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January 1923

Monday, January 1, 1923

Attended the Martin-Geer wedding at 1st Pres. Church. 6. P.M. Rev. Elison officiating and his gather conducted the prayer-meeting which began at 7 P.M.

Elizabeth Steele Pebbles- Operated upon, for cancer, March 26th, 1925 at Osteopathic Hospital, Kirksville, MO. Taken to Northfield, Mass. Later and died there July 23rd, 1925. Buried July 24th, 1925.

Weather pleasant for season. My three daughters and myself at home and very well. Will is in Chicago, still located in New York. Earl and Ernie are in Saint Petersburg, Fla. Having left Brandenton now with golden ring.

This book was ordered Dec 15th, 1922, but not ready, as I am defending my notes. Gertrude Moore is having a party this afternoon for Arthur L. who is home on holiday vacation from Audener. The old time custom of New Years is not observed here. Here I am writing notes and reading cards today. Received over \$60 for Christmas. Robinson Hunt week of prayer began this evening.

Tuesday, January 2, 1923

Not so pleasant today. Letter from Will, from Chicago. Regular day for the Aid Society meeting that is was postponed until next week.

Wrote to Mary Bailey, Flo Monroe, Margaret Mason, Virginia Patrick acknowledging cards and letters.

Margaret Hunt was taken ill with a chill, tonight, which later developed into plueropneumonia, as I was informed on January 8th in a letter from Mrs. W. O. Hunt.

Wednesday January 3, 1923

Cloudy, with light rain, later.

Busy at home in forenoon. They postponed Woman's Missionary Society. Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Arcua K. Warrick this afternoon, the regular day being the last Tuesday of each month. Macie and I walked up and back, Mary having the car in use.

We went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Had very good attendance.

Thursday January 4, 1923

Fine, bright day, not very cold. John Belzer here cleaning all day. In afternoon, the M.C.T.U met here with 10 members present.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Rev. Pastor is giving five talks each evening.

Clara Ricker Armstrong's Birthday.

Friday January 5, 1923

Cold and clear. Went to Dr. Ruggles at 8 o'clock A.M. and had a lower back tooth repaired, was broken Sunday. Must go again tomorrow. This is mother Ricker's birthday.

My hands are giving me serious trouble again, cannot do much in descent of soreness. Letter from Essie, mailed from Bradenton, written December 31st, all ready to go to Saint Petersburg the next day. Went to see Maria Keen. Last mayor meeting for this week.

Saturday January 6, 1923

Another bright day. Went to Dr. Adams for work on my teeth, this morning at 9 o'clock. When he finished, he found where work for Dr. Ruggles, so I go to see him again next Thursday, 3:30. Am using all the time I can spare in writing letters, notes, and sending the belated scattergood calendars.

Wrote letters to Will, Earl, E.F.C. Mr. L.R. Smith of Northfield, Mass. Having sent him \$100 Decemeber 21st 1922, a payment on my note to E.S.P. Also wrote special Del. letter to Mary Y. Worm at Hoselube suggesting that she come back to Portsmouth, since she left Edith's house.

Letter from Helen Munn, card from Mrs. Guerties.

Sunday January 7, 1923

Elizabeth Francis Greene Stewart's Birthday.

Rained. Went to Sunday school as usual and attended morning service. Macie and Margaret Miller here for dinner. A hard rain storm with thunder and lightning just at church time. Kept me at home, and Macie stayed here also. Margaret and Elizabeth went in the storm and Mary, being at the Lore's, went with them. I seldom am kept home by the weather but was afraid of taking more cold.

Monday January 8, 1923

Clear again today. A special delivery from Mrs. Hunt, late this evening, told of Margaret's alarming illness with pluro-pneumonia which started with a chill last Tuesday (which I have wrote on that date.) She will write us daily until the danger is past. I cut a shirt for Will and hope to make it this week.

Letter from John M.

Tuesday January 9, 1923

Fine day, again.

Busy, as usual in foreman. In the afternoon, I went again at 3:30 o'clock to Dr. Ruggles for a small filling which Dr. Adams found. Aid Society meet at Mrs. Imes but I had to go to Dr. Ruggles. Mary went to aid meeting, being treasurer, and reported more money received, and paid on bills for church repair.

Letters from Essie and Mrs. Downing.

Wednesday January 10, 1923

Cloudy and unpleasant.

Started on shirt, but my hands are in bad condition again and it's hard to do anything. Went to prayer meeting as usual this evening.

Thursday January 11, 1923

Received this book today, should have had it a month ago.

Fair, not very cold.

Sewed on shirt for Will, all day. Almost done.

Gertrude brought letter from Mary Y. Moore to Mary K. Reed telling about her leaving Edith Love's home, Christian Science being the course of their trouble.

Elizabeth and Mary went to party at Mrs. Rankins, there next door to Marguerite Duruendick where they remained until nearly 11 P.M.

Note from Mrs. Hunt saying Margaret was no worse.

Deposited W.W.S. money \$17.75. Went to see Mrs. Young and Angus Roe.

Friday January 12, 1923

Cold, rather cloudy.

Mary here all day helping Mrs. Lowe with an evening dinner party for her sister. She did not get home until near 11 o'clock in evening. John here, instead of yesterday.

Wrote Hattie Peebles, give the latest report for Margaret H.

In afternoon, I went to see Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. James, both ill. Also called on Mrs. Hancock.

Margaret Miller spent the evening here with us.

One poinsettia open, second one beginning to open. Finished shirt.

Saturday January 13, 1923

Bright, not very cold. Venus eclipsed by morn at 6 this A.M. Did not see it.

Four letters this morning. Mrs. Hunt reported Margaret a little better, enough to encourage them some. Letter from Will, deserved it. One from E.S.P. from Deerborn, South Africa.

Margaret, Elizabeth, and I attended Mrs. Loves reception for her sister Mrs. Caldwell. Many was there all day, helping Mrs. Love. Macie here for the night, as usual.

Sunday January 14, 1923

Light rain.

Went to Sunday school and church, both morning and evening. Mr. Blevins preached in the morning and the evening. Mr. K.A.We, a Chinese who has been educated in this country, spoke on the need of the University parking and expressed the highest regard for America.

Mary went to stay all night at Marguerite D's and bring him here to stay tomorrow.

Monday January 15, 1923

Some sunshine, but some clouds. Ray and Marguerite left at 6:30 to drive to Columbus and Mary brought Jerry down to spend the day with us, which we enjoyed very much.

They returned while we were at supper and ate with us then took Jerry home. We bought a clock and some other things. Jerry was as good as he could be, all day.

The news from Mrs. Hunt is more encouraging, but the doctors are very guarded in their opinions. E & M spent evening at the Wallers. Margaret at High School.

Tuesday January 16, 1923

Cold, and growing colder this evening. Busy with accounts and bank books in afternoon.

Went to Mrs. Drew's at 2:30 to her Mr. Carkey of the New York Brand, and Mr. Wee, Chinaman make an appeal for the University of Peking.

House full, talks interesting. Note from Mrs. Hunt encouraging. Wrote her, also Helen. Letter from John M. and one from Miss E.V.R. from Olan, NY.

Wednesday January 17, 1923

Sharp wind and cold.

Errands at bank and other places. Went to see Dr. Moon, later to see Mrs. Young who was out. Met Marge and Jerry at her back door and we walked to P.O. together.

Elizabeth, Mary were at luncheon at Louise Sprague's, then to supper at the church. Margaret and I ate at home. Macie and I went to Prayer meeting. Went to Frank Baker's to see about shoes for John.

Wrote to Will. Note from Mrs. Hunt saying they are more encouraged about Margaret.

Thursday January 18, 1923

Bright, windy and not very cold. High of 58 degrees, low of 25.

Busy at home all afternoon. Went to bank at 12:30, to show repair shop. Then to several shoe stores, looking for shoes for John W.

Wade calls, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Love and her sister Mrs. Caldwell, not in. Mrs. Russell (not in), Mrs. Ditzler, Mrs. K.C. Taylor, and home.

Mrs. Gunwell came to pay rent and says she will be leaving in a few days, to return to their gaven in Virginia. She regrets it and so do I. Paid \$60.

Mrs. F.L. Pentenny died today.

Friday January 19, 1923

Rather pleasant. Some wind.

To bank, to Mrs. W.K. P's, Mrs. Young's, Titus's office where I advertised the apartments for rent. Good report from Mrs. Hunt. Home all afternoon, Jerry D. here while his mother ran errands.

Before the evening paper came, people began calling up to ask about the house and kept it up all evening. Elizabeth went to dinner party at Lena Labold's and Mary went to Mrs. Love's dinner, informal. Margaret stayed at home, and gave me her ticket to concert at P.H.S. Praise and Cells, very fine.

Saturday January 20, 1923

Rained all day. Out in rain. People calling, all day about house.

After attending funeral of Mrs. Fannie, I came home. Mr. and Mrs. Robert. Peterson and brother came to see 548 6th Street and rented, to share with Macie. Paid in advance \$30 and auto pay half the gas and electric bills.

Mailed photo to Mrs. Robert Peebles, the old Peebles home. Mr. P. Hunt still improving. Letters from Carl and also Will. Wrote Ernie. Girls at Marguerites party for Mrs. Love's sister.

Sunday January 21, 1923

Rained and was very dismal, all day. Went to Sunday school and the usual services. Margaret Miller here for dinner.

Monday January 22, 1923

Bright and pleasant, though rather cold. Busy with my hem in afternoon and at the Woman's relief Corps meeting all afternoon. Reappointed secretary (30th time.)

Wrote to Will and Margaret Hunt. News still encouraging about her.

Elizabeth and Mary went to Marguerites to spend the evening. Mrs. Caldwell being the chosen guest, Saturday eve.

Mary and Mr. Miller at picture show this evening and Elizabeth at house with Lena and Alice for company.

Tuesday January 23, 1923

Cloudy, then rain and some sleet.

Home in afternoon. Went to gas office to see about meters. Mr. and Mrs. Norris came to see about the apartment, or house on 519 Court Street, if arrangements can be made, mutually agreeable.

Spent most of the day on the W.R.C. books and records. Elizabeth went to Clover Club. Mary went to Mrs. Singleton's who is entertaining for Mrs. Caldwell. Letter from John. Wrote note of condolence to Mrs. Puntteney's family. Wrote to Mrs. C.B. Taylor.

Wednesday January 24, 1923

Frozen rain drops on the tree and shrub. Rain and clouds, overhead, but a cheery song sparrow, singing in the trees.

Mary busy with a dinner party honoring Mrs. Caldwell, who has created a stir in Mrs. Coe's social circle. Margaret at school. Mrs. Coe and sisters Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. McCormick Mrs. Blevins, Margaret M, Marguerite D, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Kirk at table.

Letters, John M. Wrote Will. Guests left about 4 P.M. Mary and I went to prayer meeting which was conducted by Rev. J.C. Jackson. Mr. Blevins having gone to Pittsburgh. Jerry macking everywhere. Wrote to Mrs. Elder, at Denver.

Thursday January 25, 1923

Gray day, unpleasant.

Mrs. Peterson came to talk over the final arrangements for reoccupying part of Macie's house.

I went to Bank and arranged to pay balance on WmLicht's bill for wiring our home. Paid him \$70.20, Wrote to Carl at St. Petersburg, FL. Had letter from Mary Bailey. Wrote to Mrs. Dr. J. F. Older, in response to her Christmas Card.

Friday January 26, 1923

Another gray day, with some rain.

Mr. G's family left today for their home in Virginia. Sorry to have them go, but another family is considering taking the house, 519 Court Street.

Ann preparing for the coming of Mr. Peterson, wife and brother, into 548 6th Street.

Letters from Will and Carl, and wrote to Carl and Will. Spent part of the afternoon in the book stores, looking for books to be given as Sunday school attendance rewards.

Saturday January 27, 1923

Heavy fog, rain and clouds all day.

Have worked over home, directing Mr. Schmidt and John, getting home in order for the Peterson's. Another letter from Will, very cheerful, and cheering, as well. Wrote to Bessie Titus.

Will reports the shirt I made, all right, after wearing it.

Sunday January 28, 1923

Rain most of the day.

Went to Sunday school as usual and remained to morning service. Good sermon, both morning and evening.

Mr. Schwartz was at Sunday school but not church, either morning or evening. Mrs. Cotton is failing rapidly. The last time she was out was at morning service November 19, 1923.

Mrs. Young was not out that day but has been, nearly every Sunday service, where someone brings her in a car.

Monday January 29, 1923

Heavy fog, and frost in the morning, a little sunshine later. Was over home in morning, putting up the heavy curtains for the little bed-room. Spent some time in

afternoon looking for Sunday school books. Wrote Mrs. H.P. Camden of Philadelphia concerning Sunday school supplies. All spent evening at home. Letter from Jane Ricker.

Mrs. Mary S. Cotton died.

Tuesday January 30, 1923

Weary fog in morning, a little sunshine later, then rain in P.M. Spent morning with Scioto County soldiers Relief commission. Then at home, with Misses W.F. Smith and David Crubs, other members of commission. Jas. M. Ricker was secretary of same for years, as I am now.

Afternoon spent at Mrs. Pennywitts at Woman's Society. Ten present. Macie and I called at the Schwartz home, Mrs. Mary S. Cotton having died last evening.

After supper Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and Mr. P's brother bought trunk, etc to 548 6th Street as their first move to occupy it with Macie.

Letter from Flora Monroe. Ordered 6 bibles from Times-Star agent at \$6.48 for Sunday school rewards.

Wednesday January 31, 1923

A very rainy, gloomy day. Temperature mild, river high and still rising.

Was busy over home all morning. Went to Mrs. Cotton's funeral at 1 P.M, heavy rain at the time.

Mr. Robert A. Peterson, his wife, and his brother Erie Peterson finished moving in with Macie and will exceed their first night there, so Macie will return and occupy her own room again after sleeping here for several months, while she was alone in the front part of the house. Since Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left she has spent most of the time here.

Letters from Mary Y. Moore who writes that she will remain in Honolulu, but not in Edith's home.

February 1923

Thursday February 1, 1923

The rain continued most of the day, and much of the time was heavy. Mary left on the morning train for Cincinnati to see about new glasses. Marguerite Durendick had us and Macie out to supper and we had a good supper and visit. Jerry is walking everywhere now. Letters from Mary Y, Mary Ellen Moon, also Essie which I assumed. This evening Mr. Norris and his wife decided to rent 519 Court Street, part of the house at \$60, furnished and pay

their own light, heat, and tulip home hills. Will move in tomorrow. Went to W.C.T.U meeting this afternoon.

Friday February 2, 1923

Another rainy day, just enough sun shine to give the "ground-hog" a chance to see his shadow.

Very busy all day, the Norris family move in, rainy as it was. Mr. E.L. Norris, his father, wife, baby, maid and poodle "Yankee."

I spent morning looking for dishes and Sunday school record books.

Grace Titus' Birthday.

Saturday February 3, 1923

Cloudy and colder. River high. Out again all morning, still looking for Sunday school reward books, and dishes.

Met Mrs. Welty at Brandon's at 1:30 P.M. and selected 10 books. Wrote to Will, as I usually do on Saturday. Been busy helping the new tenants get settled in both apartments.

E.B. Greene Jr's Birthday.

Sunday February 4, 1923

Still cloudy and some rain. River high. Crest of rise was reached tonight, 45 feet 1 inch.

Went to Sunday school as usual, also to both morning and evening service. Mr. Blevins preached excellent service in morning. Speaker for the Near East Relief work spoke in the evening.

Monday February 5, 1923

Rain and cold, very unpleasant.

Was busy at home, working on the Sunday school record lists. Did a few errands for the other houses, made a call on Miss Ross. More errands in afternoon.

Jerry spend the afternoon with us while his mother went to the Guild meeting at Mrs. Gleisen's

Had letters from Will, E.S. Peebles, Philadelphia Pub Co, in regard to rewards. Wrote to HR Pres, sent \$2.50 out. Margaret almost sick with cold. Alice Dever here and suggested Analgene Balen which acted like magic at bed time, Macie almost sick with a cold.

Tuesday February 6, 1923

Cold, snow enough for sledding, which is being enjoyed by the children. Went to the Bank and deposited check for \$30, Will's \$55 for me, \$28 for Mary, also \$60 first rent from Mr. Norris.

Went to Aid meeting with Mary, Mrs. Peck, and Margaret Miller at Margaret Taylor's. Margaret sick with cold and will not be at school tomorrow.

Elizabeth had cheerful letter from Essie. I had one from K.G. Berger of Coin relation to Sunday school reserved pins. Write him, ordering 11 pins. Letter from Ida Smith enclosing clippings about Dr. Nathan C. Ricker of Urbana, Illinois. Brother of Miss. E.V.R. of Olean, NY. Dr. Moore in to see Macie who is sick with a cold.

Wednesday February 7, 1923

Gray day, snow disappeared.

Margaret sick in bed. We called Dr. Moon. She probably has Grippe, Macie sick also, but not in bed.

Wrote to Ida Smith, Helen, Mr. Cornwell.

Misses McDaniel's and Rose here with a Vital Vacuum sweeper which I bought and paid \$30 for, \$5 off for cash. Seemed worth it.

Went to Prayer meeting as usual. Over home many times today. Sent Ohio Hunt the third lesson in drawing "comics" as described in the "junior" Sunday school paper.

Thursday February 8, 1923

Fair and sunshine today.

Margaret still in bed, and Macie should be. Dr. in to see Margaret. I was over many times to see Macie and hope she will be better in the A.M. Had letter from Margaret Hunt with thanks for Christmas gifts and letters.

Attended reception given by Mrs. Wendelhen, Mrs. Brushart, and Mrs. Webb.

Received check from Mr. Greenwill for \$30. Mary working on Misses banquet at the church this evening. Mrs. Lynn made over hat for me. Gray rich in oatin, cost \$1.75.

Friday February 9, 1923

Another rainy day which ended in icy sidewalks, and snow during the night. Margaret better, not up. Macie had doctor again, was in bed all day, has bronchitis.

Was with her all the time except while out on errands. Girls went to reception at Elk Club, given by Mrs. Cole and her two daughters, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Prutins. Rained.

Letter from Mrs. Dennis and one from Harold Hunt.

Saturday February 10, 1923

Cloudy forenoon, clear afternoon. Snow all gone.

Was over home with Macie most of the day. She was up a while in the afternoon. Margaret was downstairs, also in afternoon.

Mrs. Peterson is very kind to look after her when I am not there.

Finished marking bibles for the Sunday school rewards. Pasted in the labels after they had been written and signed. Mrs. Sarah Gilbert died today of pneumonia. Was sick only a few days.

Sunday February 11, 1923

Mantle of snow everywhere this morning. Nearly all gone by night. Went over home early to make cup of coffee for Macie. Went to Sunday school and saw the rewards for attendance given out, Bibles, books, and pins. Miss Welty presented them after short talk by Mr. Gleison. Mr. Schwartz sick, not present.

Rained in evening. Went to church as usual. Macie better but not able to leave her room. Margaret up, but not out. Called at the Lewis'.

