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Loose Item

January 1, 1952 Very tired today. Wrote to Peggy Eagan to thank her for the book "Five Acres And Independence" which she sent me for Christmas. Also to Wilson and Bernice. Finished volume I of Ousley's life of Charles E. Hughes. January 2 Lunched today with Brame. our retainer is terminated as of the end of 1951, but we will continue to get some work for which we will be paid on a quantum merut basis. Miss Jennie is in the hospital - very ill. I am much alarmed about her. If she does have to go I hope that she will be spared a painful illness. Jan. 3 Ruth Dean came to dinner tonight. Ruth has made a good position for herself in the scholastic world but seems to have tired of it and to have a hankering to get into business. I gave her my second set of Jewelle. It is short veil, which she already has, but is otherwise a fine set.

Jan. 4 Malcolm has a bad throat and Dr. Howe has sent him to the New York Hospital for a few days. Clare left today. At Mr. Menken's apartment where I discussed the Kimball estate with him, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Collins. Reading French detective stories.

Jan. 5 At the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought two Coleridge letters, one with a manuscript poem, and a number of fine Conrad items from the Lower Library. This gives me a great addition to my hitherto small Conrad collection. Reading French detective stories.

Jan. 6 cleaning and polishing the Lever collection. These items have all been re-bound for the Earl of Carysfort, the last owner, in a green morocco by Riviere. I find that need to pay at least $10,000 more on January 15 on my 1951 Federal income tax. Joan left tonight and I had great trouble getting her a seat on the crowded train. Reading Ruser's Hughes.

January 7, 1952 Took Wattrick to lunch at the D. T. A. Although he says nothing, I suspect that Wilfred is not too well satisfied with the new management changes at M. T. Co. Like myself, he was devoted to Stauffer. Had a talk with Alex Ardrey today. He says that we well get ample work from Bankers Trust, but I have my doubts.

Jan. 8 Dr. Howe is upset about Malcolm's lungs and an expert diagnostician has been called in. I can hardly believe that the checks which he frequently has would have failed to turn up any serious condition. Lunched at the D. T. A. with S. Martin and Dexter Kimball.

Jan. 9 The Whites dined with us and we all went to the annual meeting of the Gramercy Park Assn. The usually placid meeting was turned into a comic farce by a General Gibson who attacked one and all, including Herbert Brownell, until the meeting voted the General down.

Jan. 10 The specialist says that Malcolm's lungs are O.K. This takes a great weight off all our minds. Spent the day, a rainy one, at home cataloguing and cleaning books. A nice lot has come in from Blackwell's: Browning, Swinburne, Gosse, Dowden's Shelley, Southey etc.

Jan. 11 Lunched with Fletcher at the British Luncheon Club. He was made a partner at Hallgarten's as of January 1, and seems to be much pleased. I think that I would not care to be a partner in an investment banking house in this high stock market. My 1951 income from the firm ~~was~~ was $55 450.97.

Jan. 12 Made up packages this morning for Wilson and Jasper. Set to the postoffice a few minutes after it closed and had to lug the packages back. To see Malcolms this afternoon. He has hurt his back by an incautious sneeze and is suffering great pain. Reading second volume of Ausey's Hughes.

January 13, 1952 The Laws, the Johnsons and Herman Riedel came to dinner. Herman was in splendid morning dress as befitting one who had just heard Turkey Kunsaluang's comforting sermon at St. James Church. Nancy looks much better than when I saw her in Virginia last November.
Jan. 14 Lunched with S. Martin. Ida and Artie Mueller seem to have gotten on well in their new relationship. Artie's practical mind and knowledge of operations are apparently of value to Seawell. Reading Kantor's "Long Remember", a fine novel about the battle of Gettysburg.
Jan. 15 Paid $10,000 on my 1951 income tax today, bringing the total payments to $22,000. I am afraid that the capital gains will bring the payments to about $25,000. At the Peoples Industrial Bank stockholders meeting. I have the impression that the new officers of Household are tired of the Peoples Investment

Jan. 16 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. The Ausey book gets dull in the second volume. He devotes a most disproportionate number of pages to Hughes's work as Secretary of State, which, in spite of the fanfare at the time, was of little importance.
Jan. 17 Chauncey Dodds, my friend at the R. F. C., is dead at 5-9. His end may have been hastened by the publicity he got during the Senatorial Investigation. We dined tonight with the Houghton Bells at their Brooklyn Heights home. Very pleasant evenings. Both of the Bells have developed well, quiet, sensible and strong.
Jan. 18 We dined with the Wells tonight. Dean seems to be in good spirits. Am reading Van Wyck Brooks "The Confident Age", the final volume of his history of American Literature.
Jan. 19 Worked with Jule Stocker most of the day at the General Realty office on a complicated loan matter. Cataloguing the new Conrad items tonight. Some unusual numbers such as "Almayers Folly" (rebound) and "Point of Honor"

January 20, 1952 Malcolm is back from the hospital and seems to be fully recovered. It appears that the worst of his illness was caused by one of the new drugs, aureomycin, I believe. I am still at work on the canned items.

Jan. 21 Reading Richter's "The Fields", a sequel to "The Trees". It is a good book that shows a real historical sense but I suspect that the dialect, which the author took so much pains with as he points out in the preface, is not too authentic. To Leroy Andrew's to lunch at the D. T. A.

Jan. 22 Robert Patterson was killed today in a plane that crashed into a building in Elizabeth, N. J., just outside the Newark airport. It seems strange that he and Forrestall, our two leading procurement officials in World War II, should both die so soon and so tragically. Frank Hubschek and McClure of Household Finance were in today to discuss the proposed sale of Peoples Industrial Bank.

Jan. 23 The Newhouse estate accounting is finished at last. I have a nice letter from Estes Kefauver about his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. To the N.Y. State Bar Banking Law Section dinner tonight; I am to be on the Executive committee this coming year.

Jan. 24 Spent most of the day at the Banking Law Section where some excellent papers were read; Bill Taylor, who is president of the N.Y. State Bankers Assn this year, was our guest of honor at luncheon. Cocktails with Al Buerger and then to the President's dinner at the Manhattan Club;

Jan. 25 To Pat's cocktail party for the Navy people this afternoon. The Mayo clinic seems to have made a new man of him. Pat is a friend of Paul Fitzpatrick and I tried to interest him in Kefauver but with little effect. Took Homer Woods and Bill Embleidge to dinner at the Music Box - to which Homer is devoted.

Jan. 26, 1952 I went yesterday as Jack Buckingers guest to the luncheon given by the Newcomer Society in honor of Lever Brothers. A more pretentious Rotarian group. Worked at the office today. To the Neale's cocktail part at 5 P.M. and then to the Waldorf for the annual dinner of the N.Y. State Bar Assn. Bill Taylor was our guest. Bill and I went to Art's suite after dinner where we heard Bob Benjamin give an account of the efforts to get a new trial for Hiss.

Jan. 27 Ellen Longfeld tells me that Bill and Kay Nutt were in to see her recently. They are back in N.Y. and Kay is back at Guaranty Trust. Walter Afuzenmoyer tells me that Walter, Jr. has changed jobs again. He is now with a Long Island utility company as an inspector. Malcolm is deeply excited over the Kefauver candidacy and is spending most of his time on it.

Jan. 28 Took Menken to lunch at the D. T. A. As Jews are seldom admitted there he was much flattered. Am working on the brief for Phillips. Leo Diamond is in the hospital with some kind of thrombosis. This may in part result from worry as the poor fellow has been unsuccessfully trying to get a new job.

Jan. 29 Joan, who has been with us for a few days, left again today. Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. The package which I sent to Jasper recently was returned. He has moved without a forwarding address.

Jan. 30 Roy Lockwood is back at M. T. Co. after a serious operation, somewhat thinner but apparently fully recovered. Malcolm has gone to Washington to help with the Kefauver candidacy. It seems as though the first serious test will be in the New Hampshire primary in March. The Truman forces seem to be lining up against Truman.

Jan. 31, 1952 Maggie (Mrs. Ezra) Titsworth is dead. She was only 63, and has been in bad health a number of years. Ezra died last January. Her father is still alive. The newspapers are carrying stories about an Insurance Dep't. investigation of of Equitable Life. All its legal and adverbsing weakness seems to go to old Parkinson's two sons.

Feb. 1 This diary is 41 years old today. The Alec Runeys come to dinner tonight. Peg tells me that she is now beginning the study of Homeric Greek. Alec told me for the first time that he is the great-grand son of Alexander campbell. Malcolm returned tonight.

Feb. 2 At the carnegie Book Shop where I bought a small Lamb manuscript, "That Enough Is As Good As A Feast" for $110. It was from the Podell collection recently sold at the Parke-Bernet. Also, from the same collection, a fragment of the manuscript of the Preface to Paul Et Virginie. Cost $75.00

Feb. 3 Repacked Jasper's box and added my brown overcoat as he needs one. Also packed the Julienville for Ruth Dean which I have just finished cleaning and polishing. Worked on the Salsworthy plans which I recently bought at the Carnegie. A nice lot. Reading Granville-Barkers penetrating prefaces to Shakespeare's plays.

Feb. 4 Finished the Phillips brief and am in hopes that it will win the case. My eyes are very tired. The Granville-Barker preface to King Lear gives me an entirely new insight to the play. The author pursues the Kittredge idea that Shakespeare can only be understood as drama and in the light of the techniques and traditions of the Elizabethan theatre.

Feb. 5 King George is dead and the event has aroused almost as much interest in this country as in England. Perhaps the Americans still have a lingering love of royalty. I have a nice letter from Estes Kefauver, thanking me for a $100 contribution to his campaign fund.

February 6, 1952 The Mathews and Kyles dined with us last evening. The Kyles have bought a small house near Easthampton and are having fun furnishing and decorating it. In view of Duck's hay fever they can't have an ordinary country place; Met Joe Bame on the street today. He was retired on January 1, but has been kept on temporarily on some kind of special assignment. Joe is in excellent health and doesn't want to quit.

Feb. 7 Arthur Keefe told me at the annual bar dinner that my article on set-off under chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act was still regarded in academic circles as the "best statement" of the "wrong view". Had a letter from Thurston. His grades are not a cause for jubilation. His professors say that he expresses himself poorly and have advised reading and writing reviews. Excellent advice. Thurston has some friends who are trying to find a lawyer to press the Edwards' heirs' claims to the Trinity Church property.

Feb 8 Some merchant has delivered to Malcolm for Estes a dozen fine coon-skin caps the insignia of the Kefauver candidacy. I am afraid that my spectacles make me look more like Ben Franklin in the cap than Daniel Boone; Elie Ramey has gone to the hospital. An epidemic of rabies has spread among the foxes in Loudoun County and poor Bertie and Tommie are shot up.

Feb. 9 At Dauber + Pines where I bought a fine copy of a first of Salsworthys "Flowering Wilderness"; also a handsome set of Buchan's French Memoirs in 48 volumes. The last is redundant as I have already two sets of Petalot and one of Michaud, but I couldn't resist. The plumbing in our guest room is out of order and I may have to go to the Rent Commission to coerce the landlord into having it repaired.

Feb. 10 Margaret has a bad headache and has stayed in bed all day. She may never recover if she has to continue to eat my cooking. To the concert at the Harvard Club with Malcolm and the Prices.

February 11, 1952 Mrs. Chester Anderson is dead in her early sixties. Poor Chester has had plenty of trouble and this must be a crushing blow. I have written to him. I have the final Hodgins & Gillian bill, $667.33. In view of my income tax liabilities we have to slow up on improvements to the Virginia place this year.

Feb. 12 quiet day at home. Tonight we dined with the Jim Clarks and their friends the Huffmans at the Cork Lane and then went on to see a charming and unusual play, "I Am A Camera". A light play with serious moments cast in Germany during the rise of the Nazis.

Feb. 13 Very tired today. Mr. Bedford of the Bush Terminal is dead. He has been a careful and conservative operator and I am worried about losing him at the helm in this critical period. In spite of working hard at the job I am much behind on my library work.

Feb. 14 Charlie Lowrey and I had a long luncheon with Jack Hutton. Jack seems to be busy as usual with legislative matters. The Kefauver campaign seems to be slowing down as a result of the truman hostility. He would, I believe, be the strongest candidate if he could get the nomination.

Feb. 15 Bud Hull is dead. He must have been about 65. Bud is a tragic example of the man who makes a brilliant start in life and encounters adversity in age. He has had some liver trouble. We are going to ask for a fee of $75.00 in the Matt J. Henehouse accounting.

Feb. 16 Irene arrived this afternoon for a week with us, smart and charming as usual. She says that Bill Cravens is better. We dined at the Harvard club tonight and saw John Dunlop feeding a personable young female. Irene has closed her house until mid-April and has her headquarters in Washington.

Feb. 17, 1952 Worked on my income tax this morning. It is going to take most of my ready cash to get me through March 15th. We had a cocktail party this afternoon for the Whites, Carruths, Greene Johnsons and Greenes. Mrs. Greene is a sister of Blanche Wells.

Feb. 18 We had a dinner party tonight for Irene. The Sawleys, Von Steenberghs and Malcolm completed the company. Bridge afterwards.

Feb 19 Lunched with Sowell Martin at the D. T. A. He says that the gross earnings of his department were up in 1951 but that the net decreased. Higher costs as usual. Canasta tonight with M-, Irene and Malcolm.

Feb. 20 The Mareys came to dinner tonight. They got along well with Irene. After dinner we went to see Point of No Return starring Henry Fonda, a dramatic version of Marquand's book of the same name.

Feb. 21 To the Peale's cocktail party tonight. His brother, Roger, whom I had not met before is an attractive chap; also Mrs Roger. After dinner at Aux Pommes Frites, which Irene seemed to enjoy very much we returned to the house where the Whites and Bill MacGregor joined us for drinks.

Feb. 22 I am carrying on a lively correspondence with Dr. Griggs, the editor of Coleridge, to whom I sent photostats of Coleridge letters I bought at the Carnegie Book Shop. Griggs is preparing a complete edition of Coleridges letters. To tea with the Correas this afternoon.

