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January 1, 1949 Reading Hardy's "Far From the Madding Crowd". His minor characters, especially farm laborers, always seem to me to be the best. A Hungarian girl, Miss Szalday, who is at Vassar is spending a few days with us and attracting to the house some exotic-looking youth.

Jan. 2 In all day except for a short walk. Reading Costain's lovesh "The Moneyman", a highly romanticised version of the story of Jacques Coeur. Jasper writes that he has to wear a corset.

Jan. 3 Had the mole on my left temple removed this morning by Dr. Suzanne Howe, a charming young lady surgeon. She went through all the ~~rigamarole~~ rigamarole of operating table etc as though it were an operation. Lunched with Horace at the D.T.A. where my bandage produced the expected crocks about New Year fights. Am glad to have that over.

Jan. 4 Lunched with Malcolm Fraser and Scovell Martin at the D. T. A. Like myself, Malcolm misses that club all too little. Mrs. MacGregor still works at the Sleepy Hollow Book Shop where she continues the role of the high-bred lady forced into vulgar work by undeserved misfortunes.

Jan. 5 Hoby Holly has a job with American Export Lines. They will move to Braintree, Mass. for two years to be near a shipbuilding job. Louise is much worried about Jackie and Margaret is trying to get Zellner to bring her to N. Y. on his next trip.

Jan. 6 We had a luncheon today for Harry Silverson with whom we are negotiating with a view to having him become our tax partner. He is no chapman - at least in personality but is a sound tax lawyer.

I have been elected a member of the Felsan Club on the nomination of Cod Thurman. I have always wanted to be a member.

Jan 7, 1949 Bob Shea lunched with me today. He is just back from Romania and is to leave soon for Geneva. The Stevens arrived for the week-end. Sydney seems to be enthusiastic over his job. He is spending most of his time on a merger with a small bank.

Jan. 8 At the book stores today where I bought the first two volumes of Gide's Journals, firsts of Howells and Glasgow Henry James' Notebooks and Menckens Treatise on the Gods. Had a dinner party for the Stevens tonight with the Sam Peales and Hallys as guests. Bridge. Hoby and Jennie are leaving in a few days.

Jan. 9 To church to hear Dr. Lockman this morning. Al Johnson joined us for lunch and we played bridge afterwards. The Stevens left about 6 and I spent the evening catalagueing my library. I am getting a little more space now that I am filling up the new shelves at the office.

Jan. 10 Sat nearly $9000 from the destribution today. Very useful for taxes etc. Had Mr. Ruequai to lunch today. He is having another argument with his co-towns on the Rockefeller Plaza space. Reading Koestler's Arrival and Departure. A much slighter book than "Thieves at Midnight" and "Darkness at Noon".

Jan. 11 The Henry Beams dined with us tonight. They are spending a week at the Nee Weston. The annual meetings of the Commercial Nat'l and the Safe Deposit Company today. Fuller, the beffoon from Hartford who attends corporate meetings, appeared and talked a great deal.

Jan. 12 Henry Beam tells me that Ed Johnson has tuberculosis but seems to be recovering. He was always thin and seemed to be lacking in vitality. Lunched with George Mills today. He seems to be feeling better although still nervous. Mammy seems to be acquiring another spot on her face.

January 13, 1949 We dined with the Beams at the Chateaubriand tonight - on delicious froglegs, sautéed a la Provencal, and then saw "The Silver Whistle". The had the tickets when they arrived and we couldn't tell them that we had seen it in Westport. The text had been extensively revived.

Jan. 14 Have finished payment of our estimated 1948 income tax $13,140. A girl from St. Christophers orphanage is with us. She is known as Hugo Satterlee. Her mother is an ex-actress of small parts who claimed that Hugh Satterlee is the father. Had the Lourens, Dorothy Mateer and Linda Landemann to dinner.

Jan. 15 Worked at the office this morning. At Dauber & Pines this afternoon where I bought Mathiessen's The James Family and the (James) Art of Fiction. Mr. Pine gave me a little Howells first. Marcus Redwine telephoned - on his way to the Caribbean.

Jan. 16 The Sam Peales come to tea today. We had a walk in Stuyvesant Village which is filling up rapidly. Hugo is a bright but difficult child who has had a hard life. Her Mother seems to have been a neurotic, addicted to men and drink, and Hugo has been a ward of the City Welfare authorities for about three years.

Jan. 17 Had lunch at the Engineers club with Mr. Rucquois and his fellow-Belgian and friend, Jean Francois. Francois is ~~engaged~~ in a building ~~project~~ in Rye. Am reading the Thackeray Papers, having bought two tattered volumes at D-& P-.

Jan. 18 Lunched with Dee Stone at the B. L. C. Had a long talk with Tom Chamberlain ~~about~~ about the International Mark Twain Society which has elected the Chancellor of Louvain University (friend of Rucquois) a fellow. Tom says that the Chancellor should not accept.

January 19, 1949 Took Henry Wolff to lunch at the B. L. C. Henry is not well but keeps hard at work. Reading Sir John Marriott's English History in English Fiction. The book is disappointing as the old gentleman's reading is too much confined to outmoded books.

Jan. 20 The Lafayette is to close soon - another victim of high operating costs and the new fire regulations. The Fooshees dined with us tonight and we saw Donald Cook and Tallulah Bankhead in Private Lives. La Bankhead is hardly suitable for the part and he was not at his best.

Jan. 21 John Leavitt has become a member of the firm of Conlon, Le Brun and Beechwood in Philadelphia. John had some vague notion of getting into big international affairs but seems to have returned to earth. Am working on the sale for M. T. Co., as Trustee on a sale of our interest in a homeopathic medicine company.

Jan. 22 Spent most of the day at the office working on my speech for the 27th- Right of set-off under Chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act. Bought two pairs of Johnson & Murphy shoes. To a farewell dinner and poker party at the Hallys tonight. They leave in a day or two.

Jan. 23 The Foosheas are back from their trip to Cuba etc. Matthew Morton, the old receptionist on the Executive Floor, is dead. Reading Lasbell's diary. He was a curious combination of great sagacity as regards the general situation and a fool about his own position and Hitler.

Jan. 24 To a luncheon meeting of the Executive committee of Lone Star Cement, Rosser Cole, the Texas lawyer and director, made a long, rambling speech of about an hour without ever making his position clear. Hammond seems to have considerable ability. Douglas is a nice fellow. I doubt his ability.

Jan. 25, 1947 Took Sidney Mathews and Charlie Kraemer to the D. T. A. to lunch. I have forgotten to mention that Nena Kyle told us that Charlie Kyle is divorced. He had been married for years and had a son about nine or ten.

Jan. 26 I get a mean satisfaction from the Goebbels' book in finding out how much trouble the Germans were having. He even accuses the English of starting that inhuman bombing.

Jan. 27 Spent all day at the meeting of the Banking Law Section of the N. Y. State Bar Assoc. An amazingly large crowd. My speech got a most flattering reception and I had a good many questions. Henry Harfield, Jack Hutto, Adolf Berle and Eustace Seligman were also on the program. To the Hodgson Firm cocktail party. With Barret, Woods, Len and Bell Moore to dinner at Don & Emilys.

Jan. 28 I have a good many calls for my speech although it will be printed in the Bulletin. An urgent letter from Juanita requests me to lend her $650, I lent her $150 once before and it was repaid promptly. I don't know how she can handle the ~~smaller~~ larger sum, but I must, of course, let her have it.

Jan. 29 To the Carnegie Book Shop this morning. Then with M- to Kalski where we bought a chair and one or two small items. To Dunbar & Purves for an hour. Bought the Henry James Notebooks. The N.Y. State Bar Assn Dinner tonight with Seawell Martin as my guest. Unusually good speeches by General Eisenhower, Judge Patterson et al. We went to the Hodgson rooms later where, in addition to Pat and Bob Barrett, we saw Judge Conway, Hugh Russ, Young Kenefic, Andrews, Ward Foshay et al. I think that the strain of these parties eventually kill Pat.

January 30, 1949 Sent Juanita Her $650 today. God grant I get it back! We went to the Polio concert at the Waldorf tonight and heard Szigeti, Harrell, Horowitz and a very pretty soprano with an unrememberable name. Hugh Russ told a story last night, repeated to him from Dewey about how he felt after the election. A drunk at a wake was substituted for the dead man. Awaking in the morning, the drunk said that, although dead, he had to go to the bathroom. Life must go on.

Jan. 31 Walter Harelson is dead at 90. He and Mrs. Harelson had gone to Tempe to spend the winter with Harry. Juanita writes that Gov. Clements, although greatly indebted to Brady Stewart, appointed Holland Bryan on the death of Judge Price. Holland has some queer power in politics that cant even be broken by a penitentiary sentence. Sydney Stevens has been elected a director of his Bank.

Feb 1 Grenville Kendall is going to the Chase Bank as V.P. and counsel. Apparently he will be a sort of legal adviser to the higher executives. I am often surprised that more very busy executives do not avail themselves of the technical skill of their lawyers. We have had to recall Whiteside after only four days in Jamaica because of a crisis in the Airlines-Port of New York Authority controversy.
Feb 2 Lunched with Alec Penney, Franklin Ludington and Walter Barrett at the D. T. A. Barrett is a leading member of the Grolier Club, for which Ludington has put me up. Tonight we had the Kyles, the Sidney Mathews and the Leonard Moores to dinner. A nice party.
Feb 3 The Whites came in to see us tonight. Margaret is coaching Debbie in algebra. Howe sold 100 shares of Freehauf Trailer and bought 100 shares of Canada Dry Ginger Ale in the belief that heavy industry is in for a decline.

Feb. 4, 1949 The Foosbees dined with us and then we saw Red Gloves, a melodrama starring Charles Boyer. The handsome matinee idol, without his wig, resembled Mussolini closely, but he gave a fine performance, redeeming an otherwise unpleasant play. Cynthia Mathews has had a heart-attack, a very serious thing for the Mother of four small children. Feb. 5 At the Parke Bernet auction this afternoon. We bought ~~four~~ six 18th century Chippendale chairs at $75-00 each, a tall 18th century Chippendale book or china cabinet and a modern Sheraton dining table. These pieces should do a great deal for our apartment. Feb. 6 To hear Dr. Sockman preach this morning. Spent the afternoon on my library accession-book. Reading Clark's "Bills, Petticoats and Gloves". Clark is - or at least was - a prof. of Ky. professor who has studied the country general store for years. A good book but too much devoted to the lowest level of customer.

Feb 7 Jule Stocker and I lunched with Mr. Hammer and Mr. Harris of Froggatt & co today. Mr. Hammer has some complicated schemes to save corporations money on pension plans. Wood Doty is leaving the room of Pa. at the end of this term. I suppose that this is the end of his education - such as it was.

Feb. 8 Three of our 18th century chairs are damaged - they were not the ones on display. We got them very cheap, however, and can afford to spend a little money on them. The cabinet and dining table are very handsome and bargains at $200 each. Sidney Mathews has investigated the Hugo Satterlee story through Hendy, Hugh Satterlee's partner. Satterlee apparently established by a court action that he is not the Father.

Feb. 9 Lunched with Mr. Parke. He and Mrs. Parke are going to Whispering Sands at Sarasota for three weeks. Moving fine bindings and my Howell collection into the new cabinet - where they make a fine show.

Feb 10, 1949 Took Geo. Mills to lunch at the D. T. A. to the Mens Club Dinner at Christ Church. Stopped at the Carnegie Book Shop on the way and bought the Reckoning Herbert, Doyle's Sir Nigel, Roberts Arundel and Hewlett's Forest Lovers.
Feb. 11 The McMasters and Van orders dined with us tonight. Joan and Judy have an apartment in the city now and Alice and Durland seam to enjoy it too. Durland seems to have matured considerably during and since the war.
Feb 12 To the Fosshees. Margaret McKenzie has lost her baby and we took Clare by the hospital to see her. After a drive we returned to the house. The Fosshees' friends the Carsons came to dinner. Poker afterwards.
Feb. 13 Had cocktails this morning with the commagers, quite charming although I had the feeling that we had interrupted his work. Lunched at the Apawamis Club with the Palmers. Marjorie looks very well.

Feb 14 Jack Kuehler has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He has tried for it before and must be delighted. Will write him a cordial letter. Reading Eisenhowers "Crusade in Europe", a good report in somewhat of an official style, quite proper of course under the circumstances. Bought a volume of Proust's letters and the first two volumes of Freeman's life of Washington.
Feb 15 Freeman Lovelace is dead. He was ruined and his wife and he had parted. What a sad end for a life that was once so promising. Inga arrived today to live with us and go to the Washington Irving High School. We have insisted that she resume her birth certificate name, Jacqueline La Mar. She apparently has no right whatever to the Satterlee name and ought to get the matter cleared up while she is still young.
Feb 16 Reading Pritchetts The Roosevelt Court, a statistical study of the court's decisions on labor, federal control and similar matters.

February 17, 1949 Lunched with Sewell Martin at the D. T. A. He says that Foster has, without consulting anyone at the Bank, offered several people jobs. I told him that Foster had it as a principle that his own and other peoples' employees were fair game. The practice, however, is irritating to other people.

Feb. 18 Left N. Y. at 4:30, to Washington where we picked up a Hertz Drive-ur-self car and drove at the Courtney Inn before 10:30. Mrs. Wards new house is almost finished. Mrs. Courtney has recovered from her illness.

Feb. 19 Went shopping with the Courtneys this morning and then we drove by Mr. ~~Courtneys~~ Cornwell's farm, which is for sale. This afternoon we went with a Mrs. Allen to see an old restored house. The Osler's came to dinner with us and we then drove to Waterford - in a heavy fog both way - to see the nice old brick house they have bought.

Feb 20 Showery day. We went to see the Kaws this morning but were afraid to try the slippery road up to the Johnson place. To the oslers this afternoon and met his cousins, Mrs. Clendenning, Miss Chamberlain and Mr. Leroy Chamberlain. The oslers wanted us to see the old insurance office with a view to remodeling it, but we think it would be too expensive.

Feb. 21 This morning we went over the new Ward house. It is the usual ugly, modern exterior but is very nice on the inside. This afternoon Mr. Leroy Chamberlain showed us three Waterford houses: an old red brick near the oslers, an old Victorian on the hill and Moxley Hall near the quaker meeting house. We liked the last very much. The Coolays came for dinner and bridge tonight.

Feb 22 After an early lunch we drove to Waterford and went over Moxley Hall with Mr. Chamberlain. It is a fine old stone house with 44 acres of good land but the rooms are small. The price is $37 500 and we would have to remodel a library wing. Home at 9:30 P.M.

February 23, 1949 Mrs. Alma Speight is dead. When I was in Kacenter for Thanksgiving Clarence Whipple told me that her health was bad. She was a fine woman and bore her hard lot with courage. Ransom has made a bad blunder in one of Whitesides's cases, and must be given a definite date for resignation.

Feb. 24 Don Cooper was in to see us today. He has taken a job on the legal staff of Standard oil of New Jersey. Bought a copy tonight of the Von Hassel diaries. He was one of the Anti-Hitler Germans, and was liquidated after the discovery of the 1945 plot to kill Hitler

Feb. 25 The Foosheas dined with us tonight and we saw Anne of A Thousand Days with Rex Harrison as Henry VIII and Joyce Redmond, an Irish actress, as Anne Boleyn. Good slowing melodrama with some attempt at psychological study. The costumes and staging were good.

Feb 26 Worked at the office on my income tax this morning. The marital deduction provisions of the new law will be of great advantage to us. Stopped by Dauber & Pine where I bought Allen's The Kentucky Cardinal with the Hugh Thomson illustrations, also a copy of Colleens memories.
Feb 27 Jeanie LaMar arrived finally today to stay with us and go to the Washington Irving High School. She is a ward of the City under the control of the St. Christopher's School. The poor child has never had a normal home life and I don't know what we can do with her, but unless something is done it seems that she may be sent to some industrial school.
Feb. 28 I have written to Mr. Chamberlain declining the offer of Moxley Hall at Waterford. I am reading Franks book on the life and opinions of Mr. Justice Black. Although a laudatory book it brings out some damaging material e.g. Black's cynical exploitation of the Ku Klux Klan.

March 1, 1949 Took Jim Clark to lunch at the D. T. A. He likes his new job with American car and Foundry but apparently finds the management villa-conservatives and old-fashioned. Bought a copy of Ronsard's poems in a nice morocco binding. Arthur Anderson is dead. He taught botany at the university of Iowa I believe. He was a fine boy, although eccentric, and I am sorry to see him go.
Mar 2 Rodney Keith Wingo has transferred to the Supply corps of the Navy and telephoned me from Bayonne, N. J., today. He is in a Navy school there. Am reading Sherwood's important book, "Roosevelt and Hopkins."
Mar. 3 Got $8192.50 from the office today. Most of it goes for March and June income tax instalments. Howe been asked to be a judge at the Columbia moot court. Lunched at the Lawyers Club with Horace Hitchcock and Malcolm Macmaster who have discovered that they are cousins.

Mon. 4 M- has a bad cold and so missed the steak dinner which John Dunlap and I gave to the Herbert Brownells at the Sea & Pencil in payment of a bet lost on the Republican presidential nomination. Herb was very frank and interesting on the campaign and disclosed that he was opposed to the special train jaunts. He says that Dewey has taken the defeat calmly and courageously.

Mon. 5 Took a lunch and champagne to Laura Green for her 80th birthday. M- was to have had a lunch for her but had to cancel it because of her bad cold. Bought a set of Roger's Social Life of Scotland and a first edition of Emerson - newly printed essays recovered from a magazine

Mon. 6 Spent a large part of my day working on my literary accession book and cleaning books for the new shelves in the conference room at the office. Took a long walk in the sunshine. Jackie has so far been somewhat of a disappointment, seems to care little for her school work and is sullen.

Mon. 7, 1949 Lunched with Dee Stone at the B. L. C. To the Peoples Industrial Bank party at its new offices tonight. Saw Paul Boyer, Jack Hutto, Jack Hutto, Bell White and Bill's assistant, Kelsey. The new offices are very handsome; took the midnight train to Washington.

Mon. 8 Breakfasted at the station and took a long walk in the sunshine before the S. E. C. hearing at 10 A. M. It seem obvious that walking in the reorganization plan adversely affects the Sioux city bonds so I had little to do. Mr. Stevens and Beddoes were there with Ed Stevens for the company. Frances Plimpton represents dissenting preferred stock.

Mon. 9 Took Wattrick to the D. T. A. for a pleasant luncheon. Tonight we had a dinner party for the Rueguois, Marays, Hitchcocks and Seawell Mortins. In deference to Mr. Rueguois religious scruples we had fish. A very pleasant evening.

Mon. 10 Lunched with Ed Kahl at the Hangard Lunch Club. Ed is as ~~blustering~~ bustling and rushed as always, but has, I think been seriously upset by the wreck of his marriage and low practice. We have had to give Remsen notice to leave by July 1. I doubt that the poor fellow can get another job, but he is not fitted for a large law office.

March 11 Mommy has an attack of pneumonia - fortunately a light one. Carol Roy has also had an attack and Loretta must have her hands full. The Foashees dined with us tonight and we saw "Where's Charlie", a musical comedy based on "Charlies Aunt", starring Ray Bolger.

March 12 My speech on the right of set-off under chapter X has been published in the N. Y. State Bar Assn Bulletin. Saw Dr. Howe this morning for a final check-up on the place where the mole was removed. To Doubleday & Cine's where I bought, among other things, the two-Volume Fagus on French Literature. A nice binding.

March 13, 1949 Mrs. Segemore and Bob and Frances McDowell came in to see us this afternoon. Segemore is doing experimental work for the Navy. The McDowells have a fine son, about one year old. Reading Webster's "Mark Twain, Businessman", the story of the old man's business deals, especially as a publisher. He must have been a trial.

Mon. 14 I see by the Advance-Yeoman that Martha Fondow, Basil's daughter, has just married. Dorothy Matter dined with us tonight. The State Department, which financed her book, is troubling her and she is hot to finish it. Thinks, however, that the Spingarn household is too distracting.

Mon. 15 Have been elected to the Grolier Club and attended my first meeting tonight. A Prof. Wilsalt read a learned and interesting paper on Poe's knowledge as a graphologist etc. Foster spent the night, en route to Florida where Anne and Woodie are.

March 16 Ran into Jim O'Neill today. He is doing some kind of import and export business between Germany and the U. S., but seems to be in Germany most of the time. Stace Broady is much in the papers these days. He is said to have arranged for wiretapping on Mayor O'Dwyer.

March 17 Webster's book on Mark Twain is quite devastating. The old boy seems never to have known the narrow line between truth and falsehood. Wilson writes that Mommy is better. Woodie Doty has quit college and is taking it easy in Florida with Anne and Foster. Foster doesn't seem too much warped but I would be frantic. He is entirely restrained and could hardly hold any kind of job whatever.

March 18 Reading the tremendous 900 page "Roosevelt and Hopkins" by Robert Sherwood. Hopkins seems to have performed valuable services but also seems to have been somewhat of a scoundrel. He must have been very helpful to the Presid

March 19, 1949 Very cold today. out to Denisons this morning to get cellophane to make covers for my first editions. To the Pfizenmayers this afternoon Their friends the Beirs and Thomsons come to dinner. Walter Jr's new wife is a pretty girl and seems to be intelligent. Cold train trip both ways.
March 20 M- has a bad cold, but Jackie and I went to Rye to the Foashees. We had dinner at Le Soi Pinguoin in White Plains. While Malcolm and the girls were skating, I finished Doyle's "Sir Nigel", a charming historical melodrama.
March 21 Dick Kyle is in the hospital - stomach ulcers I believe. He seems to have done very well in American cyanamid and I hope that his health will not check him. Reading Jim Farley's story. He seems to have been a queer mixture of naiveté and shrewdness, honest but much swayed by prejudice and vanity.

Mar. 22 Bought 100 shares of Land Electric Illuminating common stock today on a tip from Dee Stone, approved by Malcolm McMaster. Jocke is not working out too well and is a severe str on Margaret. From my own point of view, I am disgust to find that she seems qu idle. The radio, the movies and just moonin about seem to take up all her time.

Mar. 23 Have a birthday letter from Jasper - which causes me to remember that I promised to send him a box of clothing. Ken Moore has a new candidate for our vacant top job - a Mrs. Dimond or Diamond. I despair of ever getting agreement, however.

Mar. 24 Took Schacht Van Stor berg to lunch. He seems to be discouraged about the se curities business. So am I. My Bangor and Aroostook stock continues at a low price although its earnings are again up for the first two months of this year. Have a birthday letter from Sec Frances Wyllie. He writes very well for a man of 83 or 84.

March 25, 1949 Worked on the Forma matter late with Wattrich, Vaughan and Spohr. Rodney Keith Wingo and his bride, Fern, dined with us tonight. She is a former airline hostess. Rodney has transferred to the Supply Corps of the Navy. I gather that he found sea-duty distasteful after marriage. Rodney has developed a great deal, both in personality and intellectually. I think that he may go for.

Mr. 26 At Dauber & Pines where I bought first editions of Twain's "Following the Equator", Longfellow's Song of Hiawatha" and Emerson's "Society and Solitude". Also a mass of miscellaneous fiction.

Mar. 27 Fifty-one years old today. To church this morning and heard a good sermon by Dr. Sockman. Wrote Zellner refusing his invitation to the Derby. I think that his Margaret is not well enough to entertain visitors and we cant go in on Loretta early in that week.

Mon. 28 Margaret has dredged from the society columns the fact that Brad Spiman is divorced again. Leroy Brophy is on the rampage again, unhappy and grumbling about the management of the office. He is quite right but when the time comes to take specific action he won't perform. Working with Charlie Willard and Mr. Mueller on the draft of the new commercial c
Mon. 29 Lunched with Sidney Mathews and Dot's cousin, Mr. Devoy, a young lawyer. Dorr finished Jim Farley's story with the feeling that he must be a nice fellow but a man with very limited intelligence. In particular he seems to have completely misunderstood the foreign policy of the Administration although he had a great personal respect, even affection, for Hull.
Mon. 30 Dined at the Men's Faculty club and served as a judge at the Columbia Moot court. The case involved a double jeopardy question in court martial proceedings. The boys were amazingly good.

March 31, 1949 Tom and Betty Douglas are with us for two days. He is going to Harvard for two years of post-graduate work. They are a very handsome couple and she seems to be an ideal wife for a young college professor. Doree finished E. F. Bensons charming "As We Were".

April 1 Blackwells has sent me a copy of the Oxford Classical Dictionary, a handsome volume. The question of asking Tom Clark to come with us as before us again, the newspapers carrying a story that he is about to resign the attorney-generalship.

April 2 Bought two fine LaCroix volumes today (the 18th century), a fine French Bible in 6 volumes, Audubons birds in two handsomely bound volumes with fine colored illustrations, Trevelyan's American Revolution, two fine volumes constituting a collection of French songs etc. The Johnsons dined with us tonight.

Apr. 3 We went to see the Newhouse sisters this afternoon. They seem to be in low spirits. From there we went to the Harvard club to join John Dunlap and a young lady from Dalhousie. We heard a young Oxford professor, Mr. Trevor-Roper who had investigated the circumstances of Hitlers death. According to him Hitler is certainly dead. John and the girl returned and spent the evening with us.

Apr. 4 My stomach was badly upset today and I left the office early. My new Lincoln is very handsome.

Apr. 5 Lunched at Whytes with Malcolm McMaster and George Mills. This afternoon Carl Newton, Malcolm Frost and I, as a Rhodes Scholar committee, saw Lord Harlech, Rhodes Trustee, off on the S. S. America. His Lordship is a battered but genial old fellow. Carl and I then repaired to a bar where over several daykaries, we discussed Robert Young's defects and the probable future of his railroads. Carl dislikes Young very much.

April 6, 1949 The sale of the Hudson River Day Line took place at the First Nat'l Bank in Jersey city this afternoon. I hope that the purchasers will get our bonds paid, but I do not care for the looks of some of them. Clare Foshee is back with the doctors but we are in hopes that the matter is not serious.
Apr. 7 Bo Lewis has written offering to rent us Hillside Hobby for the summer as he and Nancy want to go to the West coast. Unfortunately we cannot accept.
Have finished Sherwood's Roosevelt and Hopkins, a fine job, and gone to work again on the Churchill volumes.
Apr 7, 8 The Fooshees dined with us and then we went to see Edward My Son. The cast was a very good one, ~~especially~~ Robert Morley and Adrianne Allen as the stars. The play has a sustaining theme that keeps the audience alert and interested. The Fooshee girls and Jackie went to another theatre.

Apr. 9 At the Carnegie Book-shop where I ~~took~~ bought a fine set of Howell's State Trials with the Edward Hutt bookplate, 34 volumes in full polished calf, a fine edition of Santayana's "Three Philosophical Poets and a first of Conrad's In Chancery". Tonight we went to Mr. Vogt's funeral at a funeral home in Jackson Heights. Raymond Rodgers drove us home in his new Buick.

Apr. 10 Took a long walk in Central Park. Jackie persisted in lagging behind so we finally left her to get home alone. The cherry trees are fine and the flowering crabs are about to bloom. Georgine Swalley, our young friend from Vassar, is with us for a few days.

Apr. 11 Charles Hinkle is dead. He seemed very unwell when I saw him in Lexington last. Marcus Redwine has been elected President of the Kentucky Bar Association. I wrote him a letter of congratulations. Drew Pearson has by radio spread the story that Mr. Forrestal is insane. The truth seems to be that he has a nervous breakdown from overwork.

April 12, 1949 The row over the tapping, or attempt at tapping, of Mayor O'Dwyer's telephone wire has led to Steve Broady's indictment. The office committee supervising our work had a dinner meeting at the University Club tonight. Hasse received from Dorkers a group of books including a first of Kipling's Limits and Renewals and six conrad firsts, "Suspense", "~~Rescue~~", "Last Essays", Notes on Life and Letters, ~~[illegible]~~ Tales of Hearsay etc

Apr. 13 Hasse proposed John Easton for membership in the British Luncheon Club. He was a pre-war member. Ben Matthews and Al Johnson were in to see me tonight to discuss proposed air mail venture of Al's in a sugar growers cooperative.

April 14 Lunched at the Sherry Netherlands with Al Johnson and two of his Porto Rican friends, Mrs. Garcia Mendez and Mr. Ferre. They are the founders of the sugar cooperative in the Everglades in which Al is thinking of making an investment. Very charming.

April 15 Wilfred Wolfrick has made me a gift of a mint set of Mildred Howell's life of her Father, a first edition. A very kind thing to do as the set is seldom seen now in the bookstores. Over office closed early in recognition of Good Friday. Interviewed an interesting applicant for a job, a Mr. Silverman who has taken graduate work at the university of London after his LLB at yale.
April 16 At Dowber & Sines where I bought firsts of Hawthorne's "House of Seven Gables", "Our old Home" and "The Blithedale Romance". Also two Howells' firsts. Dorothy Mateer dined with us. I managed to duck the feminine and finished the first volume of Churchill's Memoirs.
April 17 Calalogueing, cleaning and oiling Howells' State Trials. Reading Churchills Their Finest Hour which starts off with a somewhat ill-tempered recital of the great part taken by Britain in the war. Took a long walk in the sunshine on 5th Avenue. Jackie is in one of her sulky moods and refused to leave the house all day.

April 18, 1949 I see by the Advance that Mr. Haddox is dead. In view of the old man's troubles in the last twenty-five years, his passing must have been welcome. Tell Allen's house has burnt with substantially all the family possessions. Kathleen Hayden Henderson is publishing in the Advance a series of interesting articles on the early history of Ballard county.
April 19 Dorothy Beam arrived yesterday with Henry, Jr., for a visit with us. Today we went to the opening ball game of the season, between the Yankees and the Senators. Yankees won by a home run in the ninth. Another office committee dinner tonight.
April 20 Steve Broady is in real trouble now. He has been accused of giving fraudulent reports to a client, pretending that he got them by wiretapping. He has also invested little Kenny, whom he took from our office. A fraudulent "Doris Duke" is haunting our office. She is a great nuisance to Leonard Moore.

Apr. 21 To the dentist this morning. Lunched with Sidney Matheus and Jack Dobbin at the D. T. A. Young Henry Beam is a very bright child. He has invented for himself a complicated baseball game which he plays on the bagatelle board.

Apr. 22 We are afraid that columbus is about to accept another job that he has been offered. To the Grolier Club tonight to a small dinner in honor of Hanson Baldwin, the military critic of the N. Y. Times. Baldwin looks younger than I had expected and has a strong Virginia accent. We had at my table Barret, Adams, the curator of the Morgan Library, and Rice of the N. Y. Public Library.

Apr. 23 Dorothy and Henry, Jr. left at 6:30 P. M. At the Carnegie Bookshop this afternoon where I bought firsts of Hawthorne's Life of Pierce and Septimius Felton and Emerson's Representative Men and Fortunes of the Republic. Jackie is proving to be a great problem for M—. She has a completely negative attitude toward life.

April 24, 1949 To the Fooshees at Rye this morning. We are all much worried about the recurrence of Clare's trouble but her morale seems to be good. Midday dinner at the Gai Pingouin at White Plains. To tea at the Eagans where we saw, among others, Malcolm and Mrs McIntyre.

April 25 Mr. Atwood of the Missouri Pacific was in to see me this morning - looking no older than he did seven years ago. This afternoon we went to Alice Van Arden's exhibition. Some of her pictures are very good, but the abstract pictures of her latest period leave me cold.

April 26 Margaret is very nervous and has lost a lot of sleep over Jackie. I had a long and amicable - even affectionate - talk with Jackie last night and she willingly agreed to cooperate. Instead she is in one of her sullen and hostile moods today. The Advance is full of death notices: S.O. (Ode) Johnson at 73; W.P. Kirkman (Elizabeth Cook's husband) at 51; and Jim White at 54. Pearl Johnson survives.

April 27 Jackie is in really a hellish mood today - refused to get up this morning and refused to come to dinner tonight. Margaret is near a breakdown and hasn't been able to sleep for weeks except through taking sleeping pills. Reading the letters of ~~John~~ Thomas J. Wise (Edited by Fannie E. Ratchford) to John Henry Wrenn. The primary purpose of the book is to give the story of Wise's forgery of Victorian first editions but it also has much interesting bibliographical lore.
April 28 Lunched with Scovell and Sidney at the D. T. A. Columbus has decided to stay with us - which is a great relief. Reading A. Frances Sept Femmes de la Barb-Bleu
April 29 Lunched with Roy Rood Allen at the D. T. A. Tonight we went to the "Birthday Party" at Saint Christopher's orphanage at Hastings; a hard trip but one on which Jackie had set her heart. The kids were in the main quite attractive and one's heart is wrung to see them in an orphanage. The place seems to be run quite well, however.

April 30, 1949 Mrs. Davis got Jackie an invitation to stay with friends until tomorrow night so that we are at peace. At Dawber + Pines where I bought first editions of Lang's "The Maid of France"; "Homer and The Epic" and "Homer and His Age"; a first of Tarkington's "Mirthful Haven"; a first of Pearl Buck's "Good Earth"; firsts of Dibdins Reminiscences and Antiquarian Tour (England) and a copy of Barker's The "Character of England", which rounds off the series begun with "Johnson's England".
Tonight M- and I saw Charles Laughton in the movie "Jamaica Inn"
May 1 Dorothy Grass is with us again, having just returned from W. Va., stone broke. She wants a job caring for children.
To hear Dr. Sockman this morning and were caught in a rain just at the end of church. Finally got a taxi and gave Bill and Mrs. Sombrell a lift.
Reading Dobell's Side-Lights on Charles Lamb. There is something about Lamb that makes all books about him interesting.

May 2 Lunched with Dee Sta
at the B. L. C. Went tonight to
the finals of the Columbia
Moot court at the Bar Asso
ciation. The panel was Mr.
Justice Rutledge of the Sup.
Ct. (the poorest), Chief Judge
Loughran of the N. Y. Court of
Appeals and Mr. Justice Dob
of the U. S. C. A. A very good
argument as the constitutiona
of California's miscegenation la
May 3 Hove finished France
Last Femmes. I think that
like best his solemn fool
in these mock old-time stori
Wood Doty spent the nigh
with us. He is on his wa
to the reniv. of Pa where he
hopes to enter the Wharton
School. I gather that he fail
almost all his courses in
Chemical Engineering.
May 4 Mrs. Geo. Leisure is
suing for a dvorce in Flo
rida. I gather from Malcolm
that she has been very
nervous and upset for a
long period of time. Our
transportation for the Ken
tucky trip cost more tha
$250.00. Lunched with Hit
cock at the D. T. A. He wa
in a sparkling mood with
many facetious and malicious r

May 5, 1949 Very hot today. Am working with Ed Gluck, Emanuel Stern and his accountant on the Farma matter. Stern is a singular figure, bright and screwy at the same time. Rodney Kleinhans telephoned to say that he is to be a bank officer in Waterbury, Conn. He seems to be much pleased.

May 6 The Fooshees dined with us and then we saw "The Mad Woman of Chaillot". It is a strange but rather attractive story, full of childish symbolism, yearning for the old simplicities and faiths. Jackie stayed out, without leave, until after 12.

May 7 Dorothy Mateer is in the hospital, quite ill. We dined with the Reads in Evanston tonight, the occasion being the returns of Colonel and Mrs. (Blanche Kelly) Harbeson. He seems to be a good guy but very superficial. I gather that he has been the "greater" on MacArthur's staff. Rev and Mrs. Heath of Buffalo brought us back to N. Y.

May 8 M- is not feeling well
Well Dorothy ill, we have
missed a trip to the Dodgers
today and M- cannot go with
me to Kentucky because we
have no one to keep Jackie. I
took a long walk today and
turned in her rail and plane
tickets. I am much worried
about the Mareys, both of whom
seem to be very tired and ner-
vous; Elizabeth tells M- that
they have been much worried
about Grace who seems to
be a communist and anti-social.
May 9 Jim Bonderant is dead
at 76. Bought a fine first
edition of "Red Rock" today. Also
Peyton's "Lassem Trat", two
volumes of Dickens "All the
year Round" and one volume
of his "Household Words".
Lunched with Dee Stone at the
B.A.C. Mary will probably enter
Goucher this Fall.
May 10 Acted at proxy for H.F.
C. at the Peoples Industrial
Bank meeting today and lunched
with Mr. Wood and Carl Boyer
at the Fiers club. I surmise
that the achievements of P.J.B.
have been disappointing to
H.F.C. Jackie for once seems
to be behaving herself a
little better.

