled. 74 of these in Kg.  
Half day session  
Teachers' meeting this aft.  
Board meeting this evening. All present except Mrs Childs

### **Tuesday, September 11**

Fine. A little cooler  
Usual book store rush. Conf. with parents wishing special favors  
Conf. with Mr Flinn With Mr Meyer who came to look over repairs and to examine our book store reports  
This evening at Mr. Woods' – Mrs Creigh, Dr. Fritsch, Mr. Guyot, & Mr Flynn. Long discussion of plans & specifications Architect authorized to adv. for bids

### **Wednesday, September 12**

Rain & thunderstorm in night. Fine day  
Mr Anderson began organizing band classes today  
Conf with Kg's & 1 – 3's after school over the new plans  
Evening conf with Misses Sprague & Grenoble over organiz. of Latin classes.

### **Thursday, September 13**

Fine day  
We set up this aft. our ex. of flowers, fruit, & vegetables. Mrs Greene & Mrs Steele & Mrs Getz had charge of arrangements  
Conf. of exec. com. of P.T.A in my office this A M

Went to meeting of Board of N.S. Art League this evening at Winnetka Mr Robertson presided. He brot me home in his auto.

### **Friday, September 14**

Warm. Then showers

Spent A M in the exhibit, meeting most of the pupils there.

Pet show this aft. It was coming off nicely when a heavy shower put it to a hasty close

More rains between 3:00 & 6:00.

This evening was one of small group representing the community center which met to consider a proposition to buy our holdings We agreed to sell for 75 000 net & the Pres & Sec. were authorized to represent us Present: Wm Guyot, Miss Everett, John Udell, & by proxy – Fred Boynton, Fred Silber, Geo A. Mason

### **Saturday, September 15**

Fine day

To Chic on 9:34. To R.A Turtle's to inquire about specimens. To Ginn & Co's to order some Latin texts, etc. To Abbotts to inquire about some mounting of photographs. Fields for soap. Vaughn's for tree wax. To Lincoln Park – first a half hour at Acad. of Science. Then to Refectory and to luncheon of Friends of O.N.L. Mrs Bley presided Jensen, Allinson, Jessup, & about 30 in all. Fine time Home at 6:00

Mowed all my lawn except back yard

### **Sunday, September 16**

Fine day. Grew warm, but cool breeze blew up at 5:30.

At home until 4:00. Went by trolley to Krenn & D. subdiv. Walked over towards sk. cab. woods. Met Misses Nixon, White & Greno. in auto. They walked into woods a ways with me. Then they gave me a lift down to Greenwood Gardens – Where I spent an hour or more with Mr. Greene. My fringed gentian colony in bloom Walked home in the dusk through Exmoor

### **Monday, September 17**

Cool. Fine day

Conf with 7 – 8's over pupils needing special help.

Issued a school-age certificate to Louise Benassi this evening.

Met Mrs Walton this evening to arrange work for her in tutoring Victor Larson, the boy suffering from deafness & Christian science

Called on Mr & Mrs D.A. Fay for long conf. about Robert Fay who ran away Saturday, Sept 8.

Planted three bloodroot plants this evening and 6 vincetoxicum gonocarpos ~~this~~, the latter from Hopedale nurseries One in milkweed patch, two about the s.w. oak, and one each at base of three elms on west parkway

Talked about Constitution Day in morning ex., about Aug 27 – Peace Treaty & about Bishop Hartzell

### **Tuesday, September 18**

Fine day Quite chilly this A.M Mr Bartoli let steam into the coils in Int Bldg this aft.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. After this Mr Schultz & I went out to W. Park Ave. Crossing & scouted around for flowers & came back with Mr Leech

At school a while this evening – then called on Miss Sands – who seems to be progressing nicely.

Conf with Mrs Creigh today.  
Lent a lantern to Conrad Dreiske for the Brick Church  
Edith sent us fine basket of Hale's peaches Wonderful specimens.

### **Wednesday, September 19**

Fine. Again cool  
Visitor – Capellor for Thos Charles - - Miss Munzer inquiring about a position - - etc.  
Fire escapes finally set in place, etc  
Taught an 8B group in arith & a 4B group (Miss Hansen) in science, the latter out of doors.  
Mr & Mrs Yena came to plead for the retention of their two children in our schools  
P.T.A reception held at Mrs Goodman's – out-of-doors Delightful in every way.  
Heard Sen. Borah over radio this evening. Capital speech (from Detroit).

### **Thursday, September 20**

Fine day  
Ten or 12 of us had a walk after school – down by Exmoor grounds, out West Park Ave., along R.R. to Deerfield Ave & then back Found many fringed gentians, etc.  
This evening looked over some rejected books at Public Library – then to Y.W.C.A reception  
Fine time.  
Our folks bot large basket of plums this evening.

### **Friday, September 21**

Beautiful day after short effort to rain.  
S.R.Lewis came out this aft to confer over changes in bldg construction Met the Deckers & phoned Guyot  
Mr Bortman representing Spiro spent an hour and more with me late this aft. Mr Cunningham ran off one of his films as a sample

### **Saturday, September 22**

Fine day. Quite cool this A.M  
At school some of the morning. At home all aft. Worked on some notes, etc  
This evening M., K., & I were guests of the Wrights and had a fine time Mr Wright took us back and forth in his machine.

### **Sunday, September 23**

Cool. Almost cold! Light overcoats. Fire in furnace – fireplace  
Too fagged to be of use. At home all day save for a walk to post office late in day.  
The Leech family called at five.  
Read carefully Prof Shorey's Atl. Mo article on evolution. Timely & valuable  
Read 60 or 70 lines of Cic's Tusc. Disput, Book I.

### **Monday, September 24**

Sharp frost!  
Ice almost solid in the bird bath! Tomatoes toppled down. Other things more considerably treated.  
Mr Anderson sang a series at morning ex.  
This aft Mrs Creigh took some of us away at 3:15 to Dundee (Nixon, White, Jones) to the Haeger potteries. Fine time. Bot for the school to the extent of \$24.75. I bot 4 pieces for myself - \$2<sup>50</sup>

41 miles to Dundee – 55 minutes!

This evening to school bldg with Mr Sundell to arrange for locks on various lockers, etc Called at pub. libr. a moment. Called at the Ingerle house but no one there

Taught one class in Eng today – 8A's.

A load of coke today.

**Tuesday, September 25** Frost

Thin film of ice in bird bath this A. M

Conf. with agent for living pictures

At H.S. with Mr Sandwick, Mr Wright & Dean Stout over possibility of some of our teachers taking a course in N.W.U.

Teachers' meeting & a long list of topics considered

At Rudolph Ingerle's a while this evening

Bulbs from Dreer's arrived today.

Warm furnace fires

**Wednesday, September 26** Frost

Heavy frost again Fine day Moderated

Planted 3 regale lilies, 10 candidums – these from Dreer, & 5 candidums of blooming size & a number of smaller ones – these from our own bed - - this A.M. before school.