Feb. 23 Irene left this morning - to our great regret. To the Carnegie where I bought four letters of Proust, bound into a little volume, a Bernard print of Marlowe winter and a Baskerville Catullus in a very fine contemporary Morocco binding. To the Peter Miller tonight. The Barlens and Rhills were also there.

Feb. 24, 1902 A quiet day at home today. Wrote letters to Mammy and Miss Jennie. Cleaned the big Dumas set I bought at the Litchfield sale. Malcolm left for Chicago today. Bar Association business.

Feb 25 Miss Maud (Mrs. Charles) Cruce is dead. She had taught in the Bandana schools about twenty-five years. Her articles in the local paper have been the chief sources of Bandana news for a good many years. Bob Frier is about to leave us. He is a restless fellow and top men are in great demand.

Feb 26 Margaret left tonight for a visit to Lawson, from whence she will go on to Tucson. Went to the Chrysler sale this afternoon. Carnegie bought for me a Master Humphreys clock in the weekly parts, a fine calendge manuscript with a letter a first edition of Christabel with a letter, a number of Robert Bridges plays etc.

Feb. 27 I see by the papers that the Kentucky basketball players have pleaded guilty to accepting bribes to throw games. To the Practising Law Institute this afternoon to hear Lester Denonn and Carlos Israels talk about the New commercial code.
Feb 28 Bob Sawyer tells me that Sam Levy died last year. He saw Sam's daughter somewhere recently and she told him that Sam had had serious financial troubles in his last years. Lunched with Schoch Van Steenberg. He and Carol have been to see the McMasters and report them as flourishing. Schoch took me to a French Restaurant which proved to be my old friend L'Escargot in a new home.
Feb. 29 Secretary Acheson has made a very poor radio speech about the European delivery. He has the worst radio voice I've ever heard. His policy is good but his presentation is terrible. Reading French detective stories.

March 1, 1952 To the Carnegie this afternoon to pick up my manuscripts and a few of the smaller items of the books. Albert Boni came back with me for a drink. We had a good laugh about one of the Housman letters to Grant Richards, a collection coming up in the Chrysler sale. Housman assures Richards that Proust would not sell in an English translation, Boni brought out the Moncrieff translation and it was a great success.

March 2 With Malcolm to the Harvard Club to hear Pierre Soucon, the young French pianist. After the concert the Greene Johnsons joined us at supper. Their daughter is engaged to be married to a youngster she met abroad. Saw Roger Sudsdall for the first time since his breakdown and retirement from the law. He seems uncertain and very silent.

March 3 Senator McCarthy is now after Ed Foley on charges of tax fixing. I shall be surprised if he succeeds in proving anything on the wily Ed. Sol Rosenbloath is also in the news. His client, the half-witted daughter of old Herbert Satterlee, made Sol the residuary legatee under her will. Dr. Hoffman, the Park Avenue psychiatrist, is also mixed up in the affair. Mrs. Ingalls, the disinherited sister, is objecting to probate.

Mar. 4 Lunched with George Martin at the D. T. A. Answering on my speech for the Practising Law Institute.

Mar. 5 To the Parke-Bernet where Kirschenbaum bought for me a fine Amyot Plutarch in a handsome contemporary binding. First Edition of the Lives and third edition of the oeuvres Meles, both printed by Vascosan. A noble piece of bookmaking. Also a handsome incunabulum in a fine modern binding by Louise Duby: an obsequiale Augustense, printed in Augsburg by Erhard Ratdolt in 1487. Some music in the old notation.

March 6, 1952 Took Bob Brome to lunch at the D. T. A. I am getting very little work from Bankers now in spite of Alex Audrey's glowing promises in January. Have finished De La Roche's "Wakefield's Course". Too full of coincidences and uninteresting situations.

March 7 I have about finished my speech for the P. L. I. Allan Kirby and Bob Young are still persecuting Bill Robe, Manufacturers Trust company and ourselves over the Missouri Pacific matter. They are going to end by getting the Trust company into real trouble.

March 8 Gellner spent most of the day with me. He has been in N. Y. on insurance business. To the carnegie after he left. Kerschenbaum let me have two items he bought at the Blakiston Wilkins sale: a 17 th century aregius, formerly in the Medici Palace Library, in a fine contemporary red morocco binding, with gauffered edges, and a fine 18 century Lucretius, two volumes with original bindings, in slip cases.

Mar. 9 Malcolm and I went to the 25th anniversary dinner of the Leonard Moores last night. The Bill Moores Donald Howens, Coles, Jones and Mrs. Briggs (Cathy's sister) were among the guests. Ella is ill again. Malcolm has abandoned the idea of appearing on the television show for Estes.

Mar. 10 My final Federal income tax, after much figuring and searchings for deductions, is $23,986.89. The firm's net is down more than $100,000 for January and February over last years net; perhaps the tax will be less next year in spite of higher rates.

Mar. 11 I have taken on the job of supervising our Tax Department. Frow has consented to stay but Diamond is under notice to find another job and the market is terrible. We have been trying unsuccessfully for fifteen years to get the Tax Department in good order. Have about finished Renan's Job which I started years ago. His translation seems to me to be inferior to that of our King James version or Luther's

March 12, 1952 Kefauver and Eisenhower have made impressive sweeps in New Hampshire. Brome and Willard spoke at the Practising Law Institute tonight. Very good. We then adjourned to Charles for dinner, our party consisting of Willard, Brome, Harfield, Bill Emblidge and Vincennes. To our apartment afterwards for a final drink and chat.

March 13 Mrs. Johns, Estes Kefauvers aunt, and the Mosses, young helpers, came by for a drink and we all had dinner at the Harvard club. The Conard Balzac I bought at auction is a very handsome one in its elaborate French binding; also the Wilson's ornithology, the octavo edition with Bonaparte's notes and hand-colored engravings.

March 14 Margaret returned today, reporting a pleasant visit. She likes the Ozark foothills where Lawson has his new home. Finished Daphne Du Maurier's "Hungry Hill".

March 15. We went to the Cooke-Bennet today but the prices were high and we got nothing. I have started the third volume of Duruy's Histoire Des Grecs the decline of the Greeks is not exhilarating reading. Malcolm has asked to stay on until July 1. He is about to rent his house and plans to take the girls west for the summer after they have had a stay in camps.
March 16 To see Ella this afternoon. She seems gradually to be recovering her spirits. The Whites come in for cocktails before dinner.
March 17 I have a letter from Jasper at last announcing the arrival of the box of clothing I sent him some months ago. It had gone to Denver and returned once before. Finished Mrs. Spear's estate tax return. My old friend, Joe, one of our office elevator men is dead. We used to talk gardens for months as he was a great vegetable gardener.

March 19, 1952 Curtis Pierce and I gave our lectures on Title 3 of the new Commercial Code at the Practising Law Institute this afternoon. The whole series has been a failure from the point of view of getting crowds and ours was no exception. The Legislature brushed the Code aside and the bar generally has lost interest. Dined at Wilfred's with Emblidge, Brame and Vincennes.

March 18 (see above for Mar. 18).

I am not very busy at the office. Johnston has taken over most of M. T. Co. work and we get very little from Bankers now. In despair I have taken on the supervision of the Tax Dep't.

Mar. 20 Charlie Pratzman is in the news because of some favors he did for tax collectors. Very small matters but blown up by the current investigations. Margaret has given John notice. He is a good cook but does nothing else. Is in the apartment very little.

Mar. 21 Taft is in a row with Governor Driscoll of New Jersey that will hurt the Senator in the East. young Clare arrived tonight for her spring vacation. The Surrogate's Court has upheld the Satterlee will that was attacked by a sister on charges of undue influence by Sol Rosenblatt and Dr. Hoffman.

Mar. 22 To the Parke-Bernet Galleries again with M. and again we got nothing. Then to the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought a superb Béranger in a magnificent morocco binding by Marius Michel; also a second edition of Jane Eyre and a set of the first American edition of Proust. Mrs. Johns dined with us. Bridge.

Mar. 23 Mrs. Johns reminds me somewhat of Miss Jennie and a little of Mary Lanier Magruder. She has traveled a great deal, read widely but not profusely, has much animation and is a great talker. A real Tennessee grande dame.

March 24, 1952 Mrs. Johns says that she first became aware of Estes as a thinker when he commented on a frantically barking little dog chasing a rabbit. Estes, who was four, said, "If Bowser would stop barking, he could catch the rabbit". Dr. Suggs has sent me four of his books: Poems of Hartley Coleridge, correspondence between Thomas Clarkson and the Haitain Christophe, unpublished letters of S.T. Coleridge (2 volumes) and a volumes of essays on Wordsworth by Suggs et al.

Mon. 25 Dined with the Corsons tonight and then to see one Bright Day with Howard Lindsay, Glenn Anders et al.

Mon. 24 Took Roy Lockwood to lunch. He tells me that Harry Kilpatrick is still out. I suspect that Harry is troubled at the situation at the Trust Company. Roy confirms that Simpson Thacher are getting most of the trust co's. legal work. Presided at the P.L.I. meeting tonight.

March 27 My 54th birthday. Fortunately no one pays any attention to the anniversaries of those over 50. Reading Van Wyck Brooks' The confident years - 1885-1915. This volume lacks the unity and interest of Brooks earlier volumes on American literature and his stylistic eccentricities are more apparent.

March 28 Sir Francis Wylie's royal birthday letter arrived today. Much about the death of the King and the popularity of the young queen. The Democratic politicians seem to be excited over Adlai Stevenson. Perhaps we thought too little of him in the Navy Dept.

Mar. 29 Malcolm took the McLeods, Clare, Mar- and me this afternoon to see "Top Banana", a musical comedy based on television. Fast and furious and occasionally funny. The McLeods came back with us to dinner. Joan also got in late this afternoon. In spite of the disparity in ages Ross and Lois have the air old old married folks.

March 30, 1952 Waterman Steamship Carporation has written me for an opinion on the pension plan I prepared for it in 1945. Margaret has struck her knee in a bus and is in pain with it.

March 31 Bo McMillin is dead. It seems strange that such a fine physical specimen should go so soon. Bill Palmer has remarried. The Rye home has been sold and Marjorie has established herself somewhere in the suburbs. I suspect that Bill's boys have taken this very hard. I understand that the new wife is a woman of about Bill's age.

Apr. 1 Lunched at the D.T.A. with Brook Wynkoop, Sidney Matthews and a Mr. Mattalin of Hornblower & Weeks. Mr. Mattalin, who follows Oswego Falls carporation carefully, advised Sidney and me to hold on to our stock. It doesn't seem to me to be making very rapid progress.

Apr. 2 Saw an unusual sight today - a negro in a marine's uniform I didn't know that the corps had been opened to our colored brothers. Margaret is having her hands full trying to keep Clare from the irresponsible child stage to the decorous maiden stage. At present M- is having to wash C's lingerie to preserve sanitation.
Apr. 3 Mrs. Harry Morton from Bandana has died in Jackson Michigan. She must have been in her seventies. I believe that Harry died many years ago. The Toft team has received. Working on S.H.P.X.
Apr 4 Won a complete victory in the Convent case and Mr. Phillips seems much pleased. Have agreed on a fee of $2500. Clare returned to Masters School today. She is much more nervous and temperamental than Joan. old Ed Hatler is dead in Lacenter. I hadn't thought of him in years.

Apr. 5, 1952 At the Carnegie Book Shop today where I bought Racines copy of Salmasius' edition of the Historiae Sacrae, 1620, in and old binding. It has Racine's signature on the title page and came to the Carnegie from the Lucius Wilmerding sale. Also bought a miscellaneous collection of French books.

Apr. 6 Reading Proust's "Within A Budding Grove" in an English translation; not as good as "Swann's Way" but a sterling book, nevertheless. Also reading Frances Le Crime De Sylvestre Bonnard for the first time since college days. Altogether charming.

Apr. 7 Will Rudy is dead. He was about 75. A fine man. I haven't seen him for 20 years but was fond of him when I was a boy. Hilson and Loretta have visited Louise & Jack. Dorothy Mateer dined with us tonight. She is up to visit her uncle George.

April 8 Reading Burkenheads Famous Trials. It reads well enough but is obviously a potboiler. It is a real tragedy that he didn't do something in his last years that was worthy of his extraordinary abilities. Charlie Kramer has been shifted by Bankers Trust to less demanding work, Charlie is a good man but gets himself too immersed in detail.

Apr. 9 Have a new job for Bankers Trust involving some financing for International Paper Co. George Mills tells me that he has visited the oslers and found them well.

Apr. 10 Working with Ted Harrison and Jack Burdett on the new SHPX issue. Jack is a slender lad, very bright and most agreeable. His health is precarious. He and I rattled mathematical formulae so fast that Ted gave up. I see by the Advance that Earl Bradley has ~~gone~~ sold his Bandana grocery.

April 11, 1952 up at 5:15 this morning and drove with the Johnsons to Round Hill. We went via the N. J. turnpike and made the trip in just a little more than 6 hours. Harpers had not cleaned our car and it was a mess. We are spending the week-end with the Jacobs. All to do with the crowens tonight.

April 12 To the Virginia Gold cup races at Warrenton. Very informal and pleasant. No grandstands or hoop-la. The crowens were with us. Then back to the Jacobs' buffet supper. Generals Aiken and Finn were very interesting. Saw Bill Rowley and Frank Nash at the races.

April 13 Rain today. Most of our plants come through the winter but the little Viburnum Burkwoodii are gone. Possibly plowed up. Up to see the Johnsons who are also having their first visit of the year. To see Jones. Home by afternoon bus and in Apt. at 11:30 P. M.

