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Loose Item

January 1, 1943. At work bright and early although I did not feel too well in spite of my Spartan dinner last evening. Tonight M- and I had cocktails and dinner with Gerry Brophy - cocktails at his spacious and pleasant apartment and dinner at L'Escargots. Have a nice letter from Jack Budinger, praising the work which is being done by Lee Morey and Charlie Lowen. Gerry says that McTiernan is working as an orderly in an army hospital.

Jan. 2 Had the Snodgrasses and Fishers to dinner at the Parrot and returned to the apartment for contract rummy. Russ has just returned from a fishing trip. He surprised me by denouncing Root, Clark, especially Ballantine and La Follette. Morse has just lost her father.

Jan. 3 A gloomy day. We slept late and breakfasted in bed. Took a long walk. Russ brought M- two ducks - redheads I believe he called them - to take home with her. She left on the Congressional and I returned to write letters and read Jessup's life of Root. It is such a valuable and informative book that it should have wider circulation.

January 4 Arrived at home tonight to find M- with a very bad cold. D. J. Henley is dead at 81. He must be the very last of the men who were friends of Poppy in his prime. We have $22,000 in cash in banks.

Jan 5 To the office early this morning. Parke looks pale and tired but Whiteside seems to be very well. At the commercial this morning where I saw Foster, Walter, Miller, Jack Budinger, John Martin, Howard etc. Worked on the partnership papers this afternoon. Then to M.T. Co where I saw Van Elm, Lober, Stauffer, Westrick, Fiske, Kavanagh, Maloney, Sage, Berry etc. Van Elm is quite alarmed at the acts of the government cost inspectors. Woodson had dinner with us, and the Morays came in later. Woodson is very handsome in his captains uniform.

Jan 6 Up early to catch the 8.30 and was in my office at 1 P.M. unfortunately I forgot and left my pass in N.Y. so that I shall have to check in and out as a visitor for the rest of the week. Met Ken Rush as I came in. He is here negotiating a contract for union carbon & carbide. ~~Houston~~ Ken seems to have gotten along well there.

January 7, 1943 Dick Kyle and Bill Stewart came to dinner tonight. Dick says that the comptroller General has gladly consented to our amending our cost contracts so as to convert them into fixed price contracts. His office has completely broken down in auditing the contracts. In fact he has on hand more than 125 tons of undigested papers. Dick confirms that Rice Brewster has left his job at Supplies and Accounts. He says that Rice got a raw deal in that his promised free hand never materialized. Woodson spent the night with me.

Jan. 8 Reading reads Fisher's "Children of God", a fictionized story of the Mormons. The author has done a good job in making the history readable. Just as I have always suspected polygamy seems to have its drawbacks. One of our young officers tells me that there is a sign in the guardroom to the effect that the Marine sentrys have been instructed ~~to~~ not to fire on naval officers on inspection tours of the roofs. Mommy writes, in answer to a letter, that the name "Lewis Thomas" goes back to the 18th century in the Wingo Family. That is uncle Tom's name and she had an uncle of that name.

Jan. 9 Hazel Flagler came down today to discuss the possibility of her coming to help us at the office. I think that she really wants to go west, and, in any event, she is probably not going to be able to get an apartment in Washington for herself and her dog. Spent so long with her that I could get no train earlier than the Executive at 5 P. M. Arrived at 9:45 at the White Turkey where M- had the Guests: the Leonard Moores, the Fooshees and the Dotys. Les seems to be much better. Malcolm is negotiating for a possible partnership with the Donovan Firm.

Jan 10. Slept late. Telephoned Sydney Stevens who expects to be called for duty about Feb 1. Bettie has taken to her bed. About 1:30 we went to see the Dotys at their new apartment in the Adams at 2 E 8th. They have a fine view of the reservoir in the Park and a terrace for the dogs. Thence to see the Wells. Dean is in the office handling allotments to dependents of soldiers. He reports terrible confusion in the office. He got only one months pay when he left the Bank and is very annoyed about it. Back at the 6:30

January 11, 1943 Attended George Mills' party at the Shoreham tonight for his new congressman, Mr. Twohy, a political ally, Mr. Richardson, Syd Mathews and a young Leonia man, Lieutenant Searles. We ate and drank very well and had some good conversation. George handles a group with considerable finesse.

January 12 Through our cousin Alice Hopper Jasper has struck bed rock on the Peals. Dora Cunningham, another cousin has the old Peal Bible. There were two Stephen Peals, my great-grandfather and his Father. (not one as I had thought) The elder Stephen was born July 11, 1779, the son of Edward and Sarah Peal. He married Polly Hallowell, daughter of Levi and Zilphia Hallowell who was born on April 12, 1783. These facts, cousin Alice says, were copied down from the old Peal Bible where they are recorded in the elder Stephen's hand. The wedding where the elder Stephen attended in Martin county was that of a Hallowell, probably Polly's brother. One thing that confuses me is that Edward Peal is not one of the Peals listed as living in N.C. or Virginia in the census of 1790. Probably dead by then.

Jan. 13 Dined with E. Mills and Frank Forrestall at the Carat last night. Worked today with Mr. Semmes of Baltimore. He is a genial fellow who seems to know everyone worth knowing. Reading Turnbull's "The Day Must Dawn". Not quite up to the standard of Roberts or Forester as a historical novelist.

Jan. 14 Pat talked to me at length today about the reorganization. He is making me the head of the miscellaneous group, the other members of which are Koehler, Bent, Price, Horn, Mc Donnell, Adams, Metten and one or two others. Lee Morey was in today with Woodal of Sperry to work out one of the Sperry facilities contract. Lee, Woodall, Frank Drohan and I had dinner at Hall's tonight. After we put the older two on the train Frank came home with me and told me his side of the reorganization story. Frank has put him on a par with Hitchcock and Foshay. Foshay is very able but younger than Frank and until a short time ago was under Frank. Hitchcock is not only much younger but is not very mature. Pat has made a blunder by treating Frank and all his group as conquered people.

January 15, 1943 Jessup's biography of Root is an enthralling work. That Root with all his great ability and essential integrity could not command more public confidence must be explained by the difference between legal ethics and public ethics. We should spend more time exploiting our views to the public.

January 16 To N.Y. on the Congressional, which was on time for once. To see the Stevens. Sydney reports for active duty two weeks from tomorrow and Betty has taken to her bed. I feel sorry for her. Living alone, running an apartment and seeing after Michael and her mother are going to be heavy tasks.

January 17 Slept late. Called Malcolm about the proposed connection with the Donovan Firm. Lunched with the Dotys and then played three rubbers of bridge before train time. Woden cheered Margaret's winter hat up, I take a battle of perfumes. I have had so much trouble getting food on the train lately that I took my dinner tonight, two sandwiches from Loretta's home and two tangerines. Delicious!

Jan. 18 Have been trying to get a ~~commission~~ job for Drohan and believe that there is a good chance, through Clare Hughes' efforts, in getting him in as assistant general counsel of Goodyear. John Edel Adams, my old friend Johnny Adams' son, has been dangerously wounded in New Guinea. The rule against commissions for contract employees has now been abrogated but in the meantime I have developed cold feet. A new rule prohibits officers from leaving the Washington area, even on week-ends, except on special leave.

Jan 19 The new directive is out and everyone is congratulating me on what is really an empty honor. I am to review all facility contracts, Dows being bypassed. Pat is making a mistake by alienating him.

Jan. 20 Frank Cerny, a junior partner of Judge Burns, is a new addition to our group. He is a lieutenant, senior grade. Frank is one of the thin, very dark men one occasionally finds among the Irish. I think that he will make us an excellent man.

January 21, 1943 My apartment is so cold that I am always on the verge of a head cold. There is an acute shortage of fuel oil in Washington now - for that matter all over the East. Howe started volume 2 of Jessup's biography of Root. Howe also acquired some other books: Dillon's three volume set on Marshall; C. F. Adams' Autobiography; and Oliver's Hamilton. Although Root and Lodge were great friends everything I read about the latter confirms my belief that he was a hypocritical scoundrel.

January 22 I lunched at the Hay-Adams today with Howard Hyde, General counsel of Goodyear, to discuss with him Frank Draken's availability for assistant S.C. unfortunately Frank is in Miami on business. Howe bought $10,000 more of the U.S. bonds 1 3/4 s of '48. This brings my holdings of these to $13,000. M- and I have about $4000 savings bonds

January 23 Joseph Beale is dead. The Congressional was an hour late so I got to our dinner party at the White Turkey about 9 10. We gave the dinner for Sydney Stevens who reports to the Army on Feb 1. The Bowens and Fooshees were the only other guests.

Jan. 24 Charlie Loveman has been asked to take an appointment as counsel to the State Banking Department. He called me this morning to talk about it and I told him that I thought he would be foolish to leave private practice just as he is getting established. He had already come to the same conclusion. Ann Doty came to lunch. Read Oliver's Hamilton on the way back tonight. Had a comfortable trip.

Jan. 25 Have a sad letter from Sister. She was ill for weeks with asthma, thinks she ought to leave Louisiana, but doesn't know just what to do. Elodys writes that Mrs. Watson is ill again. High blood pressure and heart trouble. I am buying $3000 more tax anticipation bonds, bringing the lot up to $8400. Bought $300 for M—.

Jan. 26 Mary Emma has a baby which she calls Carol Sue. This makes Mommy a great-grandmother and me a great-uncle. I refuse to grow a beard, although that was the distinguishing characteristic of great uncles when I was a child. Have a letter from Jasper who is broke and out of work, as usual.

January 27, 1943 Ran into Sermoin from the Guaranty Trust company tonight at the Sugar Bowl. He is a lieutenant (J.G.) in the Navy. Mr. Forge come in tonight to spend a day or two at the apartment. If he had been a little more prominent he would have made a fine candidate, along with Nicholas Murray Butler, in Mencken's poll for the All American stuffed shirt.

Jan. 28. I must write to Mr. Howell that Elihu Root called Stannard Menken "a good-natured chucklehead." I am not certain that Mr. Howell would agree to the "good-natured"; I was also interested to see that both Root and T. R. - as well as Taft - disliked C. E. Hughes very much. Am working on the matter of the job for Harry Bruns again.

Jan 29 Met up with Russ Leavitt yesterday. He says that Malcolm McMaster has been seedy for some time - liver or gall bladder trouble. I must write to him. Talked to Russ Swadgross about Malcolm. He has a job in mind for him which may come in handy if the Leisure job fails to come to pass.

Jan 30 Had an amusing letter from Raymond Rodgers, expressing his opinion that there were too many moral offices of the Arrow caliber. Apropos of the great air of secrecy and importance of the recent conference between Churchill and Roosevelt at Casablanca, Raymond said that he was encouraged to note that Stalin and Chiang were too busy fighting during the ten days that shook the world to attend the conference. Also had letters from Dee and Irene Stone and from George Kavanagh. Dee has gone abroad, presumably to North Africa. They are expecting another baby soon. Margaret

Jan. 31 Weather too bad for exercise. After a lazy day M- left at 5. Wrote letters to Irene Stone, Raymond Rodgers, George Kavanaugh, Jasper, Ed Steele and Malcolm. I got a letter at the office yesterday and M- brought another last night that Malcolm has gone with the Donovan, Leisure Firm.

Feb 1 Gellner is here to get his outfit. He had dinner with me and we spent the evening with the Gregorys and the Webbs. Noble is on the Ways and Means Committee now. Says that a new tax bill is pending. Is glad that the Flynn nomination was withdrawn.

February 2, 1943 Jeffers, the Rubber administrator, has openly attacked the Army and Navy as obstructers of his program. Took Dorothy to dinner tonight and had 53¢ left after paying my bill at Pierres. I had forgotten when I asked her. She seems to be in a complete dither about her book.

Feb. 3 Dined tonight with Frank ~~Hyde~~ Drohan and Howard Hyde of Goodyear. Hyde is considering Drohan for appointment as assistant general counsel of Goodyear. Hyde graduated from Harvard in 1925, Drohan in 1926, so it turned out that they remembered each other and had many mutual friends.

Feb. 4 Had a letter from Carl Newton today answering the note of congratulations I had sent him on his appointment as President of the C. & O. R. R. He reminds me that commissioner Mahaffie of the I.C.C. is also an old Rhodes Scholar. Carl is attacking the Erie R. R. for selling an issue of bonds privately to Morgan Stanley without requiring public bidding. This may embarass Malcolm in his new job. Mr. Lee is at the apartment. Am reading U. S. Supreme ct advance sheets every night.

Feb. 5 Reading Winnie's "Farewell the Banner"; a biographical study of Coleridge, William Wordsworth and Dorothy Wordsworth. It is hardly up to its subject. The author discusses the poets as if they were gifted but abnormal children. Also reading Dodd's cases on constitutional law, a massive, up-to-the minute collection. I am eating my dinner these days at the Silver Bowl, a restaurant near my apartment which serves small but delicious meals.

Feb 6. The Congressional was late again tonight. After wasting time looking for a taxi, I went down by taxi and got to the White Turkey Inn, where M- had taken the Wibles, at 7 P.M. Bill seems to be in good spirits and to be taking to bank work more.

Feb. 8 To Rye to lunch with the Foosheés. Malcolm is still delighted with his new job but worries about the Erie bond matter. To the Moore for cocktails and saw the Parkes, the Dalys, the Millers and the Copes. Mr. Parke says that Bissell has been elected chairman of the Board of Mack Truck; Funke is dead. Mr. Parke seems to be feeling very well and Foster is in good spirits.

Feb 8, 1943 Had a bad night on the B.&O. last night. Frank Polk is dead, He will be quite a loss to that Firm. Had to fill out another questionnaire today about my previous experience and earnings - the third in two weeks. I take it that Congress is pestering Forrestall about his civilian employees.

Feb. 9 Winnar's book on Coleridge gets better as one gets into it, but it reminds one that only the genius can do the analysis type of biography. Samaliel Bradford's books are worth reading, but even they are not as valuable as the factual biographies such as Jessup's root. No one has yet found a substitute for the sturdy, five volume life-and-letters biographies.

Feb. 10 I see that an Indian tribe has given Mrs. Roosevelt the name "Ow Du Sees Wi", which means "the Princess of Many Trails". Kursk has fallen. The Germans seem to be losing their powers of resistance. Saw Marvin Laidlaw in the Department today. He is trying to get a V loan for one of Morris' companies. Also saw Mr. Whittlesey. He is design agent for one of our ships.

Feb 11 I am working now on a messy and dangerous matter. One of our shipbuilders, Inland Waterways, Inc. of Duluth has failed. Its laborers and materialmen have not been paid; and while the navy owes it a considerable sum, there are offsets for bad work which eat up all credits. The unions seem about to make a political issue of the matter which will be very uncomfortable for the officers who granted the contract. M— arrived late tonight.

Feb 12 Frank Drohan is very angry with Pat. Through a mistake in distribution all of us failed to get some questionnaires in to Forrestal on time. He rebuked Pat who in turn sent angry messages to Frank & Bert — not to me. Pat was not very fair either in not investigating or in couching his annoyance in insulting language. Miss Hallermeier is also annoyed with him and wants to resign.

Feb 13 Lunched today with Margaret and Clare's sister, Margaret Mackenzie at Allies Inn. Hoping failed to get the Gregorys for dinner M— and I spent a quiet evening reading. Margaret seems worried about her Mother who is very ill.

Feb 14, 1943 M- left on the congressional. It has been very cold all day. Wrote to William Talisferro et al tonight and read oliver's Hamilton; also Dodd's cases. I fear that oliver's book is too inaccurate and too general to be of any value. The statesmen of the day appear in his book as type figures with the qualities of meladrama heros and villians.

Feb 15 The German panzer forces are driving the Americans back in Tunisia. I hope that Dee Stone is safe. It is difficult to tell whether we are taking a serious defeat or merely losing lightly-held territory.

Feb. 16 When Gellner was here he told me that he had heard that cousin Earl had taken the bankrupt law and was about to lose his place. It seems that he was short when he left the sheriff's office probably through a failure to collect taxes due him - and that he could no longer keep the indebtedness floating. It makes me sad to think of him losing his farm. Reading Winnie's "Poor Splendid Wings", a better book than the one on Coleridge and Wordsworth.

Feb 17 Ralph Chase, whom I had not seen since he left Root Clark in 1933, turned up in the Bureau today as counsel for Alabama Drydock company. Ralph looks a lot older and also seems to have matured in ability and judgment. Found Tom Murrell today. He is in C M P. A memorandum of his came to my desk.

Feb 18 A letter from Irene Stone today tells me that he has had a pocket of mail from Dee and that he is having a great tour in North Africa. Also had a fine letter from Bill Taylor who says that he can see some of his plans beginning to work out. Jock Budinger and Charlie Lauren called me tonight. They are down working on a loan for T. M. A. to be guaranteed by the Army.

Feb 19 The Stones have a new baby boy, Dee Wayne Stone, Jr. Dee will no doubt be very proud of it and I hope that he gets back to see it soon. Am working on the Controlled Materials Plan, as confusing a bit of planning as ever bedeviled a lazy world. Forrestal is on Pat's neck because we are behind with our contracts.

February 20, 1943 Margaret arrived this afternoon bearing the news that Mrs. King is desperately ill and not expected to live. Walked up tonight with Jock Bruce who is very angry with Pat who fired him out of our office. Saw Tom Murrel for a minute this afternoon. He has been allocating controlled materials for three days and nights and looks as though he might collapse.

February 21 Took a long walk to the cathedral in sunshine almost like that of a summer day. After listening to the music in the cathedral we walked to the Shoreham where we had lunch. Then home by bus. We saw the Middletons from Greenwich at the Shoreham. They are trying unsuccessfully to sell their house.

February 22 Am almost up to page 500 in Dodds cases. The buds are bursting on the elm trees and many shrubs. Poor Splendid Wings is a serious study of Rossetti, Ruskin and their circle. I distrust its psychological analysis but it does contain a great deal of information. Their contemporaries seem to have been correct in thinking them a queer lot.

February 23, 1943 ~~Harry~~ Bruns, who left our office some three years ago to go to the F. B. I., was in the Bureau today. He is now one of the House counsel for R. C. A. They seem to have great confidence in him. Working with Messrs. Barton and Eilers of National Supply on their facilities contract. I worked with Eilers earlier last year on the loan from Manufacturers Trust company.

February 24 The congressmen are aroused because they have discovered that the handsome anti-aircraft guns around the capital are dummies. They seem to think that the dummies serve the same functions as decoy ducks. The elm trees are blooming. Took Russ Leavitt to dinner tonight. He says that the life of the W. Shipping Administrator because of the great struggle over the limited supply of ships.

Feb 25 Mrs. Kung is dead. She seemed so vital when I saw her last although I could see that she was aging. I am really carrying Ted Hess in his hardest work. He has a good mind, but is incurably lazy. With his ability he ought to be ashamed to flounder as he does on every hard contract. My row with the Personnel office, which wanted to file a new employment application, has been won.

February 26, 1943 Wrote a long letter to Bill Taylor. I would certainly like to have an evening with him. Lunched with Jock Kochler. He reminds me a little of Bob Shea in his old-bachelor ways and his carefully organized amusements.

Feb. 27 Margaret's train was two hours late today - which was just as well as the Gregorys were late for dinner so I could worry about both. After trying the Parrot and Pierre's we had a good dinner at the Salle du Bois. While talking to them I learned that Marion was a granddaughter of Major Hale who was a great friend of Grandpa Wingo. Noble tells me that Zellner's entry into active service has been postponed to April 1.

Feb 28 We slept late this morning and then went to Jock Kochler's place for lunch. He has a cottage on the place of Mrs. Wilson near the new Naval Hospital at Bethesda. His landlady, Mrs. Wilson, is a society lady with uplift interests. She is the chief owner of the Washington Department Store, Woodward & Lothrop and donated the land for the Naval Hospital. Jock has the sole for what could be fine flower gardens.

March 1 Dined at the Metropolitan Club tonight with Jim Clark and his friend Mr. Lowe who is with the British Admiralty group in our building T-4. Saw Hugh Cox with a group but didn't get to speak to him. Rumor is that he is to take Thurman Arnold's place. Also saw old Senator Walsh, fat and pontifical.

Mar. 2 Frank Graham has the Goodyear job, assistant counsel to Howard Hyde. I certainly hope that this works out well for both parties. Tom Booker is dead at 66. I remember when he married Maggie who was his deceased brother's widow. He must have been about twenty-six at that time.

Mar. 3 Gerry Brophy, George Spater and George's new assistant Bowersox had dinner at Pierres with me tonight and then returned to my apartment for a drink. George says that the office is very busy.

Mar. 4 Dined with Jim Clark at the Met. club, where we met up with Tom Fitzgibbon, Howard Cashmore, a Captain Sobel and Colonel Marbury, head of the Legal group of the Army Service of Supply. Jim likes Jeffers and the rubber work very much.

March 5, 1943 Working with Chas. Smith, a very attractive Floridian who is receiver of the defunct Pensacola Ship-building company. Tonight we gave a big party for Frank Drohan at which almost everyone had too much to drink. Jock Alexander, Bill Stewart, Ted Hess and I then adjourned to Harveys where we met Mr. Cole of American Brass with Bob Gormley. Mr. Cole bought us all a big dinner and Ted drank too much.

Mar. 6 Tom Murrell, whom I met in the hall today, showed me a request he had put in to go to sea. Frank Drohan left. Pat made a mistake in not giving Frank a title and position which would have induced him to stay. Terrible stories are going the rounds about Hanley who is said to have gotten drunk and come almost to blows with Captain Small. Probably exaggerated.

Mar. 7 Home at 10:30 last night. The Doty's came to lunch and we took them to Schrafft's. They are leaving for Florida Thursday. My income from the firm last year was 37,394.42, M- and I together had income of almost $41M. Talked to Malcolm who has had a bad sinus attack.

March 8 Terrell Wingo is dead. He had been ill for two or three years. I always thought that he was one of the healthiest looking men I ever saw. He and Tracy Vaught were much alike physically and now both are dead. Terrell was 63. I hear that Jack Price also distinguished himself at the Drohan party by drinking too much and abusing Hitchcock.

March 9 Ted Guntal has his commission as a j.g. He is a queer fellow with turned-down corners to his mouth which always make him look as though he were sullen and angry. Harry Melton spent the night with me. He says that Harry Jr. expects to be sent overseas soon.

March 10 Spent the day negotiating with the Joshua Hendy group, Charles Moore, Kahn and Captain Hendy. Moore is a very forceful fellow and as said to be, like his associate Kaiser, a great production man. Dined tonight with Russ Snodgrass who had a bad cold. Russ has some ideas for rehabilitating railroad credits which require some top relief from congress.

March 11, 1943 Took Betty Sleeeens to dinner at the Parrot. I think that she felt a little wicked anyway dining with someone else's husband and she got a kick out of Captain Almy slapping me on the back and saying: "Still negotiating, eh". She says that Sydney is supporting his training at Duke. Bettes Aunt lives in a wonderful museum on R St., near 16th.

March 12 Frank Curry and I dined tonight with the Bertallets. They have a nice apartment in South Arlington. She was educated in England and seems to be a very superior person. Have a nice long letter from Abe Fletcher. And Mommy sends me a long letter from Myrtle about Terrell's death.

March 13 The Congressional was on time for once tonight. To my surprise I found the Fooshees and the Johnsons having dinner at the apartment when I arrived. Al says that he is having greater difficulty than ever getting material to fill orders. Malcolm is very enthusiastic over his new job. Apparently Sunderland was very nasty when M- left.

March 14 J. P. Morgan is dead. By coincidence I had just begun to read the life of the elder J. P. by our old Greenwich neighbour, Mr. Satterlee; M. and I had a long walk, rendous tapping on Madison and Fifth Avenues. We had a late dinner with the Laurens at the La Fayette and we brought them back to the apartment. Charlie thinks that he may be drafted this summer.

March 15. When I came in this morning I found an indignant and hysterical note from Miss Weiss. Her quarrels with the other people in the office have been crowned by a silly anonymous note accusing her of having no sense of humor. She said that she wanted to transfer. To her amazement and before she could retreat I sent through a request for the transfer.

March 16 When I come by the park this morning my heart was lightened by seeing the magnolias and forsythia coming out. I have a letter from Zellner giving a rough statement of the operations of the farm since 1938. Dillon Tuney is leaving the office of counsel to work in the Radio Section. He had engineering training before legal.

March 17, 1943 Lunched today with Bill Hanley. He and Jack Kuehler are leaving next week for duty at a foreign advanced base, North Africa, I assume. Frank Sage has written to ask my assistance in finding him a commission. He expects to be drafted about June.

March 18 Ed Crabbe and I are going to Pensacola Saturday. Witnessed Bill Hanley's will today. The proposed sale of the Howarth plant seems about to fall through. Forrestal is so intimidated by Congress that he sometimes forgets the paramount needs of production.

March 19 Having finished the life of Lord Lyndhurst, I am now deep in Satterlee's life of Morgan. It is a peculiar, sometimes a novel book, but essentially a good one. I was surprised to find that his health was so uncertain, his love of pomp and pleasure so great. Like Bacon he believed that riches were for magnificence. He was a victorian in his religion and family life but very modern in his love of gadgets and novelties.

Mon. 20 M- here at 6 30. She reports that Charlie is panicky over the draft; and she wants to quit her job. Alas, Alas!

March 21 Rising at a reasonable hour we took a long walk this morning. Met Russ by the Treasury Building on his way to a conference. I met Crobbe on the train at 1:30, leaving M- to catch the 2 o'clock train to N. Y. It began to snow as we pulled out and continued all day. Reading Brandeis' "Other Peoples Money" which I began many years ago and never finished.

Mar. 22 Long lazy ride through Georgia and Alabama. The rivers are flooded. Were met at Pensacola by Charles Smith, Lt. Commander, Goldstein, Assistant Supships at Pensacola, Lt. Ring of Chickasaw and Vernon Jones of the First National Bank of Atlanta. Dinner at the San Carlos Hotel. After dinner we were joined by Mr. Hogler the mayor.

Mar. 23 Worked on the balance sheet and tax problems of the Shipyard all the morning. Lunched at the officers club at the Air Station. Smiths attorney, Philip Beall, Lt. Governor of Florida joined us this afternoon on our legal problems. Inspected the boats. Dinner tonight at Smith's lovely home. The azaleas are very colorful. We are sorry to have to leave so soon.

March 24, 1943 Jones, Crabbe and I left Pensacola last night after the pleasant party at Smith's home. Jones train was waiting for him when we got to Flomaton, about 11 P.M. but Ed and I had to wait until 4:15 for berths. The town is tiny and uninteresting and we had a miserable night. I slept until noon today. Finished the Brandeis book. It is so unfair that I don't wonder that so many prominent lawyers opposed him for the Supreme court. Passed a filling station in Georgia run by a Mr. Wingo.

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March 27 Spent my 45th birthday working at the office until 6:30 P.M. although Margaret had Harry and Anne for dinner and I had expected to catch the congressional at 4 P.M. The guests were still there when I arrived about 11:20. I was held at the office to get a telegram cleared in the Inland Waterways case. The Mayor, Senator Ball, congressman Pittinger et al are trying to force us to leave a small boat contract in entirely incompetent hands in Duluth instead of moving it to a competent builder in another State.

March 28 M- in bed with a bad cold. Pauline is worried about Jeeves. He has been very sick and Pauline thinks his new owner neglects him. Jerome Eisner is dead. I sent a note to young Jerome. Read almost 200 pages of Marshall's life on my return trip. The train was 1½ hours late.

March 29 Tom Davis expects to be transferred about May 1 to the coast to work under Captain Rawlings. We shall miss him very much. With him Whittredge and Turney gone the Bureau will have no lawyers left with any ideas as to the technique of shipbuilding

March 30, 1942 Reading Kingsley's Alton Locke. The revolt against the more repellent varieties of Calvinism has been so successful that one finds it difficult now to understand its literature. The British Eighth Army has broken through Rommell's line again and he is fleeing. The magnolias soullongeana are blooming everywhere in Washington.

Mar. 31 The elm trees are in seed but I have seen no goldfinches. I am interested to find that John Marshall preferred as I do small friendly grouse and home food to society and roasts. I am always delighted in restaurants to discover creamed chipped beef, scrapple or sausage cakes as I get very tired of steak and chicken.

April 1 Lee Morey, who was in Washington on business, called up this afternoon to say that the office was very busy and would welcome my return. Am reading Marquis Childs' I write from Washington. Parts of it are very good, especially his discussion of some of the early phases of the New Deal. Parts are dull.

April 2 Archie Falconer writes that he has had a very hard winter, doctors, oxygen tanks etc. Am working with Jim Slater, Bethlehem's two-fisted attorney. An interesting fellow.
April 3 Home on the congressional, bought almost on time, to dine with Malcolm and Clare at El Chico's. As might be expect at such places they made Malcolm pay almost double by exacting a $3.00 minimum per person. Malcolm is thoroughly delighted with his new job. They spent the night with us.
April 4 Margaret has a fever and seems very languid. I took a walk this afternoon and then settled down to finish Satterlee Morgan and to read Davies Mission to Moscow. Davies seems to be an excellent man for the job he had. Quite unimaginative, entirely incapable of an abstract thought and most naive, he had a very objective and concrete mind. He could see the physical facts and he reported them with prejudice. The Mareys came to supper. Lee says that Jack Hutto is getting away to a slow start.

April 5, 1943 My first day in the Chadbourne office for three months. Clarke seems worried about the shortage of help, especially as other men seem about to be called. He says that the '43 profits will be much lower than in '41 or '42. Lunched with Darby. Had long talks with Powell and Kimball. Also saw Budinger, Martin, Pfizenmayer and Ferguson. At M. T. Co. I saw Lockwood, Christenson, Kober Wattrick et al. Took the 7:30 train back to Washington.

April 6 When I got home last night I found Mr. Delafield Jr. who is here working with the Treasury on a test case involving the taxability of the Port of New York and Tri-Boro Bridge Authorities bonds. We had dinner together tonight. He is good company and tells a good story. I suppose that his loneness has kept him from achievement equal to his talent.

April 7 Noble Gregory called yesterday to say that he had taken Zellner to Quantico and the new 1st lieutenant had caught hell for being a day late. I had begun to worry for fear he had not yet reported, a move which might have been criticised

April 8 Forgot my badge this morning and went through the day on a visitor's pass. Reading "This is the Enemy" by Frederick Oechsner and several other foreign correspondents who were in Germany before we entered the war. Most of the book is old stuff and it is not as concrete and vivid as "Berlin Diary", but there are pages which are good enough to justify the book.

April 9 I have a nice letter from Charlie Brutzman with a financial report of universal pictures. The company's profits - and I assume Charlie's cut - are at a new high. Supplies & Accounts have gypped me out of $8.10 on my Pensacola-trip expense because I do not have my Pullman slob for the return trip. M- can't come tonight.

April 10 Admiral Cochrane gave the silver star to one of Bu-ship's former officers for gallantry this morning. He also stated that one of our resident officers had just been killed in dangerous experimental work. The Admiral is quite an impressive chap. But rear gossip has it that he and Rowlings have been enemies since their Annapolis days.

April 11, 1943 M- and I had a fine walk this morning. Down 17th St to the Tidal Basin; along the bank to the Jefferson Memorial; then back the other way to lunch at the Willard. The cherry blossoms are past their prime but still fine. Made out my N. Y. income tax tonight. $1582.47.

April 12 Jack Rice is very sour. The I A S's office seems not to be very exciting. He has heard from a friend, however, that the women in Egypt, especially those half-Turkish, are quite special so he wants duty there. Letters from Mommy and Sis.

April 13 People who really believe that capitalism is the root of evil should work in a government. The fighting between bureaucrats in Washington over over minor distinction is worse than any struggle between businessmen. For one thing, of course, businessmen thrive by helping other people while bureaucrats thrive by climbing over others. Every purchaser of a Ford car got a bargain. Both sides benefitted and were glad. Not so in government.

April 14 We are having a resum-
tion of winter. Spring does in fact
seem to be far behind. A rumor
goes about the office that Bill
Hanley will not go with his
class when it leaves for an ad-
vanced base. I hope that this is
not true as Bill already feels th
he is being persecuted.
April 15 I am glad to note th
I am regaining the weight I lo
when I first came here, unfortu-
nately a substantial part of th
gain seems to be going into a
pot belly. Have finished the
2nd volume of Beveridge's Marshall
Beveridge to some extent falls in
the error for which he criticises
Marshall's life of Washington - too
much background material.
April 16 Ed crabbe and I gave a
party for charles Smith, Frank Drahan an
with Mrs. O'connell, the Parkers an
Warner King. Gossip, probably irre-
sponsible, indicates that Fran
is a little too fond of "O-ky", con-
sidering his status of a married
man with young children.
April 17 Drahan says that Hyde
is rather a cold fish. Fran which
I infer that Frank is not yet
admitted to the inner circle at
Goodyear. Working with Gokey an Smith
problems. He is a good trader.
In N. Y. at 10 P.M.

April 18, 1943 Went through our trunks in the basement this morning to get our summer clothing - an arduous job. This afternoon to see the Stones in Forest Hills. Dees Dawson is now at camp Dix, preparatory, I suppose, to going abroad. Dee seems very well and optimistic. He says that our troops did badly in North Africa at first and lost a large part of their equipment, but that they are now performing better. He gave me a machine gun bullet he had taken from a captured Italian post in the Kasserine Pass.

April 19 talked to Fosler yesterday He and Anne are both sick, she in Florida and he in Greenwich. I had a bad night last night and am very tired today. Beverdges description of Washington in the early 1800 is harrowing. I wonder if many of them could envision the fine city of today.

April 20 Tom Dawes and Jim Bertolet are both about to leave. Tom has squeezed his present job dry and quite properly wants one of greater interest. He has never liked Pat and undoubtedly dislikes to work under him. Jim has been rather a failure. His slow mind sometimes produces good results but he is a poor draftsman.

April 21 The full story of General Doolittle's bombing of Tokyo is out with the distressing news that the Japs executed some of our fliers as criminals. As a military exploit the raid was not successful but it probably kept at home and on guard power that could have been used by the Japs in offensives in other theaters. Lunched with William Taliaferro at the Cosmos Club. He was brilliantly perverse as usual. John Dunlop dined with me at the Carrot.

April 22 Stayed home today with a very painful stiff neck, or rather shoulder. I don't know how I could have injured it. John Dunlop seemed to be in a good mood last night. Seemingly he has really quit drinking at last.

April 23 Back to work although my shoulder is still quite sore. Reading Mencken's Heathen Days which I find very amusing. I especially enjoyed the story of the Scopes trial, at which the defendant was lost sight of for days at a time. Malone almost ended the trial by one fiery speech for the defense, a result which horrified Darrow whose only motive was to destroy Bryan.

April 24, 1943 Went to the doctor about my arm which remains very painful. After the customary drama in which he asked questions about teeth, kidneys etc, he said that the pain would subside of itself in a few days. M- and I dined at the Silver Bowl tonight and then went to see the movie "Edge of Darkness", a story of occupied Norway obviously imitated from "The Moon is Down".

April 25 M- and I went sightseeing in Alexandria today. After visiting the old church and admiring the fine, old houses the great heat drove us home. I put her on the train at five and spent an hour trying to make reservations for my trip home.

April 26 Bill White arrived last night to spend a few days with me and we dined at the Parrot tonight. Bill seems to have a lot of ideas about rehabilitating the Guaranty and great hopes of being its president eventually. He gets a salary of $30,000 per annum, which puts him in comfortable circumstances in spite of taxes. He works with Jim Nicely.

Apr. 27 Geo. Walwood Murray is dead at 87. The old boy was almost in his dotage when I went to his office in 1926. Will Burney is also dead after several months of hopeless illness. He outlived Bob a very short time. Bill and I dined at the Carrot again and had a pleasant stroll.

April 28 Lunched with Henri Bunet and John Lovett at the Willard. Henri is at the Montreal Branch of the International Labor office. John is with the letter at the State Department. Very pleasant reunion. Tonight I dined at the University Club with Bill Hardy and an interesting friend of his named Mount.

April 29 My federal income tax totted up to $14,295.63. It would have been $12 50 more but for Slusk's alertness to take advantage of a new provision allowing fees earned over 3 or more years to be spread over those years. Jim Bertalet has gone to JAS.

Apr. 30 Jack Koehler came back to lunch with ~~him~~ today. He has his sailing orders. Had cocktails at Bill Stewarts with Mr. and Mrs. Dumon. Dined at the carlton and went to the meeting of the Am. Assn of Int'l Law.

May 1, 1943 Pat has asked me to take over the work of Tom Davis. I think that I can do the paper work even better than Tom but I am very ignorant of the technical phases of the work at which Tom was so good. To the dinner of the American Society of International law tonight. Margaret arrived at 10:15 P.M.

May 2 This morning we had Claude Fooshee and the Mackenzies to a late breakfast at the Mayflower. Clara is staying with her sister for a week. After they left I ran into Irvin Cobb who tells me that he is going to Paducah in a few days. The old boy looks old and battered.