May 11, 1949 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Hitchcock and Macmaster. Left for Indianapolis at 6:10 P. M. Reading McKay's charming book about pioneering in the Columbia River orchard country, "They came to a River." Had dinner with a Navy man who had been at Pearl Harbor.

May 12 Zellner and Margaret met me in a new black Cadillac. Both of them seem to be better. Mommy looks well and seems to have a great deal of energy. Nelson has gained weight but Loretta is thin and quite understandably tired. Bernice looks well but has had an attack of asthma. Jasper seems stout and well and talks by the hour of his cronies in Denver. Louise looks tired and nervous and Jackie is a sickly, whining child but seems to have a better appetite. Willis is getting taller and is a bright and engaging boy. Carol Rae is plump and good natured. She did hate the toy I gave her Thanksgiving.

May 13 Zellner, M- and I spen
the night with Jeanita an
Chapman and I slept on a
high bed with an elaborate
canopy. I believe she calle
it a Field bed. If I am no
mistaken, she has sold
some of her lamps. Back
to Locenter at 12:30. Mammy
is very alert as she en-
ters her 81st year. Zellner le
tonight. The rest of us we
to the Alumni banquet whe
we saw a great many old
friends.

May 14 Commie was so de
lighted at my praise of Rodn
Keith that he gave me a fi
new pocket knife. Nelson, Jos
and I drove to the Childers' g
yard near Laredo (towards
Sage) to look for Grandfath
Peal's grave. The cemetary wa
so overgrown that we couldn
find the grave. Went to th
old Boy Shalson house,
abandoned, where we think
Poppy was born. Grandfath
Peal moved to a farm nea
New Liberty in the 1860 and
died Dec. 11, 1870. Drove back t
Dr. Ashbrooks. Tonight Cousin
Alice, Gertrude, Earl came; also
Jeanita and Chapman, Mrs. Tanne
Mrs. Carter and Sofia Campbell

May 15 The Campbell family had planned a reunion this week and Sofia came from California but Miss Jennie has fallen and bruised herself (no bones broken) and couldn't come. Sofia, whom I hadn't seen for forty years) hugged me, cried and called me her baby. To Sunday School this morning, where I led in prayer, and church. Young Howard Kropp preached. Anna is justifiably proud of him. Saw Charles Hall, Miss Nell Hahs, Mary Elizabeth Kinkman, Sarah Ferguson and many others. Gellner arrived at noon. We took some family pictures. Gellner drove us to the airport. This has been a very hard time for Loretta but no one could have been more hospitable or charming. I am so glad to see Nelson better. Jasper is going to Lexington to see Mary Emma who couldn't get to the reunion. Bernice reports that Virginia is making a good housewife.

May 16 By making a fortunate plane connection in Indianaplis last night I was at home a little after one P.M. Columbus' wife died of a cerebral hemorrage last Thursday and he is taking her to Florida. The poor fellow seems to be taking it very hard. Conrad Pearson is returning to our office.
May 17 Took Charlie Willard, Mr. Muecke and Henry Harfield to lunch at the D.T.A. to discuss the new commercial Code draft. M- has some bad spells of insomnia. While I was at home Juanita told me that Chapman Reynolds cancer of the mouth has almost finished him. He weighs less than a hundred pounds and can no longer talk.
May 18 Lunched with S. Mathews and M- McMaster at the D.T.A. M- says that Jean is much better. Am preparing a new will for Schoch Van Steenbergh. The Fooshees have at last rented their house and are to be with us in July. Clare seems to be better and Malcolm is encouraged. Have finished "They came To A River" which I liked very much.

May 19, 1949 Lunched with Dee Stone and Scovell Martin at the D.T.A. Mr. and Mrs. Ruaquoi have asked me to be substitute executors under their wills. Had a letter from Mary Emma I know that she hated to miss the reunion.

May 20 our business seems to be slumping badly at the office and the year as a whole may be a poor one. Am reading Howell's "My Mark Twain", a rambling book but a very valuable one for future biographer. Howells has a trick of using rare forms of words, i.e. "drolling" instead of drollery.

May 21 At Dauber & Pine's today where I bought the two volume "New York Birds" which Dorothy Beam asked for. Also a fine first of "Life on The Mississippi", Howells "Their Wedding Journey" and "Nights With Uncle Remus". Spent the evening on my catalogue. The shelves at the office are rapidly filling. Where next?

May 22 James Forrestall has jumped to death from a window of the Bethesda Hospital. The strain of work had been very great and Drew Pearson and Walter Winchell have attacked him bitterly, with many lies about his private life, since he preceded the use of the American army and navy to help the Jews in Palestine. Rainy day. Mommy told me when I was at home that Aunt Lou Watwood was dead.

May 23 Dorothy has come to us from the hospital - looks very worn. Wattrick is annoyed at the feeble brief Remsen prepared in the Searles matter.

May 24 Columbus is back looking very forlorn and unhappy. I am afraid that he is giving some thought to returning to Florida to live. With his wife's earnings gone he is going to find it hard to keep his N. Y. apartment. Took Geo. Mills to lunch at the D. T. A. George is disturbed at some developments at the Bank.

May 25, 1949 The Mack Truck management has been shaken up - at least with Bissell's consent but probably with his management. Bissell resigns as Chairman and Reaf as president and both are succeed by Branaame, now President of Vanadium. The company has been losing money seriously this year.
May 26 Lunch with Malcolm Frashee at the D. T. A. Malcolm has taken out some more life insurance and is replanning his will. The Advance says that Angie Cook is very ill. I saw her Brothers, the Harrison boys when we at Mount Pleasant cemetery a few days ago and they told me that she was ill.
May 27 Lunched with Alec Finney. M- and I arrived in Springfield about 9 and were ~~met~~ met by Foster and Anne. Woodie is working at the Union Trust but I fear that Foster is very impatient with him. Foster seems to be satisfied with business. Am reading Marquand's "Wickford Point." Well written but bitter and twisted.

May 28 An uncomfortably cold day. A walk this morning. The Daleys went to Holyoke this afternoon leaving us to have our dinner at the country club. The occasion was the great Skinner wedding. It was planned for the dogwood season, but the dogwood was early so that it had to be waxed- 100 trees blossom by blossom.
May 29 To a cocktail party with Mr. and Mrs. Fox. She is a Salvadorean lady, he a New Englander with a wash instrument callection. Then to a cocktail party with the Bemis. A tremendous party. Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan come to dinner. Very pleasant people. Sow chop and Llama at the Bemis party.
May 30 We drove this morning to the Tuxis county club to a barbecue as the guests of the Felix Williams. A very big affair with much displey of wealth and drinking. Met the Skinners who insisted that we should have come to the wedding. our host (i.e. Mr. Williams) wanted to send us to N. Y. in his private pl

May 31, 1949 Aunt Mattie Seal is selling her household goods and going to live with Gladys. Saw Struss Hensel today. He says that the Forrestall funeral was pretty grim. Am reading the manuscript of Clare's book. It is pretty amateurish on the whole, but has some good spots

June 1 Reading Cather's "Youth and the Bright Medusa". She has only a few themes but these she handles well. Especially the bright personality that impresses are so much in youth. For me, for instance, there were Mrs. Purdy, Pauline Tilsworth and Mary Burnett.

June 2 cousin Earl is a candidate for representative. Chuck (Charles L.) ~~Kodes~~ Kades is a partner of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood. Knapp tells me that Mrs. Chadbourne is about to sell her fine library and pull the big house down. Too expensive to keep, I suppose.

June 3 Dined with the Fowlers at the Harvard club. We then saw "Good-bye My Fancy", starring Madeleine Carroll, Conrad Nagel and Richard Hart. The acting was excellent but the theme of the play and characterization were the old hackneyed slightly radical stuff.

June 4 our 17th wedding anniversary. My only contribution was a bottle of bath salts - a luxury which M- loves. Bought a first of Stevenson's "Weir of Hermiston", Benson's "As We Are", Balfours "Retrospect", a first of Dickens "Life of our Lord" and a new copy of Arthur-Lees's "Napoleon."

June 5 To see the Newhouse sisters this afternoon. They seem to be failing, especially Laura who seems to nap during conversation. M- and I took a walk through the flower garden in upper Central Park. Lettuce in bloom now. Jackie has been especially hellish this week. I am not certain that M- won't be in the hospital before the end of Jackie's school.

June 6, 1949 Took Ed Steele to lunch at the D. T. A. He was full of complaints about Flanagan who dislikes Ed. He tells me that McClain was in effect fired as president of the Chaos. Tonight I told Jackie that she had to go when school is out. She wept a little but was soon consoled by the promise of going to camp.

June 7 Took Ray Hindle to lunch at the D. T. A. He seems quite content in spite of the decline of Hayden Stone. Jackie seems to be in a sober mood, but not too surly or unhappy.

June 8 Charles Breitel, Dewey's counsel, lunched today with H. Wolff, Hitchcock, Morey Moore and me. He is a jaunty chap, but, I would think, quite able. He told us that there had been considerable dissension, details unspecified, in the Governor's advisors, and that the Governor had had to keep much kidding since the election.

June 9 Spent last evening with the Whites. Got $2113.69 from the office today. Dorothy Gross is back, looking for one of those maid's jobs at $150 per month. I am disturbed at noting weekly in the Advance how the Christian church in Lacenter has declined. It has less weekly attendance than the Catholic Chu

June 10. Finished Jespersen little book on the history and structure of the English language. I have written to England to try to get a copy of his grammar. Talked to Hetty Johnson who says that Bo Lowe's family is all with him, including Bozie's wife and baby.

June 11 Margaret has been having continuous nervous headaches recently. Jackie and she can never get along. After a row with Jackie last night both of us had a severe spell of insomnia. Mis in bed with a bad headache. Bought a copy of J.C. Squ anthology of modern English verse and a first of Hardy's Melancholy Hussar.

June 12, 1949 Jackie stayed out until 1 A.M. this morning - after promising to be back by 10 P.M. She stayed in her room all day and I had to take her dinner to her on a tray. Dorothy Mateer has had a relapse Spent the day calalogueing, reading Doyle's White Company etc.

June 13 Have lately acquired three Stevenson firsts: "Catriona", "The Wrecker of Hermiston" and "Prince Otto", the first two good copies. Also a number of fine firsts by Frank R. Stockton. I see Franklin Ludington often at Wessels cut rate book store.

June 14 Have a nice letter from Henry Beam urging us to visit them this summer. Blakie Helm from Louisville was at the office today. He tells me that the Helm at the Chemical Bank is his brother, but that he is not acquainted with my old friend Helm, the Rhodes Scholar, now a member of the Ky Ct. of Appeals.

June 15 Just as the day approached when we were to get rid of ~~a bad~~ Jackey, she has come down with a bad strep throat. Lunched with George Mells today at the Broad Street Club. Manat Fraser writes that he is about to be married to an Elizabeth Talbott. He waited long enough. I do hope that he will be happy.

June 16 Humphrey Chadbourne has apparently drunk himself into a mental collapse. He has been pestering me recently with crazy ideas about his will although all his plans are properly carried out in the one I prepared for him in 1947

June 17 Splurged today by paying $15.00 for a mint copy of a first of Cather's "Song of the Lark". Also bought Stockton's "The House of Mirth" and "John Gayther's Garden; also a first of Mark Twain's A Tramp Abroad. Lunched at the D. T. A. with L. Morton and his friend Blanca. Dorothy Mateer dined with us. She tells me that Ruth Gaddue is on "Time".

June 18, 1949 Spent the morning at Dauber & Pines from whence I came laden with firsts of James Lane Allen, T. N. Page, Howells Mark Twain and Harte. Mr. Cooley has collected my rent from Mr. Kelly. Mr. Leroy Chamberlin writes that he has a new place picked out for us.

June 19 M- and I went with Al Johnson this morning to hear Dr. Sockman preach. He preached a good sermon, even venturing on a little etymology with the explanation that he had checked it with his younger colleagues. Al has put $5000 in the Garcia Mendez sugar project which I decided against.

June 20 Jackie again worried us last night by staying out very late. M- had a sleepless night. Dorothy Mateer came today to help her get off - a great favor in view of M's nerves. Tonight we saw Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller in the film version of "Pygmalion."

June 21 Vincent Impelliteri over Miss McLaughlin's husband as apparently seriously being considered for mayor of N. Y. Am reading Sweet's English grammar, a stilted and pedantic book. It does, however, attempt to make a scientific description of the language.

June 22 Lunched at the Broad St. Club with Leo. Mills and Fred Asler. Apparently Fred's hopes of selling copper wire to the Marshall plan administrator have been completely disappointed. He now has a new interest - a British-American trade information service. The Johnsons, with his sister, Mrs Rudesell, dined with us.

June 23 Took Malcolm McMaster to lunch at the D. T. A. Jean seems to have been much better since her recent operation. Dorothy Mateer is quite ill again and may have to have another operation. She is also being pressed by the State Department to complete her book or repay the $2500 grant.

June 24, 1949 Juanita Jennings arrived for the week-end. She will attend the Red Cross convention at Atlantic city next week. Chapman is ill with his old malady malaria. Chapman Reynolds is in very bad shape. We all had dinner with the Sam Seales tonight.

June 25 A bad heat wave. Took Juanita to the American Wing at the Metropolitan this afternoon. Then to the Radio city Music Hall where M- and Dorothy Matzer joined us. Back home for dinner. Juanita says that Harry and Al Hendrick are still going strong and that Al's clothes still need pressing.

June 26 Very hot. Aunt Juanita on the train in the early afternoon and spent the rest of the day in pajamas. Juanita says that Lucy Bell Settle has returned to Paducah and bought a house. She also says that Vice Pres. Barkley is about to remarry.

June 27 M- left early to drive Hetty to Round Hill. The heat is terrific and I am worried to see her go on such a long drive. Dined tonight alone at "Pete's" restaurant on Irving Place. Pete is a former 6 day bicycle champion and his restaurant was O'Henry's favorite "clew".

June 28 No sooner did M- get away than I became involved in Jackie's problems. She is staying with the Bowles family in Rye, near Malcolm's, and wants to cancel her camp reservation. I money to arrange it. Have a long letter from Miss Jennie. Sophie stayed three days with her. Bettie and Michael Stevens spent the night.

June 29 The Fosdicks arrived today with little Clare. Joan is in a theatre school on Cape Cod. Clare seems to be working hard on her book. This hot weather is hard on George Wharton Pepper. He looks old and worn and I would not be surprised if his heart went.

June 30, 1949 Reading Elliot Paul's Linden on the Saugus Branch, a well-written book of memoirs about the Boston suburb; Howe bought fists of Hardy's "Jude"; Burrough's "Fresh Fields" (with a fine autograph letter about the book) and "Camping and Tramping With Roosevelt"; Roberts Northwest Passage.

July 1 To Washington with Al and from there with Mr. & Mrs. Hunchy - after wasting some time with Mr. Rowe who was trying to round up Bo's servants, Grace & Robert. Al's place looks fine.

July 2 Al has to Porto Rican guests, Mrs. Penya and her son. We tried to see Mr. James this morning, unsuccessfully, then lunched at the Courtney Inn from which we drove to see the asters. Their daughter and family were there; also Freddie, Jr. All look well and in good spirits. Reading Mrs. Marshall's "Together".

July 3 The Cameron Burtons came last night - driving a fine new Packard car. Very hot. Stayed on the mountain all day. Bo is back from a western trip. Mr. Purcell was up to look at the apple trees. He expects to have 25-000 gallons of cherries.

July 4 Al and Hetty went to the funeral of his cousin today and we stopped at the Courtney Inn. Mr. Chamberlin took us to see Dr. White's place which we found too expensive at $60,000. Mr. Elsey then took us to see the Crewe farm near Chilmark which we like. 336 acres, good stone house and tenant house. Fine Barn and other outbuildings. The farm is a fine clean one. Hot trip home.

July 5 Long talk with Cooley about the Crewe farm. He is co-administrator of Mr. Crewe. The place is held at $55,000 and Cooley thinks that they will get it. John Dunlap and Woodson Sperlock called tonight.

July 6, 1949 Bought two pairs of Edwin Clapp Kangaroo skin shoes and a pair of loafers at the Weber & Heilbroner sale. I see by the Advance that Jeff Hogue is dead. He was the barber in Bandana when I was very small and I saw him at the Hogans years later. England is in the midst of a dollar crisis.

July 7 Dave telephoned Mr. Cooley that we would take the crane place. The farm is such a good one that we can hardly lose much on it if we should wish to resell. Am to make a $10,000 deposit. Reading Shakespeares "As you like it".

July 8 To Bowling with Bell White. The new additions to the house, including a private bathroom for the guest room, are very handsome. The living room and old dining room are thrown together - very fine. Mrs. Spear seems to me to be failing. Much less alert and is forgetful.

July 9 Did my little bit this morning by pulling poison ivy from the walks and paths near the house. A large cocktail party this afternoon: the Carl Newtons, Ben Sealys; John Evans; Ralph Carsons; Elliot Bells etc. Carl and Bell had several large mint juleps.
July 10 Rain. The White place is lovely now, largely the result of fine grass which is frequently mowed. The road to the house is planted with fine spruce and pines. The Whites are selling chickens but this does not appear to be very profitable.
July 11 Mr. Cooley writes that our offer for the Crane place, which stipulated the crops and some furniture, has been accepted. As one of the heirs is a minor, the sale has to be approved by the court. Have several firsts from Parker; Hardys "Times Laughing Stocks" and "The Well-Beloved"; Barries "Margaret ogilvy"; Kiplings "The Seven Seas"; Swinburnes "Rosamund" etc.

July 12, 1949 Poison ivy on my arms reminds me that I was careless on the week-end. The Carsons and Dorothy Mateer came to dinner. Cecile seems to have recovered somewhat from the depression caused by the loss of her brother (who was killed in the underground fighting in France) and her father.

July 13 We had our office luncheon for Tom Clark (the attorney-general) today. A friend of Jerry Brophy's, he may join our firm when he leaves the cabinet. He is a jolly fellow, a very good conversationalist and an easy companionable chap.

July 14 The Fosheas dined us at the Harvard club and took us to see "Mister Roberts" with Henry Fonda and Harrigan. It is good theatre, but hardly up to the praise it has had. Am reading Renan's "Job". I think that the scholarship is antiquated but it is a lovely book, nevertheless.

July 15 Woodson Spurlock and John Dunlop came in to see us tonight. Woodson is bitter against the Israelis whom he accuses of many oppressive acts against the Palestinian Arabs. Woodson seems entirely happy in Arabia, although I think that I would find life there very dull.

July 16 Revised the Farm contract again. Traded Mr. Dauber my old Jusserand's English Literature and Wayfaring Life for the finer English Editions. Also bought a J. Q. Adam's Life of Shakespeare, Lee's Elizabethan Sonnets, two volumes of Pascal's letters, Jones Pollatins diary and a first of Hardy's "Group of Noble Dames".

July 17 Margaret and I have signed the contract for the purchase of the Crewe farm which we have decided shall be called "Longfields". We dined with the Wells last night and I drank too much - with the usual headache today. Dean and Blanche are in good spirits. Spent today cataloguing and reading Pepys's diary. The book grows on one.

July 18 Very hot. In fact New York has been an ante-room of Hell all summer. I see by the Advance that Harry and Anne Melton are about to visit Bal-lard County. Windy Riley is on the beach again and after all of us to get him a job. God knows I have done my best but I never hear of jobs for non-lawyers.

July 19 Henry Wolff is married at last - to a Mrs. Frances Thaddeus. He must be in his six-ties. Mr. Justice Murphy is dead. All of us are wondering when Tom Clark will succeed him.

July 20 To the Joint City and State Bar Assoc. meeting on the new commercial code: Harfield, Willard, Bergerman et al. Then to the Cosmopolitan Club to dine with the Carsons and Foashees. It was hot even in the Garden. A long discussion over the ~~[illegible]~~ respective merits of De Sevigny and Lamb as letter writers and Mme. Lafayette and Fielding as originators of the modern novel.

July 21 Working with John Dos Passos et al on the supporting papers for the Wheeling band issue. Tonight we went with the Fosshees to see Lee Cobb in "Death of a Salesman"; a grim but really strong play, finely acted. Most of the plays that deal with psychological themes are trips or clinical studies, but this story is human and convincing.

July 22 Drove with George and Lilian Mills to their summer home at Easthampton. We dined sumptuously on lobster at a restaurant in the Village and spent the evening in a cool garden. Lilian is a lady of great charm and intelligence.

July 23 Spent this morning on the beach at George's club. I gather that the Easthampton residents regard themselves as more select than those of the other Villages on L.I. Tonight we went to the local theatre to see Leo Carroll in "The Late George Apley". He was splendid and the cast as a whole was fair. The playhouse is a great asset for the summer colony here.

July 24, 1949 We drove to Montauk Point this morning. The weather is fine and clear and we had a long ocean view. Back to the beach where we had a good sun bath. After lunch I cleaned out Lilian's iris. The Montgomerys came in for cocktails. He is the president of the McGraw Hill Publishing company. Home by train at 10:50 P.M.

July 25 M- left today for a visit to uncle Ed et al at Tucson and to Louesa's in Colorado. Had a long talk with Bill Taylor about the management problems of the Bank etc. I get the impression that the squabbles with Budinger have warped Kimball very much. Lunched with Bill Rodebaugh.

July 26 Lunched with S. Martin at the D.T.A. Bill Taylor tells me that Al Jacobs is about to leave Columbia to become president of a western university. Bill had hoped to see Al President of Columbia and he did have great authority there.

July 27 Dorothy Gross has given up and returned to West Virginia again, leaving her trunk as usual in our small bedroom. Ken Rush has been made a Vice President of Union Carbide. Dean Welles thinks that Ken is on his way to the presidency of the Company. Earl Fraser is dead. Zeke Ferguson is visiting in Lacenter.

July 28 To see the Newhouse sisters tonight. They have to supply proof of citizenship in connection with their war claims. Tom Clark has been appointed to Murphy's seat on the Supreme court, thus ending the discussions of a partnership with us. Had a long telephone conversation with D- Mateer. I have been appointed Chairman of the Sub-committee on the N. I. L. R. of the city and State Bar Assoc.

July 29 Reading Mary Lavier Mogruder's Wages, a copy I picked up on Fourth Ave. Malcolm brought Harvey Doherty and Grean Johnson of the Metropolitan Life to dinner tonight. Doherty is a slightly rough but ~~good~~ guild likeable chap.

July 30, 1949 To Dawbarn & Pine's where I bought a first of Holmes' "Professor at the Breakfast Table", a copy of the British "Who's Who", 1939 (I have also a copy of the 1923 edition). Also an interesting volume of Hugo's verse with fine illustrations. D- Mateer came to dinner tonight.
July 31 Rue Powell and Miss Mae are visiting in Bondana. I wish that I could see them. I have written a letter for a volume to be presented to Miss King on the occasion of a "change of status", presumably her retirment as Librarian. Little Clare has returned, and is pressing Malcolm to fulfill his promise to get her a dog.
Aug 1 Malcolm has given me a copy of Stimson's memoirs. The book seems to have grown in reputation in the last year. Bert Marshall is visiting the Roman Titsworths in Bondana. Her son Ed died a few years ago. I do not know whether her husband is living. Reading Bryant's life of Peeps.

Aug 2 Bought firsts of Page's "A Place of The Spirit", Tarkington's "Little arvie" and Glasgow's "Conquered Ground". Lunched with Larrie Lake, a Mr. Carzelius from Texas and his lawyer, a Mr. Holt. Carzelius is a native of Somerset, Kentucky, and at present is opening up a tin mine in Guatamala.

Aug. 3 Jack Dodson is in the hospital after an appendectomy. They do seem to have the worst luck. June Rodgers has married an Armenian college student in California, but is at Raymond's. He is disgusted. Foster telephoned tonight to invite me for the week-end but I can't go.

Aug. 4 Lunched at the India House with Taylor, Budinger, Mills, Lake, Harry Winston and Col. Shamser Singh, the representive of the Maharanee of Baroda. She has what is supposed to be a prodigious collection of jewels in the Commercial Safe Deposit vaults, and the colonel is here to market them through Winston. With the Foashees and Mackenzies tonight to the Radio city Music Hall.

Aug. 5. The Foosheas left for their vacation at Meragemish, Canada. Have some nice items from Blackwells: a first edition of Lamb's "John Woodvill" with a note to a Mrs. Tuff inserted. The book is a presentation copy, and the note is printed in the third volume of the Lucas edition of the letters. Also a fine Blackstone, vol 1 Second edition, Vols. 2, 3 and 4 First edition. The contemporary calf binding is decayed. Also a second edition of Coleridge's poems with the additions by Lamb and Lloyd. Also a first of a volume of Mrs. Browning.

Aug. 6. I see where Egbert Reesor who now lives in Detroit, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Burnett Feezor. Wrote letters today to Mommy, Louise and the Henry Beams. Balanced the checkbook, a task I usually leave to M—. In a short visit to the bookstores I bought, for 25¢, a handsome copy of Crawford's Sonnets, Catalogued and arranged books. Columbus is still very sad about his wife.

August 7 It is very hot and I am having great difficulty in sleeping. Cooked my own breakfast and supper, but got my dinner in a tavern on 23rd St. Cataloguing my books and reading Pepys' diary. Much of his language is surprisingly modern. This may be the work of the de-coder.

Aug. 8 Jack Koehler is married. With his new social prominence as Asst. Secy of the Navy, he has probably done very well. Lunched with S. Martin and Charlie Semmes. Dimond, who is a friend of Chuck Keeler, tells me that Dorothy died painfully of cancer.

Aug 9 Spent a sleepless night from the heat. Dee Stone is staying with me for a few days.

Aug. 10 M- returned today and reports a good trip, but Aunt Emma is not well. Lida is also ill and M- is afraid that she may have cancer. Lowson is well but is working too hard. His wheat was poor this year. Mary is beginning to take an interest in the boys. I am reading Beaumont and Fletcher's "The Pilgrim

August 11, 1949. The personal property of the Crewe estate is to be sold at auction on August 27. Mr. Coverdale is dead. He was 76 and very active to the last. Mammy writes that Harry and Anne Melton are at home.

Aug. 12 Work at the office is very light. Jasper seems to be ill again - a light stroke, Mammy says. Jasper's health is a frequent excuse for leaving a job. Malcolm says that Highsmith has been very ill - some type of concussion. He seems to have been pushed or knocked down in some fisticuffs, striking his head when he fell. At first it was thought to be trivial but it proved to be serious.

Aug. 13 to the Stones at Westhampton this morning. Irene's father, Mr. Stokes, is here. Her Mother seems to be an invalid. We went to a very pleasant cocktail party at Basil O'Connor's today. He has the unusual arrangement of two adjacent houses! Mary Stone has strained her knee and is in some pain.

August 14 on the beach today. The water was not very pleasant, but the sun was refreshing. The Stones gave a cocktail party for us this afternoon; Mrs. O'Connor (he has left on a Red cross trip); the Malcolm MacIntires, the Gates etc. A pleasant company.

Aug. 15 Earl Bradley has been elected representative. I don't see why he wants it. Earl Johnson has been elected Sheriff. I believe that he had that office once before. One of the fine items I got from Blackwell's, the Nuneham Park Library, was a first edition of Marshall Boucicaut's memoirs. It is the same text as my Petitot collection.

Aug. 16 Bought two palm beach suits today, at last finding two at the sale price of $19.75 each. Margaret left today for Virginia to go into the Langfields situation. Dee Stone spent the night with me. Armstrong and his wife have separated again and Army is pestering me about his separation agreement.

August 17, 1949 Took Jess Waid and Frank Cheston to lunch at the D. T. A. They are giving the opinion for the purchaser on the Wheeling bonds. The Walter Pfizenmayers, Jr., are expecting a baby in Dec. Pepys began to learn the multiplication tables at 29, after graduation from Cambridge and years of experience in business. What a striking example of the change in education!

Aug. 18 The Wheeling bond closing was held today. This went off well, but I fear that I made a blunder on the supplemental relating to the lease that I must try to correct.

Aug 19 All the underlying Wheeling mortgages were paid off today. This was the unfolding we carefully planned four years ago. Lunched at the B. L. C. Steve Broady is being tried and Walter Southworth is called by the State as a witness. His office records have been subpoened by the defense.

Aug. 20 Margaret returned unexpectedly tonight, much pleased and excited about Longfields. She says that the place is finer than she had thought it from our brief inspection. Bought a fine copy today of the three volume Toynbee edition of Mme. Du Deffand's letters to Horace Walpole - in the French.

Aug. 21 Cataloguing. This afternoon we had a long walk on Madison and Fifth Avenues. New York is always pleasentest in the summer, when the crowds thin out. Reading one of Gaboriau's Lecoq books. It is stylized and naive, but is obviously the true ancestor of the great detective stories of the last sixty years.

Aug. 22 Judge Schurman has revoked Steve Broady's bail and committed him to jail for the rest of his trial for alleged improper approaches to a witness. Walter Southwarth has been on the witness stand. Sold $20,000 in Govt bonds today to apply on Longfields.

August 23, 1949 Lee Marey is back from his vacation, looking very fit. The Sam Reales came to dinner and we had some pleasant rubbers of bridge. Sam seems to be stationed permanently at the Fifth Avenue office, and is happy in his work.
Aug. 24 The Dodges and Dorothy Mateer came to dinner tonight. Kark talks as much as ever but seems to be doing a good business. Dorothy is brushing up for her teaching job in Wooster this Fall.
Aug. 25 To Purcellville by train and bus. Both Mr. Courtney and his Mother are better.
Aug. 26 Paid for our Ford today, $2000, although we do not yet have delivery. Mr. Steele is lending us a car at present. Alec Ramey, who is indispensable for the place, has asked for a raise in salary. Sam Cooley and an his advice talked to Bernard Kelley about renting the place next year.

August 27. I have rented the farm to Bernard Kelley for $15.00. This is a mighty goodly sum for such a fine place, but he is taking Alec over (at a cost of nearly $2000 a year) and is maintaining the fences (except for the cost of materials) and will keep the fields clean. That will be more than $25.00 on my original scheme. Bought a quantity of fencing and a few incidentals at the sale. There was a tremendous crowd and the machinery brought high prices. The osslers dined with us tonight.

Aug. 28 Alec seems to be happy with the new arrangement. He gets an excellent report from everyone and is a real necessity in the maintenance of the place. We spent the morning there and returned on the 2nd bus and 4th train - six hours. We are really happy about Longfields. The house is generally in good condition and the grounds have great possibilities.

Aug. 29, 1949 Jennie Hodges is dead. She was about 70. Roy and I spent a lot of time at her house when we were in our teens and becoming interested in girls. She was invariably good natured and kind to us although we must have been a lot of trouble. I once broke a window pane in an awkward movement, but she just laughed. I saw her last November and realized that she was near the end. Rest in peace.

Aug. 30 To see the Penhouse sisters who have received a letter from a would-be purchaser of the chateau. Miss Hattie wants to refuse, but Ella and Laura are urging her to sell. I told her to sell if she could get a fair price. Reading Stevenson's life of Thackeray, a lively book.

Aug. 31 Lunched at commercial with S. Martin, Summers, Kaesler and Black of Union Bag. Steve Broady's case has gone to the jury. He has made a very aggressive defense, alleging that the King's County Brick was in black market operations.

Sept. 1 The Broady jury acquitted Steve on the wire-tapping count and deadlocked on the other counts, 11 to 1 for acquittal. For Steve's sake I hope that this ends the matter. He has been very foolish but this may teach him a good lesson. Lunched with Lober, Sage and Keuthen at Busto's.

Sept. 2 The Fooshees are back and report a good vacation. Little Clare won her point and has a nice little Scotch terrier. To the Courtney Inn this afternoon, getting a ride from the Washington depot with General and Mrs. Leavey. They are restoring an old house on the Bloomfield Road.

Sept. 3 Spent a part of the morning going over details of the farm with Mr. Kelley. Bought a new power mower from Whitmore & Arnold, one of the heavy rotary kind, but soon gapped the blades on rocks hidden in the high grass. Wore myself out digging rocks. Must have Mr. Boyles and Milton on them.

September 4, 1949 I mowed the lawn today, with the teeth wailing often as I hit concealed rocks and roots. Margoret is working hard on the dirty house. The courtney colored man tells me that our well is a dug well with a deep bored well in the bottom, which he put in many years ago. He says that it produces 12 gallons a minute, but I will settle for three. Had dinner at the Johnsons, where my Route 7 neighbor, Mr. Carter looked me out to try to buy the field next his.

Sept. 5 Talked to Cooley about the Carter offer etc. Took another turn on the lawn this morning. Cooley says that the normal value of the field adjoining Carter would be $3500 or $4000, but I think that it has a much greater value as building sites. Loudon County is building up rapidly and land along route 7 is in great demand. Back to N. Y. by bus and train, both very hot and uncomfortable. M- stayed on at the Inns, but Al's Secretary, Dorothy, accompanied me back. Met Johns Snow on the train.

Sept. 6 Fred Lober is about to be remarried and I have drawn a new will for him. His fiancée is much younger than he and has a six-year-old daughter.

Sept. 7 Harold Gallagher has been elected President of the Amer. Bar Assoc in a confusion of politics resulting from the death of the president-elect. A poor choice. The Farma contract was signed today. I was sceptical until the last. If it is performed, the Ruppert Estate will get $1,427,000 for its share of what we all believed to be worthless stock. Mary Thacher of Tuscon called up tonight. She, Louise, Frank and Dr. Thacher are on a motor tour but have to cut it short because of the Doctor's illness.

Sept. 8 John Delworth is dead from heart-failure. He had a hard life, especially after losing so much money on Roy Holman. Lunched with E. Mills and E. Martin. Louise writes in great fear about Jackie who needs a tonsilectomy but who can't take ether. The composer, Oscar Strauss, is dead in Germany.

Sept. 9, 1949 I left the office today and was at the Courtney Inn at 6 30, travelling by train and bus. Am reading André Maurois' "I Remember, I Remember". It is a good book and a welcome sequel to many French biographies of an earlier period I have read. I had a nice letter from Stern today. He apparently thought that I had been more courteous than others among the Farm negotiators and lawyers.

Sept. 10 Back at work on the lawn, still getting trouble from rocks and roots. Still making gaps in the blades of the lawnmower. The Johnsons come to see us this afternoon, bringing the Milton Simpsons, the Lowes and Elsie and Henry. We had dinner with the Johnsons tonight. Sept. 11 At Charlie Jones' party from one P.M. to eight P.M. The guest of honor, General Truscott, didn't arrive until 6:30. Generals Jeschke and Fellowes of the Maine camps and a great group of colonels were there. Mrs. Wilson, a former owners of our farm, was there.

Sept. 12 Cooley, who has appraised the silage, hay and straw on the farm, which Kelley is taking over, has fixed its value at $1000. He thinks that the corn will bring $700 to $800 more. This is a nice help on the purchase price. We drove to N. Y. today in a little more than eight hours.

Sept. 13 Henry Alexander has been elected a director of General Motors. Of all the young lawyer-business men of my age he has done the best. And has remained a fine chap. Have finished Stevenson and Thackeray.

Sept 14 The Fooshees came to dinner with us tonight, but Margaret was too ill to join us at table. Some type of upset digestion. The Fooshees have added a new wing to their house at Merigomish. Granville Whittelsey's wife is dead of an overdose of sleeping pills, probably suicide. She has been in a nervous condition for some time. I have begun Dr. Brown's life of Shakespeare,

September 15, 1949 Lunched with Hitchcock. He seems to think that the office work is picking up. M- is better and we packed for our vacation.

Sept. 16 I have managed to get my desk quite clean. Left the office at 4 P. M., and M- and I finished packing. Have six cartons of books to go along tomorrow. Cataloged a number of books.

Sept. 17 Left at 7 25, Daylight Savings Time, and made good progress until we tried a detour that I had marked out on the map in order to miss the York Fair. Alec has mowed the grass and the place looks much better. Reading Conrad Richter's "Always Young And Fair."

Sept. 18 To the Anthony Wilsons for lunch, Sen. and Mrs. Truscott, Billy Dew, the Architect, and Caroline Day (Life With Father) were there. A fine house with a gorgeous view.

Sept. 19 We had supper last night with the Lewis. They have just had their home in Washington redecorated etc at a cost of $5,000. Mrs. Wilson told me yesterday that captain and Mrs. Dunham have moved into Leeds Manor. A lovely bright day today. Mrs. Fox and Irene Wright came to see us today. Irene said that she knew it was our place when she saw the grass being cut. Reading Cadell's "Last Straw for Harriet".