Apr. 14 The scale on our barometer is very bad and a number of the plants have died. Jake's grandfather was a professor - and I believe founder of the college in Gettysburg. He took the most reliable notes on the battle of Gettysburg and published a valuable little book on the battle, a copy of which Jake has presented to me.
Apr. 15 Sat #2847 65 from the office today. To the Moreys tonight. We dined at the St Regis. Miss Clark, President of Wellesley, Miss Mitchell, head of the Brearley School, Mr. Wright and a Mr. Brooks from Toronto were the other guests.
I find Miss Mitchell to be more stimulating than Miss Clark.
Apr. 16 At the Practising Law Institute for a symposium session on the Commercial Code. Dined with Israels, Emblidge and Vincennes. The course has been a failure from an attendance point of view because the public realized that the code had little chance of passage.

April 17, 1952 Foster Doty came by to see me this morning. He looks very well and reports that Anne is better. Lafferty Foosheer is quite ill - an embolism, I believe. Am working on the International Paper job.

April 18 To Washington on the Congressional. Charlie and Susan Jones took me on to Longfields. Margaret has done a good deal toward getting the house in order. Reading Saint Simon in the Nelson abridgement.

April 19 A fine day. Joe Roney and transplanted a lot of shrubs and some small trees. The Dodges arrived this afternoon. To Irene's for cocktails. She has just returned and opened her house. Dined at the Battletown restaurant. Mrs. Ford is quite ill again. Our plants are quite backward but the grass is making progress. Alec seems to be some better.

April 20 over to the Crowns today and took a look through his barns. To the top of Round Hill. Then to Hall Top Gardens where we selected some shrubs. Karl has been holding me by the sleeve for two days, talking incessantly. In to Washington with Jake & Peggie who were going to a cocktail party.
April 21 Rudd Viets is engaged to marry again. I am surprised that he has remained single so long. Margaret arrived back this afternoon with Marie Crowens who is spending the week with us. Alec Royce is a voting trustee of Glenn L. Martin's stock of Martin's company.
April 22 Lunched with Pitcheock at the D. T. A. He has been reading Spengler and is certain of "Das untergang Des Abendlandes". Got my fine set of Beranger today in a Marius Michel binding. Very rich and lustrous. Nevertheless a fine reading copy.

April 23, 1952 Lunched with Brome. He seems not to have been well. Dined tonight with the Warren Kanes. He is a cousin of Bill Cravens. A native of Maine he is in the most improbable of all businesses, a perfumer.

April 24 Playing samba with Mal-, Mar- and Mark. Very jolly. President Truman has stirred up a hornet's nest by his seizure of the steel companies to avert a strike. His best precedent, I suppose, is Teddy Roosevelt's threatened seizure of the anthracite coal mines in 1902. Much excited discussion about free enterprise.

Apr. 25 Working with John Rollins and Nelson Adams this morning on the International Paper Co. financing. Then to the meeting of the Executive committee of the Banking Law Section of the N. Y. State Bar Assn. Long conversation with George Woodbery of the M. & T. of Buffalo.

Apr. 26 Lunched with Albert Boni and Doris Kerschenbaum. Boni came back to our apartment for a drink and we had a long talk about Dreiser. Boni was the first publisher to give Dreiser a real chance but did not like him. He says that Dreiser cheated the owners of the Delineator when he was its editor; and that Dreiser cruelly and abruptly dropped a woman with whom he had lived for years. He, Boni, was in touch with Red Lewis and Dorothy Thompson when the latter publicly denounced Dreiser ~~for~~ for plagiarism from her book on Russia, an incident I ~~could~~ remember well. Boni says that there were a number of such incidents which did not become known.

Apr. 27 Margaret, Marie and Blanche Wells left for Virginia this morning. Reading Proust and working on the Buchan collection of French Memoirs. I had been afraid that it would duplicate my Memoirs but it has some new material and is a fine edition.

April 28, 1952 Had the SHPX closing this morning. Everyone seems pleased now that the financing has proven to be convenient and workable. All agree that it is better than the Equitable plan of financing railroad equipment for strong companies. Ate my dinner at Valks German restaurant. Reading Buck's Fighting Angel.

Apr. 29 To the Manuel Biddle sale with Dave Kirschenbaum. He bought for me a fine George Barrow autograph letter and the manuscript of "Alf the Freebooter"; also a fine copy of Hudibras in two volumes with fine aquatints.

Apr. 30 With Dave to the Biddle sale again. Interesting talk with Mr. Biddle. Got a fine extra illustrated copy of Crabb Robinson's Diary; a presentation copy with inscription of Cruikshank's Table Book in the original parts in a fine morocco solander case; and copy of Raleigh's History, 1666, Folio in fine contemporary binding.

May 1 Russ Snodgrass has resigned from the Financial Vice Presidency of the B+O Railroad and will go back to private law practice. I suppose that this is an aftermath of his fight with Senator Tobey and the criticism of the Senate committee of the R.F.C. officers of the B.+O. Frank Moan is leaving our office to became understudy of the General Counsel of W. R. Grace + Co., a big job for Frank.

May 2 Dana Backus has left White + Case to join Milton Kramer's firm. I always thought Dana the most promising of W. + C's younger lawyers. Alec Royce and I lunched with Bill White at the Swranty. To Round Hill by train and bus.

May 3 Hugh Carter is dead after many terrible crises. Transplanted trees and shrubs with the aid of Alec's boy, "Joe Louis". Irene's Frank is also helping us. He is a good gardener. To the Jacobs where we got four small red maples and some ginger lilies

May 4, 1952 To the Freds for cocktails this morning. They have done a great deal of work on their grounds in the last few months and their place will be very handsome in a year or two. Worked on the lawn today. In to Washington on the 6:53 bus and took a room at the Carlton.
May 5 To Wilmington on an early train and was at the Wilmington Trust a little after 10. Jack Budinger was unable to come so I presided at the annual stockholders meeting and organization meeting of the Directors of International Commercial Corporation. Lunched at the Wilmington Club with George Edmunds. Home at 4:30. M- got here at 6
May 6 Leo Diamond announces that he is leaving on or before June 30th. He is a good fellow and I am sorry to see him go, but he hasn't the background to head our Tax Department.

May 7 Irving Olds has retired as chairman of U. S. Steel and Roger Blough has moved up again. It looks as though he is being groomed for the next president. Dined with the McGraws tonight. Some interesting guests a rare book-dealer by the name of Rau, a Mr. and Mrs. Kuber who have lived in the Near East a good deal and a Mrs. Hardcastle from England.

May 8 John left us today. He is a nice boy but a very poor servant. Bob Sillcocks tells us that Glover Johnson is making a real effort to get the Kennecott legal business.

May 9 Took Brome to lunch at the D. T. A. Bankers Trust is fortunate to get such a chap as house counsel. Rollin Kirby is dead. I had not heard of him for years but have some pleasant memories of him from Westport days. The University of Kentucky has sent me its reply to Judge Stacks strictures on its athletic policies. Same stuff.

May 10, 1932 To Dobbert & Sons's this morning and bought some bibliographical items: Putnam's Books And Their Makers During The Middle Ages, Bann's The Binding of Books, Duff's Early Printed Books and Pollard's Early Illustrated books. Also a fine copy of the Baskerville Sallust in a contemporary morocco binding. Lunched with Albert Bani and his friend Tennant at the Crillon.
May 11 Mrs. Ford of Round Hill is very ill again. To see Ella this afternoon. She seems normal again for about the first time since Laura's death. I am telling Bankers Trust $1000 for our work during the first quarter.
May 12 All day at International Paper Company. John Rollins is a good lounger and a great worker on details. Alec Henderson tells me that Ted Berner is now the largest stockholder in Curtiss Wright. Cravath now has the legal business.

May 13 Lunched at the D.T.A. with Boswell Martin. He says that Artie Muller and Artie Heidenreich are very happy in their new jobs in Bankers Trust and that their relationships with him are very cordial. Franklin Beale, Sam's brother, is dead suddenly at 56. He had asthma very badly, but thought that it was not serious.
May 14 The long-delayed merger negotiations for a merger of N.Y. Trust company into Manufacturers seem to have resulted in a deal. Hap Flanagan is to be chairman and chief executive officer of the new institution, which will be called New York Manufacturers Trust Company, and Stewart of N.Y. Trust company will be president.
May 15 Got #4 000 for the S.A.R.X job. Mary Lee Moray is engaged to young Jimmy Rosenman, son of Judge Rosenman. He is apparently a nice and able boy but Lee will hardly like a Jewish son-in-law.

May 16, 1952 Leaving at 1 P.M. with our car stowed with bopes, we had a pleasant drive to Round Hill, arriving about 9. We hear that Mrs. Ward has remarried. The poor old soul probably got very lonesome living all alone.

May 17 The old power mower has given out and some of the grass is very long. I traded it in for a more powerful model, paying $150 difference. Herbert Cooley reports that Muriel is much better and that her tumor was not malignant. Dined with the Bradleys tonight. Rose Turheart was there with a boy friend.

May 18 The Sturhahns have not sold yet. They apparently want a smaller place that will not be such a burden as Ed. Brought in two of our bop from Mr. Mercers. Took the Jacobs to dinner at the Battletown restaurant in Berryville and caught my bass there.

May 19 Lunched with Stone at the B.A.C. With some trepidation I went to see Beth Webster, the new President of the Ass'n of the Bar of the city of N.Y., with my own selections for membership of my committee on uniform State Laws. ~~Self~~ Selection by Chairmen is frowned upon but justified by the big Commercial code job. Webster agreed.

May 20 Mary Lee Morey is engaged to Jimmy Rosenman, son of Judge Samuel Rosenman, Roosevelt's confidant. I think that Lee will be disturbed at the Jewish connection. Pierre Frye, Arnold's son, was in today looking for a job. I let Charlie see him as I doubt that he is good and felt that my dislike for his father would prejudice me.

May 21 Lunched with Alex Cunney. His daughter is to be married this summer. Am working with Frank Hubachek again on the proposed sale of Peoples Industrial Bank. This may be a hard job.

May 22, 1952 The Manufacturers - N.Y. Trust merger is off. Apparently some leading N.Y. Trust stockholders who had not been consulted refused to agree. Tom Morgan has retired from Sperry Corporation. He wanted to stay on as chairman after reaching retirement age, but had fallen out with the other directors.

May 23 Lunched with S. Mathews at the D.T.A. Have a letter from Pat Hodgson in which he tells me that our Buships friend, John Riley, has been in to see him. John has been in a monastery for several years but is now returning to the world.

May 24 The Walter Pfizenmayer, Jrs. have a new baby, the second. Worked at the office this morning as M- is in Virginia. Dined with the Johnsons tonight and played samba with Al, Betty and her brother. To Dooker & Ones & Bebla & Tonnen's this afternoon but found very little.

May 25 Heavy rain all day. I had a slight cold and was afraid to go out so had to cook my own lunch from an almost empty larder. Malcolm is weekending with the Bayard Colgates. Catalogued the fine Dresser items I bought at the Carnegie recently.

May 26 Tom McGrath is dead. He has been ill for about two years and had a foot amputated last year. I think that Tom must leave a handsome estate. Sidney Mathews is much impressed with Mrs. Impelliteri. He has been to see her on charity matters, a visit which I arranged.

May 27 Dave Kirschenbaum has found a fine Baskerville Bible for me - a handsome first edition in two volumes. The binding is a little dingy with a few bad spots, but the interiors are perfect and two volumes are much easier to handle than one. Am working on the Peoples Industrial Bank sale - which goes slow

May 28, 1952 Lunched with Horace. He was as gloomy as usual. Arthur Gammell was over to see me to borrow the form of trust accounting I prepared for M. T. Co. in the International Railway matter. Louise Rothrock writes that Miss Flora Ageloy is in a nursing home. I hope that the poor old lady has everything she needs.

May 29 Colonel Conner, Josephine's husband, who was due by plane from London ~~last~~ no yesterday arrived at our apartment at 2:15 A. M. His plane was held up for many hours. To Foster Doty's luncheon party at the Broad Street Club. With the Moreys to Washington on the Congressional, from whence Bill Crowens drove us out.

May 30 Lee has mowed the lawn even in the rain and proves to be skilful with machinery. Jones is helping this week-end. To the Crowens for cocktails. Our climbing rose, Blaze, is gorgeous.

May 31 I had had some fears that the Moreys would find the farm a bore, but they all seem to like it. We had a good sized cocktail party this afternoon with James as butler. The Johnsons, Lowes, Marshes, Crowens, Oslers, Cooleys, Hunsches, Jacobs et al.

June 1 A fine day, succeeding two poor ones. The mower is broken so that we have only part of the grass cut. To the Jacobs for cocktails before lunch. Their place is lovely now. In to Washington with the Hunsches, Lee and Alison with me. Elizabeth and Margaret are driving back tomorrow.

June 2 Lunched with S. Mathews. M- and Elizabeth got back at 6 P. M., quite tired. The Supreme Court has held that President Truman's seizure of the steel companies was illegal, Black writing the majority opinion. only Vinson, Minton and Reed dissented.

June 3, 1952 Clare arrived today with the general air of one just getting out of princeton. Albert Fletcher, son of my dear friend Fletch and now a colonel in the air corps, is missing on a flight from his base in Korea to Tokyo.

June 4 our 20th wedding anniversary. We have agreed to celebrate it in Virginia, but the Stevens remembered us anyway with a lovely little pitcher. I am awakening very early these morning, a habit which seems to be growing and which is probably a sign of age.

June 5 The Fletchers have definite confirmation of Albert's death. His plane came down in Japan. Fletch is almost prostrated as Albert was his greatest pride. I see by the Advance that Mrs. F. M. Ashby is dead at 82. Dolan is still in Louisville and Jack in South America. Wayne not mentioned.

June 6 Long lunch with Bill Taylor. He says that Howard Ferguson is unhappy with his job in the Hawaiian Bank and wants to change again. This is very sad as Howard had a long, hard pull to place himself after he left Dallas. Bill and Foster Doty have had a big argument over Foster's proposal to remove the union trust account from Bankers Trust.

June 7 Harold Hoover, President of Anaconda Copper, is dead from cancer. Lunched today with Albert Bonn. He has a small office on 5th Avenue from whence he is trying to vend his photographic printing, cataloguing and cleaning in my library.