Monday February 12, 1923

Rain again, hard at times. Margaret downstairs again. I was over home most of the day, with Macie all morning. In afternoon at Myrtle Zeigler's with Mrs. Pennywitt revising the lists for Aid Society meetings. Letters from Will, which I answered. Wrote also to John Moon, Barton Greene, and Harold Hunt and sent order for W.R.C pins to John M. Willcaus and Co.

Read field Maine, enclosed \$2 letter. Girls out to Mrs. Miller's, who is leaving March 1st for Bluefield, Virginia. Miss Banta here for supper.

Tuesday February 13, 1923

Anniversary of the day when the great floods of 1883 and 1884 reached their highest point and began to recede, 40 years ago.

Clouds and rain today. Margaret went to school in the car. Macie better but far from well.

Went to Mrs. Sarah Gilbert's funeral at 2 P.M. at the house. Macie's friends are bringing her glasses, ice cream, etc.

Bought box of Fairy fort berries planters, which I need, badly.

Am suffering, greatly, with my feet.

Wednesday February 14, 1923

Clear again and turning colder.

Was up street and over to see Mrs. Young. Finished up the Sunday school reward books by giving Emma Jean Weidner hers, about Charlotte's Bible stories, for children.

Dr. Moon was in to see Macie this afternoon. Bought black skirt yesterday and wore it today, instead of making one.

Went to Dr. Hanna for treatment for my back. Go again Saturday. Went to prayer meeting and over to see Macie afterwards, then to bed. Wrote note to Clara Hosz where father John E. Miller died in Dayton. Also sent note to Mrs. Monroe. (E.W. not dead).

Thursday February 15, 1923

Bright, cold, and clear in morning.

Margaret walked to school and Macie is much better, but not get out of her room.

Am taking a "grippy" cold myself, so called Dr. Moon who placed prescription to Druggist, who rent medicine, which I took and went to bed. Girls out to Mrs. Barker's Priscilla Club meeting.

Gas almost out of commission so Mary made small fire in old range. Very low temperature usually is accompanied by low gas pressure. Wrote to Margaret Hunt for birthday, also to Paul Walker about damage to iron fence, by U.S. team with gun carriage recently. Mrs. Dunning and Catharine arrived at Marguerites.

Friday February 16, 1923

Bright, clear, and cold. Gas on. Am better this morning, was over home twice in afternoon, but stayed in house. Mostly cloudy, did some mending. Girls went out to see Mrs. D and Catharine.

Saturday February 17, 1923

Moderated just enough to snow which began falling after dinner. Still have cold, and cough hand. Went over to see Macie twice, today she is improving slowly.

Received no letters, wrote to Will. Went to bed early, feeling very badly. Notified Mr. DeBoar that I would not be out to Sunday school. Mr. Schwartz is still sick in bed.

Sunday February 18, 1923

Cold and sunny. Got up late, dressed and went downstairs in time for dinner, the Durendicks, Mrs. Dunning and Catharine and Margaret Miller being here for dinner.

Did not remain at table through the meal, came upstairs and went to bed again. Doctor here in forenoon. He is also making calls on Macie.

Monday February 19, 1923

Very cold. In bed all day. Doctor in again today. Sent W.R.C. book to the treasurer, but no meeting was held being too much illness and severe weather.

Tuesday February 20, 1923

Still cold. In bed all day and Doctor in again this evening. Letters from Will and Essie. Received W.R.C. Pins from Maine. No meeting yesterday so will keep them until next month.

Wednesday February 21, 1923

Bright and moderating some. Somewhat better so I got up and went downstairs in time for lunch. Had letter from Helen. Wrote checks for E.F. Hacquard for new chart and other work amounting to \$62.70. Also checks for home and M.E.M. \$5 each. Have not seen Macie since Saturday, girls report her better. Mary went to prayer meeting. Margaret to High School party, Elizabeth at home, this evening.

Thursday February 22, 1923

Cold, snow in the air. In bed most of the day, but managed to write several letters during the day. To Will, Essie, Miss E.V.R. and John M. Margaret M and Mrs. Manning gave a chicken pie supper for Mrs. Downing and friends, all three of the girls went, and I missed it.

Washington's birthday gave the girls a holiday, at home.

Friday February 23, 1923

Still cold and I did not rise until late. Sewed nearly all day, but unable to go over to see Macie.

The girls doing her errands and taking her meals to her. Letter from Mrs. Taylor who will remain at the farm near Blanchester, Oh.

Saturday February 24, 1923

Beautiful, bright morning, but still cold. No snow on ground. Everyone up late this morning. I dreamed and went downstairs for my toast and coffee. Jane Ricker's Birthday.

Sunday February 25, 1923

Moderated enough to rain some today. Was in the house all day. Macie came over for dinner, the first time since she was taken sick. No one here to dinner but her. In afternoon,

Mr. and Mrs. Manning brought Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller for a farewell call as they leave tomorrow for Bluefield, a fine promotion for him. They lived there before coming here.

Monday February 26, 1923

A dark, rainy, foggy day. Not a gleam of sunshine. Was up all day but miserable because of the eczema on face and hands. Did not sleep much last night. Have sewed on E's underwear and did a little work on my W.M.S. books.

Macie not over. Elizabeth took her supper to her. The Miller's left Portsmouth this evening, or rather will leave at midnight. Paid James Newman \$5.75 for repairs on the gas range.

Tuesday February 27, 1923

Still another dark, damp day. Unfit for me to venture outside so I visited Women's Missionary Society meeting at Mrs. Chas Thompson's. Many sick, few present.

Mrs. Young came after the meeting and remained until Mary took her home in the car. Arthur phoned me and sent time which I am to take before meals.

Sewed all day on underwear and button holes in Jerry's rompers. Letter from Jus. M.

Wednesday February 28, 1923

Some sunshine today. Spent forenoon with committee on Soldiers' Relief Commission. Mary took report to Court house.

Mrs. Peterson here in the afternoon. Brought check \$30.00 for house rent for 548 6th Street. Girls out in afternoon. Had the Durendicks and Dunnings here to supper. No one went to prayer meeting but Mary. Margaret Miller and Miss Burris came home with her.

Letter from Will.

March 1923

Thursday March 1, 1923

Cloudy, with a few snowflakes in the forenoon, beautiful all afternoon. Went to the Banks with W.M.S. money (\$41), went to see Mrs. Young, Miss Evans, and Miss Bank and to Brandon's before noon. Home all afternoon.

Paid G.L. Gulker \$15.85 for a flue in the kitchen at 548 6th St. Paid Dr. Ruggles \$9.50 for my teeth. John here all day. Miss Pennywitt here to make W.M.S. report. Girls went out to say goodbye to Mrs. Dunning and Marguerite who goes with her. Wrote to E.F. Peebles in reply to one from her.

Friday March 2, 1923

Beautiful spring like day. Went to the bank and did one or two errands. Called to see Mary J. Davis whom I have not been able to see for several weeks. Wrote to Carl. Called at the US Armory to see about repairs to the fence at 548 6th St, damaged by the team with gun carriage a month ago.

Watched eclipse of noon. Marguerite and Jerry went home with Mrs. Dunning and Catharine. Wrote checks for gas, electric, lights, and telephone. Received Martha Steele Peebles and Dr. C.C. Woods' wedding announcement. Wrote to M.S.W.

Saturday March 3, 1923

Another beautiful spring day. All up and busy in usual ways. Got check from Mr. Morris, \$60. Letter from Will saying he was booked to sail for Puerto Rico, but may not go. Check from him for M and myself, \$75.

Went to W.M.S. meeting at Mrs. Evans', closed up year's work. Wrote and sent check to Mrs. Patterson, \$97.50.

Sunday March 4, 1923

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. and the usual church services after being absent two Sabbaths. Mr. Schwartz still sick, though beginning to improve. Macie here to dinner, also Margaret Miller. Union meeting being largely attended at New Universal Garage, but I cannot venture to attend, owing to conditions.

Monday March 5, 1923

Beautiful spring like day. Soft supple trees in bloom and the big willow tree begins to show signs of new life. Crucuses blooming in some yards. Have finished my year's report as treasurer of W.M.S. making final deposit today, at First National Bank. Began sewing trimming on Mary's underwear.

Cleaned and took two pictures over to Mrs. Morris who is "dressing up" the house with window draperies and other things. Bought new supply of fairy fort bunion plasters.

Tuesday March 6, 1923

Cloudy all forenoon. Began raining in afternoon. Aid Society met at Margaret Miller's, good attendance and fine report from Treas. M.F. Ricker. The church floor and carpet bills are all paid and the last note at the bank will be paid, now. Letters from Carl and Jean Fuller. Mrs. Fuller stills lives, though very weak and frail now. Maid third visit to Dr. R.W. Hanna for treatment. Began letter to Will but left it open hoping to hear whether he went to Puerto Rico.

Wednesday March 7, 1923

Light snow on ground but sun soon melted it, later it turned quite cold. Was over home with work in forenoon, took some sewing and went up to Mrs. Young's in afternoon. Called to see Mrs. Lynn, but did not get in, called on Mrs. Turner who was at home.

Finished Will's letter after prayer meeting. Mary and Margaret M. took it to office. Margaret Ricker at High School with the debate team, as Mrs. Cramer is at council meeting.

Thursday March 8, 1923

Fine day. John here and cleaned Mary's room, regular spring cleaning. I sewed on the underwear after supper and I took my sewing and went up to spend the evening with Mrs. Young, and read a story to her and Grace after Grace came home.

Friday March 9, 1923

Fine day, bright, not cold. Went to Dr. Hanna's at 9 A.M. Later went to bank and did a few errands.

In afternoon, Macie and I went to the Union Revival meeting at the new Universal Garage. Heard Dr. George Ward Anderson preach a sermon on Moses. Later I called to see Mrs. Duncan who was not at home. Mrs. French who was, and to the Lake house and saw Mrs. Beer. Mrs. Lake died sometime last night or this A.M. Wrote note of sympathy to Miss Merle Little whose mother died. John cleaned Elizabeth's room today and Mary painted the floor, the first coat. Portsmouth Wm debate, here.

Saturday March 10, 1923

Rain all forenoon, cleared and was a little colder later. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Jos. Lake at 10 A.M. Mr. Gleison officiated.

Came home and sewed on Macie's underwear. Spent after noon mending for Margaret. She spent forenoon taking the Jackson debating girls out for a ride (in the rain) and Miss Jones the High School principal to see a friend here in town. All three girls went to Mrs. Winter's to dinner this evening. Letter from Dr. Clark about Mrs. C's illness.

Sunday March 11, 1923

Pleasant in forenoon, rained all afternoon and evening. Ray Derendick, Margaret M., and Macie here to dinner. Two good services from Mrs. Gleiser today.

Marianne Moore came to spend a couple of nights with us while her mother is away. Barton's and Virginia's wedding anniversary, married in 1876, she died on May 6, 1919. He lives with Williard and his family on the farm at Bazaar, Kans.

Monday March 12, 1923

Beautifully bright, but very windy. Shutters broke a large pane of glass in west window, which Mr. Schmidt replaced before noon. Letter from Carl mailed at St. Petersburg, Sat. March 10th 4 P.M. the quickest time, we have ever had mail from Florida. Have spent the day on a shirt for Will. Bought the goods Friday, shrunk it Saturday. Mary took Marianne to see the Style show at the Columbia. I was very tired and went to bed early.

Hard wind this morning blew roof off the South Portsmouth School house, killed a boy and injured others.

Tuesday March 13, 1923

Fair but still quite windy. Dewed most of the day on Will's shirt, finished it after supper. Dr. Hanna's this A.M. Box of grape fruit and oranges rec'd this afternoon from Carl. We are enjoying Marianne's visit, as she seems very happy.

Wednesday March 14, 1923

Bright in afternoon, chilly. Spent forenoon mending for Margaret. In afternoon Mr. Miller came for a short call, Mrs. W. is in Columbus, both giving cast on midnight train. I had letter from Will, and wrote to Carl, thanks for the box of fruit.

Went to Herms and sent flowers to Mrs. Chas. Chacales at hospital. Called on Mrs. Peters whose husband takes Mr. Wallers place here. Also called on Sallie and Laura Knowles, and Mrs. Roe who is sick. Macie and I went to prayer meeting. Marianne went home this morning. Wrote Will.

Thursday March 15, 1923

Fair, but windy. Home all day, John here cleaning. Wrote several letters, had one from Essie with some fine Kodaks for us to see, and return to her. Wrote to her, also to Oella T. Lavanna and L.L. Cross. Girls went to Priscilla Club at Mrs. Cork's.

Miss Banta here all evening. Leaves coming out on willow tree.

Friday March 16, 1923

Cloudy and colder. Went to Dr. Hanna for 9 A.M. Elizabeth Rec'd a letter, and a fine photo of John M. Today, one the Curtis Publishing Co., wanted, and sent him money to have taken. He has done some work for the Company. I spent the evening at Mrs. Young's with Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Pennywitt preparing for program for the W.M.S 1923-1924.

Saturday March 17, 1923

Windy and raw, some snow in the air. Ray here to lunch. Dorothy Manning's birthday, eighteen and a lovely girl. I gave her "Paul and I", a book I very much enjoy reading, more than once. Have sewed, most of the day on a garment for Mary.

Mailed cards to Mrs. Swabby and Mrs. Chicales, both sick.

Sunday March 18, 1923

Snowed this evening. Went to Sunday school and both church services. In afternoon, went to look up some absent pupils. Measles and "flu", or grippe prevalent, reducing attendance. Macie here to deliver and at S.S. and church again.

Monday March 19, 1923

Bitterly cold, and windy. Out on errands in forenoon. Got material for Macie to work on woolen comfort. Spent afternoon at W.R.C. meeting at Brady's Hall, probably last time we shall meet there. Mary sick, only a dozen present.

Letter from Essie, no- it was Carl. Finished Mary's third under garment. Went to Keystone Press and ordered the programs printed. Mary spend afternoon and evening with Bettie Coe while her parents went to the country.

Tuesday March 20, 1923

Still cold, but bright. Went to Dr. Hanna 9 A.M. from there to Mrs. Roe to take the W.R.C. money W.R.C. money rec'd yesterday. Virginia Louise Greene Parrish fire in the night, Lehman's shoe store badly damaged. Mailed portal to C.E.W. in regard to missing number and a prem. Elizabeth had letter from John M. all went to musical at church, program arranged by Mrs. Stockman for benefit of the auxiliary.

Wednesday March 21, 1923

Quite cold and windy, warmer weather promised for tomorrow. John Belzar here all day house cleaning. Mr. Joe Newman finished the kitchen range all but a small piece of pipe. Mary gave him a check for 1 and I had paid him 5.75 before. Range almost like new. Went to prayer meeting as usual, small attendance. Bad evening, raining when we came home.

Letter. Mrs. Loves came and got W.M.S. book and papers for auditing committee.

Thursday March 22, 1923

Weather warmer, and rain most of the day. Went to Bank in forenoon and to see about W.M.S. programs at Keystone press. Asked Blanch Smith to join out W.M.S. society which she planned to do. Sent portal to Miss Alice Noel. Wrote to John M. sent kodaks for him to see.

John Belzer here all day, house cleaning. Letter from Will. We all four went to S.S. supper and conference.

Friday March 23, 1923

Rained last night and this morning. Went to Dr. Hanna's at 9 o'clock. From then to Otto Fulkner's to inquire about the big Kilchen clock. Was raining so hard. I waited awhile for it to stop. Mr. Chas Leichner brought me his McGuffey's 3rd reader in which I found the poem the Little Lord and the Farmer boy. Made copy of it and mailed it to Mr. Chase of Peck, Idaho. In response to a request for the phone. Was over home with some darning Mary cut out a new gray waist for one.

Saturday March 24, 1923

Bright and not so cold. Was busy at home until in afternoon when I went to Post office to mail letter to Will. Then to Kresge's and Woolworth's and Brandan's book store. Called to see Mrs. Lynn and Mary J. Davis. Mary gifted a new gray waist for me, which I hope to finish next week. Returned Mr. Chas Leichner's McGuffey's 3rd reader.

Sunday March 25, 1923

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. and both church services. Macie and Margaret Miller here to dinner, as usual. Prepared Home Dept Quarterlies for distribution and got some into the hands of visitors.

Monday March 26, 1923

Rather cloudy in forenoon, fair in the afternoon. Went to Bank early, then home where I stayed and sewed on my gray waist until it is all done, except a little trimming. Had letters from Jus. M and E.F.P. Went to church at 7 o'clock, services to be held each evening this week except Saturday. Mr. Wilhelm brought box of envelopes for W.M.S., five hundred marked.

Tuesday March 27, 1923

Beautiful day. Busy in forenoon arranging for Missionary meeting in afternoon at Mrs. Cross' home. Unusually good attendance. One new member present, Mrs. Blanche Smith. Miss Noel also present with her. New programs and new supply of envelopes. Cist \$4.75 for both. Wrote to Will. Went to Dr. Hanna at 9 A.M.

Wednesday March 28, 1923

Beautiful day but cold. Went up street early, then came home and put up the skirts for Will and Carl, wrote letters to Essie and Helen. Sent cards to both. Spend the rest of the day writing on the 101 Easter cards for the Primary Dep toe Margaret. Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Reed were here. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday March 29, 1923

Forgiving cold in the morning. 19 degrees. Later mercury went up to 55 degrees. John here cleaning living room. I cannot do much at that, hands are better but obliged to be

Careful. Wrote to Helen, letter from John M. Betty Coe spent the day here, after kindergarten, her parents having gone to Columbus, with friends. Went to Schirman Hospital to see Mrs. Cadot, and to see Mrs. Rose Smith. Church in the evening.

Friday March 30, 1923

Bright, cold, windy, and dusty. Went to Dr. Hanna at 9 A.M. Back to meet Moses Smith and Combs and Allard eight applications for relief, amounting to \$54.00. Finished report and took papers to the Court House. Took some darning and stopped while with Macie. Easter cards from Helen Moon, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Kehoe. Wrote card to Jean Fuller, sent cards to Mrs. K. and Mrs. Curtis. Sent eight cards to S.S. class, and wrote messages on 101 for Margaret's dept in S.S. Letter from John about a shirt. Easter cards from Helen and Essie.

Saturday March 31, 1923

Another cold wave struck us last evening and, as usual, the gas pressure has been low today. We are fortunate to have the coal fire in grate in the living room. Went to Dr. Ruggles at ten o'clock with the "crosses" to be repaired. Did not get work finished so much return to him Tuesday 10 A.M.

Took some sewing over home in afternoon. Mrs. Peterson brought check for rent, \$30.00 to noon. Wrote to John M. after supper.

April 1923

Sunday April 1, 1923

Most beautiful Easter day. Went to Sunday school, large attendance, also at church. Mrs. Stockham and Mrs. Deitzler leave our choir today and go to Trinity M.E. We regret losing them as both are good, and Mrs. S is the best organist in the city. Marguerite and Jerry came home today and were here late in afternoon and stayed to supper. We went to church, I and the three girls.