Sept. 20 Finally got our title to Longfields today. The heirs had taken their time but we have actually had possession for weeks. We had the Lewis to dinner tonight and the Courtneys produced T-bone steaks in honor of the occasion. The couple at the next table were General and Mrs. George Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lacey, and the other side of us were General and Mrs. Lewis. The painters began on our house today.

~~September~~ 21, 1949 General Keeney's daughter, who is expecting a baby, and her husband are in N.Y. and temporarily without a place to live. We have arranged for them to stay three weeks in our Apt. M- and I have been scraping off old paint today - an accumulation of 100 years.

Sept. 22 Mr. Carter is still pestering me about buying my field adjoining him. I have told him that he can have it for $5000. Have the termite man working on our house. Drove up to see the Lows and were caught in a rain storm. Reading Lindsays life of Burns

~~Sept.~~ 23 Reading Robert Nathans "But Gently Day". Cleaning the lawn and scraping paint. My only difficulty is that I get tired very quickly. Otto Kelley says that he will gladly give us the shrubs we put in the bed on the Simpson place. He is remodeling the old house very nicely.

Sept. 24 Mr. Carter is still after me. He is a nuisance but we like his wife, Miss Marion Copeland, a famous Round Hill character, took us through her nice old house today and offered us cuttings from her ivy etc. A Mr. and Mrs. Marsh of Brooklyn are staying at the Inn. They have bought the Spear house and are redecorating it etc. He retires next year.

Sept. 25 I am spading and raking a shrub nursery in the garden behind the meat house. The Lows took us to Middleburg to see the ballgame between Purcellville and M—. It was a close and hard-played game won by M— 3 to 2. Back with the Lows for supper.

Sept. 26 Our termite job is finished. The house, tenant house and Elbeck's house cost $225.00. Planting the little trees we got from Western Maine Nursery: 10 blue spruce, 10 white spruce, 10 Norway spruce, 10 Douglas firs and 35 mugho pines.

September 27, 1949 The Lowerys have left the Inn to take an apartment near Round Hill. Mrs. Bayles and Milton Johnson worked for me today, digging rocks out of the lawn, tearing down the garden fence &c. Reading Van Hale's life of Alexander H. Stephens. Margaret left today for a few days in N. Y.

Sept. 28 Although I have been very careful about lifting and other dangerous exertion, my back has begun to give way. Accumulated fatigue, I suppose. Reading Emily Kimbrough's delightful book on her adventures as a lecturer: "It Gives Me Great Pleasure". Milton and Mr. Bayles are still with me.

September 29 Rain today, our pump has broken down so that we have only the hand pump. Finally got a plasterer to do some mending so that the painters could proceed. Got the car oil changed and the car lubricated.

September 30 Mr. Bayles and Milton finished the old fence today. I planted 50 baby bush evergreens which I had bought at the Hill Top Nursery. M- returned with the Johnsons today and we dined at Irene Wright's tonight. A large party including ~~Colonel~~ Mr. and Mrs. Fox and Col. and Mrs. Jacobs. To our surprise most of the guests wore evening clothes.

Oct. 1 My back is very sore. Mr. Carter is either a fool or a scoundrel. He has tried to tie my woodlot into the proposed sale at $5000, although I had made it entirely clear that it was not included. He lonely says that he thought that I might throw the woodlot in. The Scovell Martines drove by the farm on their way to Charlottesville and we took them to lunch at the Red Fox tavern at Middleburg. To see the asters tonight. Fred is quite hopeful but I gather that his enterprise is very short of capital.

oct. 2, 1949 My back is very weak, the only ill effect so far of a good deal of hard work. To the Johnsons this afternoon. Al is far from well. We have given a good many tomatoes and sweet potatoes to the courtneys.

oct. 3 To Winchester this morning to get paint. We have had a hard time getting enough to keep the painters going. Took the Bernard Kelleys some sweet potatoes this afternoon. Mrs. Kelley is a nice lady and they have a nice son about fourteen. Reading Wilkie collins' "The Moonstone", a charming book of the wordy Victorian type.

oct. 4 Putting in 100 baby lox which we got at the Hill Top Nursery at 15¢ per. I am quite worried about our lack of rain and we can't water because our pump is broken. I pack enough for the planting but my back isn't up to a full job. Henry Turner of Paducah has been elected President of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Oct 5 Took Al back home today when he left his car to be repaired and we had lunch there. From there to Longfields with a load of buddleia and forsythia Tucked him and Hatty up later so that they could get their car, Hatty gave us a fine lunch, turnip greens etc.

Oct. 6 A good rain today, which is much needed by our little plants and even the pastures. Planting forsythia etc. To Winchester where we got the rest of our paint. Tonight we dined with the Cooleys at the new Loveal Brigade Tavern in Leesburg. It is a good restaurant in a very interesting remodeled old house. I had a wonderful piece of country ham.

Oct. 7 - Col. Matt Winn of Kentucky Derby fame is dead at 88. A great local figure gone. Lunched with the Johnsons today. The Keeneys came by to see us this afternoon and we lingered so long over our sherry that we were late for dinner. A most attractive couple.

oct. 8, 1949 Put in a hard day scraping off old paint in the dining room. Margaret has done wonders with the old mantel. Bought some tools for Elbert who was much grieved to see so many of the crewe things sold. Nancy Lowe and her friend, Mrs Ross, came to see us this afternoon.

oct. 9 Dug sweet potatoes and did odd jobs this morning. Margaret put me on the 2:00 bus at Round Hill. Met Charlie and Susan Jones on the train and had a pleasant trip. We had an oyster stew in the Lunch-room in Penn Station and I was at home by 8:40.

oct. 10 The young Hales (the Keeney daughter and son-in-law) are quite a nice couple. She is expecting her baby in about two weeks. Columbus is married - less than 5 months after Jessie's death. He seems quite apologetic. Bob Swain is dead of cancer after a year's illness.

oct. 11 Jim Jones was carried from the office to the hospital today after a heart attack. He had a bad spell three years or so ago and has looked ill lately. Walter Ofgenmoyer has also had a slight heart attack and is at home. Bought at Dauber & Pines today a nice set of the Michaud and Poujoulat French Memoires in half leather and a somewhat tattered set of Biographie Universelle.

oct. 12 At D. & P's again today and bought at fine copy of Jusserands "English Novel in the Time of Shakespeare", a first of Turkingtons "Conrad", a first of Longfellows "Ultima Thule" and a first of one of Lowells collections of essays. Mrs. Lemay telephoning her daughter from Round Hill, reported that Margaret has a cold.

oct. 13 M- returned from Virginia today, still suffering with her cold. Al Johnson is in the hospital to have an operation on his neck. Ernest Elliott has been killed in an automobile accident in California. He must have been about 70.

~~Sept~~ Oct. 14, 1949 The Hilton Hotels people have bought control of the Waldorf. It has been making money these last few years.
Jim Jones is dead. The poor fellow was only 43. Fortunately he had $30,000 insurance in our group plans, a godsend for him as he couldn't have passed a medical examination. The Hites left today.
~~Sept~~ Oct. 15 To see Al Johnson at the Lenox Hill Hospital. The operation seems to have been successful and he is in good spirits.
I have a sad letter from Louise. The doctors have told her that Jackie has an epileptic heart - whatever that means - and Louise ~~thinks~~ thinks that Jackie may go the way of Johnnie Hahs.
Oct. 16 Sydney Stevens telephoned to say that Mr. Green, the Pres of her Bank, had committed suicide. He has apparently been deranged for some weeks.
To see the Peacock sisters. They have agreed to sell the chateau.

Oct. 17 Meredith Hahs is dead. The poor boy was sick nearly all his life. Lunched at the D. T. A. with Fooshee. Way Highsmith has had to leave his job as General counsel of Hercules Powder and is very depressed. Don Vail is still looking for a job. To the Grolier Club tonight where we heard Prof. Tharp on Trollope's relations with America.

Oct. 18 I have finished the Wise-Wrenn letters. Most interesting. It seems impossible to believe that a man as devoted to books as Wise was could have been a crook about them. He must have put his winnings back into books.

Oct. 19 Wrote to Bert and Miss Anise about Meredith's death. Bought Grace Tully's book about Roosevelt, the Garden dictionary and a book with colored prints of flowers, two volumes of Sir Osbert Sitwells autobiography and L. P. Smith's book on words. The Tully book is naive and interesting.

October 20, 1940 We heard a very good sermon by Dr. Sockman ~~this morning~~ at the Men's club dinner tonight. Stopped by the Carnegie Book shop where I bought a first of Mark Twain's "The American Claimant" and a first of Muir's "Cruise of the Corwin".

Oct. 21 We left N. Y. at 1.25 P. M. and made very good time at first but ran into traffic in Pennsylvania so that we were more than eight hours in getting to Round Hill. Ellick has cut the grass again and the place looks very nice.

Oct. 22 our little shrubs are very dry and our pump is not fixed. As neither M- nor I feel very well, we can't water them. Mr. McCauley brought our bill for the shutters, bookcases, painting etc. $1013. Reasonable enough everything considered. The Aslers dined with us tonight. Fred is trying to raise some more capital for his business.

Oct. 23 Headache today. Filling holes in the lawn and picking up rocks. Where to grade, how much and where to fill in are our greatest problem. Colonel and Mrs. Jacobs were at the Inn for dinner. We have rented garage space from Mr. Ford. Left at 2 P.M. and were at our apartment in N.Y. at 8 P.M. Reading Bailly's Louis XI.

Oct. 24 Something has been wrong with me - and to a lesser extent with M - for several days. Spat of food poisoning, I think. In addition, my right knee, weak for many years is troubling me again. Spencer Baker has had a cerebral hemorrhage. Sydney Stevens has been elected President of Trenton Banking corporation. This is a fine promotion for Sydney but he wisely wishes that Mr. Green could have held on two or three years more to help him learn the ropes. Margaret bought a coat for Loretta Jaidas - a present from Zellner and me.

Oct. 25, 1949 Dr. Felten-
stein just about took me
apart in an exhaustive
physical examination to-
day. My ear bled for an
hour after his gouging in
it. He says that I am
in fine condition. Lunched
with S. Martin at the D. T. A.
Reading Grace Tully's
novel but interesting
book about F. D. R. Louise
writes that she has
no final report on Jackie.
Oct. 26 My knee is
still forcing me to limp.
Am very busy trying to
get the Newhouse cha-
teau sold. Miss Scott
is ill and may have
to go to the hospital
for surgery.
Oct. 27 Lunched with
Dee Stone at the B. K. C.-
which is shining in its
new paint and decorations.
We are very busy at the
office again and money
is coming in so that
all are feeling better. I am
having a capital gains
problem because of the
large gains I have in
Southern Natural Gas stock and
the U. S. bonds I sold.

Oct. 28 Have purchased at the Carnegie Book Shop the original manuscript dedication page of Dibdin's reminiscences for insertion in my copy of the first edition. My copy is a fine one, although rebound. Also bought an interesting letter of S. W. Coble and a letter, with humorous sketch, of Robert Underwood Johnson about Battles and Leaders. The Johnson letter is for insertion in my copy. The Johnsons came to dinner, both feeling better. Played canasta.

Oct. 29 Poor Tom McGrath has had a leg amputated and is in a critical condition. At the office today catalogue my Cicero items etc. To see the Newhouse sisters. Miss Jennie seems quite rational and generally better.

Oct. 30 The whole country is deeply interested in the Veep's (Barkley's) romance. The wedding is announced for Nov. 18 after much coy backing and filling. He is 72, she 37. Had a long walk today and spent the rest of my time on my library catalogue which is going into the 5th thousand.

Oct. 31, 1949 Spencer Baker is dead at 53. He always seemed to be in fine physical condition. Had Malcolm McMaster to lunch at the D. T. A. He is somewhat pessimistic over the business outlook, chiefly because he thinks that the governmental taxing and spending policies are dangerous. I am feeling much better.

Nov. 1 Raymond Rodgers tells me that June is taking her work at St. John's in Brooklyn this year. Have bought first of Howells' "The Minister's Charge", Conrad's "Twixt Land and Sea", Glasgow's "The Descendant" and Galsworthy's "Forsytes, Pendyces and Others".

Nov. 2 Ray Hindle is leaving Hayden Stone after 25 years or more, He is a fine comptroller, cautious and accurate, and the firm will miss him. Bought myself a pair of Lotus Veldschoen shoes today. The Wells came to dinner today. Dean and I had a great political argument.

Nov. 3 Bailly's biography of Louis XI is confusing and sometimes incoherent, but the curious personality of the king comes through the bad arrangement. He was pious, wicked, a modern, a mediaevalist, clear sighted and blind, credulous and cynical. My work on the farm and illness have reduced my weight nearly ten pounds.

Nov. 4 Reading Sir Osbert Sitwell's The Scarlet Tree. In spite of obvious defects his style is fascinating. He is like Proust in his leisurely working out of moods and nuances, one comes to feel a deep interest in his personalities.

Nov. 5 With M- to the Parke-Bernet galleries for the second day of the Barry furniture sales. We have bought several out-size chairs, a large and fearsome sofa, a writing table, a terrestrial globe and a handsome mahogany chest, all in wonderful condition but of unusual styles. These items are mostly for the Virginia place which requires much new furniture.

Nov. 6, 1949 Most of the day on my library accession list, the small French items. Heard a good sermon by Dr. Seckman at the 5th service. Then to see the Newhouse sisters. They presented me with a lovely old silver coffee service.

Nov. 7 Broke a denture this morning. This is getting to be quite a habit. M- had a party for Y. W. C. A. friends tonight and I retired to my library after dinner. Alan Valentine has resigned the presidency of Rochester University. He is only 48 but is apparently tired of the academic life.

Nov. 8 up and voted early. Then to the McMasters at Greenwich. Both Jean and Malcolm seem to be better. Susan is bouncing as usual but a little more grown-up. Their friends the Lemels and Shaws come in for cocktails. Bill Lemel has mellowed. Jean gave me fine first editions of Cathers "O Pioneers" and Glasgows "The Deliverance".

~~Nov~~ ~~Oct~~ 9 The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, for whom I wrote an opinion last year when it bought the Industrial Bank of Commerce capital note, has asked me to act as special counsel in a new deal with the same bank. Bruce Bromley and John F. Dulles, Republicans were defeated yesterday. The Fooshees and Godseys dined with us tonight and we played poker afterwards.

~~Oct~~ Nov 10 Anne and Wood Doty arrived for dinner tonight and Foster got here about bedtime. He had stopped in New Haven to discuss Wood's problems with some aptitude expert there. Anne brings the news that Wes Hertzes is dead. I thought that the liquor would get him soon.

~~Oct~~ Nov 11 To see Dr. McGrath this morning to get my new dentures fitted. Then did some window shopping. Foster looks very well. The Mareys and Lakes came to dinner tonight. A very gay party. Lowry is a handsome and entertaining fellow. His wife seems not to have been well.

Nov. 12, 1949 A lazy morning at home. Woodie is busy arranging a special aerial for the radio in the library. We went to the Radio City Music Hall this afternoon where we saw "That Forsyte Woman", a film version of Galsworthy's "Man of Property"; the Sam Leslies came in tonight and we played canasta until 1:30 A.M.

Nov. 13 To the Lakes for cocktails. They have a lovely, spacious apartment although it is too far uptown for my taste. Woodie seems to me to be quite a problem, utterly lacking in energy and without ambition.

Nov. 14 The Dotys left this morning and we miss them after the pleasant holiday. The Advance carries a shocking story about robbers who invaded Dr. Coffee's home and beat his wife because they didn't find money enough. Am reading Hamlin's Son of "The Middle Border".

Nov 15. Lunched at the D.T.A. with Scovell Martin and Sidney Mathews, Sons Mr. John W. Davis, who looks quite well although obviously aging. He now spends a good part of his time in the South.
Nov. 16 Eleanor Caspey spent the night with us. She is about to become a grandmother. The fall of the pound has enabled me to get some fine books from England: an original Hain in a fine binding, De Bure's big work, the Teshner (Aere et Fils), La Valliere, Roxburghe and Sumpson sale catalogues, a Halkett and Laing and the six volume Sonnenschein.
Nov. 17 Packing books for cartage to Virginia. I fear that my shelves there are already insufficient. The Commercial Code report hangs over fearfully. The rescision of the negotiable instruments law, my chief concern, is much better than the other titles, but there are rough spots.

Nov. 18, 1949 Mr. Barkley, the "Veep" married his young widow today. He is taking quite a risk at his age but seems quite vigorous. The whole country has followed the affair sympathetically.

Nov. 19 Drove to Round Hill with the Johnsons. A cold day but not unpleasant on the road. The car started easily from the Ford garage and we found our house in good conditions although there are many signs of winter.

Nov. 20 Margaret is delighted with the ten little beagles which Mr. Kelley has in our barn. Our house is overrun with mice and we must get some poison. Spent several hours cleaning the house as it is too cold to work much outside. Played canasta with the Johnsons tonight. Their place is lovely but very cold. Both of them feel much better.

Nov 21 The furniture arrived and the entrance hall and library are beginning to look like real home. The men had a very hard time getting the Knole sofa into the library. The weather is still very cold and the fireplace in the library gives off little heat. We have slaughtered a dozen mice with traps and poisoned grain manufactured by Karl Dolge.

Nov. 22 Bought draperies for the library. Lovely but costly. Took some snapshots of the house with the Johnson's camera. The weather is fine but very cold. Conasta with the Johnsons tonight.

Nov. 23 Elbeck's son, John, is helping dig holes for tap, pine trees etc. Mr. Purcell's boys got one of the American box from Mr. Kelley's today. It was terrifically heavy and it took tractors etc to get it loaded. The hole was 7 feet in diameter. Am also putting a row of shrubs along the east fence and around the pump

Nov. 24, 1949 Got a car load of shrubs, chiefly forsythia, from Mrs. Robey today. Digging holes which always makes me very tired. Mrs. Patterson, wife of our Round Hill druggist is dead after much suffering from cancer. Reading Peter Quennell's The Profane Virtues.

Nov. 25 Mr. Bayles came with Purcell's truck ~~out~~ with the 9 white pines from Al's. John had dug the holes yesterday. I then went with the truck to atto Kelley's where we got about sixty of the shrubs which we had put out. The truck then got the second load from Bernard Kelley.

Nov. 26 With John digging holes I spent the day in the snowy open planting weigelia, lonicera tartarica and philadelphus. We shall cerainly have plenty of bloom when these start. Have pruned them heavily. The Coaleys dined with us tonight. T-Bone steaks,

Nov. 27 Spent the morning planting most of the remainder of the shrubs. A few were heeled in for next spring. John digs the holes almost as rapidly as I can fill them. The Lawes drove us in to Washington and we were at home at 8:15 P. M. Rodney Wingo has finished his course at Bayonne and will now go to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.
Nov. 28 I have paid $5000 on our mortgage - the money from the Southern Natural Gas stock. Bought (ordered) 2 new seats today. I am interested that Hamlin Garland found as a boy, just as I did, that harrowing was harder work than plowing.
Nov. 29 Dined at the Moreys tonight. Besides ourselves the company were the Latrobe Cecile Carson and Stan Dunn. Then to Hunter college to hear Gen. Marshall and others spoke in favor of the drive for funds for the negro colleges.
Peg Anney's mother is dead - big notices in the papers

Nov. 30, 1949 The snapshots of our Virginia place have turned out very well. Fred Asler spent the night with us and confirmed the rumor we had heard in Virginia that their house is for sale. The advertising project has about petered out and Fred plans to return to the real estate business.

Dec. 1 The Pfizenmayers have a grandson. He has been named Robert, much, I suspect, to the chagrin of Walter, Sr. The latter seems to be much better. Miss McLoughlin of our office is Mrs. Joseph Impelliteri in private life. Mary O'Dwyer is in the hospital with a heart ailment and Impelliteri is next in line. She admits to reading the sick-room bulletins.

Dec. 2 The commercial code subcommittee met at our apartment. Willard and Emblidge are very attractive fellows. Emblidge will prepare our report.

Dec. 3 Sir Osbert Sitwell's The Scarlet Tree bears out my impression from the earlier volume that the writer is really mad. Absolutely crackers. His prose is remarkable, however, in spite of an unintelligible bit here and there, and some of his observations are acute.

Dec. 4 Bought three Browning firsts today: "Jocoseria", "Dramatic Idyls First Series", Dello, Second Series. Also Mark Twains letters to Mrs. Fairbanks which have been edited by Dixon Wector. Also Maurice O' Sullivan's "Twenty years A-Growing"

Dec. 5 Played canasta last night and tonight with M- who is really a dab at it. Cataloguing and reading Ivor Brown's life of Shakespeare. Brown has no new material but he writes charmingly. New York has an alarming water shortage and the radio and press are screaming for conservation. Zellner and M- have bought a fine new Bedford splet- stone house

Dec. 6, 1949 The devaluation in Sterling has enabled me to buy a number of bibliographical books from a London bookseller new to me, Martin Breslauer: Hain in a fine red morocco binding; Hulbert & Laing; De Bure's work; the La Vallière, Techner (Lere et Fels) catalogues; the Roxburghe and Dickering catalogues and a number of minor items. The Whites come to dinner tonight.

Dec. 7 Margaret went to Trenton today on some Y.W.C.A. conference. Closed the Penn Mutual-Industrial Bank of Commerce matter. Got only $5.00 but it was nice work. Malcolm Fraser may have to go to Hong Kong in an effort to get the British authorities to release impounded airplanes belonging to Chinese nationalists.

Dec. 8 To the Men's Club Dinner tonight. Roy Irvine was there acting as though he were the founder and president. A most offensive fellow. My adverse opinion in the matter of the consolidated cigar corp. loan has kicked up a great row.

Dec. 9 It is obvious that Cohen will not have his money ready to complete the Fauna sale on the 12th Most of the stockholders are ready to grant him an extension but Stern is worrying us all with unreasonable extensions.
Parkers has sent me a first edition of Swinburne's Duke of Gandia etc.
Mrs. Liege Stevens of Bordeaux is dead. Liege services.
Dec. 10 Bought firsts today of Twains The ~~Dot~~ Double-Barrelled Detective Story" and The £1,000,000 Bank Note".
With M— to the Parke-Bernet auction where we bought a Georgian mahogany drop-leaf table and a queen Anne chair
Dec. 11 To the Foashees for the day. His trip to Hong Kong has been postponed so that the bon voyage party was a bit of an anti-climax. The Henry Steele Commagers came to lunch. He is an interesting fellow himself but is, I fear, sadly bored with us. He shares my low opinion of Toynbee's fustian.

December 12, 1949 Bettie Stevens is with us watching over Michael who is in St. Lukes Hospital being treated for infected legs. Reading Stowe's "The Ministers Wooing". She has that whimsical, colloquial style of Holmes, a little more earnest and less ironical but still very similar.

Dec. 13. Duke Elliott's son, Louis, has become a preacher. His father's influence to a considerable extent, I fancy.

Dec. 14 Met Mrs. Goiran at commercial. She surprised me and shocked Sidney Mathews by asking me if I were still married to M-. Says that so many of her friends are divorced.

Dec. 15 Spent all day on the consolidated cigar matter. The company has taken it very ill that M-T-Co. on my advice has condemned its credit agreement is in violation of its trust indenture. With Dr. and Mrs. Slaffke to dinner at the University Club, thence to hear the University Glee Club.

December 16 Malcolm's Hong Kong trip is still delayed. It seems that the Soongs have failed as yet to put up the money. A long meeting this afternoon of the committee on the Commercial Code.
Dec. 17 Bought Margaret a fine silk blouse at Bernath's against Xmas. She has always wanted one, but they are very expensive. Bought the Merrymount Press Bible and a first of Shaw's "John Bull's other Island" at the Carnegie Book Shop. To see the Newhouse Sisters.
Dec. 18 M- has a bad cold Played canasta with her three hours. Wrote to Miss Jenne and Zellner. Cataloguing and reading Sitwell.
Dec. 19 George Franklin Ludington is dead suddenly. He was only about 18 months older than I, and was in good health - or seemed to be - when I saw him only a few days ago. Had my teeth cleaned this morning. Wrote a long Xmas letter to Mammy. Christmas card and letter from the Harry Mellons. Lunched at the D. T. A. with S. Martin.

December 20, 1949 Took Bill Taylor to lunch at the D.T.A. While we were in the lobby Colonel Stimson was helped in by friends. He is very stooped and walked on two crutches, obviously almost gone. He had a fixed smile and I wondered whether his mind were going. Sydney Stevens came in to see us tonight.

Dec. 21 Have a long letter from Miss Jennie. She is well but discouraged with her lameness. Paul Randolph's boy, a young preacher, is going to try for a Rhodes Scholarship. Bill White says that he has been trying to get Dan Vail a job, but that Irving Trust is uncooperative.

Dec. 22 Sat Charlie Loveren a loaves of #2, 000. Played Canasta with Margaret and Bettie. Sold our Bangor and Aroostook and some minor blocks of stock for tax losses. Bettie says that Michael may have to stay in the hospital over the holidays. We have a ham from Wilson.

Dec. 23 Worked at the office until 3 P.M. In Springfield at 8:10 and were met by Foster and Anne. I had feared that Foster would be worn out as a result of the big charity campaign he headed, but he seems to be in good shape.

Dec. 24 Woodie is still at home, idle and unhappy. His aptitude tests indicate that he can do college work and he may enter Springfield college. Reading Streeters "The Brides Fathers". Got a long nap and then to the Clapp's cocktail party. She was a Towers and they have many fine antiques from that family.

Dec. 25 Got a fine countess Mara necktie from the Dalys and an evening-wear wallet from M—. To the Tenney Xmas party where one sees the rich industrialist crowd. Then to Dr. Hazen's. They have a new modernistic suburban house, ugly but comfortable. Reading Logan Pearsall Smith's "unforgotten years" a serious but moving book.

December 26, 1949 Reading Willa Cather's "Death comes To The Archbishop". A little less mannered than most of her books. To cocktails with Mrs. Mitchell. Her husband has taken up residence at the Calany Club, provoking gossip but not scandal. A fine pair of cuff links from Lawson were waiting for me at home.

Dec. 27 Columbus is ill. Trouble with his feet. Had Christmas cards from Woodson, the Goirans and, strangely, Walt and Edyth. Also a nice letter of thanks from Jackie Le Mar to whom we had sent a blouse. We got $7.31 04 for our corn.

Dec. 28 Lunched with Scovell Martin at the D. T. A. N. Y's. Water crisis has eased a little as a result of rains and co-operation of its citizens. Bettie Stevens is still with us and Michaels legs are still bad. Got a copy of the reprint of Pollard's Short Title catalogue from Parkers. Very expensive.

Dec. 29 Dimand tells me that Charlie Kades is married again. Dewey has again reiterated that he will not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1952 or 1960, but is silent on the Governorship. He has appointed Charles Breitel to our Supreme court. I hear that Martha MacGregor is married.

Dec. 30 Got Margaret a fountain pen for her birthday. John Dunlop sent me a copy of a letter from Highsmith who seems to be better and ready for work again.

Dec. 31 Bettie left today. The Foshees, except Malcalm who is in England, are with us for the week-end. At Dauber & Pine's where I bought the handsome 5th Volume Sunderland Library sale catalogue. Wrote a letter to Henry and Anne Melton. Have had a series of bad headaches this week. Margaret's feet are in bad shape and she will have operations on them in January.

January 1, 1950 The Johnsons' party ended playing canasta until 2 A.M. The Ben Matthews, Haveys, Satterts, Austens and Clare Foashee were among the guests. We had for Xmas a fine crate of grape fruit from Bill Allen. Spent a large part of my day cleaning and cataloguing 41 Volumes of the English Men of Letters series.

Jan. 2 Foster Daty has been named Springfield's Man of the year, the award being made by the Jewish war veterans. He gets a big newspaper notice. Wrote long letters to Hilson and Louise. To see the Newhouse sisters who look very bad. Marcus Reducine and Raymond Rodgers telephoned greetings.

Jan. 3 The firm's gross profit for 1949 were about $912,000, as against $965,000 for 1948. This is probably better than an average for N.Y. firms as 1948 was an extraordinary year. Frank Wilber has a job with the Port of N.Y. Authority. A good man in many ways.

Jan 4 Jack Beedinger is on our trails again with this plan to have commercial take over the Long Island's affairs from the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Whites and Sam Seales came in for cocktails tonight and after dinner we joined the Seals for canasta, at which the ladies badly defeated Sam and me.

Jan. 5 Have a nice letter from Thurston Pratt, who finishes high school this year. ~~He~~ had written to ask about his plans for college. Playing canasta with Mr tonight and reading aldenbaums "The World Is not Enough", a long novel about 12th century France and the crusades.

Jan. 6 The efforts of the Donovan firm to get the chinese Nationalist planes released by the British has apparently failed. Malcolm is still in England, but his efforts apparently run up against the decision of the British to recognize the Communists and the American decision not to defend Formosa.

January 7, 1950 Hilson writes that he, Loretta, Zellner and Margaret are coming to see us in May. Shopped vigorously today, buying striped shirts at the Sons' sale, a pair of gray slacks at Da Vinna and a fine trawn tie at Budd's. Welk M- to the Burke-Bennet auction this afternoon and bought a runner rug for the Virginia place. $5-5-00. The Johnsons dined with us. Canasta.

Jan. 8 Bought at Schulte's today Arperson's English Proverbs and Proverbial Phrase, historically treated, and Sir James Frasers edition of Coupers letters. Mary Douglas writes that Sam is at Union Theological Seminary. I gather that he is having some trouble in matters of faith.

Jan. 9 Dean Langmuir, the friend of the Moreys, is dead. Ed Demock has opened an office for practice in N. Y. It is interesting that he did not return to Hawkins, Delafield. Kimball is much worried over the annual meeting tomorrow.

Jan. 10 Stanley Hall has had a stroke. Fortunately it seems to have been a light one but he may be out a long time. Kimball let the stockholders meeting get a little out of hand although there was more dignity than last year. Was Lansdale's proxy at the Peoples' Industrial stockholders meeting this afternoon. Got my usual $20.00 for serving as inspector at the commercial Nat'l Safe Deposit Meeting.

Jan. 11 The N. Y. Times reported the commercial stockholders meeting with a very misleading headline that makes everything sound as though the Bank wants to be merged. It gave a similarly unfair write-up ~~yesterday~~, last year. The reporter's text this year was accurate. I don't know why a journal with the standing of the Times will do such things as misrepresent a serious business meeting. To "South Pacific" this afternoon with Anne & Raymond Rodgers. Renza was excellent.

Jan. 12, 1950 The Caskeys spent last night with us. We had dinner with the Averys at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Harry Melton writes about the serious heart attack ~~Anne~~ Anne had on Christmas Day. Went tonight to the farewell party for Erwin Berry who is retiring at age 65.

Jan. 13 Have received from Parker's a new set in dust wrappers of the 22 volume reprint of the Dictionary of Nat'l Biography. Very handsome. Total cost, including postage and duty less than $93.00. Also three supplements. Reading Fowlers volume on Roman social life in Cicero's time.

Jan. 14 To Brooklyn with Al Johnson this morning where each of us bought two Dobbs hats at half price. Al has bought the schoolhouse opposite Altamont. It was necessary for protection, I suppose. To the Parke-Bernet Galleries. Dorothy Barcke to dinner. Movies.

Jan. 15 I am reaching the end of cataloguing the books at our apartment. There are still a good many uncatalogued items at the office. The Rodgers came to call this afternoon. They are still unhappy about June. I have bought some fine D. & J. Anderson colored shirts at $8.95 each. Even this is too much, but these are the finest colored shirts I have seen since the war.

Jan. 16 To the dentist this morning. The tweaked shams from Mrs. Cornwell cost $96.40 at 40¢ per pound. Artie Lowley is leaving us to be an executive of Street & Smith, the publishers. Clare Fraschee is flying to London to join Malcolm.

Jan. 17 It is rumored that Arthur Dean of Sullivan is to be the new president of Cornell University. Mr. Ashbrooks, Bertha's husband, is very ill. I have learned that one of the victims in the air crash in Washington on Nov. was my old Rhodes Scholar friend Fibel of Texas and [illegible]

Jan. 18, 1950 Bob Treat called up to say that he had seen Lynn Hannahs in Chicago and that Lynn lamented that he couldn't have Charlie Lauer or me for legal assistance. Lunched joyfully on English sole at the Lawyers club as Raymond Rodgers guest. He then came back to our office and signed his new will which I had prepared. John and Elinor Caskey spent the night with us.

Jan. 19 Curt Forstmann, head of Forstmann Woolen Mills, is dead at 42. Howard Ferguson lunched with me. He is still looking for a new job. I am afraid that Howard has hurt himself by his two changes in five years.

Jan. 20 Ed Block looks much better, chump and alert. Dined with the Rodgers in their new Jackson Heights apartment tonight. The apartment is quite handsome and they seem to enjoy it fully. June seems reconciled to St Johns although she ~~DD~~ quarrels with the Catholic influence!

Jan. 21 A headache today. Spent an hour at Dauber & Pines then met Margaret at the Parke-Bernet Galleries. We bought 16 Viennese dinner plates, early 19th century, for $90.00. Margaret had bought yesterday a mahogany table, Pembroke, American about 1800, for $125.00. The jury has convicted Alger Hiss.

Jan. 22 To a nice cocktail party at the Whites. The O'Briens, Lawson Stones, Harknesses, Brownells, Van Vleacks, Catherines, Bells and Roland Cokes were among the guests. Have finished Fowlers book on Roman social life. Very good.

Jan. 23 Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., is dead at 60. He always seemed young and vital. A fine man gone. Am sweating away at the draft Commercial Code. The N. I. L. sections are better than I had thought at first. Lee Morey tells me that George Carlin is blind, from ~~cataract~~ cataracts, but keeps on with his S. E. C. job. A gallant fellow.

Jan 24, 1950 To the Economic Club Dinner at the Astor tonight, as a guest at the Hallgarten table. Dr. Wriston, President of Brown University, gave one of his inimitable amusing talks on the contradictory economic policies of our Government. Had a long talk with Bill Taylor after the dinner about the commercial etc.

Jan. 25 Bill Emblidge from Buffalo dined with us tonight. After dinner Prof. Karl Llewellyn and Miss Mentschikoff (his wife) came in to discuss the new commercial. He seems to be a sincere and reasonable chap and to welcome suggestions.

Jan. 26 Miss MacGregor dropped by to see me today. Said nothing about being married. Had a nice letter from Ed Johnson. His eye seems still incomplete. He says that Jimmie Dodd is at the sanatarium with him. Finished Mrs. Stone's "The Munster's Woing.

Jan. 27 The Farma sale was postponed to March 1. To Cat Dodgson's cocktail party tonight. Long discussion of the Alger Hiss case with Doolittle and some of his old friends proclaiming great doubt as to his guilt. Took Homer Woods to dinner at Luchow's. Pat seems to me to be tired.

Jan. 28 The Stevens and Joan and Little Clare Foose are with us. To the N.Y. State Bar Assn annual dinner tonight. We had an excellent table near the speakers' rostrum. Met Chuck Kade's new wife. Also saw Ed Dimock who has just come back to private practice in N.Y. To Cat's room after dinner where we were much entertained by Mr. Brockington of Canada who was one of the speakers at the dinner. Bob Benjamin was there and gave us some of the highlights on the Hiss trial. He is bitterly critical of Judge Goddard and of Murphy, the prosecutor.

Jan. 29, 1950 To see the Newhouse sisters today. Miss Jennie seemed perfectly normal while I was talking to her, but then she suddenly lashed out at Blanche, her attendant. To dinner with the Sam Peales tonight and played canasta. The others guests were a Mrs. Wharton, whose husband is a journalist, and a Mr. and Mrs Crispell. He is a retired N. Y. business man and they now live in Vermont.

Jan. 30 Louise writes that Bernice and T. B. are separated. He is apparently in a hospital trying to recover from alcoholism. Bernice must have put up with a great deal over the years and this is a bitter blow to her. Apparently they have even divided their property. Bernice has had to make the living for years. I do not know what her plans are and, apparently, am supposed not to write to her about Lawrence's photoplay "Hamlet" tonight.

Jan. 31 The olivier Hamlet was quite a failure, I think. Too much scenery and too many falls on stone floors. Took the Stones and Whites tonight to see "Kiss Me Kate". A good show, better in many respects than "South Pacific". our seats were poor but all seemed to have a good time.