June 8 Margaret left for Round Hill this morning with the Ford very full: Clare Foushee, Betty, Debby, Billy and David White. Also mountains of baggage. Cleaning books. Up to see Ella. Expensive French dinner at Villa D'Este.

June 9, 1953 Malcolm and I are sleepy today. Jointly and severally we scoured Grand Central Station last night for Joan who had missed her train from Boston. She arrived at last about one A. M. Lunched with Ed Farley at the East India House to discuss his trust problems. He does not seem at all well.

June 10 To the carnegie where I bought some Baskerville items from the library that furnished my Bible. This time the Virgil, the Prayerbook, the Greek New Testament, the Lucretius, the Terence and Shaftesbury's Characteristics. Fine and handsome copies. also bought a fine Hogarth and Junius letters.

June 11 John Dunlop sends me a letter from Highsmith indicating that Di. has struck it rich in Georgia. He has earned a $250, 000 contingent fee, payable in instalments, and has other big cases.

June 12 To Wilmington to a Directors meeting of International commercial corp'n. With Jack Buckinger and Walter Pfeizenmayer. George Edmonds took us to the races with his colleagues, Donahue, Chinn and Dirx. Edmonds is an interesting chap and I found that he is a son-in-law of one of the Dupont's. The Delaware Park track is a very pleasant one.

June 18 To Washington on the Congressional, Charlie and Susan Jones dropped me at Longfields. Margaret is very tired after a week with so many guests. The power mower is still out of order so that the grass is out of hand.

June 14 The house is overflowing with kids. Thurston came up from Quantico this afternoon and Debbie and Clare put on their best frocks. Sent them all to the movies tonight. Spent the day weeding the box beds, lawn etc. Got a much needed rain.

June 15, 1932 More work on the lawn. Then took Thurston and the Whites to see the Johnsons and the Lewis, barely retrieving Thurston from Nancy's fingers. She had an extra girl dinner guest. Bosey drove Thurston and me into Washington in time for me to cater the Congressional.

June 16 Mrs. Aydelotte is dead. She and the Dr. were at Rhodes House, Oxford, on a visit. Russ Snodgrass telephoned to invite me to cocktails, which I couldn't accept. No light on why he has left the B. & O., except that cross-examination brought out that he has no definite plans.

June 17 M- Got back last evening, very tired. Took Brome to lunch at the D. T. A. today and discussed at length the Trust Company's pension department. Bob has been seriously ill with some intestinal trouble.

June 18 Sat in from Blockwells a group of detective stories in French, chiefly translations from English. I learn from the Advance that Paul Jones' body has been brought back for burial. He was Pete's son, was on Corregidor in 1942. He survived the Bataan march but died in a Japanese prison camp.

June 19 Long talk with Joe Sauter who is troubled about the Matt I. Newbold accounting. Dr. Griggs, the calendar man, dined with us tonight. He sails for England tomorrow. A somewhat younger man than I had expected. We had drinks at our apartment and a good dinner with imported beer at Lyechouns.

June 20 Don Marron has had another heart attack and may be out for a good many weeks. He looked like death all last week. Have a letter from Louise Rathvon. She has had a slight stroke and is in a nursing home.

June 21, 1952 To Dodder & Ames where I bought a two volume reprint of Vecelli in octavo with French text. In spite of Anatole Frances contemptuous remarks the prints look pretty good to me. Also bought Vol 2 of the Hoover memoirs and a volume of Frankfurter's opinions. Dinner and samba with the Reales.

June 22 Among my recent purchases at the Carnegies is a collection of more than forty illustrated books of the small cranford type, chiefly by Hugh Thomson. A very handsome lot. Spent the day calalagging and cleaning them. Some are duplicates of those I had and will make good presents.

June 23 Bert Hahs is dead. He must have been about 65, and has been in poor health for many years. Lunch today at the D. T. A. with S. Morton & George Mills. George is now a member of the Club.

June 24 Don Marvan's illness and Frieda's vacation has thrown the Tax Department into disorder and my hands are full. Lunched with Joe Sauter today. To the Kefauver reception this evening. Estes and Nancy have perfected a fine political routine but are going through it almost as though they were sleepwalkers.

June 25 Terrible heat wave. Am closed for hours with the tax boys trying to get the work done.

June 26 Colonel Conner, on his way back to Africa, dined with us tonight and treated us to tales of danger in hunting big game etc. Lunched with S. Martin. The bad heat continues. Am working with Jack Dreibelbis of Bankers Trust. He started as a lawyer in Texas and still has a strong Southern accent. He went to Washington with Jessie Jones and came from there to Bankers where he has a big job.

June 27, 1932 S- Martin and I, with numerous satellites, had a long ~~time~~ talk with Salandra, the expatriate Greek shipping man who holds forth from London. M- and I left by car for Round Hill at 2:30 and got there at 10:30. A hot drive.

June 28 Frank Trammell is destroying weeds at a dollar an hour. I spent most of the morning at Whitmore & Arnolds trying to get the power mower patched up. To the Jacobs for cocktails. Thurston arrived in the late afternoon.

June 29 up at 6 A. M. to try to get some work done before the heat gets bad. Actually, it was hot in an an hour. Irene and her brother came by before lunch. He is a tall, stooped, grey man who has just returned from Europe. After a hard day's work Thurston and I went in by bus.

June 30 Malcolm says that Eddie Eagan has joined Alcoholics Anonymous and is a working member. Caroline has married a Jesuit boy which has upset Eddie very much. Am reading Huxley's "Point counter-point."

July 1 Busch, the well-known Chicago lawyer, has published two books on well known American criminal cases: the Hess case, Sacco & Vanzetti, Loeb & Leopold, the Frank case etc. They are next on my reading list. Not as interestingly done, I fear, as their British counterpa

July 2 Mrs Shelden is spending a few weeks with us, beginning Monday and I saw her at the Hearthstone tonight. Malcolm is moving out the same day, although I am not yet certain where he is going. He doesn't yet seem prepared to take an apartment. D- Mateer telephoned tonight that she is about to have her throat operation

July 3, To Washington by sleeper last night and out to Round Hill by the early bus. As the power mower is still out of order I had to mow the lawn near the house with the hand-propelled mower. Took Bill and Marie Crowens to the Battle Town Inn for dinner. Came came in on the 8:30 bus.

July 4 Dinner party tonight for Irene and her guests, the Laheys. other guests: The Bradleys, Jacobs, Crowens, Freds, Jones and also her sister another Mrs Jones. A very jolly occasion. M- had two large beef roasts cooked for her by the Battle Town Inn.

July 5 Whitmore + Arnold have taken back the new rotary mower, which has never worked, and I have bought instead a Balens Husky. Thrusten at the tall grass with it and the place begins to be better. Raking and weeding.

July 6 Very hot today. Th
ton stuck to his mowi
and I to my raking, bu
the heat drove us in
about 1 P. M. Alec has
promised to finish the
mowing with the hand
mower, Mr. and Mrs. La
hey drove us into Wash
ington. He is quite a fo
lore, with an old fashion
manner that reminds me
of a Ky. political leader
of my younger days.
July 7 Malcolm moved
out today and Miss Shel
don moved in. M. arrive
back and Elizabeth Deutsch
arrived. Listened to the
McArthur keynote speech.
Seemed to me to be a
failure. It was supposed
to sweep the convention
and electrify the country
but seemed to me to be dull
July 8 Am working with
Joe Sauter and Harold West
cott of White & Case on
the Matt J. Newhouse mat
ter. We are having great
arguments over whether
or not to try to get a
will construction at this
time. Some time during the
past year 5 pairs of my D. & J.
Anderson pajamas have been stole

July 9, 1952 Dorothy Matteer, who is recovering from the operation on her throat, spends her evenings with us, and she and Margaret sit glued to the radio to follow the Republican convention. Both of them are devoted to General Eisenhower.

July 10 Senator Dirksen of Illinois has been the chief orator of the Taft forces, but has exuded much hostility by his intemperate attacks on Tom Dewey. Dorothy and M- dragged me to Tom Douglas' apartment to see the convention on radio. The stupid demonstrations, chiefly with a hired claque, were very disgusting.

July 11 General Eisenhower was nominated on the first ballot, Minnesota and several other States having switched their votes after the roll call. The newspapers credit Herb Brownell for much of the success of the Eisenhower campaign.

July 12. $2150 more of Margaret's E bonds have matured and been cashed. The purchasing power after ten years is about half it was in 1942. Judy Van Arden is married, one of the local boys of good family. Working on the Philpotts collection that I bought at the Carnegie some weeks ago.

July 13 To see Ella who seems to be very well. Wrote letters to Dorothy ~~etc.~~ Beam etc. Took M- and Dorothy Mateer to dinner at the Town and country restaurant.

July 14 The prolonged heat has caused me some loss of sleep and finished by making me ill. Reading Busch's book about famous American trials. The Stevenson and Frank cases were little known to me and I found them very interesting. The Sacco & Vanzetti, His and Insull cases are treated too briefly. Bob Sormley says that Don Marran's ~~cost~~ illness is chiefly due to worry about his future.

July 15, 1952 Working on the probate of Albert Fletcher's will. He seems to have left about $35,000, including insurance. The Advance reports that cousin Eula is visiting Hazel. She must be getting into her seanties. In view of our troubles with power ~~motors~~ mowers I have written a song theron and dedicated it to Marie Cravens.

July 16 Dorathy Mateer has given us an ice crusher for help in making cocktails. In Lee Morey's absence I am working on some matters for Vanadium Corporation. Reg Smith has won an amazing victory for Betty Lake in the Upjohn well case in the court of Appeals, a complete reversal.

July 17 I have a fulsome letter of thanks from the Venire of Kentucky for my letter of advice about the basket ball cases. Am reading "Peg Woffington" by Charles Reade.

July 18 Margaret met the Congressional and took Charlie Jones, Holmes Morrison and me out. Charlie seems to be disappointed in his young farmer and to be giving thought to retiring so that he can see to the farming himself. I have been having some interesting correspondence with a professor of Skidmore college about my Howells manuscript, "The Shores of Isis".

July 19 the spring and summer rains have made our grass grow so much that I spend all my time here mowing it. Thurston came this afternoon. To the Jacobs dinner party in honor of General and Mrs. Almond. Generals Akin and Hartal were there, colonel Cuchat etc. one of them, whose name slips me, was an instructor at the University of Kentucky in my line, the ROTC. They are all friends of General McArthur and spent a large part of the time praising. Charlie & Susan Jones, M- and I were the only non-military contingent.

July 20, 1952 Dipping water out of the cellar. I think that the drains for the water from the roof are inadequate and that the overflow gets in the cellar. Irene and the Crowens came to supper. In to Washington with Nancy Cooley as the 943 bus.

July 21 Had a bad night on the sleeper where the air conditioning was not functioning. A letter from Mommy says that Miss Jennie is very ill and expected to go at any time. Ernest Stauffer's estate amounted to almost 2½ million. Charlie Jones says that most of it was inherited from Ernest's father.

July 22 Saw Ed Crabbe at the General Phoenix closing at City Bank-Farmers Trust today. He has decided to stay in the banking business instead of taking over his family's blueberry farm. The papers report anti American agitation in Iran and I am worried about the Soirons.

July 23 Still very hot. The Advance reports that Earl Bradley has been in the hospital in Paducah. Poor old Alben Barkley's political career is over. He was used and then thrown over by the administration. He has made a speech at the convention which I thought very poor but which got a big ovation.

July 24 Talked to Lucile Braskell tonight. She is going to spend her vacation with us in Virginia. I find everywhere a great and unjustifiable anger against Tom Dewey for his methods in support of Eisenhower. Well, Tom has reaped many honors which were undeserved and now gets paid off with bitterness for the best thing he has ever done.

July 25 Margaret and Thurston met me in Washington. He has finished his training at Quantico and will get his commission in the marines as soon as he gets his degree. He will stay with us about a month.

July 26, 1952 We stayed up very late last night listening to the balloting that resulted in the nomination of Stevenson. Have a headache today. Digging potatoes. The Austins and Johnsons came to dinner tonight. The Austins and Johnsons were for Taft and are not yet reconciled to his defeat.

July 27 The Bradleys came over for cocktails. Philip says that he now expects some business recession this year. Mrs. Raley is after me again about distributing my books and manuscripts. Dined with the Crocens and took the bus at 9 43.

July 28 One of the conversations at the Jacobs party has stuck in my mind. Colonel Cherchat, a garrulous old man, apparently secretary of MacArthur's West Point Class, told General Aikin a story about a mutual friend who had reported for service to Mc. Mc told him that the first prerequisite was personal loyalty to Mc.

July 29 Senator McMahon is dead - apparently of cancer. Lunched with Malcolm at the D.T.A. He got back from the convention very tired. He says that Estes is not too discouraged. He has a campaign deficit of $30,000. Malcolm agrees that Estes made an error in attempting to exclude Virginia and other Southern states. Mal tells me that Zellner was at the convention.

July 30 Miss Jenne is dead and will be buried day after tomorrow at Mt. Pleasant. Lucile Beck wired me. Even though I was expecting it, the news came as a shock and I wept. She was really one of the fine people I have known.

July 31 Long conference at Bakers Trust with Taylor, Leeb Sauter & S. Martin over our disagreements in the Math I Newhouse estate. Leeb was so worked up that he had complained to Bill. Misfortune in accountings have made nearly all bank officers over-timid.

August 1, 1952 Thurston met Charlie Jones and me at the station tonight. Lucile Draskall is with us, having driven down yesterday with Al Johnson and his friend David Taylor. I see by the Advance that Miss Flora has sold her home in Bandana. I fear that this is the last of the poor old lady's resources.

Aug. 2 Thurston has made a great deal of progress in getting the place in order, especially in mowing. The grass has made much progress. We had a nice rain last night. The Crowans came over tonight for samba.

Aug. 3 Took the Crowans to dinner at the Courtney Inn. Mrs. Courtney looks very tired and worn. This afternoon we went to a cocktail party at Fay Wellkies at the mountain home. It is a lovely place with spacious lawns and fine views. The house is Victorian but has possibilities.