Monday April 2, 1923

Bright. Extremes in temperature. 20 degrees in morning, 66 degrees later in day. Up street in forenoon, with Macie. Went with Mrs. Reed to make reports of the W.R.C. with Mrs. Roe, who is sick. Made up Mary's gift from Mrs. Wilhelm, which she brought from some years ago. Letters from Will and Carl. Also one from J.M.

Tuesday April 3, 1923

Temperature high 56, low 28. Margaret and Miss Cramer drove out this morning, to Bear Creek, and returned in the evening, began to rain just as they were leaving town, and rained all day. I went to bank, to Dr. Hanna, and then to Dr. Ruggles' when he finished the work he has been doing, repaired two crowns. Spent most of the day on my accounts, (after dinner). Mrs. Coe came and helped with Mary and me with some accounts. I did not go to Aid Meeting, Mary did. Letter from Essie. Check from Mrs. Norris, \$60.00.

Wednesday April 4, 1923

Rainy day, beginning afternoon. Delegates went to Presbyterial at Ripley. Glad I did not provide to go. Went to prayer meeting as usual at 7 o'clock. Busy with my accounts and reports most of the day. Letter from Will. Mrs. Taylor and Macie here for lunch. She was spending the day with Macie.

Thursday April 5, 1923

A most dismal day. Girls took W. and Miss Cramer to the country. It began raining just after they started. John here cleaning dining room and closets. Mrs. Peterson's mother arrived at noon, for a visit with her.

Went to the bank and deposited three checks – pension, rent \$60, and Will's check for Mary and Myself. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting at Mrs. Fowlers. E & M went to Bigelow church supper. I stayed home.

Friday April 6, 1923

Beautiful, spring like day, but we need fires. Went to Dr. Hanna at 9 A.M. Paid him \$5.00, being third treatment since last payment. Girls gone for art. This afternoon. Wrote to J.M. for another shirt measurement. Letter to Essie. Paid Mr. Hill \$29.87 for Golden Rule groceries delivered today. Mary helped Margaret Miller serve for the Guild Conference at our church this evening. Mr here in evening.

Saturday April 7, 1923

Very bright, pretty day. Which W. Miss C. are enjoying in the country. Not feeling very well and stayed home most of the day. Took some work over home for a little while in afternoon. Went upstairs early, in evening. Bound a dozen of the new W.M.S. programs in afternoon.

Sunday April 8, 1923

Bright and fair, but cold. Wraps and fires needed. Went to Sunday school as usual. Mr. Manning and Dorothy here to dinner, also Macie, as usual. Mr. F out, with Mary, after Margaret and Miss Cramer. E. did not go on account of the cold. Communion services held in the evening, good attendance. One lady was received with the church, not present last Sunday. Mr. Samuel Randall Ross' birthday.

Monday April 9, 1923

Bright, but still cold. Low of 25, high of 53. Home all day except for a little visit over home with Macie. Letters from Will, and Essie. Did some darning and worked on W.M.S. reports for annual meeting at church. Mary kept Bettie Coe while her mother went to a luncheon. E and M went to an extra meeting of the Clover Club at the Crawford's program committee off regular date.

Tuesday April 10, 1923

Sine sunshine, some clouds but no rain. Have been home most of the day. Went to Dr. Hanna at 9 A.M. Came home and made copies of the annual reports of W.M.S. and home dept. for meeting tomorrow evening. Letter from John M, Mrs. Irving. Drew came to make a friendly call. Began letter to Essie.

Wednesday April 11, 1923

Weather fair, not cold. Sample shirt from John M with directions. Cut out one in the afternoon, ready for tomorrow. Mary busy keeping Margaret Miller with the supper at the church, which preceded the annual congregational meeting at 7:30. About 200 at the supper, not so many remained. Good financial reports. Mr. Singleton chairman, Miss Banta, Rec'y. Trustees elected were Albert Weghorst and Mrs. Stork re-elected. Earl Hannahs in place of Earl Cooke, whose term expired. Deacons- Jus Brunny, Robert Haislip.

Thursday April 12, 1923

Indications of rain which were fulfilled in the night. In the early morning a fire wrecked Pepper's store but I did not hear the alarm. John here cleaning. I sewed all day and made a shirt for John M. took my work up to Mrs. Young's late in the afternoon, to make better holes. Girls at Priscilla Club at Mrs. Coe's. Paul Churchill Greene's birthday.

Friday April 13, 1923

Rained hard in forenoon, kept it up nearly all day. I did not go to Dr. Hanna, but late in afternoon mailed John's two shirts to him, after working all day. Made button holes in the new one and shortened the sleeves of the old one.

Fire last night burned Pepper's 5 & 10th store. Just after dinner, Blanche Smith phoned me from the Hempstead Hospital of the arrival of Robert Arvid Peterson Jr. at noon.

Saturday April 14, 1923

An all day rain, following an all night rain. No trip to the county but Mary busy with Mrs. Coe's party for Mrs. LeBaron, in the afternoon. I stayed home except for a call over home. Wrote notes to Mrs. Peterson at the Hempstead Hospital, and Miss Alia Betts at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Letter from Carl which I answ'd.

Sunday April 15, 1923

Fine day, but took my umbrella Shavers in afternoon with Fine rainbows, double and single. Went to usual services, from S.S. to 7 P.M. Macie here to dinner as usual. Robins and red birds with us, daily. Mrs. Manning back from Baltimore where she left Miss Celia in a plaster cast at the John Hopkins Hospital, with some prospect for recovery from spinal trouble.

Monday April 16, 1923

Pleasant, though cool. Went to Courthouse and made out my personal tax report, and to Bank, then home. In afternoon, went to W.R.C. meeting at American Legion Hall, first meeting held there by courtesy of the Legion. Beautiful hall in first floor. Was formally the United Brethren Church, until their new one was dedicated, Cor. Gay or Seventh Streets. Later went to see Agnes Roe and take her money, received. She is still sick. Letter from Will.

Tuesday April 17, 1923

Beautiful day, still cool. Fruit blossoms and spring flowers in bloom. Went to Dr. Hanna, then home. After lunch, Mary took Macie and me to Hempstead Hospital to call on Mrs. Peterson and baby Robert. From there we walked over to see Mrs. Manning in her new home, then stopped and saw Jerry D his mother not being at home. Started to call on Blanche Selby but met her in her car, and she took us to Eva Haislip for a call. Went next door to call on Mrs. Hosy and her sister Minnie Hillman. It began to rain and Minnie called Mary who came with car and brought us home.

Wednesday April 18, 1923

Pleasant, but still cool enough for fires. Busy with mending. Was over home. Helping Macie and get the Challi quilt ready for the evening. William Dwight Greene's birthday. Miss Yeager came to go with Macie and me to prayer meeting. Elizabeth went to teachers' banquet at the high school. Mrs. J.L. Marsh fell down stairs about six o'clock this morning and broke her right leg, above the knee, a serious injury. She has the sympathy of a host of friends. We went to prayer meeting as usual.

Thursday April 19, 1923

Fine day, winter wraps still worn, but sun hot in middle of the day. Mary was ready at six o'clock to drive with Mr. and Mrs. Coe to Athens, to bring Mrs. C's sister, Mrs. Adams, home with them. They returned in the evening, having driven 250 miles with no trouble, except a flat tire. John cleaned the library. Elizabeth and I went to Mrs. Burk's reception in afternoon. Marguerite and Jerry here in evening. Fifteen years today since James died, it was then Easter Sunday. It is fifteen years today since my husband died, after a long illness, of more than four years. The last twenty weeks and two days being spent in bed. From Thanksgiving to Easter.

Friday April 20, 1923

Beautiful day. Dr. Hanna this A.M. \$5.00 being 3rd treatment I take then pay \$5.00. Went to see Mrs. Cadot at the Shirrman Hospital on my way home. Mary and Elizabeth drove out with Margaret and Miss Cramer in afternoon, to Bearcreek. I worked on the Challi quilt with Macie. Letters from both Carl and Essie. E's contained fine kodaks of herself and Carl, with others.

Saturday April 21, 1923

Beautiful spring day. Mary spent most of it working in the yard, greatly improving the appearance of it. I worked a little, helping her. Mrs. J.L. Marsh died at noon, today. The shock affected her stomach, nausea resulted, which could not be controlled and she died. Mary took Margaret Miller, Macie, and me up to the house after ten. At the suggestion of Mrs. Young and Mrs. Evans, I ordered flowers to be sent from the W.M.S. for the funeral. Wrote note to Miss Celia Betta, and letters to Will and Essie. Mary put car in garage again, it has been out, and in Mr. Oakes garage several weeks, alley being closed.

Sunday April 22, 1923

A most beautiful day which I spent in the usual way. Went to S.S. remarried at church, Margaret Miller, Miss Banta and Macie here to dinner. Girls went after Margaret and Miss C in afternoon. Went to church again in evening. Miss Yeager being with us. Changed day for W.M.S. on account of Mrs. Marsh's funeral.

Monday April 23, 1923

Fine day, light sprinkle in evening. Home and busy all forenoon. After dinner Mary took Mrs. Young, Mrs. Thompson and me up to the Marsh home, to see the family and express our sympathy for their great loss. Had letter from Will, mailed a post card and John's photo to him.

Tuesday April 24, 1923

Beautiful day. In afternoon Mary took Mrs. Schiltz and me to Mrs. Marsh's funeral, at her late home. Mr. Gleiser's service was fine, and a worthy tribute was given to a most estimable woman who will be missed in her home and church. The woman's Mrs. Society meeting was postponed until tomorrow. She had expected to be present, here, today.

Wednesday April 25, 1923

Beautiful day. The woman's Mis. Soc. met here today with twelve members and two guests present, Mrs. Gleiser and Mrs. Kennedy. It was a good meeting, but we missed Mrs. Marsh. Members contributed to flaver Floyd for a token of regard from the W.M.S. Had more than was needed to pay the Herms bill, \$4.50. Mrs. Young remained to supper and

went with us to prayer meeting. Mailed letters to Carl and Macie. Finished the Challi quilt and brought it home. Mrs. Peterson and her baby were brought home to Macie's.

Thursday April 26, 1923

Fine day, which I spent with mending most of the time. Much excitement over the seizure and destruction of a large still in the cellar of a residence on 23rd Street, in "Sunnyside". Paper states that as many as 2000 people were attracted to the scene, and Mrs. C.C. Coverton was given the privilege of pouring out the first gallon of whiskey after which the entire outfit and product were destroyed by the authorities.

Friday April 27, 1923

Another fine day. Went to Dr. H. at 9 A.M. was also at the bank, Burner's, and to see Mrs. Roe who is still sick. Was over home, and up to Mrs. Lee Smith's in afternoon. Father Ricker's birthday, born in 1813 at Bank, New Hampshire. Letter from Will. M and Mrs. C did not get to the country, much to their regret.

Saturday April 28, 1923

Rained all day, a slow soaking rain which will make things grow. It is well that M and Mrs. C. did not get to the country. Sent note to Miss Betts at John Hopkins Hospital and letter to Will in Maryland.

Sunday April 29, 1923

Beautiful day, clear and comfortable in temperature. Went to Sunday school as usual, and attended both church services. No one here to dinner with us, but Macie.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, her mother, his brother and the new baby, two weeks and two days old went to Trinity Sunday school this morning. Am recording this as it I so unusual that the stay will hardly be credited in the future if only "hearsay". Robert Arvid Peterson is the name of the child, born April 13th.

Monday April 30, 1923

Beautiful day. Up street in the morning. Sewed awhile, after having put my raven in order. Was planning to stay at home all afternoon, but Mrs. Manning asked me to dinner in the evening. Called for Mrs. Young and me and took us out to her beautiful new home on Waller Street, #2017. Where Grace Young joined us later and we had a good chicken dinner, a pleasant visit and was later brought home by Mr. and Mrs. Manning.

May 1923

Tuesday May 1, 1923

Another beautiful day, warm in the sunshine. Went to Dr. Hanna, paid him for the treatment. Home all afternoon, mending. Did not go to aid meeting at Mrs. Coe's but Mary went. Letter from Sadie DeMar. Clover club meeting at Martha Smith's. Robins, red birds and cat birds in the yard today. Pansies, calycanthers, lilies of the valley, celandine, poppies, crane's in bloom in the yard.

Wednesday May 2, 1923

Beautiful day. Elizabeth joined eight of the teachers of Massie School in May morning breakfast out on Timmonds Hill this morning, and were back school in time. It was great to record for her, and a treat to see the spring scenery. I went late in afternoon to see Mrs. Lodwick, and Mary Davis. Went to prayer meeting as usual. Letter from Carl, the last from St. Petersburg. He sent me his Tampa address. I wrote to him.

Thursday May 3, 1923

Fine day, and quite warm. Busy at home in forenoon. In afternoon went to Mrs. D. Selby's to W.C.T.U. meeting. John worked in the yard all day, and improved it very much. Wild flowers and sphire in bloom. Mary spent most of the day working with the flowers. I got a lot of Polyanthus plants from Miss Ross, and took Eug. Ivy to Mrs. Thompson Gan some to Marguerite.

Friday May 4, 1923

Beautiful day and quite warm, hot in the sun. Went to Dr. Hanna's and also to Mrs. Friend's for shampoo. Circus parade passed while I was drying my hair. The Peterson family left for Stubeunville this morning, much to our regret. They are fine people and I am sorry to lose them from 548 Sixth St. Girls took M and Mrs. C. to the country. Letter from Mrs. Monroe saying Mrs. Sarah Fuller fell and broke her hip April 30th. She was 95 years old last August 12th.

Saturday May 5, 1923

Beautiful day but quite cool. Letter with check, from Will. Wrote checks for gas, phone, electric light, and ans'd Will's letter. Thirty three (33) ago today, the fiftieth wedding anniversary of father and mother Ricker was celebrated in this, our home. An afternoon reception for elderly people, from 2 to 5 o'clock. A children's party from 5 to 6. A supper for several couples who had been married 50 years or more, and an evening reception for younger people from 8 to 11 P.M. was held. An extended account of it will be found in my diary of May 5th 1890.

Sunday May 6, 1923

Beautiful day, spent in the usual manner, S.S. and church. Two big burglaries were committed in the morning, after daylight. Stores of Marting Bros. and the Portsmouth Dry Goods Co. lost heavily. In the afternoon while the girls were gone after Margaret there was a fire in the basement of the Catholic School house near us. Prompt action kept the blaze within the basement. Smoke and water damage. Saw Russell Tewksbury, Margaret and Julia at church. They have been away many years.

Monday May 7, 1923

Another beautiful day, quite warm. I have a cold again rendering me miserable so I cannot do much, but late in afternoon, Macie and I called upon Mrs. Martin who united with our church yesterday, she and her husband in evening. Also upon Mrs. Kennedy who with her family were rec'd in the morning. Letters from Will and Essie.

Tuesday May 8, 1923

Beautiful day, after a rain in the forenoon. Went to Dr. Hanna, as usual at 9 A.M. Later a wind storm with rain and hail was followed by rain and snow which continued all evening. Wrote to Essie, and J.R. King about a fancy work "ad". My cold was much better in evening, Dr. Hanna treated me for cold and I had taken four Bleustocine, with good results. Margaret M. spent evening here. Mrs. Norris paid rent, \$60.00 and Mr. Norris put his car in our garage, promised to pay \$3.00 for rest of the month.

Wednesday May 9, 1923

Still rain + snow, mingled, and Mary started wood fire in the sitting room, and gas in stove. My cold was better, but stayed in the house all day, as the rain and snow continued all day. Did not go to prayer meeting, Margaret M. here to supper and went to church with Macie and Elizabeth, Mary being at Mrs. Coe's, all afternoon and evening. Spent much time going over my bank accounts and receipts. Have paid Elizabeth S. Peebles.

Thursday May 10, 1923

Pleasant day. John here for the regular cleaning. Girls at Priscilla Club at Mrs. Griffin's home. Macie has finished the challi quilt she has been making for me. Flower Challi, set together with green and bordered with green. Uncle Sam Moon's birthday in 1833. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Sterns here.

Friday May 11, 1923

E.B. Greene's birthday. Some sunshine again, but we still need fire for comfort. Elizabeth took cold at school. We were surprised in the afternoon by Will who came from Columbus. The day was not favorable for a trip to the country so Margaret will be at home for Will's visit. Letter from Bessie T. I rec'd a pretty framed Mother's Day card from Carl and Essie who always remember me on Mother's Day with a pretty card and

letter. Went to Dr. Hanna and paid him for three treatments. Sent Miss Betts a card. Wrote to J.H. Ricker.

Saturday May 12, 1923

Bright morning but turned out to be very stormy, all the rest of the day. Will had to go to Huntington so Mary drove the car and Margaret went with them. Elizabeth has bad cold and stayed at home all day. I went to Mrs. Potter's funeral in afternoon, several W.R.C. members attended but the rain prevented many from going. The girls and Will returned in time for supper. Macie here for the night. Finished lettering eight handkerchiefs for Will, embroidered.

Sunday May 13, 1923

Beautiful Mother's Day and I was happy to have Will at home with us. Macie here for dinner. She has been sleeping here since the Peterson's left. She went back home tonight as Mrs. Bloom came at noon. Elizabeth sick with a cold, and in bed most of the day. I attended the usual services. Large congregation in evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gleiser called on Will after church.

Monday May 14, 1923

A most beautiful day. Elizabeth not able to go to school. Julia Haas Lehman substituted. Will left on C & O just before noon, a new train which suits him. Mary and I went with him to Ferry landing, in the car. In the afternoon, I went to see Mrs. Bloom, who came Sunday noon from Worcester, MA to spend awhile with her husband with Macie in her apartment. Pleasant Swedish people. Letter from Frank H. Ricker enclosing \$120.00 back in and his note to me. Wrote him, at once also wrote of it to Will, and wrote Essie and Carl with thanks for Mother's Day card.

Tuesday May 15, 1923

A succession of sunshine and shower all day, hard rain at times. Went to Dr. Hanna at 9 A.M. from F.H. Ricker and \$7.50 from Mr. C.J. Bloom, his first week. Have been home all the rest of the day, mending Will's things left here. Elizabeth went to Kindergarten but was not really able to do so. Wrote to Frank, Will, and Essie.

Wednesday May 16, 1923

Rain and sunshine, cooler. Snow reported in many places. Mr. Gleiser brought letter from S.C. Peebles enclosing check for \$300.00 from the title account of the Estate of Mary E. Peebles, for the Women's Mis. Society. She died Oct. 10, 1919 and this is the first time that we have heard of the request. We miss her in the Society, S.S., and church. Deposited the check in 1st Nat'l Bank, after notifying the Pres. Mrs. Evans, and then wrote to D.C. Peebles.

Went to prayer meeting, Macie has had cold and did not go, but Miss Yeager called for me. Mr. Coe led the meeting, Mr. Gleiser went to Church Assembly at Indianapolis, Ind.