Taught 8B arith & 7A geog today.

Miss Sands visited a while this aft.

Jensen, Marshall Johnson & I had luncheon at H.S. & went over to inspect sight of new bldg.

I worked at school this evening until 9:30. Lyman G. practicing. He brot a live kinglet, prob. g.c., which we weighed at Gsell's - - 150 grams

Shirley rep. Silver B.

Rep of Geo B. Carpenter

**Thursday, September 27** Frost

Light ice film. Fine day.

Miss Tschirgi ill and I heard four of her recitations

Agent for DeVry.

Our Thursday aft. walks – this time to Clay Cliffs About 20. Prepared supper on picnic grounds of Ft Sheridan. I had to come away at six to be at home where Rev. & Mrs Doble were our guests at dinner. Pleasant evening.

**Friday, September 28**

Still a thin ice film in the bird bath.

Fine day.

Miss Tschirgi still absent. Mrs Hawkins sub.

Caller: Rep of C.E. Anderson.

This evening M & I went to reception at the Manse

After school went to H.S. athletic field & saw our second eleven defeat Ravinia seconds – 30 to 0.

**Saturday, September 29**

No frost. Mild

At school until 10: Then 10:04 to Chic. To Exhib. Supply to consult Mr Duffy about a lens. To Dow Optical to get glasses frame repaired. To Turtles – not in At Fields. Chat with Miss Fargo whom I met there

Home at 3:30. An hour's work in the yard

### **Sunday, September 30**

Lovely day. Autumn colors showing.

Church this A M at Rev Mr Roth's. Excellent. Am proud of what the Roths are doing in that small congregation.

This aft. began to catalogue the hymns we use at school, a list of 45. Recopied the list this evening on my typewriter.

Strolled up Sheridan Road to the bridge, & then over to Mr. Egan's where I visited a while.

### **Monday, October 1**

Mild. Clouded over in aft & slight shower

P.T.A. conf. this aft – Mrs Herman, White, Sherer, Snobble, Howes, Newman.

This evening special meeting of Board to consider bids for the G.B. school. Gen'l contractors – lowest Schmidt, Anderson, Brown. Plumbing – Decker – Moran. Electric – Fuchs Heating – all bids rejected Agreed to turn all bids over to Mr Flinn to be studied & reduced, wherever possible

Miss Sands resumed work today – after three weeks of absence.

Miss Tschirgi on duty again.

### **Tuesday, October 2**

Lovely day.

Conf with Mrs Creigh over fitting up teachers' rest rooms

Conf. with Mrs Millard.

Tea at Ravinia school given by their teachers with H-S & Elm Place as guests Delightful time

This evening met with members of Community Service at Albert Larson's store to confirm prop. of Bd to sell community property (75 x 200) to Wm Pearl for \$75 000. F.W. Boynton presiding. Unanimous action Pres Boynton, Witten, Larson, J. Udell, J.L.S., Grundy, Noerenberg, Marks.

At Library a few minutes.

### **Wednesday, October 3**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

### **Thursday, October 4**

Sultry. About eleven this evening heavy rain & stiff blow which tore off branches, brot down older trees, etc.

Clarence drove in late this aft.

Menoni's man cut over our G.B. site with mower & raked it.

I met at 3rd group (West) and a 6th (White) there this aft for nature lesson. Dug peanuts.

Gathered flax; picked up hickory nuts; carried back corn fodder

This evening to dinner given by Mr & Mrs Ewing for directors of Geog Soc. at Univ. Club. Fine time Prof Haas outlined genuine activities for the Soc. I rode to Ev. with Prof & Mrs Haas in rain storm

### **Friday, October 5**

Fine day. Cooler

Howell, & wife – glass blowers gave a show (10¢) in our aud at 2:30. Very good performance. A  
62<sup>00</sup> house I accepted 5<sup>00</sup> for the school  
Clarence in Chic most of day.  
Passed out bulb lists today

### **Saturday, October 6**

Beautiful day.

Spent the morning with Bartoli, Santi, Lichtwalt & Kolterman at the G.B. site. Heeled in  
hawthorne shrubs & our nursery stock; trimmed some of the trees.

This aft I led the excursion of the F.O.N.L. to Wauk. Flats, a beautiful trip. Served coffee as we  
ate our lunch around bonfire. Ten of us went by trolley to Wauk & taxied to Beach. Coming back we rode  
into Wauk with our friends

Fringed gentians plentiful. Great color everywhere  
Clarence spent A M. at Kenosha.

### **Sunday, October 7**

Beautiful day

Clarence left before six this A M

At home most of day. Late aft walk up St. Johns, over to lake shore via Turnley Ravine, & along  
shore to pumping station Met Wm & Mrs Geer & Billie here and walked partway home with them.

### **Monday, October 8**

Fine day though gray at times. Slight shower after dark

School Board meeting this evening. Mr. Fout present & turned over his books to his successor,  
Martin Hart.

Conf with 8th grade teachers after school.

### **Tuesday, October 9**

Fine day

Dr. Fritsch and I met at G.B. site at 8:00 to arrange with the foreman of the road construction  
company about the curb for a driveway

Field trip with a fourth grade group – a discovery lesson.

Teachers meeting at 4:00.

Planted out on parkway this evening some blue lobelia plants & chicory brot from G.B. site

### **Wednesday, October 10**

Fine day. Warm. Autumn leaves blowing down.

Mr Rowell called and talked over the matter of a change of scene for his wife.

Mr Ostergaard, Mr Nevitt, et. al.

Planted some clumps of A. Tradescanti this A M. Of iris this P.M.

I had the great misfortune this A M to step on our little Johnnie bird this A M & kill him. He was  
feeding on the rug in the dining room and I did not see him!!

Miss Nixon & I went up to Rockefeller-McCormick estate to meet the supt & plan for the walk  
tomorrow.

Fellowship Club at Presb. church this evening. Fine time.

### **Thursday, October 11**

Still warm. Leaves tumbling down & blown about.  
Had our picnic party for H-S, Ravinia & Lincoln. Over 100 went. To Mrs Rockefeller-McCormick's. Fine time. Excellent dinner at Elm Pl. afterwards.

**Friday, October 12** Sawyer  
Excursion to Sawyer by several of our staff  
At DeCarner's

**Saturday, October 13** Sawyer  
Miss Watt joined us today  
At DeCarners.

**Sunday, October 14** Stevensville  
Glorious day  
Left at 4:00 for Chic

**Monday, October 15**  
Rainy. Mild  
Miss Thomas ill. Mrs Hawkins, sub.  
This evening to Winnetka with Mr Schultz and Miss Kramer in Miss K's auto – to first of series of lectures by D.C. Watson – Art & Life of Scandinavia – fine.