Feb. 1 Malcolm Fraser telephoned from London this morning asking us to meet Clare at the airport. She has had an attack of pleurisy. Karl and Emma are back from Caracas. We are discussing a change of name to Chadbourne, Parke, Whiteside, Wolff & Brophy.

Feb. 2 Walter Rosenmeyer, Jr. has left Manufacturers Trust Co to work for Sinclair Oil Co. I think that Walter Sr. has been impatient with him. Clare Fraser got in tonight after a long delay due to landing conditions at the Idlewild airport. She seems to be a little better but must go to a hospital at once.

February 3, 1950 George and Lilian Mills dined with us tonight. We then saw Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Lilli Palmer in the title roles in Shaws Caesar and Cleopatra. The old play still has charm and Lilli Palmer was a very credible Cleopatra - as opposed for instance to Katharine Cornell who did the Shakespearean C - here a few years ago.

Feb 4 Malcolm arrived back today. He was called to the English Bar, dined with Lord (Sir John) Simon and generally had a busy and enjoyable visit. Bought a new sport coat and trousers at Altmon's today. Dined with the Leonard Morses tonight.

Feb 5 Clare Foashee seems to be somewhat better. Am reading Sir Patrick Hasting's "Cases In court"; a light piece of journeyman unworthy of the author's reputation. To the Philharmonic this afternoon to hear Bruno Walter conduct an all-Mozart program. Good but hardly exciting

Feb. 6 To the Commercials cocktail party for visitors to Amer. Bankers Assn meeting. They have given dinners in previous years, but are trying to economise this year. Howard Ferguson was there - still job-hunting. Went to dinner with Summers, S. Martin et al.

Feb. 7 To the dentist this morning and underwent some painful drilling. The old William Nelson Cromwell house near Rockefeller Centre is being demolished. Mary Douglas telephoned. She & Dick are attending the A. B. A meeting.

Feb. 8 Lunched with Mrs. Burke at the Recess club. Slipping from his reticence for once, he characterised both Jenny Brophy and Alice Royce as "prima donnas". To the Moores for cocktails and thence to a dinner at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. After dinner we heard Miss Creighton, who had been at the Moores, talk about Russian Science. Not a finished address.

February 9, 1950 M- and I had a delicious dinner tonight at the small French restaurant, Aux Pommes Frites. We then joined the Rays who had a box at the Philharmonic where Bruno Walter was conducting. The Southworths and Miss Colburn (Royce's Secretary) were also guests. Walter and the orchestra got a great ovation for the rendition of Mahlers First Symphony.

Feb. 10 Took Mrs. Perkins of Springfield, Mass, to lunch at the D. T. A. We are handling a case for him, referred by Morgan Gilbert. Reading Mrs. Chevalier's "Drivin Woman". Good in spots but lacking cohesion and credibility.

Feb 11 To Princeton this morning. Saw Helen Hayes this afternoon in "Wisteria Tree", a rewritten "Cherry orchard" in an American setting. Well acted but much in need of revision. To the Bullers for tea and religious argument. Bridge & canasta tonight.

Feb. 12 A fine day. We walked over the university grounds this morning. The students all seem so young. The jasmine is blooming. The Stevens had a tea for us today with many guests from the university, including Dean and Mrs. Eisenhart, Prof. and Mrs. Wertenbaker, the Bills, the Hoffman Stevens, Bishop & Mrs. Aldrich the McVittys etc. Had a long talk with Prof. Wertenbaker. The Aldriches and Hoffman Stevens stayed until 9 P. M. Dr. Aldrich told many amusing stories, some very daring.

Feb. 13 Spent the morning in the rare book Dept. of the Library. A pleasant place. Dinner at 2 P. M. to Dauber & Pines where I found a few minor items.

Feb. 14 Zellner spent the night with us and we talked until midnight. He and Margaret are delighted with ~~their own~~ new house. Margaret seems to be no better. Apparently Zellner's business affairs are going well. The store is making some money.

February 15, 1950 Arvil Fordow is dead at 5-6. I haven't seen him for years but we were very close as boys, and I am much grieved and shocked. His father lived to be nearly 90. Harvey Sellers is also dead. I see by the paper that Stephen Spurgeon has been made an administrative assistant to President Truman. Acted as Household Finance's proxy at the Peoples Industrial Bank meeting today.

Feb. 16 Talked briefly with Lloyd Sluker about the Hiss case today. He thinks that the defense in the second trial allowed in too much loose evidence. Working on my income tax return

Feb. 17 Clare Frashee is still quite ill. Wrote Basil Fordow a long letter about Arvil. The papers carry a distressing story about an ash tree blight that may denude our forests and lawns. It would be a great tragedy for Ky. and Va. Am not very busy at the office.

Feb. 18 Bought a chandelier for the Longfield's library this morning. At the Parke-Bernet Galleries this afternoon but found nothing in our price range. Copying my old diary sheets for binding. Reading Aldous Bentleys "Sleep In Peace", a family story of the kind I always like.

Feb. 19 To the Eagans for a tea in honor of Holman, our old Rhodes Scholar who was president of the Amer. Bar Ass'n last year. He seems to be a nice fellow. Mowat Fraser was there with his new bride and Jim Farmer with his. Back to N.Y. with Roy Richardson.

Feb 20 Have an annoying tooth ache. Took Charlie Lauren and Charlie Kraemer to lunch at the B.L.C. Finished Sitwell's "Great Morning". It seems to me that he and his father are examples of unbalance minds in operation, but his book is always interesting - more from style than anything else.

Feb. 21, 1950 one of my teeth has been troubling me very much the last two days. Reading Phyllis Bentley's "Sleep In Peace", a story of a manufacturing family of Yorkshire. I am always fond of these family stories. Lunched with Scovell Martin.
Feb. 22 Snow and sleet today, almost our first of the winter. In reading, cataloguing and copying old diary sheets. Dick and Nina Kyle dined with us tonight. He has gained weight and looks very well but is still off liquor. Dick says that Charlie has remarried, a Philadelphia lady.
Feb 23 Juanita has paid $10250 on her $650 note. Uncle Tom Wingo is dead. He was a fine man but of so little individuality that I find it hard to know anything about him. He probably never in his life made as much as $1000 in one year but he seemed quite content and managed his little affairs well.

Feb. 24 Clare Foushee seems to be much better at last, and expects to be out of the hospital in a few days. Am reading Tucker's "Life In Ancient Athens", an elementary but most interesting book which I read many years ago. The Advance-yeoman says that Paul Jene Randolph stands at the head of his class at the University of Illinois. He has written a thesis on Martin Luther's influence on education.

Feb. 25 At Dawber & Pine where I found the long sought Jespersen's English Grammar on historical principles in seven volumes; also 14 volumes of Lord Brougham's works well bound.

Feb. 26 Have finished Harland's "The Cardinal's Snuff Box", a slight and sugary but well written novel that was a best-seller about fifty years ago. Sir Harry Lauder is dead in Scotland. Am copying my diary for December 1921 - when I won the Rhodes Scholarship.

Feb 27, 1950 Thurston Pratt has decided to go to Tulane, which was one of the universities I had suggested to him. He seems to work hard at his lessons but not to be a great reader. Have received from Blackwell several volumes of the History of civilization series: Lokenalle's Latin christianity, Huberts Rise of the celts and Greatness and Decline of the celts and Vendrye's Language.

Feb. 28 The Doty's, who are en route to Florida, spent the night with us. Rich Lewis' son, Harry is much better and is in the university of Arizona.

M- is much worried that bad weather prevents her from going to Virginia.

May 1 lunched at the Lawyers club with Malcolm McMaster. Am getting on in the third volume of Guizot's history of France. It terrifies and depresses me to think that the slow march of western civilization to freedom and knowledge may be reversed in our generation.

Mar. 2 My old British h.c. friend, Mr. Lenkeith has retained me (his regular attorney cannot speak French) to help him out in a regular cloak-and-dagger matter arising out of the Spanish civil war and the German invasion of France. He was entrusted by oral arrangement with some moneys by Spanish refugees. When Lenkeith fled from France, his papers were lost so that I am afraid he may now have exorbitant claims against him.

Mar. 3 The Mundet cork board mill was closed this morning. Ella telephoned today that Jennie Newhouse could live only a few days. Have finished child's book on the Dawn of civilization in Europe. Fascinating.

Mar. 4 Went this morning to the funeral of Mr. Connell, Peterboro Allen's boss, at the Park Avenue Christian Church. From thence to the Carnegie Bookshop where I bought Howells, Cable and Edward Fitzgerald items. Have a long letter from Bernice who is feeling better.

March 5, 1950 I see by the Advance-Yeaman that Kemmell Finley has built a new cottage on the site of the old Charlie Myers house in Bondura. The Newhouse sisters, bravely trying to keep their spirits up, gave a little party for Laura's 80th birthday this afternoon. We drank champagne and tried to forget that Jennie is about to die.

Mar. 6 Cousin Alice has pneumania and is in the hospital. My final figures on income tax for 1949 for M- and me are $12,499.60 I have a $15.00 credit for next year. I see by the Advance-Yeaman that Earl Tilford and his young wife are dead by a joint suicide or by suicide and murder.

Mar. 7 Miss Jennie Newhouse died this morning. Just old age and weakness, I suppose. All the responsibility and worry of the funeral fall on Margaret who is busy with the undertaker, rabbi & cemetery company.

March 8 Charlie Studin is dead. He had been in bad health for a long time. Took Mr Mc Master to lunch at the D. T. A. Sat a large shipment of books from Blackwell today, including a set in wrappers of the Calmann-Levy oeuvres complètes Illustrée of Anatole France, the four volume set of Coulton's "Life In the Middle Ages" and Swinburne, Galsworthy and Kipling firsts.

March 9 Margaret and Ella took Miss Jennie's body to Wilkesbarre, Pa., today and were back this evening. Dined with Malcolm who is working with me on the new Wheeling bond issue. North American Aviation Stock, of which I have 500 shares, is up to 13, a 4 point profit.

Mar. 10 It now looks as though the Missouri Pacific reorganization plan might get through. The proposed change in our firm name seems to be snarled up. Royce wants his name included.

March 11, 1950 With M- to Macy's where we shopped, fruitlessly, for furniture etc. Then to Dauber & Pines where I got a fine four volume Luther's Bible, Aumales history of the condes, two Mark Twains etc.

March 12 To see the Newhouse sisters. They are making the best of their troubles and are full of plans for changing their wills etc. Reading Burns' Minoans, Philistines and Greeks, a fascinating book.

March 13 Dr. Ashbrook is dead at 71. I would have thought him older. I suppose that Bertha will stay on at her home although she will be all alone except for the worthless Joe. I wonder how her life has been with the eccentric Doctor. Howard Ferguson has paid one of his notes and offers to pay the other. Late conference on the Farma matter. Cohen seems to be in difficulties.

Mon 14 Mammy has sent me a letter from Ola Murdock, primarily about Uncle Tom's death, but with information about her family. Erma, now widowed, is living at Lynn Grove and keeping Aunt Ada, who must be in her nineties. Boyd is in some kind of business at Lynn Grove. Myrtle is in bad health. Ditto Jim. She also mentions Bertha and Whit.

Mon. 15 Charlie Willard has been made a partner of Davis, Polk. The long delay has been almost a scandal. He is one of their ablest and finest men. Thibaut de Saint Phalle is leaving us to become a partner in a small firm.

Mon. 16 Tom Bowers, who had offices with us, dropped dead today. Lunched with Syd Mathews and Fred Argyle at the Savarin. Henry Beam came in to see us tonight. He looks very well and seems to be optimistic. Wants to meet at the U. K. Class reunion in June.

March 17, 1950 The Herald-Tribune has a story of a fist-fight in the Ky. legislature in which Charlie Burnley was a participant. The Mowat Frazers spent the night with us and the Wells came to dinner, after which we saw T. S. Elliot's "The cocktail party." The cast was very good but the play is bad, all high-flown abstractions and shoddy mysticism.
March 18 To Dutton's this morning where some items from the library of Abel Smith's deceased uncle had been put aside for me. Got the Doves Press Shakespeare's sonnets, Browning's "Pocchiarotti", a first, Mrs. Trollope's The Barnabys In America, a first, and a Long item.
March 19 A pleasant day with the Von Steenbergh's, the Lewits and McMasters, Mrs. Norwood, a Mr. and Mrs. Pinto and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Shields joined us in the afternoon. Good and affectionate talk and comradeship.

March 20 Howard Ferguson has paid his last note. This puts him in a better position and enables us to reduce the Longfields mortgage to $10,000. Am reading Reginald Hine's affected but interesting "confessions of an uncommon Attorney". He apparently had a good life as a solicitor in a provincial English town, Hitchin.

Mar. 21 Sore throat today. Mrs. Dr. Moore, Mother of Harvey and Ella, is dead. She must be one of the last of that generation of Bonducants. Reading Glasgow's "The Romantic comedians". A brilliant but bitter and superficial book.

Mar. 22 The Caskeys spent the night with us and gave us a beating at canasta. John has given up drinking and seems much healthier and kindlier. Parkers has sent me four volumes of the La Vie quotidienne series: Egypt, the French Renaissance, Louis XIII and St. Louis, also Louis Madelins colossal consulat et empire.

March 23, 1950 My sore throat become a head cold and kept me at home today. Have a gloomy letter from Jasper. The hospital where he worked, formerly maintained by the Elks, has become a city institution and he does not like the new management. Jack Kimball has retired from the omnibus Corporation Board of Directors. A coolness there.
March 24th Harold Laski is dead. He had his points but on the whole was a bad influence in England. Had a talk with Kimball about the rumors that commercial is to be sold. He says that they are untrue. Harvard University has been buying commercial stock.
Mar. 25th Margaret returned today. Two youngsters from Purcellville, the Harricks, came with her. Mark Twain's niece, Mrs. Webster, the "Annie" of the letters is dead at 97. Bought Butler's Hudibras and Miscellaneous in a fine Riviere (cambridge) binding from D. & B.

March 24 Ward Foshay tells me that Gov Horne has a leave of absence from Sullivan & Cromwell to work in Europe for the E. C. A. A sort of delayed trip that he wanted during the war. Columbus is unhappy again. I think that his new wife keeps him upset by urging the greater gains of unionized work. Columbus would be very unhappy in public work.
March 27 M- returned to Virginia this morning and I ate my birthday dinner alone at Valk's restaurant. Have a list of my U. K. Class and am amazed at the number who are dead: C. J. Lemon, Raymond Johnson, Arena McMahon, Silas Nelson, one of the Chennault girls etc. Many others are "lost".
Mon. 28 Closed the Jamaica Water bond issue today. John Sherman Cooper has been chosen by Secretary of State Acheson as one of the top advisers for the State Dep't. Cooper is a good and sound man and should be useful.

March 29, 1950 The Farma sale was closed today at an all day sitting which did not learn recess for lunch. We are all much relieved. Reading Galsworthy's "on Forsyte 'Change". Henry Strickland of LaCenter is dead. March 30 Lunched at commercial today with Kimball, Taylor Lake and Arthur Roberts, a director. M- writes that some dampness has gotten into my books stored in Virginia - which worries me very much. I see by the Advance that Brady Stewart is proposed for old Judge Thomas' place on the Ky. Court of Appeal. March 31 I see that Judge Kirkland has resigned from the U. S. Dist. Ct. because of the inadequate pay. I wonder that Bo Lones can stay on. Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. Mrs. Clarke and I have decided on a fee of $25,000 for the Farma sale. It was a big job and the result splendid.

Apr. 1 M- got back from Longfields this afternoon. F.O. Matthiesson has committed suicide. He was, perhaps, the most brilliant of the Rhodes Scholars and the best of living American literary critics. He seems to have been a radical in his political views and was probably greatly depressed by the violence of the American turn to the right.

Apr. 2 Commercials earnings for the quarter are down again. Bad news for the management and even for counsel. To see the Newhouse sisters. Miss Hattie is getting very deaf. Dorothy Mateer arrived today for a week with us. She seems well and is enjoying teaching at Wooster.

Apr. 3 We got a $3700 fee for our services in the Elias accounting. Sam Douglas brought his friend, Miss Wisnall, for cocktails tonight. Sam is feeling much better. The girl is a sturdy, objective young lady who should be good for him.

April 4, 1950 Dorothy reports that Caesar Finn is dead. He fell down a stair-well in his apartment house. Jesser has sent me an article on Bandanas from the Paducah Sun-Democrat. Much garbled. Reading Macaulay's essay on Madame D'Arblay. Her biting picture of George the Third's court must have been galling to Victoria's court.

April 5 Miss Hattie is 94. We drank cocktails with them yesterday. This afternoon we had cocktails with Caroline Day at her brownstone front home. The other guests were a Russian couple, the lady being supposed to be a granddaughter of the Czar.

April 6 Spent all day at a meeting of the Commercial Code committee. Some confusion prevailed but the general tendency is quite hostile to the present draft. Reading Madelin's "La Jeunesse de Napoleon", the first volume of a very ambitious work.

April 1 Walter Huston is dead. on the whole he was probably the greatest of our actors. Paul Hahn has been elected President of the American Tobacco Company. This is a tremendous tribute to him as there seems to be a good deal of antisemitism in the company. He had to be a great deal better than his competitors. Miss Metchnikoff called up today to give me a long argument about our adverse report on the commercial code.
April 8 Worked at the office until 4 P. M. Bought the handsome Moland's Molière at D. & C., a second best as the Grands Ecrivains edition never turns up. The trees are budding in Gramercy Park, our seventh spring to see them.
April 9 M. and I went with Dorothy to the early Easter service at the Madison Ave. Presbyterian church and hear Dr. Butterick preach on the Lazarus-Dives story, possibly the most degraded relic in the New Testament. Dorothy left this afternoon.

April 10, 1950 Dined with the Moreys at a party for the Henry Gardiners. Henry and Rita have both had jaundice but seem to be recovering. They are returning to Chile in a few days. Hanfield is being pressed very hard for a softening of the committee report on the new commercial code. Unfortunately he is an old personal friend of the Llewellyns, the chief reporters.
April 11 M- left for Longfields this morning. I am warned about her- she has not been feeling well- but her energy is indomitable. Macaulay reminds me in many ways of Chesterton in his style.
April 12 Wm Highsmith has gone back to Georgia to practice with his brother(?) with offices at Boyles and Brunswick. I hope that he can make a go of it but I fear that his health may give him trouble. Al and Hetty Johnson are both suffering from persistent colds.

April 13 To Washington by plane. M- met me at the airport. It has turned cold very suddenly. Reading Swedalla's "Supers and Supermen".
April 14 The house came through the winter very well and the dampness did not affect my books. Too cold to work outside but we got the chandelier in and did other jobs in the house. Canasta with the Cooleys tonight.
April 15 Mr. McCauley and helpers are working on the barn. To see Mr. Ford whose heart is troubling him very much. To Washington this afternoon with Mrs. Kinney and Mrs. Bradley. Had great pleasure in meeting so many war-time associates at Jack Koehler's party at the Navy Dept: Ruth Marvick, Ed Savage, Tom Davis etc. The dinner was very successful. Admiral McNeil, our old friend from Bermuda, now Assistant Secy of Defense, assured us that unification is now a real and working arrangement.

April 16, 1950 Back at the Inn at 1:20 A. M. A fine comfortable day. I got in 25 baby white birch and 18 small Persian lilacs; cleaned the top beds etc. The small evergreens suffered badly during the winter, Bo and Nancy came by this morning. We do not seem to have lost any evergreens and the shrubs are doing very well.

April 17 Very tired today lunched with Bell Taylor and Messrs. Bedford & Grossmon at the Bush Terminal. At a meeting at the Bar Association meeting until after midnight. The Llewellyns made a vigorous defense of the code.

There is considerable difference of opinion in our committee.

April 18 Thurston Pratt is to visit us this summer. He seems to be having much trouble with his health. Hine tells us in his book about his delight in getting a fine North's Josephus, 1st Ed. I hope I had one since after forty years.

Apr. 19 Lunched with Charlie Jones and Ray Luckwood at the Broad Street Club, Bought $10,000 Shell's Petroleum convertible bonds. My Westinghouse convertibles show a 10 point profit and I hope to do as well on these. My 500 shares of North American show a 5 point profit at 14.

Apr. 20 In reading Madelin's La Jeunesse de "Napoleon, I became conscious that I was rusty on the French Revolution, so I have begun the same author's history of that struggle. Very good. Lunched with Stone at the B. L. C.

Apr. 21 M- left for Virginia this morning with the Johnsons. They have bought the old schoolhouse in front of them and are trying to get it remodeled for summer rental or sale. Have a slight headache today. Lunched with Hitchcock. Working with Harry Lake over his wife's rights, if any, in the Respighi estate. His wife is an adopted child of a beneficiary.

April 22, 1950 up early this morning. Shopped at Altmans (nylon and lisle socks) and at Macys (a wallet and two bottles of aspirin. Then to Dunbar & Runes where I bought a Greek grammar, the Toledano book on the Hiss trial, McCune's "Nine Young Men", commagers life of Theodore Parker etc. Estelle came to call, complains of poverty. Dined at the neighbouring restaurant on spaghetti with butter sauce.

Apr. 23 Malcolm is flying to Japan on business in a few days. He must be reluctant to leave Clare in her present health. Columbus tells me that he has gone behind $2400 since he came back to N.Y. Reading the book on the Hiss trial and writing letters.

Apr. 24 M- returned to N.Y. today. Took Fred Lober to lunch. Frank Sege has left M-T. Co. to be an officer of Governor Turner's (of Oklahoma) oil company. Frank has been looking for a new job for a long time.

Apr. 25 Grenville Sewall is returning to Milbank's office after one year, about, as an officer of the Chase Bank. He told me when he went there that he has reserved the option to return if he desired. Kavanagh at M-T is away with a bad nervous breakdown. The poor fellow has seemed to be in bad health for a long time.

Apr. 26 Malcolm's trip to Japan has been postponed. Clare's condition varies from day to day. We are again considering Alec's position in the firm. He works less and less.

Apr. 27 Westinghouse Electric is about to call $40,000,000 of its $80,000,000 convertible bonds. The immediately dropped 5 points, costing me $500. The only thing that can save me now is to have the stock move up sharply before the expiration of the conversion privilege. Am reading Aaron Steuer's book on his father, Max Steuer. Very interesting.

Apr. 28, 1950 our office boilblack has suddenly died of heartfailure, leaving nine children. M and I drove to Longfields this afternoon, a pleasant trip although we ran into construction on Route 30. The house was cold but tolerable. The place seems to be in good order.

Apr. 29 Mowed the lawn. The power mower really pulls me to pieces. The small pines and spruces suffered some losses but the box and evergreens came through without loss of a leaf. Weeded them this afternoon. Mr. Hodgins the landscape architect is going to prepare us a plan. To a pleasant dinner party at the Crowens tonight.

Apr. 30 Rain. Arranged books this morning. To the Johnsons. All does not seem to me to be very well. His place is lovely. Dined at the Courtney Inn and took the 4:44 bus. Home about midnight.

May 1 The Herald Tribune obituary page this morning tells me that Paul Tuson is dead of heart failure, at 54, and that Jim Forsyte is also dead of the same at 49. Have a long chatty letter from Ed Johnson with news about Jimmy and Anna Dodd.

May 2 Alec has consented to take a cut in his percentage ~~for~~ 4.8 and to break some partners in on his work. Have a long letter from Bernice who says that Zellner is drinking. I also gather from her guarded remarks that it was Robert and Thurston who objected so violently to their father's drinking.

May 3 Ran into Mr. Chapin lunching at the D. T. A. Very genial and friendly. René De chamberet is at our office working ~~for~~ with Alec Royce. Alec says that René has furnished him with a regular file of papers intended to disprove the collaborationist charges. He looks old and worn.

May 4, 1950 Lunched at the Broad Street Club with Lee Morey and Alec Binney. Alec is a very helpful fellow about investments and I would have him handle mine were I not emotionally attached to Abe Fletcher.
May 5 Cold, gray weather. Our head bookkeeper, John Schermerhorn, is seriously ill with heart trouble. Angina probably. We ought to have a pension system so that he could now retire permanently.
May 6 Bought a rayon suit at Altman's this morning against the hot weather to come. Drove to the Whites, stopping at Rye to see Clare Foshee. She is quite pale and worn. To the Sealys for a drink. They have handled very well a landscaping problem quite similar to ours at Longfields. Dined at the Rod and Gun Club with a small party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hendrickson (old Beckland Road neighbors) Mr. and Mrs Vanderhoof (I knew him on the Fleet Car) Mr. and Mrs Harold Hoover (President of Anaconda), a Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the W. Whites and ourselves.

May 7 I awake with a headache this morning. We fished on the lake for two hours and caught seven trout. To Carl Newton's party at the country club - where his daughters engagement was announced. A tremendous crowed of about 500, including the Herbert Brownells, Dave Beck, Lowell Wadmond and, strangely Steve Broady. Drove home in traffic, bringing Bill + Betty. Late supper at Howard Johnsons.
May 8 Cy Austin has written a small book on the Robinson Patman Act, which gets good reviews. Dined well tonight on brook trout contributed by the Hendrickson.
May 9 Lunched at the D.T.A. with George Mills and Seawell Martin. Al Johnson and the Sam Beales dined with us tonight on pheasant given us by the Whites. I had to rush off to the annual meeting of the Bar Assoc. where our report on the new commercial code was approved. Henry Harfield gave a very smooth presentation.

May 10, 1950 To the dentist this morning. Reading Madelin's history of the French Revolution. I had to review it as a prelimy to the same authors multi-volume life of Napoleon. Eight of my Westinghouse bonds have been called for redemption. We are searching for a house lawyer for Kennicott Copper, and I have suggested Bob Sullivan. May 11 John Gould Fletcher is a suicide at 64. Coming so soon after the suicide of Mathiessen, this raises a great many doubts as to the course of the modern intellectuals. To an overlong dinner meeting of the Christ Church Men's Club. May 12 Drove to Virginia this afternoon, taking Al Johnson with us. A pleasant trip except that we ran into a lot of road-mending. We arrived in the rain and found that we had a puncture, although the tire was still up. M- had forgotten the back door key. The house was quite pleasant.

May 13 First job this morning was to change wheels on the car so that I could get the tire repaired. Then I mowed the lawn. To the Round Hill Bank to cash a check and pay one of the $5,000 mortgage notes. Hoed the shrubs. James has accidentally cut a fine piece of ivy on the east side of the house. The oslers came over to see us tonight.

May 14 Transplanted willows and Persian lilacs. They are fine little plants. To see the Johnsons. Dined at the Courtney Inn. Hetty and I took the bus at 4:44. Reading Nixon's "Possum Trot".

May 15 Lunched at the D.T.A. with Hitchcock and Stone. Dee is to have a hernia operation, his third, at the end of this week. The other two were on a different side and he hopes that this will end the trouble. His rupture has been a lesson to me. I see by the Advance-yeoman that Mrs. Nate Henley is visiting in Bandana.

May 16, 1950 Took Jones and Lockwood to lunch at the D. T. A. A good talk. To Cox's bookshop where I bought a handsome set of Schiller's "Werke" and a life of Jacob Schiff. M- got back at 9 P. M., reporting heavy rain in Va.

May 17 Lunched at the Recess club with Mr. Burke and we were joined for coffee by Judge Proskauer and Mr. Whiteside. The Judge was piqued when it came out that I had read the new Slevin book and had not read his. Tonight we dined with Laurie and Bettie Lake. Jacoby is engaged but no public announcement has been made.

May 18 Finally finished the N. Y. income tax returns, M's was $18,26, mine $2232.52. Hard to save any money with mandatory payments like that. I am worried about the M. T. Co. situation. Somehow, I never find time to cultivate the Banking Dep't. crowd as I should. Working with S. Mills. He seems to me to be slipping.

May 19 Zellner and his Margaret, Hilson, Loretta and Milly arrived this afternoon. Zellner is getting fat. We played canasta tonight and - for a wonder - I won. Loretta says that Coral Sue has asthma. Margaret is pale and thin but seems generally to be well.

May 20 Took Loretta, Hilson and Willie to Macy's while Zellner took the two Margarets to an art exhibition. Bought Hilson a pair of English shoes. This afternoon we all saw the musical "Arms and the Girl". Willie is a quiet, well-behaved boy. Canasta again tonight. Successful again.

May 21 Took Loretta, Hilson and Willie to the top of the Empire State Building this morning and then for a walk on 5th Ave. This afternoon we saw the Braves beat the Dodgers at Ebbet's Field. A good game. Willie seems to take everything in his stride. Canasta again tonight. Won again.

May 22, 1950 Waldemar Chadbourne is dead. Heart failure, I hear. He must have been about seventy. Waldemar was the most intellectual of the Chadbournes, but he lacked the judgment and will power that T. S. had. We sent our guests to Radio City Music Hall tonight.

May 23 The guests left for Washington this morning. We had expected Wilson's family to stay on till Thursday and M— was furious at Zellner for dragging them off so soon. She went to Washington this afternoon to meet and take them to Longfields. Took Jack Kimball to lunch at the D.T.A.

May 24 Lunched at the D. T. A. with McMaster and Mathews, and went over with them some proposed new investments. Wilson is very worried about the sad state of the Bolland county Schools. The high school principal has resigned and so far they have not found a replacement. It's the same story everywhere.

May 25 The management of Commercial is quite divided over the proposals for a new up-town branch. Dear Laurie Lake is in charge of details and quite harassed by divided opinions. Reading McCune's "Nine young Men", the story of the Roosevelt-Truman Supreme Court.

May 26 Sat the 1:30 train, a very good one, and Mr. and Mrs. Duensche took me to Round Hill, M- had a good steak dinner ready. The weigelia and philadelphus are blooming and the barn is being painted. Jones has cut the grass and the place is much neater. Lots of weeds, however.

May 27 A fine day. Worked for six hours on the weeds and orchard grass around the shrubs and in the garden. Then to see the Johnsons and Laws. The Brysons are with the Johnsons and Ben and Mary Matthews are with the Laws. June Matthews is about to be married. To Leesburg for liquor etc and to the Courtney Inn for dinner.

May 28, 1950 Worked under cloudy rusty skies this morning. The rain came down heavily this afternoon. The Laws and Matthews came over for cocktails and we returned with them for a late supper. For the first time today we got time to enjoy the open fire and a book.

May 29 Weather of all kinds today, culminating in bright sunshine in the late afternoon. The Reverend James cut the lawn again. Somewhere he has picked up the mannered accent and gestures of a real aesthete. Had our first dinner tonight - for the Johnsons, Brysons, Kuenschers and Nancy Laws. It was to be a steak grill outdoors until it rained.

May 30 To see Mr. Allday where we picked up three hams and bought two hog jowls. Then to Lucedale to get parts for the mower. Transplanted the rest of the lilacs and redbuds. Home by bus and train.

May 31 Worked with Roy Lockwood and Gene Northrup this morning and took Gene to lunch at the D. T. A. I see by the Advance that Ames and Burt Hahs are visiting in Bandana and that Burt, John and Brice have had a reunion at John's.

June 1 M- returned tonight with Joe Kelley who is to spend a few days with us. He is a nice but very shy boy who has grown so fast that he looks older than his 13 years. Lunched with Lorine Lake at the Bankers Club. Jocelyn is dis-engaged. M- brought the hams and hog jowl with her.

June 2 Awoke with a head cold this morning but managed to get through the day at the office. Hulson, Gellner et al home sent us a nice set of yellow dishes for use at Longfields. Very useful. While here, Hulson told me that Luther Leavell was dead. He had been in bad health for several years. He was a poor sort but with some redeeming qualities.

June 3, 1950 Still suffering from my cold, I managed to get to Dauber & Pine's today where I bought Hattens "original ~~Lists~~ Lists", Skeat's "Piers Plowman", ~~Stephen~~ Stephen's history of English criminal Law etc. Hatten gives the data about our remote ancestor, Lawrence Peal, who came to Virginia in 1620, aged 20, and was living at Elizabeth city and head of a muster in 1623.

June 4 our eighteenth wedding anniversary. With my cold I feel as though it were the fiftieth. To see the Newhouse ladies. Ella and Laura are better.

June 5 Lunched with Laurie Lake and Robert Redpath to discuss Bettie Lake's chances under the up-john will. Not very encouraging. The point is whether she, an adopted child, is a "descendant" of Mrs. Childs under her uncles will. Have some fine new books from ~~Blackw~~ Parkers, including Mommsen and Marquadt volumes.

June 6 Howard Ferguson was in to see me this morning. He has been offered an important banking job in Honolulu, but is as yet undecided about it. The chief problem is that he would have to send his children back for their educations. Laurie Luke has at last told Betty about her adoption. She was very much disturbed.

June 7 Joe seems to be having a very good time. After the first days timidity he developed a good deal of poise and has good manners. Judge Thomas retires this year. Zellerbach says that Brady Stewart will probably succeed him although there is another candidate with some support.

June 8 Margaret, Jack and Blanche Wells left for Virginia this morning. Howe received five Shakespeare Variorums from Parkers: Hamlet, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, Twelfth Night and Anthony and Cleopatra. Also Scribner's two volumes on Biblical History.

June 9, 1950 Prepared a new supplemental to the Park & Tilford Credit Agreement today. Dean and I flew to Washington late this afternoon where we were met by M- and Blanche. Dined at the airport. Dean tells me that Walter Afzenmayer, Jr., is already tired of his Sinclair oil job and is looking for another.

June 10 Headache all day. Cut the mower in order. The painters have finished with the barn and shutters. Very handsome indeed. Did some weeding, harassed by rain squalls. We got a real tropical storm tonight with some leaking into the dining room.

June 11 Dean is a real handy-man around a house and has finished all sorts of jobs M- had laid out for me. Up to see the Johnsons, who were away, and the Lanes. Both places are very lovely. Dean and returned by the 3 P. M. bus and 5- P. M. train.

June 12 Dee Stone is back and we lunched at the B. L. C. Grace has been admitted to William and Mary for this Fall. At the Carnegie Bookshop where I bought several Swinburne firsts, a 1st of Meredith's Lord Ormont, John Brown's Horae Subsecivae, Rothenstein's Portrait Drawings, a reprint of Tyndale etc.

June 13 To the dentist. Malcolm telephoned. He got back over the week-end after a strenuous trip. Spoke on the new commercial code tonight at a dinner of the Association of teachers of business law. Raymond Rodgers' old friend McGregor was the chairman.

June 14 Dr. McGrath's digging yesterday caused one of my teeth to flare up. Quite painful. Bob Sullivan has gotten the assistant counsel job with Kennecott Copper. It is a good place and we had to offer him but he will be hard for us to replace.

June 15, 1950 Missed Ann Matthew's wedding as I had to have a tooth out. Dr. Dunn, the extracter, and I recognized each other. He pulled one for me in 1930. Thurston arrived this afternoon very tired from his long bus ride - which he had not broken for sleep as I had recommended.

June 16 Reading Bowen-Rowland's "Seventy-two years at the Bar", a sketchy life of Sir Harry Poland, a well known barrister of the Victorian age. Had a long talk with Jack Budinger possible higher-profit bank investments, chiefly convertible bonds.

June 17 Thurston stood at the head of his high school class in his parish so that he has ability to concentrate on his stint. He is completely behind in his general reading, however. In fact he seems never to have read any of the classics and no modern literature. Took him with me to Dowker & Sine where I bought the first volume of ~~Dumas' W~~ Malone's Jefferson.

~~June~~ July 18 The Dotys, who are at the St Regis on a wedding anniversary trip, spent the afternoon and evening with us. They tell us that young Bill Palmer and Millie (Murrell) are divorced. They apparently had financial as well as temperamental troubles. Woodie is in Texas "looking into" the oil business.

~~June~~ July 19 Lunch with Lowell Martin at the D. T. A. M. and I ~~have~~ have tried without success to get Thurston interested in Ivanhoe. Am reading Macaulay's essays on Clive and Hastings. Very powerful still. Miss Hattie is very ill with a bad cold.

~~June~~ July 20 Grace Stone has been admitted to William and Mary for next year. Quite a compliment as there are many applicants for every place for non-Virginians. The Van Steenberghs spent the night with us; Carol was buoyant as usual, but Schoch seems to be depressed. Young Schoch and Thurston went to a night ball game.

~~June~~ July 21, 1950 Took Harry Toulmin, Bill Taylor's friend, to lunch. one of the most extraordinary chaps I have met. Practising at Dayton, ohio, he has built-up a national clientele in the patent and anti-trust field. He says that he travels 125,000 miles a year, has many business interests and is publishing a 7 volume work on anti-trust law. Talks in millions.