Thursday May 17, 1923

Beautiful day. John here working in the yard. Wrote to Essie and sent card to Miss Betts. Sewed on Margaret's dark blue soviers all forenoon. Went to reception at Margaret Miller's, given by her and Mrs. Harry Miller, in afternoon. The three girls and I were all there. I was asked to pour coffee the first hour, and Mrs. William Altoman the second hour. Wrote to Margaret Hunt, telling her of her Aunt Mary's request to the Missionary Society, being paid. It is probable that a settlement of the Estate will now be made, after so long a time, three years last October since Mary Peebles died.

Friday May 18, 1923

Cloudy, light rain, and later, sunshine, so Margaret and Miss Cramer returned to go to the country, Mary drove and I went with them. Elizabeth still coughs a great deal. I helped Mrs. Bloom start a shawl today. Loaned her my needles. Letter from Will from New York. Heard that Miss Celia Betts went home from John Hopkins Hospital Saturday.

Saturday May 19, 1923

Beautiful day, spent at home except that I went with the girls and M Miller to supper at the Mary Louise Tea Room, after which Mary drove down to Friendship, for a ride. I then went over to sit awhile with Macie and Mrs. Bloom. The girls were out somewhere else. Letter from J.H.R. Wrote to Will and sent him the letter from Jake.

Sunday May 20, 1923

Rained hard and affected the Sunday school attendance. I remained to morning service and rain stopped, but began again, later. Rain caused many to stay at home in evening when Rev. J. Sanford of the Saloon League made the annual appeal for help in the fight to enforce the prohibition laws. I contributed \$3.00 to the cause. Am surprised and grateful for the change in public opinions in regard to the prohibition since the crusade in 18, and the organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of which I was a charter member in Portsmouth.

Monday May 21, 1923

Fine day. Busy at home in morning until I went to Mrs. Roe's to get her reports for the W.R.C. Meeting, which I attended at the American Legion Hall in the afternoon. Later went to take money to Mrs. Roe who is treasurer. Letters from Carl and J.H. Ricker. Sent letter to Will.

Tuesday May 22, 1923

Beautiful day, still cool for the season. Went to Dr. Hanna, then to the Bank and home again. Mailed note from W.R.C. to the family of Mrs. Phoebe Potter who for 37 years was a faithful member. Mary went finishing with the Coe's and Gleiser's. Mrs. Bloom and Macie went with me to the cemetery. Went and came on St. cars.

Wednesday May 23, 1923

Beautiful, but cold enough to need a wood fire in sitting room and gas heat in the hall. Will Moore here for a call this afternoon. At noon Mary took me to the Cemetery to attend the burial of Mildred Wells Wolff who died Monday at hospital in Columbus. I saw the family just to speak with them. Came home in the street car.

Thursday May 24, 1923

Beautiful day, but still cool for the season. John worked in the yard most of the day, we put out the geraniums which I have kept in the house all winter, they are very tall and in home. This is Della T. Lemon's birthday, also Roberta Spry Whitelaw's, Queen Victoria's and our churches 106th birthday. Sent Oella letter, as usual. Will Moore was here and Mary took him to in the car to make some calls. I have been sewing for the girls.

Friday May 25, 1923

Delightful weather, rather late season but we have roses, peonies, iris, forget me not and geraniums blooming, some I kept in the house all winter and John set the pots out Thursday. Went to Dr. Hanna. Mary took M and Miss C. and Betty Coe to the country. Elizabeth went to Jasper, with eleven other teachers for a chicken supper. Had letter from Will concerning my business with Frank H. Ricker. I wrote Frank and sent Will's letter.

Saturday May 26, 1923

A most beautiful day. Busy at home, after a trip to the Bank. After dinner Mary took Mrs. Bloom, Macie, and me up to Mrs. Evan's to see the Ford parade, which was not much of a representation of Ford machines, most Ford drivers wanted to park by the road side and see what went by. I had letters from Mary Y. Moore, Grace Hall Head, Brooklyn. Wrote to Sec'y of W.R.C. of Newton Falls, O. to Julia P. Mullen and Will.

Sunday May 27, 1923

Quite warm all day and a thunder storm with hard rain after church. Went to S.S. and the usual services. Girls went after Margaret and Miss Cramer in the afternoon. David Stanton Teppan 3rd is one year old today.

Monday May 28, 1923

Rain of last night, over this A.M. and a pleasant day after it. Did some errands early. Went to Reilley's and selected paper for the halls at 548 6th Street. Letter from Grace Hall

Head who asked me to put flowers on their lot in cemetery. Went out in late afternoon and put flags on several graves that had been overlooked, Dr. Hall's being one. Put flowers on others graves in the lot and will see that some are placed for the Dr. on the 30th. Letter from Frank Ricker with another check for \$120.00. Answered with letter and receipt.

Tuesday May 29, 1923

Fine day. Busy at home in forenoon. Did not go to D.H. in afternoon went to W.M.S. at the home of Mrs. Pennywitt, small attendance, but Mrs. Young and Mary J. Davis were there. I reported the gift of \$300.00 left by Mary E. Peebles and Will, and sent to me by Coles Peebles, for the W.M.S. It was decided to invest it into a gov't Bond, and use the interest which would amount to the dues she always paid each year. Letter from Carl. Mary drove to Columbus for Mrs. Coe, taking her sister, Mrs. Adams to the hospital. They returned tonight.

Wednesday May 30, 1923

Most beautiful day, with comfortable temperature and plenty of flowers for Memorial Day. Large attendance, G.A.R. and W.R.C. sons of veterans, Spanish War Veteran's and American Legion, each with their women's auxiliaries assisted in the exercises, at the cemetery, the Women's Auxiliary being four in number, each soldier's circle, making the work easier. We missed Mrs. Pentenney and Mrs. Potter who were with us last year. Went to prayer meeting as usual.

Thursday May 31, 1923

Another beautiful day. Quite warm, 89 at highest. John here working in the yard and house, which looks well. Roses, peonies, red, white, or pink, half a dozen or more kinds of irises, honeysuckles, pansies, forget me nots, Columbines, geraniums, etc. Have had a busy day, finishing off things Mary has made. The Scioto County Soldier's relief commission met here in morning and I got my report over to the Court House before noon. Went to the Bank and deposited \$120.00 from Frank Ricker. Mr. Bloom paid \$7.50 room rent. Lucy Carpenter appeared with three ladies and two children from Huntington, in a car driven by Mrs. Deacon, Mrs. Lawson, and Mrs. Slavers being the other ladies. Frank and Helen Deacon, the children. Priscillas met at Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. Musser died at Mrs. Hancocks home on 6th St. Wrote long letter to Grace Head.

June 1923

Friday June 1, 1923

Bessie Hall Titus' Birthday. Fair and warm. Mr. Clark began painting the shutters at 548 6th St. this AM. Have been helping with the sewing. Mary went to Ironton in afternoon with Mr. F. and when they returned about 4:30 PM they took Margaret and Miss Cramer to

the country. Elizabeth and I went to Mrs. Young's to supper with the Gleiser family and Mrs. Coe. I had a little visit with "Dolly" Purcell and Mrs. H. Purcell there, after supper. Mr. Bloom paid rent \$7.50 for week ending June 8th.

Saturday June 2, 1923

Warm and pleasant. Went up to see Mrs. Young in morning. To Mrs. Musser's funeral in afternoon. After supper went to take some roses to Mrs. Titus who did not know me. Mind is affected. Mr. Clark painted, all day, on the shutters over at 548 6th. Mrs. Norris paid \$60.00 for June rent of 548 6th St. Letter from Carl. Carl from Mrs. M.B. Wells and Mr. Phil Wolff in response to the one I sent them. William Peebles Birthday- born 1880.

Sunday June 3, 1923

Hot and clear. S.S. attendance small, church also especially in the evening when the high school was being given at the high school by Rev. Geo Monroe Howerton of the U.B. church. Over one hundred being in the class, many parents and friends went to the High School, instead of church. Girls went after Margaret and Miss Cramer and returned in time for supper and evening service. Mrs. Norris left on early train for Dennison Texas, to visit her mother.

Monday June 4, 1923

Very hot, some indications of rain. Went up street early to deposit L.U. Norris' check, and paid insurance on house, one policy \$2.60. Wrote check for Grand rent but Mr. Hazelback was out of city. Mr. Clark painted all day on the shutters at 548 6th. Margaret preparing for trip to Boulder, Colorado. Am doing all I can in the way of mending, making, and altering. Dorothy Manning invited me to her commencement, Thursday.

Tuesday June 5, 1923

Hot day. Busy sewing so did not attend the Aid society meeting at Mrs. Grady's today. Letter from John M. which I answered this evening and mailed it at bed time. Letter begun to B.H.T. but not finished.

Wednesday June 6, 1923

Very warm. Have man painting shutters over home. Have been sewing for Margaret, altering white skirts, five. Mary making a new dress for her, has made several lately. Letter from Essie today. Went to prayer meeting and remained to congregational meeting to hear report of Com. investigating proposed repairs in basement of church. Letter from Grace Hall Head.

Thursday June 7, 1923

Fine day, warm. Rain during commencement exercises. Dorothy Manning graduated with a class of one hundred and twenty. I went to Mrs. Coverston's at W.C.T.U. Dorothy came there with car and took me over to see Sadie Creigh, here on her way to Boulder, Co. I gave Dorothy a silver tarpon for 1923. Margaret gave her money for books, E & M gave her a pendant. I went to P.H.S. heard Dr. E.E. Sparks make fine address. Letters from Will, with check for Mary and myself and Mr. L.R. Smith with receipt for \$50. Paid Mr. Jas Clark \$34.65 for painting shutters, at 548 6th St. Sent long letter to Bessie Titus.

Friday June 8, 1923

Cooler, since the rain last night. Quite cool this evening. Went to Bank and Dr. Hanna this morning then came home and sewed all the rest of the day, finishing Margaret's brown silk dress for travelling. The girls took her and Miss C. to the country in the afternoon, for a much needed rest. Schools closed today. None of us will attend Alumni tonight. Letter to Macie from E.S.P. states that she and her mother will arrive in London before long, en route to U.S.

Saturday June 9, 1923

Fine day. Bright, and cool enough for wraps. Mary and I went to the cemetery to the funeral of Miss Annie Coles having been notified personally. Saw a number of the Coles' and Peebles families, also Dr. Cadut and Rev Mr. Hampton who came from Ashland and Ironton to conduct the services. W.C.T.U. flowers to the home for aged women, to Mrs. Titus, and Mrs. Fowler whose daughter died in Arizona this week. Wrote to Carl, but did not get Will's letter written.

Sunday June 10, 1923

Beautiful day, but indications pf rain, which were fulfilled later. Rained hard at bed time. Children's day exercises at 10 AM. Evening services as usual. Mrs. Young, one of the few present in the evening as well as morning.

Monday June 11, 1923

Rainy, at intervals. Went up to the Bank also to pay grand rent to William Hazelback, \$21.04. Spent the day sewing for W. Marguerite invited all of us, including Macie, to take dinner with them, this evening, as a compliment to Margaret. All went, had a fine dinner and a pleasant evening.

Tuesday June 12, 1923

Rained last night, hard, and continued today, steadily. Busy with M's preparations for her trip. Letter from Geo E. Lehmon in regard to the Kirkwood property. Answered him, also wrote to Jake, Will, and Frank. Company all evening, friends to see Margaret and the girls.

Wednesday June 13, 1923

Fannie Zeiglers birthday. Most beautiful day. About 10:30 Margaret started on her trip to Boulder, CO. Mary drove the car, Elizabeth and I going with them to Columbus. Reached there in afternoon, safely. Did a few errands. Went to the Maramor where Miss Eva Armstrong entertained us as her guests and about 5 PM, Mary, E, and I left for home. Margaret visited with her, and together they drove out and saw Mrs. Richards who had just arrived from Annapolis with Alfred. Miss A. went to station with M. who took the Pullman for Chicago at about 9 PM.

Thursday June 14, 1923

Beautiful day, which ended with rain in the night. Have had an unusually hard day. Have had the hall at 548 6th St newly papered and screen doors put on, also screens put in windows. Girls went to Priscilla Club at Mrs. Manning's and I went to cemetery in street car to put flowers on W.R.C. graves, twenty three deceased members, only five members present with flowers. Mrs. Smith, Trenthart, Fagan, Pennywitt, and myself. Sent Fannie a card.

Friday June 15, 1923

Rained late in the day. Carl's Birthday. I mailed him a framed copy of Kipling's, which was given to me and I liked it. Think he will, also. Went to Dr. Hanna, and came straight home to rest until noon. Am very tired. Sent Carl a letter, enclosing one from Margaret which came today from Chicago. Eunice Prichard and her niece Mildred Jewett surprised us with a call today. She arrived in town at noon, stopped on her way to New York to meet Will P's widow and take her to Oakland, Ca.

Saturday June 16, 1923

Beautiful, cool, bright day. Went up to the Bank early then stayed home the rest of the day. Letter from Will, from New York. In evening, Mary went again to the Coe's while she had been in afternoon. She took Mrs. Young to do several errands, then Mrs. Y wanted her to have dinner with her at the Mary Louise. Elizabeth went to Laura's and I stayed home. Macie here.

Sunday June 17, 1923

Beautiful day, S.S. and morning services as usual. Macie here to dinner, but no one else. Church again in the evening. Very small congregation. Good sermon.

Monday June 18, 1923

Fine day. 94 degrees at the highest. Went to the Bank, then to Reilly's and paid for paper put on hall at 548 6th. \$16. Called on Mrs. Young. Home for funeral. Went to W.R.C. at

American Legion Hall. Two new members. Took money to Mrs. Agnes Roe after the meeting. She is better. Sister Elizabeth's birthday. Can not reach her with letter card as he is en route from Durham South Africa to London, England. No address. Post cards from Margaret but no address as yet. Letters from Essie and Mr. Moon of Kirkwood. Wrote to home hosiery knitting co. Rochester, NY.

Tuesday June 19, 1923

Very warm in forenoon. Hard rain with thunder and lightning later. Mary took Mrs. Young, Maci and me up Munn's Run Road to see Mrs. Parker, before noon. In afternoon, Mary went to Jasper with the Coes. I had letters from Margaret and sent her the first, as we had no address until this noon. Bought silver soup spoon for Bessie Titus' anniversary and wrote her a letter. Also wrote to Will, Margaret, Frank, and Jane Ricker. Mr. J.H. Swearengine 10.20 for putting in on. Total 26.20 for hall at 548 6th St. 8 letters.

Wednesday June 20, 1923

Very warm. Busy at home in A.M. Attended reception given by Mrs. J.M. Patterson and Mrs. Everand. Margaret Miller went with us. Letter from J.H. Ricker concerning property. One from E.S.P. from London where they have just landed, on return form South Africa. Long letter from Margaret to Elizabeth, telling of her first experience in Boulder, & the University.

Thursday June 21, 1923

Very, very, warm. John here, as usual working in kitchen. Washed the walls, and we had an invasion of ants which took much time. Bought an electric iron \$5.75, we have a collection of about four, of five kinds of irons.

Friday June 22, 1923

An early call over phone from Mrs. Miller for Mary resulted in Mary going to take her to make some calls, then came here to spend the day, which we all enjoyed. Very hot. I had letter, and Boulder paper from Margaret. Very cheerful. Also letter from Carl.

Twenty one years ago today, my father William Moore, died after a long illness, though only confined to his bed for a few days. Had retired from active business several years ago.

Saturday June 23, 1923

It is just such a hot day as it was twenty five years ago today when A.F.T. and Bessie Hall were married in our home, in this room. They will celebrate the evening in Dover, N.H. this P.M. She having been confined to her bed for ten or twelve years, but happy and cheerful. I sent Bessie a silver spoon dump. Mary was called early this morning to take Robert Williamson and Betty Coe down to near Buena Vista, to tell Mrs. McCormick of the

death of her sister Mrs. Martha Adams, as Mr. and Mrs. Coe left at 3 AM for Columbus. Mary brought them back at 8 PM and then went with them to Mr. Coe's home. Elizabeth and I have had rather over anxious day. Mailed letter to Carl and package of books to Margaret.

Sunday June 24, 1923

Hot day, hard thunderstorms somewhere in vicinity, but rain did not reach here. Went to SS and church as usual. In evening Mr. Gleiser preached on "John", to a large congregation of Masons this being St. Johns day. Mary was up to the Coe's in evening. Margaret Miller and Macie here to dinner.

Monday June 25, 1923

Still hot with thunder and lightning in the vicinity and heavy rain in afternoon in North part of city. Mary and I attended the funeral services of Mrs. Martin "Dolly Adams at the home of her sister Mrs. W.S. Coe. Burial to be at Sandy Springs. Mary, Elizabeth, and I went out to see Elizabeth Creigh Alderson.

Tuesday June 26, 1923

Beautiful day. This woman's Mis. Soc. which was to have been an all day meeting at Mrs. Young's was postponed on account of the great heat. E, M, and I were asked to the picnic supper on the west porch of the Manning's new home. Elizabeth C. Anderson was the guest of honor. The Millers, Moores, Rickers, with Reilly's, and Katharine Banner made up the company. Had a fine supper, most gorgeous sunset, followed by a hard thunder shower, just after supper. Later, the full moon, in the East, made a fine display of clouds, and moonlight. Came home about 11 PM.

Wednesday June 27, 1923

Thunder and lightning storm in vicinity have turned the temperature, until it is very cool, wraps needed for comfort. Macie and I went to prayer meeting as usual, afterwards walked up to Mabel Gordman's with Home Dept Quarterlies. Letter from Margaret reports pleasant and profitable time in Boulder.

Thursday June 28, 1923

Rainy. John here as usual. Mr. Norris told me he is leaving Saturday, and gives up the house at 519 Court St. I put ad in the paper. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom left 548 6th St. Mrs. Manning, Dorothy, Elizabeth Alderson, and her little Elizabeth called about supper time. Letter from Margaret. This is the 39th anniversary of my sailing with Emos, For Europe, when I went Mrs. O.S. Bond of Toledo. We are still friends and exchange letters occasionally. Paid J.F. Davis Dry Co Bill for paint used at 548 6th. \$24.03, more needed. Macie came to sleep here.

Friday June 29, 1923

Very cool. High 78, low 42. Wraps and warmer clothes needed for comfort. Mary busy all forenoon preparing for the auxiliary meeting at the Coury summer home in afternoon. Elizabeth and I at home. I was busy with Soldier's Relief Com in forenoon. Ironed in the afternoon. Card from Margaret. Check for \$18 from Court House. Went to Dr. Hanna. Paid him \$5.00. Macie had letter from E.F.P. from Newtonville, Mass.

Saturday June 30, 1923

Cool and rather cloudy. Mr. Norris left today and will not return to 519 Court St. Mar was out with the Coe's for supper at Henry Spriggs.