**Tuesday, October 16**  
Still showery or threatening. Sultry.  
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.  
This evening at committee meeting at Dr. Fritsch's. Wood, Creigh, Mr Flinn Careful analysis of figures.  
Mr & Mrs Mack called this evening to report some rough conduct among the boys

**Wednesday, October 17**  
Threatening much of day, then very heavy rains towards evening.  
P.T.A. meeting this aft. The teachers of each grade met with their patrons and talked over what they planned to present this year. Then all assembled for a short meeting & this was followed by "the social hour." All seemed to work out very happily  
At home this evening. Mr Quinlan came to examine our furnace pipes today  
Dug gladiolas & tigridias this A M

**Thursday, October 18**  
Gray. Threatening, Cooler. No frost.  
Conf with Mrs Millard; with Mr Harry Wilson; with Kathryn Moore, visiting with us.  
Called fire dept this A M. to rescue a cat that had been perched in top of a tree on our school grounds for 24 hr  
Board meeting this evening. Carefully analyzed the contracts and provisionally awarded it to W.J Brown.  
Dug dahlias this A M.

**Friday, October 19**

As yesterday

Helped Kg's & Miss Miller's rooms plant bulbs. Stored them temporarily under leaves in pits.  
The Cunningham's called this evening. I lent Mr C a number of flower slides

### **Saturday, October 20**

A beautiful day.

Worked nearly the whole day at home

Took up the beets. Spaded side beds. Planted tulips. Raked leaves. Began a compost heap of leaves. Transplanted from vacant lots 5 clumps of elm-leaved goldenrod & 2 of aster laevis. Planted seed of shooting star, etc. etc.

Pd note of 350<sup>00</sup> at bank today.

### **Sunday, October 21**

Gray. Threatening.

Not at church today. Heard Dr Bradley over radio this A.M & Dr Frederick Norwood of London at Orchestra Hall this evening by radio also.

A walk into woods west of Highwood this aft. A woodcock, a chewink or two. Fine specimen of waahoo in fruit. Gathered some seed of fr. gentians. Tiny burs in appearance.

(July 21 entry) Note due at bank tomorrow

### **Monday, October 22**

Rained much of day. Cleared after dark

Conf with Mrs Green; with Mrs Boynton about Preventorium; et al.

This evening Misses Sands, White, Jones & I called at Joe Richards – the home lately bereft of the mother. Visited with Marion & Raymond.

Miss Phillips ill. Mrs Hawkins' sub.

Mrs Anderson's father – Mr Reichalt, died Saturday

### **Tuesday, October 23**

Fine day, though gray at times.

Short teachers' meeting at 4:00. Then I took 5:21 for Chic & the 6:45 for Des Plaines to talk before the P.T.A. Mr Knorr presided. I told him that I had to leave on the 9:21. The program began at 8:10. Mr K spoke 10 minutes. A woman gave two violin solos. A child recited two numbers. A girl in pantalets carrying a parasol gave a dance number. One of the teachers sang two numbers. Another teacher recited two numbers. Yet another sang two numbers. A bare-legged girl danced a number. Then I came on – 9:02 – and talked 10 or 12 minutes, made a dash for the train & came home!!

### **Wednesday, October 24**

Fine day.

Miss Davis (Mary's sister) called.

Miss K & Miss B's 3B's rooms had their farm trip this aft. in autos furnished by parents. I went along. To Buffalo Creek Farm & the Farm school.

Teachers of Grades one & two had a visiting day today.

### **Thursday, October 25**

Beautiful day

Helped 2B's plant bulbs Went with 4A's & Miss McMunn in a bus to Wauk this aft. Great catch of fish on the dock. A freighter, the Cetus, unloading at Gas Co's plant! We were permitted to drive in, to go over the freighter, & to see an oven opened! Mr. Solberg detailed Mr Marts to show us around. One of the best trips yet.

This evening Mr Schultz & I went down to Art League meeting at Lionel Robertson's, Mr Buck talked. Very enjoyable. Mr. Jensen, Mrs Kinder (Gertrude Spaller), Mr Babcock, et. al.

Pd 1<sup>85</sup> as expense of trip today

### **Friday, October 26**

Visitors for an hour or so this A M, Supt Smith of Barrington, and Mr Smiley & two women, members of his staff.

Agt for Winstons.

This aft Mr Cunningham, Mr. Leech & I left in Mr. L's machine enroute to Sawyer. Picked up Mr Cragg, friend of Mr C. at 79th, & left Mr C & this man at Chic Heights, they to take a bus from their for Turkey Run tomorrow. Mr. L & I went on to Valparaiso where we ate supper, then LaPorte, New Buffalo, etc., Sawyer at 10 of 11 and to bed at DeCarner's Hotel.

### **Saturday, October 27**

Threatening. Raw.

Drs Cowles, Fuller, & Crouse at breakfast when we got down stairs

We set out for Stevensville. Stopped at Raymoth's a few minutes No one there Then on, & climbed Warren's Dune. Then to house of Shipley Jefferis on Dunes Highway, near Stevensville. Left machine & climbed down bluff on way to lake. Very rich hemlock, swamp maple, tulip, arbor vitae, forest a tangle in which we finally got lost and floundered about. At length emerged at southeast margin of cranberry swamp, then found our way to tamarack swamp. Returning made our way to lake shore over main drive, scouted a mile north on highway, then back to Sawyer & visited outlet of stream near office of Warren's foundation. Then back to hotel.

Mr L & I left the university men behind at 3:30. Ate supper at Mich C. Home at 9:10 P.M.

### **Sunday, October 28**

Rested much of day

Mrs Childs called this A M. Reported that she must resign as member of Board and relieve herself of strain. Suggested Mrs Harmon for her successor.

This aft. late the Pattees drove up. Had Mr John Shay with them – a friend & intimate of John Burroughs They drove with me out beyond Deerfield & then took me to Ev. where I had tea. Came back by trolley.

### **Monday, October 29**

Much ice in bird bath Clear day. Getting colder

Visitors: Mr Vandyke's father, mother, & sister. Mrs Creigh. Mrs Hoyt Mr Hart.

I spent some time at the new site after school. Only one laborer on the job.

Worked at my desk this evening.

Set out one Asclepias Sullivanti root on west parkway, also 3 A. verticillata in parkway bed, second from south

### **Tuesday, October 30**

Colder even than yest. Clear most of day

Spent much of A.M. on new site Mr Flinn & Mr Ugolini there part of time. Planned driveway, etc

Miss Johnson & I drove down to the Scheskie house to see about Geo Hall's absence from school. Found the family living in filthy quarters.

Spent this evening with Dr Fritsch, discussing driveways, etc.

Planted 10 Rev. Ewbank tulips this A.M.

### **Wednesday, October 31**

Chilly but warmer than yesterday.

Met Mr Ugolini & his men at new site & directed where to reset some shrubs

Hallowe'en this evening. This aft some 8A's & I set up the tepee before the Kg bldg & this evening we maintained a fire in it and entertained visitors until 9:00.

### **Thursday, November 1**

Milder. Rained this evening.

Mrs Rubien, writing instructor, met most of our teachers in groups this day.