May 3 I find the third volume of Beveridge more interesting than the first two. In fact some one should write Beveridges cases up, assuming that the educated reader knows most of the background to which Beveridge gives so much space. Especially for lawyers the cases are of the greatest interest. The bearded iris is beginning to bloom here. Neither it nor the tulips is very fine.

May 4. I am taking over a grea
many items of Davis' work
with his approval and coop-
eration. Little Tom should b
made a full commander.
appreciation of the fine w
he has done here. Have a
fine letter from Malcolm
McMaster, who seems to
be well again. He and Jea
are keeping the Distan chil-
dren for the summer. Harry
is at Ft. Colonel now sta
tioned in Texas and his
wife is with him.
May 5. Am very rushed at th
office, one of my chief w
ries is that Frank curry an
Hamilton do not seem to be
very good. Frank is capable
enough but very lazy. Ham-
ilton seems to have no conce
tion of good paperwork.
May 6. My diminutive secreta
is very good. She comes fro
Oklahoma and has all the
initiative of the pioneers.
Have a letter from Clair Hugh
about Bud Hull. Bud is
looking about for a new
job and Clair is considerin
him as an assistant for Frank
Slone at the North American Clai
Bud has a fine personality. I can't
stand why he has had difficulties

May 7, 1943 Big farewell ~~dinner~~ party for Tom Davis at the Shoreham tonight. Before the ~~dinner~~ party a group of us had food and drink at the Foshays. The very large attendance at the party and the enthusiastic reception of Lemler's speech were proof of Tom's popularity. Margaret arrived at midnight, very tired.

May 8 Margaret and I had Mr. Delafield to dinner at Pierre's tonight. He has been here several days and we have had several pleasant evenings together. Margaret seems rested but is still languid.

May 9 We walked up Massachusetts Avenue today, turned off to inspect Dumbarton oaks then walked up Rock creek Park coming out at the Shoreham. This afternoon Gellhorn came by for dinner with us. I caught the 6:01 train for Louisville.

May 10 As I got on the train last night I met Brady Stewart with a Mr. Sperry from Paducah. The three of us and a Mr. Greene had a long walk in Louisville. Nelson and Loreta met me in Paducah and we drove to LaCenter, in an extremely heavy rain. Mommy appears to be very well.

May 11 It is raining again today and the creeks are in flood. Willie is a fine boy. He is towheaded as his father was fair-skinned and has a go disposition. He brings back my own childhood by follo me around with a book we he wants read to him. Lou and Little Mollie come in the bus late this afterno

May 12 Mommy's birthday, athe nise very joyful, was marred by the fact that Sis could not get here. The trains are so crowded in the South that she couldn't even get a seat on a coach. Hilson took the day off and we had a large cake for the birthday. There were many presents. This after noon Hilson and I visited all the farms, even the ones in the bottoms. We met Dr. Brittain Borlow and I bought for Hilson the lo next to Hilsons - this to gu the latter more protection. want him to own the whol block except the business lots on the corner. Dr. Britti was very cordial and urged m to visit him and Miss Sale but I won't have time. Dr. Brittain g the lot for making a set of fals teeth for Cap Smith.

May 13, 1943 Trimmed Hilson's overgrown Van Houttei hedge as best I could with Mallie and Willie underfoot. Mollie Scott come in to see me. She doesn't look much older to me than she did thirty years ago. Saw Luke and Eb Harrison in town. They are queer boys. Eb says that they are too old to marry.

May 14 To Bandana. George Bradley is as thin as ever. Tell is a guard at the ordnance plant and very handsome in his uniform. Cousin Alice is in Texas. Nancy seems broken but has three handsome children. We drove down with Wayne Rudolph to inspect his fine herd of Jerseys and back by Cousin Earls. He was not there but we saw Cousin Gertrude, Louanna and the baby.

May 15 The Bradleys, Parson McCaw, Ella Evans, Ricke and Mary Hinkle and Ronald and Mrs. Terrel come in to see me. Cousin Earl looks well but is silent and no doubt married. I hear that he is about to lose his place. Parson McCaw is as jounty and lively as ever. I wish that I could see more of him. H- and L- brought me to the train tonight.

May 16 My train got into Louisville two hours late. Ate breakfast at the Kentucky Hotel, finished my paper at the Seelbach and then saw a newsreel movie, chiefly of the fighting in North Africa. Back on the train I ran into Cassius M. Clay, now General Solicitor for the B. & O., with whom I had a long and pleasant conversation about mutual friends and legal problems.

May 17 Back to my desk at 9 only to find it in a large room on the main drag with a side door opening into Captain Sakey's waiting room. Pat is, for some reason, exceedingly friendly to me and does everything to build me up. I have been chuckling ever since I left Lacenter over Molly's gradual discovery of table manners. She has learned that she must eat with a spoon so she dips her fingers in her cup of pineapple removes a dripping morsel, puts it in the spoon and conveys it to her mouth

May 18 P. L. Burrodell, Jaette Berry's sister father is dead. When I last saw Clara Fooshee she had a curious pin, the decoration of which was vaguely familiar. She explained that it was from the side of a horse's bridle. Ea Bradley was amused when I told him about it.

May 19, 1943 Saw Raymond Wilmotte when I was lunching at the Willard today. He seems well - is in fact quite plump. Bought myself two new palm beach suits to help me get through the Washington summer.

May 20 When Parson McCow was in to see me Saturday he told me that his Father was an Ulster Irishman who had fought under General Taylor at Buena Vista. He was 73 years old when C. D. was born. He met and courted his first wife on a stop-over of one night on his way back from the war. He spoke all his life with an Ulster accent. As I told the Parson, I thought that he had inherited it.

May 21 Zellner's Margaret who is at Noble's on her way to see Zellner at Quantico called up to say that Zellner is in the camp Hospital. Nothing serious, just too much fatigue and loss of weight. Have met a charming chap from Greenwich who is now here with the O.P.A., Thomas Robinson. His stories of the confusion in O P A are frightening. They don't even have a decent place to work.

May 22 Arrived at home tonight to find that Sarnett and Juan Koperski had arrived there two hours earlier. Sarnett is going to put him in school. We spend the night with Bettie Stevens. Bettie says that Sydney has been in Chicago several weeks and has never been able to get any work assigned to him.
May 23 Malcolm is to become a partner of the Donovan firm on the first of June. I called him today and found him very happy about it. The recognition comes about nine years later than it should have, but his mind is a resilient one and will I hope throw off the depression and unhappiness of past years. Juan seems to be much improved but Sarnett is tired and listless.
May 24 Dined with George Mills at the Shoreham tonight and we had a pleasant walk back to my place. George is still deeply interested in matters political and is still the moderate. Hazel Meets has sent me the judgment in Earl Bradley's matter. His mortgagee, bonding company and Ballard County are after his bond.

May 25, 1943 Lunched with Ken Rush and a Dr. Davidson of his company at the Statler, a most interesting fellow. Companies such as union carbide are now spending much money and effort on experimental work. I am enjoying Mark Sullivans book, The Education of an American. one of his stories is about Henry Watterson, the old Editor, enraged at one of Sullivans articles in Collier's said that the pencil which wrote the article was an inconsequential bit of wood with a bit of lead at one end of it and a fool at the other.

May 26 Reading Ivan Deusen's Henry Clay, moderately good. Someone like Beveridge or Truss or Jessup should write Clay's life. Tom Dewey seems to be the favorite of the Republicans for next year. It would be a shame to see him defeat Willkie.

May 27 One of our more unfortunate ventures into facilities has been to build and then discontinue a yard at St. Louis for the Missouri Shipbuilding company. It is now nine feet under water as a result of local floods. Howe learned to be fond of Foshay with whom I now work constantly. He is very able.

May 28 Charles Smith gave a
pleasant dinner party tonight at
the Carlton for Ed Crabbe, who
came in very late, Mrs. O'Connell
Frank Drahon, a captain and co
mander, (names forgotten) from Yo
and Docks and their wives. Be
fore we finished I saw Don
Geary moving from an adjoini
table and I talked to him
for an hour after the other
were gone.

May 29 The Hitchcocks and
Fosbays came to dinner with us
tonight. To be more exact Ethe
didn't arrive until after dinner
having been delayed in Baltimore.
Mrs. Hitchcock is a slender, very
pretty, young lady, of the Junior
League type. Mrs. Fosbay is
very stout, ruddy and has a
deep contralto voice. From some
thing she said I gather that
she is one of the Greenwich
Milbanks. I trust that she
brought Ward money.

May 30 Zellner and a young New
Foundland lady, a Miss Parker who
is a friend of John Dunboss ha
dinner with us tonight. Zellne
thinks that he will be assigne
to some kind of administrative
duty without finishing his training.
says that Barkley is very ill and th
Keane would appoint him (Zellner) if a
vacancy should occur now.

May 31, 1943. Mr. Frye arrived at the apartment today; more artifical and stupid than ever, one of the interesting things about the man is that he seldom bathes. Am reading John A. Rice's "I come out of the Eighteenth century", South Carolina and Oxford may be likened to the 18th century, but Rices fanatical evangelism would not have been acceptable to the elegant and erudite world of the 18th century. He is more akin to our own Sankey than to Voltaire or Dr. Johnson.

June 1 The roses are blooming in Washington. All vegetation seems to be especially lush. Dined with Tom Robinson in the garden at the Ivey Terrace and then sat an hour with him in Dupont circle Saw Dick Kyle at the Ivy Terrace also.

June 2 The Van Deusen life of Clay is just good enough to be disappointment. It is too condensed, too hurried. The facts are not developed to the point necessary to explain the denouement. The truth is, perhaps, that Clays greatness was in his personality and cannot be got on paper. Another effort should be made, however.

June 3 Charles has decided at last that he will apply for a commission. His status in the draft is in great uncertainty. Of course if he goes I shall have to return to N.Y. Have finished the Sullivan auto biography and like it very muc I remember from my early ch head copies of Colliers Weekly other magazines denouncing patent medecines.

June 4 Pat asked today to have my consent to ask Admiral Mills appoint me assistant counsel. I gladly consented of course. It will make no difference in my work at the Bureau but it will give me the right to sign mail and to have some slight additional prestige with contractors. Margaret arrived tonight a little earlier than usual in honor of our 11th wedding anniversary.

June 5 Tonight M- and I saw the movie version of "Mission to Moscow". It is a masterpiece of jumbled facts and flatulent propaganda. Davies, describing himself as one of Woodrow Wilson's bright young men, is represented as making an imaginary speaking tour. Stalin is a starry-eyed idealist and the British conservatives are represented as pro-nazis.

June 6, 1943 Had a short walk this morning but were driven in by the heat. This afternoon we had cocktails with the Leavitts before I took M- to her trains. The hollyhocks and larkspur are blooming. Finished Rice's book. It is very well written in part but crowded and distorted at the end. It should have been two volumes. He is at his best when he is ill-natured. His remedy for social ills is "love"; whatever he means by that. The story of his life indicates that he does not waste much love on his fellow humans.

June 7 The Bradley farm is advertised in the current Advance for sale in satisfaction of a judgment. Broke the news to Cat today about the dilemma I am in about Charles Lowen and his draft problem.

June 8 Breakfasted at the Willard this morning with Howard Ferguson and his friend Walter Pogue, chairman of the C. A. B. Pogue is a good-looking chap, about forty-one or two. A good talker, easy and genial. He ought to do well in politics or business.

June 9 Reading Barrow's life of William M. Evarts. My first reaction to the book came when I saw the frontispiece. Bill Evarts is strikingly like his grandfather. The book itself is episodic and, in many respects, trivial, although the author seems to have done a lot of research. Small mistakes abound. Jessup should write Evart's life as he did Root's - that model. My appointment as assistant counsel has come through.

June 10 Logsdon is quite disgruntled and justly so. He is only a P4, although such a worthless sloogl as Wright is a P6. He doesn't resent my promotion over him but feels that the fates have been unkind to him. When he and I went to lunch we met a friend of his, a Captain Dunbar who was formerly head of the Shipbuilding Division. Although the captain is only 53 he has some kind of paralysis and has been told that he has only 6 months to live

June 11 Carlson is quite ill with phlebitis and is in the Navy Hospital, his sea trip gone. Mr. Parke's youngest daughter Jane is to be married June 19th.

June 12, 1942 Charles Lauren came down today to meet Pat and John Kenny and to see what chance there is to get a commission. He seemed to make an excellent impression. It seems to me that Charles is somewhat precipitate and I fear that Priscilla has really made his decision for him. Margaret and I saw a good movie tonight, "Action in the North Atlantic" with Raymond Massey and Humphrey Bogart.

June 13 The heat is very bad. Arising late, we started out for a walk only to be driven back to our air-conditioner. We dined at 3 P.M. in the air-cooled coffee shop at the Willard. After putting M- on the train I returned and almost finished Barrow's life of Escorts.

June 14 Lunched at the Hay-Adams today with Frank Dreben, Jock Alexander and Mr. Bennett, Treasurer of Goodyear. A jolly party. Frank is always an interesting talker and Mr. Bennet and Jock are almost as good. Dined tonight with Charlie Smith who has been given a contract for four more tankers and who is trying to get his company reorganized.

June 15 Noble Gregory has sent me a clipping from the Paducah Sun Democrat about uncle Dick walk, after Forrest's surrender from Montgomery Alabama, to Ballard county, Kentucky. I remember him telling the story very well. My hands are accumulating the liver spats on the back which always marked the hands of Pappy and uncle Dick.

June 16 Spent the evening with John Dunlop and a Mr. Perkins who is a vice president of one of American Cyanamid's leading subsidiaries. John is making one final effort to join the army, this time to take one of the courses for work in occupied countries - similar to that which Woodson is taking.

June 17 The Bureau has been upset for weeks over the disposition of machine tools. Percy Wilson has been energetically disposing of surplus tools, but paying no attention to rules. Commander Jones is after Percy's scalp, but has no constructive ideas. The rest of us are trying to control Jones' venom and to canalize Percy's activity to useful ends.

June 18, 1943 Now that my rubber stamp has been procured for the innumerable copies required, I can sign Navy mail - or at least that emanating from the office of counsel. I am interested to discover from my reading of Lloyd George's War Memoirs that the English had many of the same procurements in the First World War that beset us now.

June 19 Home today - And a hot and weary trip it was. My train was late so I missed the wedding reception for Jane Parke. Margaret and I miss connection so we didn't get the 8.25 train for Greenwich. Not until 10.45, when we were on the terrace of the Doty's new home off Parsonage Road, did I cool off to comfort.

June 20 The Doty house is most pleasant and comfortable although somewhat distant from the station in these days of Gas restrictions. The Foshees came to dinner. This afternoon Mrs. Eaton took me over my old place. Some of the flowers have failed to do very well. Saw the Whittlesays who are gay. Comparatively easy trip back to Washington.

June 21 Am very tired as a result of my activities on my day of rest. Have finished Beveridges life of Marshall. How fortunate it is for a man to make his mark while he is young and then have the dignity and ability to sustain his position through a long and honored age.

June 22 Louise has written to Margaret that she is expecting another baby - a fact she never told me. Apparently her marriage has been quite successful. The Nation's coal miners are on strike again. Labor is getting itself into a position in which it will be deprived by an embittered public of the social gains of a generation.

June 23 Pat and I had another of our anxious conferences on Hamilton today. Bill is a good chap, seems to have general intelligence and personality, but seems to be unable to get our work right. I seriously question whether we have the right to keep him from the Army, where he might be valuable, to waste his time in our office.

June 24, 1943 Reading Carpenter's small volume on the politics and history of the Jews as illustrated by the old Testament. This led me to the book of Ruth, which carpenter describes as a piece of liberal propoganda against the race-purity laws of the post-exilic Jews. The mystery to me is: why did Ruth uncover Booz's feet?

June 25 The paper carries the news that Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest was lost in the raid over Kiel. He was the grandson of the famous general. The Post carried a story a few days ago about the general endorsement on an elegantly written application for leave, now in the Richmond Museum: "I told you twice, Goddamit, no."

June 26 Home at 10 P.M. after a hot four hour ride during which I read Walter Lippmans U. S. Foreign Policy. Even our distinguished journalists are beginning to realize that the policy of weakness and bluster, is not successful. M and I spent the night with Bettie Stevens, abandoning the apartment to Jean and Barnett. The night was very hot and Washington is very noisy.

June 27 Garnett and Joan went to visit friends in New Jersey today, thank God, and we had the apartment to ourselves. The heat is stifling. Early this afternoon we spent an hour and a half with the Johnsons, who are about to go to Virginia for ten days. We then went to see the Wells. Dean has just been made a major. Their new 10th St apartment is very pleasant.

June 28 very tired today after a hot ride home and a hot night in the apartment which had been closed two days. Tom Murrell came in to say good-bye. He is leaving for Miami for special training for a few weeks after which ~~he is~~ he is to have command of a squadron of sub D.E.s. He is as happy as a boy. The Department offered him his fourth stripe to stay here but he would have none of it.

June 29 Ickes has appointed Carl Newton Director of the Coal mines. Carl is a fine chap but has no mining or even industrial experience and his selection is not reassuring.

June 30, 1943 Reading William A. Percy's "Lanterns on the Levee". Percy writes well - not as intelligently as Rice but more humanly and realistically. Mississippi doesn't appear from his book to be an ideal place for residence, but that will surprise no one. The book peters out in the end as a lecture on the negro, interesting but hardly germane to an autobiography.

July 1 Zellner has about concluded arrangements to sell our farm for $13500. There should also be a good profit in the personal property. I am really becoming disgusted with Calvin and Jones. Calvin is as stupid and bullheaded as they come and Jones is a fussy old Gent, queen to bragging and autobiography.

July 2 Ed Crobbe has been made a lieutenant commander, a well deserved promotion. Ed is a modest, handsome bachelor; formerly at National city bank; a yachtsman and a good fellow. His family owns a large blueberry and cranberry farm near Toms River N. J. He is our Bureau's financial man.

July 3 Margaret here late this afternoon. She says that she is leaving the Bank not later than Oct 1st.

July 4 Nancy Koperski co in from Richmond today where she has been stay with friends. Zellner com by this afternoon and we all dined at Old New Or leans. An expensive but not very good meal. Zell ner is about to be as- signed for duty at Arlingto

July 5 Met Sam Klaus on th street tonight. Sam has bee here about ten years and is quite acid at seeing the New Deal liberals gradually falling from power. He had a bad- natured story to tell about Whitaides alleged ambition to be U. S. District Attorney

July 6 Met Paul Christoph son at dinner at the Alle Inn and brought him bac to the apartment for a chat our first meeting in years After failing to get a com- mission (one bad eye), he was drafted. Released when the 38 year rule was given, is now doing legal work f the Army Medical Corps.

July 7, 1943 Reading Sir William Rothenstein's "Since Fifty". The other members of his family seem to have christianized their name to Rutherston, but the old man was content to remain a Hebrew. His stories about Ramsay MacDonald indicate that the old Scotchman loved artists, literary men and society more than I would have supposed.

July 8 Rereading Holmes' The Common Law. His historical study as to the historical bases of liability for tort is most interesting. He covers the functions of judge and jury, i e the prudent man and the expert in a few pages where some modern writers say no more in hundreds.

July 9 M- is here with a bad cold. I have finished the Dalrot's Dr. Webster. It is interesting to note that the defendant made a statement at the conclusion of the trial but did not testify. Presumably he was not permitted to as the law then stood. It used to be said at Oxford that the right to testify was a burden rather than a benefit to a defendant.

July 10 The Allies have invaded Sicily. I had thought that they would strike further East. Perhaps the aim is political rather than military. If Italy could be knocked out of the war, the effect on the role in the satellite nations would be very great. Pat and Ward are away for the week-end and Ethan and I are very busy. M- and I dined quietly at the Parrat tonight.

July 11 The heat and Margaret's cold have kept us in most of the day. As she felt no better she stayed over and will return in the morning. She says that she has aged five years in the last five years from loneliness and the long train-trips.

July 12 Had cocktails and dinner with Duncan and Stewart. Bill Stewart has a quick, gay and altogether attractive personality. Myce is quieter but a very sound lawyer and good fellow. He is my ace at the office. Mr. Enge and a Mr. Peterson, Larry Morris' friend, spent the night with me. I gave them the large bedroom.

July 13, 1943 The Allies are making great progress in Sicily. It is increasingly evident that the Italians have no wish or intention to fight. McCarlson is very ill in the Naval Hospital. Mc worked for a long time to get a release so he could get to sea and must be very disappointed. It is feard that he has cancer.

July 14 Took Charles and Mrs. Smith to dine at L'Escargot tonight. Not a very jolly party for them, I fear, although they professed to enjoy it. While waiting at the Willard for them I saw Harold Beanhouwer. He is located in N. Y. now, still working for the Alien P.C.

July 15 Dined at Hall's tonight with Hodgson, Riley, Foshay and Hitchcock. The four of them are living at Foshay's house for the summer. John is a bachelor and the wives of the other three are away for the summer. John come back to my apartment for a drink and we found Larry Morris and his brother Lt Colonel D. H. Morris there. The Colonel has just returned from Australia where he is some kind of financial officer under McArthur.

July 16 The heat is terrific. Leaves me very limp. I have a nice letter from Fred Kobbe who answered a letter written to Mr. Stauffer, who is away, to see if he knew any financiers who wanted Navy commissions. Am catching up with my work at the office.

July 17 Home at 8.20 P.M. after a hot train trip which almost finished me. Margaret had an excellent roast beef dinner for me. The apartment was very hot.

July 18 To dinner at the Mellons. Anne gave us a fine home-cooked fried chicken meal. They have Jennie's little girl, a tiny child, very timid. Harry is the Surgeon of the Port of Embarcation, an interesting and important job which would get him a brigadiership if he were younger. He says that he has had the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth made over - to the annoyance of the Cunard Line. Also the Ile de France. He handles all the war prisoners. The Germans are astonished to see N.Y. as they have been told that it had been flattened by bombs.

July 19, 1943 Spent a pleasant evening with Col. Morris and his friend, Lt commander D.H. McAlpin of the Bureau of ordnance. Morris is a great talker, in marked contrast to Larry who is timid. McAlpin is a grave, intelligent chap who seems to have given a great deal of thought to the war. The defense in Sicily seems about to collapse.

July 20 Lunched with commander McAlpin today. To please his father he went through the Harvard Law School and practised for a few years. He then went into business and was a partner in Clark, Dodge before coming here. The Morris Bros. are the rentidies people! Their clothing and miscellaneous possessions are all over the house.

July 21 Lunched with Raymond Wilmotte. He is fat and seems very prosperous. He predicts that the French will hate the Americans and British after the war - on the theory that one always dislikes benefactors. Had cocktails with Alec and Barbara Royce at the Carlton. Alec, who is back for only a few days, is now with the State Dept. in North Africa.

July 22 George Tanner is dead. This will be quite a blow to Margaret who is very fond of her Father. Long letter from Raymond. He is about to join the Army as a major to attend the School of military government and wants to know whether I can help him to get the commission moved up to a lieutenant colonelcy. I suspect that N.Y.U. is in difficult financial straits now.

July 23 Stan Dunn was in to see me, bringing along Mr. Henry of Sperry and another man. Sperry has some large contracts with the Bureau. Of course I can do nothing about them but Stan likes to discuss them with me. Horace Tarrell, whom I haven't seen for more than twenty years, had dinner with me at the Parrot. Horace is an automobile dealer in Pasadena, Cal., and is here to buy used cars.

July 24 The Americans have taken Palermo. Their objective must be political as the military objective would seem to be the eastern coast. Am enjoying Fletcher Pratt's articles on the war at sea in Harpers. Very illuminating.

July 25, 1943 M— and I took a long walk in Rock creek Park today. The asters are delicate and fresh. We lunched at a small restaurant near the Shoreham. After putting her on the train I returned to Holmes. The common law. The author can make legal history quite exciting - even when one is sometimes doubtful about his conclusions. He is at his best in his discussions of institutions which have survived, such as the jury, and their peculiarities which are derived from their history.

July 26 Mussolini has been dismissed. Like many another autocrat who believed in force and bluster, he couldn't survive defeat. He is of the type who have only one excuse for being - success. Found an old friend in the markets today, early harvest apples.

July 27 Peggy Egan is in the hospital very ill, some type of nervous breakdown, I think. Dean Wells has been promoted to major and has an important new job. A reading Spedding's life of Bacon. The book is good but hard reading. I am always promising to read more of Bacon.

July 28 Ed Crobbe and I dined tonight with Jack and Doris Alexanders. They have a charming home and are graceful and witty hosts. Leaving Ed's apartment a man spoke to me. He proved to be Henry Sullivan whom I hadn't seen since I left U.K.

July 29 Jim Clark had me to dinner tonight at the Metropolitan Club with Captain and Mrs. Ruleston. Captain Ruleston, who left retirement in December 1941 to serve with the Board of Economic Warfare, is the author of a number of books on naval matters including a life of Mahan and a recent one on war in the Pacific. Both he and Mrs. Ruleston have the fine social presence that seems to indicate wealth and long mingling with people of affairs. From the Club we went to the roof garden at the Willard to see East Lynne, a parody on the Morley manner. Jim seems to be doing very important work.

July 30 I have a long letter from Juanita with a check for the last instalment on her loan. Chapman has fully recovered. She is lady manager for McCracken County for Kilgore, candidate for Governor.

July 31, 1943 Ed Ross and I searched both sections of the Congressional fruitlessly today and then adjourned to the Manhasset which left at 4:30. We got into N.Y. after a very hot and miserable journey of 4½ hours. I forgot to record one interesting item Captain Pulestan told me. The stopwatch efficiency methods of modern industrial engineers were anticipated by naval officers for gunnery on ships where speed is of the essence and space very limited. It worked so well that they tried to introduce it into shipyards. The labor unions intervened and now all appropriation bills carry a clause forbidding the use of the stop watch.

Aug. 1st This morning we took a long walk on Madison and Fifth Avenues. The day was warm but not too unpleasant. We had a four o'clock dinner with the Johnsons, dining on a fine Virginia ham and salad. 7:30 train.

Aug. 2 Willie Frost is dead at 81. I hadn't thought of him as so old although he was an old bachelor - and sometimes an uncle - when I was a little boy. I can still remember him walking with his Mothers pug dog. Jessilee Wingo is married to Hoppy Strange.

Aug 3 Foster told me on Sunday that Mr. Sondheim was dead. He was a charming old gentleman, my favorite of the Heidelback group. Am reading Gilbert Cant's "The American Navy in World War II." I don't think that I really had understood before how close the battles for the Solomons were, how narrowly we escaped complete defeat or how heavy our losses were. But our Navy did a great job.

Aug. 4 Kemler, who left Pearl Harbor just after Pat arrived, reports that Pat seemed now the worse from the trip - in spite of being sick on the way to the coast. A letter from Jock Koehler indicates that he was in the Sicilian invasion. Jock says that he hasn't had a drink since he left and that he has had to work unbelievably hard but that he likes it better than desk w

Aug 5 Dined tonight at the University Club, as Bill Hardy's guest, with Bill, Dave Bockus (now a captain in the Army), Jock Auburn, now with the British Embassy and O'Halloran of M. T. Co., now with U. S. commercial corporation.

Aug. 6, 1943 Little Bob McDonell, the Ensign as we call him with a long "i", has his orders to report for P.C. training. He is an excellent youngster, with a natural flair for the law, and I shall miss him very much.

Aug. 7 Cant's book on the naval fighting in the Pacific is so enthralling that I can hardly leave it for bed. I almost finished it on my trip to N. Y. today. In the apartment at 9 45 not as tired as usual.

Aug. 8 Talked to Mr. Parke this morning. He is very anxious for me to return. Had dinner with the Stones. A fine steak. Beneath Dee's customary urbanity I discern some impatience and disappointment at being detained so long in this country.

Aug. 9 Sam Lunn is dead. I never liked him very much, but I am sorry to hear of such a premature death. Drew Pearson is featuring our Jamica friend, Harold Hoskins, as one of the State Department pro-Arab advisers on Near East policy. I saw Mrs. Hoskins in the Ritz Inn recently.

Aug 10 reading Hughes's The Supreme Court, a useful little review, especially in view of the author's special knowledge and subsequent history, but already out of date. If the next seventeen years overturns as many old landmarks and builds as many new ones, the book will be an antiquarian piece.

Aug 11. Bob McDowell has left. I have great doubt as to the wisdom of sending these slight scholarly lads to sea. Bob was very useful in our office. I can't see him doing much on a P.C.

Aug 12. Margaret leaves the Bank on September 4th. We have been worried about the situation for a long time - the week end commuting is so tiring - and Foster has relieved the situation by saying that he can spare her. Card from Pat from Pearl Harbor.

Aug. 13. Working with captain Sorley and Mr. Powell to settle Chrysler's bill for the notorious and foolish Sea otter. The new ship design, on which the President and Mr. Knox, were taken in by ~~M. F.~~ promoters was a costly and foolish blunder.

Aug 14, 1943 The heat reached 97 today. This seems to be a record summer even for Washington. M- arrived early this afternoon.

Aug 15 It is too hot for exercise. M- and I saw Chas. Boyer in the film "The Constant Nymph". A poor expose for the radiant stage version, starring Glenn Anders, which we saw in N. Y. years ago.

Aug. 16 The food situation in Washington is bad. A $2.50 dinner at Harvey's a few nights ago left me still hungry. The $5.00 for dinner for M- and me at the occidental bought only half enough. My cop on leg Berry seemed to have come from a squab. Tom Penn is dead at Kenil. He was 86. I thought of going to see the old gentleman when I was at home but decided that I preferred to remember him as he was before he became an invalid.

Aug. 17 Lunched today with Ed Crabbe and Warner Ring. Warner has been transferred to Charleston. Pat is back, very brown. He left Honolulu Sunday the 15th at 4 P.M. Those clippers!

Aug. 18 Alec Royce, now safely back in North Africa, is having trouble with the visiting senators, Chandler et al. It seems that Alec has paid more for North African wheat than American farmers get. Probably vagaries of exchange. Alec says that the wheat comes as "reverse-lend-lease" and costs this Government nothing but the Senators are sceptical.

Aug. 19 Logsdon, after a long struggle, has his commission as a lieutenant and leaves the Department at once. We gave him a big dinner tonight at the Statler. Bad eyes forced him out of the Academy before graduation but he has always been a Navy officer at heart and the regulars turned out to do him honor. He and Captain Small sang the Academy song with great sentiment.

Aug 20 I was startled today to see a transcript - which I had no idea was being made of one of my conversations with Mr. Cannell on the Sea otter. "Don't put a dead dog on a new wagon" and similar colloquial expressions were carefully reco

Aug. 21, 1943 I hear that Colour has asked to be detached. And good riddance he will be. A decent chap in many respects - occasionally a bright one - he goes off on silly tangents and keeps his Section in an uproar. Easy trip to N.Y. tonight.

Aug 22 Had a quiet day at home, sleeping late, reading the Subtreasury of American Humor and dining at Longchamps. It was a disturbing episode when I discovered that the mothe had been into my clothes and had ruined my gray flannel suit.

Aug. 23 very tired today as my train was late last night. Am warned about Zellner - he having disappeared. The Marine Headquarters says that he is in North Carolina.

Aug. 24 Colonel and Mrs. Morris are back - and caught me with three pairs of newly-washed socks in the bathroom. Bill Hamilton of our Section is fading away before our eyes. He is on some sort of quack diet - mostly salt water - to get himself a new body.

Aug 25 Mrs. Morris has told me more about the amusing incident of Mrs. Agnew's spending the night in the Apartment last November. Confused, and probably scandalized, by the incident, the Anchorage management wrote a special letter to Lavry to tell him all about it Lavry and Mrs. Morris, who is Mrs. Agnew's sister-in-law have apparently teased the young lady vigorously.

Aug. 26 I have a letter from Dave Landis asking me to recommend him for membership in the Assoc. of the Bar of the city of N.Y. It gave me a little pang to note that Dave didn't even know that I was in Washington. I also have a letter from Sheldon Tefft, now acting dean of the Law School, univ of Chicago, asking me to a reception for the Atty Gen. of Gr. Britain

Aug. 27 Zellner called up today. He has been in the Marine Hospital at Quantico all the while. Chuck and Mrs. Cadey were in tonight to see Col + Mrs. Morris. He looks very handsome in his major's uniform but Mrs. Cadey's good looks are gone.

August 28, 1943 Margaret and I dined tonight with Zellner and his Margaret and Mrs Keene Johnson and her daughter. The Carlton's food was bountiful but bad. Mrs. Johnson looks very bad. The daughter is a fine, handsome girl of fourteen or so.

Aug. 29 We had Raymond and Mrs. Wilmotte to dinner at the Shoreham today. Raymonds new wife is in startling contrast with Dorothy. Although smartly dressed, she is plain, unhealthy and uninteresting. While the rest of us dined heartily, she picked away at special food imposed by a diet of some kind.

Aug. 30 Worked tonight until 10 P. M. trying to finish up my work before my leave.

Aug 31 Ted Hess had to go before the Provost Marshall today because I left some confidential papers on his desk last night. I told him that it was a plot to get him dismissed from the service. Dined with Duck Kyle tonight. Duck seems to be entirely satisfied with his life as a Public servant.

Sept 1 I meet Admiral King almost every morning just in front of T 3 Building. Both of us are always about twenty minutes late. Reading Rufus Choate's eulogy on Webster. It must have been an effective and stirring speech to hear.

Sept 2 I hear that Dick Kyle was married today. He said nothing ~~[illegible]~~ the other night to indicate any such intention, but I have often wondered if he wouldn't try again.

Sept. 3 Raymond Rodgers reports that he is no longer interested in a commission. In fact it appears that he was really maneuvering for a better job at N.Y. university - and that the scheme was unsuccessful.

Sept 4 After waiting more than an hour and being pushed around and in Margaret's case pushed down with damage to leg and destruction to stocking - we got the 3.30 bus to Round Hill, Va. Al and Hatty and Hatty's niece Dorothy met us there at 5.30. The mountain is most cool and pleasant after the heat of Washington. Dined gloriously on a boiled Smithfield ham.

September 4, 1943 I am delighted to see that the White oak tree which I worked on last year is mending very well indeed. Mrs. Kraus was up today with her children. The Judge is in the west hearing O.P.A. cases. Al's grafted nut trees, pecans, "heccans", chestnuts are doing very well.

Sept. 6 Al and I are busy trimming small trees - mostly white, black and chestnut oaks and hickories. I am afraid that our efforts are largely wasted as the trees are sprouts from stumps left over from attempts to keep the land clear. Al says, however, that Dr. Smith, who is a professional says that it will be all right. Reading Millen Brand's "The outward Room", a good example of the severe, modified stream-of-consciousness writing that was so popular fifteen years ago. It is well to avoid the ditch of fine writing but equally disastrous to fall into the pit of meaningless detail.

Sept 8 M-, Al and I played golf this morning. I managed to do nine holes in 75. Hetty is in her element with five dogs (Mrs. Hough's property): four hounds and a mongrel pug. They are very engaging, especially Scotty, the pug.

Sept 8 Am eating too much ham, country-chicken and butter. Mr. and Mrs. Drake, who occupied the little house this summer, have left. She is a Washington school teacher and he is a "promoter", always talking about Jesse James and musing he had a bottle of whiskey. Al and I have listed more than thirty varieties of trees on his place. We spend our evenings playing bridge and, occasionally, gin rummy.

Sept 9 Reading Thornton Wilder's "The Cabala", a very slight effort. It almost seems a parody on Henry James. This afternoon we visited the Bradleys, a city couple who are farming an old place near here. Their house is lovely and their trees magnificent, but I should think that farm work and life would be hard for such gently-bred city people. The have no electricity or telephone and she does her own work.

Sept 10 Mr. and Mrs. Fox over today. He, living in luxury and doing nothing at all in the way of effort, damns everything in Washington. She twitters as usual. Mr. Fox is only interesting when he is talking about his fine angus cattle.

Sept 11, 1943. Al and Hetty both seem tired and nervous; they probably should both retire but they - or at least Al - think that they would be bored. Nancy Lee Laws here with two boy friends, one of whom has spent two years in Australia as a Mormon missionary. My slight knowledge of the Mormons, largely gained from Burdus Fisher's "Children of God", enabled us to have a long chat about the Mormons. I think, by the way, that Hetty has lost her taste for the Laws.

Sept 12 We left this afternoon, much refreshed by our rest, although with digestions impaired. Had to stand in the bus but were glad enough to be able to get on at all. Found our apartment nicely redecorated. Both of us were delighted to get a bath. The running water had gone off at the Johnsons several days ago. The Advance says that Martha Rachel is married. She can hardly be more than 16.

Sept 13 The Americans are having great difficulty in the attack on Salerno. Mummy writes that she is worried about Louise who is having her baby in october.