July 1923

Sunday July 1, 1923

Cool enough for my winter suit in the morning and evening. Went to SS as usual, also to morning church service. No evening service, this month. Macie and I went out to 2nd Pres. Church where thin Daily Vacation Bible School gave a program of work done in the three weeks session. The work had been well done and the children recited well. The young red birds learned to fly, today and will probably leave us now, though all three went to sleep in the cherry tree this PM.

Monday July 2, 1923

Rising temperature and a hard rain at supper time. Was over at the other house in the evening preparing to have the apt cleaned, which it needs badly. Was both up and down street at Mrs. Young's about noon. Spent most of afternoon with Macie, trying to alter a waist for her. Letters from Margaret, Will, and Carl.

Tuesday July 3, 1923

Awakened about 3 AM, by heavy thunder and sharp lightning. Hard rain, followed. Was over home much of the day, finished the waist I was altering for Macie. W.M.S. met at Mrs. Evans' in the morning. Present- Mrs. young, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Davis, Mrs. Pennywitt, Mrs. Legler, Macie and myself. Wrote to Margaret. Emos Gunn called this evening. Lives in Chicago, had not seen him for many years. Looks well and happy. Is the last member of his father's family. Misses Coe and Schwartz here to go over the membership list of the church preparatory to sending letter about contemplated repairs to basement.

Wednesday July 4, 1923

Beautiful day, warmer. Very quiet. Girls and I at home. Macie here to dinner. No mail, of course. Wrote to Will. Dr. P.J. Kline's birthday, 83 years old.

Thursday July 5, 1923

Warm again, rain in the night. Mary busy with the dinner for rotary club at Wentz' camp. Served by the auxiliary society. Misses Schwartz and Coe came to the arrange for the circular letter to be sent out, asking pledges for the repairs to the basement of the church. I am to send out the letters, Mrs. Stork furwishes the list. Prayer meeting was postponed from the 4:00 to this evening when Mrs. Paul, Macie and I with Mr. Gleiser made up the attendance.

Friday July 6, 1923

Rained in the night, and again in the afternoon, very hard. At 3:30 PM, sister Elizabeth arrived on C.O. train for a visit. Elizabeth S. will come a little later. The girls went to Jasper with the Clover Club, for their annual outing. It rained, as usual. Ray, Marge, and Jerry were here after supper. Macie, E.F.P. had supper with me. Later Mr. and Mrs. Manning, their guests, Mrs. Marsh, and two little girls were here. After they were gone I worked on the circular list, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce engaged the apt with Macie today.

Saturday July 7, 1923

Warm again, damp and close. Have had a busy day going back and forth preparing the rooms at 548 6th St for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and their son, who will share the apartment with Macie. They seem like very desirable people. Sister Elizabeth is settled with Macie. They gave me a check for her and E.S.P's W.M.S. dues. Letters from Will and Mrs. Bon. Mailed 190 circulars to church members today.

Sunday July 8, 1923

A hot day. Went to SS and remained to church. It was Communion day. One member rec'd, by letter, Lynn Padan, recently married to Florence Nunnemaker. Sisters Mary and Elizabeth, Margaret Miller here to dinner. Chicken pie, and other good things. In the evening Mary took Macie, Elizabeth P., and me to Trinity. M.E. church, there being no service at First Presbyterian.

Monday July 9, 1923

Weather very warm, and has been for days. Mary was called to long distance phone before 9 AM and waited until about 11 before she got message from Lucy C. asking if her mother could stay all night with us, she had an engagement at Dr. Ruggles for Tuesday 8 AM. She arrived on the afternoon train and she and I had supper together as the girls went to Clover Club outing at Jasper at 4 o'clock. Macie and Elizabeth came and had some supper

with us. Letters from Margaret and Will. Dr. Dupre took MEW Mary Ellen W. and E.F.P. for a drive. The Bruce family came to 548 6th St.

Tuesday July 10, 1923

Extremely hot, with no relief in sight, says the weather man. I have been going back and forth many, many times today, trying to arrange things over there, and visiting with E. Aunt Mary Ellen paid us goodbye when she went to Dr. R's but she returned for another night, as doctor could not finish her work- took two hours more in afternoon.

Wednesday July 11, 1923

Very warm again. Home, visiting with Mary Ellen M. until time for her to leave for the 11:55 AM train. She evidently enjoyed her visit and was most happy to have accomplished all she came for, is in now ready for her summer vacation and Ocean Grove, N.J. in August. Sister E took cold on her ride and was unable to go to prayer meeting this evening with us. Wrote to Will.

Thursday July 12, 1923

Thunder and rain storm again, which continued all afternoon, after light rain at 4 AM. I worked in the yard until nearly noon. John failed to come today. Rec'd long letter from Bessie T with full account of their 25th wedding anniversary, June 23rd. They had a wonderful time. Mary has been busy, all day, with the Rotarian dinner for this evening at camp wentz. Elizabeth and I spent rainy evening at home.

Friday July 13, 1923

Rain in the night, but none during the day, today. Warm and damp. Letter from Will. Went to Dr. Hanna at 9 AM and later to Times office, and Mrs. Youngs to read Bessie's letters to her telling of the 25th anniversary and her enjoyment of the occasion. 60 years ago today, the Union gun boats, and army came to Yazoo City, Miss. Where my father's family then lived, during the civil war. When they, (the soldiers) left out family, having secured passports came north, and have lived here ever since, in Portsmouth, Ohio. Went to see Mr. Sam Johnson about Kirkwood property.

Saturday July 14, 1923

Very warm, atmosphere close, but some breeze. Letter from Margaret to Elizabeth. Elizabeth S. Peebles came in the afternoon, C & O train, from New York, for a visit, before she and her mother settle down in Boston. Mary told me of having been to consult Dr. Berndt in regard to a trouble, which developed three weeks ago, needing attention. Decided to go to Columbus and see Dr. Waters, who has treated me successfully for goiter. Letter from Margaret, also papers. Wrote to Mr. J.H. Moon, Kirkwood in regard to selling lot, there.

Sunday July 15, 1923

Very hot, but pleasant breeze. Went to SS and morning service as usual. In evening Macie, E.S.C. and I went and I went to M.E. and hear Mr. Hartinger. Mary took us up and we walked home. Macie, E.F.P and E.S.P here to dinner with us. We will have no evening service for several weeks. James W. Ricker birthday, born in 1841 on April 19th. 82, died 1908.

Monday July 16, 1923

Clear and hot, except occasional cloudy spells. Elizabeth Peebles went up street to do some errands. I had Mrs. Lyons cleaning at 519 Court St and made many trips back and forth. Mary Ricker went on morning train to Columbus to see Mr. Waters and returned on an evening train with a time he prescribed. I went to W.R.C. but no meeting. Elizabeth P. brought and African curious and shared them to us after supper. Very interesting letter from Margaret.

Tuesday July 17, 1923

Hot but breezy, pleasant in shade. Elizabeth S.P. and her mother left for Boston Mass, via Athens, 6 AM. B.O.R.R. sent check for \$62 to Home Profit Co. for knitting machine for M.E.W. Post card from Mrs. Miller, papers from W.T.R.

Wednesday July 18, 1923

Hot weather. Not doing much but mending and writing, with trips up turn nearly every day. Letters from Margaret very enthusiastic about her work and trips. Was in a hail storm last Saturday while on an excursion to Estes Park. We had no prayer meeting so Macie and I went to the Central Pres. where the talk was good, but congregation very small.

Thursday July 19, 1923

Fine breezy day. John came again and worked all day. Rec'd letter from Mr. Moore with another blank to be filled out. Took letter to Mr. Johnson for advice. In afternoon, Mr. Gus E. Lehman of Kirkwood called me about the lot. Having previously written me twice in regard to same lot. Mended table cloth for Margaret for the Farney cottage. Called to see Mrs. Dever, Alice, and Elizabeth Sprague. Took E. map for her entertainment.

Friday July 20, 1923

Very warm, with almost no breeze. Went to Dr. Hanna at 9 AM then to Mr. S.M. Johnson's office to consult about reply to letter from J.H. Moore of Kirkwood. Wrote W.M. in regard to sale of lot. Carol, Paula McKeen and daughter called after lunch. The latter was securing passport for trip to Europe and had to apply at Court House for necessary records. E & M went riding with Lena. Wrote to Margaret at Boulder, CO.

Saturday July 21, 1923

Very warm again. Have all day, worked in the yard awhile this morning. Mary and I finished the new blue dotted sun dress which Elizabeth gave me some time ago. We had a fine ride after supper. Had letter from sisters Emos M. Gunn and E.S. Peebles.

Sunday July 22, 1923

Another very warm day. Went to SS, small attendance. Rev. Mr. Evans, brother of Dr. H J Evans of 2nd church preached for us in the morning. In the evening Macie and I went to Central Pres. and heard Mr. Howerton. No service at Bigelow and Dr. Chandler was at Central Pres. The Coes and Mannings were here, Mrs. M invited Elizabeth to go with them to Columbus in their machine, tomorrow.

Monday July 23, 1923

Warm and dry. Not much breeze. I was up early to see Elizabeth off. Mr. and Mrs. D and Dorothy came promptly and they left for Columbus at 6:15 AM. Letter from Margaret to Elizabeth, was over home and helped Macie bake several dozen ginger snaps. Wrote to E.S.P. Margaret Miller and I went with Mary to leave a note for Robert telling him that we had a phone message saying folks will not be home until tomorrow.

Tuesday July 24, 1923

Pleasant. Elizabeth was home in time for Mr. Manning to be at his office by 9 o'clock AM. They left Columbus early, had breakfast in Chillicothe and had a fine time in Columbus. Three friends had their birthdays on this date, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Prescott, and Mrs. W.W. Evans. Macie and I called on Mrs. Yong and Mrs. Prescott taking a small offering, flavors and ginger snaps.

Wednesday July 25, 1923

Mary Ellen Greene Dougalls Birthday. Rained. A welcome change in temperature. Busy mending and finishing off prayer meeting either at our church or Central Pres. So after supper Mary took me up to call on Mrs. Evans who has been sick. Later Mary drove out to inquire about Jerry, Margaret Miller, Elizabeth, and I went with her.

Thursday July 26, 1923

Beautiful day after the rain of last night. John came and we had him work in the yard nearly all day. Hard work, great improvement. Mary went again to Camp Wentz to help with the Rotarian dinner. I had letters from Carl, Essie, and Mrs. Bes E Lehman and Margaret had long call from Misses Robert and Joseph Fulton, friends of the long ago. Mr. J.W.F now lives in Florida, at Safety Harbor and sees Carl occasionally.

Friday July 27, 1923

Somewhat cloudy, a few sprinkles and signs of more rain. Went to Dr. Hanna for treatment, also to Mr. Johnson's office, in regard to the sale of Kirkwood lot. Sent Mr. George E. Lehman an offer of \$17.00 per foot on Harrison Ave. Post card from Margaret, letter from E.F.P. Girls went out to see how Jerry is getting along- has whooping cough and other troubles.

Saturday July 28, 1923

Rained last night and most of the time today. Air damp and rather cool. Went to Mrs. Friend and had my hair washed. She gave her name, and \$10.00 for membership in West Portsmouth W.C.T. Union. Mr. Johnson had letter from Bes E. Lehman, which I called me up to his office to see, he answered it. I wrote letters to Essie, Will, Bessie Titus and John M and Helen. Elizabeth had Birthday letter with from for \$20.00 from Margaret.

Sunday July 29, 1923

Beautiful day. Warm. Went to SS and morning service. Dr. J.C. Jackson preached. Norman Owen sang in the choir substituting for Edwin Lodwick. Margaret Miller and Macie here to dinner. Macie and I went to Central Pres. and heard Mr. Howerton who leaves tomorrow on his vacation William Burkel and Jane Chandler played violin solos. Ruth Chandler sang with Jane to accompany her on violin. They leave on vacation tomorrow so three pastors will be away, and Rev. E.A. Powell resigned from All Saints P.E. church today. Birthdays of E.V. Ricker, Ira Ricker.

Monday July 30, 1923

Warm. 95 and 63 degrees. Soldier Relief met this morning. Mr. W. Firman Smith absent, quite sick. Mr. Combs and I did the work. Mary had letter from Margaret, telling of her excursion to Cheyenne, Wyoming to witness a "rodeo" which she enjoyed.

Tuesday July 31, 1923

A rain in the night made a delightful morning, sun hot later, but I did not go out in it. Sewed, did some work in the yard, a little washing and sewing. Wrote to Carl and Margaret, Marge and Jerry here. Girls spent afternoon at Ethel Schwartz' and later went out again, Elizabeth to ride with Lena and Mary to picture show with Margaret Miller.

August 1923

Wednesday August 1, 1923

Fine day. Extremes 91 and 65. Have been home all day. Sewed a little, had letters from E.S.P. which I answered. Also letter from Bes E. Lehman concerning Kirkwood property. Mary took Elizabeth, Macie and me for a delightful ride on the West Side after

which the girls went out to see Jerry Durendick. Mrs. Manning was here in the forenoon. Papers report Pres. Harding improving with prospect of recovery, at San Francisco, Cal.

Thursday August 2, 1923

Very warm. I called to see Mrs. Lodwick. President Warren Harding died suddenly in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Calif. At 7:30 this evening which there seemed to be every indication of recovery. Vice President Calvin Cooley was at his father's home in Vermont where he was notified, as soon as possible, and he was sworn in as President of the United States by his father in the emergency, the formal ceremony will be observed later, in Washington D.C. Mary assisted with the Rotarian dinner again this evening. Letter from Carl.

Friday August 3, 1923

Very warm, hard rain this evening. The whole country, and other nations were shocked this AM to hear of the death of our highly honored president, suddenly, last evening. Have recorded the facts on proper date, though not heard until today. The nation mourns with his family, for a great man and good man gone to his reward. Treatment from Dr. Hanna. Letters from Margaret and Will. Mr. and Mrs. Manning called this evening. She leaves Sunday with Dorothy to see her sick mother. Mrs. Kate Moon Newman buried today. Mr. Bruce paid \$8.00 by check.

Saturday August 4, 1923

Rained in the night, warm and wet this morning. Papers filled with news concerning the death of the President, the return to the party to Washington journal arrangements, etc and also the news about Mr. Coolidge who has already taken up his new duties as President of the United States. Had a pleasant ride after supper. The Bruces left and Macie came here to sleep.

Sunday August 5, 1923

Lucy Moon Carpenters Birthday. Fine day but warm. I went to SS, few present. I had no class, all about so took one that had no teacher. Dr. Jackson preached in the morning. Macie and I went to Second Pres. in the evening. Was shocked when I came home from church, to learn of the death of Mr. Firman Smith which occurred about midnight Saturday night. Went out to the home before supper and saw his daughter, Mrs. John Cook and her husband and son. Another good man gone.

Monday August 6, 1923

Very warm. Card from Margaret saying she would be in Denver yesterday and today and decide then what she would do next. Went to see Mr. Johnson, and upon his advice answered Mr. Lehman's letter of saying I would not alter my price for the property in

Kirkwood. Had letter from E.S.P. asking if I could pay her \$1,000 of the balance I owe her on the house, to enable her to buy a practice in Boston. Wish I could, but I cannot. The home profit knitting machine came to Macie.

Tuesday August 7, 1923

Very hot and great humidity. Have been home most of the day. Wrote to Essie. Had a birthday card from Jane just a month ahead of time. Went out to see Mary Smith at her Cousin Robert Moore's home, Mrs. Moore having died last night, then called again at Mrs. Firman Smith's home. Marguerite Durendick found me waiting for a street car, and visited upon taking me to make those calls. Mary had gone riding with Mr. F. John and Lucy Carpenter called after supper. Carol Moon made her farewell calls, on her way to the train, leaving for her home in El Paso. Papers filled with accounts of Mr. Harding's funeral.

Wednesday August 8, 1923

Very warm, but some breeze. Was over home in morning trying to put together the knitting machine. Mr. Hancock will finish the job. Went to Mr. Firman Smith's funeral at his house at 2 PM. Rained while we were there. At 8 PM Mary took Macie and me and Mrs. Coe to the funeral of Mrs. Robert Moore at her late home. Two very sad occasions. Mrs. Smith being left alone, and Mrs. Moore left with her niece. Mrs. Firman Smith's being her uncle. We had no prayer meeting.

Thursday August 9, 1923

Beautiful day, but very warm and indications of rain were verified before midnight. Papers full of particulars concerning the funeral of President Harding, and the final rites to be observed in Marion, Ohio, his home town, on tomorrow. His successor, Calvin Coolidge of Mass. Has assumed his new duties but will not act on any business matter until his friend and late chief has been laid to rest in Marion, Ohio where thousands and thousands of people are gathered today to pay tribute to the memory of our honored President, as his body is laid away. Mr. Harding has come up wonderfully under the long strain and won the administration, and love of the Nation.

Dr. Jas F. Elder died at Pine Colorado en route to Denver, from his summer camp at Buffalo, Colorado. Over exertion by pushing auto over bad road.

Friday August 10, 1923

Very hot. Heavy rain about noon. Cleared in time for the Harding Memorial Service at Mound Park at 2 PM. Mary took me out in the car, as near the Park as possible, then walked, stood near the speakers stand and heard the address of Rev. H. J. Evans on Warren Harding as a Christian, Vallee Harold of the Times spoke of him as a state's man. Fine addresses. Uncle Drew Ricker's Birthday (1826). Wrote note to Mrs. Sarah Fuller for her Birthday tomorrow. Mrs. Coe and Betty here to supper. Paid Dr. Hanna \$5.00.

Saturday August 11, 1923

Very warm, "sticky" and some light sprinkles. Home all day, until after supper when Mary took Elizabeth, Macie, and me for a ride on West Side, as far as the "Game Preserve," several miles up Turkey Creek. Had letter and card from Margaret, letter to Elizabeth mailed at Miles City my card at Livingston, Montana. Letters from Will and Essie. Wrote M.T.R.

Fathers and mothers wedding anniversary. 1847. Married at Alexandria, Ohio.

Sunday August 12, 1923

Very warm. Went to SS and morning service, as usual. Dr. J.C. Jackson preached to a very small congregation. Churches all over the land are, today, paying memorial tributes to our late President Warren Harding, and expressing good will, and hopeful words for his successor Calvin Coolidge. This is Mrs. Sarah Fuller's 96th Birthday. She lives, but lies in bed with a broken hip. Did not attend morning service nearly all churches being closed today.

Monday August 13, 1923

Very hot weather. Wrote Mary Y Moore, this being her Birthday. Had cards from Miss Ball from Chantangua. Spent much time trying to find someone to help us start the knitting machine from Rochester which I unpacked and put together, as far as I could then got Mr. Clark Hancock to set it up, but he does not know how to use it. Mr. Grant Williams was buried today, after the services, we conducted, by his pastor, Dr. Evans, at 10:30 AM the other Masonic orders at 4 o'clock PM. I did not go. Mr. L. W. Baker sent me note from Denver with news of the sudden death of Dr. Elder.