~~June~~ July 22 Jane Cowle, one of my favorites, is dead. I shall be sorry not to see her again. Reading Maurois' "A la Recherche de Marcel Proust", a fine informative book with much new material.

~~June~~ July 23 Margaret and Thurston left for Virginia this morning. The Doctor says that he is in fine physical condition, in fact a superb body, and that his troubles are due to emotional upsets. Reading King's excellent, scholarly life of Chief Justice Fuller. A book which fills a need.

June 24 To Sloog's French bookshop this morning. He sold me the small two volume edition Institutia Amyati - Plutarch's Lives and entertained me with a long story of how he had discovered and bought from an ignorant owner in New Rochelle the original library of citizen Genet. Met Charlie Sellers and lunched with him at a French restaurant. Also bought biographies of Barrie and U. S. Grant.

June 25 All alone today. Wrote letters to Ed Johnson, Beam, Mammy, Louise, Margaret Bernice et al. Reading the life of C. J. Fuller. Dined on delicious sauer-kraut and spare ribs at a 23rd St. tavern.

June 26 Communist North Korean armies have invaded South Korea and we have intervened on behalf of the U. S. A great mistake to waste our strength in Asiatic civil wars. The stock market has broken badly. I shall try to pick up some Mack Trucks. Bought the Schlegel-Tieck translation of Shakespeare.

June 27, 1950 Long lunch at the D. T. A. with Malcolm McMaster and Sidney Mathews. They agree with me that the drop in stocks is a result of a foolish panic. The question is as to how far it will go. I am going to buy 100 shares of Mack Truck and await developments.

June 28 Bought my Mack Truck at 14¼. Tonight Arthur Murray, a friend of the Caskeys, called and told me in mysterious and horror-struck tones that Eleanor was dead, of carbon monoxide poisoning in her garage. It seems to have been suicide. I telephoned M- who will return for the funeral on Saturday.

June 29 Eleanor's death was a suicide. No one seems to know why. She had turned on the engines of both cars and seated herself in a chair. Margaret arrived tonight, completely stunned by the disaster. The South Koreans seem to be about to collapse.

June 30 To Eleanor's funeral this morning. Met Ned Dimock on the train. A very sad affair and a curious funeral service. The Rector read a psalm by Whittier, etc and gave some unusual prayers. We rushed back to N. Y. and met Charlie Jones on the Congressional to Washington, from whence he drove us to Longfields.

July 1 our lawn has improved very greatly. The blue grass is struggling out of the flack and orchard grass. The hydrangeas in the nursery are blooming joyfully. We are eating carrots, onions, potatoes and beets from the garden.

July 2 At last we are getting the weeds under control, even in the garden. The Coaleys and Asters come to dinner tonight. Herbert even indulged in two glasses of sherry. Fred seems to be doing some good business. He has gone into partnership with a man in Leesburg. Herbert and he say that real estate prices are booming.

July 3, 1950 We have put up stakes the entire length of the garden for M's pole and lima beans. Clearing the asparagus bed was a big job. The situation in Korea seems to have been much muddled. Have finished Bolsworth's "The Freelands".

July 4 Mr. Hodgins came over this morning and gave me an estimate for our pond and new road, $13-00. I told him to go ahead. Lunched with the Johnsons and Al and I returned to N.Y. by bus and train.

July 5 Commercial's earnings for the half-year have dropped another 20¢. I doubt that Jack Kimball will have the heart to face his next annual meeting. He seems much worried. I have never before seen as much demolition and rebuilding as is now going on in N.Y. The landlords must have hopes. Hundreds of old buildings are coming down.

July 6 Louise arrived with Jackie this afternoon and M- and Thurston returned from Longfields. Louise had been sick on the plane and Jackie is nervous and has a very bad color. The child seems to me, however, to be quite mentally alert.

July 7 M- and Louise took Jackie to Dr. Anderson today. She apparently had a near tantrum and the Doctor could make very little of an examination. Frank Wilber has left the Port of N. Y. Authority to take a job with a small firm in White Plains.

July 8 To Dowler & Pine's where I found little of interest. Some philology, Lounsbury, Trent et al at Scheltes'. Malcolm's cousin, George Foashee, came by to take Thurston out for the day. Quite an intelligent and sophisticated lad. To see the Newhouse sisters. Miss Hattie has pneumonia and there is little hope for her.

July 9, 1950 When we heard the telephone at 7.30 this morning we knew that was probably about Miss Hattie. She had died an hour earlier. Margaret rushed up there to get the undertaker and then rushed back to take Jackie to the Doctor; then back to console Laura and Ella. I took Thurston through the Metropolitan this afternoon. He has no ideas whatever of either art or history.

July 10 Through a heavy rain M- and Ella set off with Miss Hattie's body which was buried at Wilkesboro. Very hasty, but Laura and Ella are at the breaking point themselves and the thing has to be finished. Thurston seems to be much taken with Joan Fooshee.

July 11 Maurois' book has stimulated me to read "Swann's Way"; this time in English. It seems to me to be a great work, entirely unique. I doubt that it can ever be equalled in its field.

July 12 The Doctor has pronounced Jackie physically sound but badly spoiled. The defective speech is a bad handicap. He recommends a school but that is so expensive as to be out of the question. Margaret seems to be able to control her, but I simply cannot let her, nor very well herself, take over custody.

July 13 We hear that Jackie Lamar has been suspended from the Rye High School for slapping a teacher. I have a letter from Bradley Chambers wanting me to go to a Jehovah's Witnesses meeting which is to be held in N. Y. He seems to be off his nut.

July 14 Lunched at Commercial today with Taylor, Jim Clark, Bevans, Woodruff and McLeod from the N. Y. Life and Bill Armstrong to discuss the car servicing financing. Charlie Lauren left an vocation, leaving a good many loose ends. Summers are always busy.

July 15, 1950 - M- and Thurston left early this morning for Langfield. Thurston abandoned with regret his evenings with Joan, but I found the $45 per week pocket money requirements too much. I worked until 1:30 P. M. This afternoon I bought a copy of R. S. Garnett's "Some Book-Hunting Adventures" and firsts of Cather's "Lost Lady" and Howells' "Letters Home".

July 16 Ballard county lost population again in the last decade, now down to 8540. Lacanter gained one to arrive at 5-92. Wickliffe fell from 1039 to 1020, Barlow ~~rose~~ rose from 5-91 to 624.

July 17 Reading Warren's World Enough And Time. He has a most interesting style and many touches of authentic local color, but the over-all atmosphere is bizarre and unrealistic. All of the characters are psycopathic types or mere conventional figures. In other words the book is dead.

July 18 Frank Sage's association with Governor Turner's oil interests have ended already in Frank's resignation. Frank could not approve the fast-moving western methods in accounting. Roy Richardson has been appointed by Governor Dewey to fill a vacancy in the surrogate's office caused by McGuray's death. Being a Republican his chances for election in the Autumn are small.

July 19 Lunched with L. Martin at the D. T. A. Louise seems to be enjoying her rest but seems to be very lethargic and, I fear, very anemic. I suspect that her condition is responsible for some malnutrition in her family. Parker's has sent me nine nice copies of Furness' Variorum Shakespeare.

July 20 M-, Thurston and Jackie returned today. Jackie seems to have behaved very well and to have taken a balanced diet without fuss. She is really an intelligent and docile child.

July 29, 1950 Shopped with Thurston for his school kit. Then to Penn Station to change Louise's tickets from tomorrow to the next day. Then to Dunbar & Pine & Barnes & Noble. Bought the volume of essays on Holmes, a volume of C. J. Stone's opinions, one of Mahaffy's volumes on Greek history etc.

July 23 Howe finished Frances Le Mannequin D'osier and am reading L'Anneau D'Amethyste. The satire is keener and less urbane than I had remembered it. To see Laura and Ella this afternoon. Thurston spent the day with the Fuashes.

July 24 Howe finished the Warren book with a real feeling of regret that so fine a talent should be wasted because of a peculiar outlook on life. Louise and Jackie left tonight. At least Louise is reassured that there is no real malady in Jackie's case. on the other hand, she is helpless with the problem.

July 25 The Wells and M- and I dined with the Reedells at Mayfair house tonight. Ran into Col. Hartfield and Walter Dunnington there. It is dismaying to me to hear men like Dean and Herron discuss the problem. To listen to them the Russians are a disorganized savage horde, with adequate war equipment or skill, that we can subdue easily. The extreme left and extreme right seem to be leading this country into a great disaster.

July 26 Got an unexpected distribution of $1960 at the office. Joan Fooshee dined with us tonight. She and Thurston seem to have developed an attraction. Clare is much better and feels able to go to the Canadian fishing camp for a vacation.

July 27 Have bought 100 shares of Oswego Falls corporation on recommendation of S. Mathews. S. Martin tells me that his son's illness, brain tumor, has cost him more than $12,000 and left him in debt.

July 28, 1950 We drove to Round Hill this afternoon, taking Thurston and Al Johnson. A nice day and pleasant drive. We left at 3 20 and made it in a little more than 8 hours, dining of sandwiches which M- had made.

July 29 Weeding the little box and ~~evonym~~ evonymus which had become overgrown. Shopped in Purcellville where I bought 2 Smithfield hams, Jordan's at 85¢ per pound. To see the courtneys who are well. This afternoon Thurston and I went to the cooleys to get some sweet corn and tomatoes. The the Johnsons tonight.

July 30 Put Thurston on the bus this afternoon for Lexington, Ky. Came to Washington tonight to take the sleeper with Charlie Jones. Charlie told me the story about Darragh Park's leaving M.T.Co. It seems that Darragh, a high-salaried man, had not been cooperative with Gibson's economy program.

July 31 Am rereading Macaulay's brilliant, but perhaps unfair, essay on Macaulay. Chesterton, Belloc and many later writers owe much of their style to Macaulay. The Advance-yeaman says that Nell (Hahs) Powell and her sister, Terry, are visiting in Bandana. I would like very much to see them, although I have forgotten Terry's appearance.

Aug. 1 We have the plans laid out for our pond, driveway and terrace at Longfields, but I don't know when we can get Mr. Hodgins at it. Have a good letter from Basil Fordow. Am doing some sharp figures on our cash in view of September's tax date and the cost of landscaping at Longfields.

Aug. 2 M— got back this afternoon. The whole question of the new partners is up again as Whiteside has brought up Hetzka's name. It is all very frustrating and annoying.

Aug 3, 1950 Have a letter from Louise (Rathbrock) Griffin. She and Jim are living in Vandalia, Illinois. Louise seems to be overjoyed with her small daughter. Mrs. Chadbourne has paid $5,000 to have the Brookville house demolished. All the fine Long Island houses are being destroyed or sold to institutions.

Aug. 4 Jim Clark dined with us tonight. Jane is at their summer place in the Adirondacks. Dorothy Gross writes that she wants to return to N.Y. She will probably drift around here for several weeks and then return to West Va.

Aug. 5 Fine day. We drove to Greenwich and spent the day with Malcolm McMaster and his children. Jean was away with friends. Bought three cases of Bourbon whiskey, five gallons of sherry etc. Malcolm's gardens are at a low point now.

Aug. 6 Josephine Conner is very ill and is returning to this country. M- is to meet her at the airport. I see by the Advance-Yeoman that a Marshall Lee Beal is visiting relatives in Keil and Needmore; This must be one of Byrd's sons.

Aug. 7 M- left for Virginia today with Elizabeth, Roger and Gretchen Beale. Sam is spending a few nights with me. He seems to like the new job with the Rockefellers very much. Hocee finished "Swann's Way" in the English translation. It is the best of the novels.

Aug. 8 I see by the Yeoman-Advance that the Mellons are not coming to Kentucky this year. He is not well, I believe. Sam Beale is proving a very. It looks now as though Tom Dewey will be forced to run again for Governor. The Republicans are in a difficult situation and have no other acceptable candidate.

Aug. 9, 1950 After much negotiating Charlie Lowery, Jule Stocker, Carl Rowe and Charlie Bickett have been admitted as partners as of Sept. 1. Charlie is in Oneonta with his father and I telephoned him the good news so that he could tell the old man. Bought some new neckties and some D. & J. Anderson shirts at Rogers Peet's today. Testified today on the probate of Miss Hattie's will.

Aug. 10 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. He was in good form. Sam took me to Luchow's for a fine dinner tonight.

Aug. 11 To Washington on the congressional and was met by M. with Elizabeth, Roger and Gretchen. They seem to have been having a very good time. When we got back we found that Bertie (the beagle) had been shut in the house all day.

Am reading Logan P. Smith's "On Reading Shakespeare". A pleasant little book but without great value.

Aug. 12 A fine day. Again failed to get Mr. Hodgin and nothing is being done on the landscaping. Weeding the tomatoes. The cabbage has been ruined by worms. It seems to me that the first essential of a horticulturalist is to know how to control pests. Aug. 13 Rogers is a budding camera artist and has taken many fine shots. Weeded the asparagus bed today, a tough job. To the Lows this afternoon. To Washington with Charlie Jones tonight. Aug. 14 Mrs. Gibson is very ill and may die at any time. Charlie Loveen is back this morning and is delighted with his partnership. I suppose that he was more pleased for the sake of his father and Priscilla than for himself. Dean and Blanche Wells are staying with us while their apartment is being decorated. They are planning a vacation in New Mexico. M- arrived back this afternoon with Elizabeth, Roger and Gretchen.

August 15, 1950 Brady Stewart has been elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. This is a fine culmination of his career although the niggardly salary is a great hardship. Reading Holdsworth's "Historians of Anglo-American Law." Unlike so many scholars, he pays generous to his fore-runners and contemporaries, especially Maitland and Dicey.

Aug. 16 Josephine Conners is with us, thin and worn but delighted to be back. I gather from her that farming in Tanganyika has its troubles. Lunched with Bill Ford who has succeeded Pop Trumbull as head of M. T. Cos. 165 Bdy. Office.

Aug. 17 Dined with the Wells tonight at Cavanagh's, a fine steak dinner. Canasta afterwards. Dean curses the game but comes back to it. Rogers and Lavanna Ransom's child, Terry, has polio. A light case apparently.

Aug. 18 We drove to Longfields today via Harrisburg, finding that route both longer and slower. The trucks on the hills were a great nuisance on the winding roads. I see by the Advance that Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Dunn have been injured in an automobile accident.

Aug. 19 Very dry here and some of vegetables have dried up. Spent a large part of the day at the Holstein-Friesian show at Mr. Hope's, the farm just behind us. To see the Cooleys this afternoon. Reading France's L'Etui De Nacre. The pieces amount to little except the one about Pontius Pilate.

Aug. 20 Watering our tomatoes, box and annuals. The ground is like rock. We are losing one small white pine and a larger one seems to be having difficulties. At the Jones' tonight. Margaret will stay with Susan a few days. Charlie drove me in to the B. & O. sleeper.

Aug. 21, 1950 Josephine's bags were routed incorrectly with the Express company and I am trying to reroute them. Lunched with Jack Kimball today. Have been rewriting his will and insurance trust. Herbert Croft has left, some months ago, the First Natl Bank of Jersey city to go to a bank in El Paso.

Aug. 22 The Commercial has lost ~~three~~ more of its younger men, Webster, Coyle and Armstrong. Stuart Kessler has already gone. All the banks are losing personnel but commercial seems to be particularly unfortunate. Lunched with M. McMaster.

Aug. 23 The new partners have been announced in the office. Rumors had been floating freely. The morale at commercial is low because many believe that it is about to be absorbed or sold. The pressure may be too great yet.

Aug 24 Put in an order today for 100 shares of Canadian Pacific and 100 shares of U.S. Foil. Dined tonight with the Sam Peales, where, for a wonder, I was a winner at canasta. Roger is preparing for ~~Amherst~~ Exeter.

Aug. 25 Charlie Jones and caught the Congressional today and M- picked me up at his house. He tells me that Mr. Gibson is in very bad shape. I gather that there may be some dissent at the Trust company when Mr. Gibson passes.

Aug. 26 The garden is still very dry. We have decided to put in a bath in our back room and to rehabilitate it generally in the hope that we may house Columbus or some other servant there. The Johnsons dined with us tonight and the oslers drove ~~off~~ over later. Fred has sold several places and his business seems to be picking up. The Johnsons are feeling better.

August 27, 1950 Feel very tired today. This afternoon we went to the Jones' big party and saw Billy Dew, the De Buttis, Carralls, Mannsans et al. Fortunately the uncertain weather cleared to a fine day.

Aug. 28 We were up at 4 45 A. M. and on the road at 5 25 after a hasty toilet and breakfast. In my office at 1:30 but so tired that I could do little. Jerry Brophy has secured a North American Aviation deposit account for M. T. Co.

Aug. 29 Dorothy Mateer is with us, looking very fit and happy. She says that Tom Douglas has been recalled by the Marines. Dorothy seems to be very happy in her Wooster, college job. Lee Pressman is on the griddle of a congressional investigation and has admitted former membership in a communist cell.

Aug. 30 John Dunlop tells me that Bob Fisk is now a Vice president of American Cyanamid and gets about $80,000 per annum. Dick Kyle has succeeded Bob as Secretary. Had a long talk with Mr. Stayfen today. Very cordial. We have received a fee of $100,000 from the Winter Estate. My share will enable me to meet my taxes.

Aug. 31 A very hot and muggy day. Working at the N.Y. Life with Ross McLeod on the equipment trust financing for American Car & Foundry Co. Ross seems to me to be pale and overworked.

Sept. 1 Margaret picked up Betty and Michael Stevens in Princeton yesterday, and today Sydney joined me on the Congressional at North Philadelphia. Betty seems to have caught a cold and is unhappy with the country - too hot, too many flies etc. Sydney seems to be pleased with the work is going. His salary has been raised to $20,000 per annum.

Sept. 2, 1950 Mr. Kelley has paid his rent on Longfields for 1950. This will be helpful as the landscaping will probably be expensive. Showers + clouds today. I took Sydney + Michael for a drive through Upperville, Paris, Berryville, and Charleston. Had lunch in Harpers Ferry and visited the historical spots. Took Sydney by to see Herbert Cooley.
Sept. 3 Took the Stevens to Waterford and then by to see the Johnsons. Dinner at the Courtney Inn. Margaret has accomplished her purpose in that Mr. Hope has removed the white shed.
Sept 4 Reading Nina Pope-Hennessey's sprightly life of Charles Dickens. to see the Johnsons. Home on the 4 P. M. train, M- driving us to Washington although she is very tired. The war news is bad. It looks as though our positions in Korea may be overrun at any time.

Sept. 5 Pat Hodgson writes that he is going on a short mission to Europe. I wrote back that I hoped that he didn't get stuck in government service permanently. John Dunlop dined with me tonight. I am warned at his appearance. His asthma is so bad that he can hardly breathe.

Sept. 6 Took Elizabeth and Roger Peale tonight a surplus set of Macaulay's Essays and some volumes of Anatole France. Played canasta with Sam, Elizabeth and Mrs. Crispell. It seems that Impelliteri is about to be set aside in favor of Judge Pecora. A dirty trick. Tom Dewey has agreed to run for governor again.

Sept. 7 Bob Witty is visiting the Henleys in Bandana. Reading Holdsworth's little book on Anglo-American legal historians. His style is poor. Miss Scott is dissatisfied again. Her cor has been troubling her and she has decided that I am the worst "driver" in the offi

Sept. 8, 1950 The last few weeks have been very busy ones cleaning up for my vacation. Finally got away on ~~my~~ the Congressional. ~~Betsy~~ Schacht and carol Van Steenberg were with carol to meet me in Washington. They have been at Longfields since ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday.

Sept. 9 Rainy day. We drove to Winchester, lunched at the Chanticleer and visited the antique shops. our only purchases were two old fish-bone dishes to use for ash-trays. My back has hurt me much today and I had to go to bed this afternoon with an electric pad on my back.

Sept. 10 Rainy day. My back very painful. Schacht & Carol left for home. They are jolly and always welcome guests. We were chagrined not to be able to tell carol where she could find a catholic church to attend mass. Nothing has been heard from Mr. Hodgins, the landscaper, in spite of innumable calls.

Sept. 11 Mr. Gibson is dead. Although not unexpected, it is still a shock. Spent much time telephoning the office and Charlie Jones. Sevey Brophy and I plan to go to the funeral at North Conway, N. H., on the State of Maine Express. The Stones with their three children arrived this afternoon.

Sept. 12 Mary Stone was ill during the night - and our electricity failed. They left early today, no doubt glad to escape. The Gibson funeral is private but I was invited to go on the special train rented for the occasion by the Trust Co. With my back still troubling me I got into Washington with Bazie + Betty Lowe, went to N. Y. by train, visited the apartment to get a dark suit and joined the party on the special train at midnight. It was a large party, including Van Elen, Flanigan, Crandall, Kilpatrick, Col Hartfield, Basil O'Connor, Bisco, Newman, Dykman + dozens of others.

Sept. 13, 1950 We arrived about noon and lunched at the Inn. The whole place bears Mr. Gibson's stamp. A short but very nice burial service at the congregational church. Afterwards we visited the club house and saw the ski train. Some nice long talks with Flanigan and his brother, the Admiral, Pop Trumbull, Harvey Kelpatrick, Guy Vaughan, Bill Ford, Lincoln Johnson etc.

Sept 14 Back in N. Y. last night at midnight, E.S.T. went by subway to Penn Station and caught the sleeper to Washington. Back in Purcellville by early bus. Very tired. After a nap went to the Johnsons.

Sept. 15 Pulling weeds and generally puttering about the place. Dined with the coolays tonight, a good steak, and played canasta. Herbert and I managed to defeat the ladies. The Foashees, including Joan and Clare, arrived tonight.

Sept. 16 A quiet day, mostly at home although we drove over to Billy Dew's cocktail party at Middleburg while the Foashees saw Upperville. Am reading Kristin Lowransdatter (Christine, daughter of Lawrence). Finally got Malcolm on the bus at Middleburg tonight after dashes to Round Hill and Purcellville.

Sept. 17 Picnic lunch today, somewhat marred by our inability to get the grill to work correctly and the failure of the Laws to appear. Kristin Lowransdatter seems to me to be an exceedingly modern book in spite of the "I trows" and "I wats" scattered in it.

Sept. 18 Clare and the children drove in to Washington although it seemed to me that Clare should be in bed. Took it very easily myself. The weather is cold and I have to chop vigorously to keep the fireplace working. Dined with the Johnsons. Their apple crop is turning out much better than had been expected

Sept. 19, 1920 A substantial part of one of our baked Smithfield hams has spoiled - a great disillusionment. We drove by to see colonel and Mrs. Jacobs this afternoon. They have a lovely old stone house with a small acreage on the Purcellville - Middleburg road. The house has been modernized with great good taste.
Sept. 20 The Foushees returned tonight. Clare is very tired and, it seems to me, not to far from a collapse. Joan and young Clare are nice bright girls but not too helpful to their mother.
Sept. 21 It rained all day. We sat by the fire all day and have about used up our firewood. one of the large apple trees in the orchard has split but I am not strong enough to split it up. Dined at the inn. I gather from Malcolm that the Bar Association convention was really a mess. Gallagher was a very poor president.

Sept. 22 The Fooshees left for Williamsburg this morning. Malcolm is thinking of sending Joan there although she favors Swarthmore. Reading O'Brians "That Woman", an interesting historical novel of Spain in the time of Philip II nd. called on the Marshes this afternoon, although only she was at home. Dined at the inn.

Sept. 23 Working on the old apple tree. Dined with the ~~Fooshees~~ Johnsons. The Fooshees returned from Williamsburg tonight. I think that Malcolm thought little of the place. They saw Grace Stone.

Sept. 24 The Fooshees left this morning. The Marshes and Carters called this afternoon. Mr. Carter now has his "balls in line" and wants to buy the land adjoining him but I told him that I had made other arrangements and did not wish to sell. He has apparently sold his dairy farm. Mr. Marsh has opened a laundrymat in Winchester. They seem delighted with their new home.

Sept. 25, 1950 Mr. Hodgins is about to start - at least the steam shovels and bull-dozer have arrived. We are busy with one of the barn kittens, a survivor of the two "rescued" by Buddy Stone. The Mother promptly deserted them, they were mauled by the dogs and one died.

Sept. 26 I have nice letters from Flanigan and Kilpatrick to whom I had written letters of congratulation. Am sandpapering the floor of the front porch, preparatory to painting. James' friend, Bishop Howard, is mending the old stone wall, left over from the coach house, and extending it a few feet as a retaining wall for the garden.

Sept. 27 We had a dinner party tonight for the Lanus, the Oslers and the Crovens. The Crovens seem to be enjoying their new home and pursuits. Marie is almost as much of a salesman as Bill. Bo has not been feeling well recently.

Sept. 28 Dug a new bed for Bob, this time in the west of the garden, just behind the old coach-house wall. Mr. Sellion, Mr. ~~Hodges~~ Hodgins' partner is at work on the new road and is preparing to dig the pond.

Sept. 29 Dined with the asters at the Laurel Brigade Inn. Fred was a half-hour late, having been held up by some difficulty in closing the sale to Admiral Ingersoll. I am afraid that Fred's customers take too much of his time for help in building, landscaping etc for him to get much of his own work done.

Sept. 30 To see the Sterhahns, our neighbors who bought the Whitman place. The house is really a fine one but much more dilapidated than ours. They are doing a big job of rehabilitation, including, to our regret, pulling off the outside plaster. Our kitty is flourishing, although it has a bad cold.

oct. 1, 1950 This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of my entrance to New York law practice. So far, so good. Lunched at Irene Wrights today. The Galls were there, a Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow, a Mr. and Mrs Lahey and a Mrs. Mackley from Washington, who are friends of Bob Sammley, etc. Irene must have well-trained servants as she entertains splendidly.
oct. 2 The bull-dozer, steam shovel and dump-trucks are really at work now, and the house begins to resemble a fortress surrounded by moats. Mr. Hodgin has appeared a few times. The cut for the pond shows very good soil for three feet.
oct. 3 Reading Hargell Spence's book "Happily Ever After", the story of the adventure of reclaiming a fine old orange county mansion and farm. Of course our place was in much better condition but some of the incidents are recognizable.

oct 4 When the grading cost of the house was completed the results seemed inadequate so that we have extended it to the fence, using the dirt to fill up the depression in the lawn east of the pump. Mr. McCauley and his merry men are also at work in the rear room of the house so that all is noise and confusion.
oct. 5 The pond and most of the grading are completed and we are surrounded by a veritable moat. We dined tonight with the Lowes at the Laurel Brigade Inn and saw Auburn defeat Middleburg in a spirited baseball game, the play-off for the local championship.
oct. 6 To see the Johnsons who returned. Got a bushel of Grimes Golden apples. Spent part of the day perilously on top of a step-ladder pruning the ivy off the house. It is a real pest. Ronald Hope's attractive boys come to see me. Dined with the Crowens tonight. The Sells and Irene Wright were also guests.

oct. 7, 1950 Got off at 7.45, lunched at Howard Johnson's near Lancaster and were in N. Y. at 4 P. M. Missed Columbus in unloading our apples, canned goods etc. I see by the papers that Julius Henry Cohen and Dudley Field Malone are both dead. Reading Bacon's Essays.

oct. 8 To see Laura and Ella. Laura hurt her leg during vacation and is very miserable. Ella is also in a bad way. Alan Valentine has been named head of the economic stabilization board. How he can be conceived to have the knowledge necessary to control wages, priorities and prices is beyond me.

oct. 9 At my desk early this morning. Found distribution checks of $250. Miss Scott seems to be in better spirits. Lunched at the B. L. C. with Stone and Morey. Whiteside has had no luck in the suit to void the mayoralty election and it looks as though Mrs. Impellitteri will be back with us after Nov. 7th.

oct. 10 Lunched with Sid Mathews at the D.T.A. Dot is ill and is recuperating at the Silver Hill Sanatorium. Had coffee with Malcolm Fooshee and Carl Newton. Clare has a bad cold. Carl is horrified at Valentine's appointment, saying that Val has no experience or training for such a job.
oct. 11 Margaret, with Lida who has been with us since Saturday, left today for Longfields. Working at the N.Y. Life with Ross McLeod. Frank Sage is still out of a job. Mr. Stauffen is quite ill.
oct. 12 Quiet day at home in charge of the kitten. I have found some prepared cat food that tempts its appetite. Dined with the Whites tonight. Bill tells me that Don Vail is still out of a job and that the recent promotion at the First National Bank did not go to Jim Nicely. Shopped at Bilbo and Tonnens' and Dauber & Pines'. Bought a fine set of Sower, a volume of Campion, a volume by Henry Sweet, Platland's Robbers etc.

oct, 13, 1950 Got #3 000 more from the office today - which puts me on easy street until I have to refigure my taxes in January. Am selling Thurston's allowance at #125-00, which will be in addition to registration fees and important items of clothing. I hope to get out at #2, 000 per annum.

oct, 14 Stopped at the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought first editions of Brontë's "Villette" and "The Professor" in protective cases, Collins book on the Indians, a set of Turgenev etc. To the Locke-Bennet Gallery - where I found nothing of interest. To the French Bookshop - found nothing.

oct, 15 M - returned early today. Linda stayed in Lancaster, Pa., with friends. M - brought the home, a hog jowl etc. She has a bad cold and feels miserable. Mrs. Hodgins has done nothing further at Longfields. Am reading Fletcher Pratt's "The Empire and the Glory (Napoleon).

Oct. 16 Lunch at the D. T. A. with Bill Taylor and Sid Mathews. Bill is angry with Dean Wells who got objectionably drunk on a recent week-end at the Taylors. In spite of her bad cold M- got up tonight to go to the boy Y. W. C. A. dinner at the Waldorf, chief speakers were Miss Claps, President of Wellesley, and General Royall. The Moreys were our guests.

Oct. 17 Hallgarten is celebrating its 100th anniversary today. Thurston has written to ask that I "lend" him $90.00 to take Arthur Murray dancing lessons. Refused. Columbus came in to see us tonight and has offered to help us in cleaning.

Oct. 18 The whale Dewey tiff has been shaken by the publication of a foolish, meandering letter by Joe Hanley, the candidate for senator. The letter seems to disclose a corrupt bargain but that is probably untrue. Cranna was in to see us tonight. She seems quite tired.

oct. 19, 1950 To the dentist this morning. Leda has returned. Wattrich tells me that Stauffen probably has a malignant tumor in his esophagus. Wattrich himself has had no vacation and seems very tired. The Hanley letter has created such a sensation that it may beat Dewey. The really shocking thing is that Dewey should have supported the senile old fool for such an important job

oct. 20 Edna St Vincent Millay is dead. A real jolt for those of us who were young in the twenties. Lunched at the Lawyers club with Sid Mathews and Malcolm McMaster. Malcolm advises that I buy some Socony Vacuum. Miss Scott is off on another of her worrying, complaining spell. The trouble may be her age although she is only 39. The Johnsons dined with us tonight. Canasta. Gave Al half of the crown hog-jowl. Columbus got the other half.

Oct. 21 Henry L. Stimson is dead. He was a lesser, but in some ways a more appealing, figure than Root, Hughes and T. Roosevelt, the contemporaries of his early manhood; and he was a great figure in our later days. I have sold my Yale & Towne stock at a $900 profit. To the Penn-Columbia football game at Baker Field as M. Moore's guest.

Oct. 22 Reading Alistair Cooke's book on the Hiss case. It is an amusing book and pokes much gentle fun at the judicial procedure, Stryker, Frankfurter et al. To see Laura and Ella. Laura is rapidly getting feeble. Lida left.

Oct. 23 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. It seems to me that Impeachment mayoralty chances are fading as the organization Democrats are whipped into line. The Wieser Bookshop is having a 25% discount sale and I have picked up some good items: Hugo, Daudet, a volume of French, duito of Suedalla, some Gautier & De Vigny.

oct 24, 1950 Stauffer has a throat cancer but there seems to be some hope that he will recover and return to the Trust company. Ella's niece, Babette is in trouble again and begging for money. No wonder that Miss Hattie was disgusted with her relatives.
oct. 25 Lunched at the Broad St. Club with L. Mills and Kimball. Both seem gloomy and preoccupied. To dinner at christ church tonight with the Johnsons, Matthews and Phillips. Mr. Phillips, a hated figure on Wall Street once, is now a devoted churchman.
oct. 26 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Granville Brumbaugh, a pleasant fellow. Humphrey Chadbourne is dead. He seems to have become a misanthrope at the last and wanted no funeral service at all. Gerard Benson will probably handle his estate. Continuing the book on Hiss which is like a detective story.

Oct. 27 Dined with the Wells tonight. Dean was in good form and held his drinking down. His niece, Miss Treleven, is with them for a few days. She has been in Europe. I am trying through Alec Pinney to buy 100 shares of Bush Terminal Building Company stock. We have just discovered that each of us, independently of the other, was interested in the company.

Oct 28 M- and I went to the Clarke-Bernet Galleries this afternoon but left early as we found nothing within our range. To the Carak Cox Bookstore where I bought some French books and another volume of Peacock. Dined with the Moreys on wild duck. Took them one of the hams cured by Mrs. Alder.

Oct. 29 With time out for a long walk I spent most of the day cataloguing books and writing letters. Am reading Fletcher Pratt's book on Napoleon in the triumphant period of the consulate and early empire.

Oct. 30, 1950 Lunched with S. Mathews. Dot is still at her sanatarium but is better and may be home soon. Alec got my 100 shares of Bush Terminal, 1/30 of the total, for $175.00 per share flat. used up my cash balance at Hallgarten's and borrowed $8,000 more from commercial. If we have any luck at all this should prove a fine investment. The buildings could not be replaced for four times their book value.

Oct. 31 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. Reading Opdycke's "Mark My Words", a useful but heavy book on synonyms.

Nov. 1 Extraordinarily and uncomfortably hot for the time of year. Henry Alexander is the new President of Morgan's. He has built up a fine reputation in New York in the last few years. Handsome, suave and modest he will be a good influence in banking circles. I still regret that he left the law, however.

Nov. 2 G. B. Shaw is dead. He seems to have outlived his greatest popularity but I believe that some critics say that his reputation will outlive that of any of his contemporaries. Lunched with Foshay and Jaquith to discuss my proposed talk at the Bar Association on the 15th.

Nov. 3 Warm, fine day. Sat away at 1:15 and were at Irene Wright's at 9:20. Found much traffic through Pennsylvania. Irene's home is exceedingly comfortable and well-appointed.

Nov. 4 Cold weather has arrived. Mr. Hodgins has done quite a lot more work and the pond is full, but there has been no seeding and no wall building. Alec has been getting on with the clearing up of the farm. Irene had a dinner party tonight: Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Owen. Mr. Owens is a Kentuckian and a charming fellow. The Foxes boring as usual.

Nov. 5, 1950 Almost froze while I went over the work with Mr. Hodgin. He is a slow starter but a terrible fellow for detail when he does get going. He is going to let Bishop Howard do the stone work after all. To the Barretts for cocktails this afternoon. They have just built a cape cod house on the Hillsboro Road.

Nov. 6 Took some books to the Purdellville Library. Saw the Courtneys who look bad. Bishop Howard is working on the retaining walls at last. Had some work done on the car. After that we picked Irene up and went to the Crowens for cocktails. Thence back to one of her good dinners.

Nov. 7 Bringing Irene with us we drive to N.Y. in 7½ hours. Our car was full of canned fruit etc and we decided to bring the kitten back after all. Voted at 5:15. Dewey and Impellitteri have been elected by large majorities.

Nov. 8 Clare Foushee is worse and is in the hospital again. We had a dinner party tonight for Sevvy Brophy, Irene Wright, and the Laurens. After that we saw The Happy Time, a pleasant story of a French canadian family in ottawa, very well done, Sevvy and Irene seemed to get on well.
Nov. 9 Howe received three fine Variorum Shakespeare items at $5-00 each from a mail order friend of Howard Fisher's: Lear, The Tempest and Midsummer Night's Dream. Lunched with S. Martin. Woodson Sperlock dined with us tonight. He seems to lead an active life.
Nov. 10 Lunched with Stone. The strong market finally got up to my 8½ price on my Federal Water and Gas stocks. More than a $1000 profit there. The Datys avowed tonight in time for dinner, looking very fit. Woodie is still trying to sell Fords in Los Angeles but not doing very well.

Nov. 11, 1950 Foster and I were out for shopping early this morning. He bought a flannel suit at Saks 5th Ave. We lunched at Howard Johnsons and met the ladies at the Parke-Bernet Galleries. Bought nothing. Then to see Laura and Ellen. Dined at Cavanaghs.