Listened to Hughes over radio this evening. Our neighbor Mrs Chapin, came over to hear him. I took her home at nine & then went over to school to see if all was right. A group of boys had been in the playroom until about nine

Call from agent for child welfare charged with finding a home for one Harry (or James?) Smith, descendant of James Smith of 20 years ago.

### **Friday, November 2**

Rainy much of day.

Planted 12 tiger lilies this A.M – in the drizzle - & reset chrysanthemums, etc.

At school filled four leaf pits with bulbs for forcing.

Mr Gibson of Macmillan.

Mr Guyot

### **Saturday, November 3**

Threatening – but finally cleared

After working in my garden, I went to my desk at school a short time & then took 10:34 for Chic. -  
- To City Hall to try to get information about the Munic. airport. To Abbots to look up progress of some unfinished work; Fields for ties; Dow for repairs on frames of glasses; Turtle's for stuffed heron; Field Museum to look up source of movie films;

Took Ashland Ave car to 63rd & transferred on westbound car to Munic airport. Here an hour or so. Beautiful sunset & fine spectacle of planes coming down through the flood of light

Home by 9:00

### **Sunday, November 4**

Beautiful day.

M & I to Presb. Church.

This aft. went with the Pattees to Wauk Flats & had a very pleasant walk

### **Monday, November 5**

Fine day

Radio speeches of all sorts marked close of campaign this evening.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Much discussion of marking pupils for various virtues.  
At school a while this evening. Boys played basket ball in play room  
Rep of D.C. Heath.  
Took picture of rosette of evening primrose & of dandelion at noon

**Tuesday, November 6** Election Day

A beautiful day

We set up the tepee again for the afternoon

At home this evening to get election news from the radio. First news – from N.Y – indicated success of Gov Smith, but at 9:30 I was able to telephone our neighbor, Mrs Chapin that the A.P. & the N.Y. World & Times conceded the election of Hoover!

Developed 5 negatives this evening.

**Wednesday, November 7**

Rainy day.

Great satisfaction over certain of the election returns, for inst. those relating to the Southern States.

Letters went out yest. inviting parents to subscribe to a series of symphony concerts for the school.

At home this evening. "Did not choose" to go to city to meeting of directors of Audub. Soc.

Despair of efficient functioning there

Gave coat of filler to concrete walls of coal room.

**Thursday, November 8**

Clear at first; then gray, & a cold wind. Then short rain at close of day.

Fire drill at nine in both buildings.

Then I left with Miss Sprague & 28 boys in a bus for Chic. At Lincoln Park a half hour. At Municipal Pier an hour. Ate our lunches in the bus before the Union Station

Then to the Municipal Airport where the boys & I got abundant thrills. A tri-motor left for St Louis with 4 passengers; a plane came in from St Paul with 3 passengers, etc Got home late because our chauffeur was unfamiliar with the way

At library board meeting this evening.

**Friday, November 9**

Rainy. This evening snow drops falling with the rain.

Edith came this aft.

This evening I spent a part of – at playroom. 12 or 15 boys there

**Saturday, November 10**

Gray. Cool

Spaded up 4 of my garden beds. Then to city. Visited on way with Helen Meyer. To Chic Transp Co. to leave some negatives Taxi to Schoenbrod's to buy mending tissue. Found I had no money. Purse missing. \$15<sup>00</sup> & \$15<sup>00</sup> worth of tickets!! Had taxi driver take me to City Club where I borrowed 2<sup>00</sup> of Howard Storm & later on 5<sup>00</sup> of Mr. Vandyke. - - Round Table dinner. - - Then to Schoenbrods – m.t. 2<sup>00</sup>; to N.W. station to inquire about pocket book No. - - To Fields & to Eastman K. shop. Slide covers .60; home

Consulted Mr Gail about making my will, then about my financial affairs – Nixon, etc.

In my garden. Set out three Niagara plants, etc

### **Sunday, November 11**

Fairy mild Gray mostly.

Loafed at home nearly all day.

Clarence D came before noon & he & Edith went home this aft.

I photographed a dandelion rosette & a plantain rosette this aft. Set camera up near the house – by the back step

Developed 6 neg. this evening.

### **Monday, November 12**

Fair. Mild.

Observed Armistice Day at 11:00.

Board meeting this evening. Mr Bliss & Mr Meyer absent. Mrs Childs resignation presented & accepted. Election called for Dec 1. Mrs Pfanstiehl to be voted upon.

This aft 16 or so of us at Woman's Club to hear Prof T.V. Smith on Youth & the Changing moral order. Somewhat disconcerting

### **Tuesday, November 13**

Fine day.

Mr Vandyke & I took 32 8B & 7A boys in a bus to Chic – Same program as on Nov. 8. Fine & profitable time. Home at 6:20.

Then, after supper, to Winnetka. (Skokie School) to hear Edward Yoemans. Mr Cunningham took Misses Dorsch, Guiney, & Jones & me. Inspiring talk.

If the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?

Recovered my lost purse today at N.W station! A Mr F.G. Quentin turned it in.

### **Wednesday, November 14**

Mild but threatening. Drizzle for short time this aft.

Spent some time advertising symphony concerts

This aft with Miss McMunn & a group of 4A's to Wauk. Found an interesting freighter unloading coal at the Reiss docks. We were permitted to go on board & were shown almost everywhere. Then we went to gas & coke plant & saw the process. A fine trip.

This evening I met Misses Nixon, Knight, Quick, & Sprague & Mr Schultz to talk over the Christmas play

### **Thursday, November 15**

Very windy night. Windows & doors noisy. Fine day

Visitors: an agent.

Mr Wm Burns of Bd of Ed Lake Forest.

Lunch at Mrs Goodman's with some of the teachers.

Conf on Christmas play with some of teachers

Mrs Anderson (Mrs J. Alfred) came to talk over dances for the play.

A warm day for Nov.

### **Friday, November 16**

Rainy. Heavy rains after dark

Arranged with Mr Paul to extend my mortgage payment of 1000, due tomorrow, for six months.

Mr Schulte, manager of Dasch's Little S. agreed with me to postpone our proposed symph concert until Dec. 7. Response to call for subscr. not very good

Mr. Sopkin (Henry) with group of young musicians from Francis Parker School came over to us from H S. & gave a beautiful concert at 2:00.

At 2:30 grades 5 – 8 gave book week program, tableaux, talking excerpts, etc. Beautiful. M & K & Mrs Chapin there.

### **Saturday, November 17**

Rainy day. Heavy downpours at intervals

Screens off basement windows, these & those on kitchen windows the last to be stored away.

To city on 10:20. To Chic Transp Co for slides To Fields for sponge, list of books, shirt. Art Inst for lunch. Spent an hour or more in galleries. Saw none of the modernistic displays that interested me much Fine portraits by Seyffert, Buck, Johansen, et. al.

Conf today with Mr Gail about getting redress from Nixon Co.

\$1000 on my mortgage due today but secured extension for 6 mo.

Gail drew up my will which was witnessed by him & Katherine Fitzgerald & A.E. Smith, J.P.