Sept 14 The Commercial is in the midst of a squabble. Bill Taylor is leaving the Springfield Trust Company to be a senior vice president of Guaranty. Foster has been offered the job Bill is leaving and will probably take it. Some of Bills friends hearing of the move tried to get him the presidency. Howell thinking that the intention was to overthrow his authority, countered with an offer to make Bill executive-vice-president, Bill refused and everyone is angry at everyone else.

Sept. 15 Zellner is going on leave from here to Chicago, but may be sent back here. Fred Winsor now holding a position of great power here, wants Zellner to work with him. Louise writes that Jasper is about to marry again. Nothing is said as to whom the bride is to be or how he is going to support her.

Sept 16 John Riley, in disgust at the inefficiency of Share Facilities has been trying to be transferred. Forrestal has been talking to Pat about the S.F. situation. I have told Pat that John must not be allowed to leave (all of which I also told John) and that Colvin was hoped as head of the section.

Sept 17, 1943 Bert and Amose Hahs are established, Jesper writes, on a good farm outside Pueblo, Colorado. Apparently Bert works in town but has live stock, poultry and some crops. Have bought Root's "Addresses on Government and citizenship", Thayers "Preliminary Treatise on Evidence at the Common Law", and Birkenheads "Points of view".

Sept. 18 The Executive got me into N. Y. in time to get to the apartment at 9 30. M had the Johnsons and the Fooshees to dinner. Malcolm's luck has turned in a big way. He has the biggest bond issue of the year. It came to him through friends in the insurance companies and is the first large underwriting the Donovan firm has had.

Sept. 19 Dorothy Walmsley spent last night with us. Crenna joined us today. Dorothy looks very tired. This afternoon we had cocktails with the Wells. Blunce has been laid up for weeks with a bad ankle. The Leonard Moores came to dinner tonight. Patty says that travelling in Mystic this year was almost exclusively by bicycle.

Sept 20 Stayed over today to talk to Foster about the Springfield opportunity as he wanted to go over it with me before final decision. As I see it his case is quite different from Bill's situation of three years ago. Bill was in a rut. Foster is well placed. on the other hand his prospects in the new job appear to be favorable. I think that he will take it. Saw Howell and Kimball for a short time. Also Budinger, Ferguson, Moore, Pfizenmayer et al. Mr. Clarke seems thin. Horace says that the pressure of work has reached the saturation point. The office has several new men.

Sept. 21 Took Jim Clark to dinner at the Carlton this evening. He is winding up his work at the Rubber office - whence Jeffers has already flown. Apparently his plans for the future are not crystallised but I suspect that he will go to one of the rubber companies.

Sept 22 Reading Forester's "The Ship" very interesting as a study of life on a cruiser during a battle. Ed Foley has been made a full colonel and sent to Egypt as a financial adviser. Theo Hess tells me that his cousin Jack street car last its way and ended up in a remote section of the city.

September 23, 1943 Noble called up today to say that Zellner is back in Frankfort. Apparently the Marines have at last lost patience and are going to give him a medical discharge. Noble may let M- and me have his apartment here during Nov. and Dec. Pat has told Hamilton that he must go as of Oct. 1.

Sept 24 Had the Alexanders and Kyles to dinner tonight. The new Mrs. Kyle, like her predecessor, is a Texas girl. Unlike Ruth, however, she is a great talker. One might almost call her boisterous. She told one story about her grandfather who is 92 and consumes two quarts of whiskey and 12 cigars per day. We told her that such conduct would eventually ruin his health.

Sept. 25 The Russians have recaptured Smolensk. It looks as though they might eventually turn the flank of all the Germans in the North. Reading "The Sun", Forester's story of the Peninsular Wars. Have finished "Riflemen Dodd".

Sept 26 Took a long walk in Rock Creek Park. Then to see the War show on the monument grounds. After that to dinner with Woodward Mrs. Henry (of Sperry). I think that he finds life dull in Washington.

Sept 27 one of the guests at the Henry's last night was Lt. Com. Carl Lueder, who, while still with Pan American Airways, discovered and developed Fish Lake in Liberia. Fish Lake has been of great value during the war as a station for the clippers and bombers en route from U. S. A. to the Near East. Lueder is an interesting chap. M- writes that she arrived in Tucson on time having made connections everywhere.

Sept 28 I have seen Mr. Middleton of Greenwich, vice president of Babcock & Wilcox, at the Navy Department lately. He told me today that he was assisting Admiral Robinson of O. P. & M. He is also working with the War Labor Board. New York is apparently very crowded. Mrs. Evelyn Moore called from there tonight to ask permission to use our apartment for a few days.

Sept. 29 We have an art show in the Park just across Constitution Avenue from my window. It is badly overshadowed by a large sugar maple that is decking itself out in crimson and gold. Howard Luton, who married Mrs. Berry, is dead in Bermuda. I had thought of him for twenty years or so

September 30, 1943 The trees are beginning to show their colors in Washington. Yellow predominates. The magnolias are showing their brown and bright red fruits.

Oct. 1 Reading Burkenheads "Points of view"; a miscellaneous collection of speeches, essays, official reports and trivia. What an extraordinary man he was. Some one could confer a benefit on us all by writing a biography of F. E. that would compare with Jessup's life of Root. Hamilton left today. We are certainly lucky to get rid of him. His ineptitudes almost excuse the Navy's endless cross-checking methods.

Oct. 2 Long letter from Malcolm who wants us to buy a house near his that has come on the market. He tells me that Way Highsmith has became General counsel of Hercules Powder company.

Oct. 3 We are now using diminutive "Waves" as guards in the Navy Building in the evenings. The "billies" are almost as long as they are. Reading Burkenhead and also Selkham's Cases on Administrative Law.

oct. 4 The live oaks on the Washington streets are certainly not evergreens - as I had ignorantly expected. Carl Newton seems to have filled his post as administrator of the coal mines with credit. Carl's career is an example to all of us never to despair. Twelve years ago all of us thought that he was a failure, hopelessly lost in a rut with White & Co.

oct. 5 Bob Sage was in today with his client Wiley Brown, president of one of the Rhelps Dodge companies, and we settled a long-standing contract. Bob is both practical and acute in legal work.

oct. 6 My gums are very sore today. Probably what the negroes used to call "salivated." Pat is on Frankie's trail for laziness and general lack of attention to his duties.

oct. 7 Katie Swoopes picture is in the Washington Post, taken on a flying fortress evacuating wounded to North Africa. She was in my school at Osco. Noble telephones that he saw Zellner in Frankfort. Marines are going to discharge him for physical disabilities.

october 8, 1943 To the Stotlers tonight to dine with the Charles Smiths. The other guests were captain and Mrs. Berry and Colonel and Mrs. Reissinger. Berry wears his four stripes with a certain arrogance that betrays a limited social background. Charlie Loveen writes that he is about to get his preliminary physical examination.

<u>october 9</u> one of Birkenhead's experiences is amusingly duplicated by mine. The courts martial records, he says, are difficult reading because the witnesses devote more time to explaining their scrupulous military routine than to relevant data about the crimes. The same is true in all the papers I read about Naval mishaps. one learns that the witness promptly notified all proper parties and made all necessary reports but gets few facts about the accident.

<u>oct. 10</u> Doty has finally determined to leave the Bank. I'll bet he had a difficult interview with Harrell who has lost too many people to be happy.

oct 11 Ed Crobbe's mother is dead. She has been ill for a long time so that her death is a release but Ed is naturally upset. Dined with Bill Stewart at the Cornet tonight. Met Hoagy Clark on the street. He is back at the Department for a stint after eighteen months at Pearl Harbor.

oct. 12 The car which has worried me for three months is all right again. In fact its effectiveness is better than the other. Margaret arrived back from Kansas tonight at 9:30. I had waited for her at the station for an hour earlier in the evening.

oct. 13 Leroy Brophy is a lieutenant colonel. He said that the Army lost its oldest major when he was promoted.

oct. 14 Reading Laurence Housman's "unexpected years", a badly arranged and unequal work hastily compiled. He seems to have been a silly fellow with some gifts. Even his brother A.E. loses stature in this book. Still I suppose that one can't entirely write off the author of Victoria Regina and deny him credit for having started long to write.

october 15, 1943 Charlie has been called for his preliminary physical examination and is much worried again. Reading Fletcher Pratts "The Navy"; a general and not too useful history
oct. 16 Wood and Nina Henry and Sperry Brophy dined with us at Pierre's tonight. Sperry had not met the Henrys before. Wood come to Sperry about the time Sperry left for the Army. We had a very pleasant evening.
oct 17 We are moving to Hobbs apartment for a few days and it seems that I shall be paying rent on both apartments for a time. Lowry has a new tenant coming but M— and the housekeeper between them got confused as to when he is expected.
oct. 18 Hess and Damon are back. Damon is in a terrible state as his small son has leukemia, a hopeless case. Commander Jones, who was with Rodman's in the North Sea in the last war, tells me that he introduced Francis Hunter to Admiral Beatty. The Admiral had asked for a tennis partner and Jones located Hunter. I don't remember that Hunter mentioned Jones in his book.

October 19 Mrs. Aubrey (Sally Cowsill) is dead at 71. She was a fine woman and a great friend of our family. I saw her last when I was at home in 1941. I must have known her once I was a baby. She was always a gay and attractive woman but also with some of the Herin melancholy.
October 20 We spent the evening with Noble Gregory, inspecting the apartment which he is renting us. The Comptroller General has criticised us in the congressional hearings for buying a set of false teeth for one of the technicians we have sent to Russia. The cost was $220. The man must by the dangerous Murmansk route an an all-important mission. If he had broken his teeth he would have had to return with his work unfinished. He got $375 per month. Such demagoguery.
Oct. 21 Louise's baby is a girl so I have lost a chance of having a namesake. They have named her Jacqueline. Pat Collins is in Washington trying to get a commission. To my surprise I find that he never finished college.

october 22, 1943 Packing. As always I have accumulated too many possessions again. The grapevine brings in the news that Foster is not taking Mrs. MacGregor to Springfield and that she is very bitter about it. Of course he is quite right but it is a blow for her to be left behind.

<u>october 23.</u> We moved today. Heaps of boxes and bags. A whole bag of whiskey, sherry and rum. We shall at least use that up before we leave.

<u>october 24</u> Noble spent the night with us last night and we had a long gossipy day together today talking about congress and Kentucky politics. Noble is quite intelligent. Its a pity he hasn't more education. Am finishing the third volume of Sandburg's Lincoln, the War years.

<u>october 25</u> Charlie Lawrence states that he is going to file for a commission. In fact he is so worried that he doesn't know what he is doing. Wrote a letter to Bill Taylor today welcoming him back to N. Y. The news in the Bureau is that Logsdon was in the Wake Island battle. Swift work for a desk lad.

oct 26 A terrific row tonight. We spent the evening with Robert and Mrs. Webb. He is the son of the prominent Mayfield lawyer, was railroad commissioner in Kentucky and is now chairman of the congressional committee for study of the transportation system. He is a nice boy but not too forceful

oct 27 A rumor is going about that Guido Pantaleani was captured behind the lines in Italy in civilian clothing and was immediately shot.

oct 28 Went to Calvins farewell party, a dull affair in spite of much forced heartiness and drinking. Lemler and Calvin made long pointless speeches which were not even honored by attention. Calvin was very chummy with me and even hinted that he wanted me to be his lawyer when I get back to N. Y.

oct. 29 Ted Hess and Bill Wright come to dinner tonight and Margaret fed us on veal birds. Ted was up until 3 A.M. this morning, celebrating the Calvin exit, so that he faded out at 9:30. I wonder why Ted will drink so much.

October 30, 1943 Dana Backes and wife were our guests for dinner at the Willard tonight. They had invited us to see the popular musical show Oklahoma. The show was an usual and clever one with touches of the macabre. The voices were not so good but the general effect was most interesting.

Oct 31 Left for Chicago tonight to close up Ajax Manufacturing Company, a fly-by-night group manufacturing bad binoculars and sextants for the Department. I had a bedroom with commander Jones. He and I played bridge with Walsh of O.P. & M. and young Kerr. Kip Slodden made the fifth of our party.

Nov. 1 We gave the works today to the dispirited Jewish promoters who run the Ajax company - Took everything out of the plant. Of course they have had a fine business and large salaries for 18 months at public expense. Tonight we drank O Kolee Hoo, a Haiwaian whiskey on a creosote base which commander Oliver introduced, and had a good dinner at Chicago's top Swedish restaurant, the Grupshalm. I would have preferred visiting Miss Jennie.

Nov. 2 The newspapers are buzz around Admiral Charlton for a statement. With a little help from us he gave a short on emporizing the failure of Ajax and the fact that the property seized was Navy-owned. The evacuation trucks however, are moving very slowly. Home tonight with Commander Jones and I winning some easy victories at bridge.

Nov. 3 Paratrooper viets is missing behind the lines in the Italian campaign. For Hazel's sake I hope that he turns up safely. I would be surprised if he turns out to be having a vacation at an Italian bistro. I bill has come across my desk indicating that the Mantezu Well is to be bought for a national monument!

Nov. 4 Lemler has taken over the reins in Share Facilities again. His opinion of his subordinates is shown by his determination to have everything pass through his hands a dangerous bottle-neck unless relaxed. I find Housman's book incredibly naive and self-revealing.

November 5, 1943 Ed Crobbe and Jim Clark to dinner tonight. very congenial conversation. I think that Jim hopes to get a past as assistant to the president of one of the large rubber companies. Charlie Lowen calls up to say that he has decided to pass up the commission and take his chances on the draft.

November 6 Bill Moore has left the Insurance Division to help out the war in the Pacific. Les Beck has left it to become a vice president of a new casualty company. Reorganization goes on as usual. Bill is a thoroughly nice boy. He has Ken's bright wit but is kinder and milder.

Nov. 7 M- and visited the Smithsonian today. As usual the old uniforms bored me and the old locomotives and automobiles thrilled me. The exhibits do not seem to be well cared for. Most of the art testifies for the patriotic rather than the aesthetic. But how I would like to take a spin in one of those old engines. Saw the Webbs at Mays for a dinner which was interrupted when Martha fainted twice.

Nov. 8 Gosper is married again. An incurable romantic, he reminds one of the pioneers who needed only love to start new households. I doubt that his cash amounted to as much as $25.00. I am finding Baker's life of Wilson a prolix and eulogistic work, saved only by its lavish use of source material.

Nov. 9 Dined with the Alexanders tonight. Both Jock and Dorcas are people of real social gifts, and they have two lovely children, John and Cecily. Dorcas has painted some charming portraits. One charm of Washington dinners for me is that one seldom has to play bridge.

Nov. 10 Bill Hubbell has been killed in an airplane crash in the Aleutians where he was acting as a captain in the Air Intelligence. He leaves a widow and three small children. Bill was such a kind and peaceful chap that it is hard to think of him as a soldier. Malcolm and Clare arrived tonight with Joan and little Clare. Malcolm has regained all his old buoyancy now that his business affairs are

November 11, 1943 Malcolm came to lunch with me in our cafeteria today for the experience and got more than he expected. He bluffed his way past the sentry at the 17th St. gate and was almost arrested for not having a pass when I tried to take him over the bridge to the main building. Ted Hass' gold stripes finally got him out of T3 where he started again. I judge from Foster's letters that he is irked at Artie Muller who has been in too much of a hurry to take over the reins.

Nov. 12 Jack Koehler is back to organize a party of his own for Pacific service. Jack was in Sicily on the second day of the invasion, at Gela, and found the bombs uncomfortably close. The commanding officer of his outfit turned out to be a drunk and Jack, as executive officer, had to take over. He must have done well to get his present assignment. Commander Jones was in for a long chat today. He had heard and was much worried about Forrestal's talk with Pat in which F. expressed some anxiety about the management of Share Facilities.

Nov. 13 Malcolm gave a cocktail party at the Wardman Park this afternoon. Saw Hugh Cox and "Esmeralda" for the first time in years; also Norman Littell with his wife, Bill Elliott, now a consciously rustic Tennesseean, Estes Kefauver, representative from Malcolms Tenn. distric, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lindley, Tom Childs, Dana and Louise Buckes, Jim Homire, Raymond Wilmotte and his wife, Robert Humber and the Snodgrasses. A very genial and successful party. Bill Elliott has found that his professorship is much less ingratiating with critical congressmen than his Tenn. accent

Nov 14 We gave a noon dinner for the Foashees at the Wardman Park today. Noble Gregory and the Snodgrasses were the other guests. Noble and Malcolm took to each other at once. Russ and Helen were at their usual best. The Foashees rushed off at 3 30 to get the congressional. I forgot to note yesterday that the Mackenzies came back here with the Foashees last night for a buffet dinner. We are lost lonight without the children.

November 15, 1943 Paratrooper Rudd Dietz is back in action on the Italian front. No doubt his adventures will fill in some weary evenings in Lucenter. I did my duty today and wrote a letter to Bill Hubbard's widow. I thought that she and his children should know how highly his friends esteemed him.

Nov. 16 Hazel Flagler has written me about a friend of hers who has had long experience in Malaysia and India and who wants a place in the Navy. Her letter to me is optimistic enough, but Malcolm had a letter from her recently intimating that she might return to N. Y. unless she could soon find better living quarters in San Francisco.

Nov. 17 Mace Damon still looks as though he were just recovering from a knockout. I find Baker's life of Wilson much too eulogistic. In fact the tone is so saccharine that I find difficulty keeping at it. By reaction I am anxious to get back to Bacon and have promised myself the Christmas present of a good st., probably a delayed present.

Nov. 18 We had Mr. McCauley, President, and Mr. Headly, attorney, of the Birdsboro Steel & Foundry company in today and I carried out my threat of keeping them in conference without bread or water until all the terms of contract Nobs 420 were settled. Fortunately we got through in time for a late lunch. Headly is a partner of McCrackens and a bright chap.

Nov. 19 Reading Guedalla's book on Bazaine and Petain. The study of the elder seems to be a serious one and is sprightly and entertaining. The small part devoted to Petain is poor, an almost hysterical denunciation. Some of the crimes hinted at just cant have been committed. Perhaps some later Guedalla will labor to rehabilitate Petains reputation. Would that Baker had a dash of Guedalla's style.

Nov. 20 The Backes came to dinner tonight. They are both very charming. Louise is a daughter of the Mrs. James Lee Laidlaw who was friend and hostess for Tom Chamberlain et al of the old Harvard Law club. Dana is a bright, friendly and unusually direct chap.

Nov. 21, 1943 The morning paper contains a story of Tom Chamberlain who has made somewhat of a good thing for himself as attorney and general factotum of the Mark Twain Estate. It seems that the sacred writings are still very valuable and that plays and scenarios are still being built on them. Worked today - My Sunday. Tonight Red Koperski arrived. I met him at the station. He had consumed a bottle of Scotch and was on his way to New York to look into Sonnett's affairs.

Nov. 22 The basis of Red's grief seems to be that Sonnett's coca cola stock - 2200 shares bought at a total cost of about $7,000 - was sold in small lots in N.Y. at more than 40 some months ago. He thinks that the commercial has been negligent in not disposing of it at that figure.

Nov. 23 Jack Kuehler came in for lunch today. He tells us that the Patton story has been magnified in the press out of its true proportion. He also says that the Germans treat American prisoners well, the Italians very badly.

Nov. 24 Ted Hess is to go to the Bureau of Aeronautics. In terms it is a loan, but, if he gets into the long congressional investigations, it is unlikely that Ships will get him back. Ted has a genius for quick work but is lazy and incurably careless. He is a charming companion, however, and I have wasted many hours exchanging quips with him that should have been given to public business.

Nov. 25 Margaret and I dined at Mays on luscious Smithfield ham and I then took her to the station. She is to get our winter clothing together and do some shopping against the cold.

Nov. 26 Jones tells me that Zeke Clark is to be maced into technical work. That is silly. Zeke is not an intellectual by any means but he has faithfully done his duty-his very best. It looks as though he were being set aside quite completely.

Nov. 27 Arrived in N. Y. at 11.30. Found my new books awaiting: Tarbell's Life of Gary, Stefansson's Life Among the Eskimos, Fighting Bob Evans, A Sailor's Log and Dana's Two Years Before the Mast.

Nov. 27, 1943 The Dotys picked us up at the Greenwich Station and took us to the Foosbees who were giving a farewell party for the Dotys. other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Se Emmons, Mr and Mrs. Ardrey, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lumbard, Mr. and Mrs. Ringling, Mr. and Mrs. Kunhardt, and Mr and Mrs. Bunker. We returned to Greenwich with the Dotys. Foster has bought a large and impressive house in Springfield. He seems to be completely delighted.

Nov. 28 In with Foster this morning and to the office to try to get some work on my own affairs. Agreed with Mr. Parke that I would ask the Navy to release me Jan. 1. Asked him to accelerate the payments the Firm were to make me ~~and~~ to the extent of $10,000, the other $10,000 to be cancelled. Lee and I took Fred Lobes to lunch. Talked over my tax problems with Gluck. Had a long talk with Christensen who says that Mrs. will have plenty of work for me when I return. Saw Stouffer, Ford and Wattrick. M- and I returned to Washington on the 7.30.

Nov. 30 The big news I heard in N. Y. was that Jack Beeding is to be promoted to the senior vice presidency of commercial and elected a director. Just as the institution was shaken by the resignation of Doty, Jack was offered the presidency of the First National Bank of Cincinnati. The double loss would have been too much so Mr. Howell had to outbid the rival. Pat has taken a very understanding view of my leaving and has released me.

Dec. 1 Wattrick told me Monday that Archie Falconer was out for good now. He came back for a few weeks this year, but quickly relapsed into bed. Bill Wright, Ed Crobbe and Mace Daman took M- and me to dinner at the Salle du Bois tonight. A very pleasant party.

Dec. 2 Am digging into Spedding's Bacon again. He devotes too much time to Essex and too little to the real subject. Of course the data is scarce on Bacon's early life but it would be interesting to see how much could be done by a careful study of his later writing - a biographia literis

December 3, 1943 one of the evils of returning to N. Y. will be that I shall get no more turnip and collard greens, corn bread or tart fruit pies: The Washington food seems better suited to my Kentucky taste. I see vice President Wallace every morning as I wait for the bus: He evidently walks from the Wardman Park to the capital.

Dec: 4 Had the Alexanders and Mme Damon to dinner tonight: Mme has almost lost his gaiety since the disaster which befell his boy, but he entered into the conversation tonight almost naturally. Jack and Dorcas were charming as always.

Dec: 5 I felt very seedy last night and woke up this morning with a bad cold and a fever. My eyes are badly swollen. Everyone in Washington seems to have a cold or to be recovering from one.

Dec. 6 Feel a little better today but am still in bed. Devour the newspapers and read Baker's Wilson - which fails to improve as it gets on. The man had no skill in biography.

Dec. 7 Sat up today, feeling almost normal. In fact I went to the Peoples Drug Store this afternoon to get cigarettes, Red detective stories and Spalding's Bacon.

Dec. 8 Back at work. Lunched with Wood Henry who professes to be very sorry that we are leaving. Kemler is also profuse in statements of regret. One thing that I have done for the Facilities Section is to reduce the bickering and bad feeling.

Dec. 9 We had Mr. and Mrs. Boell (pronounced Bell) to dinner tonight. She is employed at the Y. W. C. A. where Margaret met her. Her husband a scholarly chap, works at the National Archives. They went to the univ of Wisconsin.

Dec. 10 Received today from Fox a clipping from the N. Y. Times with a picture of Harry Melton Jr., now a full colonel, who is now in action over Burma. Telephoned Harry tonight. They have no news except that he was in a mustang returning from a bombing mission which his squadron was protecting. If he is lost, it will kill Harry and Annie.

Dec. 11, 1943 used $3100 of my tax bonds, some of which are no longer bearing interest, to pay the Dec. instalment of my income tax. Pushing on in Spedding's Bacon.

Dec. 12 A lazy day. We took a long walk this afternoon.

Dec. 13 Bill Sope called up this morning to say that Red Kapersky had directed the Firm to send Garnett's papers to Breed, Abbat & Morgan. Red called tonight from the Waldorf, drunk as a lord, to say that he had sold Garnett's stock for 25. Not a word about his removal of the business from the Firm. He has apparently been having a good time on Garnet's money while on his trip.

Dec. 14 Money from the Firm is flowing in. I estimate that M and I are worth more than $100,000 now, excluding life insurance, clothing, personal effects, including library and furniture, and M's interest in the land in Kansas.

Dec. 15 A jolly tea[illegible] gone with the Webbs tonight.

Dr. Ralph N (Mighty) Mapson of the university of Kentucky is dead. I remember chiefly his very nice wife.

Dec. 16. I am delighted by Bevan's characterization of British military operations in Italy: Like an old man with a young bride, fascinated, languid and apprehensive". Dorothy Mateer is with us. Her hair is getting quite gray and she talks about the students, ast conn. coll. for Wom. as though she were a grandmother and they were infants.

Dec. 17 Tonight we had Dorothy, Bill Wright and Major and Mrs. Hershey to dinner. The Major is a South African, tall and dark as a Boer although I fancy that he is at least part English. We had a very good dinner at Mays.

Dec. 18 I have a letter from Woodson written from a tent somewhere "in the jungle". I gather that he is surprised and not too much pleased. Am reading De Voto's "Year of Decision", an interesting although not too well written account of the events of the year 1846. The chief interest is in the exploits of the pioneers to Utah, California and Oregon and the conquest of Cal.

Dec. 19, 1943 Zellner come in to lunch today. He is on his way to Richmond to close a deal whereby he expects to be general agent for a Virgina insurance company, the same, I believe, as that Charley Jones formerly had an interest in. I am so delighted to see Zellner out of politics and back in business. Had a short car ride with the Webbs after Zellner left. Tonight M and I dined at the Wardman Park with Dena Backes and his friends the Gordons who proved to be neighbors and friends of the Alexanders.

Dec. 20 De voto's book goes very well. In one respect I am certainly a typical American. I love the west. Arizona, N. M., Colorado, How I would like to spend some time in them. I would not have liked pioneering in a heavily forested area.

Dec. 21 Did my christmas shopping, presents for M- and Mrs. Sizemore, at the perfume counter of the drug-store at 17th & H. Wrote my christmas letter to Miss Jennie tonight.

Dec. 22 Kemler is now in the office next to me, only a thin partition between us, so that I hear him all the time. Today I heard him bawling some luckless young officer who was late. "Who do you think you are getting to work at eleven o'clock? Do you think this is a bank? It was exactly 8:50 A.M.

Dec. 23 We dined luxuriously tonight on a roast of beef, a rarity in these days of rationing. Gellner says that he is going to slaughter some hogs and will send us some sausage, hams and bacon. Loreta has sent us an old ham.

Dec. 24 At home a little early and with M- to have cocktails with the Webbs. They had a Mr. Banks there, who is counsel for Roberts commission and a statistical expert whose name I forget. Robert drank too much. Tonight we spent with Russ & Helen Snodgrass. Russ says that Roosevelts intervention in the Railroad labor dispute will cause a great loss to the roads, instead of a reduction as intended.

Dec. 25, 1943 We had two young polish boy soldiers from Chicago and the three Webbs to christmas dinner. Florence Barnett from the office, who was to have come, was sick. The two boys went with us to the Alexanders for cocktails and put Jock to shame by putting back into operation the childrens' electric train which had defied all Jock's efforts.

Dec. 26 Breakfasted with the Webbs and played bridge with them for hours. I think that M- and I were up a few points for the sitting. Finished De Vitas book. The Webbs are great bridge players, playing each hand with zest, scolding at their cards, bemoaning bads and laughing with glee at good luck.

Dec. 27 our christmas harvest has been very small, but we did get hams from Lawson and Wilson. I wish they had waited until we were back in N. Y. We have about drunk up our entire liquor supply. M- is moaning herself out to get the apartment clean.

Dec. 28 The cocktail party for me was given this afternoon at the carlton. It was an invitation affair and included wives. Practically all the legal staff came, including Steve Hensel, as well as all the Navy men who were invited: Bakey, Kenler, Clark, Wilson and Riley. Pat, Bakey and Kenler made amusing speeches and went through an elaborate parody of decorating me, including the kisses, and gave me a award. About nine P.M. the remains of the party adjourned to Halls where we had a steak dinner with much beer and laughter.

Dec. 29 We have a christmas card from Romana and "Jean Laudermilk. I had hoped that he and Virginia would make peace. Packing boxes etc for mailing. I always dread a move.

Dec. 30 When Dick Kyle learned that I was leaving he told me that he would like to get a good job himself. He has grown very much in his job and would make some corporation a good general counsel

December 31, 1943 I wound up at the office and said farewell today - surprised myself at the amount of emotion I felt. I suppose that I have worked so closely with these men that I know them as well as I would in many years of private practice. We dined with the Kyles tonight at the Salle du Bois. Mrs. Kyle is a very vivacious gd.

Jan. 1, 1944 We had an early breakfast with the Webbs this morning and then caught the 10 o'clock train. A tiresome ride. We found the apartment very dirty. As soon as we came we rushed over to see Sydney Stevens who looks very fit. He left on the century and we tried to console Bettie.

Jan. 2 The news about Harry Melton, Jr., is very encouraging. He was seen to be safe after his parachute landed and is hoped to be hidden by the Burmese. Reading Greenslet's "Under the Bridge", a publishers memories. Perhaps the Houghton-Mifflin editor is entitled to appear as a literary figure. Busy unpacking and cleaning the apt.

Jan. 3 Back on the job. Spent all day visiting at the banks. Lunched with Kimball and Budinger at the Wall St. Club. Everyone very cordial. To dinner with the Meltons tonight. Annie and Harry are very sad and depressed in spite of the hopes excited by the encouraging news of Harry Ripley.

Jan. 4 Lunched with Fletcher today. His son, Al, is here. Al is a lieutenant colonel and one of MacArthur's aces at 28. His father is, quite understandably, exceedingly proud of him. Reading Quennell's "Byron: The Years of Fame". The book seems to be a sound one but not very exciting. The author seems to be continually trying to understand how Byron could have happened.

Jan. 5 Lunched with Roy Lockwood. Among the annoying items saved up for my return is a quarrel between Mack Truck and the Trust Co. over the liability of Mack to pay the fees of White & Case for work on the recent "V" loan. Am trying to get an amicable solution. Not feeling very well.

Jan. 6, 1944 Lunched with Lee Morey. Lee and old Bill Breed have been in a quarrel over a Savoy Plaza matter and I am trying to settle it. We had the Johnsons to dinner tonight. Both Al and Hetty seem overworked and very tired. Played bridge - bad for me

Jan. 7 Lunched with Lee again. Am beginning to see my way out of the Savoy-Plaza imbroglio. Breed is stupid and mendacious but not immune to flattery. Have a friendly letter from Jack Alexander who says that he is still undisturbed in my old room.

Jan. 8 visited Dauber & Pine this afternoon and came away with Warren's History of the Supreme court, Mahan's Influence of Sea Power upon History, Guedalla's Second Empire and Dumas Les quarante Cinq. The Mahan rounds out my set. The Meltons and Johnsons come to dinner tonight, i.e. Hetty. Al has gone to the funeral of his aunt, Judge Lowe's mother. Harry seems very worn. I believe that he has little hope that Harry Jr. is alive.

Jan. 9 Daty and Budenger have given me their versions of recent changes at the commercial. Afgenmayer gave me his today. Naturally his chief interest is that he was left out of the new list of vice presidents. Anaconda Copper has brought a Mr. Hoover from the West as vice president and general counsel. It doesn't affect our pocketbooks but does cut our prestige and security.

Jan. 10 My liquid assets are at an all time high with $30,000 in cash and $20,000 in Government bonds. For the first time I can make a balance sheet of $100,000, excluding insurance policies furniture, books, motor cars and personal effects.

Jan. 11 At the annual meeting of the commercial this morning. The only variation from the normal was the reduction in the par value of the stock from $100 par to $20 par. Lunched with Clare Hughes and his friend Forsyte. We dined with the Whites tonight. Dabby and Billy have grown enormously. Bill seems to be enjoying his work at the Guaranty

January 12, 1944 Went to Bedinger's and Moores lunch at the Wall St club. Bissell, John McCarthy, a Mr. Hutton, Bill Sassett, Howard Ferguson, Frost (Ex Lord + Thomas) etc were there. The Eisenmayers come to dinner tonight. Walter Jr. is coming tomorrow for a few days furlough and they are much excited.

Jan. 13 Bill White had me to lunch with Bell Taylor and himself at the Guaranty today. I have a feeling that B. T. has been a little indiscreet during his first days in his new job. Probably the natural effect of leaving a presidency for a vice presidency. Pat Hodgson writes that I am to get over-time pay and annual leave pay from the Navy.

Jan. 14 Lunched with Abe Muller today - or rather he with me. Dave finished the Queenell's Byron. I think that the author had hardly made up his own mind what to think. I hear that Bill Robes, as the friend of Gibson and Allen Kirley, has grown to be an important man in M. T. Co.

Jan. 15 We saw Katherine Cornell and Raymond Massey in Lovers and Friends tonight. A poor play. Raymond Massey acted as though he were a high school senior in the annual class event. Had a long talk with J. Hutto whose progress at the office has been very slow. It is now suggested that he go to the Washington office.

Jan. 16 We went to the Metropolitan Museum this afternoon to see the exhibit of pictures of naval activities. Blanche and Dean Wells came in this afternoon for a drink. Dean is somewhat disturbed about Budinger's rise. Reading Dumas' "Les Garante-cens". I find that my French has deteriorated.

Jan. 17 Frank Drohan came to lunch with me today, full of stories about the complications of war-contract termination. I fear that Frank is already restless in his job with Goodyear. Tonight M- and I dined on wonderful lobster Newburg with the Newhouse sisters. Laura is very bad and can't live long. We played the usual zealous bridge - with bad luck to me.

Jan. 18, 1944 Took Frank Farrell to lunch. With his usual penchant for turning an honest penny he has worked up a pretty business in blocked Spanish pesetas. Tonight we had the Glucks to dinner at the Sevres Pavilion and then to see Elizabeth Bergner in The Two Mrs. Carrolls. The play was poor; she very good. Benita is ageing, it seems to me.

Jan. 19 Took Charlie Jones to lunch today. He, Bill Robe and Hap Flonigan have bought a large block of stock of Adams Express Company stock. The Fooshees came to dinner with us. I called for M at his office, which he showed me proudly. Bridge, with great success.

Jan. 20 Lunched with Charlie Lowen today. It is very pleasing to see how responsibility has developed him. Reading Jones's life of Andrew Jackson. It is a very sprightly book and goes full tilt for the "bargain" story. One feels that he has known numbers of minor Jacksons in the South. I say "minor" because he was unique in will power and obstinacy.

Jan. 21 Took Malcolm McMaster and Russ Leavitt to lunch at the D. T. A. Malcolm was his usual buoyant self and Russ as quiet as usual. Bill Kaemmel has been made vice president of the Chemical, a late but no doubt welcome promotion.

Jan. 22 Shopped this afternoon with M- for lamps but pulled back when I found them to be $390.00 a pair. To the State Bar Association dinner tonight. George Mills and Mr. Klugscheid of Kennecott Copper were guests at our table. Pat Hodgson was there with his partners of the Kenefick Firm. I spent a pleasant hour with them after the dinner.

Jan. 23 Margaret has interviewed all the real estate dealers in Southern Manhattan in her search for a new apartment and today got me in to see a nine-room duplex at 60 Gramercy Park. Good but beyond our needs and pocketbook. M- is not feeling very well this winter. She is troubled with insomnia again and is very nervous. The Andrew Jackson book is very exciting

January 24, 1944 I received today $393.46, less tax, as overtime pay from the Navy. It is almost like a gift as I never expected to get it. Lunched with Alec Cunney and his friend Judge von Doris, a good talker. Alec is thin and worn.

Jan. 25 Took Frank Gage to lunch today. Frank's minor quarrel with Lobey - which does not seem to be personal - has grown to the point of impelling him to look for a new job. M- and I went tonight to see Grace Fields and Monty Wooley in the delightful movie "Holy Matrimony".

Jan. 26 A headache today. Lunched with Ken Moore at the D. T. A. to discuss Jack Hutto. Everyone is fond of Jack. His work is thorough, his personality excellent and his manners pleasing. On the other hand he seems to have no facility in getting work out. As one man put it he is like a very intelligent layman who remembers a little law from long-forgotten study. Reading along in James' thrilling life of Jackson.

Jan 27 Working with Ike Hopper, Henry Ruppel and Dave Austin on a V loan. Ike is certainly one of my best friends at the Tr. Co. Lunched with Bob Shea, Lauren and Stan Dunn. Bob has lost a lot of his insouciance since he began to do Sperry's work.

Jan. 28 Lunched with Bill Palmer at the D.T.A. He is slowly recovering from a near-breakdown brought on by overwork, chiefly on the Listerine-Fair Trade Commission case. Jim Crimmins has broken down from overwork on the certificates cases before the Civil Aeronautics Board and is at home in a bad way.