Nov. 12 We had a cocktail party for the Dotys this afternoon: The Wells, Whites, Peales, Glofkes, Moores, Schwulzs, etc. A very jolly occasion that decreased my supplies of bourbon and Scotch. Malcolm came in later, much worried.

Nov. 13 Foster and Anne left. Judge Thacher is dead. He has been ill a long time. My old bookseller friend, Frank Thoms is also dead. He survived two bad heart attacks and died when people thought that he had recovered. Lunched with Fred Lober and Mr. Atwood of the Missouri Pacific. Mr. Atwood seems very old and frail.

November 14 Long talk with Malcolm who has about given up hope for Clare. The doctors seem to think that she has only a few months. By coincidence I hear that Chapman Reynolds is gone. The cancer got him quickly in spite of his own medical skill and best physicians. I am sorry that I got to see so little of Chapman in our maternity.

Nov. 15 Gave my talk on trust indentures at the Bar Assn tonight to a surprisingly large audience. Dined with Fashay and Jaqua at the University Club. John Bartels, Charlie Jaqua, Bruce Tuttle and several other older lawyers were in the audience.

Nov. 16 Clare left the hospital today and she and Malcolm are with us for two days. Poor Malcolm's hopes rise feverishly at every favorable sign and are then dashed. Clare seems quite courageous although I think that she is completely aware of her danger. Working on a new scale of percentages for our partners.

November 17, 1950 Allis chalmers, the most unfortunate of our investments has at last risen to 43, our cost being 42 1/4. I hope to sell at 50. It seems that C. P. W. W. & B. 1950 profit will reach or exceed $1,000,000. This will be our largest year.

Nov. 18 At Dauber & Pine's where I made some extensive purchases: Boyle's dictionary in five quarto volumes, rebacked, the 1736 translation in English; a two volume Amyot's translation of Plutarch's moralleneaus works, one volume 2nd, one Vol. 3rd edition, in folio, original unmounted vellum; Glasgow's voice of the People; London's Scarlet Plague etc.

Nov. 18 I see that Mrs. Dick owens (Nevada's Mother) is dead and has been buried at Lacenter. Also that Bob Munday is dead at 58. The poor fellow was a clothing store salesman all his life. J. Ernest Lane, the School Supt. of my day, has been visiting in Ballard county.

Nov. 20 Took Ed Travers to lunch. He seems to be a little better satisfied, although still dissatisfied with the salary policy at M. T. Co. The Van Steenberghs spent the night with us. Schacht seems to have made money for a number of his customers, but I fear that he has shaved little himself.

Nov. 21 Lee Talman has left the Coca Cola Company to be Administrative Vice President of Lever Bros. He has an extraordinary facility in getting good jobs. Lunched at the D. T. A. with S. Martin and M. McMaster.

Nov. 22 M- left for Virginia this morning. She will spend the holidays with the Johnsons. I left at 6:10 P. M. on the sleeper for Indianapolis, encountering Ferdinand Tannenbaum and his wife. They have a married daughter in Indianapolis. Mrs. Nettie Davis is dead. The poor old lady is said to have been dependent in her last years on the charity of the Randolphs. She was a rigid but interesting woman.

Nov. 23, 1930 The plane came down in Paducah just ahead of a snow-storm so I barely missed being carried on to Memphis. Mammy looks very well and I cant see that she has failed since her 80th birthday. To see Walter Neal who looks worn and old. He has very little in his store. Chester Anderson has a new furniture store. He seems to be cheerful. Loretta gave us a fine Thanksgiving dinner.

Nov. 24 Wilson has gained weight and looks very much better than in May. Carol Ray is a lovely child and she and I are devoted playmates. Willie has good manners and is devoted to comic books and other juvenile literature. No signs of a genius as yet but likely to be a fine man, like his father. The weather is excessively cold and the roads and walks are icy. To see Mr. Seaton, Arch and Jim Berry, Mr. Graham et al. Saw Rieke & Mary Kinkle & their daughter, Jean.

Nov. 25 To Bondana this morning. Cousin Alice is sick as usual, huddled near the stove in a dressing gown. George Bradley is breeding German land dogs as a side-line and seems to have a thriving business. Cousins Earl and Gertrude are well. Rogers and Lovanna with their children were there. Young Bradley seems to have recovered from his attack of polio. Spent a few minutes with Doc and Skid in their nice new home. Saw Lewis Christon Charlie Fiest and Aubrey Powell at the poolroom, Harrison and Alma Randolph at the store and Paul Randolph at the Mill. Saw Miss Florence, who is on crutches, and Mrs. Wright. Back in Locenter I saw Clarence Whipple and his sons and Commie and Amie. Rodney Keith is in Japan, Amie is pathetically grateful at my praise of R.K. Saw Mrs. Graham and Carl Evans' also Mrs. Willie Campbell who is nearly 90 but quite chipper.

Nov. 26, 1950 to Sunday School this morning. The church has been rebuilt in a very satisfactory manner and Wilson and his colleagues deserve great credit. The newspapers and radio news are full of a great storm in the East and I was warned about the plane, but it got me to Indianapolis, after a false alarm that we were to be grounded in Evansville. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Anderson were at the Paducah airport and their daughter, Evelyn, was with me, as well as a Murray student who joined us. All flights were cancelled at 2 —. I put Evelyn on her train to West Va, and took the train to N. Y.

Nov. 27 Wake up, still west of Pittsburg, in a devastated storm country. Ice, snowdrifts, telephone & telegraph poles down and roads blocked all the way to Altoona. There must be millions in damage. Finally arrived in N. Y. at 8 P. M. No word of Margaret.

Nov. 28 A postal from Margaret informs me that all is well with her although they are marooned on the mountain. Ken Moore has suddenly gone to the hospital for an appendectomy. Reading Sitwell's Laughter In The Next Room, the fourth volume of his autobiography.

Nov. 29 Margaret returned today and reported that all was well at the farm. She had managed to get Mr. McCauley to mend a bad place in the barn roof just before the storm. Ernest Stauffer is dead. He had made a brave fight after an operation for cancer of the throat but passed in a sudden relapse.

Nov. 30. Otis Bradley is dead. Lunched with Stone at the B. L. C. There is much laughter in the office about a new law clerk who sent a memorandum to Wholesale labelled "a chrestomathy from the case Flanigan of M. T. Co. is much irritated to discover that Frank Gage has brought suit against Governor Turner of Oklahoma for a large sum. I am afraid that Frank has no chance of returning to M. T. Co.

December 1, 1950 Geo. Whiteside is annoyed at Charlie Louren and Paul Grovenhorst for letting a stilted unsigned letter go out to Mrs. Geo. W. Hill. Took Charlie Jones to lunch at the British Luncheon Club. He seems to like his new job at M. T. Co. (head of the Investment Dep't) and to be satisfied with the other management changes.

Dec. 2 With Charlie Jones to the Stauffen funeral in Englewood. He was a good man and we shall miss him very much. He had the qualities any lawyer wants in his client; intelligence, fairness and decision. Shopped at Dauber & Pine's & Weisers. Bought at Weisers for 20¢ Vol 15 of the first collected Thackeray, thus filling out my set. To see Laura and Ella.

Dec. 3 To the Foashees, Clare is better. Went to the beach clubs to see the damage caused by the storm. Malcolm seems very tired. Home at 7 P.M.

Dec. 4 our army is having a great disaster in Korea. MacArthur bungled the approaches to the Manchurian border and an overpowering Chinese army has split our forces into segments. The American people seem to be terrified and reconciled to defeat. Have received from Parkers several volumes of the new Cambridge Shakespeare.

Dec. 5 Lunch at D. T. A. with S. Martin. Bought at Wieser's a first of Garland's "Roadside Meetings". Bill Taylor tells me that Alec Royce has became unpopular on the Adams Express Board and has expressed the wish that I should have the place. I have heard about the unpopularity before but this puts me in a most embarrassing position.

Dec. 6 The Johnsons are with us while their apartment is being decorated. Hatty is furious with the painters, who, as usual, are failing to follow her directions as to colors. Al Valentine has stirred up a hornet's nest by trying to roll back the recent price increases for automobiles.

Dec. 7, 1950 Headache today. Stan and I lunched with Len Moore who is convalescing at home. The revised partnership percentages now allot 5.73% to each of us. Len wants to insist on 6%. Stan and I are satisfied but gave Len our blessing on his request. Alger Hiss has lost his appeal in the C.C.A.

Dec. 8 Am working with Grenville Sewall on the Gimbel instalment paper sale to chase. Lunched with S. Martin at the D.T.A. I have a letter from Milton Anderson. He was pleased at my care for Evelyn and especially that I had offered to lend her money if she needed it (which she didn't). He reminded me good-naturedly how Roy and I used to coach witnesses against him at trials in Bandana.

Dec. 9 The Johnsons and Ben and May Matthews came to dinner. Ben brought us a bottle of his own maple syrup. Bo Lewis is trying to have Ben appointed a judge on the new military review court.

Dec. 10 Loma Irwin is very ill. Like Hattie and Jennie she is really starving herself to death. Although Loma always rebelled at Miss Jennies domination, he really seems to have gone to pieces since Hattie's death. Sitewells "Laughter In the Next Room" is more episodic and less interesting than the earlier volumes.

Dec. 11 Lunched with Bill Taylor and Jim Clark. Jim is full of new schemes for financing A.C.F.'s output. Brad Norman has been away from the Bank for several months - a dangerous embarrassment, I believe.

Dec. 12 Nice letter from Henry Beam. He and Dorothy are going to California for a winter vacation. Spent the day with Kimball, Taylor and Budinger. John Vanneck, who owns 15,000 shares of commercial's stock, has apparently lost confidence in the future of the Bank and is pressing for a sale or merger. It seems to me that the management is fussing over trifles instead of rallying its stockholders.

Dec. 13, 1950 Lunched at the B.L.C. with Morey, Stone & Diamond. Poor Dee has taken like a soldier the blow of not getting his percentage raised. He congratulated me most unselfishly. I see by the Advance that Lewis Houle is dead - apparently after a long illness. It seems a long time since he was a happy, laughing boy fascinating Marie Dunn.

Dec. 14 Frank Knapp is very ill. In fact his mind seems to be affected and I am going to take his place as one of the alumnes - in - fact for Mrs. Chadbourne. Dined with the Fausheas at the Harvard club, then went to see Ella and Laura.

Dec. 15 Lunched with Ed Farley at Indian House. He seems to be ageing. At Zimbel's this afternoon working with Sam Nass. Laura Irwin died today and I got there at 5 P.M. Poor Ella is almost dead herself and seems very forlorn and unhappy. Laura will be cremated.

Dec. 16 Worked this morning. Had a fitting of my new midnight blue dinner jacket. To the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought a fine old Herodotus in French, a Cusac's Amyot, a Dreux's Rome in English, some Stevenson firsts, a Craddock first, a Twain first etc. Then to the Locke-Bennet with M- where we bought a small tripod table and a lead stand.

Dec. 17 The mourners at poor Laura's funeral were Mr. Stackhausen, Margaret and I- all Gentiles to hear the young rabbi. We took him in a rented limousine to the funeral parlor in Queens. After slapping to console Laura we returned home and I wrote ten letters.

18) We have a Xmas card from the Rogers Soirans who are back in this country on leave. The Advance reports that Marjorie Hines (Raper) is dead. She was about Louise Beal's age. Lunched with Bill Taylor. He is very indignant with Vanneck and much worried about the Bank but is inclined to be rash and impetuous.

Dec. 19, 1950 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. He is worried about his son, Peter, who is 19 and a sophomore at Princeton. It looks as though Peter may be drafted for army service before completing this school year.

Dec. 20 Had a crate of fine Texas grapefruit from Bill Allen. From what cousin Alice told me I gather that Bill is still doing very well and the business has not suffered from the old president's death. Lunched with Mills and Lake at the D. T. A. Herbert Hoover is on the air again - taking a stand for an abandonment of our European allies and complete isolation.

Dec. 21 Walter Ufzenmayer to lunch at the D. T. A. Received my books from the carnegie Bookshop - a set of Crusat's Amyot's Plutarque, a first of Twains christian Science, some Craddock, Stevenson + Swinburne firsts, Duruys History of Rome in English, a fine French Herodotus etc.

Dec. 22 To Springfield by air after a hard day at the office. The weather was bad and we got to the Springfield airport at 8:30 P.M. on to the farewell party of the Felix Williams where we made a sort of dinner on hors d'oeuvres. Woodie is at home waiting for the draft, apparently through in Los Angeles.

Dec. 23 To the big dinner party the chapins gave for the Felix Williams. About sixty present. The house was lavishly decorated and the dinner included a big smorgasbrod. I drank bourbon, champagne, glug, cherry brandy and more bourbon. Had a long talk with Geo. Perkins, Louis Carter, Mrs. Carter (the singer), Frank Schesinger, the Staughtons, the Simons, Dougherty (the lawyer) etc. Mrs. Carter is quite depressed in spite of the million her husband gave her for a divorce. The party was a very jolly one and we stayed until 2 A.M. Chope was charming but melancholy, describing this as her "last party."

Dec. 24, 1950 A quiet day, broken by a cocktail party at the Schlesingers. Mrs. S- is a homey body and one would never suspect that her had been in a mental institution. The Booths came to dinner tonight. He is a bright fellow and she reminds me of Betty Impelliteri.

Dec. 25 A quiet day. I have finished Cathers "Death of the Archbishop" which I started last Xmas. This afternoon we went to the Tenney party - which has grown to be an annual event for us. Col. Tenney is looking very old. We got on one of the fine New Haven coaches and were in N. Y. before 11 P. M.

Dec. 26 Have a long letter from Miss Jennie. Her lameness has dampened her spirits somewhat, but she is making the best of a bad situation. Harper Holt has sent us a "Mexican basket", a fine basket filled with Grapefruit. Kimball is much worried about the annual meeting in front of him.

Dec. 27 After Stan and I had given him our blessing, Len bearded Whitesick & Brophy and got his 6%. The 27 points came from Whitesick & Brophy, two bad men to deprive of a bone, but Len is happy. New books from Blackwell today, fists of Swinburne, Galsworthy and Kipling etc.

Dec. 28 To the Gilman cocktail party this afternoon. Mrs. Gilman, a large lady with a small brain, is one of M's colleagues in Y.W.C.A. work. Gene underwood and spouse were there. They are moving into Manhattan House. From the party we went on to the Sam Peales for canasta and dinner.

Dec. 29 A hard day. At 4 P.M. when I was about to leave for the day Miller Moore called for help on a loan for R. Lehman which kept me until 8:30. Dorothy Mateer is with us. Sam Douglas has left union Seminary and is trying to get newspaper work. ~~Sta~~ Sam has just decided that he isn't cut out for a clergyman.

December 30, 1950. Worked this morning at the mountain of papers on my desk. Took Margaret this afternoon to see Carol Channing in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, M's chosen present for her 50th birthday. The old play stands up well in spite of its age.
Dec. 31 Worked at the office again today. Tonight we went to the Johnsons party as usual. The Matthews, Austins, Hoeys, Batchals were there. Malcolm called after dinner. Was lucky at canasta. Left at 12:30 P. M.
Jan. 1, 1951 Worked at the office on a speech for Kimball at the annual meeting, full of figures and wisdom on the virtues of conservative banking. Reading Faulkner's "Intruder In The Dust", a gift from Dorothy Mater. Faulkner has many of the qualities of a great novelist, a lively flow of narrative, a sense of character and humor. He runs it all by an atrociously artificial style.

January 2, 1951 At the commercial all day. Kimball is much worried about the annual meeting and Bill Taylor is day-dreaming about threatening legal action against Schapiro et al who are getting anti-management proxies. Lunched with Dee Stone at the B.L.C.

Jan. 3 Surrogate Howell has decided that Betty Lake, as an adopted child, takes nothing under the Upjohn will. I had expected the result but Syrena Stockpole and Ray Smith put up a brave fight and had great hopes. Working with Robert Lehman, Ed Weisl et al on the commercial matter.

Jan. 4 A tentative trade has been made with the Schapiro group pursuant to which a man named Hollingsworth and Frank Reavis, our old partner, will be added to Commercial's Board. I am sorry to see Frank engaged in such a raid, but I suppose that he has to take business he can get. Frank Sage telephoned today for an appointment.

Jan. 5, 1931 With Kimball and Taylor almost all day. It is amazing how many people have been in the speculation in commercial's stock. Harvard university, for instance, has bought at totally unjustifiable prices unless the sale can be forced. Am reading Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" in the pretty Hugh Thomson illustrations edition. Jan. 6 Spent an hour with Frank Reavis working out details for the annual meeting. Now that Frank has won his first battle he is most helpful and ingratiating. Bob Sullivan dropped by this afternoon. I gather that his life at Kennicott is not a bed of roses. He has difficulty staying out of some inner-circle battles. Jan. 7 Bad rainy day. Spent several hours in Puckett's Hampshire House apartment with him, Kimball, Taylor and Weisl working out our plans for the annual meeting. Dined at Stamplers.

Jan. 8 Working out the final details for the annual meeting, including some intricate calculations on the possible voting if another ticket comes into the field. Am enjoying Pride and Prejudice. The lady could tell a story.

Jan. 9 After all the worry and preparation the annual meeting was an anti-climax. It went through in a completely formal manner and all directors received the same number of votes. Reporters and visitors were present in force and went off disappointed at not having seen a battle. I acted as Household Finance's proxy at the Peoples Industrial Bank meeting.

Jan. 10 Clare is feeling very bad. I myself turned up this afternoon with the same virus that I got last year, a spell of diarrhea and a cold. Taylor and Kimball are pleased about the annual meeting. After the trade with Schapiro we decided not to use the speech I had prepared for Kimball. I am now preparing a memo re a merger with Corn Ex-.

January 11, 1954 Stayed at home with my virus and was in bed most of the day. Sinclair Lewis is dead. He seems to have been guttered out for some years. Am reading Kipling's "Soldier Tales" which have lost for me much of the charm I found in them thirty-five years ago.

January 12 With my share of our first big collections I paid off the last of my bank loan, $3,000, and increased my tax estimate from $13,000 to $15,000. Have finished John Halifax, Gentleman. A really good story. The description of John's heart trouble would be O.K. as clinical notes.

Jan. 13 To the Stevens in Princeton. With them to a cocktail party in a fine old house owned by a Mr. and Mrs. Billings. Betty had a dinner party for us tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Maul and Mr. and Mrs. Milholland. Mr. M— very amusing.

Jan. 14 To see the Stevens' lot this morning. Their plans for building were postponed when the new credit restrictions were imposed. The lot is in a good section and should have a good house. We also went to see the new Ewing Township branch, a handsome and functional building. Cocktail party this afternoon, Harry Levengood, the Eisenhardts, Aldriches etc.

Jan. 15 Feeling very bad today. Ezra Tilsworth is dead and Bundana is left without a doctor. Ezra was a good man in many ways and a good doctor, but his love of money, inherited from his father perhaps, deprived him of the affection and gratitude he would otherwise have had.

Jan. 16 Although I was very tired we went to the White's cocktail party for the Friends' School patrons. Bill has been sick too. Windy Riley was in today. He worked on two promotional jobs since September but is now back on the job-hunting routine.

January 17, 1951 Impelliteri has thrown Charlie Preuss, who had backed Pecora, out of the corporation counsel's office, and Charlie has returned to private practice. Reading Fox's Christmas Eve an Lonesome and other stories. Fox is at his best dealing with the mountaineers. His blue-grass aristocrats are too stylized.

Jan. 18 Frank Sage was in to see me. He hasn't a job yet but seems to have some good leads. I am afraid that poor Frank may be aiming too high. The Seales dined with us tonight.

Jan. 19 Leroy Brophy seems to have been swallowed up by the State Dep't. and we see very little of him. I don't see how he can give himself to two such jobs. Alan Valentine is out as Economic Stabilizer after an intra-office quarrel over tempo and methods of price control. He was probably right but the position was an impossible one for him.

Jan. 20 Worked this morning pulling the finishing touches on a memorandum I have prepared on the advantages of a merger between corn Exchange and commercial. Stopped at Dauber & Pine, Schulte and Bibo & Tonner. Found a nice Howells item with a splendid autograph letter at B & T.

Jan. 21 Sam Isseks is dead. A very able lawyer but a distorted personality. one of the disinherited who took it out on the comfortable bourgeoisie. To the Philharmonic this afternoon to hear Bruno Walter direct a Brahms program: the Tragic overture, the First Symphony and a Violon concerto. Very good. cocktails with Ella.

Jan. 22 Lunched with Stan at the B. L. C. Have agreed on the draft of the Equitable Bank Purchase Agreement so that one of my big jobs is nearly over. Miss Scott is very Gloomy again. I fear that I have been pushing her too hard recently. Myself also. And the coming year seems a hard one.

Jan. 23, 1951 Acted as Household's proxy at a special meeting of Stockholders of Peoples' Industrial Bank. Our office is very busy. The Sam Peales have been asked to vacate their house by the end of April and are anxiously looking for an apartment.

Jan. 24 Wilson and Loretta have been anxious to sell their house for a long time so they can build, and Zellner has agreed to buy it for $9,000 (their figure as he offered $10,000). I doubt that they can build a satisfactory home now with the $9000 plus any other cash they may have.

Jan. 25 Took Jane and Jim Clark to dine at Cavanaghs and then to see "Season In The Sun", a slight but very amusing comedy of about the 1930 vintage. Richard Whorf and Nancy Kelly, the stars, were not, it seemed to me, as good as some of the minor characters. Jane seems very thin.

Jan. 26 Sat the International Railway papers off today. To Pat's cocktail party: Frank Nash, the Kyles, Homer Weeks, Bob Barnet, Haines Neale, Fred Finnigan, Rugg et al. Pat is thin and looks tired. Dinner with Homers and the Kyles.

Jan. 27 At home all day, very tired. To the N. Y. State Bar Assn tonight. Fred Kenthen, my especial guest, and I visited Bill Embleidge's (Kenefick's) party before the dinner. Our other guests were John Mathis and Mrs. Klugescheidt. The speeches were poor on the whole, although Judge Medina's description of the popular reaction to the great communist trial was interesting. To Pat's rooms afterwards. Frank Nash is joining Marshall's Staff Monday as an expert on "politico-military" affairs. Manny Fleischman, the new National Production Administrator, was there. Also John Kenny who is in private practice, Ward Fashay, Judge Conway of the court of appeals, Bob Benjamin, Daniel Kenefick, Bob Barnett col. Henderson et al.

January 28, 1951 Very tired today as I didn't get to bed until after 2 P. M. one of the first people I saw last night was Walt Kiernan, somewhat old and gray-looking but dapper in a dinner jacket. He is practising in Smithtown, L. I., where he does some work for the town, and he was Arnold Frye's guest. Jan. 29 Clare had a bad week-end and had to be kept under opiates. She will have to return to the hospital. Am reading Vol. 2 of Duruy's Histoire Des Grecs. The interest grows as he gets into the period of the Persian wars. Jan. 30 Concluded the Simkel sale today. Sewall, however, called up and wants to correct what he thinks is an error. The deal is a large one and is better set up, I think, than the others I have seen. Have a gloomy letter from Louise—she is sick, Jacqueline is doing badly in school etc. Am getting caught up in my work and feeling much better.

Jan. 31 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Mells, McMaster and Mathews. We had a dinner party tonight for the Carsons, Foashees and Mareys. A very pleasant evening although we had a shock when Clare had a bad spell of coughing. Those could be very dangerous. Elizabeth reminded me of my having detected a misquotation in Miss Clapp's speech at the Y. W. C. A. dinner. Elizabeth seems to have told her.

Feb. 1 Reading Francis Biddle's book on Holmes. I expect that in the future the old gentleman's reputation will come to rest most on his skeptical sayings and personality.

Feb. 2 Madelin's book on Napoleon does not supplant Thiers. For one thing M- pays little attention to the military history. I think that one can't understand the effects without getting a good grasp of the means. Shopped at Callanan's tonight: cheddar, Blue and Muenster cheeses and some good full sherry.

Feb 3, 1951 Malcolm, little Clare and ~~Little~~ Joan are with us. Clare is still in the hospital. Shopped from 10 to 5 but purchased only some neckties at Altman's and three books, one a bibliography of Howells.

Feb 4 Sunny but cold today. Spent the day cataloguing, having gotten behind in the last few weeks. The "sickness" strike on the railroads has stopped the commuting trains and Malcolm had to send the girls home by bus from Fordham Road. They left their bag on the bus and there was much telephoning to locate it.

Feb. 5 Deposited $4200 in the Round Hill Bank to restore my balance, depleted after paying Hodgin & Silliams $2604 bill. The Macauleys and Hotelers are working on the new bathroom. I hope that it may be ready in the spring. The next job will be a new kitchen. Clare is very ill and unable to keep food down.

Feb 6 My old friend Margaret Selouch, having been named in the Coudert-Kopp investigation as a communist, has left New York university and will teach next year at the university of Warsaw. A great tragedy of political immaturity. The commercial party at the Ambassador this afternoon. Very jolly. Sydney Stevens, who was there is spending the night with us.

Feb. 7 Read Boardman Bosworth's obituary in the Asian. He was killed in a crash-landing of his private plane in october. Reading Fox's "The Kentuckians", very thin, and "The Knight of the Cumberland", somewhat better. Fox had wonderful material but little grasp of character or insight.

Feb 8 Trenholm Marshall is dead. Too young to go. He seems to have given up his practice in N.Y. to concentrate on Greenwich. The management struggle at commercial continues. A merger seems imperative now.

Feb 9, 1951 Reading Francis Biddle's little book on Holmes. While an acceptable essay, it contains little or nothing that is new. Biddle could have told us a good deal about Holmes the man and possibly about the great opinions. An opportunity missed. Clare is very ill and we fear the worst.

Feb. 10 Shopping at Dauber & Pine where I bought the 5th volume "Old Authors" Chapman's Homer in a Riviere binding; the limited, signed Cather's "Shadows on the Rock" and "Lucy Gayheart"; a new volume of Browning's letters edited by Profs. De-Vane and Knickerbocker etc.

Feb. 11 cataloguing. I have now reached No. 5500. Reading Bacon's Essays and am struck again by their inequality, so wonderful on study, reading, the judicature etc and so childish on economic matters such as interest, trade etc. I see where my old fraternity-brother, Virgil McRee is dead at 50. He lived in Detroit.

Feb 12 To Dauber & Pine where I bought the fine Pickering edition of Sir Thomas Browne in four volumes in a Riviere binding. Also copies of Hergesheimer's "The Limestone Tree" and Balisand in the limited signed editions. M- and I to see Ella this afternoon.

Feb. 13 Working with Kimball and Taylor on the papers re a committee of directors to look into a bank merger. I think that soon the Lehman interests are about to give up and sponsor a merger, largely, it seems, because of the dissensions in the management. Alarmed by rumors of new taxes and higher prices I have written to Mr. Steele to order a new Ford.

Feb. 14 To the Lamans' at home this afternoon. Caroline seems very thin. I suspect that she finds Tehran a bore. M. Laimon tells me that he is lecturing on Russia at some French society. He thinks that Russia got many ideas on a three months visit to America.

February 15, 1954 Took Roger Swiman to lunch at the D.T.A. I see by the Herald-Tribune that Speed Elliott is dead. Dined with the Stones at the Harvard Club then took them as our guests to see Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer in Bell Book and Candle. A silly play, rescued by superlative acting.

Feb. 16 To the 75th anniversary dinner of the Legal Aid Society. Sidney Mathews was one of our guests. Two unusually good ~~dinners~~ speakers, Learned Hand and Leonard Brockington.

Feb. 17 Worked at home until 3:30 P.M. when we left for Bronxville to see the Lowens. Clark has grown to be a sturdy, ingratiating youngster of four. Cynthia is a shy, leggy girl of nine. Dinner guests tonight were a Mr. and Mrs. Melay and a Mr. and Mrs. Von Bagen. The Melays have bought a very old house just off Route 7 west of Leesburg which we had looked at. He is a very interesting fellow.

Feb 18 We took a long drive this morning. This region must be the most uniform and comfortable nest of bourgeoisie in the world. A Mr. and Mrs. Von Steinern came to dinner. A lawyer, formerly with White & Case, he has turned restaurateur and operates two Howard Johnson places. He is opening a third at the Hotel George Washington in ~~Rect~~ Winchester, Virginia

Feb. 19 Thibaut de St. Phalle has been made a partner in Lewis & McDonald - as per previous arrangement, I suppose. I am reading Galsworthy's volume of short stories and sketches, Caravan. Very charming. He may yet live as the faithful chronicler and analyst of the English upper bourgeoisie.

Feb. 20 Len Moore is back, reporting a good time in Mexico. The I.C.C. has allowed us $25,000 in the Missouri Pacific matter, a beggarly fee considering that we got $20,000,000 of benefits for our bondholders. Reading Sainte-Beuve on Amyot, Montaigne and Marguerite de Navarre.

Feb. 21, 1951 The newspapers are full of scandal about City College and Long Island University basketball players who were bribed to fix games. The Alumni Associations and college authorities who have built college sports into big-money businesses are the real culprits. Lunched with Bud Galloway at the Whitehall club. Rain all day.

Feb. 22 Margaret left for Virginia this morning, unable to wait now that the workmen are in the house. Took a long walk in the sun and wind. Bubby, our kitten, is developing quite a personality. Reading Sainte-Beuves essay on Amyot.

Feb. 23 My Federal income tax is more than $16,000 and I have more than $5000 more to pay to finish up for last year and cover my ~~last~~ first 1951 instalment. Lunched with Dee Stone. Have sold my Nat'l Gypsum stock and bought 100 shares of Loebel Brewing.

Feb. 24 Took a long walk in the sunlight and had a leisurely breakfast at Longchamps. Shopped at Saks-Fifth Avenue and Budd's, order some nice bow ties at Budd's. Bought six cases of sherry at Callanans. Working on my library accession list. Margaret got back tonight.

Feb. 25 Thurston's grades at Tulane are poor. I suppose, however, that he has done very well to pass at all. He hasn't the slightest intellectual curiosity or conception of learning; is credulous at the wrong times and cynical when he should believe; Margaret is discouraged at the lack of progress at Longfields.

Feb. 26 Hugh Cox has left the Cleary firm. He seems unable to stay anywhere very long, although he is getting a reputation. I have at last finished Mrs. Chadbourne's will. Poor Knapp is at last out of everything. Am reading Powells cases on Estates and Trusts.

Feb 27, 1951 I have bought $20,000 principal amount A.T.&T. convertible debentures of 61 and have in an order for as many more. My thought is that with the company's increased earnings, the stock will go to a 5% basis, i e $180.00. Lunched with Alec Pinney.

Feb. 28 Zellner telephoned from Washington tonight to say that he would be here in a few days. He is about to sell his land near the new atomic plant to the Peter B. Mitchell Co. of Greenwich, Conn.

March 1 A bad day and I have had a bad headache. Saw a picture of Ralph Woods in the Advance. He looks very old.

Mar. 2 Bryan Viets is dead, the last of the boys except Fred. Bryan seems to have reformed and lived respectably. Hilson is building his new house. It seems a terrible time to build but he was quite impatient.

Mar. 24 At the Parke-Bernet Galleries this afternoon. We bought a nice portrait by Elliot for the library at Longfields. I also spent some time examining the second section of the Wilmerding Library which is to come up next week.

Mar. 25 cataloguing. The Johnsons came to dinner tonight. Al says that his business is dull again.

Mar. 26 Haman Dick Titsworth came in to see me today. He is with Socony and is leaving for a stay of several years in Korea. He reports that Haman and Miss Pauline are well. At the Wilmerding sale tonight. The prices are very high, but I got a set of Petitot in half-leather - to take the place of my present ones in chipped boards - for $100. The sale was crowded, including many foreign buyers. This is one collection that must show a handsome profit.

March 6, 1951 Lawson has sold his ranch apparently at a large profit. Margaret is quite disturbed but I think that he is wise. His land was marginal and may decline to almost nothing when a normal wheat market returns. At the Wilmerding sale again tonight, where I bought for $25.00 a nice set of Rouveyre's "Connaissances Necessaires A un Bibliophile".

March 7. Bill Taylor is much worried about the situation at the Bank. The committee of directors is very busy paddling the Bonk. George Mills says that Kimball is worried sick. Unfortunately I see no hope to save the Bank under present circumstances.

March 8 Thurston has written about a chance to join the Marines Training Corps. He thinks that this will enable him to stay in college; unless there is a real war. The firm's income is down this year.

Mon. 9 Gellner is with us. He is working on the sale of his land near the Paducah ordnance plant, but it has been discovered that the deed restricts the use of the land to agricultural purposes. Gellner hopes to get the restriction released. He reports that all are well at home.

Mon. 16 Dined with the Sidney Mathews tonight. The other guests were a Mr. and Mrs. Chase and a Dr. and Mrs. Thomson. Mrs. Thomson had a choking spell at dinner which was apparently quite painful. I bought fifty Howells' items at the Carnegie Bookshop this afternoon, a rich haul that fills many holes in my collection.

Mon. 11 Cataloguing. Reading Howells "An Imperative Duty", in which the heroine suddenly discovers that she has negro blood. Howells treats the whole matter with more dignity and understanding than most moderns. To see Ella this afternoon. She seems to me to be failing.

March 12, 1951 Miss Scott is ill - to my great inconvenience. The furniture, books and pictures recently purchased at the Parke-Bernet have arrived. We dined with the Keyes tonight. Chuck and Mrs Keyes, a Miss Eastman and Dick McClung were the other guests. Very jolly.
March 13 The Directors' committee is now talking to the Chemical Bank. It seems to be a toss-up between Chemical and Bankers Trust. Clare Fraser is better and has even been to the movies. I see where Household Finance Corporation has a new president. Bill White was wrong to neglect that opportunity.
Mar. 14 My $5,095 of income tax have about deprived me of cash. And I shall have about $11,000 more to pay this year. Spent the day collating and cataloguing my new Howells items. Some of them are fine and rare, e.g. the "Days Pleasure", the "Poems" and "Suburban Sketches"

Mon. 15 Telephoned Mr. McCauley who says that the work in Virginia is progressing. A meeting of the International Commercial corporation today. The directors fee has been put at $5-00 which is helpful. Monday The Johnsons dined with us tonight. They plan to go to Florida soon. The Kefauver Senate committee investigating crime is holding sessions with television and causing great excitement. Mon. 17 At Dauber & Pines where I bought a fine set of the Nonesuch Shakespeare, trading in my set of the old Cambridge edition. The set is a fine one for reading and the old cambridge is superseded by the new quiller-couch-Wilson edition. March 18 Margaret left for Virginia today, going with Malcolms and young Clare who are looking at girls' schools. Took a long walk and worked on my new Howells items A.F. the Whites after dinner. Debbie is getting to be quite grown-up.

March 19, 1951 Margaret telephoned from the Courtney Inn to say that work is going on, but somewhat slowly. Delivered a ham to Charlie and Susan Jones tonight and had a pleasant evening with them. Miss Scott is back, feeling sorry for herself and convinced that she has to work too hard.

March 20 Dr. and Mrs. Coffee are much in the news again. He has shot and killed one, Jim Hall, apparently in self defense, and she has attempted suicide. He seems to be about as much disturbed as he although ~~the~~ he is the President of the American Veterinarians Association and a Trustee of the Univ. of Ky.

March 21 We dined with the Mills at Leania tonight. Dr. and Mrs. Lieper were there. He is a leading Presbyterian clergyman and an amiable and charming fellow. A very pleasant evening. George seems much better.

March 22 Reading Trollope's Orley Farm. It is a good story, told with humor and gusto, but very wordy and stiff in spots. Frank Sage has a job in the Foreign Department of central Hanover. I hope that he sticks to this one. I myself am selling very little work from Manufactures Tr. Co.

March 23 Picked up my Moneuch Shakespeare today. A handsome and readable set. My SHBX set of papers is about ready for the closing on the 27th. Thurston has joined the Maines training corps. I fear that he will train quite rigorously.

Mar. 24 Saw Franklin Ludington's son at Charlie Jones' home a few nights ago. He is a tall, handsome lad, but with some of the reserve that marked Franklin. Cataloguing the Leg Detetot set. Listened to the Kefauver crime committee examine Gambler Bradson from Milwaukee. B- is a former lawyer and was a little too smooth for the Senators.

March 25, 1951 Spent a very pleasant day with the Foosbees. Took a long walk and met the Rushes. Ken appears to making great headway at united carbon & Carbide, but he is very talkative and noisy. We played canasta until almost 9 P.M. and Clare seemed to enjoy it, but I fear that we tired her out.