Deposited it in safe deposit box this evening.

### **Sunday, November 18**

Mild. Grey. Misting at evening.

M., K. & I went down to Wilson Ave to 1:00 & were met by Lewis Colwell who drove us to his house at 4140 Springfield Ave for dinner Mrs Colwell & Ella & we made up the dinner party. Clyde & his wife came in after dinner, then Donald, L's oldest, & his wife & little daughter (4) and an adopted baby (2 mo) also came. A very pleasant time

As soon as we got home I set out for Aurora, getting there at 10:20 and went to bed in room 1306 at the Aurora-Leland

### **Monday, November 19**

Aurora

Snow flurries much of day but only small patches of snow persisting for any length of time.

Took a taxi after breakfast for the West Aurora H.S. only to find that I was a week early – my date to be next Monday!! However I visited with Supt Smith & we spent an hour looking over a new bldg. Home at 12:40.

At school this aft. Assembly at 2:50. Miss Phillips' pupils gave an illustrated talk on Athens

Went to Prof T.V. Smith's second lecture at Woman's Club at 4:00. Stimulating.

This evening at school Group of Geo Jones' friends had a dancing lesson

### **Tuesday, November 20**

Gray at times Slight snow flurry. Colder

Looked on at new bldg. Pouring footings

Teachers' meeting. First chapter of Miller's Creative Learning.

Only about \$400. subscribed toward Symphony concerts, thus far.

Miss Palmer, ill. Mrs Hawkins, sub.

### **Wednesday, November 21**

More snow flurries but melting. Cleared.

P.T.A. meeting this aft. Subject – Field trips & excursions. Children of 3rd, 4th, fifth & sixth illustrated these.

Dinner at Mr Holmes' this evening. Misses McMunn, Dorsch, Hansen, Meyers, Stine Very enjoyable.

Miss Palmer still absent.

#### **Thursday, November 22**

Snow flurries. Then, brightening. Snow quickly melting.

Visitor: Mrs Denton of Ev., agent for Caldwell, lecturer.

Miss Palmer on duty again

Worked on mss of Christmas play this evening.

#### **Friday, November 23**

Another birthday!!

Fine day.

Went to St. Charles this A M in Miss Cramer's auto, Misses Guiney & Behrens also. Went to Miss Davis' school & visited there. Supt Thomson took me over to their Abraham Lincoln School now building. All had luncheon at coffee house room of the new Baker Hotel, & afterwards explored the hotel. Deluxe! Also inspected the theatre. Do.

Mr T. then took me to the St Charles School for Boys. Some fine work under great difficulties. Some ugly situations.

Mr Simon, Miss Lovelette, Mr Elliot, et. al.

Took 5:07 for Chic & went to Childrens' School of Chic Teachers College to reception & address by Frank Slutz. Mr Vandyke there & we came home together

#### **Saturday, November 24**

Beautiful day

At school a while this A.M. Conf with Misses White & Sprague over Christmas play. Miss Quick, do.

To Chic on 10:04. To Orchestra Hall to try to get tickets for tonight (Horowitz). No. Then to Goodman Memorial Theatre to see Mr Spindler about coming here to advise us about our theatre equipment. - - - To Chic Transp Co. to get some slides (Dancus, silphium, eryngium, etc). Chat with Schantz there awhile

Home. - - Raked leaves at Mr. Parratt's & brot them over to make an experimental compost pile. Mixed 10 lb. of Adco with them & some soil.

Errand at school and library this evening etc

#### **Sunday, November 25**

At home this A.M. Put up suet for birds Rested.

At 5:00 to school house Misses Sprague, Knight, White, Grunew, Mr Schultz & I met Mr Spindler of Goodman Memorial Theatre to get suggestions from him as to new stage settings Then I left on 7:34 for Aurora. Visited on way to Chic. with Mr. Spindler

#### **Monday, November 26**

At Aurora

Beautiful day

Teachers of 3 counties having institute week at Aurora

At 9:15 I talked before thirty or forty science teachers. Showed slides – cabbage, beet, dancus, skunk cabbage Nicely received Attended a discussion of 5th – 6th reading by Dean Gray. Then took 11:38 for Chic.

Home at 2:40. Helped get aud. ready for matinee by Tony Sarg's Marionettes, management of Miss Kinsolving, (Christopher Columbus). Then went to the lecture of Prof T.V. Smith, the last of series of three. Very fine – This evening went to the Marionette show, etc

### **Tuesday, November 27**

Fine day – Gray & misty at evening.

Conf this aft. with a number of parents as to financing the symphony concerts

Mrs Anderson started the boys' morrice dance this A.M & met the girls (8th) this aft.

Had three engagements for this evening and bolted all & worked at my desk

### **Wednesday, November 28**

Fine day tho gray at times

Thanksgiving ex. at 2:00 this aft. First graders, a group of songs. Miss Palmer's 3rd's a short play. The 6th's gave the Pilgrim story.

We had about a truck load of goods for Lake Bluff Orphanage, as usual.

Arthur & Lennie & Ruth & Edith came in by auto at 2:30. Clarence S. by train at 8:30 P.M.

### **Thursday, November 29**

Thanksgiving Day

Gray. Mild. Some rain after 9:00 P.M.

Clarence D. came in at 10:00 & we all had a fine thanksgiving day celebration.

Arthur took me in his auto up to the Sweeney Woods where I dug out with great effort three fine skunk cabbage specimens. I broke my long handled shovel & we had to come back for another. The two finest specimens I pried out of a mud hole - - - Turned hose over them at home.

The "women folks" had a late aft. drive

Ice cream & cake for supper. Then I showed a lot of flower slides

### **Friday, November 30**

Rained some in the night Threatening but no rain nor any of the snow that blanketed the west.

The Enders & the Danforths left in Arthur's machine at 7:00. Clarence Smith went to Kenosha for the day, returning in time for supper

I spent several hours today, dissecting and photographing a fine specimen of skunk cabbage – 11 photographs. Gives one a thrill to take one of these robust plants apart. Made intimate notes.

This evening we listened to radio offerings.

### **Saturday, December 1**

Gray. Rather mild. Saw snow on roof of R R. car

Worked some hours with my skunk cabbage specimens Eight more photographs.

At Udells' office a while. Then at City Hall arguing with officer Maroney over shrubbery on parkways.

Spent an hour or more promoting the school election this aft. 2:00 to 4:00. Albert Larson & Hazel Bell in charge. I acted as judge part of time & signed records. 18 votes, all for Mrs Pfanstiehl – Mrs Childs retiring.

Went to city on 6:34 & saw Porgy at the Blackstone Apparently very well done. Nearly all actors negroes

As our train left Grand Ave station on way home a man, apparently drunk, attempted to board it and fell between car & platform Crushed leg. Delay of half hour

[Attached to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *Porgy* by De Bose and Dorothy Heyward. – ed.]