Tuesday August 14, 1923

Very hold and close. Rain at night. Have been very busy trying to find someone to put the knitting machine in order. Miss Dellert came in the morning but could not run it. Mr. Gus Kehrler came in afternoon, adjusted it properly and finds that it works well, but we have yet to learn how to run it. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pratt (Helen Liming) came to see about the 548 apt and decided to take it this week. I wrote to Will.

Wednesday August 15, 1923

The rain of last night made it more comfortable for today. Have been at home, did some washing and ironing, and finished the dress Elizabeth was making yesterday. This AM she went to Cincinnati with Leona L via C & O to be gone two days. Mary put up some fine corn, and prepared blue plums for jelly, then went to camp with Margaret M and others to sort out our church dishes as they will not serve dinners again for a while. I had letters from Margaret, from Yellow Stone Park, and Bessie Titus with Program of Portsmouth

Pageant of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Wrote to Essie. Mrs. Helen Linning Pratt rented the 548 Apt with Macie today.

Thursday August 16, 1923

Damp and cooler, foggy in the evening. John here, cleaning. Up street in morning to bank. Finished off E's dress, hard work. Called at Mrs. Young and returned book she loaned me. Stopped to see Agnes Roe, who is in bed again. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pratt moved to 548 Sixth St today, so Macie will sleep at home tonight. Wrote to Margaret and Miss Davies of Darlington, Wis. Mr. & Mrs. Coe left for Mass. Expecting to go to Portsmouth N.H. for the centenary. Elizabeth reached home about midnight.

Friday August 17, 1923

Cloudy and quite cool, since last evening. Light sprinkling of rain this AM. Spent most of the day trying to find someone to teach me how to knit on the new home Profit hosiery knitting machine. No success, thus far, but shall try until I find someone, and learn. Went to Dr. Hanna. Wrote to Mrs. Manning. Mrs. Gleiser called up, they just reached home about 4:30 PM.

Saturday August 18, 1923

Beautiful day. Cool and pleasant. Spent forenoon looking for a teacher and engaged man to come Monday evening to see the machine. While at Mitchell Factory, decided to call and see Mrs. Whitney, and Ada Larsen. Had telegram from Mark Wilson of Kirkwood regarding lot. Answered wire and wrote him a letter, after consulting Sam Johnson. Have had a busy day.

Sunday August 19, 1923

Beautiful day. Special delivery letter from Mr. George E. Lehman, early this morning enclosing P.O. for \$100.00, wanting to close purchase of Kirkwood lot. Went to SS and both church services as Mr. Gleiser has returned. Margaret Miller and Macie here to dinner. Was taken sick and hurried to bed as soon as I returned from church.

Monday August 20, 1923

Beautiful day, again. Was sick all night and in bed nearly all day today. Had two cards from Margaret, letter from Margaret Hunt, E. had long letter from Margaret R., and Mary had a long one from Emos M. Gunn. Answered Will's letter of 18th. Letter from Carl. Brother Emos' Birthday. Mr. Marshall Carter came to teach me how to work the knitting machine, but he has to learn how to use this kind of machine, himself, as his experience is in knitting underwear.

Tuesday August 21, 1923

Fine weather. Not well, and not doing much expect a little sewing.

Wednesday August 22, 1923

Some rain and everything fresh and beautiful. Will's birthday and I wrote him again today. Was up to Mr. Johnson's office but did not have the paper I needed, must go again tomorrow. Not well, all day. Mr. Waller here to supper unexpectedly and late so none of us expecting Macie present at first prayer meeting since Mr. Gleiser's return. Sorry I was unable to go.

Thursday August 23, 1923

Beautiful day but very cool. Not at all well. Letter from M from Kirkwood. Took papers to Mr. Sam Johnson and put the business of closing the sale of Kirkwood lot, to Mr. George E. Lehman, into his hands, price \$17 per front foot on Harrison Ave. Wrote to Carl and Helen Moore. Spent much of the day over home, shaving house and furniture to intended parties, and studying the knitting machine and book of the instructions. Learning something. The Durendicks here. Letter from Mrs. Manning, reply to mine, after death of her mother. Wrote letter of card to Dorothy Page.

Friday August 24, 1923

Most beautiful day, still cool. Not well, did not go to Dr. H. John here, exchanged days with Mrs. Stevens. Girls went to train for Margaret at 9:30 PM. She did not come, so Mary sat up and received her when late N & W train arrived. Anniversary of Mother Ricker's death in 1894 while Margaret was spending the vacation in Kirkwood, Mo. With them.

Saturday August 25, 1923

Bright, cool, and pleasant. Girls all slept late this morning, I was up, and in the kitchen at 7 o'clock. Margaret had much to tell this morning, one thing being account of her visit to Mrs. Sarah Fuller, who not tried to walk a little after having broken her hip.

Sunday August 26, 1923

Most delightful day after rain last night. Went to SS and both morning and evening service. Mr. Gleiser being in the pulpit again. Macie and Margaret Miller here to dinner.

Monday August 27, 1923

No entry.

Tuesday August 28, 1923

Rained in forenoon, clear and beautiful in afternoon. Went up street in morning. W.M.S. met here in the afternoon with small attendance: Mrs. Evans, Cross, Nunnemaker, W.K. Pentenney, Macie, Mrs Young, and myself. Mrs. Young remained to supper. After

supper I had a lesson on the knitting machine, Mr. Carter being my teacher. Had letter from Miss E.V. Ricker from Chantangua. Helen's Birthday, sent her a card, for tomorrow.

Wednesday August 29, 1923

Fine day, a few clouds but no rain. Went to Bank and to Mrs. Young's in forenoon. Rented 519 Court St to Mr. Taylor's daughter Mary today, to move in Monday. Was busy trying to find someone to sweep and wash paint. Mrs. Manning returned from R this afternoon. Letter from Essie, answered it. Also note and papers from Bessie Titus about Portsmouth tercentenary and pageant. Helen Moore's Birthday. Sent her a card. Went to prayer meeting.

Thursday August 30, 1923

Fine day. Had Mrs. Lyons at 519 Court St, cleaning, all day. Went to Mrs. Folwer's at W.C.T.U. Spent forenoon on the Scioto Co Relief work. Mr. A.J. Finney succeeds Mr. W.F. Smith on the commission. Mr. David Combs now president. I am still Secretary and Mr. Fanning the third member. Marguerite, Ray, and Jerry here to supper. They leave tomorrow for Michigan, on vacation. Letter from Essie.

Friday August 31, 1923

Beautiful day. Had John cleaning, preparatory to Mr. Taylor and daughters moving into 519 Court St. Mary and Elizabeth took Margaret and Miss Cramer to the country in the forenoon. The Durendicks left at 3:30 PM in auto, for Michigan. Paid Dr. Hanna \$5.00 for three treatments. Big clock lighted again after being dark for many months.

September 1923

Saturday September 1, 1923

A delightful day, but warm. Rain late in the day. Have had a busy day over at 548 Sixth. While we have been enjoying a delightful day, engaged in our usual supplements, the people of Japan have been undergoing the most terrible earthquake, by phone. The worst in the history of the world within our knowledge. The news was delayed by the destruction of all levels of communication with other countries create anxiety felt for missionaries and friends.

Sunday September 2, 1923

Beautiful day. Went to Sabbath school and the usual church services. Macie here to dinner, and to stay all night as she has been doing for a week. The girls will drive out and bring Margaret and Miss Cramer in tomorrow morning.

Monday September 3, 1923

Rained some. Labor day not celebrated except by picnics. I worked at 548 Sixth St most of the day preparing for new occupants. Elizabeth and Mary went to the Miller farm for picnic supper. Macie here for the night as she has been since the Pratts left Saturday evening. The girls drove out this morning and brought Margaret and Miss Cramer in at noon to attend the first teachers' meeting. Received a \$60.00 rent check from J.F. Taylor.

Tuesday September 4, 1923

Fine day, after rain in the night. The church aid society met at our house. Attendance not as large as usual but much business transacted. Mrs. Manning, Pres. preceded. Mr. Gleiser came to present the needs of the coming meeting of Synod in October, also the Evangelistic campaign for the winter. Mr. Coe came to ask the Societ for a pledge for the repairs to the basement. Society pledged \$500.00. Public schools re-opened. Margaret in High school work. Margaret Findlay came to stay.

Wednesday September 5, 1923

Rained after prayer meeting and we had no umbrellas. Essie's birthday, sent her beads. Mary Margaret Hunt's birthday, sent her a card. Busy day as usual. Went home with Macie for the night, there being no one in her part of the house. Paid Electric Light- \$2.07, Telephone- \$2.50, Gas- \$2.00, Tithe- \$9.00, Rent- \$60.00, P- \$30.00.

Thursday September 6, 1923

Rained in morning. J.H. Ricker's birthday, sent him a card. Busy at Sixth St home most of the day. John here all day. Attended SS teach officers meeting at the church. Have been in the SS and church sixty years this month. Margaret, Mary, Macie, and I went, also Miss Yeager.

Friday September 7, 1923

Cloudy, rain in the night. Busy all forenoon directing the carpenter, repairing shutters at 548 6th. Went to Milton Thornton's funeral at church, 2 PM. Did not go to Dr. Hanna, nor take a lesson on the knitting machine. The girls took Margaret and Miss C. to the country after school. Raining this evening. Paper reports from Japan are appalling, loss of life beyond estimation, Yokohama about wiped off the map. Carpenter worked on shutters at 548 6th home.

Saturday September 8, 1923

Beautiful day and a busy one for me. Was back and forth between the two houses many times today. Two ladies came to inquire about the 6th Street apartment. Not yet engaged. Spent a little time setting up work on knitting machine. Wrote for \$1.00 worth of

needles. Had letter from Essie. Wrote to Will and H.P.H. Co. Card from Helen. Had birthday gifts, beads from E. Shopping bad from Mary. Dozen linen napkins, with mother's name on them from Macie, and table cloth from her also. Am staying all night with her. Had a call from R.L. Porterfield.

Sunday September 9, 1923

Fine day, better attendance at SS being Rally day. Put birthday money in the SS Birthday Bank with something extra as a thank offering for my privilege. Have been connected with the First Pres Church and SS sixty years, this month. Have been wonderfully blessed and am deeply grateful to God for it all. Mrs. Coe and Bessie returned from the East, yesterday and Mary visited the family here for dinner, after church.

Monday September 10, 1923

Another delightful day, but quite cool. Was over home all forenoon. Helped Macie bake a dozen cookies. Did a little painting on a screen door. Received birthday letters from Oella, Carl, Essie, one from Will telling of his vacation to Canada with friends. Started last Thursday. Beautiful dresser scarf from Essie for my Birthday, linen embroidered in colors. Wrote to Essie and J.M.

Tuesday September 11, 1923

Pleasant weather. Had breakfast with Macie, then came home for awhile. Papers still full of accounts of the great disaster in Japan and adjacent territory on sea and land. Universal sympathy and quick response with relief in money and work.

I wrote to David Tappan at Haina and Oella at Los Angeles, California. Ch. Repair Com. met here in the afternoon top report on collections and consider plans. Misses Schwartz, Coe and Scudder present. About 1800.00 pledged so far. Went over home to sleep, finished Mrs. Young's waist for her. Called there this afternoon.

Wednesday September 12, 1923

Cool and rather damp, foggy. Busy back and forth between the two houses. Practiced on knitting machine awhile, in forenoon. Am making some progress. Macie, Miss Yeager, and I went to prayer meeting and on our way home, saw the bride Katharine Hall and William Altsman leaving All Saint's Church, the streets being lined with autos, in all directions, with wedding guests.

Thursday September 13, 1923

Beautiful day. Mary, Elizabeth, and Margaret Miller started about 6 AM and drove to Columbus, went to see Dr. Waters. They returned home about 9 PM. I saw them and then went over to stay all night with Macie, no one else being in the house, as Miss Mary Taylor moved out on the hill in a house her father bought.

Friday September 14, 1923

Beautiful day, quite cool late in the afternoon and Mary started a fire in the living room. Was over home most of the day, busy. Miss Taylor finished moving out and people have been calling up about the two apartments. Mrs. Bressler rented part of Macie's home, or rather will share it with her, while her husband is away for some months. She has a son, Joe, fifteen, and daughter, eight, Shirley. Letter from Mr. Lehman with paper to be engaged when details are arranged. Letter from John M. Went to Dr. Hanna today.

Saturday September 15, 1923

Fair but very cool. Have fires, for comfort. The double birthday in our family, Mother's and Macie's. Letter from Will from Portsmouth, Ontario. Been busy over home all forenoon. Went to see Mr. Johnson with letter from Mr. Lehman. Girls went to party at Mrs. Sam Johnson's. Wrote to Helen.

Sunday September 16, 1923

Fine day but rather cool. No fire in the church and the attendance was small in the evening. Mr. Gleiser preached a fine sermon in the morning and in the evening he spoke on the strength of the nation appropriate to Constitution Week, which is a nationwide topic today. The girls went out after Margaret and Miss Cramer. Uncle Samuel G. Moon and Mary Bradford were married sixty years ago today.

Monday September 17, 1923

Warmer again today with light rain in the night. Have had a busy day with W.R.C. work. Went three times to see Agnes Roe who continues quite ill, and today resigned as treasurer of the relief corps. She is an excellent treasurer and we regret losing her, and even more, the illness which occasioned her resignation. Letter from E.S.P. concerning the shipment of their goods. Wrote to Will.

Tuesday September 18, 1923

Pleasant. Clouded up late in the day and rained a little. Wrote to E.S.P. after calling up several men about crating. Did some work over home cleaning up. Set up, and knit some of the machine, am making some progress, learning to use it. Dorothy Manning leaves at midnight for Lynchberg, VA to enter Randolph Midcon College. Wrote to Mrs. W.F. Smith at Greensboro, NC.

Wednesday September 19, 1923

Temperature mild and pleasant. Light rain in the evening. Letter from Iva E. Ricker concerning taxes due on Kirkwood property. Took letter to Mr. Johnson who advised that I sign deed of transfer and have taxes due, deducted from final payment. He would write the

letter, send the deed and proceed to close the deal, then I will write F.H.R. regarding the business. Went to see Mrs. J.H. Lodwick. Missed call from Bess Martin. Had phone conversation later. She told me she is to be married to Reb. Robert Gamm one month from today and live in Knoxville, TN.

Thursday September 20, 1923

Rained in the night and at intervals all day. Mary's birthday, gave her \$5.00. Margaret gave her \$25.00. Went up to Drew's early, to see Bess Martin who leaves for Ironton to prepare for her marriage, one month from today, to Rev. Robert Gamm, of Knoxville, TN. Took her a sugar spoon. Went to Library to try to find Bible that belongs to W.R.C. Stepped to call on Mrs. Evans who has been sick. Home all afternoon. Wrote to E.R.

Friday September 21, 1923

Rather cloudy, light sprinkles comfortable warm. Went to Dr. Hanna at 10 AM. Did a few errands. Put in my off minutes quilting on a quilt which has long been unfinished. Spent afternoon at W.C.T.U. Co Convention held in the United Brethren Church. Mrs. Coverston reelected President, Mrs. Shump V.P., Mrs. Reiser Recording Secretary, Mrs. Pfarr Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Chase Treasurer, all reelected. Macie staying here all night. Margaret and Miss C. went to the country.

Saturday September 22, 1923

Beautiful day which M and Miss C. are enjoying in the country.

Sunday September 23, 1923

Another beautiful day. Followed the usual programs. SS at 9 AM. Good sermon in morning by Mr. Gleiser, who exchanged pulpits with Rev. Hugh G. Evans of the 2nd Pres. in the evening and we had another good one on the same subject. The constitution of our government is being used as a theme throughout the nation, this week. Mr. Gleiser's text was "They that be with us, are more than they that be with them" 2nd Kings 6:16. Girls went after Margaret and Miss C.

Monday September 24, 1923

Beautiful day, still like summer. Went in morning to see Mrs. Reeg who is taking care of Mrs. Agnes Roe who is failing in strength. Her books, as treasurer of W.R.C. were given to Mrs. Reed, the president. They were brought to me, as secretary. Spent the evening with Macie, she being alone. The Bressler's are out every evening, until late. Paid Golden Rule Co \$26.75 for groceries.

Tuesday September 25, 1923

Fine day, warm and pleasant. Busy between the two houses in forenoon. In afternoon went to Mrs. W.K. Pentteney's to W.M.S. meeting. Nine present, including Mrs. Young, but not Mrs. Evans who is sick. Mr. L.C. Peel took five articles and crated them to ship to E.S.P Boston. Small table, tabourette, desk, cluff, and brass fender. Spent the evening with Macie, who was alone in her home. Elizabeth had letter from Helen, telling of her fine visit with May Day. Mary went to Piketon with Mrs. Coe, to a luncheon given by Miss May Patterson. Mr. Carter did not come to help me with the knitter.

Wednesday September 26, 1923

Beautiful, warm day. Foggy early. Busy between the two homes, all day. Went out to Hempstead Hospital to see Mrs. Temper. Prayer meeting in evening as usual.

Thursday September 27, 1923

Fine day, warm, and pleasant. Busy at home, in forenoon. Wrote to E.S.P. about the furniture L.C. Peel was to ship to her at Boston. Had letter from Will from Canada telling of his fishing trip with his friends, Ed Olds, George Hazen, H. Wycoff, and eight guides. Spend the evening over home, Mr. C. teaching me the use of the knitter. Paid him \$5.00 for several lessons. Letter from Essie. Mrs. Converstion and I spent afternoon on W.R.C. treasurer's books. Mary, M.M.M. and others busy with the Rotarian's dinner at Taylorton Woods.

Friday September 28, 1923

Still warm and pleasant with some signs of rain. Went to Dr. Hanna at 10 AM paid him \$5.00 for three treatments. Went to Agnes Roe's home, she died last evening about 8:30. Suffered greatly for several months past. We shall miss her. Called to see Mrs. Young, found Mary Ellen M Lucky Carpenter and Ada Coran there. Wrote to Will, sent letter to N.Y. Macie here to stay all night. M. and Miss C. went to the country.

Saturday September 29, 1923

Most beautiful day and pleasant. Went to Mrs. Agnes B. Roe's funeral at her late home, 10 o'clock AM. Burial at Greenup, KY. Did some errands later. Busy going back and forth between the two houses. Macie slept here. Elizabeth left at 6:15 AM for an auto trip to Columbus, with the Sprague family. Returned early in the evening, having enjoyed her trip. Came just as we were finishing supper. Mary went with Leona for an auto ride.

Sunday September 30, 1923

A little cooler but still fine. Sunday school as usual at 9 o'clock. Church services in the forenoon. Good sermon. Congregation invited to attend the evening service at All Saint's P.E. church as Mr. E.A. Powell will leave for his new change at Evansville, Indiana, tomorrow. Macie, Mary, and I, and Miss Yeager, attended, as did many of our people. Rev. Mr. Powell's final sermon was based upon St Paul's closing words in several of his sermons.

Margaret Miller and Macie here to dinner. Mary and Hazel Holcomb went after M and Miss C. Went to 2nd Pres. at 2 PM to SS Com. meeting at Mrs. Heer's call.