March 26 Malcolm tells me that poor Arthur Packard has had another breakdown and is in a hospital. He is a nervous, tense chap and has driven himself unmercifully. Malcolm seems doubtful that Arthur will ever recover permanently.

March 27. My 53rd birthday. The first SHOX deal was closed today. It has been a lot of work but seems now to have gone off well. Al telephoned tonight to say that Mr. Hough is dead. The old man's health was bad for two years but recently seemed better. He didn't know his own age but must have been over 70.

March 28 We dined with the Seales tonight. Their friend, Mrs. Tobin, was also there. After dinner we went to a television broadcast, "Break the Bank". The heat was great, the lights glaring and the show a poor one.
March 29 I am drawing a credit agreement for M. T. C. which is making a term loan to Bunney & Smith Co., the company with which my old Greenwich friend, Smith, is associated. M and I went to Purcellville tonight, getting there at 12:45 A. M.
March 30 The place is littered up and the bare patches of ground are depressing but the work has been well done and when the grass comes the effect will be good. We are again troubled by termites and may have some considerable expense there. Rain sporadically today. The Courtneys are well but Mr. Courtney seems to have aged. The work in the house is substantially over, but it too is in great confusion. The new sink & dishwasher will be helpful.

March 31, 1951 A fine day and we were able to get around and see the place. Everything seems to be in order except for some trouble with the pump. The fences are in good repair. This afternoon we went to see the Johnsons, who have just arrived and are on their way to Florida. Spent the ~~evening~~ evening with the Cooleys.
April Another good day. At the place again and then to see the Crowens. Took the 2 o'clock bus and was in the Apt at 8:30. There I learned the astounding news that Jack Kimball was dead at 63. I knew that he wasn't well but hardly expected him to go so soon.
April The Kimball funeral was held today at the Campbell Funeral Parlor. A large crowd. The news has stunned the personnel at the Bank and will undoubtedly hasten its sale. It seems that Jack developed ~~in~~ leukemia in January but held it a close secret.

Apr. 3 It looks as though the ex-Mrs. Kimball may cause us some trouble. Jack bound his estate to pay her $5.00 for life, and she now threatens to try to shake down the estate for a cash payment as well. Had a long talk with Gene Hooper and Roy Lockwood today. They are much interested in what is to happen to Commercial.

Apr. 4 The declines in the stock and bond markets have forced my A. T. & T. debentures down 1½ points. They are good securities, however, and will come back. We have given Buffy, the cat, to Mary our cleaning woman. He was an engaging animal but we can hardly keep him when we are away so much.

Apr. 5 Adversity has led Budinger and Taylor to compose their differences, at least temporarily. It looks now as though Commercial will be sold to Bankers Trust, and they are making plans together. Ella Longfeld is in the hospital again.

April 6, 1951 Lunched at the Bank today with Mrs. Kimball, Mr. Vilas, Bill Taylor and Seawell Martin. Strangely enough, Mrs. Kimball, twenty years older than Jack and much livelier, seems to have been very fond of him. Bought some fine new ties at Rogers Peet this afternoon.
April 7 Finished cataloging the Catlat set today, a big job. At the Canal Co. bookstore today where I bought a fine set of Corneille, 12 volumes, 1801, a copy of Mann's Dr. Faustus, some minor French works etc.
April 8 We spent the day with the Van Steenberghs. The Blums were there and Joan with her husband and two children. Her husband is quite a nice chap. Blum, a former officer at Macy's, is now assistant to Mr. Bobb, the new president of Lazear Bros. Canal and Schudt were in good form and we had a very pleasant day. Joans two children are pretty youngsters, especially little Carol.

Apr. 9 Lunched with Malcolm McMaster at the Lawyers Club. He thinks that there will be no general decline in security values. At Arpett's apartment this afternoon discussing the proposed merger with Bankers Trust. President Truman has at last fired MacArthur - who is determined to start a general war in Asia.

Apr. 10 Aunt Mattie Neal is dead. She was 86. At the time of her death she was at Anna Maes. I am glad that I got to see her a few years ago. Saw General Hardy at the B. L. C. today. He is the biggest man I have seen, perhaps seven feet tall.

Apr. 11 My State income tax is more than $2600. This, together with my Federal tax and my expenses in Virginia, have reduced my cash to a low point. Ed Harris is dead at La-center. He was a handsome fellow and started out well but took to the bottle. Trollope's Orley Farm has the knack of holding one's interest in spite of its verbosity

Apr. 12, 1951 Attended the commercial Executive committee meeting this morning. They are fully committed to a merger but there is still some bickering as to which Bank will get the prize. It seems certain that it will be Bankers Trust. Margaret left for Virginia this morning

Apr. 13 To Washington with Puckett and Brame - reding in state in Pucketts (Allied Stores) private plane. The comptroller was polite but disinterested when I explained the merger to him. I insisted on Puckett and Brame being with me because I thought that, in the event of deffeulties, I might be thought to have given an unfair presentation.

Apr. 14 Gramercy Park is getting green again. I had to work all day, catching up with detail, and re-viewing merger procedure. I am so sorry to have missed this week-end at Longfields. I see that Angie Harrison (cook) is dead. She was a pretty girl.

Apr. 15 quiet day at home. M- returned this afternoon reporting that Hodgin has done nothing further on the grounds. Hoose finished Orley Farm. It has an excellent plot and holds ones interest although the treatment of the characters is dated and sometimes artificial

Apr. 16 All day on the merger papers which are to come before the directors on the 19th. Just had time to rush up to the moot court at Columbia where I sat on a Jehovah's witness case.

Apr. 17 Mr. Bennett, who is handling the merger for B. T. Co., is a good lawyer and a pleasant chap but very rigid indeed. Worked with him until 11 P. M. Bill Taylor and Jack Budinger are very rebellious and may refuse to go to B. T. Co. The chief point of controversy is whether they will be directors of B. T. Co. Ouchett has taken the position that he will not lose the sale by insisting upon ~~special~~ special jobs for any individuals.

Apr. 18, 1951 Jack and Bill are to be directors; also Puckett. The last accepts with reluctance - or so he says - at the insistence of the Lehmans. Had a bad last minute hitch today when Budinger insisted on a bonus for the old employees - which cannot be given without approval under the wage regulations.

Apr. 19 The merger was voted unanimously today by the 14 directors present. Many of them were obviously unhappy, but they went along. Rowis is to get a fee of $15,000, a very modest payment unless he gets something more from stockholders. Jack Budinger called me tonight very unhappy about foolish tax questions raised by Van Eck.

Apr. 20 At Dauber & Pines where I bought a fine first of Cudlip's head Wilson. Also some assorted French books. Am reading Brousson's acid Itineraire de Paris a Buenos Aires. A. France cannot have been such a duffer as he appears in Brousson's books.

Apr. 21 Bill Taylor has had a talk with Andrey about continuing our firm as counsel for Bankers and I am to see Andrey next week. If the merger had taken place during Stoyfen's lifetime, it might have been a good thing to have devoted myself exclusively to Manufacturers Trust, but I have little standing with the new executives there.

Apr. 22 Wilfred Watterich is in the hospital for an operation. I haven't yet heard what his trouble is. We went to the Mt. Sinai Hospital to see Ella today. She is very tired of the bed and wants to go home.

Apr. 23 Had a talk with Andrey this afternoon about our firm and B. T. C. It is obvious that he intends for us to carry on only for the limited period necessary to integrate the work of the two banks. Am reading France's M. Bergeret à Paris. This is quite inferior to the older volumes of the series.

Apr. 24, 1951 Reading Sol-
den's A candle for St.
Jude. The flower of the
ballet is somewhat
lost on me. Dined with
the Carsons tonight in
their new Manhattan House
apartment and saw a
mediocre musical com-
edy. Then to the Rollin
Brownes for a sandwich
and drink.
Apr. 25 Wattrich is to
have a prostate gland
operation. He seems too
young to have such
trouble. I hear that
in the weeks of the
merger negotiations, Jack
Budinger tried unsuc-
cessfully to be elected
President of the New York
Stock Exchange! When we
left B.T.Co. after he had
signed the merger agree-
ment, he said to me:
"There goes my presidency".
Apr. 26 Getting along slowly
with M. Bergeret, although
there are clever spots
in it. I find that by
present market rates and
expanded realty values, M-
and I are worth almost
$250,000 - which is a comfort.

Apr. 27 Charlie Jones' father is dead after a long and painful illness. To Washington where Margaret and Irene Wright met me at the Carlton. Irene has been to the Barbadals this winter and looks very well.
April 28 The stone work is very handsome - as it should be in view of the cost. I have another bill for $975.00 for stone work. Planting box today and seeding new areas for grass. We are turning the eastern part of the vegetable garden into lawn. We drove up to see the Lows this evening and then came back by the Crowens.
April 29 The evergreens warranted against scale has it. Not a bad attack, however. Karl and Crenna Dolge arrived this morning en route from Winter Park to Westport. A warm day with a rain storm this evening. Drove Karl and Crenna to the mountain but there was little view. Hunches to see us. To Washington with the Lows.

April 30, 1951 Bill Robe was annoyed to find that our brief in the Missouri Pacific case - very critical of the Alleghany interests - had gone out without examination by anyone at the Trust Company. Clair Hughes, who should have known better, attempted to handle it without her or me and made a painful impression. Al Johnson is quite sick. Malcolm delivered today two cases of old yellow-stone and one of rum which he got for me in Conn. May 1 Lunched with Brome at Bankers Trust. He is an able fellow and, I surmise, quite ambitious. If given a fair chance, he may go far in Bankers Trust. Anne Daly writes that Col. Tinney and Mrs. Andrew Wallace are dead. The Colonel was very feeble Christmas but I am shocked about Mrs. W.-. May 2 Working on a credit agreement for Ray Lockwood - $3,000,000 to the E. W. Bliss Co. as usual Johnston has become chairman of the Board.

May 3 Margaret is back and says that James has finished the seeding - after a fashion. Charlie Jones tells me that he is now on the management committee at M. T. Co. I think that he was quite annoyed at being left off before. Malcolm and Clare Fooshee are with us.

May 4 I am to be the new Chairman of the Joint City-State Bar Assn's committee on the new Commercial Code, succeeding Henry Harfield. It is a big job and I am probably foolish to take it. Henry Van Elm has had a bad nervous breakdown and may never be able to carry on his work at the Trust Co. I gather that he was opposed to the Stern Bros. - Allied Stores deal.

May 5 At Dauber & Pine's where I got the a first edition of the Arrow of Gold, the American which is the true first. I already had an English first. Also Lanham's Recollections in two volumes and Blunden's two books on Lamb. Also Frazers Sir Roger De Coverly.

May 6, 1951 This is the twenty-first wedding anniversary for Malcolm and Clare and I fear a very sad one. They went home yesterday and Clare seemed exhausted. Took a long walk in the sunlight this afternoon.
May 7 Margaret is not well and I am really concerned about her. She has very little energy for her - as interest in anything. Nilsen's house seems to be nearing completion. From what I have been told it will not be very satisfactory, but "Chacun a son goût".
May 8 Reading Roger Burlingame's "of Making Many Books", a history of Scribners. It is interesting, holds ones attention, but I do not think it quite up to its subject. Perhaps the story is too big and the period too long to get into one volume. I am afraid that the trouble in Iran over the oil fields will involve our friends, the Sadrans.

May 9 Have bought the fourth and last volume of Sidé's Journal. Justin O'Brien must now look about for a new project. Malcolm says that Clare is suffering very much. How cruel life can be.

May 10 Some weeks ago we sent a box of books to Margaret's friend Willis Haskinson who is founding a village library in Turon. Had a very nice letter from him today and wish now that I had sent him a better selection. Lunched with Brome today. Very pleasant. If given cooperation and understanding, he should go far in Bankers Tr.

May 11 By prearrangement Zellner joined me on the Congressional and we went on to Washington together. Picking up Margaret at the Carlton, we went to the Gregorys where we found a little party, including the Veep's Secretary. Noble is a little acid about Kefauver, calling him "Coon-feder". This group thought that the McArthur matter was a boomerang for the Republicans.

May 12 A fine day. I started the long process of transplanting the small box to the terrace. Planted three make willows at the north end of the old horse-lot where they should be a fine sight some day. Bought three fine little dogwood trees at the hilltop and planted them in the corner of the old coach-house site.

May 13 Mr. Hodgin continues to be elusive and his old tractor has been on the lawn since october- to say nothing of masses of rocks and the resurfaced road and parking lot. Planted more box today and burnt the old infested wood from the kitchen floor.

May 14 We left Longfields at 5 yesterday and spent the night in a motel at Frazer, Pa. Reached the office at 1 P. M. today, very sleepy. John Caskey has remarried. It makes one wonder whether he was interested in the lady before Eleanor's death. Margaret is scandalized.

May 15 Manufactures Tr. Co. has taken an option on 44 Wall Street. Without knowing M.T. Co's interest, I had warned Bankers Tr. some days ago that the Gwalte estate wanted to sell. The McArthur controversy seems about to backfire on Taft and his group as the full story appears. They never learn.

May 16 Bill Taylor is feeling better although his future duties and position still seem to be unsettled. He says that it is a great relief to be free of Budingers and Talbot - both of whom seemed to get on his nerves. Joe Brome and R. L. Armstrong, however, seem to be disgruntled at their prospects.

May 17 John Rovensky has been made chairman of the Board of American Car & Foundry. After so many years in banking he seems to be proving himself in car building. Took Brome and Charlie Lauras to lunch at the D.T.A. Brome is a pleasant fellow and may be very useful to us.

May 18, 1951 Drove to Longfields, leaving at 1 P.M. The Pennsylvania turnpike is a fine road. I averaged 60 mph from the King of Prussia to the Lancaster exit. The grass and shrubs have made great progress.

May 19 up early and at my task of transplanting the box. The little plants are very fine ones and have grown much since we bedded them in 1949. Mr. Hodgin came by for two hours and we made many visionary schemes for an arboretum, lily field and such. He never gets his work done, but talking to him is like having a good drink. To see the Johnsons tonight.

May 20 Planting euonymus just in front of the porch. Also made the first planting of gladiolus. The euonymus is very fine and lushy, but I fear that it has some scale. The Johnsons and Simpsons came to see us. To Washingtons with the Dwight Terrys.

May 21 I tried the experiment last night of returning by chain car, but it was a mistake and I am tired and sleepy today. N. Y. Chief Magistrate, John Murtagh (brother of my friend Jim) has been arrested for neglect of duty in the Dwyer administration. Ate my favorite spaghetti with butter sauce tonight.

May 22 - Thurston's grades for his second semester are quite satisfactory. It probably represents a great effort pushed on by great ambition as he had a very poor preliminary training. Wilfred Wattrick has had a relapse and is back in the hospital. John Martin tells me that during the recent management troubles at Commercial he suggested me for the presidency.

May 23 The stockholders approved the merger today in a meeting which lasted only eight minutes. Everyone was itching to get his money. Bill White came over tonight for a long talk. He isn't completely satisfied with his progress at the Guaranty

May 24, 1951 Had a conference this afternoon with Ardrey, Taylor and Brome re our work after the merger. We are to continue on the present retainer for the time being. Stopped at Biblo & Tannens where I bought DeChambrun's book on Shakespeare, quennells "Profane Virtues", a volume of quiller couchs literary studies, Kingsmills life of S. Johnson and Guerards volume on early French civilization

May 25 Joe Bennet and I quietly filed the merger papers today, and the commercial came to an end at 3:05 P.M. uncle Ed writes that Josephine Conner is very ill.

May 26 Bought two new coalcloth suits, two fine ancient madder neckties, some nylon socks and two D & J. Anderson shirts. Am reading Hydes "The Trials of Oscar Wilde" in the Notable British Trials Series. Interesting & well done.

May 27 Ella Langfeld is very sick again. I fear that she has little more time. I have finished Cornell's cases on estates and trusts, a massive and useful work. Bill ~~Foster~~ White telephoned tonight to say that Jerman had been elevated to general management at the Guaranty Trust. This usually means the first decisive step to the presidency.

May 28 uncle Ed writes that Josephine Conner is dead. The poor girl had written us a hopeful letter a few weeks ago and was to stay with us on her way back to Tanganyika. Conference this afternoon at M. T. Co. with Robt. Young, Alan Kirby, Bob Purcell, Flanagan, Rohe, Lober, Moore, Hughes et al. Young says in effect that we are the effective opposition to Alleghany in the Missouri Pacific proceeding and that our cause is prejudiced even to our own bondholders. The whole thing is preposterous but Young has unlimited effrontery. Flanagan and Rohe stood solidly with us.

May 29, 1951 Jack Beeslinger has written very flattering letters to Mr. Clarke and me about the value of our services for commercial. Lunched with Malcolm. He is sinking into a kind of stunned and mournful resignation about Clare. Took the congressional and went to Round Hill with Bill Craven who kindly met me at the Carlton.

May 30 The bare spots in the lawn are gradually narrowing as the grass comes up. It is very dry and the vegetable garden is suffering. Planted euonymus along the garden wall. To see the Lanes this afternoon.

May 31 Mr. Kelley has given us a fine steak from his deep freeze and says that he has more for us. The Cosbys dined with us tonight. It has been very hot and dry today and I spent a lot of time watering seedlings etc. Mr. Hodgin has removed his tractor but done nothing more.

June 1 We had a cocktail party today: the Laws, the Jacobs, Mrs. Sturhahn (her husband couldn't come), Irene Wright with her guests, captain and Mrs. Klein, the Marshes, and the Croceens with their guests, commander and Mrs. Quinn. James made a good butler and was announced by my argument that mint juleps were the same as a little wine for the stomach's sake. The Laws stayed for supper.

June 2 To the Issaquah and Hilltop nurseries this morning but found nothing to tempt us. Mr. Marley the termite man came this afternoon and predicts a big job. To Irene Wright's dinner party tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Fox were as disagreeable as usual. The Barrats were there - very charming.

June 3 Mr. Sturhahn has had a heat stroke and I was not far from one myself today. The Jacobs had us for cocktails. They are a very nice couple. Irene Wright and the Croceens were there. A pleasant group. To Washington by bus.

June 4, 1951 our nineteenth wedding anniversary. M- spent it driving to N.Y. with Mrs. Kelley and Joe. The sleeper last night left me with a slight cold. Ed Sleek has notified us that he does not wish to renew his retainer, although he does want to keep his room for a year or two.
June 5. Henry Beam stopped by for lunch today. He seems in good health and spirits. Got $2260 from the office today, a welcome addition to my dwindling bank balances. Margaret bought tickets for the Kelleys to see "Oklahoma" tonight, but Mrs. K- got sick and they left before the end of the first act.
June 6 Lunched with Lee Morey. His family are going to Italy this summer and Lee is happy about it. Received the check for the Bank stock, $18,985. M- has been talking to Lucile Dreskell who is much discouraged. In addition, Miles has heart trouble and Lucile's alimony may stop.

June 7 Home sick today with a recurrence of my "virus X" of last winter. The movers came to take our spoils from the Parke-Bernet to Virginia, chiefly the three sofas. Malcolm spent the night with us. Macys and Simbels are in a controversy over the price war. More business for our firm.

June 8 My troubles made it impossible for me to go to Va. so M- left with the Kelleys this morning. Wilfred Mottier is back and looks very well although he has lost some weight. Bill Taylor has, apparently, a good assignment and his office will be next to Mr. Colt's.

June 9 We have a letter from Lawson, written from his new home at Branson, Mo. He seems to like it very well. Bought a fine set of Byron today at Dunbar + Pines - full chrushed levant tooled in gold. Also Mommsen's Roman Provinces in the English Library edition and Costain's The Conquerors. The Byron was published in France.

June 10, 1951 Am feeling much better, although somewhat weak from a healthy dose of castor oil. Spent all day at home, reading and writing letters. Helen Ashton's fictionized biography of Jane Austen, "Parson Austen's Daughter", is a charming work.
June 11 Lunched with Bill Taylor, Jim Clark, Ross McLeod et al after going over the ACF financing. Am very tired today. Ned Dimock has been nominated to be an United States District Judge.
June 12 I see that Frank Hendrickson (President of American Hard Rubber Co.) is having a stockholder fight. The battle seems to be over the management's program retiring a preferred stock issue. I have bought for Margaret 100 shares of Seaboard Sanford common. Their new fabrics and the improved palm beach cloth seem to me to be full of promise. I like especially the Spring weight suits. Jack Beerdtt of ACF - at our lunch yesterday - is very ill.

June 13 Lunched with Bill Ford yesterday. He seems to be very happy as head of the 149 Bldg (M. T. Co.) branch, and has considerably enlarged its earnings. I see that my old White & Case friend, Roger Blough, has been made Executive Vice president of U. S. Steel. He is an able and sensible fellow and will probably go on to the presidency.

June 14 Lunched at the B. L. C. with Stone and Philips. Mary Emma telephoned today in great agitation about Jasper. It seems that he has quit his job at the hospital and is sick at some motel. She tried to reach him there but he sent word that he was too ill to talk. It sounds as though he is off the wagon.

June 15 Took Gene Hooper to lunch at the D. T. A. He says that Hap Flanigan is doing a fine job at M. T. Co. and is working with incredible energy. He doubts that Van Elm will ever return to the Bank. Margaret returned this afternoon with a bad cold.

June 16, 1951 John Shaw has taken a job with the Bank of New York, the only Commercial officer who did not go to Bankers. He had several offers, including one from M. T. Co.; and I understand that several other officers were also approached by other banks. At Dauber & Pine's where I traded in my old Ackerman Bacon in tattered binding for one nicely bound in red morocco. June 17 Anne Doty is in the hospital and has lost a lot of weight. Foster tells me, however, that there are no signs of cancer or any other dangerous development. The Advance says that Mrs. Birdie Smith is at the bedside of her nephew, Lewis Myers, who has had a stroke of paralysis. June 18 Sasha Maximow, always indiscreet, tells me that Roger Goiran is very anxious to return to New York, but wants such a high salary that he can't make a connection. Our apartment is being painted.

June 19 Margaret's throat has been troubling her again and she is in the N. Y. Hospital for a few days. Am reading Trevelyan's Age of Wycliffe. It has a big reputation but seems to me to be rather a dull book.

June 20 Ed Foley, along with Preston Delano, the comptroller of the currency, is receiving some unpleasant publicity. They were making speeches in the West and had themselves and families transported by an army plane. Lunched with Sidney Mathews. He tells me that Sewell's appointment to the all important job of head of the Corp. Tr. Dept. of B. T. Co. led to some heartburning.

June 21 Saw Walter Dunn at B. T. Co. today. His desk is on the main banking floor and he seems to be a banking officer although I had always thought of him as a trust officer. We have some important new litigation at the office which should be profitable.

June 22, 1951 Margaret returned today. Clare is worse and is back at the Infirmary. I gather that Dr. Ewing thinks that her condition is critical. I have prepared a short final accounting on the Jennie Newhouse estate and expect to wind that up now.
June 23 Found little in the bookstores today except some French detective stories. M and I spent two hours with Clare this afternoon. She has to have oxygen through a contraption on her nose, but seemed to be cheerful and laughed and joked with us. Margaret read her an essay from the Atlantic.
June 24 Very hot. The painters have the place much torn up, and we are trying to get it in a little order. Dined tonight with the Walls in the oak Room at the Plaza. I have the impression that Dean is not too satisfied with his progress at Central Hanover.

June 25 Bought at the City Book auction a part of the manuscript of Howells Silver Wedding Journey. Dorothy dined with us tonight. She is leaving for Europe next week. I see by the paper that Tom Worthington, Carrie Shaw's husband is dead. He was about 70.

June 26 Clare got rapidly worse this afternoon and died about 6:30. Fortunately, Janet arrived this morning and was able to spend the day with Clare who was conscious and talked with reasonably until the middle afternoon. M- and I had an early dinner so that she could meet the girls and I get to the hospital. When I got there Clare was dead. The girls went through the hotel at the Station, missing Margaret, and arrived at the hospital just as Janet, Malcolm and I were leaving Clare's room. We managed to get them back to our apartment before breaking the news. They took it quite well. Janet is heartbroken and Malcolm is stunned.

June 27, 1951 Woodson telephoned this morning to inquire about Clare. The N.Y. papers carried an adequate biography. Malcolm is exceedingly nervous and seems to be kept going only by the necessity of planning the funeral. The girls, however, are bearing up well.

June 28 To Dr. White this morning to have my chest X-rayed. Then to Rye for the funeral. Foster came down from Springfield. Margaret Mackenzie arrived from the airport just in time. Dr. Phillips conducted a nice service and M- and I went to the further service at the crematory. Al Johnson, Woodson, Ed Kahl, Hortense Price and many others came out from N.Y. Friends were requested not to send flowers but to send gifts to a poetry fund to be established at Dalhousie. The day was a lovely one but warm.

June 29 Reading Aplebrock's life of Anatole France, an interesting, but I suspect superficial, work. At Dunbar & Pine's where I bought Burbank's autobiography.
June 30 At Bibla & Tomen's where I bought a Galsworthy item, one of Conrad & one of Hopkinson Smith. Margaret left with Al Johnson today. The Faashers, with Mary Ruth and Janet, will follow Monday and stay at Longfields a day or two on their way to Swastwater. Spent several hours putting the apartment in order after the painters. Had a letter from John Dunlap who is in England.
July 1 At work on the apartment again. Also cleaning and cataloguing books. Miss Shelton arrived this afternoon. She will be with us for six weeks while taking graduate work at N.Y. University. Miss is now Dean of Women at the University of Ill. Malcolm plans to sell his house this fall and live with us until the girls get out of school next spring.

July 2, 1951 Had the second S&P&X closing today. I hear that Julian Hagen is better. He had some kind of attack a year or so ago that resulted in his losing equilibrium. He would unexpectedly fall while walking, and has to walk with a cane. July 3. Lunched at M. T. Co. with Lockwood, Hooper, Northrop et al. I hear from Foster that Anne is better. He says that the Rich Lewises and the George Parkinsons are about to be divorced. Rich is pursuing another lady and George is too fond of the bottle. July 4. Cleaning and cataloguing books. I recently bought at the Carnegie four fine Cather items: one of ours, the limited first, The Troll Garden, first printing and firsts of My Antonia and Death comes for the Archbishop. All fine copies. Also bought a set of the Harleian Miscellany in three-quarters calf.

July 5 I see by the Advance that Hazel Paul is unopposed in her race for a third term as circuit clerk. Saw Sydney Stevens at Bankers Trust today. He likes their new house very much. Lunched with S. Martin.
July 6 To Washington on the Congressional with Charlie Jones, who then drove me to Longfields. Charlie has taken a new interest in life since his elevation to the governing board of M. T. Co. We are badly in need of rain
July 7 Jones has the mower broken again and I had to take it to Whitmore & Arnold. The place is very lovely, however, in spite of the lack of rain. The Johnstons came to cocktails with us this afternoon. Finished planting the gladioli, which will not do much in the present dust bed. Mrs. Kelley has given us a nice sugar-cured ham. Sat very hot today pulling weeds etc.

July 8, 1951 I am too lazy to get up early in the morning to get my gardening done, with the result that I risk a sunstroke every day weeding, hoeing etc.
The Laws this afternoon; from there to Irene Wrights. To Washington tonight with Charley Jones.
July 9 Lunched with Bob Brame at B. T. Co. He seems to be making some headway in organizing his legal department. Received $1239.98 from the office today.
I see by the Advance that Harry and Anne Melton are in Ky. I do hope that they are well enough to enjoy their visit.
July 10 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Hitchcock. Woodson Spurlock says that he will be here until September, somewhat to his displeasure as he has to pay income tax for the period spent here.
Mrs. Lilly has died in Bandana at age 83.

July 11 Margaret and the Foashees returned this afternoon. Malcolm goes to Washington next week to take over the Donovan office while Heppner is on vacation. Had a long talk with Mim about her work at the univ. of Ill. Hers seems to be a grim job.
July 12 I gather from a reference in Ed Ransom's column that Jess Holman is dead. From what I have heard his last years were full of misfortune. Am reading some French detective stories which I find to be below the Anglo-American level. Have finished Duruys Greece, second volume, very readable and instructive.
July 13 Lunched at the D.T.A. with Horace and Len. The increase in litigation has increased the pressure on them to a considerable extent. Have finished Trevelyan's England in the Age of Wyclyffe. It has the authentic English liberal, anti-catholic tone,

July 14, 1951 Bought a mint set of Parkman's Journals at Bibbo + Tanner's. Have finished Axelrad's Anatole France. At least it does something to correct the poison of the Brousson books. Fortunately, Brousson defeated himself by overplaying his theme of a foolish old poseur and roué. Such a person could not have written France's books.
July 15 Ella Langfeld lunched with us. She seems much better. She seems finally to have decided to cut Blanche's legacy to $3,000. Mrs. back from Springfield, reports Anne much better and Foster well.
July 16 Margaret left with the Foashees this morning. Bob Harkey is selling out his store in Bondurant. He seems to be a chap who shifts about every few years. Henri Lake has been made a V. P. of M. T. Co. He seems to be slated as Wathrich's successor.

July 17 old Phillips, my British Luncheon club companion, has asked me to represent him and Mr. Blackburn on a contested accounting under Elie Lambert's will. Lunched with them today.
July 18 I find Isaac's Propos d'Anatole France rather dull stuff. Isaac ~~writes~~ lacks the malicious pungency of Brousson. Reading Faure-Lucé's "La Fumée d'un cigare", a defense of the Petain point of view against Churchill's strictures. Some of the author's points are well taken, but his major thesis, that France had no obligation to continue the struggle, will discourage further alliances with the French. From the American point of view the final decision may have to be to surrend France to the Russians (they having conquered her) or destroy her with our atom bombs.
July 19 Mim says that Wood's job with Booth's bank is appraising mortgage property. He should be good.

July 20, 1951 To Round Hill with Charlie Jones. Ida is amused at Colt's insistence that Bankers wanted Commercial's personnell; says that Commercial's earnings without increase in capital was the bait. The Foushees were at the house when we got there. We have had almost no rain.

July 21 We had another mint julep party this afternoon; the Johnsons, Jones, Barnetts, Irene Wright, the Croxens, the Basie Laws, Nancy Laws, Mrs. Ellison, her sister etc. A very pleasant group. Worked in the Garden although it is very dry.

July 22 Very hot and humid today. Weeded the flower beds and watered the box etc this morning but had to give up to avoid a heat stroke. The coolays have given us some delicious corn and tomatoes. To Irene Wrights for planters punch. Malcolm drove us to the train this evening.

July 23 I see by the Advance that the Bird Seals are visiting in Ballard county. Margaret reports that she has General and Mrs. Marshall at the Courtney Inn and that he is looking much better. He is certainly having a hard life trying to reorganize the nation's defenses with a group of senatorial simians breathing down his neck. July 24 Reading Shellabarger's "The Kings Coevalier", a novel of the time of Francis I. Imitative and worthless. To see Dr. Dance today. She finds nothing wrong with me. Thurston is in the Marine Corps training camp. July 25 Anne is better and Foster has gone on a vacation with Tom Murrell - fishing, I think. Tom also seems to take his vacations without his wife. I am getting very little work from Bankers Trust other continuations of old commercial matters. The officers are very cordial, however,

July 26, 1951 Dr. Howe wants to have my asthmatic wheezings investigated so I am being pierced vigorously by Dr. Paul DeSara, an allergist. I hear that the Newhouse chateau has been resold and that it is being occupied by one of Gen. Eisenhower's staff. The Goodall-Sanford stock I recently bought for Margaret has fallen three points.
July 27 Lunched with Bob Brome who is just cleaning up for his vacation. He has recently seemed Don Keil who has a job with commonwealth & Southern. The papers are carrying a picture of Ned Dimock being sworn in as a District Judge.
July 28 Thurston has sent us his picture but not in uniform as I would have expected. A terrible rain today. out for a little this afternoon and bought nice copies of Mignet's French Revolution and Ramsay's Scottish Life and Character.

July 29 to see Ella this afternoon. She is again pestering me for a new will. Wrote letters to Nelson, Louse et al. I have agreed to let Mr. Kelley have the place for two years so that he can put in alfalfa, mark the land etc. July 30 Lunched at Bankers Trust with Vilas, Morton, Kraemer and Souter. We have decided to try to fund the first Mrs. Kimballs claims at not more than $90,000. Got $5035- from the office. We are running ahead of last year. My income tax estimate is too low. July 31 The Advance carries the stones of the deaths of Wes Rollings at 86 and Mrs. Beulah Birney at 71. I haven't seen her in years and so remember her as a beautiful woman - the flower of the Powell girls. Dined tonight with Woodson and John. Have of good talk. Woodson has to be in N.Y. for several weeks - which irks him as he is stuck for American income tax from which he is exempt in Arabia.

Aug 1, 1951 Mrs. Spear died in her sleep night before last. She had had an attack some weeks ago, which Bill mentioned a few nights ago. Margaret says that she encountered Mr. and Mrs. Fox at the Johnsons a few days ago and they almost refused to speak to her. Aug. 2 To Larchmont this afternoon to Mrs. Ray Bunnell's funeral. S'help me, it was christian science. To the Barnbys after the funeral. They have a fine old brick house with high ceilings and gracious rooms. Dined with Dick Hobbins. Aug. 3 To Washington with Charlie Jones who drove me to Longfields. There has still been no rain and our plants look very dry. The Fooshees were there and Margaret had a little party for Joan who is eighteen today. The poor child seems quite gay, although occasionally sobered by the memory of her new status as her father's housekeeper.

Aug 4 To Leesburg for liquor and ice. Stopped at Shenstone to see the Meloys. They seem to be delighted with the old place and full of projects for improvements. Watered shrubs, flowers etc. Tonight we had a dinner party for Irene Wright, Malcolm, the Jacobs and the Cravens. Ted Sturhahn took the Fooshee girls to the Purcellville carnival.

Aug. 5 We lunched at the Johnsons. They have had more rain than Longfields and their place is fresh and green. With Malcolm to Washington, encountering considerable traffic.

Aug. 6 Took George Mills to lunch at the D. T. A. The merger seems to have raised new ambitions in him. At the commercial he seemed to have settled down as a sitter-out for his pension. Reading Mencken's amusing essays about the Southern States. He seems to have fallen hard for the theory of the elite Southern aristocracy and the poor white lower strata.

August 7, 1951 Charlie Jones, Harry Kilpatrick and Sene Hooper have been made ~~Exec~~ vice presidents of M-T-Co. This seems like a demotion for Harry who has been Executive Vice President before. Lunched with S. Martin and Dexter Kimball, who is just back from the Korean front. He says that the Chinese are somewhat better fighters than our newspapers indicate. Aug. 8 Lunched with S. Mathews who seems to have enjoyed his vacation on Martha's Vineyard. M- telephones that Mr. Morley estimates the expense of rudding the house of termites, concreting the basement etc at $2200. To see the Whites tonight. B- has asked me to see to probating Mrs. Spear's will. Aug 9 M- returned. Bought 200 shares of Boxter, Carey & Kennedy on Dick Hobbin's theory that the business can be sold for $14.00 per share (market value now 8 1/8) A long conversation with Menpen about the Kimball settlement.

Aug. 10 Windy Riley was in a few days ago to announce that Mrs. Nielson, his mother-in-law, was dead. Windy's wife will now come in for some cash - which will no doubt be helpful. I have paid off the last $10,000 of the Longfield's mortgage with part of the money from Margaret's Commercial stock. Bob Hensel is leaving us.
Aug. 11 To the Whites on an early train. Their place is lovely, especially the fine lawn. The Seeleys came by for a drink. Bill says that he has made a lot of money in oil. Bill tells me that the Harkneses and Lowell Thomases have fallen out over a right-of-way the Thomases propose to open through the Harkness farm.
Aug. 12 Billy White is taking summer tutoring at the Trinity School, and we fetched him thence for the day. Billy failed several subjects last year, but seems now to have decided to do better. Home at 9:30 tonight.

Aug. 13, 1951 We dined with the Seales tonight. Sam continues to like the Rockefellers and is no doubt fortunate to have escaped from the Bank. Roger did well at Exeter last year and is anxious to get back. Al Johnson telephoned that they have had some rain in Virginia.

Aug. 14 Lunched with Jack Budinger today. He seems to be completely reconciled to his new position and full of plans for Bankers. Just at the moment he is worried about getting a birth certificate for Mary Alice. Her vital statistics were destroyed in a Baltimore fire a few years ago.