### **Sunday, December 2**

Beautiful day. Mild

M. & I to Presb. Church At home most of day Developed 6 negatives of skunk cabbage  
Mr & Mrs Chapin here from 6 to 7 to hear the radio performance of Stock's orchestra

### **Monday, December 3**

Gray. Turning colder towards evening.

Miss Sprague ill. Mrs Hawk, sub

Several Park Ridge teachers visited us today.

At morning exercises Mr & Mrs Anderson, their little daughter, two of our girls & 3 boys from another school, gave some excerpts from the Mikado.

Mrs Harold Marks & her committee of the P.T.A. met in my office to canvass the situation relating to subscriptions for the symphony concerts. Still short \$150<sup>00</sup>

This evening I spent at school. Gave Mr Cunningham the text for a circular letter about the concerts which he set in type

Mrs Jones' group had their dancing lesson on Aud stage

Took one more photog. of skunk cabbage at noon,

### **Tuesday, December 4**

Snowing a little at daybreak. Melting. Thin mantle Colder in latter part of day

Teachers meeting at 4:00. Harriet Forman McCabe, Mrs Malarion, & Mrs Bohn, representing investment plan of Bank of Republic present & Miss M. presented plan at some length

Rep of Current Events called.

Mrs Hawkins had Miss Parsons room while latter & Mrs Fallstad & Mr Vandyke took Miss F's pupils on field trip to Warehouse terminal in Chic.

Worked considerably on Christmas play today.

### **Wednesday, December 5**

Cold. Gray. Coldest yet. 10° or 12° above.

Mrs Anderson came and started morrice dances and three group dances I worked with children during and after school hours

Rep of photograph house called

Conf over phone with Mrs Marks & Mrs Herman, & we decided to go on with the symphony concerts. Still short 75 or so dollars but we feel we can raise that amount.

### **Thursday, December 6**

Moderated a little but still cold.

This evening I went down to the airplane show at the Coliseum-Armory. A wonderful exhibit. History in the way of airplane progress is being made with rapidity these days

### **Friday, December 7**

A little milder. Gray.

Rep. of E.H. Sheldon called.

This aft the first of a series of Symphony concerts. A great success. Mr Dasch and other of the musicians praised the conduct of our pupils warmly. We had only 5 or 6 to buy reserved (dollar) seats. Additional contrib. came in. (M. attended today)

This evening I met with Misses Knight, Sprague & Grunewald to work over plans for the Christmas play.

K. has been troubled with neuritis for several days.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program for the first concert of the Elm Place Symphony Concerts series performed by The Little Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mr. George Dasch. — ed.]

### **Saturday, December 8**

Fine day.

Scattered straw manure about peonies, seedling biennials, small trees, etc

Then 10:04 to Chic. To Bausch & Lomb to get repairs on stereopticon To Immigration & Naturalization Bureau to look up data for Santi & his friend; City Club to joint luncheon & meeting of Howland Club & Round Table Conf with Davies and Schwebel about Exec. Com. of I.S.T.A.

To Chic. Transp Co. to leave some negatives. To Drug store & to Fields

Took 5:00 for Gary. Called on Clarence D. in store & then went up to see Edith & eat supper with her Left Gary on 8:40. Home at 11:10.

### **Sunday, December 9**

Mild. Gray.

At home most of day

Spent evening at Miss Carver's where we had a great sing. Mostly Episcopalians.

Revs' Keller & Prince & their wives, the Norcrosses, Harmons, Roger Vails, Merryweathers, - Ranous, Jerome, Lyman Gurnee, Mrs Geo Keller, Miss Goddard

Mr & Mrs Chapin came from 6 to 7 to get the Stock concert over the radio.

### **Monday, December 10**

A beautiful day. Thawing.

After morning ex I went to Chic. To Prof Cox's office where medal (Geographic) of Geog Soc was conferred upon him. Prof. Goode made the presentation. Prof Cox looks very badly as if wasting away. Then we went to Union League for a fine luncheon. I came away in time to catch 2:00 for H.P.

Worked over details of Christmas play.

School Board meeting this evening. Amicable. Mrs Pfanstiehl's first meeting.

Santi ill & Mr Marks called in as sub.

### **Tuesday, December 11**

A most beautiful day. Mild.

Helped 3's to stock & cover up their outdoor root cellar

Conf with 5's after school.

Dinner at Geo Joneses this evening, Everett and Mrs Millard guests. Venison. Fine time. Much discussion of possible use of community center funds

(Miss Jones' pupils to Art Inst. etc today, Miss Jones, Miss White, & Mr Schultz in charge) — This is a Monday note. Mrs Hawkins, sub.)

### **Wednesday, December 12**

Threatening. Very mild A drizzle early in the day

Mr. Hawkins' pupils went to warehouse, pier, etc. today, Mrs H. as sub. Mr. H & Miss Parsons took the class in.

Worked with Christmas play today.

Fire drill in Int Bldg  
Eight or nine of us the guests of the Hillborns for dinner this evening. A fine home  
Conferred with HS. pupils of Class of June, 1928, & with our 8A's, & got permission to use their  
funds - & so we ordered a new "teaser" to be made for us at Goodman Theatre - \$345<sup>00</sup>.  
Santi still ill.

#### **Thursday, December 13**

Rained about all day.  
I spent much time out doors watching traffic.  
Mr Jensen & I had lunch together and discussed the Stevensville area, etc –  
This evening I went to Casper Santi's office in Highwood & talked over with him & Alfredo Ridolfi  
the latter's troubles in securing a visa for his wife in Italy,  
At 8:30 Mr. Bolle came in & gave me a lesson on the French horn

#### **Friday, December 14**

Fog nearly all day. Mild  
Miss Phillips' 6A's to Chic Miss White accompanying, Mrs Anderson, sub.  
Lots of time to Christmas play. Taught an arith & a Latin class  
The "Flu" very prevalent in Chic & some of our neighboring suburbs, but aside from lots of colds  
there is no epidemic here as yet.  
This evening Mr Schultz & I went to the Amundsen Memorial meeting at Orchestra Hall. One of  
the most impressive events I ever attended. Music superb. Mr Bridges address eloquent.

#### **Saturday, December 15**

Mild. Threatening  
To Chic at 8:09. Met Ridolfi (Alfredo) at Naturaliz'n Bureau at Federal Bldg. Interview with clerk. Then  
to Immigr office & interv. with another clerk. - - To County Bldg where I tried to find record of naturaliz.  
papers of Michele Ugolini. Then to meeting of exec. com of L.S. Div. in Co Supt Tobin's office Then to  
Chic Transp Co to leave flower of skunk cabbage.  
To University Club to great luncheon given by ex Supt Homer H. Kingsley, Present Lemon,  
Miller, Harper, Hamilton, Ames, Rowell, McNamara. Fine time  
To N.Y. Costume Co to arrange for costume for a butler. To Goodman Theater to confer with Mr  
Spindler Home by 6:30. This evening met Alfredo Ridolfi & two friends in my office & made out affidavit  
papers – to help Ridolfi secure visa papers for his wife in Italy.