October 1923

Monday October 1, 1923

A little cooler, but very pleasant. Went up to Mrs. Young's after a stop at Agnes Roe's home, which was closed. Went to Security Bank, then called at Mrs. Kap's to see Mary M. Murphy, here on a visit from Chicago. Spent afternoon with Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Hayes going over W.R.C. treasurer. Had letter from Will, from NY, having returned from his Canadian trip. Went to make a farewell call upon Mrs. E. A. Powell. She finds it hard to leave Portsmouth, after a residence of thirteen years. Letter from E.S.P. concerning shipment of goods. Answered.

Tuesday October 2, 1923

Beautiful day, cooler in, than out of the house. No mail. Went to the Bank, and also paid gas and telephone bills. Worked a while on the knitting machine before noon. Spent afternoon at Aid Society meeting at Mrs. Manning's home. Good attendance. Planned more work for Rotarian dinners to earn money for repairs on the church basement. Mr. Carter did not come to help me with the machine tonight. Mrs. Miller was here after dinner. Carl and Essie were married in 1912 in Scott St Methodist Church in Covington, KY- 11 years ago.

Wednesday October 3, 1923

Fine day. Letters from both Will and Carl. Spent most of the day working at the knitting machine, made some progress, but need more practice. Mary went to Ironton for the day. Macie, Miss Yeager, and I went to prayer meeting. Mrs. Young was there with Mr. and Mrs. Coe.

Thursday October 4, 1923

Beautiful weather. Worked on knitter in forenoon. Went to Bank to deposit Will's check and Pension. Wrote to Will. Did not go to W.C.T.U. ad I needed the time to work on the knitter, have put in most of the day on it.

Friday October 5, 1923

Somewhat cooler, but no frost in our yard yet. Went to Dr. Hanna at 10 o'clock AM then to the Bank and home again. Went to special meeting at W.R.C. at Public Library in afternoon. Girls took Margaret and Miss Cramer to the country. Macie had letter from Barton enclosing letters from Elizabeth Stewart, now at Marticello, Godfrey, Illinois. I wrote to Barton. Macie slept here, the Bressler's leaving early in the AM for Cincinnati.

Saturday October 6, 1923

Beautiful day, cool enough for fires in stones and grate. Was home all day, except for awhile over home, after dinner working on the knitter. Sewed some on the blue and white striped quilt which has been unfinished for years. The Bressler's being away Macie slept here.

Sunday October 7, 1923

Beautiful weather. Went to SS, presented my class and have a new one, sixteen members. Emma Jean W. being one of them. Communion service in the morning, Mrs. L.W. Barker, only accession to membership, a bride of a few months. Miss Barton here to dinner and went with the girls after M. and Miss Cramer. Margaret gave me \$20.00 for Church repairs, \$10 for D. Tappan, and \$1 for the Synod lunches Wed. and Thurs.

Monday October 8, 1923

Another fine day. Busy with many different things today. W.R.C. accounts, not yet settled. Went to Mrs. Whites, Mr. Jefford's, Bank, and Mrs. Currey's in forenoon. No letters. Fathers Birthday 1815.

Tuesday October 9, 1923

Beautiful weather. Preparations going on for meeting of Synod. First meeting held at Second Ch. this evening. Sermon by Dr. Walter L. Whallon, retiring moderator, election of Dr. McLechard, constitution of Synod. Communion and other business. One delegate was brought to us about 11 o'clock PM. Rev. Perry H. Gordon from Saleen, Ohio who proved to be a most agreeable guest.

Wednesday October 10, 1923

Typical early fall weather, sunny and warm, heavy fog in the morning. Dr. Perry Hartle Gordon, our guest and I walked down the 8:30 meeting devotional service conducted by Dr. Charles F. Wishart, Pres. of Wooster University. Large attendance. Mary went after Mrs. Young who spent most of the day in the meetings, though she went to Lydia Clark's funeral in afternoon. Mr. Gleiser conducted services Pauline Shaw, also this afternoon. No prayer meeting, as all Pres. churches united at the 2nd church for the evening, meeting when the program consisted of a pageant and the Orotan's of the Holy City (Gaul) was presented.

Thursday October 11, 1923

The last day of Synod in Portsmouth and the last time Synod will be held in different cities, all meetings are to be held in Wooster, Ohio where Presbyterian headquarters for Ohio is established. Beautiful weather. Worked at home until 11 o'clock, then went to our

church, where the sessions are being held, and lunches served. Went awhile in afternoon. After adjournment Mary took Dr. G., Margaret, and me for a ride, then left him at the church for supper. Mary took Macie and me to evening meeting. At close, Mr. Gleiser presented the Moderator, with a gift made from pieces of wood from our three Presbyterian churches. It had been delayed. Was glad I was there as few people remained to the close. Dr. Gordon came home with us, visited a while and Mary took him to the station.

Friday October 12, 1923

Another beautiful day, all very tired, and I slept late. Went to Dr. Hanna at 10 o'clock. Made call on Mrs. Young, this being a state legal holiday, Columbus Day, had closed banks, but went to Mr. Johnson's office to see about the letter from Mr. Lehman which we received yesterday. Letter from Will today, with a cat story, about Katharine Spear's cat. Margaret took Macie and me for a fine ride on West Side. M did not go to the country.

Saturday October 13, 1923

Still delightful weather, warm and bright. Busy with W.R.C. work most of the day. Am reminded that this is the wedding anniversary of Dr. Geo and Linny Lloyd Field in 1868 when I was one of the four bridesmaids, Mollie Murrary, Belle Hand, and Flora Wambaugh being the others.

Sunday October 14, 1923

Beautiful weather, warm as summer, but very dry and dusty. Margaret at home, as they could not leave town this week. Margaret Triesly returned to the Durendick's today as they returned from Michigan, this afternoon. Ray having met them in Cin. Went to SS and both church services today.

Monday October 15, 1923

Fine day and busy one. Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Naegele, inspector here until after 1 o'clock examining books of secretary and treasurer. We then went to Public Library and spent the afternoon in the regular meeting of W.R.C. with annual inspection by Marie Nagele, Dept Inspector. Mrs. Lydia Rowe came and spent the evening with me, preparing to take change of the books, and the money accumulated since June 1st through me, as secretary. Am relieved to have her take it, having served as treasurer for many years.

Tuesday October 16, 1923

Beautiful warm day, the morning devoted to W.R.C. accounts, preparatory to turned over to Mrs. Rowe, the books and papers of the late treasurer, Agnes B. Roe. Letter from Frank H.R. The girls went to the Miller farm to a Priscilla Club meeting. In afternoon I went out on the hill to call on Mrs. F. M. and her mother Mrs. Vanbergan of Minneapolis. Mrs. M

severed tea, from there Mrs. and Mrs. M took me over to Marguerite D's and they insisted upon keeping me for supper, which was ready and they brought me home. Girls came home just as I did.

Wednesday October 17, 1923

Fine day. Warm and bright. Bees Martin was married today to rev. Robert J. Gamm D.D. of Knoxville, TN.

Thursday October 18, 1923

Bright, warm and very dusty. Wrote note to Mrs. Waller to share that aunt Mary Baldridge died yesterday. Went to the Bank and got the W.R.C. bank book, balanced with the \$34.90 which I had deposited and sent book to Mrs. Lydia M. Rowe, which relieves me of that work. In the afternoon, late, the girls and I went to a reception at Mrs. Ida Williams' home, in a rain which set in about 3 o'clock and continued all evening. Margaret Goddard was hostess, with her mother Mattie Peebles.

Friday October 19, 1923

Mrs. Sarah Fuller's 75th wedding anniversary. Still living and walked down stairs to her dinner. Light rain most of the day, though the sun shown a while in afternoon, and the girls took Margaret and Miss Cramer to the country. I paid bills, and went to Dr. Hanna in the forenoon. Worked on the knitting machine a while, after dinner then went to see Mary J. Davis who is failing, sleeps most of the time and did not waken while I was there.

Mary took M and Miss Cramer to the country. She and I attended the student artist recital given by Miss Anna Cramer, assisted by Miss Gault, Mrs. Matthews, and Miss Blake. David Morgan and Charles Schirrmann were the stars, both being unusual performers on the piano. Went to see Mary Davis.

Saturday October 20, 1923

Quite cold last night, but no frost here. I gathered a lot of lima beans today. Have had father's old office desk that was in the flood fixed up and brought to the old home today. Had letters from Will, Essie, and Dr. Joseph Clark today.

Sunday October 21, 1923

Margaret J. Peebles died Oct 21st 1908, in Rochester, Minn. Beautiful day. Went to SS and both church services. Mr. Gleiser preached the fine sermons, the one this evening being on "what shall we give our youth", text from Deuteronomy. Margaret Miller and Macie here to dinner. Girls went after M and Miss Cramer. In afternoon one of my new girls, Margaret Stevens and her mother were here, and I showed Margaret how to do her work in the 1st year junior book.

Monday October 22, 1923

Beautiful day. Robins still here, and some migratory birds stopping on their way south. Home all day, busy in yard and house. Brought in a few potted plants. Dahlia's still blooming and tomatoes and lima beans untouched by frost. Had letter from Carl, enclosing one from John M. Wrote to E.S.P. Began letter to Essie, to be finished tomorrow. Elizabeth has a bad cold.

Tuesday October 23, 1923

Kirkwood lot sold and money received today. \$1533.89. Fine day, until about 5 o'clock when it began to rain. Mary went to Cin. on 8 o'clock train, C & O to have her glasses changed. Elizabeth unable to go to school, was in bed all day and I called Dr. Moore at supper time. Went to S.M. Johnson's office at 1 PM and received check for Kirkwood lot, after taxes were paid out of the amount. Deposited it in Security Bank. Began letter to Will.

Wednesday October 24, 1923

A dismal, rainy day. Elizabeth in bed, Mary away, Margaret gone until dark. I wrote to Dr. Clark and finished letter to Will, telling him of the sale of Kirkwood lot. Went to prayer meeting with Macie and Miss Yeager. Mr. Gleiser gone to Pikesville, KY. so Mrs. Ives had charge of the meeting.

Thursday October 25, 1923

A most beautiful day following a very dismal one yesterday. The district Presbyterial meeting was held in our church today. Mrs. Schwartz provided, Mrs. Harry Miller was secretary/treasurer. Mrs. Morgan of Jackson and I were on program for devotionals. Good lunch was served to visiting delegates and those on the program, so I was included. Mary R. took Mrs. Young to the afternoon meeting. She returned from Cin. on midnight train. Elizabeth better, and up, most of the day. Paid Mr. Johnson \$20.00 for services in sale of Kirkwood lot. Letter from J.M.

Friday October 26, 1923

Beautiful day. Margaret and Miss C. went to the country, Mary took Louise Sprague for company. Elizabeth better, but not yet out. Went to Dr. Hanna at 10 AM and Dr. Ackley at 3:30 PM for groin trouble. The Bresslers left for Ashland, leaving both the apartments unoccupied so Macie will sleep here.

Saturday October 27, 1923

Beautiful day. Robins and red birds still here, dahlias and others fall flowers blooming. Packed and mailed saucers to E.S.P. and sent her a letter, Parcel Post charges 47 cents on package. Home all day except for trip to Post office with package.

Sunday October 28, 1923

Rained in the night and again in afternoon. Went to SS and church as usual. Had large class, fourteen. Margaret Miller and Macie here to dinner. Went to SS at 2 o'clock to help the girls with new lesson books, only two came. When leaving, saw the streets, in every direction, filled with autos and people. A Ku Klux Klan parade had started in east end of the city, laying of the corner stone of the new Lutheran Church. It ended at the city building where about 240 were cited to appear for trial, later. A fiery cross was burned on the steps of Henry Massie school building. Mary went after M and Miss C.

Monday October 29, 1923

Beautiful day, mild and pleasant. Wrote to Will, after receiving his letter concerning sale of Kirkwood lot. Also wrote to Frank Ricker. Went to Bank in forenoon. At 3:30 went to funeral of Mrs. Dr. Titus at her late home. Not many present. Rev. William Bright, new pastor of Bigelow church officiated. Had card from Helen Moon telling of her fine visit to Washington D.C. with Mrs. Day and party of a dozen guests. Macie and I went to Mrs. Young's after supper. Mrs. Coe here to see me. Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Betts made brief call, in the car, as Mrs. Betts cannot get in and out of car very easily.

Tuesday October 30, 1923

Mild and cloudy in the morning, began to rain later. Scioto Co. Soldier Relief met here at 8:30 AM. Finished with committee, then attended funeral of Mrs. Mary Veach Lodwick at home of Mrs. Daggy on 2nd St at 11 AM. After lunch went to funeral of Mary J. Davis at the Coburn home on Washington St, and from there to Evangelical church to the funeral of Mrs. Phillip Zoelner, all three being old time friends. Have been to four funerals within twenty four hours. Finished the county work and took report to Court House, received pay for four meetings, \$24.00. E & M went to Clover Club at R Marting's. Margaret went to Rep. Club meeting at the Library, Miss C. being president of the Club.

Wednesday October 31, 1923

A rather dismal day, light rain part of the time. Had John working at both houses today. Went to Mrs. Young's in afternoon to the Missionary meeting. She seemed very frail, and yet she made doughnuts, hereof which she served with coffee to a dozen ladies, though the serving was done by Mary Little and Mrs. Pennywitt. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

November 1923

Thursday November 1, 1923

Bright again and colder, frost killed dahlias and many other plants. I gathered the last of the lima beans, the vines being killed. Had a very busy day. John was here, working both in and out of doors. Went to Mrs. Fowler's to the W.C.T.U. meeting. County SS Convention in session at First Evangelical church but I did not get to attend today.

Friday November 2, 1923

Beautiful day, but frost took flowers and vegetables last night. Temperature warmer late in the day. Sewed most of the day on mending. Letter from Will. Mary took M & Miss C to the country. I went to Dr. H then to see Mrs. Young. Also to call on Mrs. Zoellner's daughter just before supper. Wrote to Zebel Bros for calendars. Macie and I attended the Scioto County SS Convention at 1st Evangelical church. Big fire in Turkey Block but we did not see, nor hear of it tonight.

Saturday November 3, 1923

Mild and pleasant. Rained later. Telegram of congratulations from Will upon my sixty third wedding anniversary, the only celebration, except a rose bud from Macie and three beautiful large flowers from Miss Hermes, when she heard of the day. It began to rain in the evening. Wrote to John M and Bessie Titus. Macie and I used Margaret's tickets and heard the ladies' Rainbow Orchestra, which was very good. Fred and Bertha, Dr. Boer brought us home in their car, also Mr. Gleiser, it was pouring rain and we were very grateful.

Sunday November 4, 1923

Rainy day. Attended the usual services. Macie here to dinner, as usual and after that Mary went out after Margaret and Miss Cramer. I had two SS pupils for an hour or two keeping them with their lessons. Dorothy Taulbee and Cora Kitchen.

Monday November 5, 1923

Cloudy, not much rain. No sunshine. Busy all forenoon, mending in afternoon. Wrote checks for gas, water, electricity, and telephone. Paid water rent and then went to see Mrs. Inez Spry at Mrs. Helphenstine's home. Had letters from both Will and Carl, also Dr. Joseph Clark.

Tuesday November 6, 1923

Very rainy day. Home in the forenoon, went to Aid Society meeting at Mrs. Sam Johnson's. Mary took me there, Elizabeth out on the hill, being excused from the Polls, by the numbers of Election board long enough to make the trip. Heavy vote but they were ready to send in their report early and Mary was home by 8 o'clock. Had letters from Burton Greene, Elizabeth J. Stewart, and a fine cook book with letter from Julia J. Johnson, which I acknowledged at once, sending to her new home at Craggyburn, WV.

Wednesday November 7, 1923

Cloudy and unpleasant. Had a busy forenoon at home. Went to Carey's Run in afternoon with Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Webb to attend a missionary meeting at Mrs. Cunningham's home, at the request of Mrs. Williamson. Prayer meeting in the evening and was unusually tired, so went to bed at once when I came home. Republican majorities in nearly every official elected. Miss Cramer reelected, led the ticket for crucial vote over 5000.

Thursday November 8, 1923

Cold enough to snow, and cloudy. Went to Dr. H with a lame knee, at 10 AM. After lunch, met Eva Haisley at Mr. White's to see about clock for SS room. Went to see Mrs. Young, found Ada Brant and little Betty Ann there. Elizabeth went to Cin. on N & W to have her glasses changed. Had letters from Mrs. Dennis and Jus. M. This is John's Birthday. Born 1858. Margaret went out to take Jerry a silver fork intended for his birthday later on. Wrote to Helen. Had John take my oak chest filled with fathers diaries up to my room.

Friday November 9, 1923

Bright and clear. Quite cold. Busy at home most of the day. Mr. Blevings brought home three chairs which he had repaired, and took away two others, the large cushioned one and the cane seated desk chair which was fathers in his library. Put ads in the papers and have had half a dozen or more applicants and will call tomorrow. Went to see Blanche Smith at Dr. Fitch's new hospital with John. Also called to see Mr. and Mrs. Prescott. Margaret did not go to the country.

Saturday November 10, 1923

Fair and pleasant, though quite cool, in the morning. Have had several calls from people wanting to rent the apartments. Only one, however, engaged and moved with the 548 6th house with Macie, who went home to sleep, after being here two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seacrest moved their truck, but no furnishings and will occupy the rooms, with Macie. Wrote to John Moore, for his birthday, two days late. Elizabeth returned from Cin. on the 11:30 PM N & W train.

Sunday November 11, 1923

Fair but quite cold. SS and church as usual. Armistice Day was quite generally observed, all over the country in the churches, and in the afternoon the high school was well filled, for the program put on by the American Legion at which Major S.D. Ruggles presided and Mr. Gleiser made the prayer. Macie and I went.

Monday November 12, 1923

Cooler, bright and clear. Busy at home, all forenoon. Swept my room and took all fathers diaries out of the chest and sorted them into consecutive years, in tens. There are many interesting things in the chest, besides the diaries. Mrs. Smearengin painted the front hall this forenoon, \$3.50 for his work. Improving it very much, the new rugs for the hall can now be put down. Went to see Miss Celia Betts, who is in bed, suffering with her back. Mrs. Manning is away, went to see Dorothy at Lynchburg, VA.

Tuesday November 13, 1923

Pleasant, not cold. Mary put up fresh curtains and replaced the furniture in the hall. The new gray rugs for the hall are a great improvement.

Wednesday November 14, 1923

Very pleasant day which I improved by making my church calls, made two, one on my list left town two years ago. Went to prayer meeting as usual, Miss Yeager going with Macie and me. Worked in the yard all forenoon, pulling down the dead vines, and sweeping leaves from the sidewalk.

Thursday November 15, 1923

Quite a pleasant day. Worked in yard in forenoon. Priscilla Club met here in the afternoon. Girls had Mrs. Lizzie Schwartz help prepare the lunch. Margaret and Mary concluded the terms, and purchase of a closed car, Ford Sedan, which they have been wanting. Have been waiting around all day to talk with applicants for the 519 Court St apartment. Mrs. Emma Newman scrubbed the large carpet at 548 6th St. Paid her \$5.00. Paid Elmer Blevings \$4.50 for repairing chairs, one being cave seated, father's old desk chairs.