Aug 4 Returned last night on Jones' air-~~co~~ cooled bedroom and feel much better than usually after a night on the train. The magazine, "Life", has taken notice of the industrialization of the Paducah area, one striking picture shows two farm mules on their way to be slaughtered for dog meat.

Aug. 5th Mr. Leary is dead at 75. His funeral is to be private, otherwise I should have gone to it. His life would make the subject of a great book. Great duality, astonishing success, deterioration and sudden ruin. I see by the Advance that Hazel Peal has been in the hospital but is back at home.

Aug 6 Mr. Parker went to the private funeral services for Mr. Leary and says that they were simple but moving. Harold Corbin delivered a short talk. Lunched with Charlie Jones who seems to be depressed. He is playing with the idea of retiring or buying a small ba

Aug. 7, 1952 Lunched with Alec Gurney at the D.T.A. He and Peg are leaving soon with English friends ~~for~~ a motor trip to the West Coast. I see that the Tennessee delegation to the Democratic Convention are having trouble in the primaries for their vote against seating the Virginia delegation. Gov. Browning has been defeated for renomination.

Aug. 8 Mum left today. She is apparently well on the way to get her Ph. D. Nelson writes that Sam Hawkins and Charlie McElya are dead. Sam must have been in his eighties. He has been insane for years. Charlie has been in bad health for many years. I had a long talk with him two years ago and he was very depressed.

Aug. 9 Margaret and Thurston arrived this afternoon and the Foshee girls got back tonight from Canada. They seem to have had a good time and had a little rest, a good thing after their hectic time earlier.

Aug 10 A terribly hot day. Thurston and the girls spent the day in Rye with Malcolm. Margaret and I went to see Ella and had our dinner uptown. Upon our return she had almost a fainting spell. Malcolm arrived with T- and the girls to spend the night - most thoughtless since we have no help - but had to go to a hotel.

Aug. 11 Reading Fordham's little anthology of cross examinations. It has an exceptionally interesting essay by Sir Edward Clarke. Working on the papers for the third series of S H P X collateral Notes. This financing is becoming highly standardized now and all parties seem to be delighted.

Aug. 12 Malcolm, never discouraged, has persuaded Margaret to take the girls for a week in September after their return from their western trip. Lunched with Dave Blankenhorn who gave me some data on Niagara Falls Corporation. He thinks that young Peter Grace will be a difficult boss for Frank Moon.

August 13, 1957 Malcolm and the girls got away this morning on their back-breaking trip; by air to Chicago; thence by train to Wichita; by motor car to Jackson Hole Wyoming and back; then by car back to Virginia. I am reading Dorothy Sayres "Murder Must Advertise" in a French translation under the title "Lord Peter et L'Autre".

Aug. 14 Fletcher tells me that Baron Cassell died a few months ago, mean and crazy to the last. The Peoples Industrial Bank matter has come alive again with Mr. Marcelle as broker. He acted on the sale of the Bank to Household Finance and now has a group who want to buy it.

Aug. 15 Rich Lewis telephoned this morning to get me to get his fiancee's name changed. I hadn't known that he had his divorce. M-T Thurston and I drove leisurely to Round Hill this afternoon, arriving about 9 P. M.

Aug. 16 Ed Wilkie has a new job - the presidency of a North Pacific fisheries company and Fay has joined him, locking up her house. Took the Jacobs and Crawfords to dinner at the Battletown restaurant tonight. Al Johnson has had an accident to his spine while riding in Mr. Purcell's truck and is in the hospital in Leesburg.

Aug. 17 Charlie Jones came over to see our improvements. Spent the morning weeding. Everything is so lush this year because of the abundant rain. To see Al Johnson in the hospital and then back to see Mr. Ford who is not doing well. Dined with the Crowens and took the 9:43 bus.

Aug. 18 Again enjoyed C. Jones bedroom on the sleeper. Lunched with Morey who has had to interrupt his vacation for pressing work. Received a new itinerary from Malcolm. Mark Sullivan is dead at 77. He had outlived his greatness.

August 19, 1952 Colonel Jacobs tells me that he was Chief of Staff in Panama at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He got the same warning messages from Marshall as MacArthur in the Philippines and Kimmel and Short in Pearl Harbor. Unlike those leisurely gentlemen, Jake took steps to get ready for war, even to sending the women and children home (including the protesting Peggie).

Aug. 20 Have a very long letter from Lucille Webb (Lucille Beck) about Miss Jennies last years and fatal illness. Miss Jennies friends seem to have been devoted to the end. Woodson Spurlock telephoned today. He has been to Nebraska to see his mother and is on his way back to Arabia.

Aug. 21 Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. General Eisenhower is getting off to a very bad start with speeches like those of Hoover.

Aug 22 Charlie Jones furnished the transportation from Washington tonight. He had with him also Mr. Foxhall Taylor of our U. S. Trust Company in New York. Taylor has purchased the McElduff farm near Bloomfield. Found Elizabeth and Tom Dortsch at the house. They are having a motor trip in Virginia and Maryland.
Aug. 23 Elizabeth and Tom left this morning for Annapolis. Our place looks very nice, now that Thurston has gotten it completely mowed. We dined with the Oslers tonight and met our neighbors, Captain and Mrs. Paquin. A charming couple. They have bought the Taylor place, White Pump Farm, at the intersection of the Snickersville Turnpike and the Purcellville - Middleburg Road.
Aug. 24 Midday dinner with the Croziers. Then to the Leesburg Hospital to see Al and bring Hetty home. The doctors have now discovered that Al had a cracked vertebra. Setting most of our garden ready for seeding as a lawn.

Aug. 25, 1952. Had the closing today on the third series of collateral notes of S&O X. Jack Burdett has been elected Treasurer of American Car & Foundry, a very rapid rise for a youngster of even his ability. I told him that my only reservation as to his future was some concern that he would overwork.

Aug. 26 Collections at the office have been very poor recently and all of us feel very poor. Tax date, September 15th, is approaching inexorably. Clair and Emma Hughes have left for a vacation in Europe.

Aug. 27 George Bondurant, Ike's son, is dead. He must have been about Wilson's age and has been ill for some time. Mack Dodson is dead at Barlow. I haven't seen him for many years but remember him vividly as a dissipated looking young man at picnics etc. Only the obituary columns in the Advocate mention my friends.

Aug. 28 Took Leo Croft of Bankers Trust Company to lunch. Recently promoted to a assistant-vice presidency, he seems to me to be one of the brighter and better balanced young officials of the Trust Company. Mrs. Gardner, Rich Lewis' fiance was in to see me today. I am getting a court order changing her name to correct a blunder on her birth certificate.

Aug. 29 Have a fine set of Renan from Blackwell. I have had scattered and dissimilar volumes before. To Washington on the congressional with Sam Peale, Elizabeth, Roger and Gretchen went by bus and Thurston met us all there.

Aug. 30 Alec seems some better but still weak and frail. Irene gave a dinner party tonight for us and the Peales. Other guests were the Crowens and their guests, the Hills, the Terrys, Mrs. Hugh Carter, Mrs. Grant from Washington and the Bill Everetts. A very jolly party culminating with Samba.

August 31, 1952 To the Jacobs this morning for pre-luncheon cocktails. The Jacobs have sold their home and Peggy is almost tearful. Dined at the Croweens, Thurston taking the kids to the movies. Had a very hard rain.

Sept. 1 Sam and I spent a large part of the day packing buckets of water out of the cellar. Hodgin's men stopped up the drain pipe at the end of the house. The Croweens, the Hulls, Irene, the Terrys, Mrs. Grant, the Jacobs and Peggy's sister, Mrs. Boyd, came to lunch. The Terrys took Sam and me into Washington.

Sept. 2 Hilson writes that Mr. Willie Campbell died a few days before Miss Jennie. Fortunately she never knew it. He must have been about 90. I see by the Advance that the Bell Allens have a new son. Quite a gap between the two children.

Sept. 3 Margaret and Thurston returned today, primarily to get Thurston's kit for college. Lunched with S. Martin today. Got $28 93.99 from the office which will help me pay my September income tax instalment.

Sept. 4 Willie is in high school now - which seems impossible as I still think of him as an infant. Gellner and Noble have a plan, which seems to me to be most ill-advised, to have him as a congressional page in Washington. Have been having some pleasant correspondence with Prof. Reeves of Skidmore college about my Howells collection.

Sept. 5 Working on my new commercial code committee with an idea of having a meeting of the full committee early in November. Received from Parker five copies of Rockets work on costumes and the first 74 volumes of the Connaisseur. Fine sets and I wish that I had more time to read them.

Sept. 6, 1952 Futile shopping this morning for sport clothes. Took M's wedding ring to Tiffany for enlarging. Took the Wells to dinner at the St. Denis where we feasted on frog legs sante provencale.

Sept. 7 Thurston is week-ending with the Whites. Debbie after failing to get entrance to Smith etc is entering Bucknell soon. To see Ella this afternoon and then to dinner at Aux Pommes Frites. Reading Proust and calalaguing and cleaning Bentley's Miscellany.

Sept. 8 Margaret and Thurston left for Longfields this morning. Thurston found very few clothes to his liking in the N. Y. stores. Lunched at the D. T. A. with Horace and Les. Horace is slowly and sourly reconciling himself to Eisenhower's nomination but seems to have little hope of his election.

Sept. 9 Lunched with Bob Brame. He has had a serious illness, some intestinal trouble but seems to be better. Martha Rachel, Hazel's daughter, is married again. I didn't even know that she had divorced young Williams.
Sept. 10 Sat #1446 97 from the office today. I have revised my income tax estimate from #20,000 to #18,000 so that I have only #35.00 to pay on the 15th. I see that old Frueauff left 5-1/2 millions, net. He certainly didn't make that practising law.
Sept. 11 Prof. Reeves of Belmont college dined with me tonight and we talked Howells. He says that the incomplete manuscript of the Silver Wedding Journey that I bought at auction was one of several found in an old Harper Brothers warehouse. Apparently Harpers sold the contents in ignorance that it contained some manuscript

Sept. 12, 1952 Thurston's college term opens next week and he left tonight. I had my settlement at the ~~Washington~~ station. I paid him the balance due on 173 hours work at $1.00 per hour and gave him $450 for tuition for the first semester and rented Nov. 1. The Freshee girls, who arrived this week, came with M— and Thurston and we drove Charlie Jones home.

Sept. 13 Raking and cleaning the lawn. Thurston had a bad back and didn't get the place mowed again. Irene, the Terrys and Crowns came to dinner. The Shenhans have decided not to sell their farm.

Sept. 14 To Irenes for samba and medley dinner. The Terrys are there for the week-end and the Freels were there today. The Terrys brought me to Washington where I just a bus by five minutes.

Sept. 15 Talked to Betty and Sidney today, but was unable to accept their week-end invitation. Am very tired today. Ken Moore has had a conversation with Tom Dewey who indicates that that he intends to return to law practice at or before the end of his present term as Governor. Tom's demands will apparently be very high.

Sept. 16 Ralph Haymsfeld has been elected President of Schenley. Rosenstiel becomes chairman and of course remains the chief executive officer. Howard Ferguson telephoned me tonight. He has left the banking business altogether and is dealing in mortgages. At present he is dealing with New England insurance companies who he hopes to make his main

Sept. 17 Dwight Tenny, who is an American Legion officer in Washington, tells an amusing story of introducing General Vaughan (the recipient of freezers + other gifts from politicians) at a Legion Dinner

September 18, 1952 "Point Counter-Point" is quite uneven, more than I had remembered, and really dated. One feels that Huxley hated everybody Margaret tells me that Thurston was quite shocked at Alison Mary's assurance in arguing with me - which I was of course provoking and encouraging. Thurston is conventional and rigid to an extraordinary degree for one so young. Sept. 19 To the dentist this morning and get the bad news that I have a small abcess. Then by car with Kenneth McDowell and Guy Byam to Martha's Vineyard to work out the last details of Mrs. Faris' trust. She is an elderly, badly crippled lady who is trying to dispose intelligently of a considerable fortune her husband left her. The bad drought was broken today and our plane was grounded. Got to Hyannis by ferry and car.

Sept 20 After a night in the old-fashioned Hyannis Inn, Ken McDowell and I returned to N.Y. by plane and Margaret and I got away by car a little after noon. We encountered a good deal of traffic but were in Round Hill in time for Maries dinner party for the quinns. The ~~[illegible]~~ Sleeters, Wilsons, Irene and the Klines were there. A jolly evening.

Sept. 21 We took Irene and the Klines to dinner at Corner Hall tonight and then rushed back to Irenes to hear Senator Nixon's speech defending himself from ugly charges of being subsidised in his political activities by wealthy constituents. The speech was in effect a confession of the charges and an appeal to sentiment and prejudice.

Sept. 22 Alec is in very bad shape and is not likely for recovery. Mr. McCauley is building bookshelves on the ~~[illegible]~~ west wall of the library. Working on the mower and mowing.

Sept. 23, 1952 To Leesburg today to replenish our liquor supply etc. Stopped at Shenstone to see the Malays. They are making extensive additions to the old house and Clare's stories of her unconventional methods are extraordinarily funny. She even climbed the scaffolding and helped the stone masons. She waited until the upstairs was complete before planning the stairway. Clare reports that her electric panels were perfect for heating the house and we are planning to use them for Longfields.

Sept. 24 Howe completed the row of little English box in front of the house. Howe sold the timber on the Simpson place woodlot to J. P. Darlington of Marshall for $960. I waited too long on this and some of the trees were blown over and others damaged in a windstorm last year. The whitepoks were very unsatisfactory.

Sept. 25 Dined with the Johnsons tonight and Hetty had a noble dish of turnip greens and hog jowl for Al and me. Al has almost fully recovered from his accident, but is not able to work. Saw Mrs. Courtney at lunch today. She looks very bread and old and Mr. Courtney's health seems to be entirely shot.
Sept. 26 Bud and Marie Fisher arrived for the week-end tonight. He seems a little older but Marie hasn't changed in 12 years. Bud had an amusing story of a cocktail party given by Tom Dewey before the last Friendly Dinner to the newspaper correspondents who had been with him during his presidential campaigns. Tom told Bud that he had to return to law practice and expected to make $200,000 per annum. Bud is now one of the Senators in the Chicago Tribune Washington office but is, I think, little sympathetic to Col. McCormick's views.