Jan. 29 Margaret has wangled the large apartment at 60 Gramercy Park for $28.00. It will give me a title for my autobiography when I return to the country: "From Backhouse to Five Baths and Back". To Rye to spend the week end with the Foashees. Reading Scott's "God is My co-Pilot", a story of air fighting in India, Burma and China.

January 30, 1944 While Mokie took Margaret at the children to lunch and Clare cooked dinner I took a long walk in the bracing cold down Milton Point. Visited the Egans this afternoon. Peggy seems to be all right again, although pale and subdued. Eddie's lump persists very noticeably and he has much more gray hair. Played bridge until train time. Finished Colonel Scott's book.

January 31 Louise writes that Bilson will be inducted in three weeks, Mommy and Loreta are going to stay on at the house. Trying to get the accounts of Arnold Kuehn unfrozen. He was in business in Shanghai before Pearl Harbor, chiefly black market operations in yen, was in a political prison camp for a year and came back on the Gripsholm on December 1.

Feb 1 Had the Lockwoods to dinner tonight and then to see Ruth Gordon in "Over 21" We dined very well at Charles. Very mediocre play. We always enjoy the Lockwoods. Betty stimulates Roy's social gifts.

Feb 2 We dined with the Johnsons tonight and then assisted them in picking up some pastry from a baker's school and dispensing it at the Union Service canteen. I had a light job of checking hats and coats but Margaret stood on her feet for nearly three hours passing out coffee and washing dishes.

Feb 3 Working with Henry Wolf on the Anaconda Pension Plan. It seems to me that our position with Anaconda is not very satisfactory since Hoover has been brought on from the West as General Counsel. Lunched at the Bankers club with Ed Towers and Fred Loher. Picked up a set of Churchills World crisis, all four volumes, at Brown & Delhi for $4.00.

Feb 4 Took Roy Coffman to lunch at the Down Town Association. He is a good fellow and a staunch friend of our firm. Had a stiff conference this afternoon with Stauffer about a plan of Frank Bogel's to get a job with Mack Truck. Stauffer thinks, and I agree, that it would be foolish for Frank to take such a risky step.

February 5, 1944 We are now busy planning the layout of the new apartment. It would absorb all our furniture and then look bare. Stopped at Barnes & Noble this afternoon, acquiring a set of Kent's commentaries for $10.00. Tonight we dined with the Dotys and Lee Morey at the Louis XIV th cafe and then went to the Moreys. Anne, who is still ill, has not yet gone to Springfield.

Feb 6 The Dotys came to 1:00 o'clock dinner. Foster is ecstatic over his new job and fine new house. Anne hopes to join him in a few days. A telegram informs us that Lowson and Gladys have a new girl baby. The will be very disappointed as they had hoped for a boy. Bettie Stevens came to supper with us. She is very depressed.

Feb. 7 Reading Mrs. Dugdale's life of Balfour. It is a competant if not a stimulating work. Balfour won his greatest fame and did his best work after retiring because of age.

Feb 8 Took Miller Moore to lunch at the D. T. A. I suppose that both of us had on our minds the late changes at the Commercial, but they were only briefly touched upon. Miller, as usual, is engrossed in plans for new business. Tonight I spent an hour at the N. Y. Public Library searching for an acceptable edition of Bacon - quite unsuccessfully.

Feb. 9 Wilson is due to be inducted immediately. Mommy has gone home and she and Loretta are to carry on while he is gone. Loretta and Jimmy Wear's wife are going to open a beauty parlor - possibly at the house; Lorella is an energetic girl and will probably do well.

Feb. 10 Dee Stone is in England with his Division, the Fourth. I suppose that one may hear on the radio at any time that the Anglo-American Army is storming the continent. Anne Daly is much us. She has not yet recovered enough to go to Springfield.

Feb 11, 1944 Lunched with Geo. Mills at the Broad St. Club. George is always so placid seems so little ambitious that I was startled to find him annoyed and deeply disturbed at Jock's sudden promotion. He feels that he has been slighted and has lost prestige with friends. Tonight Dorothy Mateer comes in with Dick and Mary Douglas. Both of the Douglas boys are in the armed services. Mary seems to have aged under the strain.

Feb 12 Shopped with M— at Altmans. I fell for a large Kirman rug for the apartment at $787.00. It is a beautiful thing with delicate shading of brown, gold rust and green. We also selected draperies. Tonight we dined and played poker at the Mellons. The other guests were a Mrs. Patterson and colonel and Mrs. Lenow. very pleasant.

Feb 13 In at 4 A.M. this morning so that I am tired and have a headache. Wrote to Mommy and Jock Alexander. Finished Suetonius's "Second Empire".

Feb. 14 Miss MacGregor is leaving to be Secretary for the book-reviewer of the N. Y. Evening Post. He has a syndicated column and she hopes to get to do some literary work. She has recently been teased with her work at the office so that I didn't try too hard to keep her. Frank currie is married to the daughter of a Danish count. I have a check from the Navy for my leave pay. Working with Ralph Carson and Fritz Schwartz on the Anaconda pension plan.

Feb. 15 The Methodist Church at Bondura, which is sixty years old, is to be replaced. Two members of the original church remain. Tonight M. and I went to Esther Carters exhibition. The talent seems to me to be a slender one.

Feb 16 Doc Finley came to lunch with me today. His job is about to be legislated out of existence. Tonight we dined with the Carsons at a dinner for Esther Carson. The Hanchers, Carters, Fosses and Rogers were also there. Very pleasant.

February 17, 1944 Virgil Hanscher, who with his wife was at the Carson's dinner last evening, was a busy lawyer in Chicago until two or three years ago when he was called to the presidency of Iowa University. He still seems to feel some trepidation at such a drastic change in profession.

Feb 18 Had Don Veil to lunch today. He has taken Carl Miller's place as head of one of the Divisions of Irving Trust company, a responsible and no doubt a well paid position. Miss MacGregor left today with a month's pay, a corsage of gardenias and my blessing. To Rosenhead where I arrived about eight P. M.

Feb 19 We slept late this morning and then motored to the villa. Syrena has fallen out with the Tookes, the owners of the land on which the villa stands. In fact she seems to be at loggerheads with a great many people here. Her practice has fallen off and she is quite bitter.

Feb. 20 Glenn Watkins, it seems, has gone to pieces. After his partnership with Syrena broke up, he took to the whiskey bottle and his wife to the penitentiary. Although she is back, they seem to have sunk to the bottom. Reading Godfrey's "Home life under the Stuarts". Saree for a walk to Riverhead we spent a very quiet day. We arrived home at 9 46 P. M.

Feb 21 Margaret is suffering from a bad head cold contracted on her trip. Lunched at the Bankers Club with Lober and Travers. Have finished Dugdale's Balfour. I think that the old gentleman must at times have been trying to his hard-worked colleagues, although a lawyer of strength in a difficult situation.

Feb 22 Worked at the new apartment this morning, later also washing a large refrigerator. Spent the rest of the day writing to Dee Stone, Frank Currie and Woodson Spurlock and reading Churchill's The World Crisis. Very clear and stirring but wordy

Feb 23, 1944 Charles Lawrence and Bob Sullivan have been classified 1A again by the Manhattan Appeal Board. I am trying to get them back on the deferred list but a little delay seems the best I can get. John Kocensky has become chairman of the Executive committee of American car and Foundry company. our furniture from storage was moved to the new apartment today. Senator Barkley has attacked the president in a teller speech as a result of the presidents veto of the new tax bill and has resigned the leadership of the Senate.

Feb 24 Sgt. Mills lunched with me at the D. T. H. At the Legal Aid meeting this afternoon where I saw Clyde Dart, Sam Coleman and Hugh and Emma Cole. Senator Pepper was there and made a welly speech. Packing tonight for moving tomorrow.

Feb. 25 Moved today. With difficulty we got one bedroom in shape to sleep tonight. The new library is very handsome, the books in better shape than expected.

Feb 26 Hulsan is at Fort Benjamin Harrison, I fear a very homesick man. He thinks that he will be put in the Army's postal service. Am still trying to get Charlie and Bob deferred. We dined tonight with the Meltons and again played poker unsuccessfully with them, Mrs. Patterson and the Lenons.

Feb. 27 Spent the day working on the apartment. Assembling the books and disposing of the odd magazines are big jobs in themselves. The Whites spent the afternoon with us. This afternoon we had tea with Bettie Stevens and met her guests the Smiths. We can now sleep in our bedroom.

Feb 28 Went to the Adams Express meeting today and was interested to see how well George Sillies handled the meeting. Took Jack Budinger and Charlie Summers to lunch at the D. T. A. Jack is trying very hard to strengthen his position at the Bank

February 29, 1944 I work on the library every tonight. The books came through their travels surprisingly well: on two and a half walls the books rise to the ceiling. As many of them are very handsome, the effect is splended. Charlie has the book work so well in hand that I am not very busy at the office.

March 1 Took Larry Lake to lunch at the D. T. A. today. Larry has the name of not working very hard, but he is certainly one of the most presentable and human officers of the Commercial. I have just learned that D. J. Tavernier died last october. He was a good man and the Trust Company will miss him. I am finding Churchills "World crisis very exciting.

March 2 Took Arnold Evans to lunch today. I am trying to get him a commission in the Navy - chiefly out of respect for his father, the General counsel for Revere Copper and Brass. Malcolm spent the night with us. He seems to be doing some very important work.

Mar 3 Lunched with Fred Lober today. Curiously enough, although Fred has been a vice president for ten years or more, he seems to have a clerk's attitude still. Lucius Littauer is dead. The old boy has lived long enough to see the stocks in the Eugene Littauer trust get back to almost their former value. The Fosdicks including the children, are with us. We had dinner with them tonight at the Versailles, a supper club.

Mar. 4 I am engaged in the usual wearisome struggle of making out my income tax. The Hitchcocks have another son. Horace seems to be delighted. Took the Fosdicks to dinner at the Gramercy Park Hotel tonight. Malcolm seems to be happy but very nervous.

Mar. 5 Took Laura Irwin a corsage of jasmines in honor of her birthday. I am afraid that she may not have another. The Johnsons came to tea and dinner with us. Al seems to be in better shape than he was last year but Betty is very tired. Malcolm is still with us.

Mon. 6, 1944 I see by the Advance that Edith Matlock Shafton is visiting Gertrude Sale and Will Matlock. I haven't seen Edith since we left Bandera and probably wouldn't know her, but I remember her very well indeed as a large, plain but very lively girl.
Mon. 7 Had my teeth cleaned this morning for the first time in 18 months. Still plugging away at my income tax, a foul job.
Mon. 8 Wilson is at camp Lee Virginia and reports that his basic training is very tough. He expects to be assigned to work in the Army mail system.
We are having great difficulty getting any service at the new apartment house. The windows haven't been cleaned, the shades installed or the bathroom fixtures put in order.
Mon. 9 Alex Royce is back with us. His job in N. Africa is finished and he isn't certain as to whether or not he will be assigned to another post. Had a letter today from Lt. Comdr. Blanchard who has left Washington for the Inspection Service

Mar. 10 A letter from Pat informs me that Ethan Hitchcock is going to sea. Ethan has long wanted to get away from his desk, and Pat has at last given his consent. I suppose that Ethan is a descendant of the lieutenant colonel of the same name who had a distinguished career in the Mexican War. I am moseying swiftly through Churchill's World Crisis.

Mar. 11 Irvin Cobb is dead. A conversationalist to the last he left a long, rambling letter which has interested the newspapers widely. Views on politics, the war and religion, greetings to and jokes about old friends are set forth in his Paducah idiom. Lilian and Syrena came to dinner tonight.

Mar. 12 Bob and Betsy Whittredge came to lunch today. They have been in N. Y. several days vacationing and seeing the sights. Bob is still at his dull job, to his disgust. With the Whites tonight. They have sold their Westport place and bought a farm near Pawling, N. Y.

Mar. 13, 1944 I have at last finished my income tax report. It runs to about 18 pages. The tax forgiveness feature saved me more than $10,000. Malcolm seems to be getting an extraordinary amount of interesting work and to be making great progress.
Mar. 14 Lunched with Mr. Clarke at the Recess club. We had coffee with Mr. Howell, Howard Ferguson, and a youngish man who turned out to be the new president of the Jewell Tea Co. Had a drink with Russ Leavett tonight at the Harvard Club. City Bank-Farmers Trust Co. is about to turn over to him a trust of which half or more of the principal has been lost in bad mortgage investments. Bettie White to dinner tonight.
Mar. 15 To the dinner of the Newcomen Society tonight as the guest of Mr. Russell of Revere Copper and Brass. The dinner was in memory of Paul Revere and Donald Dallas was the chief speaker. Geo. Mills was at our table. I met and had a long chat with Oliver Colvin. very kittenish

Mon. 16 Took Schacht van Steenbergh to lunch today. He has apparently suffered very much from his inability to join the Army (I get this from others) but seems to be working very hard. The Johnsons are staying with us while their apartment is being painted and the Meltons came to dinner tonight. M- cooked the dinner and served it for the lot.

Mon. 17 I entirely forgot my dental appointment this morning. Kober had a lunch in the Trust Co. dining room today for Waldemar Chadbourne, Clair Hughes, Lee Morey and me. Fred is very fond of Waldemar and very curious as to his position with our firm. Waldemar is really a dreamer, without practical value as far as I can see.

Mon. 18 To the Pfizenmayers at Garden City. Due to Walter's slip-up on time-tables we had to wait in Penn Station for an hour. Tonight a Mr. and Mrs. Brainard came to dinner. We played contract until 2 A.M. Walter and I almost slept in our chairs.

Mon. 19, 1944 Poor Walter is playing host with the embarassment of a bad cold. He aught to be in bed. We dined at the country club. Snow and a cold wind kept us indoors all day otherwise and we took an early train tonight.

Mon. 20 Luther Leavell Sr. is dead at 84. I haven't seen him for 25 years. He always seemed old to me. The little "afflicted" girl, Minnie, is still living.

Mon. 21 Humphrey Chadbourne seems to have gone to the dogs since T. H. died. Have been helping Knapp straighten out a large indebtedness of his to Marjorie Chadbourne. Waxed the dining room floor tonight. It is of some red composition, very striking.

Mon. 22 The third and fourth volumes of Churchills "World crisis" go off very badly in dramatic interest. He is at his best in describing unportant matters in which he bore a prominent part. His observations of others are acute, however.

Mar. 23 Roy Lockwood and I lunched with Ed Steele at the Recess club today. In spite of his nonsense and posturings Ed seems to have made some friends at M. T. Co. Roy, for instance seems to like him although having a low opinion of his abilities. The White children dined with us tonight as Bill and Bettie are at their new farm.

Mar. 24 Howard Ferguson lunched with me at the D. T. A. and amazed me by saying that he was on the lookout for a new job. I had thought that he might be in Budinger's corner. Crenna Sellers is with us and brings the distressing news that Neil Carr was killed last summer by the Mexicans who worked for him.

Mar. 25 Margaret had a birthday party for me tonight - two days ahead - with Crenna and the Whites as guests. Bill brought a bottle of Pedro Domecq's amontillado, we had a big steak and a very good time. Bill is full of plans for his new country place.

March 24, 1944 Have a bad headache today as a result of too much sherry and too many cigarettes last night. Reading Rosebery's Life of Chatham. It is really a study and presupposes a considerable knowledge of the subject and his period. Rosebery makes it quite clear that Pitt was a difficult and baffling personality.

March 27 Forty-six today. And I begin to feel every year of it. Lunched with Dan Geary at the D. T. A. Dan begins to look somewhat middleaged and battered.

Mar. 28 Lunched with Stan Dunn today. Dorothy and the children are still in the New Hampshire home and he sees them only fortnightly. Lucile Dreskell came to see us tonight. She seems still to be in financial troubles. Myles has cut his contributions to $5-00 per month.

Mar. 29 Frank Forrestal and Neal Carey had Royce and me to lunch today to discuss the possibilities of opening banking business in N- Africa. We dined with the Johnsons tonight.

March 30 Had Ed Steele to lunch at the D. T. A. Ed tells me that Flanigan has blocked any raises in salary for him. This afternoon Larry Lake and I went up and closed a note discount with Bill Pawley, founder of the famous Flying Tigers of the Chinese army. Pawley is a suave and youngish appearing man with a great flare of nervous energy. One would hardly guess from a brief acquaintance that he was an almost uniquely adventurous character.

March 31 Tom Dewey seems to be an almost certain winner of the Republican nomination. Mommy sends me a clipping to the effect that J. D. Marsh is dead of heart failure. Mr. Bert and Ed are still licking. About all I remember well about J. D. is his grotesque large mouth. Charlie Lowe's commission seems to be all set if he can get by his physical.

April 1 Ted Hess' Mother is dead. They were very close and Ted, whose life is not too full, will miss her very much. Margaret is not at all well. Tires easily and is nervous

April 2, 1944 Spent a part of the day getting the white bedroom in order. Too late it has resembled an old-fashioned trunk room. Finished Rose-bery's Pitt. I would like it better if I knew more about the 18th century in England. Should read my Lecky. Bette Stevens dined with us. When I took her to her bus we saw policemen and the wreck of a taxi in which a man had been killed. A drunken driver in a stolen car.
April 3. My dentist has condemned one of my most valuable eating teeth, the back molar, lower jaw left. The assignment work in the office is taking up a great deal of time. Took Parke & Stocker to lunch.
April 4 Took George Mills to lunch today. George doesn't fret but he is still dissatisfied with the situation at the commercial. Wood and Anne Doty are with us. Wood lost so much time from work that the Andover authorities asked that he be taken out. He loves the place and is deeply depressed. A difficult situation.

April 5. Wilkie has retired from the presidential race after his overwhelming defeat in Wisconsin. Nothing can stop Dewey now and what a tragic failure he will make! Am reading Wister's book on Roosevelt - really a book on Wister. It gives the same impression as Twain's autobiography - a hastily assembled list of sketches rather than a coherent work.

April 6 Took Fred Kober to lunch today. Fred is a careful and conscientious worker but never a broad gauge executive. Essentially, the head of an important department, he is in terror of losing his job.

April 7 The trees in Gramercy Park are about to come into leaf. It is most interesting to look down at them from above. Poor Wood Doty is about to be condemned to go to St Lukes convalescent Home in Westchester. He is most reluctant, and with good reason as he should not be condemned to live with invalids. I can't imagine any future for the poor boy.

April 8, 1944 Lunched with Les Moore and then went home to plant a willow tree on our terrace - our first essay in urban horticulture. To Bronxville this evening to dine with the Laurens. Charlie's house is a pleasant one but his space for gardens is very limited. The child is attractive but not very pretty.

April 9 Planted 24 privet on the terrace, somehow I cant get much joy out of digging in boxes. Had tea with Bettie Stevens this afternoon. Am reading Betties Smith's "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", a sentimental but charming novel of an Irish family in Brooklyn. It fallows the old nostalgia, cinderella line, but holds one's attention.

April 10 We dined with the Elwells tonight. Irene Stone was there and a Mr. Dean Langmuir who seems to be an investment counsellor. A good dinner, as usual with the Elwells. The draft seems to be looming and Charlie thinks he may have erred in asking for a commission.

April 11 We dined on lobster Newburgh with the Newhouse Sisters again tonight. All of them seem to be getting very infirm and even slightly ~~senightly~~ senile. D-Mateer is with us for one night.

April 12 Raymond Rodgers dined with us tonight, larger, more energetic and emphatic than ever. He seems to be travelling a great deal, speaking to State Bankers associations.

April 13 Have a letter from Jack Alexander today. Dorcas is still at the hospital but seems to be more reconciled. I wonder how poor Jack is making out with the children. Closed the sale of the Ruppert Estate at Garrison to his Grace Bishop Athenagoras of the Greek orthodox church. His Grace wore a Hollywood outfit and reminded me of the Greek banditti.

April 14 A letter from Dee Stone today. Dee writes with emotion of the coming invasion. Reading Swinnerton's critical study of the writings of R. L. Stevenson.

April 15, 1944 Browsing in Dauber & Pine's bookshop today I came across Judge Veeder's library and thus discovered for the first time that the old gentleman had died last year. I bought (but not from the Veeder library) a very fine copy of W. W. Story's life of his father.

April 17 The Moreys come to breakfast this morning. He is very tired and very tense. Sometimes he seems to be demented in his isolationist denunciations of our present government and its foreign and military policy.

April 18 We have a new maid, a large Irish girl and are hoping for the best with our fingers crossed. Now that the draft seems to indicate that men over 30 are safe from the draft and Charlie is very gloomy over his commitment to the Navy.

April 19 Pleasant lunch with Walter Pforzheimer. Reading an interesting and amusing book about the Pelican invasion, Hersey's "A Bell for Adano".

April 20 Young Bob Sizemore, who has just received his ensign's stripe, had dinner with us last night. Lunched with Roy Lockwood today. Charlie has left for a week's vacation and I am very lousy. Have finished Wister's book on Roosevelt. It is a valuable source book in spite of its disorganized and verbose quality.

April 21 Will Matlock is dead. He had apparently been sick and in a veterans hospital for some time. Will Walters is also dead. I wonder what his life in Michigan was like. Like so many peasants he was probably unhappy but stuck it out so that his children could have better advantages.

April 22 I have criticised Margaets hats so often that she took me this afternoon to help her select one. We chose a navy blue straw with bright decorations which pleased me but, I fear, not her. I forgot to mention yesterday that I lunched with Dan Vail at the Drexel Trust. The Johnsons dined with us tonight. They are going to Virginia soon.

April 23, 1944 Anne Melton spent the day with us. Harry is in Florida. Anne has picked up the pieces of her life very courageously but is still quite shaken about Harry Jr. Finished Coleridges "Biographia Literia", which appears to me to be an overrated book, and worked on the Oppenheim Collins profit sharing plan.

April 24 Anne Doty is with us again. She and Foster have been in Chicago and she came back by N. Y. to see Wood. I have again taken up Lin yu tang's "Moment in Peking" which I had half-finished several years ago. I would have made a poor Chinese as I hate ritual and ceremony, although I can understand and appreciate a social organization built on family life.

April 25 Foster joined us today and the Foshees came to dinner tonight. Foster seems to be as pleased as ever with Springfield but it is clear that Anne doesn't like it, and Wood is a terrible problem for both.

April 26 Foster left today but Anne has a "touch" of her "flu bug" and is staying on with us. My client Kuhn is having a hard time with the Foreign Funds control and Tax authorities. They have tied up all his money and are trying to make him pay $100,000 in back taxes.

April 27 Lunched today with Jack Hutto and the two local representatives of the Proque credit bank at the Recess Club. They have managed to keep their business going but are afraid of what will happen when the Germans try to confiscate the bank.

April 28 Lunched with Russell Leavitt today. He is really a fine person, although he has a dry, New England manner. Just now he is concerned over the mess City Bank-Farmers Trust has made of a trust his uncle created for him in 1924. We are much warned at the officers over discoveries of irregularities in the Schinasi guardianship accounts involving Bell Soxe who is on vacation now.

April 29 This afternoon M- and I saw Jesus Cutts and Cora Witherspoon in Romshockle Inn. Amusing.

April 30, 1944 M- and I went to see Bettie Stevens this afternoon. Her brother, who seems to be a worthless and unnatural person, has been here and Bettie is much upset. In fact near the end of her endurance.

May 1 We are deeply disturbed over the Schinasi Guardianship matter. Bill's wife and Mrs. Schinasi's elder daughter, "Bubbles", are the concealed owners of real property which has been mortgaged for its full value to Mrs Schinasi as guardian. Inflated appraisals are obtained and our forum gives an opinion that the investment is legal. Even Bill's own house, which cost him $32,000 is mortgaged to the Guardianship for $28,500. Am reading Morley's Walpole. A very appreciative study - or perhaps I should call it an essay in rehabilitation.

May 2 Dined at the Harvard club tonight with Mr. Coombs, our N.J. associate in the Globe Industrial matter, Frank Sage and Charlie Lowen. After dinner we come to our apartment and discussed the case until 12 M-. Anne left us today.

May 3, Gramercy Park is very lovely now. The new foliage is feathery and light green and the magnolias, tulips and daffodils are in bloom. The view from our windows is a constant delight.

May 4 Bill Soxe, who has returned and who has no satisfactory explanation of the Schinasi mortgage transactions, has resigned from our firm as of today. Had a tooth pulled this afternoon, the back molar in my lower jaw on the left. Tonight M- and I saw an old movie favorite again, Charles Laughton in Henry VIII th. very amusing.

May 5 The firm is extremely jittery over the Soxe-Schinasi business. We have spent most of the last week in firm meetings and all the employees are aware that something serious is afoot. Many of the partners have worried themselves into a highly nervous condition.

May 6 The Mottons, Kearons and Mrs. Patterson came to dinner and to play poker tonight. Played until 2 A.M. and I broke about even- which, for me, is a victory.

May 7, 1944 A rainy Sunday spent indoors reading, Morley's Walpole is a very interesting document. Morley must have been a finicky victorian liberal - as his alarm over Walpoles sturdy Rabelaisian qualities prove - so that his understanding and appreciation of Walpole's great abilities is a proof of high intelligence. Pitt and Walpole seem to have had antithetical qualities, except that both got business done.

May 8 Todays Advance is full of death stories. Forrest Henderson has hanged himself. His mother's family is full of insanity. John Hampton of Oscar is dead at 87. He was a fine old gentleman. Lunched with George Mills. George is a good Republican who is pro-Roosevelt in foreign policy.

May 9 Lunched with Stan Dunn who is somewhat rebellious over his life of drudgery. His only recreation is his bi-weekly trips to New Hampshire to see his family. We are losing our new maid at the end of her month.

May 10 Mr. Forrestal has been made Secretary of the Navy, a deserved and popular promotion. Struve Hensel ought to be Under-Secretary, but no one knows who will get it. My only concern about Forrestal is that he may have to carry both jobs in effect as I am afraid that the junior post will fall to a politician. I am worried about Jack Hall's position at the office. He seems to have no facility about work.

May 11 Mrs. Schinasi has retained Arthur Lee to take over her work, and Arthur has demanded her files. Lee, Jim Cummins and I worked until 11:15 tonight getting out files for him.

May 12 Mommy is 75 today. It seems a miracle that one so frail should outlive so many sturdy contemporaries. It was impossible for me to get to Lacenter. Have finished "The Virginians". In spite of the author's reputation, it is filled with nonsense. But interesting.

May 13, 1944. Worked all day today with a bad headache. Tonight M- and I saw a feeble movie, The Song of Russia.

May 14 A fine day. M- and I had a long walk in central Park. I have taken up Moment in Peking again. The author has sacrificed too much of the movement to details of domestic life, clothes, jewels, servants, houses and food, but one comes out with an impression that the chinese are a gifted and highly cultivated people. Which is no doubt the author's chief purpose.

May 15 Took John Martin and Geo. Mills to lunch at the D.T.A. Both good conversationalists.

May 16 The willow and the privet which I planted recently on our terrace have ingratefully refused to live. A lot of labor wasted. Took a walk with the Whites tonight and discussed with Bill the case of one of the Guaranty's vice presidents who has been indicted for fraud. A shocking case arising as usual out of bad speculations.

May 17 Pleasant lunch with Ray Lockwood. Reading with great interest Cove's "Long Were the Nights", the story of the P T boats off Guadalcanal. The book is a present from George Mills, whose son-in-law, Nickolaruck, is one of the heroes. Ed Crabbe came in to see me this afternoon.

May 18 Took Ed Gibbs to lunch today. We are working on that old dragon, trying to explain away the great stockholdings of the Lehmans in commercial in order to qualify it under the Barkley Act. Hilson has been sent to San Francisco. He is probably better off there as a transfer to N. Y. would have meant a quick trip to Europe to be in the invasion.

May 19 Took George Spater to lunch today. He is a cultivated chap. The Lourens came to dinner tonight. Priscilla seems to be resigned to Charlies leaving. The Adams Express - Manufacturers Trust row has flared up fiercely. Adams is taking its business away from M. T. Co.

May 20, 1944 on a buying jag at Dauber & Pines today. Acquired a set of Longfellow, the Houghton Mifflin standard Literary edition of the poems, translations, life and journals; a set of Lowell, poems, essays etc, the Houghton Mifflin standard Library edition; Bishops life of Theodore Roosevelt; and the fourth volume of Sullivans, "Our Times".

May 21 Wrote letters to Foster, Dee and Woodson today. Read Bishop's Roosevelt. Lee Carr is dead in a Japanese prison camp. He was 61 years old and had been in a Japanese prison camp since the taking of Manila. He had been in the Phil- 35 years. I wonder if Miss Olivia is still alive.

May 22 Stayed home today with a slight headache and to get a day of rest before Charlie leaves. Bought a copy of the two volume life of Rockefeller by Nevins; also volume 6 of Sullivan's "Our Times", rounding out my set. This last volume seems to fall off in interest.

May 23 M- and I went to Washington on the congressional this afternoon. My train-reading was Guess' life of Rufus Choate, a slight and unimportant work. To see the Gregorys and Webbs tonight. Noble was the unsuccessful mutual friend between Doughton and Barkley on the one hand and Fred Vinson on the other during the quarrel which ended in Barkley's attack on the President on the floor of the Senate. Bridge with the Webbs.

May 24 Long talk with Pat who is just recovering from an appendectomy. He will stop Charlie's commission and take him on as a civilian, releasing him as soon as possible. Visited with Jack Alexander, Mrs. Sizemore, Ed Crobbe, Bress, Percy Wilson, Zeke Clarke et al. Spent an hour at Noble Gregory's office then went to the Mayflower where we had cocktails for the Foshays and Jack Alexander. Took the Webbs to dinner at the Carroll and returned with them for bridge.

May 25- I forgot to note yesterday that Pat had taken Ward, Jock and me to lunch at the Metropolitan club- where I saw Jerry Brophy. We stayed at the Wardman Park which we found very satisfactory. A long ride back this morning. Tonight we dined with the Mills at Leonia. The Blankenhorns were there, as well as the two Mills daughters, Adele and Suzanne. Very pleasant.

May 26 We had the Moores and Irene Stone to dinner tonight and then to the theatre to see the light comedy, "Chicken Every Sunday". The play was made up of incidents in a Tucson boarding house.

May 27 Clarke, Wholesale and Cummins saw Surrogate Foley yesterday with Harold Corbin along to protect Sopi's interest. The Surrogate was very sympathetic and seems willing to let the matter drop if Bill and Mrs. Schinasi will take out the mortgages and restore the money to the childrens estate. A quiet afternoon and evening at home reading.

May 28 Reading Santayana's "Persons and Places", a curious book of late musing on youthful memories. The style is clipped and austere - befitting a Latin and a philosopher - but at the same time subtle and impassioned. The Wells come in to see us this afternoon. Dined in an Armenian restaurant this evening.

May 29 one last threat for Charlie, his draft boards announced intention of calling him up, has been exorcised by Pat who is going to get him deferred. Lunched with Russ Leavitt. A trust created twenty years ago by Russ' uncle for Russ' benefit has terminated and City Bank-Farmers Trust has lost a large part of the corpus.

May 30 Spent a large part of my day cleaning our terrace. It gets dirty in an hour. The Santayana book is beginning to pall. He misses one of the good maxims for writers: stick to action and people.

May 31, 1944 Charlie left today, reluctant but resigned. He leaves a good many matters for me to catch up on. We have a new maid on a part-time basis. Margaret is suffering from bad headaches and indigestion.

June 1 Bishop's Roosevelt is not a very successful work. Roosevelt was a consistent holier-than-thou person and Bishop loads his pages with egotistical and self righteous utterances of his hero. The roaring man of action, equipped with common sense and energy, which formed another phase of his subject, is not forgotten entirely but is not stressed enough.

June 2 Bettie's cousin in Washington, Miss Lee, saved a room for Charlie. He found it too gloomy and is living in Arlington. The Robb, Flanagan-Jones fight against Adams Express is growing in heat and seems to be leading up to litigation.

June 3 We dined with the Johnsons tonight and played bridge. As luck would have it I got Betty for partner. I never have the slightest idea what her bids mean.

June 4 We spent a wonderful day with the McMasters. Little Susan is a delightful child and Michael has grown into a grave and protective youngster of 5½. Malcolms peonies and iris are very fine. This afternoon the Brooks and Kalls came in; also a Mrs. Brown and a Mrs. Schwartz who proved to be the mother of Fritz Schwartz. Mrs. Norwood looks very fit. We brought back a box of peonies for our terrace.

June 5 Rome has fallen. I hope that the city hasn't been hurt too much. I wonder if the Italians ever remember Churchill's solemn warning to them just before they went to war - that their cities would be destroyed, their youth killed and their empire shattered.

June 6, 1944 Mr. and Mrs Gregory came to spend the night with us tonight and the Kyles came to dinner. Dick is No. 2 man in the Legal Department of American Cyanamid Company. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory seem to have recovered some of their spirits in spite of their two boys being on dangerous missions in the Pacific.

June 7 France was invaded yesterday on the coast off Boyeux and Caen. As far as we can learn the resistance and our losses, while substantial, are not nearly as bad as we feared. Our forces managed to get ashore at every point and are beginning to push inland.

June 8 Lunched today with Abe Fletcher and Don Stralem. Don seems to give a great deal of his time to the Travelers Aide Society of which he has been president for several years. Am working on the Waterman steamship pension plan.

June 9 I discover by the papers that the 4th Division, Dee Stone's outfit, is in France. If I understand the story it has just come in to support the 1st Division near Coventon. Harry Melton is in the Walter Reed Hospital chiefly for observation, I believe.

June 10 To the Rodgers at Westport where we arrived in a cold rain. Raymonds flowers and shrubs are beautiful, although he has no annuals. We came in late for dinner, having driven Marcus Nadler and Jules Bogen to their homes up somewhere near Brewster.

June 11 Raymond, M- and I took a long walk this morning, calling on the Wings, Thers house, on our old hillside, is a very charming spot. Old Mr. Parlmans is dead and his place is for sale. It seems gloomy and musty. The country is very lovely, the foliage unusually fine. A call from Mr. Howell brought us home early. His stepson is in trouble in Colorado.

June 12, 1944 Put the last touches on the Globe Industrial plan in Newark this morning and the plan was approved by the court. Mrs. Howells stepson, captain Donald Gallagher, has financed an extravagant courtship by fraudulent mortgages of his own and friends automobiles; unless Mrs. Howell pays him out, he will be court-martialed June 13 Sent #215-0 to Colorado to pay young Gallaghers debts. Dinner with Irene Stone tonight. Contrary to my impression Dee's 4th Division hit the beach on the first day. It is now in the heavy fighting at Montebourg June 17 I see by the Advance that Marshall Bradley, seaman 2C, is visiting his family. As we dig further into the Sope-Schinasi investment, we find more questionable mortgages. It is going to break Bill unless Mrs. S- takes them up. Going wearily through Santayanas "Persons and Places". "What of it?" is suggested.

June 15 We dined with the Fletchers tonight - at the pleasant country club. After dinner a sprightly French couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sudfin, came in and we argued about French matters until almost midnight. All of the three Fletcher boys are in the service. Colonel A.L., after a brilliant career in the Southwest Pacific, is now training young pilots. He isn't 30 yet.

June 16 I have a headache today to expiate my late night. Am reading Arthur Garfield Hays' "City Lawyer". He is an amusing writer, very personal but objective. His experiences have been interesting and one likes him in spite of the somewhat irregular and shocking nature of his practice.

June 17 Dinner with the Meltons and poker afterwards. Louise Rabinowitz is with them and is working at the Army base. She reports Aunt Mattie Seal as being very frail. Good luck at poker, winning about $2.00.

June 18, 1944 up with difficulty after our late night and to see the Foashees. We dined - or snacked - at the Beach club. The day was warm but the water was too cold for me to swim. Reading Masters' "Mark Twain", The biographer couldn't forgive the subject for not being a radical. He might as well quarrel with the iris for not having the fragrance of the honeysuckle.

June 19 Lunched with Jack Kimball today. He is worrying again about his insurance trust and will. Hervey Whipple is dead after an illness of six years. What a fate!

June 20 Lunched today with George Mills, a Mr. Nelson of Detroit and James A Shanley, Receiver of Empire-Hartford Company. Shanly represented the New Haven District in Congress until the last term. He knows Noble Gregory well. Shanley was one of the Irish Democrats who opposed aid to Britain etc but seems now to think that he was in error.

June 21 Had Sasha Maximow to lunch at the D. T. A. Sasha is a cheerful Dostoievsky, the long introspection without the gloom. Reading Johnstons "Toughest Fighting on the World", the story of the fighting from Port Moresby, very stirring. Letter from Zellner whose business is flourishing, as expected.

June 22 Irene Stone has a letter from Dee dated June 10, at which time he was tired but alive and unhurt. This relieves us all very much. Jock Budinger and I had a long talk today about the poor business of the Trust Dep't. Jock is properly alarmed at the number of money-losing accounts the Department has.