Aug. 15 A bad headache and a bad taste in my mouth today. The inoculations I have been getting from Dr. De Lara seem to upset me. Lunched with Stone at the B. L. C. W. R. Hearst is dead, proving Job's point that the wicked are long-lived and prosperous.

Aug. 16 My A. T. & T. convertible debentures are up to 115, a six point profit. They had gone down to 106 during the decline in the bond market. I am holding for 134 — which would mean 180 for the stock. In other words I think that the stock should sell on a 5-90 return basis. Mr. Kelley has paid his rent. Re-reading Trust's "Within a Budding Grove" in translation.

Aug. 17 Al Johnson accompanied us to Virginia today. We drove to his house in 6 h 57 minutes. The new Pennsylvania turnpike is wonderful. Lungfields is very dry and even the weeds are withering. Am reading Young's "Portrait of an Age", a closely-knit study of the Victorians.

Aug. 18 Hodgins latest bill is $408, but the place looks much better with the rocks off the driveway. Watered the shrubs and young trees. Two cocktails and dinner with the hospitable Croceans.

August 19, 1951 The Crowens came to lunch today, bringing their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ransch and daughter from Madison, Indiana (Bill's home town). This afternoon we went to the Loues to take Bo a birthday present. He will be 60 on Wednesday. Bosie and Bettie took me into Washington.

Aug. 20 Lee Morey is back. During Elizabeth's absence in Europe, Grace kept house at the Canadian retreat. Lunched with Alec Penney who tells me to hold on to my A.T. & T. debentures. He and Peg spent their vacation in Aspen, Colorado, the home of a new music festival.

Aug. 21 Lunched at the Broad Street Club with Lee Morey and Wick Shriver. Hayden Stone is getting going again with new partners and new capital. Our elevator man, Bill, is back after a long vacation in Ireland. Am reading "French Whitecoat" in French. Dull.

Aug. 22 Wall Street is chuckling over the newest fiasco: on Monday the Chase Bank and Bank of Manhattan announced that Chase was negotiating for the purchase of the Manhattan's banking and trust business and branches. Tuesday night the Manhattan announced that the conversations had been terminated because of legal difficulties. Rumors are that tax difficulties were discovered at the last minute. Lunched with S. Mathews.

Aug. 23 ordered an elaborate list of shrubs and trees from Kelsey today; catonbaster, pyracantha, Korean box, andromeda, pieris, white pine, hemlock etc. Am reading Glasgow's "Vein of Iron", one of the best of hers.

Aug. 24 To Washington with Al on the 12:30. Mrs. Buckingham drove us out. M- had a fine fried chicken dinner waiting for me, served in the dining room in honor of my week's vacation. We have still had no rain and the ground is very dry.

Aug. 25, 1951 Watering shrubs and attempting to mend bad places in the lawn. To the Buckingham's cocktail party this afternoon. The Crowens returned with us for supper and canasta. Bill seems to be worried about the drought.

Aug. 26 Watering shrubs and even gave the tomatoes and annuals a drink. The well is holding out but of course we don't know when it will fail. Mannered the box. Am rereading the "Man of Property" and find it more interesting than ever.

Aug. 27 Mr. Lawler and his son are carpentering for us - lent for two days by Bill Crowens. They are putting in cupboard shelves, screens, locks on the windows etc. Seeding bare spots in the lawn. Telephoned Charlie Jones who is taking a few days vacation. Weather is hot and humid but we get no rain.

Aug. 28 At Hilltop today where we bought 100 new box, two Japanese iris, some chrysanthemums, sweet williams etc. The Van Steenberghs arrived this afternoon, very happy and gay over their trip.

Aug. 29 Schoch helped me set out the new box this morning and Jones gave it a good top dressing of straw and manure. Planted fuel cotoneasters, the first of the Kelsey order to arrive. The Lewis and Johnsons came over this afternoon and we all went to the Jones for cocktails. Charlie has bought a new farm in Fauquier.

Aug. 30 To Leesburg today where we replenished our stock of bourbon, Scotch, sherry and rum. Mr. Kelley brought us a fine steak from his freezer. Schoch bought some Jack Daniels whiskey, sour mash, which he calls "breakfast". He makes a nice planters punch. We are having fine but dry weather.

August 31, 1951 Billy Dew came to go over the house and advise me about the proposed basement. He says that it would be very expensive to build a basement under the main block and hardly worth it. The Crocers brought their guests, the Hills, to dinner.

Sept. 1 Having given up hope of rain, Schaap and I fertilized some bare spots in the lawn, seeded and raked them, trusting that rain will finally come. Herbert Cooley is back and Schaap and I went in to see him. Dined with the Crocers. Canasta. The Johnsons were there with house guests and the Lows.

Sept. 2 To the Purcellville Library where Mrs. Kelley had arranged an ambitious musical program. Great heat. Then on to the Jacobs' lawn party and buffet supper. Heavy contingents of the ex-military, including Col. Carnal who has been very ill.

Sept. 3 We lunched with the Johnsons, luxuriously on fresh corn and country ham. The apples are not maturing and Al has done no picking. To the Lows for cocktails. Betsy and some of her friends brought me in to Washington. I see that Wolfgang Schwabacher is dead. He was only a year older than I.

Sept. 4 Malcolm is very nervous. I had thought that he would relax with time after Clare's death but he doesn't seem so. Lunched at the D. T. A. with Seavell Martin. Mrs. George Gaston is dead and Dorothy is very busy with the funeral and getting her uncle settled.

Sept. 5 Adrian Terrell from Paducah has ~~left~~ sent in a Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mother and Son, to see me on an interesting will matter. The will sets up a life estate in personal property with remainder over. M- and I dined with Jim Clark at the Yale club tonight. The dining room is delightful.

Sept. 6, 1951 Lunched with Ken Moore and H. Hitchcock at the D. T. A. Tonight M- and I saw an English movie at the Gramercy Park, "Kind Hearts and Coronets". I was shocked at the number of empty seats. The movies may be ruined by television.

Sept 7 Lunched with Bob Brome at the D. T. A. where we were joined by Don Seary. Don tells me that Roger Siddal has largely recovered from his breakdown but has decided to write instead of returning to the law. He has had a book privately published.

Sept. 8 Worked at the office until 4 P. M. Thence to Dauber & Pine's where I bought a first of Dreiser's "Hey-Rub-A-Dub-Dub". Tonight Betty, Sydney & Michael Stevens came to see us and to pick up their chairs and mirror which they need now that they have moved to a large house. Mrs. Fernald was with them.

Sept. 9 Not very well today. Wrote letters to Thurston and Mommy. It took $450 to get Thurston to school and provide for his first month. It will take about the same the second semester. His usual monthly allowance will be $135.00. Took the Wells to dinner at Le cheval Blanc.

Sept 10 Al Johnson telephoned to say that the drought in Virginia continues unbroken. Working today at N. Y. Life Ins. Co. with Burstein and McLeod. John Willis, our new sergeant, arrived today. He is a small Englishman and is obviously from a good social background. Probably he finds domestic service the best paid job open to him but the situation is a bizarre one.

Sept. 11 Malcolm has been busy for months with Joan's debut, a costly and troublesome business. I can't believe that the result justifies it.

Sept. 12, 1951 I see by the papers that Chauncey Dodds of the R.F.C. has had some kind of a stroke and is apparently no longer on active duty. Aside from the story of his having accepted a few days free entertainment in a Miami Hotel he seems to have come off pretty well in the investigation. Harry Lake says that his costs in the appeal in the repelike will case, originally estimated at $200, are already over $800.
Sept. 13 Carl Farbach has became a member of the Down Town Association where I see him from time to time.
Sept. 14 Spent all day at Ted Harrisons office on the SHPX papers. We are planning to close about the 25th so that I can get away for my vacation. The kows arrived this afternoon. Betsy has bought a quantity of new cloths for her entrance into college.

Sept 15 At the request of the President of the N.Y. State Bar Association I attended today a meeting of the American Law Institute and ~~National~~ commissioners on ~~St~~ uniform State Laws. In spite of haggling the uniform code was finally approved. Lunched with Hatch, Brame & Buerger. Slipped away in the afternoon to the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought a number of items from their recent catalogues.

Sept. 16 quiet day at home. Bo and Nancy were out a good part of the day, Bo in fact attending a very early breakfast at the Waldorf. Ben and Mae Matthews spent the evening with us.

Sept. 17 At the A.B.A. symposium on the new commercial code this afternoon. Not informative. Our firm has a suite during the A.B.A. meeting and I took Homer Woods, Bill Enbridge, Bob Barnet, Al Buerger & Jack Hutto there for cocktails. Al & Bill to dinner.

Sept. 18 Put in my time hours at our suite entertaining visiting dignitaries. I am glad the A.B.A. seldom meets here. Bob Barrett tells me that Pat has been to Mayos clinic for an important operation.

Sept. 19 My work on the S H P X matter is going slowly as Ted Harrison is ill. Back to our suite for cocktails this evening. The press in the Waldorf is great. Bo and Nancy were there tonight to see George and Mrs. Whiteside.

Sept. 20 We had three tables for the annual dinner of the American Bar Assn tonight. Our guests included Bill and Ethel Taylor, Louis Brandeis, Judge and Mrs. Scheiber Jackson from Kennecott, John and Mrs. Mathis and Ralph and Mrs. Reynolds. Chief Justice Vincent and Lord Chancellor Jowett gave us speeches better than usual. Stayed at our suite until 1:30 A.M.

Sept. 21 I am very tired and glad, therefore, to see our legal brethren dispersing to their homes. At Bankers trust today on the Farley trust. In the early 1930s Commercial informally resigned as trustee - the trust then being very small. In the years it has grown greatly and the question now is what to do to regularize the situation.

Sept. 22 I see by the newspapers that Ford B. Hall, a Rhodes Scholar of our class is dead. He was only 52. I have seen little or nothing of him since our Oxford days but I was fond of him and very sad at his loss.

~~Sept. 23~~ The Dotys arrived this morning. Anne is thin but in good spirits.

Sept. 23 The Moreys came to breakfast and we had a spirited version from Elizabeth of her motor trip through Spain with Alison and Chums. Anne was not well and the Dotys left this afternoon. She seems very tired.

Sept. 24, 1951 Miss Scott, who gets $67.00 per week, has been much dissatisfied this year and has at last told me that she is looking for another job. As she has a just grievance, I got her a raise to $70.00 per week, effective Jan. 1, and she is happy again. The Dietys told us that the Rick Lewis matrimonial affairs are a mess. He wants to marry another woman and she refuses to let him have a divorce.

Sept. 25 Malcolm has moved in with us and will stay until spring. Eddie Eagan has retired as chairman of the State Boxing Commission. Re-reading Dorothy Sayers' "Busman's Holiday" Too affected.

Sept. 26 I hear that Alec Dick has had a breakdown and left his law practice; Also that he had litigation with his ex-wife. Am reading Aldous Huxley's "Two or Three Graces".

Sept. 27 Closed the long SHPX job today - the culmination of weeks of the hardest work and, I believe, an advance in methods of financing railroad equipment. We have at last determined to tell Diamond to look for another job. A pity, too, as he is a good man in some ways.

Sept. 28 Malcolm, John Margaret and I drove to Longfields this afternoon. A pleasant day. The country is still drier than it was on Labor Day and some of our plants may be ruined.

Sept. 29 To my surprise the only plants from Kelsey to arrive in my absence were the little hemlocks. And scrawny little specimens they are. They sent 50 instead of the twenty-five ordered but we shall be lucky to save 10.

To Irene's dinner tonight. The company included the Dicksons, Crocens, Freels, Grants, Sleeters and Klines.

September 30, 1951 The cotoneasters we put in the nursery are quite healthy and the transplanted forsythia is thriving. The reseeded spots on the lawn have stood still in the drought. We gave a breakfast party for Irene and her guests, the Klines, ~~and Irene~~ this morning. To the Crowens for cocktails and dinner.

Oct. 1 Mr. Marley, the termite man, was busy again. It looks as though the job may run to more than $2,000. Bishop is also at work on the wall which is to serve as the front fence. Have a headache today. Irene dined with us tonight.

Oct. 2 The Sturhahns were over to see us this morning. In spite of the drought they seem cheerful. To see Betty this afternoon. We went tonight, as Peggy Jacobs' guests, to the musical pageant at the Purcellville School, unusually bad.

oct. 3 Malcolm and John left for N. Y. this morning. Poor little John was lost here where all the other servants are negros. He doesn't drive a car. Mr. Marley is quite a character- a professional Scot.
oct 4 I have finished "The Man of Property" and started on "Indian Summer of A Forsyte" and "In Chancery". He writes a flowing and artful prose, but is occasionally a little naive. Dined at the Battletown Inn where we saw the owners who have a house in Berrysville.
oct. 5 My ten little deutzia came today. Very handsome plants. They went into the nursery, carefully pruned, and will eventually go in by the front wall. I am also thinking of some climbing roses and floribundas there. The Crowens have told us some distressing gossip about a lady of our acquaintance here.

oct. 6, 1951 Al is down for a week and he and Betty came over for tea with their guests. He says that his springs have held up well in spite of the drought.

oct. 7 To see the Freds at Possum Springs. They bought an old frame house of the 1900 period, and have done a lovely, but I fear also costly, job of restoration. Their picture window looks out to a magnificent sweep of the ridge. We had a small rain tonight - enough to help the grass a little.

oct. 8 Everything is fresher for the rain although still too dry. We dined with the Johnsons tonight; corn bread, hog jowl and turnip salet. Delicious. The price of apples is very low and Al is retaining some of his for winter. The Buckinghams have closed their place for the winter.

oct. 9 our neighbors, the Newcombs, called this afternoon. He is a Kentuckian and his father, or maybe his grandfather, was president of the L. & N. railroad. He is a dairyman with a herd of shorthorns. The Fords dined with us and played bridge. He is a weird bridge but plays his hands well.

oct. 10 The weather is unpleasant and I am reduced to playing solitaire. But no rain. My small white pines came today and were put in the nursery. Took Irene and Marie to dinner at the Courtney Inn.

oct 11 Herbert Cooley tells me that General Leavey's place has been sold for $47,500.00. Paid Mr. Morley another $500.00 today. The whole bottom part of the house needs work and the cellar is being dug out and floored with cement. Took the Cooleys to dinner at the Courtney Inn and returned to their house for canasta, ours being cold.

Oct. 12, 1951 We took the Crowens and their guest, Mrs. Walcott, to dine at the Battletown Inn tonight. Mrs. Walcott is the widow of Bills deceased partner. Mrs. Courtney tells us that Mrs. Courtney, Sr., now aged 96 has to have a night nurse.
Oct. 13 Planted another 100 baby bay today. This makes 400 in all. These put in a month ago have suffered considerably from the drought.
Mailed a ham for Malcolm to his friend Sir John Morris in London.
Dined at Jones, comaster with her, M- and Margaret.
Oct. 14 To see the Jones this morning. Charlie's vacation is over and they are closing their house. His nephew, Van Dyke Jones, was there with his wife and children. We then went on to see the Lows. Nancy is not well. Our $80 electric radiator has sprung a leak from a fault in the steel.

oct. 15 To Berryville this morning where we tried in vain to get someone to mend our radiator. Bought some grass seed. Thence to Mr. Alders where we picked up our 12 hams and were greatly shocked to find skippers. Poor Mr. Alder was much disturbed.
oct. 16 We took two mulleins to the Jacobs this afternoon and helped set them out. They have a magnificent, spring-fed pond or small lake which is still overflowing lushly in spite of the drought. To a bridge party with the Fords tonight. The cooleys and owen Thomases also there.
oct. 18 Mrs. Robey has given us some shrubs, citrofolia and bush honeysuckle, and amaryllis lilies. We dined tonight with the Jacobs. Irene was also there. The Jacobs have done very well with their handsome house and lovely grounds. I envy them their fine maples and ample water.

Oct 18, 1951 I have given my customary gift of money and books to the Purcellville Library; although I never know exactly whether my books are useful. We dined tonight at the Crowns and Bell and I defeated the ladies at canasta.

Oct. 19 With Irene and Marie we dined at the firemans dinner in the Round Hill Schoolhouse and then went on to a church card party at Purcellville, our samba game broke up in hilarity when we discovered that Irene had brought fragments of four decks instead of three complete ones.

Oct. 20 We could do little today to close the place as the termite people are still at work. Many of our plants from Kelseys are still not here. Dined with the Hancocks tonight - the Johnsons also being there. A delicious steak dinner.

oct 21 Drove leisurely back to N. Y., getting started at 7:30 A. M. and arriving at 3:30 P. M. our car was loaded as usual so that Margaret said that we looked like okies on the way to California. She objected particularly to a sack of potatoes but I told her that carrying a sack of food was the hallmark of a coming man. Malcolm has moved in.

oct. 22 While in Purcellville we bought an oil painting from Mrs. Kirk, discarded the painting and used the frame for a mirror which Mrs. Nichols cut for us. It is very handsome in Malcolm's room. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cook have been killed in an automobile accident.

oct. 23 Ed Steele caught me on the street today to complain bitterly about his humiliating position at M-T Co. now that three juniors have been promoted over him. The Bush Terminal Bldg Co is trying to recapitalize. I would get 5,000 shares of common stock.

oct. 24, 1951 Another long conference at M-T Co. with Bob Young and his entourage. He has less finesse than any big business man I have met. To the Whites 20th anniversary dinner, for which we contributed a Virginia ham. cocktails at their apartment, dinner at the university club and then to the Harkness apartment.

oct 25 Had Malcolm McMaster to lunch at the D.T.A. I gather that he is seriously considering leaving N.Y. I am hoping my troubles with Merken on the settlement with the ex-Mrs. Kimball.

oct. 26 Have bought 5 cases of sherry, one of gin and scattered bottles of other beverages to beat the tax rise on Nov. 1. To Dauber & Pine's & The Carnegie Book Shop today. Bought a fine translation of the Aeneid, printed in 1648 (vol I) and 1658; also a number of busts of Edith Wharton; also a volume on the university of K.y.

oct. 27 We had another interview this week with Bob Young and his myrmidons. I cannot understand how such a crude fellow has gotten as far as he has. Reading Lustgarten's "Defenders Triumph"; the story of four famous English trials. It seems to be built largely on the Notable British Trials Series.
oct. 28 Vernon Ford, who is doing his turn in the Army in a camp near Harrisburg, and a friend are spending the weekend with us. Spent my day cataloguing except for a lap to see Ella. Margaret is not well.
oct. 29 Mr. Williams, the new oxford Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, and his wife are staying with us during their stay in New York on their American tour. We gave a cocktail party for them this afternoon. The guests included the Kuefers, the Eagans, Hulls, Carters, R. Carson, Norman Littell, the Browns, Eleanora Ford, the Kinsolvings, Bert Miller, the Wilsons + J. Dunlop

Oct 30 To the Rhodes Scholar Dinner tonight for Mr. and Mrs. Williams. He was much alarmed when he learned that Lord Halifax, chancellor of Oxford, was to be there to hear him, but in fact made a good speech. I was interested to meet for the first time Dunlop one of my predecessors from K.Y.

Oct. 31 Several handsome checks from the office have rescued me from penury - at least until tax date. To the Kiefers for a cocktail party this afternoon and then to a firm dinner at the University Club. Office personnel problems discussed.

Nov 1 We have liked the Williams very much and were sorry to see them leave this morning. The should do as well, it seems to me, as the Wileys and Allens. She is especially an attractive youngster. Armstrong has left Bankers Trust company.

Nov. 2 Had Howland Auchincloss to ~~dinner~~ lunch at the D. T. A. He agrees to becoming chairman of the Subcommittee on Investment Securities. Stopped by Bibo + Tanner's this afternoon where I bought two doubtful Mark Twain items, three of de la Roche Jalna books, Wecter's book on the depression years and Dilnot's Trial of The Detectives.

Nov. 3 Mrs. Marley telephoned from Washington to remind me that a cold spell was predicted and that I should have the house drained. Telephoned Hatcher to do it. At the Carnegie Book-shop where I bought an 18th century manuscript that had once been in Sir Thomas Phillipps' collection. Lunched with Kirschenbaum and his friend, Mr. Boni, the publisher.

Nov. 4 Cataloguing. Am slowly getting through the great mass of items I bought just before vacation. To see Ella this afternoon. She is very chipper. Reading de la Roche's "Whiteoak Heritage which is only mildly interesting. Also Croft's "The Cask".

Nov. 5, 1951 Long conference this morning on the use of office personnel. We are desperately short of young lawyers. Irene arrived this morning. Tonight we saw "The Moon is Blue", a pleasant little comedy staring Barbara Bel Geddes, Barry Nelson and Donald Cook.

Nov. 6 Bob Barnley and George Spater are both quite ill. Malcolm McMaster is discussing a job with a bank in Brattleboro, Vermont. The Sam Reales gave a cocktail party for us (in honor of Irene) this afternoon. Thence home and played canasta.

Nov. 7 Brad Norman is dead. He was only 5-5. He had been ill for about 18 months but was believed to be better. Tonight we saw Uta Hagen in Shaw's Saint Joan. She was excellent and the production as a whole was satisfactory. Irene and I both saw the original production in London with Sybil Thorndyke & Maurice Evans.

Nov. 8 Mr. Morley telephoned this morning to say that our cellar was flooded after a heavy rain. I had been afraid from the beginning that the cement floor would hold the water, but Morley and Dew thought otherwise. We had a dinner party tonight for Irene: with the Peales and McMasters as well as M. Fooshee.

Nov. 9 Drove to Round Hill today, leaving at 12:4 and arriving at 8:45 with a stop for supper. Most of the foliage has faded but now and then a red or yellow tree is seen. Irene's friend, Mrs. Gill, was there to greet us.

Nov. 10 our stone fence is finished and the entrance gate is quite handsome. Alec has most of the loose stones cleared away. The pond is almost full, but there is no overflow. No new grass or clover has sprouted. To see Bill and Marie Crowens Bill has been in bed two weeks with a bad back. The Freds came in tonight and we has some lively canasta.

Nov. 11, 1951 Irene's hospitality has made this a fine week-end for us. We closed the house today but had to leave on the electricity as Mr. Marley is still at work. Alec put in all the plants from Kelsey as they came and they seem to be O.K. for the winter. Bertie and Tommy were on hand to greet us. Mr. Kelley has sold Judy and Johnny. To the Finals for samba tonight.

Nov. 12 To see the sick again this morning, Bill Cravens and Nancy Lowe. Also to our house where Mr. Marley reported that he has almost finished. He had to do a lot of work under the kitchen floor. Corasta this afternoon. Mrs. Bill took us to Washington.

Nov. 13 Len Moore's mother is dead. She had been failing for some time. I see by the Advance that Charles Hall is in an old folks home in Paducah. I am sorry that the old man had to give up. He is almost the last of the Group of the Christian church of my childhood.

Nov. 14 Spent most of today working on a proposed settlement of the Hopkins-Davis will matter. Young Frank Davis was up from Paducah and we arrived at a tentative agreement with Marden and McLaughlin of White & Case pursuant to which the residue will be set up in trust for the daughter for life and Mrs. Davis in remainder.
Nov. 15 Have a nice letter from Norman Littel, with reprints of two of his articles on foreign affairs. We heard in Virginia that Mrs. DeButts had committed suicide by jumping from a window of their Washington apartment. Reading volume 1 of Hoovers memoirs. They display an unexpected amount of humor.
Nov. 16 Received Mr. Morley's final bill in the amount of $1200. This brings the job to $2700 and Mr. Morley says that he knocked off $260 74. This brings this years expenditures on Langfields to a very high figure. Lunched at the Bankers Club with Woodruff, McLellan, Martin, Clark, Croft and Burdett to discuss further SHPX financings.

November 17, 1951 Spent almost all day at the Parke-Bernet Galleries seeing the Marion Davies furnishings sold. Most of the furniture went at high prices, but we got two lots of silver at an aggregate of $104, including tax. I have a slight head cold. Malcolm tells me that our friend and former dentist, Dr. Funk, died a year or so ago.

Nov. 18 Stayed in all day nursing my head cold and recuperating from the effects of castor oil. Wrote letters to Hulson, Bernice, Louise, Harry Melton and Ed. Johnson. Cataloguing. I am very pleased with my 17th century "L'Eneide", translated by Pierre Perrin and printed in two calligraphic types of Pierre Moreau. The two volumes are dedicated, respectively to cardinals Mazarin and Barberini. Unfortunately the bindings are modern.

Nov. 19 Lunched at the D.T.A. with S. Mathews. Malcolm McMaster has accepted the Brattleboro job and Sydney will have to take on a new job at the Trust Company.

~~Nov.~~ Sept. 20 Henry Gardiner is back from Chile and seems to have recovered completely from his illness. The Advance is full of the death of my friends: Eb (Elbert) Harrison has committed suicide by jumping in a cistern. He was 64. He and his twin brother, Lewis, were always eccentric boys and there may have been an insane disturbance. Pete Stevens, Kirk's son, is dead at 40. Rip Hatcher is dead. He was a worthless boy, but seems to have settled down later.

Nov. 21 We had decided that Thurston was unhappy at Tulane and offered to let him change next year to Sewanee or elsewhere. He writes, however, that he likes Tulane and wants to stay. Joan arrived tonight and went to the Junior League ball with great excitement and fanfare.

Nov. 22 Young Clare arrived this morning, very excited but thin and with a bad color. Ralph and Cecile Carson joined us in our Thanksgiving dinner. Cecile seems to have had a good time on her trip to France. Clare returned to her school tonight.

November 23, 1951 Took Jim Clark to lunch at the D.T.A. He is quite pleased with the SHBX financing and approved my request for a fee of $10,000. Benny Ransen came in to see me - still hunting a job. He tells me that Humphrey Chadbourne was flat broke when he died. He seems to suspect suicide. Have begun Vol. 3 of Durey's "Histoire Des Grecs".

Nov. 24 At the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought a fine set of the Grands Écrivains edition of Corneille, a fine Maland's La Fontaine, the Garnier reprint of Sainte-Beuve (less the second series of the Lundis), a 1769 ~~Amsterdam~~ Amsterdam edition of Rousseau's "Julie" in a superb binding and a nice copy of the Abelard-Eloise letters. The youngsters are flocking to the house to see Joan - tonight Benny James and young Tom Dewey.

Nov. 25 Joan returned to Radcliffe today. Cataloguing and cleaning books. Finished the first volumes of Hoover's memoirs. Episodic but interesting.

Nov. 24 After dodging it for several years I had to go to the Democratic dinner tonight. Our office took a table at $100 a plate. Charley Jones was my guest. The group was a most depressing one on the whole.

Nov. 25 To the dentist to have my new denture fitted - having taken the old one. Working with Sherman Bijur at Hayden Stone on a sugar shipment in which the Grace Bank is collaborating. Reading Felix Holt's "Gabriel Horn", a novel about the pioneers in Western Kentucky. The dialect seems to me to be not quite right.

Nov. 28 Anne and Raymond Rodgers to dinner. Raymond seems to be travelling a great deal for his oil company and seems tired and worn. June is still in law school but spent last summer in Europe. Ralph Ray tells me that he has had a letter from Arthur Keefe who wants to quit teaching and get a job in business. Inflation effects!

Nov. 29, 1951 Ike Hasper will retire about January 1 or a few weeks thereafter. He seems to me to be reluctant to go, but he is not far from seventy. ordered a new suit from Mullers.

Nov. 30 Zellner writes that he is having Thurston's teeth straightened. It should have been done years ago, but Bernice did not accept Zellner's offer at that time. Lunched today with Mr. Tweed, Judge Goodrich, Mr. Schnader and Charlie Willard to discuss the status of the proposed commercial code. The Governor has definitely refused to make it a part of his legislative program.

Dec. 1 Wrote letters today to Zellner, Mrs. Robey, Hilson et al. Went through the recent Blackwell and Dobell catalogues and made out orders for a lot of books. The Dobell catalogue of general literature is a rich one and I found many desirable items. otherwise read and napped most of the day - very peaceful.

Dec. 1 ^ See volume Spent almost all day at the Parke-Bernet Galleries examining the Litchfield Library. It lacks the very valuable rarities of the Wilmerding collection but is even more interesting to reading collectors. I left bids on a Baskerville Bible and one or two other items. Back by the Carnegie where I bought the Earl of Crawford's collection of Lever, a handsome lot ~~but all~~ rebound

Dec. 3 Lee Morey, Dee Stone and I took Henry Gardiner to lunch. He is to return to Chile in a few days I think that the ways of the Chileans are getting a little too much for Henry. Got in a mass of books from Blackwell's and Dobell's.

Dec 4. Lunched with Alec Pinney. At the Litchfield auction tonight. Dave Kirschenbaum had bought the Baskerville Milton and a fine quarto of Chesterfields Miscellaneous works for me this afternoon. I bought two or three items but the prices were high. Purchasers were dealers chiefly.

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Dec. 5 We dined like emperors on pheasant tonight - a present from the Whites. John did not cook it quite enough for my taste. Reading the Baccarat case from the Notable British Trials series. How stuffy the game was - and the players as well.

Dec. 6 We dined with the Whites tonight. Bill seems to have had a good year. I am about to get the Hopkins will case settled. The daughter will, I believe, come around to a settlement on a cash basis in the end. Am reading Maurois' "Les Silences du Colonel Bramble".

Dec. 7 Took young Don Geary to lunch today. He is a handsome youth and very bright. To Princeton this evening. The new Stevens house is very elegant. Sidney says that he can't afford to buy it, but it would make him a permanent home. He has had a good year at the Bank and seems to be growing in maturity and satisfaction.

Dec. 8 Helped Sidney prune some shrubs this morning. The house is a very old one and stands in a good-sized lot with a lawn and shrubs. Lunched at the Nassau Tavern bar and bought two Gould bird prints and four small flower prints at the Little Picture Shop. Guests in for dinner.

Dec. 9 Heard Dr. Van Dusen preach in the chapel then back to the house for cocktails. Larry Levengood took us to lunch at the Nassau Club. He has retired and spends much of his time in Florida. Mr. Savage, who was at the cocktail party, is at the Library. A most interesting fellow. I have promised to give my duplicate Petelot etc to the Library. Home at 9 P.M.

Dec. 10 Newman & Besco have lost the Manufacturers Trust account, and the firm is dissolving. My new suit has arrived, gray with some brown in it. Very smart. Alec has sent us one of our hams, which seems to be O.K. We must eat them all before summer.

Dec. 11, 1954 Spent a large part of the day interviewing youngsters from the Yale Law School. They seem better prepared and more sophisticated than my generation. At the Litchfield sale tonight. Bought the original edition of Lowndes, a collection of sales catalogues, some bibliographies, a set of De Quincey.

Dec. 12 Took Bill Taylor and Lee Morey to lunch at the D. T. A. At the Litchfield sale again tonight. Bought a first of Yale's Marco Polo & a Bogart. This afternoon Kerschenbaum bought for me a set of Dumas, a fine edition of Les Trois Mosquetaires, a collection of Hazlitt, Lacroix etc.

Dec. 13 Young MacD Ferguson is dead. He never got anywhere, I believe. Possibly too much spoiled in his youth. Dined with the S. Mathews tonight. The Mills and McMasters were there. The McMasters have bought a large house just outside Brattleboro.

Dec. 14 Clare arrived today, somewhat matured and sobered by her first absence from home but glad to see us. A terrible snowstorm hit N. Y. tonight. We couldn't get a taxi so we walked with Clare to W. 9th Street where she was having dinner with the Prices and went on from there by subway to the underwoods where we had dinner with the underwoods.

Dec. 15 Cleaned and catalogued today, getting along with my Levers. To a Parke-Bernet furniture sale this afternoon but bought only one table out of a good many bids. An eighteenth century card table.

Dec. 16 Cataloguing and cleaning books again. Also going through the sales catalogues from the Litchfield sale. This afternoon we had a cocktail party for the Wells, McGraths, Silmans, Reales, Peter Millers etc. Kitty McGraw turns out to be a lover of books also. The party was about the right size and very congenial.

Dec. 17, 1954 Still interviewing applicants for jobs. They are flooding the office a little early this year. I have my usual long letter from Miss Jennewritten at intervals during the year. The last part is written by a friend of hers who says that she is in the hospital. Very disturbing!
Dec. 18 The Johnsons came to dinner and we played canasta, the ladies giving Al and me a beating.
Clarence Whipple is dead at 70. The old Bandana friends have gone very rapidly these last few ~~do~~ years. Clarence was always fond of us and we shall miss him.
Dec. 19 Roswell Armstrong was in to see me today, as crazy as ever, and I had to take him to lunch in a heavy rain. He got a good severance arrangement with Bankers Trust and is in the bond business with his friend Fredericks. Morris Colonel Bramble is a charming book, chiefly surface but pleasing.

Dec. 20 To dine with the Carsons tonight. They are about to leave for a short vacation in Key West. The Lloyd Lapartes and Malcolm were also there. Ralph gave us a detailed account of his cross examination of Bob Young in the investment-bankers anti-trust suit and told us that Young was a scoundrel - which makes it unanimous.

Dec. 21 Went to Manufacturers Trust and Bankers Trust to do my annual hand-shaking and christmas greeting. Saw Henry Van Elm who looks very gray and old. Nothing was said about Kilpatrick. Had a farewell lunch at the Lawyers Club with McMaster and some of his friends.

Dec. 22 To the Carnegie Bookshop where I bought a set of Bentley's Miscellany, a collection of Galsworthy firsts and six firsts of Mary Johnson - all for $135.00, plus tax. Met Margaret and searched vainly for a latter-suit vest for my christmas present. Bought some book sale catalogues at Carol Cass's store.

Dec. 23, 1951 To Springfield - without lunch as we discovered too late that the train had no diner. We got there in time for the Doty's big Christmas party - with carols, supper and much liquor. Laura Lewis was there - very pathetic. The Hapes were there - apparently one of their first visits to Springfield since she walked out on Bill Skinner. Dec. 24 To the Bank this morning to hear the Christmas carols again and then to the Colony Club for lunch. Then to the cocktail party and supper at the Clapps. Foster says that he dislikes Bonpers Trust and is closing the Leman Trust account there. Dec. 25 Got a fine maccles-field tie from Foster in the Christmas exchanges - fetched from Bermuda! Dinner with the Beath's. Her mother was there and a Dr. and Mrs Anderson and two daughters. Very hospitable and charming. M- didn't feel well and we came back to N.Y. early, arriving at 9 P.M. in a heavy rain.

Dec. 26 Joan is very tired from her festivities - really too much for a girl of 18. Grace Morey has a son and I think that Lee is delighted although he adopts a blasé attitude. Have a letter from Zellner who tells me that Jasper is ill and out of work again.
Dec. 27 Have a long letter from Bernice who encloses a letter to her from Erma Jones. Aunt Ada is 94 and very feeble in body but apparently has still a strong and active mind. Erma apparently has the entire care of her Mother. Jack Buckinger tells me that I am to get a salary of $1200 a year for my trivial job as vice President of International Commercial Corp. of Wilmington.
Dec. 28 I have gotten in about $20,000 as my share of the fees for the year end. Our net this year will be more than $1,000,000 for the first time. I had a talk with Brome for next year. Our retainer will be discontinued but he thinks that we should get special work.

Dec. 29, 1951 At Dauber + Pine's today where I bought a copy of the first edition of Cruikshank's omnibus in a full contemporary morocco binding; also a nice set of Le Roux de Lincy's edition of the Heptameron. I see by the Advance that W. L. Keeper, Gordon's father, is dead in Bandana.

Dec. 30 Worked all day in my library cleaning and cataloguing the books that have crowded on me, especially the 56 volumes of Lever. We had a delayed Xmas present giving with the Foashees. My chief gift was a fine shaving brush.

Dec. 31 At the office today, mostly interviewing applicants. To the Johnsons party tonight. Dinner and canasta and champagne at midnight Anne Matthews and her new husband - I believe his name was Rawson - were there. Also the Haveys, Ben Matthews, Austins and Gatschals. A quiet but pleasant time.

This has been a difficult but absorbing year. Clare Foushee died in June and we have taken in the Foushee family. That has worked out well on the whole. Miss Jennie is ill and I am worried that she may be near the end. Mammy is holding on well but is obviously getting feebler. My own health is better. I have lost the commercial but seem to be making some progress with Bankers Trust. I am no further with Manufacturers Trust but am really working at it. Some new business is coming my way. our income this year is more than $60,000 but we have spent a lot of money on the Virginia place and on books and the income taxes are very high. Jasper is ill, possibly dangerously so, Jack and Louise are not doing well financially and are not well. Nelson's family is well. Thurston seems to be by the worst at Tulane.

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