Sept. 27, 1952 Malcolm arrived for the week-end this morning, having come to Washington for some conference with Estes. We gave a cocktail party this afternoon for the Fishers: the Crowens, Irene & the Klines, the Oslers, Jacobs, the Hunts, Maloys and Johnsons. The Hunts are quite an interesting couple. They took one of our kittens, of which we have about ten.

Sept. 28 Irene came to lunch today and observed to Bud that he was week-ending with two Rhodes Scholars, col. McCormacks pet hates. The Fishers left at 4:38 and we dined and played samba with the Crowens.

Sept. 29 Mrs. Riley is painting the new bookshelves and the white trim on the house. Frank Trammell, Irene's gardener, is helping me prepare and seed for lawn an abandoned part of our vegetable garden. Zelmer and Margaret wired that they would be here tomorrow.

Sept. 30 I have completed the mowing of the lawn and the place is at its best. Zellner and Margaret arrived tonight just in time for the dinner party Irene gave for them. The Barnetts, Freds and Cravens were there and Mrs. Barnett and Zellner were soon discussing mutual Kentucky friends. Played sambo

Oct. 1 In to see Alec this morning. My is a slovenly housekeeper and the house was unbelievably dirty. Our two new daphne cneorum arrived. We gave a dinner party tonight for M-, Zellner, the Cravens, & Irene. Played poker.

Oct. 2 Lunched at the Courtney Inn. There is a rumor that the Courtneys have sold, but she said nothing about it. Moved some of the deutzia gracilis. To the Jacobs for cocktails and to the Laws for dinner. They have done a fine redecorating job on their house and are also thinking of an electric heating system. Zellner left for N. Y. tonight.

oct. 3, 1952 Zellner is indulging in bourbon again and is developing quite a paunch. Margaret is much worried about him. Took Marie and the Lewis to dinner at the Battletown Inn and then back to the Crowens for samba. Zellner returned late tonight.
oct. 4 Zellner and Margaret left this morning for Richmond. The are to return to Lexington tomorrow. Took Marie and Irene to Washington to young Rogers Fred's wedding, a joyful affair. Dined with the Dwight Terrys, Poker. The only upset about the wedding was that Ethel had to miss it as a result of a sudden appendectomy.
~~Octt~~ 5 our 50 tiny mugho pines arrived yesterday and I bedded them out this morning before we left for Williamsburg, via Manassas and Richmond. A beautiful day. Listened to an exciting world's series game in which the Dodgers defeated the Yankees. Staying at the Williamsburg Lodge.

Oct. 6 up early and took the Garden tour with a charming and intelligent local lady as guide. Although most interesting, the policy that restricts the planting to specimens known in the 18th century makes the planning sterile for the modern gardener. We went through the Brush-Everard house, which is new to us, the palace, Wythe house etc. We moved to the Inn today, our room at the Lodge being reserved for some one else, and we had Grace Stone for dinner. Grace is becoming a poised and charming girl.

Oct. 7 up early and drove to Raleigh, crossing the James at the Jamestown ferry. Went through a cotton and peanuts country. The Duntsch house is a fine one but much run down, dingy and dark. The grounds are spacious and impressive, but are overgrown and in need of work. Tom and Elizabeth are gracious & charming. Ellen came in to see us tonight. The house is a museum of fine furnitures and objets d'art.

oct. ~~Oct.~~ 8, 1942 Left Raleigh at 10 A.M. and were at Longfields in late afternoon. We brought back three boxes of plants: cuttings of French blue box, a tiny willow oak, a tiny red oak, many small shiny-leaf privet, roses, eleagnus etc. The Dortschs have to sell their place - it's much too big - and are in despair as to their next move.

Oct. 9 our broad leaf evergreens came today. Five each of three rhodendrons: maximum, catawbiensis and caroliniana, five leucothoe, and 5 mountain laurel. Frank helped me bed them out. The Crowens came to dinner tonight.

Oct. 10 Alec's boys have cut 3 fine timber trees on the place. At the Crowens party tonight: the Wilsons, Bradleys, Sleeters etc. Mr. Wilson, retired V.P. of the Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co., is a most interesting and charming man. He is on many directorates, including Woodward & Lothrop.

Oct. 11 Took the coalays to dinner at the Battlatown Inn tonight. Back to their houses for bridge where Herbert and I retrieved our bad fortunes by bidding and making a grand slam in spades. General Eisenhower it seems to me, is making a very bad campaign. His promises and pasetions are so inconsistent that he is laying up much trouble for himself if elected.
Oct. 12 To Irenes for dinner and samba. Ethel Fred was there, pale and wan from her aspendectomy. Alec is in critical condition and the end may be near.
Oct. 13 Moved one of the red maples Jake gave me to replace the one that died last year. Also two of the Japanese cherries and three of the betula populifera. Moved the 5' Pieris Japonica to the southwest corner of the front terrace and the 5' pieris floribunda, which look very sick, to the nursery bed under the cherry trees. Seeded and fertilized the new lawn and in the old vegetable garden.

Oct. 14 Took the Cravens to dinner at the Battletown Inn and returned to their house for samba. They are leaving tomorrow for a visit ~~to~~ with the Hills in Richmond. It seems to me that Bill is spending more of his time on his business and less on the farm. This is made possible since he has acquired an excellent manager for the farm.
Oct. 15 Mowed the tiny weedy pines, about 5-0 of them, this morning. Mowed several of the 1949 crop to the rocky space south of the parking lot and took care to the Rogers Fred. Ethel has had a relapse. Finished seeding the new lawn which Frank has put in fine condition.
Oct. 16 Bishop Howard is painting the house. Sat all ~~the~~ our grounds limed today - which should be a help. Cleaned out my tool house. Dined at the Jacobs - or rather with them at the Battletown Inn. Irene also
with us.

oct 17 Dined at Irene's tonight. She has the Correas from New York and their friends the Busses. A most attractive and interesting group of youngsters. My opinion of Irene, already most favorable, rose when I saw her with these young people. Henry Correa is a Spaniard from Colombia, poised, intellectual, grave and altogether likeable. young Busse is eager, inquiring and not quite mature.
oct. 18 A refreshing finish today to our vacation work. Frank and I transplanted spiraea, deutzia, weigelia, snowball and privet. Seeded some patches and cleaned around shrubs. used the last of the fertilizers. To see Ethel Fred this afternoon.
oct. 19 up early this morning and drove back to New York. Margaret felt very tired and I did most of the driving - the reverse of the usual. A fine day. None of the promised repairs to the apartment have been made

october 20, 1952 Back at my desk - which had little of interest on it. Roy Morfa is dead. He had many ups and downs and has died at a time when he should have been enjoying his late-won prominence. Bob Hensel is returning to N.y. to be top counsel for Mack Trucks.
October 21 Bob Brame is out again and will not be back until about Dec. 1. Lunched with Dee Stone at the B. K. C. Saw Bill White on the subway and he reports that he is desgusted with the Eisenhower campaign. My friend Wiener is back after a summer in France and reports that prices are high there and service poor.
Oct. 22 To Rye to attend the Discussion Group at Malcolm's: Mr. Wasson, the Presbyterian preacher, Wendell Phillips, Bill Carson, Schneider of the Country Day School and Duffield + Hutchins from the Herald Tribune. Most interesting and pleasant.

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oct. 29 To Wilmington with the Petino directors to vote the distribution of the Smelters stock. Colonel Moulton, a handsome old gentleman, lightened our trip with many amusing stories. Sat our work done and were back in N. Y. in the early afternoon. My British Luncheon Club friend, Arundel Cotter, is dead after months of illness. He was on the staff of the Wall Street Journal and had written some books on finance.

oct. 30 Sir Francis Wylie died yesterday. He must have been about 85. His life was a useful one and he was a great favorite with Rhodes Scholars. In a way his life is proof of the fact that industry and good will gain more lasting friends than easy manners.

oct. 31 Margaret left for Round Hill this morning to return the car and to see Mr. Peebles about the heating. I got the Spirit of St. Louis tonight on my way to Kokomo, via Indianapolis.

Nov. 1, 1952 Long wait in Indianapolis which I filled in by a visit to the State Capitol, a poor movie and a long wait at the airport for my plane which was very late. Mommy is well and quite chipper although her deafness has worsened. Nelson is much better than last year. Loretta seems tired and, I gather, has been very nervous. The poor girl has had a very hard time. The children are well. We drove over to Bandana tonight to see cousins Alice, Earl and Gertrude. Alice is going to the Memphis hospital for an operation tomorrow. Cousin Earl is well although he is getting much too fat, but Cousin Gertrude looks old and broken. I was so shocked at her appearance that I had a hard time acting naturally but she appeared glad to see me. George Bradley looks quite middle-aged. Did not see John Tell who works at the atomic plant and is sleeping off a cold.

November 2 Mammy, Hilson and I motored to Wingo this morning, lunched there and then drove to Charlie and Myrtle Turner's. Myrtle seems to have recovered to a considerable extent from the long nervous depression which followed Dorothy's death. Charlie is thinner than ever. We took Myrtle then and drove to see Emma and Aunt Ada. Aunt Ada, who was 94 in August, is completely blind and bed ridden, but her memory is wonderful. She can recollect in the greatest detail events of her youth and middle age, although she repeats herself, and has a great deal of her old gaiety and charm. Emma has the full care of her mother and apparently bears most of the expense although Hattie helps some. Emma has a teen age girl and a boy about twelve and her only income is that from her late husbands government life insurance. We also saw Will and Ada Murdock and Boyd Jones and his wife. Boyd looks old and sick.

November 3, 1952 Dave had two long talks with Chester Anderson whose furniture store seems to be thriving. Also with Eva Katherinson (Eva Hodges) who lives in ~~Hotso~~ Zellner's house, next door to Hudson's. Dave Mommy out to see Miss Flora Ogelvie who lives at Claude Roglands, opposite the old Willie campbell place. Miss Flora's face is a little bloated and she is getting feeble, but her mind is as quick as ever. We then went on to the graveyard where we picked up magnolia seed from the tree Mommy planted 50 years ago. Miss Jennie's grave is marked with a nice piece of marble, but there is none for Mrs. Willie who died a week before she did. Carol has had a very bad attack of asthma and has coughed and choked at night in a heart-rending manner. otherwise she is a very pretty and healthy child, most affectionate and lovable.

Nov. 4 To Bardana this morning to talk to Mrs. Randolph's (Miss Seal's) pupils. They were chiefly interested in foreign languages. Saw Tilden Hodges down town and had a nostalgic talk with him. Went to see Fred Rous to express my sympathy about his son's trouble. Nilsan's house, while too small for my taste and not very handsome, is well planned and very cheerful and comfortable. He and Loretta like it very much after the dingy Haddox house. Mommy goes to Sister's soon and much that relief and the new house Loretta should recover quickly. She has been tireless in her efforts to make me welcome and comfortable. Took the 2 P.M. plane ~~to~~ and was in N.Y. at 8:40. Joined Margaret at the Sam Seales to listen to the election returns. It was quickly apparent that Eisenhower would win easily and we came home early. I am really very happy about my Kentucky visit. The weather was perfect.

November 5, 1952 To Harry Kilpatrick's funeral this morning. The poor fellow's trouble was cancer rather than palsy as had been thought. A real tragedy. Took Mr. Tweed to lunch to discuss the uniform commercial code. Margaret says that Mr. Kelley has discontinued Alec's wages as none of Alec's boys will do a thing. The Eisenhower victory is a real landslide. Now to Wattick tells me that Fred Gretsch has recently died. He can hardly have been more than sixty. Christenson has remarried. His wife was someone from the Trust company. Bill Evarts has retired - which Tweed finds inexplicable. Nov. 7 Full meeting of the uniform commercial code committee at the Bar Association. Much worry and haggling over small details. Then to the Yale Club with Warfield, Emblidge & Buerger to plan our course. Foster and Anne arrived tonight for four days.

Nov. 8 quiet day at home. Foster is tired after a long charitable drive which he headed and Anne has little energy, probably due in part to her strict diet. Foster says that he hasn't yet closed out the Union Trust account. The George Mills came to dinner tonight.
Nov. 9 We gave a cocktail party for the Dotys this afternoon: the Moreys, Wells, Peales, Whites, Lourens and Mathews. It is interesting to see how well and how affectionately Foster remembers all his old friends. Even he and Dean seemed to be on most friendly terms.
Nov. 10 Lunched at the D.T.A. with Scovell M- and George Mills. Tonight we had the Clarks to dinner with the Dotys and to the theatre to see "Bernardine", a charming little comedy of youth. As the performance was the early "commuters" special, we had oyster soup before the theatre and dinner after. Jim was in fine fettle with many amusing stories about an associate who has been gypped by loose ladies.

November 11, 1952 Foster and I passed the day quietly at home while Anne and Margaret shopped. Long nap this afternoon. Tonight Foster concocted a delicious meal out of left-overs. I finished Reade's Peg Woffington, a slight and outmoded book, and De la Roche's "Return to Jalna".

Nov. 12 Foster and Anne left this morning; lunched with Charlie Willard at the Lawyers Club, to the Grolier Club at a small dinner for Milton Caniff, the cartoonist who created "Terry and the Pirates".

Nov. 13 The New York State Crime commission is holding public hearings and Ben Matthew's work as counsel is getting favorable publicity. Lunched with Mr. Tweed again today. He is in a bad spot. As president of the American Law Institute he has to support the Code, but many of his partners and the Chase Bank are much opposed to it.

Nov. 14 Gelaney has sent us a fine roll of smoked sausage which I am enjoying very much. Am reading Wouk's "The Caine Mutiny"; a fine story of life in the World War II Navy, but messed up somewhat with a silly love story. Senny Brophy has won a fine victory in the struggle over the subsidy for the new American Export liners.