June 23 Clare, Malcolm, M. and I had dinner tonight at the Heathstones and then went to see Louis Calhern in Jacobowsky and the Colonel. It was the story of a Jew, an aristocratic Polish colonel and his mistress fleeing from the Germans in France.

June 24, 1944 Herb Brownell seems to be at the head of the Dewey forces. As Dewey has an excellent chance of success, Herb may be the man of the hour next year. I wonder whether he will cash in in the low or go into the cabinet.

June 25 Anne Melton and Louise Rathbrock came to 2 o'clock dinner today. We played bridge this afternoon. Reading Johnston's enthralling "Queen of the Flattops", the story of the carrier Lexington. What a pity we destroyed two forty of these great vessels in 1941

June 26 Ed Owen is dead - a victim of course of his long dissipation. He was a sad example of a man who takes to serious drinking late in life. Reading René de Chambrun's "I Saw France Fall". De Chambrun no doubt has a bleak future. He is a son-of-law of Laval and has no doubt collaborated with the 'new regime'.

June 27 As Margaret preluded our trip to Springfield is off - Anne has a "bug". I have a letter from Charlie Lauren. He has not been very busy and is bored.

June 28 I have been in correspondence recently with Marcus Redwine, my old U. K. friend who is now practising law in Winchester, Kentucky. In spite of his name he appears to be a leader in the Methodist church. Took Dean and Blance Wells to luchaus to dinner tonight, after which we had two pleasant hours on our terrace. Am reading Quentin Wells's "The curlew Roses", a pleasant, personal narrative of the months during which the allies were preparing for the big offensive.

June 29 Bill Soxe left today to the relief of all of us. He has taken space at 44 Wall St. Herb Brownell is to be chairman of the Republican National committee. Quite a jump from the N.Y. Legislature. Took Mr. Jewett to lunch at the D. T. A.

June 30, 1944 Irene tele-
phoned today to say that
she had a letter from Dee
dated June 26th; that he
was uninjured, although
scarred by briars and hedges,
and that his outfit had
performed prodigies of
valor. Dee, himself, has
received a medal for
valor in the initial attack.
July 1 Lunched well at
L'Escargot. Spent a
fruitless hour shop-
ping at Barnes & Noble.
Books are scarce and
very expensive now.
The Johnsons dined and
played bridge with
us tonight. Hetty was
my partner and very
crass with me over my
bidding.
July 2 M. and I took
a long walk this morn-
ing and lunched at a
restaurant in the Roose-
velt apartment building.
Reading Pratt's "The Navy's
War." The book reads very
well, with a skilful
mixture of narrative
and technical description.
I anxiously await a similar
work on 1943-4 fighting.

July 3 The Germans have lost Minsk and are falling back before overpowering Russian forces. The whole front in the East appears to be breaking up. Letters from bring the news that Aunt Ada, who is living with Emma in St. Louis, has lost her sight. She must be almost ninety.

July 4 Quiet day at home. The Pfizenmayers and Braunds came in to cocktails after which we had dinner at the Gramercy Park. Continued raining until 10:30 P. M.

July 5 Margaret is going to the hospital for observation next week. She has been suffering severely from indigestion. Reading Tregaskis's Guadalcanal Diary, an interesting day-to-day account of the fighting written as it developed.

July 6 Gerry Brophy's Mother is dead. He has been too busy to marry so that the loss of his Mother will be doubly hard for him. He has an unmarried Sister, however,

July 7, 1944 Loretta and Willie have gone to San Francisco - by day coach - to be with Nilson. Greater love hath no woman. Mamma is staying with Aunt Dutch and Miss Florence. She seems to be well satisfied.

July 8 Doc's Finlay's job is about to fold up on him and we are working on Gregory and Barkley to get him another. Congress has cut out the appropriations for Doc's group and Doc wants to get in with the Dunne loan group. Reading Bowen's "Yankee from Olympus", a fictionized life of Justice Holmes. I fear that the old boy, like R. E. Lee, was a little too much of an olympian to be good company for most of us.

July 9 Quiet day at home, chiefly writing letters to the family, to Charlie Lucien and Pat Hodgson. Finished the Santayana book and found it unsatisfying. I never like metaphysics, but that is hardly the reason as the book has little to it.

July 10 Margaret went to the hospital this morning for a check-up. I certainly hope that they find out and cure her difficulties. Had a long letter from Dee Stone this morning with an insigma (eagle) from a German uniform and some French money. Dee is getting a rest at last.

July 11 Charlie Lauren tells me in a letter received today that John Kenny has become chairman of the Navy Price Adjustment Board and that Pat Hodgson is to take John's place as Struve's chief assistant. If Struve becomes Assistant Secretary, as rumored, Pat may become head of P. L. D.

Lunched with Alex Pinney today. He tells me that Peg's brother-in-law has been killed in an operational flight in the Aleutians.

July 12 Lunched with Ed Steele today. Ed says that the Flanagan, Robe, Steele Adams Express fight is very bitter. He thinks that the Adams people are angry with him.

July 13, 1944 Reading Maitlands life of Leslie Stephen. Although Maitland lacked the tricks of a biographer he goes about his work in such a conscientious manner that his work is pleasing. Have a letter from Bernice. She tried to get Loretta to leave Willie with her for schooling this winter.

July 14 Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, second in command of the Fourth Division, is dead. He seems to have been a good man and a hard worker. Perhaps his death will provide an opening for Dee's promotion. Margaret came back from the hospital tonight - to our mutual relief.

July 15 Marcus Redwine is pressing me to talk to the Kentucky Bar Association on administrative law. The request is flattering and I would like to go but can't get away just now. Crenna and the Faushees are with us. Crenna is leaving for her vacation in Oklahoma.

July 16 Clare left this afternoon for Nova Scotia with the children, the dog and a mass of baggage. They brought several mocking birds back from Tennessee and Malcolm has turned them loose in Rye. We lunched sensationally at the Gramercy Park Hotel and I spent the afternoon reading Lecky. Wrote to Bernie and Dee.

July 17 Ann feeling much better as a result of cooler weather. Lunched with Lee Morey today. Harry Melton is retiring and will be leaving in a few weeks. We shall miss them very much. Harry Jr's loss has made him an old man before his time. He has a bad cough and his heart might go at any time.

July 18 Bettie Stephens came to dinner tonight and we celebrated with a good bottle of claret. After dinner we, i.e. including Malcolm who is staying with us, played bridge, Margaret and I hold all the luck.

July 19, 1944 Took Miller Moore to lunch at the D. T. A. Miller is not very well satisfied although it seems to me that he has made roped progress. John Dunlop came to dinner tonight. He is very much better. His nerves are steadier and the lines have left his face.

July 20 We dined tonight with the Meltons and met Pat (Nathalie), Harry Jr's wife. A Mrs. Smith was there also, as well as Louise Rathrock. We had a jolly poker game at which I won about $15.00. Harry Jr. has been awarded the distinguished flying cross and we saw the photographs for the papers.

July 21 Margaret saw today an advertisement of personal effects of "the late Samuel Edson Sage". We are sad about the old boy. A big push seems to be developing against Hitler in Germany. Tonight Malcolm, M- and I dined and played bridge with the Johnsons.

July 22 Worked until 6 P.M. today. Tonight we dined at Luchows with Bettie and Sydney Stevens. Sydney complains that the red tape in Washington, to which he has just been transferred is strangling him.

July 23 We slept late this morning. Am reading Lecky's "History of England" and Dumas' "Les Quarante-cinq". The Lecky is a weighty work but the print is too small and the plot too diffused for consistent reading. Tonight M- and I saw Katherine Hepburn and John Barrymore in the old movie, "A Bill of Divorcement"; Billie Burke was also in the picture, fragile and charming.

July 24 I have had to go over a lot of Bill Lape's files - before delivery to him - and I am amazed to find what a trivial, lady's maid product he had. Percy knew how to make the hand holding pay. Bill didn't. We were suckers to let him take so much out of the firm for so little.

July 25, 1944 Margaret is spending two days with the McMasters. Am reading Carl Van Doren's autobiography "Three Worlds". The part relating to his parents and childhood are well thought-out and written. The book is episodic and confused when he talks about his later life.

July 26 Reading Sir Philip Sidney's poems, chiefly the famous sonnets. I find them confused and frigid. I don't think that the renaissance learning is entirely to blame. Milton is full of it too but his passion and vigor illuminates it. Of course Sidney occasionally has a fine line such as the one "Fool, look in thy heart and write."

July 27 Carmen Reuben is dead. A neglected cancer, I hear. And she was so vital. Paul will be badly cut. He was so possessed that Carmen had to have the vigor for both. Hazel Flagler is back in N. Y. working for the Wickes firm.

July 28 The Maltons and Louise Rothrock come to dinner tonight. Malcolm is still with us and we had a lovely poker game after a dinner of Smithfield ham. I lost two dollars.

July 29 Dinner at the Kennons, The Maltons, including Pat, and Mrs. Patterson were also there. Pete and Mary Sue make as charming hosts as I have met. Poor Pete is as bad at poker as I am, but he is a better loser. I lost $6.50. Harry and Anne are full of plans for their departure, first to Kentucky and then to San Antonio where they plan to build a house. We shall miss them greatly.

July 30 To Washington this afternoon, resuming the complicated Alleghany problem. The ICC is questioning Alleghany's control of the C. & O., alleging that it was gained after the statute requiring ICC approval. Worked with Carl Newton & George Leisure until 1:30 A. M. Carl is a dynamo of nervous energy.

July 31, 1944 Testified briefly this morning in the hearing before commissioner Mahoffie, chiefly about the inability of Manufacturers Trust Co. to accept the successor trusteeships under the Alleghany indentures and the status of the C. & O. stock escrowed with M. T. Co. in 1939. I then visited the Navy, seeing Ward Foshay, Bill Stewart, Jack Alexander, Ed Crobbe, Percy Wilson, Jake Clarke et al, lunched with Charlie Lauren at the Navy cafeteria. Coming back I ran into Charlie Jones at the station and had a pleasant trip with him. Aug 1 Mrs. Howell dropped dead yesterday afternoon at the drugstore of the Ambassador. I was terribly shocked although I knew that he had a cardiac condition. I went to the funeral parlor this afternoon to pay my respects to Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Latshaw. It gave me quite a turn to see the body. The features seemed heavier and strange,

Aug 2 Margaret and Hatty left yesterday morning for a stay at Round Hill. I am glad for M- to get a respite from the terrible heat here. Mr. Howells funeral was held this afternoon at the campbell funeral church. The family had vetoed a church funeral. The service consisted of a few prayers, perfunctorily and casually read, and music which appeared to be of the canned variety. There were not enough seats for the great crowd. Altogether a poor performance for a man of Mr. Howells prominence.
Aug. 3 Foster, Bill Palmer Malcolm and I had lunch at the D. T. A. yesterday. Anne Duty spent the night with us. Worked until 11 P. M. tonight finishing the Seneral Realty indenture.
Aug. 4 Captain Gallaher, Mr. Howell's son-in-law, was in to see me today to explain away the recent escapades. He seems to be very penitent but is fundamentally worthless, I think. The Bank is contemplating substantial gifts to Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Latshaw

August 5, 1944 Margaret writes that she and Hetty are enjoying cool weather on the mountain top. The heat here is about as much as flesh and blood can stand.

Aug. 6 Quiet and cosy day writing letters and reading. Am finishing Stephen's bio. C. E. Norton must have had a great capacity for friendship. Perhaps the chief secret was his zeal and skill as a letter-writer. Stephen's own letters are sprightly but have little meat.

Aug 7 Lunched with Wattrich today at the Down Town Athletic Association of which he is now president. We are working on the interminable problem of selling the Yankees. Ernie Pyles column today indicates that Dee's Fourth Division led the American break-through into Brittany.

Aug 8 Everyone at the commercial seems to be holding his breath to see what will happen now. Kimball seems more confused and worried with trifles than ever.

Aug. 9 Dined with the Wells tonight. The other guest, a Mrs. Constant, is the wife of a major in Dee's outfit who is now in the hospital. Dean seems to be philosophic about the commercial and to be willing to see Kimball and Bedinger have their chance.

Aug. 10 John Dunlop came to dinner with Malcolm and me tonight. He seems to be restless again and was even considering going to the Balkans with the United Nations relief organization, a course strongly condemned by Malcolm and me.

Aug. 11 Lunched with Howard Ferguson today. Howard has a chance to go to a bank in another city and is in great doubt as to what to do. Tonight Malcolm and I dined at the little cafe on Irving Place which was once a favorite haunt of O'Henry.

Aug. 12 Bought today at Cox's bookstore on 5-9th St. a set of Mill in tree calf, a fine set (Scribner's) of Kingsley and a set of Segur in crushed levant, all for $53.00. My first book spree in a long time.

August 13, 1944 Spent a very hot and lonesome day writing letters, reading Spedding's life of Bacon and Kingsley's Alton Locke and bringing this diary down to date. I even got out a letter to Sir Francis and Lady Wylie. All the restaurants of quality in this neighbourhood are closed on Sunday so I had my dinner in a quick-lunch hole on 23rd St.

Aug 14 Working vigorously on the Waterman pension plan. Louise writes that Mommy is now with her, Margaret returned at 9 P.M. almost dead from the frightful heat of the train.

Aug 15 Reading Marjorie Kinnan Rawling's South Moon under, a story of life in the Florida scrub. The best thing about her work is that it holds ones interest. Her characterization is superficial, but her treatment of locale is thorough.

Aug. 16 Toulon is being shelled by the American invasion forces. I can only hope that the Lanes, if still there, are safe. How I would like to see them.

Aug, 17 M-, Malcolm and I dined at Peter's place (the little cafe on Irving Place which served as O'Henry's "club"). It is so hot that we were hardly able to walk. After dinner we went to see Bettie Stephens and Malcolm and I were soundly beaten in a bridge game with Margaret and Hoffman Stevens.
Aug. 18 The Americans have taken Vendome. I do hope that Madame Le Tessier, if she is still alive, is well. At the rate our troops are going France ought to be substantially free of Germans in a few weeks. Malcolm left for Nova Scotia tonight, glad to get away from the gruelling heat.
Aug. 19 Spent a large part of today writing an opinion for Kimball to clarify his powers as president of Commercial. He is very anxious about his status. Over new percentages at the office are being settled. My permanent percentage is to be 4.25. While Benny and Dee are away, this will amount to 4.75. Parke, Whiteside, Wolff, Russell and Hughes take cuts.

August 20, 1944 I see by the Advance that Laura Ogilvie, now Mrs. Clarence Perkins, is visiting Miss Flora and Miss Lillie. I would like very much to see all of them. Their longevity is a striking proof of value of a ~~long~~ quiet life.

August 21 Lucile Draskells Mother, Mrs. Campbell, is dead after a long illness. This leaves Lucile alone and she will be lonely, but it is probably a relief also as her Mother was a hopeless invalid. Saw some Russian maneuvers on 14th St tonight while Margaret entertained some girls from the Y. W. C. A.

Aug. 22 Took Ike Hopper to lunch at the D. T. A. Am reading Meredith's "One of our Conquerors", an involved work.

Aug. 23 Jack Kimball's will is finished. He has been much married since Mrs. Darnell's death. I am glad that I cant be as gloomy as he is. Reading De Segurs Memoirs and history. As yet I am finding only generalities and final judgments.

Aug 24 Reading in Spalding's Bacon I find with great interest that in the time of James I it was necessary to exhort the upper classes to do jury service. We usually think of shirking jury service as a recent evil. Miss Hattie Newhouse, encouraged by Allied advances in France, wants me to go to Paris with her to check upon the status of their property.

Aug. 25 Reading "The Fightingest Ship" by Morris and Carse, the story of the cruiser Helena. The story of the fighting around Guadalcanal is familiar to me, but the move up the slot to Munda etc was a new story to me. A well written and stirring narrative.

Aug. 26 I have finished the first draft of the Waterman pension plan after great effort. My mind, which works so rapidly in familiar fields is slow and unresponsive in a new and different situation. Am reading Ste Beuve's Seventeenth century again. He is more like Macauley than a modern literary critic.

August 27, 1944. We had the Stevens in to breakfast and bridge today. Sidney is beginning to get his sea legs in the mark at Washington and likes it better. He reports that Priscilla has been staying with Charlie.

Aug. 28 Foster came to town today to help probate the Darnell will. Tonight we went to the birthday party for Louise Rothrock at Harrys. The Buzzards were there. He is now a major. Played contract rummy until 1:30 A.M. A dull game.

Aug. 29 I have a tantalizingly short note from Woodson Sperlock to the effect that he is awaiting transportation back to the States and that he hopes to get one of his two old jobs back. I suppose that this means that he has been discharged.

Aug 30 Michael Stevens is cheering us with his society while Betty is in Princeton. To Ray Lockwood to lunch at the B. L. C. I see by the Kentucky Alumnus that Harry Farmer and Angie are back in Lexington - U. S. Veterans Administrator

Aug. 31 Reading Robert St. John's well written and horrifying "From the Land of the Silent People", the story of the German conquest of Jugoslavia and Greece. The little countries and their armies never had a chance, Lorella and Willie are safely back in Lacenter.

Sept 1 We took the 5-10 to Springfield and were at the Dotys before 9. We had expected to find Fosters father there but he is in the hospital with a serious heart attack. Deerfield has rejected Woodie and no substitute has been found.

Sept. 2 To the union Trust company this morning. Mr. Gilbert is a charming old gentleman. Foster has a program for the rehabilitation of the building. Dined with the Lewis tonight at the Springfield country Club. Back at their home we played bridge and I won $4.90. Bill and Ethel Taylor were there, guests of the Wallaces, very ~~Gay~~ and festive.

Sept. 3, 1944 What with the late hours, the lobster and the bridge last night we were tired today and slept very late. This afternoon we went to the Stoightens where we had a walk, cocktails and a simple supper. A charming pair. Sept 4 To the Silberts this afternoon. They are a gentle old couple (he can probably be fierce enough in business) with a dark but handsome Tudar-type house, a Great Dane dog and lovely grounds. Then to see Mr. Doty who is much discouraged and trying to be gay. Then to the colony club to dinner. The club is the fabulous mansion of the late Mr. Wesson, the arms manufacturer.

Sept 5 We were awakened at 12:40 A. M. by a severe earthquake. Nothing damaged. unable to get reservations we returned in a hot and dusty day coach. I finished St. Johns book From the Land of the Silent People.

Sept 6 Lunched with Flaherty today. He was eloquent on the subject of Mr. Howell. In truth, Mr. Howell was at fault in not recognizing the excellent work Flaherty did in working out the German loans. I see by the Advance that Doc Finlay is going to St. Louis. I hope that he got a transfer to a good job. From the same source I find that Hiram Northington has moved to Mayfield.

Sept 7 I have a letter from Lavania Bradley in which she says that cousin Gertrude is in bad shape. Reading Clara Brown by Margery Sharp. She seems to owe something to Wodehouse.

Sept. 8 Charley Pepper's nephew, young Fred Suits, was in to see me about a job today. He reminds me of Pep very much, both in physical appearance and in intellectual traits. Sullivan and Cromwell picked him up before I could get the matter cleared in our office.

Sept 9, 1944 The World Telegram has a picture of Geoffrey Cheshire who has just received the Victoria cross. His associates describe him as the greatest of all bombing pilots. Lucile Dresskell is spending the week-end with us. She seems quite lonely since her Mother died.

Sept 10 Wrote letters to Dee Stone, Dr. Cheshire and Harry Farmer today. Cheshire must be pleased at his son's achievements - especially as the boy was quite wild in his youthful stage. This afternoon Lucile, M- and I saw a movie version of the life of Mark Twain and then had dinner at Hamburger Mary's.

Sept 11 With my Revere copper friends to the Navy Industrial Association dinner tonight to hear Forrestal speak. Charley Delmas tells me that he has returned to Wright Gordon. Saw Admiral Charlton, who is now on duty in Washington, Captain Small, commander Vanneda etc.

Sept 12 Took Miller Moore to lunch at the D. T. A. today. Miller has matured a great deal in the last few years and now makes a valuable officer at the Bank.

Sept. 13 Driscoll's "Pacific Victory" devotes several pages to Joe Robbins, commander of an American destroyer in the Pacific. He is the son of Judge Guy Robbins of Mayfield. Had a long talk with Jack Budinger today, chiefly about the trust department. Jack is rightfully disturbed about the trivial class of the business of the Personal Trust Department. He doesn't know just what to do but is working on the problem and will, I think, before he has finished, put through a complete reorganization.

Sept 14 The Firm has told J - Hutto that his career with us hasn't worked out. I am terribly sorry but the decision is just. A Mrs. Herold has bought our old Rockland Road place from Mrs. Cotton for $25,000 and has paid off my mortgage.

Sept 15, 1944 We had a 90 mile hurricane last night and water was forced in at the French windows. No great damage seems to have been done in this region, largely as a result of splendid coopera-tion between police, radio and weather men. The Meltons and Louise Rothrock are with us. They had great trouble in moving as their electricity went off, cutting off light, hot water and elevator service.

Sept. 16 Took the Meltons to lunch at Longchamps today. Tonight the Lenoirs came to a farewell dinner and poker party. Reversing the trend, Margaret won $1.05 and I 55¢.

Sept. 17 Anne and Margaret are both in bad shape today. I am afraid that the motor trip to Kentucky is going to be too much for Anne. Their friends the Bassmans came to tea today. We spent the evening at contract rummy. Harry seems very restless and nervous.

Sept, 18 All letters from the Family indicate that Mammy is far from well. I am much afraid that she is entering a last decline. Reading Seaton's Dragonwyck. It isn't much as fiction but its description of the last days of the patroon system on the Hudson. The description of the steamboat traffic of the 1840s is also good.

Sept, 19 Anne and Harry left this morning on their motor trip to Kentucky. I almost wept as I said good-bye as I fear that I may never see them again. They both seem so nervous and are so grieved about Rip.

Sept 20 Louises boss Major Domtato came over tonight. He is supposed to be an Italian but appears to me to be of good Jewish stock. Am working on an extension of the Saks 5th Ave. lease.

Sept, 21 Lunched with Lee Morey. Lee is very busy on the new $100,000,000 debenture issue for American Tobacco Co. He, Irene Stone and I have had a lot of fun tracing Dee Stone's whereabouts from news stories.

Sept. 22, 1944 Foster has bought our LaSalle car for $1135.00, the ceiling price, I am delighted to have salvaged this much from an earlier extravagance. The McMasters came to dinner tonight, our new colored maid served us a poorly cooked meal that must have been a shock to our guests who have had good food at our house.
Sept. 23 Helped the Stevens celebrate their tin wedding in a small way. A succession of illnesses broke up their proposed party so that we had only a few drinks at the La Fayette after.
Sept. 24 Frank Drohan came in to see me this morning. He is tired of Akron and is thinking of striking out for himself as a reorganization expert. He tells me that Jack Koehler has distinguished himself in the Pacific. Frank and his wife have been divorced. To the Stevens tonight to discuss Trust Department problems with Sydney and Dave Blankenhorn. Buckingers wants Dave to go to the Personal Trust Dept. for the time being.

Sept. 25 At Mrs. Howell's request I have prepared a will for her and M- and I took it up tonight to have it executed. She was living in her bedroom in the huge apartment which was elsewhere littered with trunks and boxes. Very depressing. Doug Mattingly is dead. His was a bleak and laborious life.

Sept. 26 Nigger Mike Kimball is dead in Lacenter. Mike was an engaging rascal with more independence and intellectual force than most of our Kentucky negroes. I wonder whatever became of his brother "Miss Lea". Pfisenmayer and I today went to see Drake, the salary stabilization chief, to get a raise for Jack Kimball.

Sept 27 L. L. Delafield is dead. He was in his eighties and in full possession of his faculties to the last. I called at the office this afternoon to express my regrets. I have lent Howard Ferguson $500 as the earlier loan turned out so well.

Sept, 28, 1944 Prof Hazel of Jesus college is dead. He was about the best of the lecturers in my day at Oxford. Am reading the first volume of Twiss' Eldon. The work is a competent piece of biographical writing, full of detail and conscientious, one hardly sees what made Eldon rise so fast.

Sept. 29 The Buzzards and Van Steenburghs come to dinner tonight and we had a great poker game after dinner. Carol doesn't look at all well. I am afraid that long years of hard work and commuting have been too much for her.

Sept. 30 We closed the General Realty deal matter this morning. What a chore it has been. Jule Stocker and I were immersed in it through the hottest part of the summer. This afternoon we went to the Foshees. Although it was chilly we had a good walk before dinner. Malcolm's evergreens are doing very well.

Oct. 1 To the Fooshees this morning. The day was sunny and not too warm and we had a good walk and rest, Bridge this evening. Altogether a good day except that our train was a half hour late when we returned.
Oct. 2 We spent the evening with the Whites. Margaret made an unsuccessful attempt to get a contribution from them for the Y.W.C.A. and Bill responded by asking me for a political contribution. Bill is spending all of his time on the bond drive on the bond-selling campaign and seems to be very sick of it.
Oct. 3 Ben Matthews' son, Benjy, whose plane was lost in a raid on the Ploesti oil fields a few months ago, has been pronounced dead. Ten of the twelve crew members were saved but Benjy's parachute failed to "flower". Reading Van Wyck Brooks' "The World of Washington Irving" The book is good but his material is too diverse and his field is too broad to make possible the unity achieved in the "Flowering of New England"

october 4, 1944 Al Smith, New yorks first citizen, is dead. The city will give him a great funeral. Lunched with Alec. Pinney. As usual, he was interesting on the subject of the "third industrial revolution. Horace letters from Dee Stone and Sir Francis Wylie.

oct 5 The Fooshees, M- and I saw Glen Anders and Martha Scott in "Soldiers Wife" last. It is an amusing little comedy but very worse and affording Miss Scott no scope for the art which made her so famous in Wilder's "our Town". Major Buzzard (Buzz) has been ordered overseas, in spite of his own bad health, and Doris and Louise are much upset.

oct. 6 D. A. Schulte told me at the Bank today a long story of the manner in which our firm was selected by the American Tobacco as general counsel. Hell, feeling that he needed regarous counsel, consulted Schulte, Kasper and many others, our firm was the only one unanimously recommended.

oct. 7 Lunched yesterday with George Mills and John Martin at the India House. They are two of the best, George is an especially valuable man on the inner executive counsels of the Bank. Reading Miss Eldar, a good and solid piece of biography.
oct. 8 Spent a part of my day on the least important of tasks, cleaning and polishing my rapier and other antique weapons in the sunlight on the terrace. Tonight we saw Charles Loughton in an amusing movie "The Ghosts of the Cantervilles."
oct 9 Gladys Rathrock is coming to spend a week with us. Gladys will be almost a stranger to me as I haven't seen her for thirty years. Louise is very much excited.
oct. 10 Spent all day on the Waterman pension plan and am very tired. Mr. Peebles is a genial fellow but doesn't understand the questions involved. Hammer is of little assistance. The Philadelphia Record has a story about Dee Stone and his problems with Germans in occupied territory.

Oct. 11 Finished the Waterman pension plan - and very glad to get it off my hands. Hazel Flogler has left Wickes, Nelson & Riedel. Didn't like the work or the man she worked with.
Oct. 12 Had a very nice letter from Pat Hodgson, praising Charlie Loveren and asking me for a photograph. Worked this morning and took a long walk this afternoon.
Oct. 13 Worked with Sam Coombs, Frank Sage and I, after dinner at the Harvard Club, adjourned to my library and prepared our petitions for allowances in the Globe Industrial case. With the usual optimism in such cases we asked for $15,000 for the Bank and $25,000 for the lawyers.
Oct. 14 John Sullivan is to be let out at last. After dozens of warning he got drunk with a customer and caused a scandal at the Bunkers Club. Worked for hours today drawing up papers. Dined with the Whites tonight on pheasant. Bill is not too happy about his band job.

Oct. 15 Archie Falconer is dead. After so many years of bad health I hope that he rests well. He was a good fellow and a good friend of mine. Woodson, John tells me is at Princeton University. The whys and wherefores are entirely unknown. Boondoggling over my weapons. Reading Seattle's Audubon's America.

Oct. 16 Syrena and Lilian dined with us tonight, together with Gladys, newly arrived, and Louise. Dorothy Mateer arrived in time to help M— and me with the dishes and to occupy the maid's room, the only unoccupied spot. Syrena seems much better and is in good spirits. Gladys still has a good deal of her girlhood looks, but has little animation. False teeth have accentuated a slightly protruding jaw.

Oct 17 Foster writes that his father is declining. I am afraid that the poor gentleman has given up hope and is just waiting for the end.

october 18, 1944 Worked with Si Simmonds and two of his colleagues, Messrs. Kaiser and Lloyd, today on the Waterman pension plan. Gladys and Louise seem to be having a good time although Gladys seems to float with the tide.

oct. 19 Lunched at the Irving with Don Veil who is in good form. Woodson and Malcolm came to dinner tonight. Woodson has resigned his commission and is in Princeton studying Arabic. He plans to return to Arabia with the Standard oil of Cal. He was in Australia for a time, then in New Britain and was in the Saipan operation where he had charge of prisoners. I gather that he was throughly tired.

oct. 20 Saw Frank Currie, now a lieutenant commander, and Charlie Stockton today. They speak highly of Charlie Lowen. With Louise and Gladys tonight to see a negro cast in a version of Carmen with a modern libretto. Some very fine acting and singing.

oct. 21 Wood Henry, in to see Stan Dunn on business, came in to my office today to tell me that he and Nina are divorced. Stan later told me that Nina had left Wood and that Wood was much hurt by it. Wilfred Wottrich is in the hospital having an operation.

oct. 22 Woodson, M- and I went with the Frasnees today to a picnic visit to Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow today. We visited the Dutch Church, the "Rhilpse castle", the old churchyard and even saw a skunk shuffling down the road. The castle, which must have been a fine house in its time, reenforced my belief that I would not have enjoyed pioneer days. It takes all of Irving's genius to make the district seem comfortable.

oct. 23 Jack Budinger and George Mills are talking to me about Jack Hutto as a possible recruit for the Personal Trust Department at the Bank. He would be a great fund in many respects

oct. 24, 1944 Am reading Jessie's book on Fremont. It is to some extent an effort at rehabilitation and is so for successful that one understands and forgives the weaknesses of the explorer. And with those weaknesses one sees great and attractive qualities.

oct. 25 The Moores and Cecile Carson dined with us tonight. Ralph was delayed in Washington and failed to arrive. We have recently bought for $200 oo a fine flower picture of Cecile's and the evening was in a sense its dedication. She and Ken engaged in a vigorous debate over Roosevelt, whom she admires, and Dewey.

oct. 26 The Advance relates that Mrs. Ethie Smith is dead at 84. She was Mrs. Frank Ogden and sister of Mrs Rue Powell and kept the little hotel in Bandana for many years. I have a letter from cousin Gertrude who wants me to keep Marshall from going to sea as a gunner on a Liberty ship

oct 27 Clare Fraskee is coming in to the hospital Sunday for an operation on her breast. It is feared that she may have a cancer. I have been asked to be a vice president of the British Luncheon Club.

oct 28 Wilfred Wattrich's operation appears to have been a success. I sent him this afternoon a copy of Irving Stone's fictionized biography of Jessie Benton Fremont, "Immortal Wife". Sydney Stevens is now a major. Very fast promotion. Bought this afternoon a copy of Nevins life of Cleveland and four volumes of Thwaites' travel series: Timothy Flint, Long and Fox Welby.

oct. 29 Spent a quiet day at home reading Nevins' book on Fremont and Bellhom's cases on Administrative Law. Wrote to Wattrich, Harvey Melton, Mommy and Marshall Bradley. Malcolm and the children are with us.

The Fremont book has all the interest of a wild west novel and Jessie seems to have been a great lady.

october 30, 1944 our water went off last night as a result of a broken water main. Had a shower at the Newark railroad station whence I had gone to the Federal court for the hearing on the allowances in the Globe Industrial matter. The Trust company got $6 000 and our two law firms $12 000 - which we will split equally. Frank Sage is disappointed but I think that he did well.

oct 31 Dorothy Mateer is with us on her way back to New London after several days with her mother in Wooster, Ohio. Kimball is talking on Geo. Mills scheme to hire two new officers.

Noel lunched with Si Simmonds in the pleasant dining room at the Bank of N. Y. The Bank has been serving free lunches to all employees since 1865. Louise, M- and I dined and played bridge tonight with Bettee Stevens. I was the only winner. Bettee is elated over Sidney's promotion.

Nov. 2 Felt so bad this morning I couldn't go to the office, but I spent most of my day on the Waterman pension plan. Marshall Bradley writes that he volunteered for sea duty but doesn't want his mother to know it. Almost at the end of Nansen's Fremont.

Nov. 3 Tonight Margaret, Lowe and I saw Jamie, an amusing movie of a small town and a training camp for soldiers. We are eating oleomargarine now as there is no butter. Sugar is also out of the market and cigarettes are very scarce.

Nov. 4 Bought Gertrude Bell's letters for Clare today, the good English edition. Bought for myself Prescott's Peru in the fine old green cloth edition and Nansen's "Farthest North".

Nov 5 The laboratory report shows that Clare had a second degree cancer. We are all much alarmed. She was delighted with the Gertrude Bell letters. Lunched at the Lafayette and called on Al and Hetty. Dr. Ogden there.

Nov. 6, 1944 Took Mr. Parker, Len and Lee to lunch at the British Luncheon Club. Tonight I heard a political program of the Thousand Club for Roosevelt, a new style, rapid fire propaganda item. Humphrey Bogart as master of ceremonies brought farmers, soldiers, sailors, Hollywood stars, veterans of the last war, authors, small business men etc before the microphone in rapid succession. Interspersed were songs and wise-cracks. Very effective.

Nov. 7 Went to Macys this morning to get a pound of bacon and found a 17 pound Virginia ham that took 122 points. ~~That night~~ Afternoon "M—" and I saw Miriam Hopkins and Victor Jory in "The Perfect Marriage", a pointless comedy. We sat up until midnight, by which time it was clear that Roosevelt had won by a large majority.

Nov. 8 Lunched at the Bankers club with Larry Lake. Reading Best's "Young Mr", an appealing story of pioneer life in the Niagara region.

Nov. 9 Dee's letters indicate that he is annoyed by newspaper stories classing him as a part of the military government group. He reiterates that he is with combat troops, temporarily in charge of enemy civilians during the first occupation movement.

Nov. 10 Walter Pfisenmayer Jr. is at home on a furlough before going west, after which he expects to be sent abroad. They came in to see us tonight. He looks very fit but his eyes still seem to me to be bad.

Nov. 11 Worked until 5 P.M. Reading Cooper's Oak openings. Long-winded and stilted in language, it is still interesting because of its stirring action.

Nov. 12 Reading Pecans Grower Cleveland. It is a sturdy tome, like its subject. Cleveland's jump from obscurity to fame was sudden and almost miraculous. "Major" Sydney Stevens and Bella dined with us tonight.

Nov. 13, 1944 Lunched in the commercials dining room with Budinger, Talmon, Spater and a Mr. Klein of T. W. A. The airmen told us many interesting facts about the giant new airplanes now being designed and built and the perfection of the method of flying by isobars so as to get the best weather and secure tailwinds. They also told us that the North-Atlantic flying routes, clear and cold in the upper air, were the best anywhere.

Nov. 14 Jack Alexander has gone to the R. F. C. to assist in the disposition of surplus property, especially plants. He probably wants to postpone his return to private practice until the end of the first troubled post-war period

Nov. 15 Had a good letter from Dee Stone outlining his Duerson's itinerary in France up to a few weeks ago; Dee says that the French were very cordial but that the Germans are sullen and hostile. Si Simmonds has sent me a copy of Nevins' History of the Bank of New York.

Nov. 16 The Wells and Fletchers came to dinner tonight. Dean had had just a little too much to drink and was somewhat belligerent but the party on the whole was a pleasant one. Fletcher says that colonel Al is still in this country.

Nov. 17 The Foushee children are with us. They are well behaved girls, amusing themselves quietly for hours, imaginative and already fond of reading. I am sorry to say that their literary taste is faulty. They go in for the blood and thunder "comics" as I loved wild western novels at their age. Al & Hetty Johnson to dinner tonight.

Nov. 18 Everett Moseley is dead at 83. He retired in 1942. Even when I started in at that office he was a shy obscure old gentlemen whom one never noticed.

Nov. 19 Lunched with the Moseys today. Elizabeth has no help but seems to keep the house running as a well managed cooperative with everyone having well-defined duties. Spent most of the day on a chattel mortgage and credit agreement for Commercial and Colonial Airlines.

Nov. 20, 1944 Earl Bradley has sold his farm. I don't know whether he had anything left after the judgments were paid. Received some new books today: a first edition of James Andrew Jackson, the Border captain; Langdons Every Day things in American life, 1607, 1787 and Kennans life of E. H. Harriman.

Nov. 21 Had the hearing and got the order of adoption for the McMasters this morning. Lellie Susan Harriet was the belle of the courtroom. Dalehanty was as severe and efficient as usual and put us through quite an examination.