Friday November 16, 1923

New Ford Sedan brought home. Just a bit of sunshine in the morning, with clouds and light rain the rest of the day. Mary drove Henry the 2nd out to Faraway, for the last time, taking Margaret, Miss Cramer, and Elizabeth. Upon their return Mary left the old car, and drove home in the new Ford Sedan, then after supper the girls drove out on the hill. Macie came over for the evening. Mrs. Newman came and got her pay for scrubbing the dining room carpet, \$2 at 548 6th St. Ray and Marguerite and Alice Dever were here. Letter from Will, returning one from Frank Ricker. Took Will's \$25 check. Wrote to David Tappan and sent calendar.

Saturday November 17, 1923

Colder and clear. Home and busy, mending sheets and other things. Had my first ride in the new car, Mary took Macie, Elizabeth, Jerry and me for a ride. Jerry spent the day with us while his father and mother went to Columbus. Wrote to F.H.R. and sent him his note given me Nov. 1, 1909.

Sunday November 18, 1923

Very beautiful day, spent in the usual way. Sunday school and church in morning. Macie here to dinner, as usual. Home all afternoon. Church in the evening. Girls went after sister and Miss C with the new machine, for the first time.

Monday November 19, 1923

Fine day. Busy at home all forenoon. Went to W.R.C. meeting in afternoon, and spent the evening at Mrs. Lydia Rowe's working on W.R.C. accounts. Made call on Helen R. Cooper, who is in bed twenty hours each day. Mary and Elizabeth helped Mrs. E. Young celebrate her 55th wedding anniversary, with supper at Mary Louise dining room. Margaret and I accepted Marge's invitation for supper with them. Wrote to Will.

Tuesday November 20, 1923

Beautiful day, not very cold. Letters from Carl and J.M. Answered the first one. Also had letter from Jean Fuller saying her mother walked down stairs to dinner and back afterwards on her 75th wedding anniversary October 19th, remarkable at her age when she fell and broke her hip.

Went to Central Pres Church in afternoon to hear Rev. McGarrah address Pres women on their part in church work. The fire was forgotten, church cold and I should have come home but did not. Went to Dr. Hanna at 10 AM and Mrs. Friend at 10:30.

Wednesday November 21, 1923

Not very cold and I have been out, but feel I am taking cold. Went to bank, then to Herms to get a rose to take to Maria Keer. Found her too ill and unconscious to notice, so gave it to Ida Row. Stopped to see Mrs. Yong a few minutes. Went around to the church to see the basement work. Went to prayer meeting as usual with Macie and Miss Yeager.

Thursday November 22, 1923

Fine day, but I am not feeling well, am in for another cold.

Friday November 23, 1923

Dark, rainy day. Have a miserable cold but worked all day on a blanket for Mary, sewed two sides together, cut it, and then blanket stitched the ends. Went to bed early. Missed Mrs. Frank Moulton's reception, much to my regret. Elizabeth and Mary went.

Saturday November 24, 1923

In bed all day with bad cold. Had letters from Will and Frank in evening, also one from J.M. which I answered in bed. Maria Keer died today.

Sunday November 25, 1923

Damp, unpleasant day. I did not get up until nearly noon, and was not out of the house today. Secured Charlotte Marsh to take my SS class. Macie here to dinner, as usual.

Monday November 26, 1923

Rainy, dark, and gloomy all day. Got up late, coughing and unable to go out, or do much. Wrote to Will, answering his of Sat, also to Frank about the new note, and to Helen Moore. Letter from Essie. Was greatly shocked to hear, this evening, that Mr. Sam Johnson was found dead in bed this AM, having died so quietly that Mrs. Johnson did not know of it until after seven AM when he did not get up as usual. He has been a good friend to us and was our legal advisor for many years. Could not attend Maria Keer's funeral at Old Ladies Home today.

Tuesday November 27, 1923

Beautiful day. Am better. Went to Dr. Hanna at 10 AM for treatment. Went to Mrs. Charles Thompson's in afternoon and W.M. society, about a dozen present. Good meeting. Called Mr. Prescott to invite him and Mrs. P. to take dinner with us Thanksgiving, they, Mrs. Young and Grace are able to be with us. Mr. Prescott told me he had received a telegram from Russell J. saying Mrs. Lydia Johnson had died and will be buried here in Green Lawn Friday.

Wednesday November 28, 1923

Sam M. Johnson buried today. Better but not able to be out. Did some sewing and wrote some letters and cards. Sent cards to Mary M. Hunt and Otis. To Mrs. Fuller, letter and card, to J.H. and Mary B. R. the same. Was sorry not to attend Mr. J's funeral, Mary represented the family. Letter from Carl. Missed prayer meeting again. Misses Combs and Frinney here to make Scioto Co. Sol. Relief allowance. I took report to C House at noon and went on to P.O.

Thursday November 29, 1923

Gloomy weather. Able to be up, but not out so did not go to church. Had as dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Young and Grace, Macie, as usual. Union services held in our church with Rev. Mr. Bright as speaker. John Belzer here to help with the work. No mail delivered today. Ray Marguerite and Jerry here in the evening. Girls went out later to call on Mr. Gleiser's sister's brother in law Mr. and Mrs. H. Dr. Hanna came at 11 AM and gave me a treatment for cold.

Friday November 30, 1923

Lydia Johnson buried here today. Gloomy day, looks like snow. Up, but in the home all day. Busy with pen and pencil on reports. Sent \$66.00 to Bank for W. M. Society. Wrote to Frank Ricker acknowledging receipt of new note for \$900.00. Also to Carl, answered letter received from J.M. today. E & M went to M. Miller's for supper with a dozen others. M & I had ours at home alone.

December 1923

Saturday December 1, 1923

Just a little sunshine in afternoon, rest of the day cloudy, but not cold. Home all day, not feeling much better. Went to other house a few minutes to see someone who phoned about renting 519 Court, but no one came. Girls went out for the afternoon, and again in the evening.

Sunday December 2, 1923

Fair and not very cold. Having secured Bertha March as my substitute in SS, I remained in bed until nearly noon, then dressed and went to the table to help finish the fine Thanksgiving turkey. Am not making much progress towards recovery. Mr. Schwartz called late in afternoon on SS business.

Monday December 3, 1923

Fair day. In bed still and finally decided to call Dr. Moore, was downstairs when he came, but went to bed when he left. Have been dressed and had to answer calls at door and phone, until I decided to stay in bed. E.S.P's birthday.

Tuesday December 4, 1923

Rainy, and I in bed all day. Coughing very hard. Missed the Aid meeting at Mrs. Thomas', but Mary made my report about the clock for the SS room and Society authorized Can. to order the one from Mr. F.D. White, which Eva Haislip and I selected a month ago.

Wednesday December 5, 1923

Rainy and dismal. In bed, coughing hard. Called doctor again who changed medicine, or rather added two new prescriptions. Mary went to Mrs. Coe's at one o'clock luncheon given for Mrs. Gleiser and her sister in law Mrs. Hateshee (?). Elizabeth at home all afternoon, reading. Missed another prayer meeting. Fine letter from Margaret Hunt.

Thursday December 6, 1923

Most dreary day in bed, steady rain. Not very cold. Receipt from Mrs. Patterson, Treas. Wrote her a note asking for a correction. Letter from Carl. Girls went to Priscilla Club at Mabel Ruggles', in hard rain, but the new closed Ford Sedan kept them dry. Margaret

came directly from school to look after me, and do her school work. Girls went to Louise Sprague's after supper. Macie in and out several times. Blanche Smith sent check for Macie. Wrote checks for rugs and paint in hall, gas, phone, lights, \$37.51.

Friday December 7, 1923

Beautiful sunshine again this morning. Am better, and Dr. will not call again, unless sent for. Wrote note to J.M. but did not finish it. Letter from Will, with check. Wrote check for house \$5.00, and one for Community chest \$7.00. Mr. and Mr. William H. Schwartz sent me some beautiful yellow chrysanthemums, a new variety. Sent note of thanks. (Error-Flowers came on Saturday.) Sat up and sewed on Mary's dress. Mrs. Thomas and Sallie Knowles called this afternoon. Mrs. Gleiser here this morning.

Saturday December 8, 1923

Cloudy, but no rain today. Better but not downstairs. Finished the work I was doing for Mary, on her brown dress. Also made some driving reins for Jerry's Birthday. Finished note to John M. Letters from Helen and Essie. Beautiful flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz.

Sunday December 9, 1923

Rainy, but not cold, really do not need fire for comfort. Missed all services again today. Down to dinner, and a part of the afternoon. No one but Macie here to dinner.

Monday December 10, 1923

Changeable, but very little sunshine. Up but called the Dr. again as cough continues.

Tuesday December 11, 1923

Some sunshine, not very cold. Had to give up going to Jerry Durendick's birthday dinner this evening. Two years old today. Made him some driving reins such as my little boys liked when young. Am still coughing very hard, not doing much else. Girls went from Marge's to the Clover Club at Mrs. Ranson's next door to the Durendick's. Letter from Dorothy Manning.

Wednesday December 12, 1923

Nor very cold in morning, but rain not far off. Cloudy and dark early. Down in time for dinner. Had several applications for the Court St. apartment, and finally rented it to Mrs. Moffett for \$50 in consideration of the fact that her husband expects to remain here for a year, probably working on the new Hotel, which is now being started on SE corner Chillicothe and 2nd St. Marge and Jerry here this afternoon. Margaret M. here to supper, then went to prayer meeting. Kodak picture X-mas card from D.S.T. and family. Dr. here in morning.

Thursday December 13, 1923

Not cold in morning, but rain turned to snow in the afternoon. Better today. John here cleaning. Finished up my magazine list for the Pres. Mag. And sent list of forty subscribers, with \$30.00 to Mr. Horace P. Camden, Philadelphia, PA. Have had several applicants for 519 Court St but Mrs. Moffett decided to take it, while two others were waiting. Arthur was here and changed my cough medicine again.

Friday December 14, 1923

Another wet day and I am somewhat better but still cough. Mary took checks to bank for me, as I do not know when I can go myself. I called Dr. Hanna who came at noon and gave me treatment for bronchitis. Mrs. Moffett sent me word that they would not take the home as they are not going to stay in Portsmouth.

Saturday December 15, 1923

High 61, low 18. Still a little snow, clear but not so very cold. Bright. Up late, busy finishing up little things, with needle and pen. Prepared W.R.C. books for meeting next Monday. Mrs. H.E. Reed called to see me about meeting. Dr. Hanna came at noon and gave me a treatment. Wrote to M.Y. Moon and sent her Calendar. Wrote to Carl and Essie together. Girls busy with their Christmas shopping and work. Macie here for the night. She has nine new sheets which Margaret bought and I marked. Advertised 519 Court St again.

Sunday December 16, 1923

Beautiful day. Missed SS and church again, but was able to be downstairs all day. Mrs. Bertha Marsh had my class. Macie here to dinner and stayed all night. Dr. Hanna came at noon.

Monday December 17, 1923

Another beautiful day, am better but not able to be out yet. Mary went and paid the taxes for me, \$111.50 for both houses. Rate reduced, is now \$2.20, instead of \$2.45. Missed the WRC meeting but sent my report. After the meeting Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Trenthart came to bring my books, and also a plant, primrose, from the Cooks. Have been busy all day. Wrote to Essie and Helen Moore. Letter from Will, card and note from Mrs. Dennis. Dr. Hanna here at noon. Embroidered initials on handkerchief for Helen and E.S.P.

Tuesday December 18, 1923

Beautiful day, not very cold. Have been busy with X-mas packages and letters all day. Sent package to E.F. Peebles with napkins from Macie, handkerchiefs, and bath towel from myself and a few other things. Sent letter and calendar to the Creighs. Dr. H. here, paid \$5.00. Wrote to E.F.P. and Will. Received telegram from J.H. Ricker saying Aunt Helen died last night, funeral Wednesday. Wrote letters and M sent eight letters this evening.

Wednesday December 19, 1923

Not cold, but I am still in the house. Did some mending, made letters on handkerchiefs for Bessie T., Margaret Hunt, bath towel for Marguerite D. and wrote X-mas cards for my SS class- nineteen. Also put up calendar for Ella V. Ricker from Bessie T., Mrs. Curtis, Ella Ricker. Mrs. Waller here. Ada Louis here after supper. Mary better than yesterday and all three were busy shopping. Missed prayer meeting again.

Thursday December 20, 1923

Began raining at 9 AM. Dr. Hanna came at 11 AM. Am better, but not out yet. Been busy with packages, cards, letters, etc. all day. Embroidered letters on handkerchief for Will yesterday, and bath towels for Mrs. Manning today. Received cards today from Will and Bees Ricker, Nellie Glidden, Mary S. Moon, Mrs. Menerra Wells, Mrs. M. B. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Bond.

Sent cards and calendars to Mrs. Sarah Fuller, Mrs. Phoebe Curtis. Wrote Bess Gaman, and R. B. Tewksbury. Cards to Helen Moore, R.C. Ricker, to notify him of the arrival of box of fruit. Also to Mrs. M.B. Wells, Mrs. M. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Bush, and Neil Glidden. Calendars to Della Lowman, Blanche Smith, Jus Carpenter, Mrs. Lucy Carter, E.B. Greene, Mrs. Cadot, Mrs. Furmaster, E.G. Stewart. Mary and Margaret Miller making candy this evening.

Friday December 21, 1923

Mrs. Moffett came and rented 519 Court St again today. Another rainy, dark day and I could not go out so spent the day lettering some handkerchiefs, for Mrs. Young, Dorothy M., and Josephine Banta, writing cards and letters, sending Seattergood Calendars, tying up packages, and have received many cards and a few packages, not able to be opened until X-mas. Elizabeth had her X-mas tree at Henry Massie K-8 with twenty six happy children. School closed until after the holidays and the girls are busy with X-mas cards and packages.

Saturday December 22, 1923

So mild, no fire is needed in my room. Got up hoping to go to the bank, as there was a gleam of sunshine, but it soon disappeared and rain fell all day. Dr. Hanna came at noon and said he would not return until Monday. Received letter from Will, and 13 Christmas cards in the noon mail. Sent 11 cards and one letter out by noon. Mrs. Moffett, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Bressler were all here at the same time to see about the Court St apartment, but as Mrs. Moffett had asked if I would wait until she went to see her husband, at the office, I waited. She came back and said they would take it, so moved in.

Sunday December 23, 1923

Had hoped to be able to go out today, but was not so spent the day at home. In the afternoon all three of the girls drove out to see Jerry Durendick and later to see Miss Cecilia Betts at Mrs. Manning's. Dorothy being home from Randolph-Macon, Virginia College. They did not come home until dark and in the meantime Will had arrived on the C&O train about the middle of the afternoon, looking well. Had missed connection at Washington or would have been here this morning. He and Mary went to church.

Monday December 24, 1923

Still shut in but able to keep busy with some finishing of preparations for Christmas. I received thirty-four cards and two letters in the mail. Quite an accumulation of packages to be kept until tomorrow, before opening. The girls stayed up until midnight or later putting up the Christmas tree which was gayly decorated, electric bulbs being added to the usual ornaments. The gifts were sorted in piles, for different members of the family, to be opened tomorrow.

After supper the girls went out to distribute gifts to a number of friends, and while they were gone, friends came here with gifts and greetings. I phoned an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Eccles to dine with us tomorrow which they accepted promptly and the girls were surprised when they returned, not having known, when they left that anyone had been asked.

Tuesday December 25, 1923

A dismal rainy forenoon, but a little sunshine in afternoon. Girls up late last night, slept late this morning and after each one had finished breakfast, we gathered in the library and opened our packages, each one having many beautiful and useful gifts, all beautifully done up in Christmas wrappings, quite a wonderful display. The post man added a lot more cards, to the many we already had. The postman had orders to stop delivering at noon whether they had finished or not, but our man Mr. Bennett came, we being the last family on his route. We had a fine turkey dinner, with John B. to help with the work all day, which made it easier for the girls.

As guests we had Mr. and Mrs. Eccles, who left for Columbus at 3:30 PM train. We have long wanted to entertain them. Our family, the three girls, Will, Macie and I completed the number and we had a happy day wishing we might have Carl and Essie with us. Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Eccles dined with us and had a little visit and left on the 3:40 train for Columbus, as they had planned to do. We have long wanted them as guests.

Wednesday December 26, 1923

A busy day with callers coming in, visiting with Will and looking over the gifts and many cards which came from near and far. From New Hampshire to Florida, California, Colorado, and points between, a most interesting collection. John Belzer spent the afternoon here cleaning and will not come tomorrow, as we do not need him. Mary and

Margaret represented the family at prayer meeting.

Thursday December 27, 1923

Rained all day, dark, and unsuited for sewing, or going out. Will and I are staying in closely, though he takes some exercise occasionally, rain or shine.

Friday December 28, 1923

Fair day and as Will wanted to see a man in Ashland, Ky, Mary drove, taking him and Elizabeth. At Ironton, he met the man so they returned, just after lunch, sooner than they had planned. Margaret and I had lunch alone. Will enjoys reading, playing chess with his pocket board and Murphy's book of problems and cracking nuts every little while.

Saturday December 29, 1923

Mild and pleasant, little fire needed. Misses Combs and Finney came at 9 o'clock AM and we made the usual report for the Scioto Co. Soldier's Relief Commission, \$48 being the amount required. List of applicants growing fewer each year, only eight windows on the list today. Robert C. Whittaker and Helen Haldeman were married at All Saints church this evening in a grand display of fashion. Elizabeth and Mary attended to represent the family as invited.

Sunday December 30, 1923

Pleasant in forenoon, so I decided to go to church in the morning, the first time since November 18th, Margaret, Will, and Elizabeth being with me. Mary came home from SS and prepared a good dinner which Macie shared with us. Will walked out to Dr. A. R. Moore's in afternoon, girls went to see Mrs. Cadot. Rained again in evening so Will and Mary went alone to church. Ray, Marguerite, and Jerry here before supper.

Monday December 31, 1923

Extremes in local temperatures today: High 66, Low 20. Hard rains last night, lay awake until after three AM. All late arising, Will and the girls talked last night of driving to Chillicothe this forenoon, where he would take the trolley for Columbus and Cleveland but the hard rains last night and continued rains this AM changed his plans so he went on C&O at 11 AM. Had made an unusually long visit which we all enjoyed. Has now returned to New York and his business, the Guarantee Construction CO. We had many things to talk over, regarding the two houses, family affairs, etc. But made no definite plans for the future, except to make some changes in the brick garage building, in order to have a direct entrance in front instead of in the back alley, as it is now.

I mailed order for four copies of Woman's Work, Missionary Magazine for Mrs. Young, Evans, Astholy, and myself. Five cards today make over 80 received for this X-mas, thus far.