Nov. 15. At the Parke-Bernet this morning to examine the Benjamin E. Levy library. Not distinguished but some good items. Then to the Carnegie where I bought a Coleridge letter and a Wordsworth letter. Dined with the Johnsons tonight. Sunbar.

Nov. 16 Spent a large part of the day cataloguing; the Nonesuch Chapman's Homer, the S. P. R. Jones set etc. With the Whites tonight to the annual dinner of the 100 years Association. Our fellow guests were the Dennis; the Cuthells and the Yockneys. A late party for Sunday night.

Nov. 17, 1952 Lunched with Dee Stone and Ed Gebbs. Margaret and I have about $8000 to invest and I have been toying with the idea of buying some textile stocks, but Ed and Werner advise against it. Ditto Mathews.

Nov. 18 The Salary Stabilization Board has cleared the International commercial corporation salaries so that I shall now get $1200 for 1951, a similar amount for 1952 and my directors fees at $50.00 per meeting. I attended the Levy book sale tonight. Got a fine quarto Rollins Histoire Ancienne and two incunabula.

Nov. 19 To the dentist this morning. He has to mend my broken denture and draw yet another of my dwindling stock of teeth. To an International commercial corp'n Directors Meeting. George Edwards tells me that he, his wife and small children are defendants in the Dupont anti-trust suit.

November 20 Took Kenneth McDowell to lunch at the D.T.A. Ken is a nice boy, perhaps too intelligent and humorous for the stuffy atmosphere of a big trust company. When Mommy and I were at the Mt Pleasant cemetery we saw the Gravestones of Maud and May Hopper and I was amazed to see how long they had been dead, 1911 in the case of May, 1917 for Maud. I remember both of them vividly.

Nov. 21 Herb Brownell is to be Attorney General in the new Eisenhower cabinet; a splendid choice, Herb has always been reticent about his ambitions, but once admitted tacitly to me that he would like to be on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Nov. 22 At the Carnegie Book Shop where I yielded to temptation and bought the big National Edition of Hugo's works which Dave bought at the Levy sale. Also Seebohm's History of British Birds in a fine binding. John Dunlop telephoned tonight from a hospital where he has been for several weeks.

November 23, 1952 Spent a large part of the day writing letters to Louise, Bernice, Nelson and Zellner. Reading Miss Patch's story of her 30 years as secretary to George Bernard Shaw. Cleaning and oiling the handsome set of S.P.R. James in a shining Riviere binding. Nov. 24 Had Jack Burdett to lunch at the B.H.C. In the early part of the war he commanded a converted yacht in the Atlantic. He then commanded a destroyer escort in the Pacific and was at the battle of Leyte Gulf. He gives a good account of the vessel which I had thought of as a death trap in surface combat. Nov. 25 Wrote a long letter to Herb Braunale about my pleasure at his appointment and our memories of our youthful days. Lunch with Budinger who wants to create a charitable trust. Malcolm is trying to impose Joan's boy friend on us for Christmas.

Nov. 26 To the Datys this afternoon. Foster met us in a fine new Lincoln, his "last" big car he says. I believe he said the same about his Cadillac three years ago. He has put his house on the market for $65 000, but continues to collect antiques

Nov. 27 Anne tells us that Naomi Reed has had another bad automobile accident, her third I think, and is convalescing in Tucson. Woodie and Foster are very busy installing a fine new television set. We drove today to see the Chapin country cottage. It sets on a bleak hillside but has cost about $80,000 due to handmade furnishings imported glass etc.

Nov. 28 Worked most of the day on my report on the proposed Uniform Commercial Code. It would be disastrous I think, to enact it in its present form, but it represents a large amount of work that should not be lost. Our committee will probably recommend further work by a New York Commission

November 29, 1952 Drove to Suffield and Granby today to see the antique shops. Foster bought an old portable desk and some fine candlesticks. Dined with the Norman Wallaces tonight at the Colony Club and then on to the "Icecapades", an entertainment on the ice with graceful skating and lovely costumes.
Nov. 30 Back to Mrs. Walkers antique shop at Granby where I bought Margaret ~~a~~ an desk, cherry wood circa 1780, for $325.00 and a Federal period Sirandale mirror of the Hudson River Valley types for $125. Home tonight about 8 P.M.
Dec. 1 My books arrived from the Carnegie today, 6 cartons. The Hugo is very bulky. Sent Tom Mabry a check for $1163.20 to cover the cost of the electric heaters which are presumably ready to be shipped. We hope that Mr. Peebles gets busy. Dan Marvin is sick and out of the office again.

Dec 2 Joe Nunan has been indicted for frauds in his own income tax reports during his term as collector of Internal Revenue. ordered 2 new suits today. Senator Taft has publicly criticised Eisenhowers appointment of labor leader Durkin as Secretary of Labor. Durkin is a Democrat. Taft calls the appointment "incredible" and takes a nasty crack at Herb Brownell who is characterized as the patronage dispenser.

Dec. 3 Lunched at 46 Wall Street with Seawell Martin and Homer Vilas to discuss the proposed settlement in the Kimball estate. We gave a dinner party tonight for the Houghton Bells, the Lovetts and the McGraws. Very pleasant.

Dec. 4 Long talk with Bill Taylor today about a new retainer arrangement with Bankers Trust. Worked on the Tennessee Commercial Cable Report. Edith and Hudson Harrell come to dinner. He has had another eye operation - cataract.

December 5, 1952 A gloomy, rainy day. Lunched with Dee Stone at the B.L.C. We dined with the Walls tonight.

Dec. 6 Had a meeting at our apartment of the drafting subcommittee on the code: Willard, Kuspert, Horfield, Pierce, Buerger, Israels + Wemple. A long hard day but Margaret helped out by serving us a fine roast beef luncheon at noon. Israels and Buerger have been invaluable in this work.

Dec 7. Proofreading the work we did yesterday. Very tired. M- and I took a long walk - window shopping. Malcolm, who has rented his house, has taken a room at the Mansfield without a private bath.

Dec 8 Sat out on mimeograph the work done Saturday. I am almost exhausted and am dreaming, but without hope, of the Arizona ranches. Margaret too is exceedingly tired, largely, I think, as a result of her strenuous dieting.

Dec. 9 Doctor McGrath pulled another of my diminishing stock of teeth today and immediately inserted the new dentures. Lunched with Mr. Tweed.

Dec. 10 Hap Flanigan has terminated our retainer by Manufacturers Trust company. It was obvious that Johnston could take over all the work at will - his support on the Board is essential to Hap - but I had hoped that he didn't want the trust work. He has no staff experienced in such work. With Stauffer gone, however, no one at the Trust Company would appreciate the significance of that.

Dec. 11 Everyone at the office is gloomy over the loss of the M.T. account. Bill Crowens is rude to us for a short visit. Have billed $5,000 on account in the Kimball estate.

Dec. 12 Al Johnson and Malcolm come to dinner tonight. Al, who has been ill, left after dinner, but Malcolm played sambas with Margaret, Bell and me. Al looks very old and tired. Hetty is also sick.

December 13, 1952 To the Carnegie Book Shop to pick up the items Kerscherbaum bought for me last week, also some he let me have from his own holding: Cruikshank's Comic Almanac, 1835-53, in a fine binding, firsts of Suckling's "Fragmenta Aurea", Fletcher's "Monsieur Thomas" and Raleigh's "Judicius and Select Essays and Observations" etc. Handled with Dove, Bani & Halperin.
Dec. 14 Have a slight cold. Catalogued. To see the Johnsons this afternoon. Both are sick and discouraged.
Dec. 15 Very tired and listless. Came home early today. Am reading Sackville West's The Edwardians. It has not worn well. Have Otto Kelley's bill for $547.22 for work at Longfields.
Dec. 16 Have a fine copy of the first edition of Lubbon's Rome, a handsome quarto, from Lowe Bros. of Birmingham for 21 guineas. A real find. Also a copy of Lord Darling's cases and of Saintsbury's French lyrics. A good find, this dealer.

Dec. 17 Joseph E. Rovensky is dead at 76. I hope that the bustle of the Patino matter had nothing to do with his sudden end. We have a nice box of apples from the McMasters. From all accounts they are quite happy at Brattleboro.

Dec. 18 Margaret has a new kitten, a nuisance in general but company for her. Our year at the office will be a fairly good one although we are putting some bills forward to equalize 1952 and 1953. We are proposing to reallocate percentages to provide for our younger partners and I shall probably have to take a reduction.

Dec. 19 Held a meeting of the subcommittee drafting the report on the uniform commercial Code at our office this afternoon. The work goes slowly as the outlooks are very diverse. Buergen and Banfield are very helpful and Israels has been invaluable in drafting. Am reading France's "Le Livre de Mon Ami", a splendid work.

December 20, 1952 Worked at the office most of the day. Bought Margaret's Xmas present, three French limoges ash trays for the Virginia home. Stopped at Dauber & Pine's where I learned that Mr. Dauber has been ill for six weeks. Bought a copy of the first volume of the National History of France and the last two volumes of the Vernay letters.

Dec. 21 To the Von Steinbergs this morning in a gloomy rain that lasted all day. Sebach has been ill and the doctors have diagnosed ulcers. To a big cocktail party at the Leavitts where we saw the Lemmls and Jock Currey.

Dec. 22 Working on the Kimball estate tax return, a task which falls to me because the Tax Dept. is too busy. The Faushee girls have arrived for the holidays. Malcolm and Joan's boy friend, Pierce Barker, joined us for dinner. Pierce is a sophomore at Harvard, majoring in mathematics.

Dec. 23 I have a business Christmas card from Homer Ferguson, president of a mortgage company in Honolulu. When I was at home Myrtle Jones told me an amusing story about Jermain Wingo and the new railroad that came through Wingo. To reward him for some favors the railroad gave him a lifetime pass. The first time he boarded the train he was forced to pay fare because he didn't have his pass with him. This annoyed him so much that he left the train, bought a horse to get home and never used the railroad again.

Dec. 24 Took Bob Brame to lunch to discuss a new reliance arrangement. Elizabeth has sent me a copy of the Judge Rosenman's "Working With Roosevelt" with an elaborate inscription by the Judge.

Dec. 25 Ella, the Fooshees and Pierce Barker had dinner with us. Rich Lewis sent me a handsome tie. A nice desk set from the Fooshees. Handkerchiefs from Foster and Nelson, a ham from Lawson etc.

December 26, 1952 Pierce left this morning but was on the telephone to Joan before nightfall. Mary Watson telephoned holiday greetings. Bob has had the children two years and Mary is working as a doctor's secretary. Tonight we saw Shirley Booth in "The Time of the Cuckoo."

Dec. 27 To the Morey's party for Alison, who is a debutante this year. Had a long talk with Vera Dean, who, incidentally, has a very pretty teenage girl. Also with Judge Rosenman who seems to me to be a little ponderous. Nice conversations with Paul and Mrs. Hahn, Alex and Peg Finney, the Bissells and the Parkes.

Dec. 28 To the Gramercy Park party for the Brownells. Herb tells me that he has put his house on the market and hopes to buy one in Washington. They are putting their children in the Friends' School in Washington.

Dec. 29 All day at the Bar Association working out the final draft of the report on the uniform commercial code. A very good attendance under the circumstances. In spite of lower earnings at the office and big expenditures on books, I have more money than at the end of last year.

Dec. 30 The Enyp financing will not be consummated but International Paper has agreed to a $55.00 fee for me. As I had feared the Tax Authorities refused to give the necessary tax rulings.

Dec. 31 Malcolm left Monday and the house is liveable again with only the two girls to care for. To lunch with Howland Auchincloss, Roy Haberkern, Carlos Israels and Charlie Willard. To the Johnson's party tonight. Mr. Hovey, the Austins and Salschells were the other guests. The Matthews couldn't come because Ben has a bad cold and Malcolm dropped out at the last minute to go out with some Rye friends.

January 1, 1953 We left the party early as both M- and I were ill, so that we were out early this morning. We have a nice letter from Peg and Jake who have bought a house at Melbourne Florida. Miss Mattfeld, our old head file clerk retired at the end of 1952 and Fern Schafer, the next in line retired. Both of them have been at the office since long before my time. I was quite moved in telling them good bye.

Jan. 2 At the office this morning catching up on personal business. Sold $20,000 of my A.T.+T. convertible Debentures of 61 at 115½, a comfortable profit. To the Parke Benet this afternoon to look at the books in next weeks sale. Jan. 3 To the ~~Parke Benet~~ Carnegie Book Shop where I picked up a legal manuscript formerly in the Sir Thomas Phillipps collection, a sort of legal notebook of about 1600. Then to the McGraw cocktail party where we saw Vera Dean again.

Jan. 4 Joan returned to Radcliffe today in a very rebellious mood. Her grades are not good and her preoccupation with Pierce, a bright but unsocial lad some months younger than she, is very unsettling. I am cataloguing the big Hugo set, a big job because of its bulk. To see Ella this afternoon.

Jan. 5 We have hired a new house man, Tommy Jackson, erstwhile taxi driver in Purcellville, sent to us by Mrs. Courtney. Am working on the report on the uniform commercial code - with long telephone conferences with Harrison Tweed et al.

Jan. 6 Dr. Frank LeRand McVey is dead in Lexington. He was 83 and had been living in retirement for a number of years. Dr. McVey always reminded me of Wilson and, if he lacked the Presidents scope and facility with language, he made up for it in a warm personality. Sue and Pete Lenow telephoned us tonight. They are living in Arlington, Va.

Jan. 7, 1953 Tommy Jackson reported for work today. He will hardly equal Columbus but he should be very helpful in the coming weeks when we expect company and entertaining. Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. He is gloomy as usual.

Jan. 8 The report on the Uniform Commercial Code went to the printer today - to my great satisfaction. Malcolm left today for a two weeks holiday. Thomas Segure is dead at 45. The poor fellow never got over the curious polio-like illness that struck him down as a young man.