Nov. 22 Howe suddenly furnished many troublesome jobs and am breathing more easily. Anne says that the Army is trying to send Harry back here for hospitalization.

Nov. 23 We had a joint Thanksgiving Dinner with the Whites. They furnished pheasant etc and we contributed the vegetables and dessert. Bell is good and tired of his job heading the land drive. Apperently his group is unruly.

Nov. 24 We had the Newhouse sisters for dinner and bridge tonight. They are getting feeble and playing bridge with them is quite a chore. Their chateau was thoroughly toasted according to their latest mores.

Nov. 25 Marshall Bradley called up from Brooklyn today. Much to the alarm of his wife and mother he has volunteered as a member of a gun crew on a liberty ship. Have finished Nevins' Grover Cleveland, a well written and balanced life of the great reforming conservative.

Nov. 26 Margaret has a bad cold. Louise and I went to tea this afternoon with the Bosmans. I found it quite dull - as I had expected.

Nov. 27 Took Parke & Wolff to lunch today. Mr. Parke is slowly beginning to show signs of age. Henry looks the same as he did fifteen years ago. I see by the Advance that Mary Lilly (Mrs. Pete Emerson) of Jackson, Michigan, with her daughter and grandchildren is in Bandana. Ye Gods, how old we get!

November 28, 1944 Herb Corlin was in today wearing the stripes of a lieutenant commander. He is newly assigned to a carrier of the Essex class which has just been launched. Tonight we saw "Dr. Wassell", the movie story of the escape from Java of an American doctor with a group of wounded American sailors.

Nov. 29 Norman Littell has fallen out with Attorney-General Biddle and the two are battling it out in the newspapers. Littell has been asked to resigned and has replied by accusing Biddle of being subservient to Tommy Corcoran and other lipers. Biddle probably is too formable to insiders but some of Littell's charges appear to be very thin.

Nov. 30 Henry Wheeler, formerly of McNamara and Seymour, was in to see me today. He says that he has cured himself of alcoholism and is anxious to pick up the pieces. He has been away six years. I gave him some leads.

Dec. 1 Miss Cope, Mr. Fryer's Secretary, dined with us tonight. She looks very well for one who has had that unenviable job for sixteen or seventeen years. She says that Pierre Fryer is now with the 101st Airborne Division on the German front.

Dec. 2 Crenna is with us for the week-end. She looks better and is in better spirits than I have seen her for several years. Lunched with Morey and Hitchcock today. They are both dissatisfied with the war and with the help received from our allies.

Dec. 3 Louise and I took a long walk in the cold wind today. Am vigorously reading Gellhorn's cases and materials on administrative law.

Dec 4 Lunched with Stocker, Moore, Tom McGrath and Harold Smith of the Hughes office. The commercial has received a peremptory letter from Breed, Abbot & Morgan for $25,000 damages to be paid to Garnett Koperski. The first gun in a law suit

December 5, 1944 Mr. Parke and I have decided that we must ask commercial to get other counsel in the Koperski suit. I can't imagine why, if Red and Garnet want to sue, they have waited so long. Perhaps the pointed refusal of Margaret and me to answer letters has had something to do with it.

Dec. 6 I was elected Vice President of the British Luncheon Club at the annual meeting tonight and with the consul, was the guest of honor. The old-timers take a great interest in the Club and I finally discovered that a substantial honor was meant for me.

Dec. 7 Reading Herbert A. Asquith's "Moments of Memory": the book largely stays off controversial problems and devotes itself to pleasant personal reminiscences at which the English are so good. Besides much material on Asquith it contains some good pages on Russell, Haldane, Balfours and Gladstones.

Dec. 8 Lunched with Bob Taylor today. Bill was very cordial and was full of wishes that I could do the legal work for the Guaranty Trust Co. Tonight the McMasters, the Mills and Stan Dunn came to dinner. Very pleasant. George seems to be very much pleased with Malcolm, and I think that the latter will soon be a fixture with command.

Dec. 9 Dined with the Johnsons tonight. Mrs. Childs and her son and a Mrs. Youngs from California were also there. Mr. Childs is employed by the moving picture company of which Al is part owner. He offered me a chance to get in it some months ago. I refused - in spite of its bright prospects because I think that one business is enough for me. I couldn't possibly give the necessary time for a new activity.

Dec. 10 Wrote Dee a long letter today and read extensively in Bellham's cases. Very interesting.

Dec, 11, 1944 To the Dentist again this a.m. He conveys the unwelcome news that I must lose two more front teeth in my lower jaw. Am reading Ivan's Rockefeller, a hefty two-volume work. Rockefeller resembles Washington in that he seems to have been the only substantial man of his family. His father, William Avery Rockefeller, however, seems to have been a histrionic and enigmatic figure.

Dec, 12 Young Henry F. Turner has been killed in action. This will be a heavy blow for his father as young Henry seems to have been the hope of his family. Went with the Whites tonight to hear the Philharmonic at the Metropolitan opera in celebration of the success of the Sixth War Loan.

Dec, 13 Ste. Beuves essay on Moliere makes very forcibly my point about the really great writers: they deal with the fundamentals of human life and experience. Their comedies and tragedies are clear to all men.

Dec. 14 Edward Allen from Seattle has sent me a box of apples from Seattle. one of the beautiful and tasteless "delicious" variety. I have a Xmas card from Mary Emma. It mentions the child but not the husband. I wonder if he has vanished. I have also an amusing circular from the "Whitbredge Foundation" announcing the arrival of Robert W. Whitbredge 2nd.

Dec. 15 The ~~Abbott~~ Lenoues, Fooshees and Henry Wolff came to dinner and poker tonight. Clover and Malcolm came out very well, added Mary Sue. Henry, Margaret and I were large losers, we about $8.00 each. After a bad start Louise almost broke even.

Dec. 16 Headache today. This afternoon M- and I saw "Snafu", a play about a returned veteran of the Pacific wars. He was in and out of the army by the time he was 16, having had about his age, and the theme of the play was the difficulty of fitting him back into civilian life.

December 17, 1944 To Greenwich this morning where M- and I acted as sponsors at Susan McMasters' christening. Very festive and gay occasion. I'm afraid that I drank too many of Malcolm's champagne cocktails which were heavily laced with brandy.

Dec. 18 Philip Guedalla is dead. We shall have no more of his delightful and irreverent biographies. Am worried about the new German offensive against our 1st Army. Dee is in the thick of it, no doubt. Talked with Percy Hall today. one of his boys has been lost in the Pacific and another is a prisoner of war in Germany. I think that another is in the air corps.

Dec. 19 Len Moore had a luncheon today at the B.L.C. for Mr. Atwood of Grace Church in Brooklyn, Dr. Sockman, Fred Sanborn, Roy Irvine and myself. Dr. Sockman is embarrassed over a request to sign a denunciation of Spain's Franco. Malcolm McMaster with us tonight.

Dec. 20 Attended my first Board of Governors meeting at the B. T. C. and participated in the election of Mr. Roberts of the Chartered Bank as our new president. Had a nice letter from Jock Alexander who is now with the Legal Department of the R. F. C., busy on property disposal.

Dec. 21 Lunched with Russell Leavitt and his brother, Major Leavitt. Trusts set up by their uncle for them in 1924 have fallen in; city Bank-Farmers Trust Co. has lost about half of the principal in each case; and they are disturbed as to whether to contest the accounting. I am glad to note that Malcolm McMaster is making an excellent impression at the commercial.

Dec. 22 Went as Roy Lukewood's guest to the officers luncheon at M. T. Co. today. A large turn-out, Stauffer, Bennet, Lincoln Johnson, Steele, Lober, Percy Hall, Major Kilpatrick, Ford etc. The Advance says that Rudd Vliets is a paratrooper on the Dutch-German front. I should think that Rudd is a good soldier

Dec. 23, 1944 M- and I went this afternoon to see the Stones. Irene has my greatest admiration. In spite of the great anxiety she must be feeling about Dee she bears up bravely. I read Dees letters and I began to choke with tears and had to stop. Dee Jr. has grown greatly and Mary has her first long dress for a party tonight. Crenna and her friend Dr. Marian Leonard were with us tonight. Marian is a sprightly lady and a very good stimulant for crenna.

Dec. 24. With the Fooshees today. Don, Margaret and Janet were there. Janet seems to be in better spirits than when I saw her last but is still enamored of communism. She is now severely critical of ~~Churchill's~~ attempt to maintain law and order in Greece. Received a carton of cigarettes from John and Gladys, a recording of the Beethoven concerto in D Major from M- handkerchiefs from Louise and 4 packs of cigarettes from Harry.

Dec. 25 Put in a large part of my day writing letters: to Dee, with a prayer that he survives to receive it; to the Whittredges a letter in the crabbed navy form from myself as the "Suppet" (Superintend of Pettifoggery; to Mommy; to Pat Hodgson whom I have neglected lately; to Hilson who is homesick in California; to Mrs. Watson to thank her for five pounds of butter; to Harry and Anne; to Foster; and to Zeeener. M- Louise and I had christmas dinner with the Moores tonight. Their friends the Van Wagenens were there. Sissie is growing up to make a dazzlingly pretty girl.

Dec. 26 Long friendly lunch today with Messrs Parke, Morey and Hitchcock. Mr. Parke seems much older but is acquiring the dignity and serenity of age. Am finding Nevins' Rockefeller a meaty book and a real contribution to American history. I am impressed by the force and moderation of the man.

December 27, 1944 Percy Cowan was in the office today sporting three full stripes. I wonder if Ted Hess and Ed Crobbe snored in the year-end promotions. Tonight at the movies we saw some wonderful views of Tokyo taken from a B-29 during a bombing raid.

Dec. 28 Lunched with Parker & Morey today. Lee is still full of questions as to where the English armies are. Nothing would convince him and Horace that America's allies are not leaving all the fighting to our boys. Talked to Nat Ely about General Realty problems. Nat is now a lieutenant commander.

Dec. 29 Went today to the British Luncheon Club for luncheon for Charley Parker. We made him an honorary member of the Club. To the Kyles for dinner tonight. John Dunlap was there, as well as Nina's mother, Mrs. Randell. Their Texas boosterousness contrasts with Dick's reserve.

Dec. 30 I was so worn out today that I had to refuse for the second successive week Bettie Stevens invitation to play bridge. To see the Whites tonight. Had a good letter from Foster saying that their household was much upset by servant problems and his father's illness. Read that Harold Brownson has been made a vice president of Irving Trust company. Bought this afternoon volume one of Powell's cases on Estates and trusts.

Dec. 31 I remembered M's birthday yesterday with two bottles of bath oil. To see the Stevens this afternoon. Sydney seems to be very anxious to get back to the Bank. I am glad that I am unable to tell him that the Bank is about to take on a V. P. to head the Personal Trust Dep't. To the New Year party with Al and Hetty tonight. other guests were the Foashees, the Austins, the Haveys and the Giovannis. Mr. Giovanni (married Gertrude Levy) is an interesting and intelligent Italian who looks like a Prussian.

January 1, 1945 The Fosshees spent the night with us and are with us today. Malcolm says that Ken Rush has been made assistant to the president of Union Carbide and put on the committee of eight that runs the company. Apparently he is being put in line for the presidency. Apparently the 4th Infantry Division, Dee's outfit, has been put in Puttons 3rd Army.

Jan. 2 O. T. Harris is dead at 65. I never thought much of him but he was a familiar figure in Paducah. Philip Reid is dead at 75. He was only remarkable as being the father of good-looking children, notably Hallie and Clifford.

Jan. 3 Reading Carnegie's Autobiography. One gets few hints from it of the doer and ruthless old industrial pioneer that he really was. Doubtless, he was also sentimental and it is the latter quality that comes out in the book. Arlen Kline is leaving us for the Engel Judge firm.

Jan. 4 Took Seavell Marbury to lunch today. The Bank is about to close with him as the new V.P. to head the Personal Trust Dep't. Henri Lake is back at M.T.Co. Starting as a private he worked up to his majesty. The Rodgers came to dinner tonight. Raymond is delighted with the job as adviser to Boston's State Street Trust Company.

Jan. 5 Had a letter from Dee today dated Dec. 28th, the latest from him. He says that his Division is busy but that morale and performance are high. Took Raymond Lockwood to lunch today. The Pfizenmayers came to dinner tonight, full, as usual, of propaganda conceptions.

Jan. 6 The Kaperaka complaint against Cummercial is very silly, but the Bank was undoubtedly negligent in some respects. I have an idea that it will try to settle. Reading Sellhorn's cases again. I am aware of the fact that it just scratches the surface and that I am very ignorant in the field.

January 7, 1945 Glowing through the saccharine carnegies Autobiography. occasionally one finds substance as in the episode where carnegie refused to endorse Tom Scott's notes to bolster the Texas and Pacific venture. Louise gave a cocktail party this afternoon for her Army friends, an unattractive lot from the colonel down.

Jan. 8 Working with Ray Lockwood on a complicated clearance loan for western municipals. Margaret is terribly alarmed that she will have to be a witness in Sonatti's suit against the Bank. Red probably gets a mean satisfaction out of the embarassment he causes to us.

Jan. 9 Reading Ida Tarbell's life of Judge Gary. It has the fulsomeness of the authorized biography. The old boy's real ability and shrewdness gets lost in the only picture of the benevolent and public spirited citizen. The Steel corporation was not built by kind words and public spirit alone.

Jan. 10 Carol Van Steenburgh was to spend last night with after a movey party, but when she got here in the early morning her defective key wouldn't work so she slept at a friend's home and breakfasted with us. John Fox has sent me a small estate. Am working on the proposed Taca loan, a pipe-dream of Budinger's.

Jan. 11 Eddie Eagan is the new chairman of N. Y. State Boxing commission. Eddie welcomes any break in the routine of legal practice. I have always thought that his was the most successful of the poor-boy rich-wife marriages, but even in his case the set up has its disadvantages. Fooshees with us.

Jan. 12 The Dotys are with us for the week-end. Both are elegant in new clothing. Mr. Duty Sr. is slowly going down-hill. From all Foster tells me I gather that his income will not be adequate for his large expenses in Springfield.

January 13, 1945 My hopes for a quiet Saturday morning today were dashed when the Hearn people decided to exercise their Park & Tilford whiskey purchase in the name of Commercial's nominee. I agreed but insisted upon a full disclosure of the real parties in interest - which will spike their felonious little plan. With the Datys tonight to see and hear "Song of Norway", a dull musical extravaganza based on the life and music of Grieg.

Jan. 14 Lazy day at home. This afternoon the Moores, the Moreys, the Whites, Caroline Soiron and Dot Mathews came in for cocktails. Very enjoyable. Anne horrified Foster by criticising Springfield to Bettie White.

Jan. 15 To Fosters luncheon party at the Broad St. club today for DeWitt Mallory. Tonight the Datys took us to see "Bloomer Girl", an excellent musical comedy on the new "Oklahoma" style. It is based on the activities of the creator of "Bloomers".

Jan. 16 Am working on the contract for the sale of the Yankees to Dan Topping, Del Webb and Col. McPhail for $2,350,000. It seems that the deal will really go through this time. Bob Bozeman has opened his own office at 70 Pine St. I suppose that he fell out with the Wright firm. I would like to send some business to Bob but am afraid of his terrible temper.

Jan. 17 Mrs. Tom Penn is dead at 83. The irrepressible old lady certainly had her share of sorrow in her later years. Lee died in a Japanese concentration. Duck has been crazy and troublesome for years. Mrs. Penn was an invalid for years. Even Shelley's husband seems to be a failure. Morgan Hatter is dead at 78. There was a man who had an easy life.

Jan. 18 Wood Henry has been badly hurt in an automobile accident. I hear that he will be in the hospital for weeks. Reading Russell's "Blaine of Maine", an old-fashioned but interesting biography. I had not before realized the greatness of the man.

January 19, 1945 Seward Martin and Arlie Mullen have been made vice presidents of commercial and Charlie Kramer has been promoted to trust officer. These will be blows to Sydney Matthews and Sydney Stevens and they may regard me as a traitor. But I don't see what else the Bank can do. My Prentice-Hall friends have procured me a copy of the Holmes-Pollock letters.

January 20 Went to the N.Y. State Bar Assoc. dinner. Frank Sage and Archie Dawson were our guests. Had a long talk with Pat Hodgson who says that Stine is about to be appointed Assistant Secretary and that John Kenney will succeed him as General counsel. Pat says that he will stay until the end of the war in Europe. Pat looks tired.

Jan. 21 Reading Julia (Mrs. Senator) Foraker's lovely autobiography "I would Live It Again". She is reasonably fair to Roosevelt under the circumstances. The description of the patriarchial early home is delightful.

January 22 Another great Washington row is in the newspapers. The president has fired Jesse Jones and nominated Henry Wallace for the place. All the conservatives are outraged and on the warpath. I wonder how this will affect Russ Bradgrass who is Jone's nominee on the B.&O. Columbus has telephoned to say that he is having trouble about his driver's license as a result of an alleged accident he had while driving our car. All a fiction, of course.

Jan. 23 Reading Roy Chapman Andrews' "On the Trail of Ancient Man", I probably wouldn't like travel in the Gobi Desert, but it seems fascinating in the reading of it. Nelson, until recently Royce's secretary, is dead.

Jan. 24 Finished the Yonkers sale contract today and it will be signed tomorrow. Why anyone would buy a golf club now is beyond my comprehension but the purchasers seem to be delighted. And so are the sellers.

January 25, 1945 The yankee sale contract was signed today with rejoicing and mutual eulogies today. McPhail is not so much a man as an embodied noise. The Leavitt's came to dinner, Mavis exulting in a new hat which Margaret had helped her select. Marcus Redwine came in to see me today. I wouldn't have recognized him. He still wants me to talk to the Ky. Bar Assoc.

Jan. 26 Took John Gaston to lunch today. John is back at Allied Chemical's N.Y. office after several years of Kentucky etc residence on war plant jobs. Arthur Johnson (Elvira's brother) was in to see me today. He with Hilson in San Francisco for a time and is now on his way overseas. We dined with the Wells tonight - at Charles.

Jan. 27 Reading Somervell's superficial but charming "Disraeli and Gladstone". I still fail to understand Disraelis success. Our yankee sale is getting reams of publicity.

Jan. 28 Struve Hensel's appointment as Ass't. Secretary of the Navy has been announced. But for political considerations, he would have had Baird's place as undersecretary. Spent this afternoon in the Amer. Mus. of Natural History - the American Indian rooms. Its too bad that we know so little of our Eastern Indians.

Jan. 29 I see by the Advance that Rob Harkey, Shelley Penn's husband, has bought Guy Barden's store in Bandana. So the circle is finished for Shelley. I wonder how she will like it and how much will seem familiar and friendly to her. When I am tired, I sometimes think of doing the same thing. Am reading Conby's Thoreau, an ambitious piece of interpretation

Jan. 30 Working on a credit agreement for Bates Rubber company which commenced is heading. Reading Paine's biography of Mark Twain. It is a franker and better written book than I had expected from its reputation. The eulogy is there but also solid fact.

January 31, 1945 - The Beals are back in the money again. I signed distribution checks today in which was one for myself bringing my take since January 1 to more than $10,000. Windy Riley is back again. He says that his time in Europe was largely wasted.

February 1, To the League of Nations Association dinner tonight as the guest of the Carsons. The chief speaker was Sumner Wells who delivered a polish and elegantly phrased address of emptiness and hogwash. The Carsons and Fooshees came back to our apartment where we argued European politics until one A. M. Cecile's brother was killed by the Germans for his underground activities.

Feb 2 An enterprising and vigorous headache today rewards me for my little dissipation of last night. Finished the Bates Rubber credit. Reading Parkman's Jesuits in North America - which contains fascinating accounts of the Iroquois, Algonquins and Hurons.

February 3 Bought Lane's life of Commodore Vanderbilt today and one or two other small items. Then went with M- to see the exhibits at the Parke-Bernet auction galleries. I saw Louis Lavey there, beautifully dressed but looking very old and weak. Then to see an exhibition of water colors with two of Alice Vanorders. Very poor.
Feb 4 Very bad day - snow sleet. Wrote a long letter to Dee, read vigorously on Paine's biography of Twain and took Margaret tonight to see the movie "Mrs. Parkington. Twain seems to have been a remarkable character, in many ways, a true Southern pioneer but a strong offer the order of the New Englanders.
February 5 Wilson, having sold a piece of land, has paid me $2000, the original principal of the money I lent him in 1941 to buy his house. Work Twain on Life on the Mississippi says that he saw a 6-ft, 250 lb catfish. The largest I ever saw was 90 lbs and I have often wondered if I dreamed that.

Feb. 6, 1945 Lunched with Dona Backus, now a major, at the lunch club today. Dona is pessimistic over his chances of getting back to New York soon. The Meltons are now established in San Antonio and Anne is urging Louise to join them. At the same time her family wants her to return to Paducah.

Feb 7 Miss Lillie agrieve is very sick. I always think of her life as a very bleak one. She had no man friends and few of the feminine sex. She has been a semi-invalid as long as I can remember. Reading Twains Life on the Mississippi. It is great in parts, very dull in others.

Feb. 8 Reading Conby's Life of Thoreau. Much subtle analysis. Am worried over the activities of Commercial in the Toca matter. A commercial bank has no place in South American aviation. Carol Von Steenbergh says that Theis would be left and she is working and commuting. Very hard on her.

Feb. 9 Had Flatch to lunch today. A pleasant occasion. Lucile Dreskell dined with us tonight and we then went with Raymond and Anne Rodgers to a pre-opening performance of "The Stranger", a play based on the story of Jack the Ripper. We had great difficulty getting a taxi so that we appreciated the sight of one theatre-goer who arrived in a horse-cab and told the cabbie to wait.

Feb. 10 M- and I spent two hours at the Parke Bernet galleries but the prices were to much for us. Those of us whose incomes were ample before and have not been increased (but reduced by taxes) are the new poor.

Feb 11 Crenna is with us for the week-end. Reading Paine's life of Clemens. He gives a good, faithful but not brilliant account of Twains younger years, but his account of the Hartford period, the relationships with Howells, Rogers, Webster, Twichell, Holmes et al is masterful

February 12, 1945 Very pleased to have a holiday. Long walk on which I purchased some neckties and some French records - the latter in a praiseworthy but no doubt futile endeavour to improve my accent. Bettie Stettenius with us for dinner and bridge.

Feb 13 Am reading Morley's "Recollections", one of the few books of the kind I have found worth rereading. And yet it is distressingly allusive in places and assumes knowledge in the reader which is often lacking in me. Kimball and Budinger are much annoyed at the Wage Stabilization people who have refused to approve all their raises except those for Muller and Kraemer.

Feb. 14 Gerard Hall is dead of heart failure. He was about 44. ~~Bodkin~~ Boykin Wright and Charles Parker have withdrawn from their firm and joined Stearman & Sterling which now becomes Stearman & Sterling & Wright.

Feb. 15 Kimball's Brother-in-law Millard Jencks, President of St. Laurence University is dead. I wonder if he ever got his money out of Sinn + Co., a matter which he discussed with me several times. Had a very interesting luncheon at the B. L. C. for a Mr. Pate and a Mr. Crossthwaite who escaped from a Shanghai prison camp. Sir William Rothenstein is dead. I enjoyed his memoirs very much.

Feb 16 We saw "Dear Ruth" last night, starring Virginia Gilmore, John Dall, Howard Smith and Lenore Lonergan who was so good in "Junior Miss". Very clever, fresh and amusing story based on a romance through correspondence between a younger sister, masquerading in the name of the elder, and a young flying officer.

Feb 17 Malcolm walks us last night and we sat up late talking. Traded my old Hawthorne and Lowell today to Mr. Thams for new and better editions. Also bought a limited, vellum bound edition of T. N. Page.

February 18, 1945 - Dorothy Mateer is with us for the week-end and Tom Douglas, a lieutenant in the Marine corps, spent part of the day with us. Tom is a bright and attractive lad, resembling John Gordon somewhat but with more animating. Reading Rome's Twain.

Feb 19 Lunched with Alec Royce at the Broad St. club. I hear that the old Wright firm has changed its name to Cahill, Gordon, Zachry and Reindel. It seems to me that young Cahill is quite hard to humiliate his former seniors in such a manner and I am surprised that Gordon stood for it.

Feb 20 Had Bill Ward to lunch at the Bulish L-C-. After a stormy beginning Bill seems to have made a good thing out of his company. It has a net worth of some 60 to 70 thousand dollars and Bill owns all the stock except a small amount of Preferred which Walter Maigets has.

Feb 21 Actually closed the Yankee sale today and received the money - a consummation of a long and tedious task. Worked with Hamilton of White & Case, their new partner who was formerly General counsel to the R. F. C. To Silvermine Tavern tonight for the beginning of a four day holiday.

Feb. 22 A cold rain all day confined us within doors except for one trip to the antique shop which is filled with Victorian horrors. The roads are blocked with ice and snow. Reading Twain's "The American Claimant"

Feb 23 We got in a long walk today. Tonight we dined with the Caskeys in their pleasant home just out of New Canaan. John is exercised over the curfew (midnight) just imposed by Byrnes. He says that he hears that Hannegan and other politicos violently opposed Steve Hensels election. An attractive couple, Mr. and Mrs. Torey, were also there.

February 24, 1943 - The sunshine forearms us today we had two long walks, on one of which we got lost, and feel much rested and refreshed. The office let me alone. Am deeply immersed in Doughty's "Arabia Deserta," which, as Lawrence says, is almost a bible. Doughty seems to have been singularly qualified by education and temperament for his task; although I sometimes felt that he had too little sympathy with or patience with his hosts.

February 25 Shorter walks today. We still have to wear rubbers. The Tavern is crowded so we had a hard time getting our dinner. Almost finished the first volume of Deserta Arabia. One should read it several times to get its full scope.

Feb 26 Back to a desk full of little matters. Have finished "The American Claimant" and read a few pages in Dowdens scholarly life of Browning.

Feb 27 Working late tonight I dined at Schraafts with Horace Hitchcock, Horace as usual complains that he has no help. Saw Rice Brewster who is now in civilian clothes and took at the Milbank office. Rice had a difficult time in the Navy, I believe, finding as so many others have that promises are easier to make (to him) than to keep.

Feb. 28. Brother is 5-5 today. And still a boy. Took Brad Norman to lunch at the D. T. A. tonight M- and I saw Elliott Nugent and Betty Field in Voice of the Turtle. The play was a tedious, talkative product of the twenties but the acting was excellent.

Mar. 1 Took Sewall Martin to lunch at the B. L. C. Tonight we dined with the Morays who also had the Paul Hahns and the Joe Simons. Paul holds out little hopes for more cigarettes. Joe has left the Hutton firm to became a partner in Hayden Stone

March 2, 1945 - Our 9th Army has reached the Rhine. Brooklyn, which has been much annoyed by a derogatory remark in Noel Coward's war diary, will rejoice that the first arrival was a boy from Brooklyn. Betty Johnson dined with us. Al has gone to Washington to see Judge Lewis sworn in as chief Justice of the D.C. Ct of appeals.

Mar. 3 Miss Lillie Ogelvie is dead. The poor thing has hardly been alive for 30 years. Finished my income tax. I have overpaid my 1944 tax by $814, M- by $74.10 Another flood is feared at Paducah.

Mar 4 Foster called to say that his father died last night. The poor old gentleman just faded out. Charlie called up to say that his situation was the same - very busy in Washington and still in danger of the draft board if he returns. Estelle, Louise M- and I dined tonight with Col. Russell at the officers club on Governors Island.

March 5 To Springfield this afternoon. The trip was uneventful but I felt repaid when I saw how glad Foster was to see me. He seems resigned and almost cheerful. Miss Mulch, who was file clerk at Commercial before she became a nurse, was a great help in Mr. Doty's last six months.

March 6 The house was filled with flowers for the services. About 11:30 we started for Pleasant Valley, N. Y., where another service was held at the home of Mrs. Bower, Mr. Doty's next-door neighbor for many years. A heavy and cold rain subsided long enough for the funeral. Entrained at Poughkeepsie and back in N. Y. by 7:30 P. M.

March 7 Finished Dowden's life of Browning which I had worked on during my two train trips. Tom Dewey has signed the so-called anti-discrimination bill, a frank bid for the Jewish and negro votes. It should be known as a bill to provoke pogroms.

March 8, 1945 - Lunched with Don Vail today. My chief purpose, in addition to the pleasure of seeing Don, was to interest him in sending some drawing trade business to Malcolm. Have a letter from Henry Beam. Reading Richard Wright's "Black Boy", the story of his life as a negro child in Mississippi. A bitter story of a boy who would have been unhappy in any environment.

March 9 Took Miller Moore to lunch at the D. T. A. Tonight the Fooshees had us and the Messengers to dinner at the Harvard Club. We then returned to our place for several hours of jolly poker, broken at midnight by a pause to drink two bottles of Malcolms champagne.

March 10 Mary Lee Segawa writes that she and Bob have a girl baby. Zellner writes that Mrs. Margaret is still in bad shape. I am afraid that he will lose her. Have finished Cozzens and Samson Agonistes.

March 11 We are having a lovely day and I got in a long walk. Reading Powell's cases on Estates and Trusts, a curious collection of the worthless and the valuable. Estelle is on a case with 24 hour duty, attending a drunken lady.

March 12 I am reading vigorously again on Twiss' life of Lord Eldon. The old boy had his tricks but he must have been quite a character. My income tax estimate for 1945 (federal) is ~~$17,460~~ $17,460. No saving for me beyond. I would like very much to have another week end place but I don't see how I can manage it until these rates are reduced.

March 13 A letter from Dee Stone says that the Germans are in a very bad way but they are still fighting with bitter determination and great skill. He can apparently see no quick surrender, but that they are running themselves by their losses and the destruction of their cities.

March 14, 1945 Dee Stone has been awarded a croix de guerre and palmes, I suppose for his share in the liberation of Paris. While walking today I heard one Jew say to another, For christ's sake, tell me where to go!"

March 15, 1945 Bill Rattenbaugh, who is representing commercial in the T. W. A. matter as we represent the company, is a pleasant and cultured fellow. Working on the Eldon book. He was querulous, overcautious, often an alarmist but he seems to have had a very good mind and great courage.

Mon. 16 Charlie Smith, one of the most pleasant clerks in the Trust Dept. of M. T. Co., has been fired for drunkenness. I suppose that it is the limited scope and narrow lives of these boys that lead them into trouble. I am plowing away at Powells cases - a good review on some basic problems. Mixed stuff too. Interesting English marriage settlements.

March 17 My new suits, the first in three years, are very handsome. My new tailors, however, regard me as a mature man and around the modified Yale styles I got from Lipsher & Adler. The rosebushes and shrubs at the corner of 7-13 Washington Square are pulling out tiny leaves and our street is budding.

Mar. 18 The Johnsons, Kaun, M- and I went to see Annabelle Harris' paintings and drawings at the Folk Arts Club this afternoon- a motley collection- and then stayed for dinner. The club is a dark and mouldy place- and the members all seem to be aged. One of the ancient specimens, with a much younger wife and children, turned out to be Gregg, inventor of the shorthand system.

Mar. 19 Allen Wardwell was pulled from the Hudson River last night. He has been under treatment at a hospital and is probably another victim of war-time overwork. M- and I to movies tonight.

March 20, 1945 Mr. Robert of Stewart is dead. I suppose that he is the last of my Fathers business associates to go. The Advance referred to Mrs. Purdy as living in California. I wonder if Mr. Purdy is dead or if he no longer cares to have his whereabouts known.

March 21 We have two young French air officers staying with us, friends of Cecile Carson. Estelle is having great difficulties getting her financial affairs straightened out. Margaret is alternately patient and exasperated with her. General Patton seems to be destroying the fine German army in the Ruhr. He has shrewdly exploited his chance as head of our mechanized army and gets more publicity than any of our Generals.

March 22 Reading Westcott's "Apartment in Athens". It was well received but is in fact a very thin little novel.

March 23 We went with the Moore's tonight, with the Brooklyn Heights group, to see "The Deep Mrs. Sykes", an unpleasant and trivial little drama. Some theatrical parties for charity seem to be at poor performances.

March 24 Dinner and poker at the Lenances tonight. A delightful party. Reversing my recent trend, I won $1.40. Mary Patterson was there and a Miss Gonzalez who is apparently a Porto Rican or Cuban. Very bright and friendly. Pete thinks that he has lost his chance at a brigadiership.

March 25 Working vigorously on the T. W. A. chattel mortgage. T. W. A. has a large equipment purchase program outlined for the postwar period and may have to borrow as much as $50,000,000 dollars at one time outstanding. The present mortgage is for the purpose of establishing a pattern. Sandy Brophy is going abroad and may be back at the office after his return.

March 26, 1945 Lloyd George is dead. He must have been in bad shape for some time or we would have heard more of him since the war. His fame has declined greatly since the last war. I wonder what history's verdict will be. Anne and Wood Doty are with us. Wood reaches draft age in June and is trying to get in the navy doing work in radar.

March 27 Margaret gave me a little birthday dinner tonight with the Dotys and Lee Morey as guest. We had the Va. ham we have saved so long. Foster called to congratulate me. We talked about the 40th birthday dinner when he brought me the yew tree that we planted in the rock garden. How swiftly those seven years have passed.

March 28 Mrs. Ned Wyatt is dead in Detroit. The Wyatts were a large and prolific family, most of whom have left Kentucky.

March 29 The attempts of the Taca airline, South and Central American affiliate of T.W.A., to get loans from the Bank have caused friction among the officers. Budinger, under pressure from TWA, wants to help them. Ferguson, who is an orthodox credit man, is opposed. Mike Crabtree is dead after a long illness.

March 30 Drake and Hyde have requested Wattrich to retain the alvany firm for tax work in the Ruppert Estate on the ground that Sluck and Stocker, while excellent lawyers, are poor negotiators. This is very unfair because at the request of Drake, Hyde and Ives we had retained Taradash to negotiate the settlement. The negotiator having failed, the lawyers are blamed.

March 31 Worked until 6 this afternoon. At last I have located and purchased Henry's life of General Forrest. The more I think over the Ruppert tax matters, the angrier I am. Sluck has never had a chance to show what he can do in negotiation and now we want get adequately paid for the drudgery.

April 1, 1945 To Rye with the Fooshees. Their flowers and shrubs are amazingly advanced for this time of year. Joan and Clare are climbing trees and running with the greatest vigor, which delights me as they have been frail children. To the Eguns for an hour. Edelie, who has grown very gray, is enjoying his new post as chairman of the Boxing commission.

April 2 Long letter from Dee Stone who has had a few days rest in a French chateau where he has had friendly entertainment. He says that the past seven months have been hard. Took Ray Coffman to lunch. Talking with him on proposed financing of the Hearst properties.

April 3 I see by the Advance that Beatonne Bondurant is married. A little late, that harvest. Long newsy letter from Bernice who says that Uncle Dutch is feeble. Ben Morris' boy is a bad case of war shock. Quite windy.

April 4 Mary Bozeman was in to see me today. Her nine years of married life with Bob seem to have left both of them dissatisfied and they have tentatively agreed upon a divorce. Bob seems to have carried his anti-social and scornful temper into his home. Mary says that she never gets a kind or tender word; that Bob is always bored and out of sorts and that his rudeness alienates all their friends. Bernice has sent me two cartons of cigarettes - which are much needed.

April 5 Lunched at India House with John Martin and Walter Pfizenmayer. John is always worried trying to keep up with the caprices of Ed Barber. This time Barber wants the Bank to finance a mortgage on a golf course in Georgia, which is illegal and preposterous even with his guarantee.

April 6 Reading Page's "Red Rock. The Albany firm has refused to do the Ruppert tax work except as special counsel with us. Which is sensible as well as fair.

April 7, 1945 Worked until 7 P.M. on the T.W.A. chattel mortgage. The Americans have won another great victory over the Japanese fleet, sinking their best battleship, the Yamato, and 8 other combat vessels.
April 8 Dorothy Potter is with us for the week end. She is flirting with the authorities at Swarthmore college over the vacant deanship of women. Took a long walk in the sun today. I wonder if Page's Red Rock didn't have great influence in the revulsion of sentiment in the North after the misdeeds of the military governors and carpetbaggers become known. Perhaps opinion turned too far and romanticised the old South too much.
April 9 Lean Fraser, the gifted president of the First National Bank, has killed himself. He is said to have been suffering from deep melancholy and depression since his wife's death two years ago. Working on the T.W.A. mortgage.

April 10 Reading Du cote De chez Swann. I have decided that perhaps the greatest of Proust's characteristics is his skill in detail. Even a foreigner gets the almaspheric effect fully and quickly. One soon feels that he knows Francoise, Aunt Léonie, Swann, grandma, papa and mamma. Also the nervous and imaginative little narrator.

April 11 James Vincent, one of our managing clerks before he entered the army was killed in Germany on March 24. our first gold star.