#### **Sunday, December 16**

As yesterday, but some rainfall after dark.  
In most of day. Trying to ward of a cold or possible "flu". Went over to school at 3:00 to meet  
Mr. Spindler of Goodman Theater who wished to look over the construction of the stage ceiling.  
Mr & Mrs Chapin came in again at 6:00 to hear the Sunday evening radio program of the Stock  
orchestra.  
Wrote forms for circular letters to be sent out asking for help for the St Charles school for boys

#### **Monday, December 17**

Considerable snow fell this morning but much of it melted until late aft. when cold wind turned it  
into crust.  
Mrs Phillips ill, Mrs Hawkins a sub. Many children absent.

Much work with the Christmas play. This evening I met some boys for a while, then helped around in mnl tr room while Mr Cunningham with the help of Mr Bartoli, Miss Turpin, Miss Wheelock & Bob Oldenburg worked on a new stage fireplace

Mrs Munro called me up about my wild real estate venture & I wrote out a memo of the whole matter for her.

### **Tuesday, December 18**

Cool. Crust on ground

Lots of petty errands today,

Miss Palmer ill & Miss West absorbed her pupils into her own room.

Special projects in way of new stage fireplace and special platform pushed along

Felt a little punk & began doping myself this evening

### **Wednesday, December 19**

Gray. Cool.

The Christmas Play uppermost in mind. At school a while this evening. Some pupils rehearsed

Late this evening Dr Rogers phoned advising us to give up our Christmas play. We had absences because of illness today of only 7 or 8 of our 90 – 8's, but attendance greatly reduced in grades here and there, Mrs Don Boynton died of pneumonia - - - Miss Johnson's mother died this A M – a complication of diseases.

Miss Phillips absent & Miss Palmer also.

### **Thursday, December 20**

Drop in temp. Blizzardy, for a while today. Not much snowfall

This A M. Dr Rogers for the B of H. advised us to do away with public gatherings, & so we gave up the Christmas play & the carols. Children disappointed and rebellious. Some parents indignant A trying day.

Home earlier from school Slept an hour or so after supper. Then at 11:00 P.M. to school where Mr Bartoli & I waited until Mr Spindler of Goodman Theatre and three helpers came out to install a new "teaser" for the stage. Mr. B. & I left them at work at 12:40.

### **Friday, December 21**

Probably zero or a little below this A M Moderated.

Last day of school before vacation. Miss Phillips on duty.

We had no assemblies The day seemed rather lifeless. I visited many of the rooms. We closed for the day at 2:30.

Some of us not satisfied with the appearance of the curtain & its color. Mr Cunningham took four of us down to Rav. to compare their curtain with ours

At home this evening

### **Saturday, December 22**

Somewhat milder

A day of errands. To city on 10:04. To County Bldg to try to find naturalization records of Michele Ugolini. – To Chic Transp Co to leave two slides - - To Fields to look up sample of velour. To Goodman Theater but failed to find Mr Spindler. To Pub. Drug Co. – 1:03 for Highwood. To Swed. Luth Church to funeral of Miss Johnson's mother, - -. Then to Santi's office to confer over Ugolini's papers.

This evening met Ridolfi at my office to consult about writing in his behalf to Amer. Consul at Naples

### **Sunday, December 23**

Fine day. Milder.

M & I to church. Mr Fitt preached a very acceptable sermon

I got ready for mailing fifty or so circular letters to my colleagues of the Round Table, et al., asking for contrib for St. Charles boys

A small auto overturned a large Buick at our corner this aft. Three men in the Buick unhurt. One young man in smaller machine which was more damaged

This evening the Chapins & we listened to another Stock concert.

[Among the Jesse Lowe Smith papers in the archive collection of the Highland Park Public Library is a file of correspondence relating to the St. Charles School for Boys. Selections from this correspondence are transcribed when they are referred to in the diary entry. The circular letter that Mr. Smith wrote to his colleagues of the Round Table is transcribed as follows:

This is a personal letter in disguise. It relates to the Illinois State School for Boys near St. Charles where I recently spent an afternoon in the company of Superintendent G.E. Thompson of the city schools of St. Charles. Mr. Thompson is a frequent and friendly visitor at this state institution and because of the cordial reception given him I was able in a short while to learn much about the working of the educational department and its needs. I am now anxious to record for whatever it may be worth my impression of the situation and to recommend a sort of gesture of goodwill for the boys at this time.

The educational director, Mr. Edwin L. Simon (the general superintendent of the institution is Mr. Otto Elliot) is an energetic and capable young man, very much interested in his work. The teachers seemed also to be interested and sympathetic. We learned that the boys occasion little trouble from the standpoint of discipline during their school hours. The significance of this report is apparent when one recalls the publicity of an unpleasant sort that the institution has received during the past few months.

The school rooms are supplied with good text books but with little else. Equipment in general is meager. Without taking time to comment on that let me say that wherever we asked what were the most pressing needs the answer always began with books, books to read and magazines like Popular Mechanics. They have a library of worn-out books most of which were old when brought there. They need hundreds of new books right now – storybooks, books of adventure, books of ships and railroads and airplanes and other things that may fire the imagination of boys. The teachers report them eager to read. Here is a great chance and it must be met for the present from private resources. There was an item in last year's legislative appropriation of \$175.00 for library books but pitifully inadequate as it was some heartless person cut it out.

What to do? I propose to ask the business organizations in my town each to give five dollars as a Christmas gift to a book fund for the boys. It seems better to appeal to organizations at this time rather than to individuals. If something like this seems feasible to you, will you not try to secure five dollars or some multiple thereof for the same purpose? Let us make Supt. G.E. Thompson at St. Charles the treasurer and mail our checks to him. Then he and Mr. Simon can be the committee to subscribe for magazines and buy the most significant books.

Each of the big book houses in Chicago is being asked to give a liberal supply of its supplementary reading books. We need not worry about duplications. There are 800 boys to provide for. By the way, how far do you think the institution's one subscription for Popular Mechanics and the American Boy and eight or ten other publications goes among that number of boys?

Someone asks why the state of Illinois does not take care of this? Let us all ask this same question and so insistently that at the coming session of the legislature decent provision for this and other pressing needs of this school may be made. In the mean time there are 800 boys detained there at this very moment and inadequately supplied with good books!

This letter is being sent to the members of the Superintendent's Round Table of Northern Illinois and other leaders of thought. My good friends of the Highland Park Press are printing it free as their contribution. Mr. Thompson, I am sure will be glad to act as treasurer.

Sincerely yours, - ed.]

**Monday, December 24**

Christmas Eve

Beautiful day. Thawing

Many errands

This A.M. Mr Jensen met Mr Tennant & me in his Ravinia office to have our first meeting as tree & parkway commission. Agreed to consider data revising our parkway ordinances & meet ten days or so.

This evening I attended service at Mr. Roth's church. Very worthwhile Christmas program

Afterwards walked about streets near the lake, going by the Moseley house (unlighted) for the sake of old times. Then I called in on the Sundells for nearly an hour. Have just finished a letter to Mrs Moseley.