April 12 President Roosevelt died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage at Warm Springs, Georgia this afternoon. Although I had expected him to go before long, the suddenness is quite a shock. Like Lincoln, he passes at a great time for his fame. God help little Truman. My N.Y. income war tax $471.20

April 13 Mrs. Chadbourne has named me substitute executor under her will. A great honor. our landlord is trying to raise our rent from $2600 to $3800 per annum.

April 14, 1945 Lunched with Len and Horace today at the D. T. A. It serves a luscious mutton chop on Saturday which always attracts Horace. Marion Hopkinson is dead and Lida joins the ranks of the widows who seem to abound in her family. From my present state of health it would seem that Margaret has a long wait before she joins.

Apr. 15 Quiet day at home reading Paines life of Twain etc. Dinner and poker tonight at Mary Pattisons in Brooklyn. The Kenaus were there and a cheery Gentleman by the name of Kraemer. Margaret won $7.00, Louise lost a little over $6.00 and I lost $1.20. As usual Pete was the big loser. Mary is going to Tucson this winter to be a house mother in a sorority at the reuse of Tucson.

Apr. 16 Edwin Mims is dead (1900-1944). Eddie was a bright chap whose achievements always fell below his powers. Dean Crawson has been killed in battle.

Apr. 17 Took Fletcher to lunch at the B. L. C. So far Fletchers sons have come unscathed through dangerous service in the air on the sea. Am warned about the fact that I may have to move. With income taxes taking more than half my gross income I don't see how we can pay $3800 per annum for rent.

Apr. 18 Ernie Pyle killed in the Okinawa campaign. He had built up a great reputation as our most loved war correspondent. Meeting of the Board of Governors of the British Luncheon Club.

Apr. 19 Took Dean Wells, now a lieutenant colonel, to lunch at the B. L. C. He is very tired of the Army. Tonight the Caskeys and the Kyles & Josephine Connor dined with us. We had to take them to the Lafayette. I am continually amazed and pleased at the enlivening effect of the breezy Nina on Dick. John has improved in personality and Eleanor is charming.

April 20, 1945 We had tonight the first Rhodes Scholar dinner for a long time. A large attendance. Our chief speakers were Dr. Aydelotte, Carl Newton, Eddie Eagan and Bill Whitney. Carl gave us a racy and fascinating account of his experiences as Coal Administrator and his dealings with John L. Lewis. He admires and likes Lewis and says that he is a great and patriotic American. Eddie told us the inside story of the Jess episode as related to him by the Duke of Hamilton. Bill gave us personal reminiscences of Churchill. Old Murray gave us his memories of Mark Twain who received an honorary degree from Alfred while Murray was there.

Apr. 21 An anguished letter from Marcus Reavine today asking me to do something for his cousin James Dulany who is in a Federal jail here. Saw the boy, who would be 18 until September. He has already pled guilty to illegally wearing a merchant marine [illegible]

Apr. 22 To the Laurens for dinner. Although Charlie will be 38 in September, a check with his draft board chairman indicates that he would immediately be reclassified and sent to the army if he returned now. Back to the Stevens for a tea given to Dr. and Mrs. Aldrich. Dr. Aldrich now out of the navy is going to Michigan to be a bishop. His son-in-law, a conscientious objector and schoolmaster, was there. The Stevens were very fond of the Aldriches and will miss them greatly.

Apr. 23 Reading Chatterton's life of William Pitt, the boy-wonder who sustained his early promise. He must have been a rigid and difficult personality.

April 24 Happy Chandler succeeds to the late Judge Landis as head of the baseball world. Why Happy is chosen I cannot imagine. Probably a compromise. Am still struggling with Dorr Levy on the T. W. A. chattel mortgage. Dorr is a sincere but inexperienced and stupid negotiator

April 25, 1945. Margaret is quite ill - intestinal influenza I take it to be. With no servants it is quite a problem. Fortunately Josephine connors came in to get her lunch. The English fliers who have been with us for several days left today and Josephine is coming to stay a few days.

April 26 Conferred with Judge Hurlbut about the Delaney boy. The probation report is very bad. The boy has been involved in a number of petty thefts, has deserted from the merchant marine, has failed to report for duty to the Navy and is generally unsatisfactory. Have finished Chatterton's life of Pitt.

April 27 In court to try to convince the reluctant judge to release Delaney on probation. Held over.

April 28 Everyone was excited today by a false report of the surrender of the German armies. Josephine is a very interesting person. Her story of India is that of a keen observer.

April 29 Read most of today. Finished Cooper's "Oak openings". Took a long walk in the sunshine. Josephine kept her eyes open in India and has many interesting incidents to tell, especially about Bengal and Kashmir. Her husband must be quite a high-type officer.
April 30 I read in the Advance that Marshall Bradley is at home after a trip to the Admiralty Islands. Am reading Melville's life of Horace Walpole. Not a very substantial work. John Morton is pestering me about a loan to a Golf club sponsored by Ed Barber. Barber's guarantee would make the loan good, but the whole thing would make the Bank look silly.
May 1 Lunched with Fred Lober. Bob Whittredge called up while on a business trip here. The Germans report that Hitler has died fighting. That seems unlikely. He is probably in hiding or a suicide.

May 2, 1945 Am in one of my detective-story spells. The number of good ones is unfortunately small. When I saw Ray Jack the other night he told me that he had been injured in 1940. Apparently he has been a gentleman of leisure since. It is convenient to have a rich wife.

May 3 After much backing and filling the Judge has released young Delaney on parole. Marcus will be pleased. My only fear is that the boy will immediately get into trouble again. He seems to want to get back to his brother in Norfolk - the place where he got into trouble.

May 4 Mrs MacGregor is ill again. I much fear that she is about finished. Mentally as well as physically. When Anne Darby was here Mrs. M- gave a flimsy excuse not to see her. Getting into the third volume of Thiers Consulat et Empire. Stirrings

May 5- The Germans are finished and a general surrender is imminent. The only stimulus to resistance is that there is an Government to surrender.

May 6 This is Malcolms and Clares 15-th wedding anniversary. M- didnt feel well enough for us to join them. Marshall Bradley came today to spend a day and night with us.

May 7 The city celebrated today - a little in advance of the offical end of the German war. Took Bill Radebaugh, Ken Moore and Geo. Spater to the British Luncheon Club which had a short program featuring a talk by Mr. Evans, the consul General.

May 8 We have called the Rupert Estate another $35,000. Which provides a good distribution. Reading Wolfert's American "Guerilla in the Philippines". I had had no idea that the guerillas worked so openly and with so much popular support, or of the technical skill in electricity chemistry etc.

May 9, 1945 Reading Lecky, wordy but full. usually I shun philosophic and reflective historical works, but this seems to have the merit of being a good specimen of a bad system. Am working on a matter for Household Finance Corporation, a client brought in by Jack Hutto. It is trying to acquire a small N.Y. bank.

May 10 Josephine had a dinner tonight at the Dutch restaurant in Radio city for the Mays, Louise, M- and me. Mr. May, now a partner of Bleakley, Platt + Walker, was a law clerk in C- S- + Z- years ago. At the end of the dinner Louise left for her vacation.

May 11 Reading a short and episodic life of Lord Birkenhead by "E- phesian". Interesting but not a definitive work. Birkenhead would repay the labor necessary to produce a book such as Jessup's life of Root. We have two English fliers with us.

May 12 Margaret dragged me, protestings, to the exhibition of Cecile Corson's pictures this afternoon. I was glad I went, however, when I found two really good pictures among the vague and sombre studies: a fine, lusty nude and an impressionistic flower picture which ought to be a pendant to our larger, clearer work. The Stevens came to dine with us and enjoy our Virginia ham.

May 13 I see that Bill Elliot is going from the War Production Board to the Philippines. Doubtless to spread the Tennessee-Oxford-Harvard-Washington culture among the little Brown Brothers. We had a real leg of lamb dinner. A treat.

May 14 Reading MacKenzie's "Crazy Weather", a story of a white boy's adventures with the Mojave Indians in Arizona. The book is quite unaware in so far as it relates to white men, but I hope it is accurate as the Indian parts.

May 15, 1945 Today has been filled with frustrations. After clearing the Southern Phosphate loan agreement N.Y. Trust comes forward with new arguments - doubtless the work of the loan committee. Guy is on the loose again with silly demands re the T. W. A. mortgage.

May 16 We have a new maid, Dorothy Gross from West Virginia. She came North with the Lastons who have no room for her in their new apartment in the city. The Whites came in to see us tonight. I am afraid that I am in disgrace with Bill Gleason at M. T. Co. as I have had to refuse to approve his new town child for handling automobile paper.

May 17 Margaret and Josephine left by train tonight for Tucson. Their plane reservations were cancelled this morning because of weather conditions. Charlie Loveman in this afternoon. Work in Washington is easing up.

May 18 After getting away from the office with difficulty, sweating in the crowded subway and missing my train, I arrived at Westport at 7 P.M. We went to a party at Dr. Kings, a bibulous occasion where I was accosted one time as a Jew and once as a professor. Met a good-looking fellow by the name of Benjamin (Certainly not Jaunch) from Providence who was at U. K. for a short time when Raymond and I were there. A drunken lady from another party finally chased us.

May 19 Rain. My room is like an ice berg. This afternoon we drove, via Ridgefield, to Marcus Nadler's country place near Brewster. Marcus' house is rather a camp, built by a former owner for temporary purposes, but the grounds are splendid. Poor Marcus hasn't as yet seen learned to identify his plants. Chow mein dinner in S - Norwalk and movies in Westport.

May 20, 1945 A beautiful day. R- and I took a long walk to see the Fretwells etc. The Fretwell's pine grove, which I have loved since they were tiny plants, is now thick and tall. I walked up the road also and saw Mr. Wing. He wants to sell his present house with five acres for $37,500 and build further up the hill. Raymond's flowers are backward as the result of the queer season. His large kubule oak lost all its leaves in the freeze;

May 21 The Holmes-Pollock letters have opened my eyes about Pollock. I had gained the impression at Oxford that he was a fraud. His letters are those of a man with a fine, fresh mind, enormously curious and erudite. He may not have been great but he was a gentleman, a worker and a scholar. Holmes had fewer intellectual interests and, I think, less mental balance.

May 22 While writing to Margaret tonight I heard King Gordon on the radio. King, the son of the canadian socialist who wrote under the name of Ralph Connor, used to be a friend of John Dunlop. He is one of the editors of the Nation now and said to be a prominent radical. Among other activities he is meddling in the negro question - where of course he can only do harm. Took Malcolm to lunch.

May 23 Two recent letters from Dee Stone indicate that he may attempt to get out of the ~~off~~ army and return to the office. I am catching up with my work at the office. Holmes had a curious distaste for history and biography. Likad philosophy - even minor works.

May 24 John Easton to dinner. He is one of those rare handsome men who look even better as white hairs and wrinkles come. Seemingly he has found his field in labor relations. Marshall Bradley called up from Yonkers.

May 25, 1945 With a little prodding from Dr. Turner's secretary I managed to get in to have my teeth cleaned this morning. A good job this time. Spent the evening with the Whites. It is difficult to tell whether Bill really likes the Guaranty. He says that Jack Hutto has a good job.

May 26 An air mail letter from Harry Melton says that Pat has a letter from a Mrs. Lutz, wife of a major in Harry's squadron who was freed by the British from a prison camp in Rangoon. Lutz says that Harry (Jr.) was in the camp until January 1944 when he was sent to Singapore. He was well then. To Rye with the Foashees. Long walk. Jane Rush to dinner. Ken is in England - via clipper.

May 27 Rainy day. Reading Arabian Deserts. Lunch at the Blind Brook. Saw the tennis at the Apawamis club. To the Eagans for tea where I saw Hurst Brown for the first time since oxford. Now a colonel in the Medical Corps of the [illegible] Army.

May 28 Dorothy, our new maid, isn't as successful in pilfering the markets as Margaret and I am really getting hungry. Holmes' letters indicate that he thought of writing a law book after his retirement from the bench- a sort of testament of his essential faith. It is probably well for his fame that he didn't.

May 29 Louise is back and reports a good vacation and that all are well in Paducah. M- reports that Kansas is unusually green and lovely. Proust's long analyses and subtle distinctions are beginning to please me. Possibly because I am getting more of the French clear. Swann seems a totally incredible figure- perhaps I just don't know the types.

May 30 Walk the McMasters. To the country- Day field meet this morning. Malcolm's peonies and iris are fine. Columbine about gone. A Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett and a Mrs. Sale to dinner.

~~May 31st~~, 1945 Headache today. Got home very late last night. Today rounds a year since Charlie left; a hard one. Finished the Holmes-Pollock letters. It curious how much the old boys repeated themselves, especially Holmes, and how often their basic ideas were brought forward and argued.

June 1 Spent almost all day at the Allied Stores closing at the Guaranty Trust company and lunched there at 3 P. M. Some pleasant talk with Bill Taylor. Allied Stores has for tax reasons sold its real estate to union college and taken back long term lease. The transaction was financed by Guaranty and Prudential Life Insurance Co.

June 2 Frittered away my morning, then went to the bookstores. Last week I bought the autograph Hardy and the manuscript Edison but I found nothing of interest today. At home read Lamb's letters (wonderful) and Maurois' Byron.

June 3 Spent the day transcribing the diary of my college days, freshman year, to paper of this size for binding. Reading Proust, Lecky and Maurois' Byron. Dipped into Lamb's letters. Margaret and I are happy that we have a new lease for two years on our apartment.

June 4 Margaret arrived back for our 13th anniversary. She came day coach from Kansas city and is very tired although she broke her journey with a night in the Palmer House in Chicago. Am busy again.

June 5 Louise's friend, Captain O. B. Moore, is with us. He is stationed in N. C. and brought a group of negro soldiers to N. Y. Am reading Maurois' Byron with pleasure. I had picked up an idea somewhere that he was a trivial writer. I find him very interesting although no Morley. Byrons troubles with his mistresses reconciles me to my lot of virtue.

June 6, 1945 A letter from Foster says that Wood has passed his radar examinations and will enter the Navy this month. Lunched with Bill Palmer at the D. T. A. Working on another General American Transportation Equipment Trust issue. To see the Newhouse sisters tonight. Ella is ill.

June 7 Hoping enjoyed the comforts of eyeglasses since 1921, I am now reduced to using a reading glass, which magnifies greatly for small print. Lunched with Alec Pinney. A letter from Bernice indicates that Virginia may come to us this year for schooling. Bernice says that Z's Margaret is in bad shape.

June 8 The office's income is running ahead of last year. But I seem to have little left after taxes. Charlie writes that he may be able to get back by August 1. I hope so as I am tired.

June 9 As I had hoped Margaret has found some food. We dined luxuriously on a leg of lamb tonight and never have I eaten better. Am at last finishing Meredith's "one of our conquerors". He is difficult. The journalistic and factual Thiers makes better with his story.

June 10 Rainy day. Louise is leaving the Army at the end of this month. I am afraid that she intends to return to Paducah. Reading Leaky. Letters to Mammy and Dee.

June 11 Rodney Keith Wingo has graduated from Annapolis and will, I suppose soon be wearing gold bars in the Pacific. Finishing "Audubon's America". The bird-painter was also a competent writer and travelled more widely than almost any other of his American contemporaries. He saw the West at the last of the buffalo herd days and even visited the great bird-nesting islands of Labrador and New Foundland

June 12, 1945 Miss McLaughlin's husband, Mr. Impelliteri, about whom I have heard for years, turns out to be a politician of note. He is O'Dwyer's selection as Democratic nominee for President of Manhattan. Virginia Pratt has been to San Francisco to see Helson and Loretta. Am rereading Hardy's "Jude the Obscure" for the first time since Oxford days.

June 13 Had the Newhouses to dinner. The inventories from the chateau show quite a mass of furnishings left, but they say that almost everything of value is gone. Mr. Wood, their friend at the consulate, and their notary are writing for money for repairs and taxes.

June 14 Mrs. Burke and I lunched at the commercial today with Kimball, Budinger, Horowitz, Magnus Witmon, Scovell Martin, Arthur Roberts etc. I see that Dr. Nolan has paid a visit to the Mrs. of Kyx. He now lives at Beverly Hills.

June 15 The Sunneys to dinner tonight. They still pursue high culture. Alec is playing the big fiddle in the local orchestra, Peg the oboe. In addition Peg is a member of a class in Greek. They are reading Plutarch's Lives now.

June 16 To the Fletchers for dinner. When we got there at 5-30 we found the Taylors and the Wells. Edna gave us a great spread of roast beef and salad rich in garlic. Bill Taylor was at his wittiest. His stories in dialect are worthy of the best professional production.

June 17 A quiet lazy day at home. Still transcribing my old diary. In the teaching days at oscar. Not as many facts as I could hope. Reading Lacky and Proust. Sometimes I think that M— is right in calling Proust a bore. Also working on Jude the obscure.

June 18, 1945. Lunched with Howard Ferguson at the Bunkers Club. Howard is leaving to become a vice president, with the promise of the presidency, of the N. S. National Bank of Denver. He has been dissatisfied at the commercial for a long time, especially so since Buckingers promotion. It seems a malign fate for all my friends to leave commercial as die; Taylor, Daty, Howell and now Ferguson.

June 19 The city gave General Eisenhower a warm welcome today. I saw him as the parade passed my windows. The newspapers estimate four millions saw the parade. General Simon Bolivar Buckner, son of the famous confederate General and Ky. Governor, was killed just at the moment of victory in Okinawa.

June 20 Board of Governors meeting at B. L. C. today. Ward writes that he will release Charlie Lowrey Sept. 1. Speaks highly of him.

June 21 To Dr. Turner, the dentist, again. He filled three teeth. The Johnsons came to dinner tonight. Still engrossed in plans for their country place in Virginia. Irene Stone telephoned today to say that Dee will be here early in July. The 4th infantry division sails on June 29th.

June 22 Lunched at Bonbons Trust at the invitation of Mr. Audrey - because of my supposed knowledge of motion picture financing. The guest of honor was a Mr. Pirelle, a lawyer from Hollywood; Monty Hatch, Al Houston, Samuel from Melanie's office and a Mr. Lowry were also there.

June 23 We are trying to get Virginia's credits in order to get her into Packer Institute in Brooklyn. Am planning to read alternately Smollett, Hardy and Fielding. Different in many respects, each of them was interested in English society.

June 24, 1943 Margaret is on Long Island attending Lilian Draper's birthday party, Louise is at the beach with the Buzzards so I am alone. Reading Forester's "Commodore Hornblower"; a sensational novel, and Proust. Dined alone on meagre fare at the Balkan Restaurant.

June 25 The Emergency Court of Appeals has invalidated the O.P.A. rent control order in so far as it applies to "luxury" apartments, i.e. those renting for more than $100 per month. How lucky we are to have our two years renewal.

June 26 Ballard county has reduced its high schools to four: Lecanter, Wickliffe, Bandana and Barlow. Too bad for Blandville, Lovelaceville and Kevil. Lunched at the Guaranty trust today with Bell Taylor, Mrs. Lowell Tyng and her sister Mrs. McNicholl from Greenwich. Tyng, a brilliant lawyer, is a drunk and Mrs. Tyng is in despair. Nothing I can do.

June 27 One of the teeth Dr. Turner filled a few days ago is paining me very much. Lunched at the Commercial today with Budinger, Moore, Spater, Rodebaugh, Ardrey et al to discuss airline financing. Ardrey is quite an impressive man, probably takes after his father who was a leading figure in the Guaranty.

June 28 We have sold our 2% Government bonds, $35 000 principal amount with more than $1000 profit. To the Red Cross testimonial dinner ~~with~~ for Harvey Gibson tonight. Parke, Hughes, Moore, Morey etc were at our table with Gage and Wattrich as guests. As there were too many requests for reservations, we had to share a table with Guy Vaughn and his Curtiss Wright group.

June 29 Saw the Queen ~~Mary~~ Elizabeth come in today, much bedecked with flags, with 15 000 service men aboard. With the Fooshees tonight to see Frederick March in "A Bell for Adano".

June 30, 1945 Very hot. The primrose in our bedroom, which is in my especial care, drinks a glass of water a day. In gratitude it is blooming again. The Foshees, children and all, are with us. The children go to camp July 2nd. Reading Peregrine Pickle.

July 1 The newspaper distributors are on strike and we get news only from the radio. Irene called tonight to say that Dee had arrived with the advance party from the 4th Infantry Division and was at camp Shanks up the Hudson. She hasn't seen him yet.

July 2 Bailey is going to Alvord and Alvord. As I was intensely opposed to taking him into the Firm, this is good news. He was supported vigorously by Burke, Whiteside and Royce and opposed by the junior partners. Estelle has her apartment furnished now, very badly cheated on her furniture.

July 3 Dinner and poker tonight for the Mereys, Fosheea and Louise. Margaret had found a leg of lamb somewhere, a great treat in these meatless days. The poker was too serious. The Meltons could have added fun.

July 4 Dee Stone got home last night and we dined there today. Dee is brown but thin and nervous. He says that General Barton and other division and corps commanders saw last Winters treaty through coming and protested in vain; that Army intelligence was not at fault. He says that the Huertgen Forest battle was a great mistake and that it should have been flanked. He pays great tribute to Genl. Theodore Roosevelt for military skill as well as for industry and gallantry. He saw no signs of German atrocities against our people, although plenty against other Germans, Poles and Russians. He says that the Germans are the best soldiers and are quite unrepentant.

July 5, 1945 We have won a great victory in the airplanes routes case. T. W. A. gets a route to Cairo, the Near East and India. Lunched with Jim Clark at the Yale Club. He left Washington a month ago and has been on vacation. Dined tonight with the Doeanparts. Handy and Cynthia were there, both looking very well. Handy, who has been out of the Army about a month, was a lieutenant colonel.

July 6 Dee came to the partners meeting this morning. We had a farm luncheon for him and Berry. The latter is a full colonel now. Berry is to represent the U. S. in the forthcoming international conference on civil aviation. He ought to be back with us this autumn.

July 7 At the Brown & Delhi sale this afternoon I bought a fine old edition of Murray's grammar, a Nash's life of Lord Westbury, Freeman's lectures etc.

July 8 Proust and Smollett are almost perfect contrasts. Smollett is full of action, objective, coarse in humor, intolerant and uninterested in character study. Proust is intensely subjective, with little humor, searches anxiously for the finest shades of emotion and social nuances and loses sight of the action in refined and delicate reminiscence and description. The Fowlers are back after a busy week-end visiting a long list of friends in N. Y. and conn.

July 9 Louise having left her Army job seems to be at a loose-end - not wishing to stay in N. Y. and wishing to return to Ky. Tonight we went with the Fowlers to see Laurette Taylor, Julie Taylor and Julie Haydon in "The Glass Menagerie". I think that it must have been suggested by Thornton Wilder's and Russell Crouse's success in "Our Town." Not as good.

July 10, 1945 Lunched at the Recess club with Mr. Parker. He seems tired but says that he cannot get away now. My friend Donald Elder of the British Luncheon club is an interesting character. Elderly, he speaks with a strong accent although he has been in this country since his youth. He sometimes looks down and severe but is, in fact, gentle, humorous and animated. I imagine that he is a fine accountant.

July 11 Lunched at the Bankers club with Charlie Summers et al. Dined with the Fooshees tonight at the Retat Ras. Louise has a job now with the N. Y., N. H. and Hartford Railroad company. Perhaps she will stay in N. Y. after all. Frank Ferguson has turned up again, this time working for John Bartels who is getting out a bond issue of which Commercial is trustee.

July 12 Dee Stone did not like Ernie Pyle very much although testifying to his popularity with the soldiers. Dee did like Ernest Hemingway very much. He says that Nuremberg will probably never be rebuilt as it would be easier to select a new site than the clean the old.
July 13 With the Fooshees to see Carousel, a much-talked-of but mediocre musical comedy. The others thought better of it. Margaret is peddling a wrist-watch and some fine silver for Lona Irwin who is broke. Malcolm bought the meats for Clare for $15.00.
July 14 The Stones come to dinner tonight, Dee looks better for his rest. We played poker until 3 A. M., a very jolly game. Everyone came out a little ahead except Margaret and Clare. The latter, who hates to lose, was gloomy all the evening.

July 15, 1945 A lazy day after our dissipation last night. Have finished Peregrine Pickle and am reading Melville's Smollett to find out something about the man who could write such a book. Supper with the Johnsons.
July 16 Drake Austin is dead in Bandana at 92. I hadn't realized that he could be that old. The Fooshee children are back with us with excited stories of the camp.
July 17 Reading Fieldings "Jonathan Wild". I think that Thackeray must have owed much to Fielding and that Dickens was also influenced by him. Fielding has Thackeray's habit of gossiping and moralizing with the ~~genial~~ gentle reader to the neglect of the story. Thiers third volume is quite exciting: Napoleon's achievements as a road-builder, peace-maker and law-giver.

July 18 Sydney Stevens is here for two days on business. We played bridge tonight, the penalty-for-being-seventy, and Margaret and I took first and second prize. Dick, Bettie's brother, was there. He is a polished chap with graceful manners. According to Bettie, however, he is somewhat worthless.

July 19 Harry and Anne have bought a fine house in San Antonio for $21,000. Among other useless bits of information I discover Smalley in Peregrine P— referring to a variety of gout as "anthritis" and a reference to shorthand as Jonathan Wild.

July 20 The Fouches left this morning, Clare and the children for Nova Scotia and Malcolm for Tennessee where he is to meet Lafferty. Lunched with Ed Steele at the Recess club after spending an hour with him, Van Elm etc on airplane flying.

July 21, 1943 Lunched with Jack Hutto at the Guaranty where he is now established as a trust officer. I have a great affection for Jack and am sorry that we have lost him. Bought for $8.00 a set of Irving at Sabultes. It is the Knickerbocker edition, printed on the same plates as the famous and expensive Hudson edition. My set has a good, custom three-quarters morocco binding.

July 22 Flight Commander Bartram of the R.A.F. is staying with us. He was at New College, Oxford, a few years after my time and has been a weather expert in Bermuda for some years. Reading Hardy's "Woodlanders". I had forgotten the plot which is lighter than that of Jude. It has, however, its own spots of irony and tragedy so that it is not a simple pastoral piece. The descriptions of country life are delightful.

July 23 Lunched with Van Elm and the Loan committee today; Christenson, Steele and Hopper were also there. Van Elm wanted me to explain my ideas on financing equipment purchasing of air transportation companies; Tonight Jack Alexander came to see us. He is sore with the R.F.C. in surplus property distribution but is thinking of returning to private practice.

July 24 Took Mr. Parke to lunch. Howe, grown quite fond of him in the last few years; Louise is planning to take a room in a church boarding room. We shall be sorry to lose her, but she will probably be happier with girls of her own age;

July 25 Reading Balzac's "Modeste Mignon". It has more sentimentality and erudition than I remembered, but has also the sharp detail and character drawing which I always associate with Balzac; Churchill is deflated and out as Prime minister.

July 26, 1945 Louis Jiggitts is dead. He was a reserve officer and when the war came had combat duty in the Pacific as a lieutenant colonel, including New Guinea and Leyte. Cracking up with a heart condition he was returned to this country and died in a hospital. our office is running well ahead of last year and at this rate will not well over a million this year.

July 27 Kimball is resigned over his failure to get all his salary increases allowed. Frank Sage, who has been dissatisfied at Manufacturers Tr. Co. for a long time, is trying to buy control of the U. S. Corporation Co and Registrar and Transfer Co.

July 28 Great excitement has resulted today from the crash of an army bomber into the Empire State Building. Several persons were killed. Had the accident occurred on a normal work day the loss of life would have been great.

July 29 We walked up today to see the damage to the Empire State Building. From two blocks away - as near as we were allowed - the great building seems to be only slightly scarred. Reading Wister's "Lady Baltimore", a curious book. Wister had a real feeling for social matters and an appreciation of the Southern point of view. His knowledge was superficial and sketchy, however.

July 30 M- and I went to the Stadium concert tonight and heard Sodero direct the Philharmonic in the Brahms 4th and a Mozart concerto for two pianos and orchestra. Very charming in spite of the noise caused by airplanes passing overhead. Malcolm is back from Tennessee. The Advance says that Rudd Viets has won the certificate of merit for valor on the Siegfried Line. I suppose that it will harder than ever now for him to fit into civilian life.

July 31, 1945 The Ruppert Brewery stock held by the Ruppert Estate was sold this morning for slightly more than $3,000,000. When we can get the tax settlement approved and an accounting through this most troublesome matter will be largely ended. To the Travelers Aid meeting this afternoon. I am on the Lawyers committee.

Aug. 1 Margaret left for Rowling this morning to visit the Whites. I am to join her Friday night. Lunched with Fletcher and Beenhouwer. B- says that the United Nations Relief work was in a terrible turmoil when he left, anger, bickering and quitting.

Aug. 2 Closed the long-drawn out T. W. A. mortgage matter today. To-night Malcolm had Louise, a Miss Weare and me to dinner at the Harvard Club. Miss Wear, the daughter of Malcolm's old French professor from Sewanee, was on the 76th floor of the Empire State Bldg when the airplane struck the 78th

Aug 3 Left N.Y. at 7 40 P.M.
When I arrived in Poughkeepsie there was no trace of Bell who was supposed to get there about the same time. After a long wait Bettie and Margaret arrived with Bell. They had had to pick him up in Kingston. The White's home is an impressive old farmhouse, wide oak floors etc.
Aug. 4 up early and out in a coal, dewy morning. A perfect day. The children are very noisy.
This afternoon we drove to Stanfordville to an auction. Bell and Bettie bought some battered household articles while Margaret and I examined the fine but dilapidated old mansard-roof house.
Aug 5th The White's water supply is so low that we can't even flush the toilet except when absolutely necessary.
A long drive over Quaker Rd. this morning to see the Dewey House etc. This afternoon we returned to Stanfordville and went over the old house very carefully. It is tempting but too large for us.

Aug. 6, 1945 Working with John Duncan, Jesse Waid and Mr. McCord on the Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R. Mortgage, they were awaiting me when I got in late from my daily train trip from Bowling this morning. Tonight Malcolm and I took Louise to her new home.

Aug. 7 Mr. Scott of Duncan's firm joined us today in our work on the Wheeling mortgage. The Advance informs me that Jim Bain is dead at 90. He has been at the Masonic Home at Lawsville for many years

Aug. 8 Finished the Wheeling mortgage. Armstrong is having matrimonial trouble again. This time his wife is trying to shake him for a large sum. She is a drunk, but faithful so far as Army knows. Her lawyer wants half his income, Mar-, Mal- and I to see some Rus- sian movies tonight.

Aug. 9 Russia has entered the war against the Japanese. I suppose that she wants to bring the war to an end quickly and to have a voice in the peace. Of course it is important to her to have Japan beaten but we are doing that very efficiently without help. Winsby Riley who has been in Springfield reports that Wood Doty is doing well in his training.

Aug. 10 Japan has offered through the Swiss to the surrender terms proposed by the Allies except that they propose to retain their Emperor. A shrewd move. The Johnsons and Louise to dinner tonight.

Aug. 11 The Allies have accepted Japans surrender, provided the Emperor is under their control and Japan is given a chance to make a free choice of its own government. The Emperor is a war criminal but we shouldn't lose a million men trying to capture him.

Writing my Kentucky speech.

Aug. 12, 1945 Spent three hours on my speech. Charlie Kouren telephoned today that he would be back in the office on Monday Aug 27. This will be just right to give me a short vacation in Kentucky. The radio is full of rumors as to what the Japs will do.

Aug. 13 Everyone is under the greatest tension awaiting the reply from the Japs. If they don't accept soon, they are going to get some atomic bombs again. Am reading Modeste Mignon. It reminds one again of the great vogue of Byron and Scott in the early 18th century.

Aug. 14 The official news of the Jap surrender came through at 7 P. M. Malcolm, Louise, Margaret, Louise's friend Margaret Ennis and I went to Times Square to see the celebration. The crowd was tremendous but orderly. Drinks at the Harvard club. Nick and Esther Carter joined us at the apartment.

Aug. 15 Some ill-considered remarks of the President last night gave the impression that there was to be a general holiday for two days. Less than half our force showed up and many of them wanted to leave. In view of the great number of contract concellations and other business uncertainties I thought it essential to stay open but I had some tough arguments.
Aug. 16 Mrs. MacGregor came to dinner and bridge last night. Still keeping the office open. Most of the employees respond readily when I explained that I thought we owed it to our faithful clientele. Have finished Modeste Mignon. Stan Dunn tells me that he hears that Emery Woodall is in the Army.
Aug. 17 Malcolm left for Canada. Hazel Viets has been ~~re~~ reelected without opposition, Sarlene White beaten. Jesse Sullivan was elected sheriff and carter county judge.

Aug. 18, 1945 Spent a fruitless afternoon attempting to shop for books. Most stores were closed. The French shop in Rockefeller center wanted $15.00 each for unbound volumes of Anatole France. Interesting evening poring over Previews catalogue of country estates.

Aug. 19 Spent two hours in the sun on the terrace painting coathangers. Read detective stories and revised my speech. My chief theme is that lawyers must before it is too late work out and teach the new principles of administrative law. We are now drifting.

Aug. 20 Alice Gluck is dead. We sent flowers and went to the funeral this afternoon. Alice had been ill a long time, typhoid etc culminating in a mysterious and painful arterial disease. I am caught up with my work at last - more so than at any time in ten years. Lunched with Wolff and Morey at the Lawyers Club.

Aug 21 Louise, Estelle and Colonel Russell to dinner. Estelle is going as a nurse on the next trip of the Empeshalm - which is in use as a hospital ship. Colonel Russell is returning to the U. S. Public Health Service and will be stationed on Staten Island.
Aug. 22 Bernice and Virginia are planning to meet me in Bowling Green so that I can see Virginia to N. Y. Reading O'Brien's life of Charles Russell, Lord Russell of Killowen. A leisurely book with first hand knowledge by the author.
Aug. 23 Margaret left with the Johnsons for Virginia this morning. I bought from Macys two ~~doz~~ yung chang bowls, magnolias and buds, for $60 40. They are from the Yamanaka collection and were formerly $35.00.
Aug 24 Finished Shute's "Pastoral", a charming love and air-force adventure story. John informs me that Highsmith has lost his father and brother. Bert H. also has a heart condition.

August 25, 1945. Ewing Cowall is dead at 78. The paper says that Howard is vice president of Illinois central Railroad and that Luther is General Manager of the Int'l Harvester branch at Rio de Janeiro. Dick is one of the leading Hollywood stars. Ewing managed to give his boys some ambition
Aug. 26 M- and I have been deeply interested in a fine old house in Ridgefield which we found in the Creevans catalogue. I intended to go there yesterday but discovered at the last minute that it had been sold. Wrote letters today to Doty and Highsmith. Read Maurois' "Disraeli".
Aug. 27 Charlie Lauren reported back to work today. He seems tired and distraught and must have some vacation soon. I hear that Durland Van arden intends to leave medicine and go in for horticulture. Such foolishness.

Aug. 28 Saw Herbert Brownell on the subway. He seems to be optimistic over the possibilities of the Republicans next year. Finished my work and left Charlie on the job. Young and Kirby, with Otis & Co., are trying to buy the operating business of the Pullman Car Co.

Aug. 29 Left N.Y. at 12 30. A hot trip. Took charge of a ten year old girl going to Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Aug. 30 Marcus Redwine met me at the Lafayette Hotel at 11 30 A.M. With a Mr. Kruger, Mr. Knight, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Duncan we drove to Cumberland Falls via Richmond, Berea, London, Corbin etc. The crowd was larger than I had expected. My speech seemed to go off well. Saw Gov. Simpson, Lt. Gov. Tuttle, Col. Stites, Judge Tye, Ed Dudd etc. Gene Siler, running against Pat Vincent for court of appeals judge introduced me. Had a long and pleasant chat with Judge Shackelford Miller.

Aug 31, 1945 Joined Gallner and Margaret this morning. It is unbearably hot. Mrs. Tanner is with them. Margaret is prettier than ever but pathetically frail and thin. They have a lovely and fastidiously-neat apartment, the second floor of a duplex at 1403 Fontaine Road (Lexington). They have bought a house on the same road and are moving soon.

Sept 1 As my visitor's gift I bought Margaret eight lovely dessert plates at a local antique shop, four old Haviland and four old hand-colored Bavarian. Took a walk up by Transylvania this morning, saw the John H. Morgan house etc. G and I to the university this morning. Saw Dr. Wrist, now very gray. He still has on his wall the picture of our original Delta Sigma Pi Group, which he says was the best. Saw Ellen V Butler (married name?) Kay pretty. Also Miss Turner.

Sept. 2 We drove to Richmond last night to dine with the Keene Johnsons. Very pleasant. Both splendid hosts. Poor Keen travels all the time with headquarters in Washington so he gets home rarely. Today we drove to Bowling Green under a broiling sun. Mommy seems quite ~~~~ well. Her false teeth have restored the contours of her face so that she actually appears younger.

Sept. 3 Louise is plump but seems always to be troubled with Mallie and Jackie. Mallie is perpetually active. A lovely but not very affectionate child except that she adores her father who in turn idolizes her. Jack is not very well. overworked I suppose. J- and M- left today.

Sept 4 Met Judge Coleman (the circuit judge) today. He married Mary Marshall McMeekin) who was in U.K. with me. Saw Dick Lee Mildred Stevenson's husband). Made a short talk to the American Legion tonight. Jack is commander of this post.

September 5, 1945 - Bernice and Virginia arrived today and I met them. Bernice is fat and seems most cheerful and competent in spite of her asthma. Va. is a slender, dark girl just on the borders of being grown-up. This morning I searched the wills and found records of my great-great grandfather, Joseph and his brother, Jonas.

Sept. 6 I have been spending my time reading the detective stories Gelleners Margaret gave me and playing with the children, but today I read some Poe, Emerson and Proyst. Mommy remembers some of the people mentioned in Joseph Feland's will. Milton was an old bachelor who taught school here all his life. Mommy got several hundred dollars as her share of his estate when he died about 1880. Her aunt Matilda was named for the Matilda mentioned in the will (Joseph's daughter). The Semiramis named in the will was called Aunt Sheminia and lived to be very old.

Sept. 4 We have been feasting on barbecued goat, which, as prepared by Jack, is one of the most delicate foods I know. Tonight we dined with Mildred (Stevenson) Lee and had a great talk. Mildred has three fine children although the eldest, a 19-year old boy, is not strong. She says that Dr. Beverly has suffered so much over the loss of his daughter that his mind is supposed to be affected.

Sept. 6 We left at 2:00 P.M. in great heat. Bernice seemed resigned and cheerful, Virginia also. I had feared weeping. Jack has been very hospitable and patient under such a flood of his wife's relatives. He is as kind and thoughtful of Mommy as if she were his own Mother. Perhaps more so. Ide and Louise seem completely devoted. They made me take their bedroom when I arrived, but I firmly turned it over to Bernice and Virginia when they arrived and I slept on the living room sofa thereafter.

Sept. 9, 1945 After a hot dull trip we arrived in Lexington at 8:17 last evening. We left at 4:30 today. Margaret looks like a wilted flower. We were inactive all day except for a short drive just before we left to show Virginia the city, U. of K. and Transylvania, Zellner seems to be doing very well in his business. He has refused the presidency of one of the small companies in the Alas group.

Sept 10 In N. Y. at 1:30 P.M. Josephine Conner is with us awaiting her passage to India. Hodgson has written a long and flattering letter to Burke about the work done by Charlie and me for the Navy. The tax case in the Ruppert Estate is about to be settled for $215,000, a tremendous victory.

Sept. 11 Ted Hess in to see me. Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett dont want him back. A great shock to him after 14 years service. Jim Wyatt, father of Andrew & Conn, is dead.

Sept. 12 I have agreed to buy the 93 acre farm at Round Hill, Virginia, for $10,500. M- and Al found it and M- says that she just has to have it. We had young de Saint Phalle and Orville Sauerwein in to lunch yesterday. De Saint Phalle has been working for General Chennault behind the lines in China. He likes the Chinese and their food and tells good stories of his adventures.

Sept. 13 Lee Maxey and I lunched with Porter today. We have raised Charlie Lowen to $11,000 per annum and given him $625.00 more severance pay. We intend to make similar adjustments for all our returning men.

Sept. 14 Lunched with Fletcher who is leaving soon for France and Holland. Bernie told me in B- S- that Andrew Whipple had met a young army officer who said that he was the son of uncle Dutch's first, early marriage. Uncle Dutch and Cammy seemed to be very little interested.

September 15, 1945 - Willie has been struck by a truck and may have a skull fracture. It can't be serious, however, as we hear it only through a letter from Bernice. Dorothy Motter is with us, still pondering on her book. Sydney and Bettie Stevens came in to see us this afternoon.

Sept. 16 Spent the day with the Von Steenberghs. They have bought a handsome house in Millbrook. Joan and Neal have developed into fine girls. Neal goes to Duke next week for her second year. Joan is working at Franklin Simon's in Greenwich. A very sprightly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Judy, came in to dinner. Schacht says that his family and closest friends came through the war O.K.

Sept. 17 Russell Snodgrass opened as first witness in the B. & O. Debt Adjustment proceeding. Cassius Clay has resigned in protest, saying that the plan is unsound and unjustified.

Sept. 18 I have signed the contract of sale for the Simpson farm at Round Hill. It is perhaps a silly thing to do but M- and I both want it very much and it seems to me to be a bargain at $10,500 for 93 acres and an interesting old house. Pat Hodgson has written me a disturbed letter about Ted Hess. He fears that other offices will refuse to take back their men.

Sept. 19 The last news is that Willie is not badly hurt. He and Loretta are to return to Lacenter in Nov. Long talk today with Malcolm McMaster. The Johnsons were with us this evening.

Sept. 20 Dee Stone was in today in his civilian clothing. He is on terminal leave but returns to the office Oct. 1. Like so many others he is looking in vain for a better apartment. M- and I are busy planning gardens, avenues of trees in Virginia. Less foliguing than actual work

Sept. 21, 1945 In spite of its sale by the Levy interests, our friends, the Oppenheim Collins business remains with us - at least for the time being. Am drawing two credit agreements for Ike Hopper - Bonwit Teller and Conde Nast. Am acting president of the British Luncheon Club now and getting many suggestions.

Sept. 22 Judge Irving Lehman is dead. Tonight we went to a wedding anniversary party for the Sydney Stevens given by the Dick McClenahans. Played bridge very badly.

Sept. 23 Have a bad headache, Took Virginia to Dr. Sockmans church where we sat with the Johnsons. The Reverend gave us a good talk. Woodson to dinner with us tonight. He expects to return to Arabia soon. He talks very amusingly about the New Britain and Saipan campaigns.

Sept 24 Thomas Hardy seems to have felt about Henry James and W. D. Howells much the same as our generation. He says that James was too much concerned with minute social observances and that Howells forgot that the novelist had to write about matters of interest. John Dunlop tells me that young Geoffrey Cheshire was on the mission that dropped the atomic bomb.

Sept. 25 Virginia is fortunately a very studious girl and knows how to work. Her preliminary training is not very good. The city is grappling with another elevator strike and it looks as though our office building may be affected.

Sept. 26 Reading F. M. Ford's "Return to Yesterday", a curious book written in the convalescent manner with the chronology confused. He must have been more dangerous as a friend than as an enemy. Josephine is still with us. Her permit for re-entry to India not having arrived.

Sept. 27, 1945. Noble Gregory is one of the congressmen summoned to the White House to explain their result on the new tax bill. Noble may prove to be stubborn.
Sept. 28 Thurman H. Barton is the new principal at Lacenter, returning to Ballard County after thirty years. I would like very much to see him. Finished the papers today in connection with the offer for the purchase of the Merchants Bank of New York. I do hope that this goes through and proves to be a permanent connection.
Sept. 29 Howard Ferguson has paid his last note. Tonight Mrs. Sue Thomas and her Grand-daughter Patricia dined with us. They report the old Judge to be well. Mrs. Thomas spent her girlhood in Caracas, where her father was head of a church school, and has written a book - modeled on Thomas "Young Man of Caracas"

Sept 30 We dined with the Moores tonight, walking over from Borough Hall and losing our way as usual. The chief thought was for Susie and Virginia to get acquainted, but they did not seem very animated. Reading Whitman's preface to "Leaves of Grass". I like the preface more than the poetry.

Oct 1st Margaret has taken to her bed because of a cold. The work in the office has grown so that I have had to call Charlie back. He has had a little more than two weeks of vacation.

Oct. 2 We had a small lunch for Dee Stone today. He returned to the office yesterday. I had feared that he would find office work dull but he says that he is delighted to get out of the Army and back to his desk. Willie is much better. He and Loretta are returning to Lenten in Nov.

Oct 3, 1945 Margaret is no better. I dined tonight with Josephine and her friends the Smithearts (T). He is a Dutchman whose family lived in Java for two or three generations. Took Jim Clark to lunch at the D. T. A. I hear that Ward Fosbay has returned to N. Y., presumably to Sullivan & Cromwell.

Oct. 4 Dean Wells is out of the Army and expects to be back at commercial by Nov. 1. Reading Hardy's Two on a Tower, a slight tale. Hardy must have thought of it as a pot boiler.

Oct 5 The Wheeling & Lake Erie mortgage closed today. Reading Donald Fairchild's fascinating "The Naked Miss Mfg Garden". It seems that his worst difficulty was the unwillingness of people to eat new foods. He has stimulated my desire to grow some Japanese cherry trees.

oct 6 Nothing has yet been heard from Harry Ripley Melton. I suspect that his parents are in despair. This afternoon I bought at Dowlers & Rue 35 volumes from the library of the late H. T. Newcombe, the old General counsel for the Delaware & Hudson Ry Co. Mostly history and biography: Wells diary, Charles Taft, lives of Tilden, Hays, Cleveland, Sumner, J. Q. Adam's diary etc.

oct 7 Playing the heavy father this morning I took Virginia to church. Dr. Sockman gave us a good sermon. Dorothy Mateer is with us. She seems to have pinned her future to the long-delayed book on Brazil and plans to take off the second semester to finish it.

oct 8 M- is still quite miserable - a heavy cold that cannot be thrown off. Had a nice talk with Charles Jones today. He has been very cordial about our Virginia ventures.

Oct. 9, 1945 The Pringle Taft is a good and interesting work. Although not a longer, he has grasped - perhaps overemphasizes, the influence of the legal profession on Taft. He has also caught the personality of the man, weakness as well as strength.
Oct. 10 I saw Sam Leary, now Sam Lyons, on the subway this morning. A little older and more hard-bitten. Tonight Virginia and I took two of Chapman Jennings's cousins to dinner at Luchows, a Mrs. Callender and Mrs. Brown from Morgantown, Ky.
Oct. 11 The responses to the offer for Merchants Bank stock have been disappointing and I have worked for the last two days with our Greek friend Falbo on another letter. I shall lose a good commission if the offer fails. Registered tonight.

Oct. 12 Al, Hatty and I left at 7 A. M. this morning on our long drive to Round Hill. Deming or Frederick we arrived at 4 30 P. M., in time to see our new place which I like very much. The Johnson house was cold and damp, but we soon had a fire going and a good supper.

Oct. 13 Closed the title today and paid the remainder of the purchase price. This afternoon Miss Simpson and her brother John took me over the house and the brother then took me over the farm. To my surprise I found some fine timber in the wood lot, chiefly white oak. The grounds around the house has some fine planting, including two large clumps of century old box, a large honey-locust, a ginkgo tree, elms, iris, a lemon tree, euonymus, roses, clematis, wisteria, honeysuckle and shrubs.

oct 14, 1943 - Ada Brooks, Hetty's sister, and her daughter Elsie arrived today. Marjorie and Milton Simpson drove up from Washington for the day. Milton was sober and at his charming best. The Lowes also called and we visited them tonight. I love their charming old house, especially the fine, hand-hewn beams.

oct. 15 This morning we drove to Waterford to see its fine old houses. It is a true museum village like Williamsburgh. This afternoon Mr. Cooley took us over the estate of the late Ambassador William E. Dodd, a 386 acre dairy farm with seven houses and elaborate dairy barns.

oct. 16 Told Mr. Cooley today that the Dodd place was too much of an undertaking for me. Worked on A 6 white oak which has healed very well in the places I did several years ago.

Oct. 17 Ada and I left left via bus a little after 12 M. Round Hill is very attractive now. The Johnsons are planning a large house on their hilltop and it ought to be a very attractive place. A hot trip home. Had to walk to the subway in N.Y. as no taxi could be had. The Meltons have heard that Harry Ripley was on a prison ship which was torpedoed by our subs. He was not, however, on the list of lost or saved.

Oct. 18 Ten Rhodes Scholars had a luncheon today at the British L. Club in honor of the 80th birthday of Sir Francis Wylie: John Harlan, Malcolm Fooshee, Bert Millen, John Wilson, Bud Hull, Carroll Wilson, Fred Suits etc.

Oct 19 Setting out a revised offer of Merchants Bank stock, raising the price to $300 per share. Stockholders owning about 1000 shares have submitted a counter offer at that price.

October 20, 1945 Malcolm is still very nervous. He tells me now that the Doctor told him last year that Clare had only a 5-0-5-0 chance. Reading Cringle's Toft. A really good piece of work. Mailed the Merchants Bank stock offer.

October 21 up early this morning and to the Bronx Botanical Gardens. Some fine chrysanthemums although many of them are not out yet. A few dahlias, nicotiana and petunias. Mr. Newcombe's notes in Cringle's Toft are amusing. For instance he says that Beveridge and Dalliver were drunks and undependable.

Oct 22 Ralph Woods, formerly principal at La-center, is the president at Murray. Howe writes him a note of congratulations. The latest news about Harry Ripley Malton is that he is a prison camp in China.

Oct. 23 Saw the Missouri come in this afternoon, a long, low, frightening ship in the twilight. The great fleet in the world is assembling in our harbors. Mary Ruth and Jimmy Scotsey are staying with us. Mary Ruth's very block hats shows the dyer's hand.

Oct 24 Wrote Capt Howard Ferguson #3,000 at 5-90 in order to help him buy a block of shares in his bank. Bought at the Argosy Book Shop this afternoon a copy of the Rogers Tree Book (a gift for the Johnsons), Prescott's Philip Second in the large octavo block cloth, a nice set of Bancroft and a volume of Bradley's essays on Shakespeare.

Oct. 25 Louise (Dodson) is sick. The poor girl has her hands full with Mommy and the children. Bernice has sent me a copy of the genealogical data from the Joseph Folsom Bible.

Oct. 26, 1945 Charlotte Huffman came to dinner tonight, bringing her sister, Geraldine. Charlotte is a trifle giddy as usual, Harry Melton writes that Harry Melton is reported by the War Department to have been alive in a prison camp near Shanghai on Aug. 30th, at which time he was sent by error to a distant camp. Harry is much discouraged.
Oct. 27 The Merchants Bank matter has petered out, but Mr. Henderson has spoken very kindly about my work. Twelve hundred planes have been over the city today, the Army's salute to the Navy. Very impressive. Tea with Lilian and Syrena who are in good spirits.
Oct 28 To Rye this morning - alone as Mary - and Virginia were ill. We had a picnic at Twin Lights and a fine walk through the lovely cemetery. Helped the children get and acquire a collection of leaves of trees.

Oct. 29 Mrs. Arch Berry (Miss Gertie) has died suddenly. LaCenter will miss her. I gather from a conversation with Jack Budinger that he disapproves T. W. A's plan to borrow $30,000 000 from an insurance company. Good banking business is going out the window. We have a lively R. A. F. officer, a Mr. Bowron, staying with us. He has been a liason officer with the American officer and I gather from his guarded remarks that some of our officers were troublesome.

Oct. 30 The Whites were over tonight to bring us some champagne we had bought through them. Bill tells me that Bill Taylor has been taken off the Pennsylvania District and given the job of opening the new Radio city office for Guaranty. It seems to Bill - and to me - that Taylor has lost out ~~with~~ Passmore in the fight over the Pa. District.

October 31, 1945 I see by the paper that uncle Tom has visited uncle Dutch and has returned to his home at Paris Tenn. Have finished Pringle's Taft. The author has written objectively and well. He did not understand the full scope of Taft's work as a judge, but that was not to be expected from a non-lawyer.

Nov. 1 Lunched with Alec Pinney who was as interesting as usual. He is the owner of some of the Nickel Plate preferred stock which has blocked the merger with the C & O. He says that Young will eventually buy the preferred.

Nov. 2 We had our party tonight for Charlie Lauren and Sydney Stevens; the Laurens, the Stevens, the Sam Peals, the McClenahans, the Blankenhorns, the McMasters and the Marrons. We started off with champagne cocktails, had a good dinner and bridge (at which I was high).

Nov. 3 Today was my Saturday off - a welcome event as I am tired from last night. Did a lot of errands heretofore delayed. Sent Jasper two hats, a suit and some woolen socks. Reading Lord Greys memoirs. M- is now director of Spellman Hall (a Y. W. C. A. residence) and a member of the N. Y. city Bd of Directors.

Nov. 4 Virginia was out late last night and Margaret and I were wringing our hands when she finally returned. Reading Lord Greys "Twenty-five years" which I find somewhat dull. Foster called to learn whether our guest room will be filled for the week. Pfizenmayer called to have me at commercial in the morning.

Nov. 5 Walter and I are busy revising commercials By-laws. Bill Taylor is coming back as Vice Chairman of the Board, Kimball is to be Chairman and Budinger President. Trouble seems to be indicated in that line-up.

Nov. 6, 1945 Hawley (H. H.)
Whipple is dead at 75.
Another childhood friend
gone. I voted early today.
O'Dwyer, for whom I voted,
has been elected mayor
by a huge majority. Jo-
seph has defeated McGold-
rick for comptroller, which
is a great misfortune.
Reading Burroughs' "Fresh
Fields." Bought the Catlett
collection of French Me-
moirs at Dowden & Pine
today 132 volumes.
Nov. 7 I am very tired to-
day. Virginia was out
until 3.30 A. M. and Mar-
garet and I were frantic.
Finished Hopkinson Smith's
"Tides of Barnegat."
Nov. 9 Trying to get the
132 volumes of French me-
moirs arranged in my
already crowded shelves.
The bindings are old and
broken cloth with the
paper labels illegible but
the text is good and
the paper excellent.
Reading volume 3 of Fer-
rero's Greatness and De-
cline of Rome. The nar-
rative flows easily and
smoothly.

Nov. 9 In the absence of Mr. Roberts I represented the British Schools and Universities Club dinner tonight and sat at the speakers table. Sat Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith who said that the present owners of our Rockland Road House had neglected our flower gardens. Took Jack Hutto to lunch at the Down Town Association.

Nov. 10 Had a cordial letter from Ralph Woods to whom I had written when he was elected president of Murray College. Saw the army-Navy movie "The True Glory" this afternoon. Sorted the French Memoirs tonight. Finished the life of Cicero.

Nov. 11 Working on the accession list of my library, a big and long-neglected job. Also culling out the books which are to be taken to the Virginia place. The Lenons come to dinner and the Whites come in later for poker. I was the only winner. Strangely enough, the Whites are beginners at poker.

November 12, 1945 Margaret and I lunched gloriously on frog legs at the St. Denis today and then went to the Metropolitan Art Museum. There were little new additions of interest. Tonight Bud and Marie Fisher came for a cocktail. Bud is just back from 22 months in Europe. Marie has recovered from her illness that was almost fatal. Nov. 13 Took Don Veil to lunch at the D. T. A. Don seems to be satisfied with his progress at the Irving. The Johnsons and Fopes came to see us tonight. The Fopes always spend a few winter weeks at the Plaza. He looks more like a New England deacon than ever. Nov. 14 Bob Whittredge telephoned today to say that he is on terminal leave and is resuming the firm, Richardson & Pearce form Jan. 1. He is looking for a house. Roy Jacks's father-in-law, Claude W. Kress is dead. I gather that Jack's wife gets about 1 million.

Nov. 15 Bill Somerall has retired from the Army as at Lt. col. and is going to N.Y. Trust as V.P. in charge of the Trust Dept. Reading Simonov's "Days and Nights", an engrossing story of the battle for Stalingrad. The Directors at commercial have approved the changes in management and many distorted stories are about. Almost everyone thinks that Bill Taylor has been brought in through dissatisfaction with Kimball and to some extent with Rudinger.

Nov. 16 Lunched with Tom McBrath today. He entertained with inside stories about Bendix and the adventures of Bill Sasset. The Johnsons have gone to Virginia to arrange for building their new house and to investigate the availability and cost of materials and labor.

Nov. 17 Bought Dennett's life of John Hay and Coolidges life of Senator Platt. Hilson and Loretta are going to have another baby. They want a girl but it will probably be a boy. They plan to name it Jasper Stephan-
it is.

November 15, 1945 - I hear that Paul Christopherson, so long a bachelor, is married at last. He is back at the law. M- and I spent the afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum, chiefly with the Beche collection.

November 19 Took Bell Taylor to lunch and we had a long talk. I gather that he felt that inside politics at the Guaranty had defeated the plans he had made with Stetson. He seemed surprised when I told him that the general impression is that he would clash with Budinger. He tells me that he hears that Bob Auerbuck has committed suicide. The Openan class letter has a story about me, the information probably coming from Malcolm.

Nov. 20 Sat next Harland Law Reciens at Dowlen & Pine today. Reading Muzzey's life of Blaine. It is a better book than Russells, but still fails to make clear the reasons for Blaine's extraordinary popularity and decline.

Nov. 21 Closed the Kerner Stores loan today. Claus Hughes represented the borrower, I the M.T.Co., the lenders. Attended my last meeting of the Governors of the British Luncheon Club. Tough M-, Va. and I saw the F.B.I. film, "The House on 92nd St".

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day. Spent several hours working on the accession list of my library. Took a long walk and saw many people having Thanksgiving dinner in the automat.

Nov. 23 Took Scovell Martin to lunch. He has decided against making Tom Sillen an officer, undoubtedly a wise choice as he has to provide for Malcolm McMaster. Sydney Stevens tells me that his expenses have been greater than his income every year since his marriage.

Nov. 24 My Saturday off. Mailed a box of books to John Tell Allen, Virginia was out until 2:30 this morning. I find that the coral cop bookstore was the one filmed in the House on 92nd St.

November 25, 1945 Took a long walk today. Worked on my accession list which goes slowly. Nelson, Loretta and Mommy are all back in Lexington. Nelson is having a furlough.

Nov. 26 Another long talk with Bill Taylor. He is anxious to have the new management succeed. We had the Whites to dinner tonight and took them to see the new musical comedy "On the Town." Not very good. Bill is intensely interested in Bill Taylor's change. He had told me before that he thought that Bill had lost some ground at the Guaranty.

Nov. 27 Henry Newton Whittaley is dead. I always thought that he was stupid, but he seems to have had a business career of interest and importance. Lunched today with George Mills and Dave Blankenhorn. Mrs. Angie Shelton is dead in Los Angeles. She had a sad life, losing her money and her husbands.

Nov. 28 Ted Hess was in to see me this morning. The Simpson firm has agreed to let him come back for a time until he can find something better. Victor Swearingen came to lunch. He is a lieutenant colonel and seems to have had important transport command. He was on the Michigan labor board before the war, but wants an executive job with ~~the~~ an air transport company.

Nov. 29 To the Stevens for dinner. Sydney, like myself, is going gray. He is very glad to get back to civilian life. Claire Foshee has sent us an inscription copy of "Sea Pieces", her new volume of poetry.

Nov. 30 To the Scot Andrews Society Dinner tonight as the guest of Tommy Cairns. The party was a big and impressive one. Bill Taylor, Jack Buckingham, Head of the General Electric Co., Black of Peat, Marwick and Dave Van Alstyne were among our group. ~~A~~ A good speech by a Parson Marshall and a poor one by Ex-Gov. Moore.

December 1, 1945 Margaret ~~and Virginia~~ went to New-Haven today to see the Harvard-Yale football game and spend the week-end with Crema Sellers. I escaped the trip after argument. Spent an hour seeing the Marion Davies library, a beautifully bound lot of poor books. Reading Mark Twain's speeches.

Dec. 2 Calaloguing the library. This is quite a job. Virginia, who escaped the New Haven trip because of a cold, and I saw a collection of landscape pictures at the Brooklyn Art Museum this afternoon.

Dec. 3 Bill Taylor moved into his new offices this morning. Leroy Brophy is with us for a few days and took a group of us to the Lawyers club for lunch. He hopes to be back for good in the spring. The Leonard Moores dined with us tonight and we took them to see the Rugged Path. It is a good melo-drama and I liked it very much.

Dec. 4 Reading Herbert Fisher's excellent little life of Napoleon - I have read it twice before - to help me tie together the enormous detail I am getting in Thiers. I hear that Art Hodgson is returning to Buffalo as head of his own firm.

Dec. 5 The annual meeting and dinner of the British Luncheon Club tonight. I had to preside in the absence of Mr. Roberts. My only embarassment was in not being able to pronounce correctly the names of some of the candidates. I hope that I made an adequate toastmaster. At least the members gave me a hearty vote of welcome and sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

Dec. 6 Have a headache today. Lunched with ~~Sir Hiram~~. Dee Stone who is now a decorated member of the B. L. C. Had a letter from Sir Hiram. I have long planned to get him and Bob McDowell for the office. Sir was Editor in chief and Bob was on the Harvard Law Review.

December 7, 1945 Took Walter Afizenmayer to lunch at the D. T. A. today. Hes son is still on Long Island. The Frasheas dined with us tonight and we played bridge afterwards.

Dec. 8 Foster Doty and Anne are with us. Virginia was out to a party until 3 A.M. and M- and I were much wearried. The papers are full of attacks on women and we are always alarmed when she is late. To the Slucks for dinner. The Morays were there and Dean Langmuir and a Mrs. Fisher. Langmuir is a brother of the famous scientist, a Nobel prize winner and one of the discoverers of the atomic bomb.

Dec. 9 A quiet Sunday at home with the Dotys who are in good form. Working on my French grammar and reading the third volume of Ferrero- on the civil wars after the death of Caesar. Jasper and Fay are in Lacenter - her first trip.

Dec. 10 Ed Ross was in to see me today. He can get out of the Navy now but like many other good lawyers has no available connection. I am entirely unable to get reservations for Virginia's trip home. I can't go back to Carl Newton for help so soon again.

Dec. 11 Lunched with Art Muller and Bill Ward at the Lawyers Club. They tell me that John Sullivan has completely reformed and that he and his family are very happy. Bill looks very well. He has gotten some money ahead through fortunate investments.

To the N. Y. County Lawyers dinner tonight to hear Judge Vaughan and Attorney Gen. Clarke.

Dec. 12 Sid Beerley of Kenil is dead. Jim Tom and I used to love his store when as a little boy I stayed with Miss Jennie. ~~Took~~ Lunched Scovell Martin at the Wall St. Club and saw Abe Fletcher who is back from France and Holland.

Dec. 13 1945 Lunched with Mr. Burke, this last day before my vacation. We saw Bill Rodebough. Sor Harn came in to see me this afternoon. He says that Rawlings, now an admiral, is back at the Bureau of Ships; that Sokey has gone to the Naval War college to write a book on procurement of naval vessels; that Currie is out; and that Mace Daman is counsel to the Bureau.

Dec. 14 Spent the morning mailing christmas cards, tipping the superintendent, elevator men etc. Caught the train at last after trouble getting porters to help me with the heavy bags. I forgot to mention that the deceased ~~terrier~~ terrier of the Dotys, Wiggy, is dead. Bad food on the train.

Dec. 15 Met Margaret's friends Dr. and Mrs. Robst on the train. He tells me that one of his nephews (he is a German) was lost in Russia and that all his family's fine estate has been destroyed.

Dec. 16 We were glad to arrive at Whispering Sands last night in time for a hot dinner. Unfortunately the weather is cold. The bougainvillea, hibiscus and poinsettia are blooming and the palms reflect themselves in the little lake just outside our window. White herons or egrets sun themselves on the little dock.

Dec. 17 The beach, which we can see from our window, just beyond the lake, is as white as snow, one of the finest I have ever seen. We went into Sarasota this morning to get some warm clothing, in my case undershirts, wool socks and a wool shirt. Reading Douglas "I Rode with Stonewall".

Dec. 18 We see an occasional pelican. one on the lake today was dark and one white. A brown and white specimen, respectively, I think. Warmer today and we took the sun on the beach. We are getting friendly with Dr. and Mrs. Jones and Captain and Mrs. Adams

Dec. 19, 1945 As the weather is too cold for the beach we took a long. Reading "L'ombre de Jeunes Filles en Fleur." Also Bailey's The Bishops crime. Long talks with Mrs. Steinmetz, an aged widow from Philadelphia who seems to have been a belle in her youth and Mrs. Campbell, a lady from New York who is here, with Betsy her ten year old daughter, to get a divorce.

Dec. 20 M- and I walked the seven miles into Sarasota today. Tiring. The robins are migrating here in immense flocks. Reading J. P. Marquand's "So Little Time".

Dec. 21 Cold again. Writing letters. Reading Brook's Life of Emerson and working at French grammar. We have two very amusing elderly men from New York, Dr. Decker and Mr. Slater.

Dec. 22 To the Sarasota Jungle Garden where we saw two sand hill cranes, two flamingoes, some Brazilian Pepper bushes; trowlers and fishtail palms, sisal plants, cactus with crimson fringes, Japonicas, gardenias loblolly boy, hollies etc.

Dec. 23 Swimming and hunting shells in the warm sunshine today. Setting some ton. Reading Cranes The "Amethyst Spectacles"; a mystery. Lowson has sold one of the Turan farms and is going to Colorado. Mrs. Slater, an elderly "dead pan" comedian keeps us all amused with his quips to and about Dr. Decker.

Dec. 24 As Mr. Longers guest on a fishing trip today. We went out about 15 miles. Caught butter fish, groupers, flounders, stingarees, a baby king, bluefish and grunters. I got four butter fish and a stingaree. Saw great flocks of pelicans and gulls. Many small birds. Our crowd consisted of the Captain, a Mr. Johnson, his son, Mr. Longer and his two boys, Dr. Jones, Captain Adams and I.

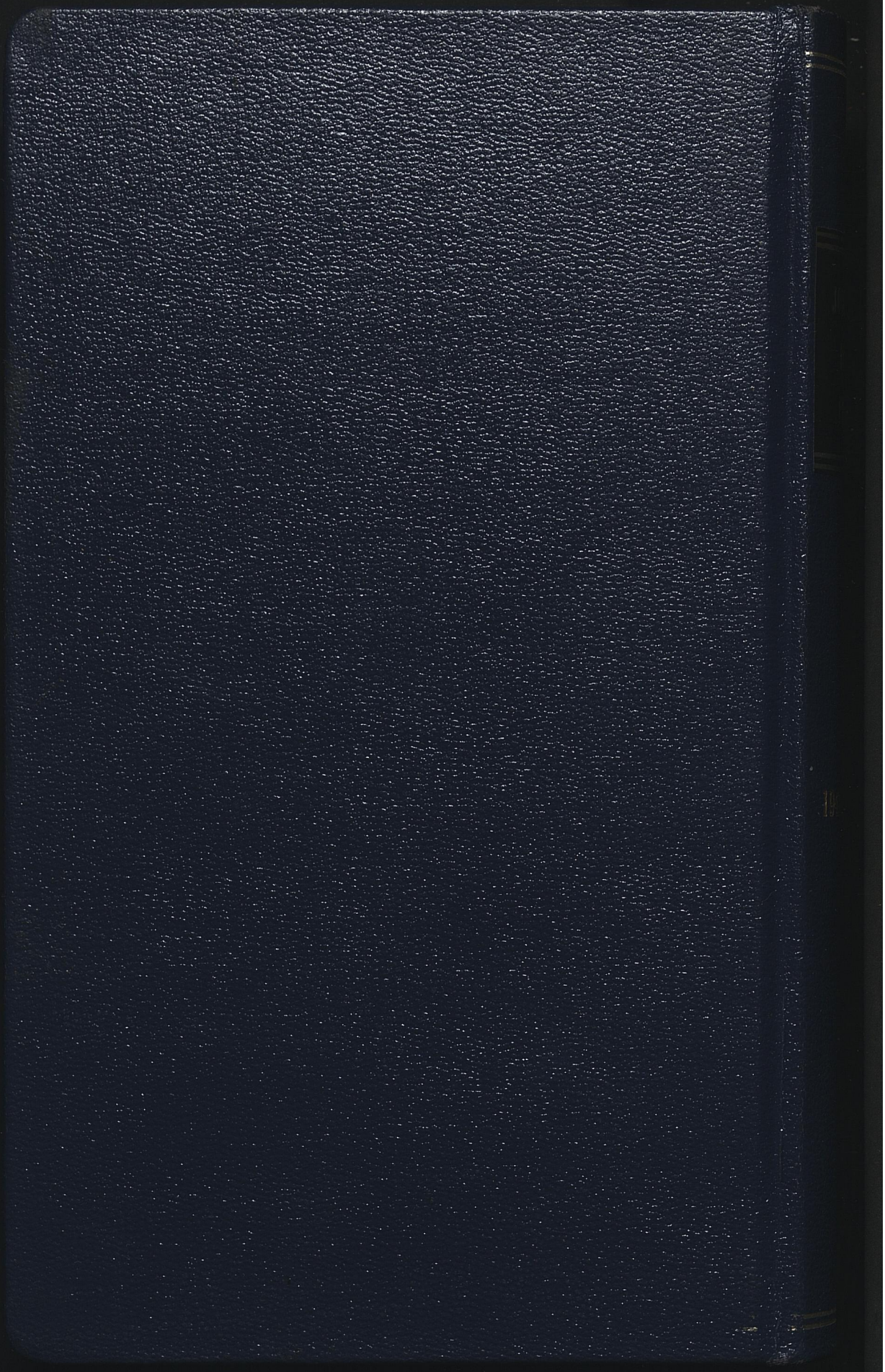
Dec. 25 M- not feeling well and I have a headache. We had carols, badly sung, last night, a good dinner and a small party today. We have become friends with the Goodwillies from Charlottesville Va. He is quite ill and has a trained nurse with him.

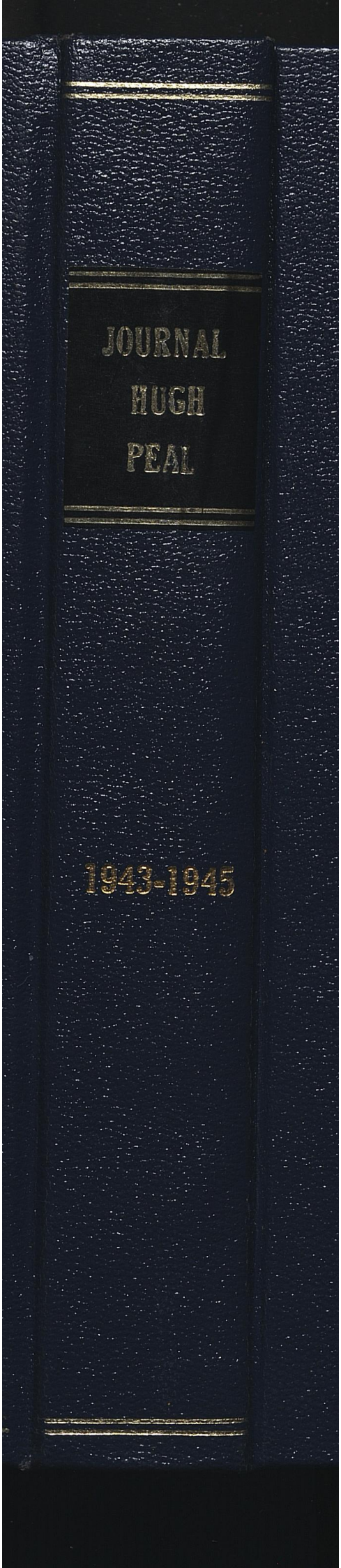
December 26, 1945 Shell-hunting and dobbling in the water in warm sunshine. Reading Dean's "Sutton Square Murders". Mrs. Decker got a dolls house, unassembled, for a Xmas present yesterday and has had great fun putting it together. He says that his expensive education at the Beaux Arts in Paris in his youth just fitted him for this job.

Dec. 27 A stray copy of the Herald Tribune tells me that Eddie Westman is the new cashier at the Commercial, Malcolm McMaster an assistant trust officer, Neil Carey an assistant V.P. and Bud Galloway an Ass't. cashier. Read and de la Roche's "Jalna", a spirited work

Dec. 28 Mrs. Goodnuddle and her charming daughter Peggy, who is at Wellesley, left today, on the beach again. Reading "Mrs. Pinkerton Finds a Body". Finish Jalna. We are very friendly with the Adams. He graduated from Annapolis in 1918, was retired with T.B. a few years later, came back at Colorado Springs, was a captain U.S.N.R. in this war, now provost of Carnell.

Dec. 29 We have sent boxes of fruit to Mommy, Mrs. Watson, Louise, the Moores, the McMasters and Dorothy Borak. Mrs. Jones has gone to the hospital with arthritis. Sat a haircut.
Dec. 30 M's. 45th birthday. Took a long walk today. This afternoon the Adams came in for a drink before dinner. All of us are agreed that, in spite of this magnificient place, the Langers will not make a go of it. Their experience is in running children's camps and they know nothing of the resort business. With all good intentions the place is dull.
Dec. 31 Windy day. The place is only half full and gloomy. I am a little depressed at leaving but really tired of the place. By ten o'clock tonight the dining room was dead. The "Countess" however was on a tear and came in tight. With her 200 pairs of shoes and hundred frocks she has added a comedy touch to our staid group.

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