This aft Lois Green drove me up to Highwood to call on Nourie & give her her certificate of "merit" & then we called on the McNutts.

**Tuesday, December 25**

Mild. Lovely. Beautiful moonlight nights

At home all day except for a walk down town. Finished my grist of letters to book houses asking for pkg of books for St Charles School.

Worked over a letter to be sent to Dr Cowles, Dr. Goode & others over alleged vandalism at Joliet

[Similar to the letter that he wrote to his Round Table colleagues, Mr. Smith wrote letters to book houses on behalf of the St. Charles School. The letter to the American Book Company is representative and is transcribed as follows:

Mr. Harry Wilson  
c/o American Book Company  
330 East 22nd Street  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Wilson:

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present from private resources. There was an item in last year's legislative program of \$175.00 for library books, but pitifully inadequate as it was, some heartless person cut it out.

What to do? I am asking my colleagues of the Superintendents' Round Table of Northern Illinois to beg five dollar subscriptions from Rotary Clubs and similar organizations and to turn this in to Superintendent G.E. Thompson as treasurer, this to be used first in greatly augmenting the institution's subscription list for magazines, and then in adding to the list of significant books. Then - - I am writing to you.

I suppose that bookhouses are subjected to many appeals, but the need for books at St. Charles is so pressing and immediate that I hope you will not consider an appeal to your house as troublesome or untimely. So I am begging for any supply you care to contribute - - supplementary reading books, no matter how simple the reading, provided it is not given a grade label. There need be no worry about duplications. There are eight hundred boys to provide for. Of books like Robinson Crusoe and Treasure Island, for example [t]wenty copies would not be too many.

If you find it feasible to co-operate in this, please address Edwin Simon, Educational Director, State School for Boys, St. Charles, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

In addition to the letter to the American Book Company, Mr. Smith also sent letters to Houghton, Mifflin and Company, A. Flanagan Company, Laidlaw Brothers, Rand McNally & Company, John C. Winston Company, and World Book Company, all of which responded with contributions. The response from Mr. N.M. Banta of A. Flanagan Company is transcribed as follows:

Mr. Jesse L. Smith,  
Supt. of Schools,  
Dist. #107, B/E,  
Highland Park, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have your letter of December 25 and we are sending the State School for Boys at St. Charles Illinois, 22 assorted copies of our books intended for junior high school. We hope the boys will find these of value to them in their reading.

Some of the school people and others too should certainly get after the legislature this next session to get ample money appropriated for library books in this school. Instead of the \$175.00 that was cut out of the budget the last appropriation, there should not be less than \$500.00 appropriated for this item. It beats the world what some of the polecat politicians can do to hamper an institution of this kind.

Very sincerely yours,

A. FLANAGAN COMPANY  
N.M. Banta

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Mgr. of Publishing Dept. — ed.]

### Wednesday, December 26

Mild. Thawing. Ice spoiled on the ponds

Spent the morning at school. Planned with Mr Bartoli for work to be done largely by Mr. Marks as special helper. Ordered another Durand locker unit for Mr Cunningham's paint cans. Hockaday paint. Lumber at Gourleys. Lime at Borchardts, etc

This aft got ready letter to Dr. Goode of which I made several copies & sent one each to Mrs Florence Grinto[ry?], Mrs E.C. Smith, Mrs Dr. Cowles, & Miss Watson Wrote Dr Cowles also. Wrote Mr Spindler expressing dissatisfaction with the new "teaser" for the aud. stage

### Thursday, December 27

Fine day.

Left for Springfield

Met Guyot & Decker at school for conf. on steam pipes. Conf with janitors  
8:34 for Chic. Phoned Material Service Corp & Johnson Temp Control  
10:15 Special on Alton for Springfield as delegate for Lake Shore Div.  
Fine trip. To Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Roommate (816) Mr Windoes of New Trier.  
First session this evening. Present. of spelling prizes source of amusement.  
Graflin's address very interesting – a hodgepodge of funny stories & good points  
At reception I took Edwin Simon of St Charles School for Boys in charge & introduced him to many  
persons. Late to bed.  
[Paperclipped to this page is a clipping of the program for the Illinois State Teachers' Association meeting.  
The Hon. Samuel W. Graflin gave an address on "Teaching as a Great Adventure." – ed.]

**Friday, December 28** Springfield

Beautiful day. Overcoats a nuisance.

Mrs Ross's addresses interesting because of her political experience, Otherwise not of value. At her evening talk she was nervous & ill & barely got through her talk. A few minutes after she left the platform she got a teleg. that one of her sons had been killed in an auto acc. near Cheyenne.

Graflin spoke in the morning. Comment as before.

Skeyhill sub'd talk on Alvin York in aft. Thrilling & humorous

We of the L.S. deleg. had 6 o'clock dinner at Leland. Jolly time.

[Nellie Tayloe Ross (1876-1977), the first woman governor (Wyoming 1925-1927) in the United States, gave an address on the "Experiences of a Woman Governor" according to the program paperclipped to the December 27th diary page. Samuel W. Graflin gave an address on "Keeping America Strong." The program title of Tom Skeyhill's address was "The Coming Leader of Youth," although it appears from Mr. Smith's entry that Mr. Skeyhill substituted this topic with a talk on Alvin York (1887-1964), World War I hero. – ed.]

**Saturday, December 29** Springfield – Decatur

A little cooler

Consid. controv. over resolution to approve organiz. of Jr H.S. in dual control tps by agreement between Bd's of Ed. but reso. lost. Washburne worked very hard for it.

Clarence & Jr. drove over from Dec & met me at the hotel at noon. We ate lunch. Then short visit with Sue Tait Child & Dick (there for the holidays) – Sue a chaperon at Kap K. Gam. house at Urbana. Dick a student at U. of C.

Delightful ride to Decatur. The Clarence & I drove to Macon where we visited with Billie & Fred Towson, Geo & Walter Glenn & Ernest Daggett; Mrs Lawley & Fred; Geo & Effie Lowe; Mary Anderson & her folks

Cl & Jr & I ate dinner at a Rest. in Dec. Then Leonard & Martha came over & we spent a fine evening.

**Sunday, December 30** Decatur – Home.

Still a fine day. Some cooler in Chic.

C & I called on Elsie Webb & the two children who were on way to church. Then at Leonard's house. Then home for Jr & me to pack up. We picked up Leon & M. & all of us visited at Wab. station until the 11:40 came in when Jr & I left for Chic. There before 4:00 & caught Milw elect for home. Here at 5:15.

K suffering with neuritis in her leg. M. well

**Monday, December 31**

Fine, mild day Ground soft here & there

Jr. left on 10:38 for Chic. to go to N.Y. this evening.

I spent a little while at school. Not pleased at what was left undone during my absence

This aft. I gave a coat of filler to walls & floor of main room in basement.

Andrew Decker came & tinkered up our toilets, etc.

I cleared away accumulation of mail.