Jan. 9 The Winthrop, Stimson firm has offered Peter Miller $8500 as against our $6500. We must meet it as our Tax Department can't spare him. Buerger telephoned today from Buffalo to say that he and Frasers have had a great argument over Buerger's signing the U. C. C. report. Had a long talk with Wolfrich today. He is much disturbed over our being dropped by Manufacturers T. Co.

Jan. 10 The elder Mrs. Courtney is dead in her 99th year. I am afraid that she lived long enough to about finish her son and daughter-in-law. Spent most of the day at the Carnegie reading. I bought some fine manuscripts that were in the Colonel Wells sale a few years ago. Also picked up the items Dave bought for me at the Parke-Bernet a few days ago.
Jan. 11 Spent the day at home writing letters of thanks for Christmas gifts to Jack Budinger, Rock Lewis, the McMasters, Nelson, Mommy et al. Finished Jesse Stuarts "Foretaste of Glory" a story based on the excitement in a Kentucky town at an unusually bright manifestation of the aurora borealis.
Jan. 12 Peter Miller has agreed to stay with us on our meeting the offer of Winthrop Stimson firm. In less than one month his salary has gone from $5500 to $8500. Talked to Earl Keavey today. They have bought a house in Vernon, Va.

Jan. 13, 1953 Lunched with Wallace at the Down Town Athletic Club. He tells me that Elias Cohen died last year while on a visit to Israel. Welfred seems very sorry and even indignant that Flanigan has seemed all the time with counsel to give the business entirely to Oswald Johnston. The Johnsons dined with us tonight and we played samba.

Jan. 14 With Art Douglas (formerly of Root, Clark, now president of the Statler Hotels Co.) as host, Herbert Brownell's old roommates gave him a luncheon today: Worth Vaughan, John Dunlop, Bob Fisk, Lloyd Laporte, Count Borgs and I were on hand. Herb seems somewhat bitter about Taft's recent outburst. Herb has sold all his stocks and has taken his interest in land, Doug & Lord in a lump sum, all taxable as ordinary income in 1953. He expects to use up a considerable amount of his savings in the next four years.

January 15 Paid $5-5-00 today on my 1952 income tax, making the totals for the year $19,000. This should about cover it. Lunched with Mr. Tweed who asked me if he could send my name to the Governor as one of the New York commissioners on uniform State Laws. Told him that I would have to discuss it with my partners as the duties would take a considerable amount of time.

January 16 Arthur Keaffe, who has wanted to leave Carnell for some time, has become a partner in the firm of Noe Tenner & Noone of Chattanooga Tenn. A queer place for an upstate New Yorker with no Southern connections.

January 17 Worked this morning. Then went by to see Mr. Dowler who has just returned to the store after an illness of several weeks. Pneumonia, I think. He is about seventy and I am afraid that his health is about to break. The Evening Telegram says that Eddie Lumbard is to be appointed U. S. Attorney here.

January 18, 1953. Margaret left for Virginia this morning for a visit with the Cravens and to go with them to the inaugural. With Malcolm to the Harvard club concert this afternoon. The Francis Chrystees, Ed Kohl and a Mrs. Boyd were also in his party. Malcolm says that Ed's job has been abolished in one of the Governmental reorganizations and that Ed is looking for another place.

Jan. 19 After cleaning with several partners I telephoned Tweed that I would like to be recommended to be one of the commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The newspapers are full of news about Mr. Charles E. Wilson, President of General Motors, who is nominated to be Secretary of Defense but who has so far refused to sell his stock. He seems to be a real fool. The Alsops say that a considerable part of the controversy is really aimed at Brownell. At any rate it is very bad for the new administration.

January 20 Acted as proxy as usual at the Peoples Industrial Bank stockholders' meeting this afternoon. Then to the Buffet Supper at the Bar Association. At the stated meeting that followed I presented the report on the uniform commercial code. The resolution was passed without debate and by a unanimous vote, all the fireworks being reserved for some criticism of the existing rules on negligence cases.

Jan. 21 We have lost the Kennicott account - something we have feared a long time. The company has always thought that having the same attorneys as Anaconda made it vulnerable in any anti-trust action.

Jan. 22 Margaret returned last night, reporting an interesting time at the inaugural and that all is well at Longfields. The new evergreens are not flourishing but all are alive. Working on an Anaconda matter with Dick Hoblitzell and Past of Anaconda Wire & Cable.

January 23, 1953 Formal dinner party at the Peales tonight for Sydney and Betty Stevens. Michael is staying with us. Betty is blooming and happy and Sydney seems to be satisfied with his progress at his bank. They have begun work on their new house.

Jan. 24 Lunched with Bowie and Kirschenbaum and picked up my new manuscripts: a short story of Mark Twains, a part of a story and letters of Dumas, pere, with letters of Dumas, fils and Grandpere, and letters of Louis XIII and Anne D'Autriche. We had a dinner party for the Stevens tonight, having also the Peales and Mathews. A very pleasant occasion as we are all so fond of the Stevens.

Jan. 25 Malcolm and Joan lunched with us and Joan will stay for a few days. Dined with the Rodgers tonight, the other guest being Dean Ungren of Dartmouth. He is leaving for a stay in Sweden. Sandra is back from Hollywood and apparently looking for a job.

Jan. 26 Arthur Packer is dead at 51 - after two or three years of serious illness. He had a complete breakdown, brought on in part at least by a son's illness and has never been right since. I have finished Burn's Greece, still a good work in spite of its age.

Jan. 27 The Lafcadio Hearn collection which I bought at the Carnegie several months ago and have just gotten around to cataloguing, is quite interesting. Hearn lived in the right age for a wandering eccentric. In these days of suspicion and international tension he would have gotten into trouble.

Jan. 28 To the dinner of the Banking Law Section tonight. These are not very inspiring meetings although the audience is always an intelligent and courteous one. Bill Emblidge tells me that Da Banks Henwood, the real founder of the Section, has left his bank as a result of change of management after some ill-advised loans.

January 29, 1953 All day at the Banking Law Section. Some of the papers were really very good, especially Granville Sewall's on term loans. We had a very large luncheon attendance and I sat at a table with Al Buerger, Bill Embleidge, Bob Brome, Alto Crouse. To the president's dinner at the Manhattan Club tonight. Where I sat with Dermod Ives.
January 30 To Pat Hodgson's cocktail party where I always see many old young men - Leroy Snyder, Dave Neal, Ward Foshay, and, this time, John Kenny. John is practising law in Washington and says that he is through with politics. Had dinner with Homer Wood.
January 31 Gave the report on the Uniform Commercial Code at the State Bar annual meeting this morning to a respectful if not very exhilarated audience. To the annual dinner tonight where we had Franklin Moon and Bob Sullivan as guests.

February 1 Lazy day at home with some sleep in the afternoon to make up for that last last week. To see Ella at 4 30 Dermod Ives told me the other night that Sid Soons is paralyzed and out of active life for good, Dermod has left on a cor-ibbean trip.

Feb. 2 Mr. Parke is in the hospital, a prostrate operation, I believe. I have concluded a new retainer arrangement with Bankers Trust, a quantum merit basis with a minimum of $1000 per quarter.

Feb 3 Joan left last night and Irene Wright arrived today to be with us a few weeks. I am helping Lee Morey on a new issue of stock to finance the Cinerama moving pictures - a new type of movie intended to give three-dimensional effects.

Feb 4 Malcolm and the Van Steenbergs come to dinner tonight and the gentlemen defeated the ladies at samba, to Irene's surprise and chagrin.

February 5, 1953 Malcolm took us to dinner at the Harvard Club tonight and then to see Maurice Evans in "Dial M for Murder". A good little detective story drama but nothing very exciting.

Feb. 6 Mrs Sheldon has sent us a large box of fine pineapples from Florida. Too bad I can't eat them. Lunched with Alec Penney today and got some advice for Irene who is holding a lot of high-priced and, it seems to me, unsound stocks.

Feb. 7 Put in several hours at Kolinski's trying to buy some iron chairs which finally went for $30 each. My bid was $10.00. To the Kenny carreas for cocktails and they returned with us for supper and samba at which Malcolm joined us.

Feb. 8 Bad headache today. Cleaning and cataloguing books. Am much troubled about the stock market as I have a good many highly volatile equities. I hoped to get 20 for my Pan American Aviation but am not too sure now.

Feb 9 I see by the Advance that Roland Sale is dead in Salenter. He was 77. His widow, Gertrude Wilkins, has had a hard life. Just my age she lost her first husband, Larkin Denton, after a short married life and married the much older Sale who was then well-to-do. He has been ill and poor now for a long time. Mrs. John queen of Berryville is dead from cancer.
Feb. 10 Darragh Parke is dead at 61. I had somehow thought him much older. Lunched with Charles Jones at the D. T. A. He seems to be dissatisfied and is planning a trip to Florida to think his problem through. To the Bar Association tonight to a buffet supper and to hear Warren Lee Pierson speak on problems of international air transportation.
Feb. 11 Mrs. Lucy MacLeod Helm, sister of Bruce MacLeod, was in today to ask me about some tax problems. Lunched at Bankers Trust today with Stuart, Miller and Croft and people from Dumond Alkali. Discussed railroad car financing.

Feb 12, 1953 Worked at the office this morning on my income tax etc. Then to the Parke-Bernet to see the Louis E. Levy books - a poor lot. I suspect that he had disposed of the best items during his lefetime. Also that his library was never a well chosen one. Went by the Carnegie to pick up some purchases

Feb. 13 Bill Crowens, the incurable isolationist, has sent me some clippings bitterly critical of Eisenhower and Brownell. Clarence J. Shearn is dead and Whiteside is much excited to find that Mrs. Shearn cashed one day before Shearn's death an $8 000 check which W- had sent Shearn more than one year ago. We notified Chemical, the collecting bank, but the endorsements seem to be genuine.

Feb. 14 To the Wells for cocktails and then on to the old Steak House for dinner. The Constants and Mrs Ware were other guests. Mrs. Ware is Shackelford Miller's sister-in-law.

Feb. 15 Spent part of the day cataloguing the first editions I got at the Carnegie yesterday. A fine lot of Jameses, one each of Cather, Markey and J. C. Harris, two Merediths etc. We had cocktails and supper with the Johnnie Blums. They have adopted a very pretty little boy.

Feb. 16 Still working on the first editions. There are some fine Whittiers and Burroughs. Am reading Malcolm's copy of Johnson's new life of Charles Dickens - quite well written. The author has a real gift for narrative but his comments on Dickens friends do not indicate much real familiarity with the environment. He names Leigh Hunt's literary connections, for instance, without mentioning Byron and Mrs. Cowden Clarke is identified only as the author of a concordance of Shakespeare.

Feb. 17 Working all day on the Cinerama matter at the company's office. I see many pitfalls in the new company's path.

Feb. 18, 1953 To Bankers Trust company to the luncheon given by Jack Budinger for Mr. Norton of Unilever. George Edwards came up from Wilmington for the occasion and Walter Pfizenmayer, Muller of the Foreign Department and two of his colleagues completed the party. Norton is quite an interesting chap and apparently spends most of his time travelling all over the world on behalf of his company.

Feb. 19 Lunched at the Waldorf with Earl Larsen, Paul Boyer, Kelser, Tenser and Feinberg - all in connection with Peoples Industrial Bank business. Thurston's grades were bad this last semester as he had influenza during the examination period.

Feb. 20 Lunched with Tweed at the D. T. A. He apparently wants some assurance of help from me in connection with the commercial code, but doesn't want to risk a rebuff. Tom Dewey has told Brophy that he has recommended Ken Moore for a Federal judgeship.

February 21 Worked this morning. Lunched with Dunn and Morey. Joined Margaret at the Clarke-Bernet Galleries. Prices were very high so we went to the Plaza Galleries but we got nothing there either.

February 22 Put in a large part of the day cataloguing my new acquisitions. To the Kaliski Galleries to see the pictures to be sold in a few days. Then to see Ella. After that we went to see Charlie Chaplin in "Limelight". A fair picture but not up to the great comics of his early days.

Feb. 23 Working on the cinerama matter with Bob McCarmick and Ernest Scanlon. It seems to me that this project needs the financial support of one of the established and well capitalized companies. Reading Johnson's new two volume biography of Dickens. quite a good job, full of facts and well presented. quite a feat for a city college professor.

Feb. 24, 1953 Ex-Senator LaFollette, "young Bob", has committed suicide at his home in Washington. He has been in bad health and was probably deranged. The Cinerama issue has been abandoned - after so much work had been done. I never thought that the stock was marketable. The library of Mark Halstein, who died last year, is coming up for sale soon at the Swann Galleries.

Feb 25 Carey, Boxter & Kennedy has reduced its dividend from 25¢ a qu quarterly to 20¢. I have 200 shares. Bill Taylor tells me that Foster Doty has agreed to retain the ~~Boa~~ Lemon trust account at Bankers Tr. Co.

Feb 26 Took Brome to lunch at the D. T. A. To the Carsons for dinner tonight and then to see Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer in "The Love of Four Colonels". A trivial little drama but very well done. Malcolm had his Mrs. Taylor along.

Feb 27 A post card from the Philip Bradleys tells us that they are vacationing in Florida. We also hear from the Johnsons who appear to be enjoying their stay in Porto Rico. Dined with the Beales tonight. Malcolm and Irene were also there. Samba.
Feb. 28 Took Albert Boni and Dave Kirschenbaum to lunch at Sinos. I have picked out a number of Levy books for purchase. M- and I dined tonight with the Dick Kyles. Chuck and Mrs. Kyles were there and Chuck told us a lot about his experiences on McArthur's staff.
March 1 To see Dean Wells this afternoon. He has had a painful kidney infection. Syrena Stackpole had supper with us. She is just recovering from a broken leg. She told us a wonderful story about her brother who has become a lawyer in his forties and who tried unsuccessfully to establish himself in Rockhead.

March 2, 1953 We had a dinner party for Irene tonight. other guests were the ~~Bill~~ Frank Whites, the Bill Taylors, Malcolm and the Carreas. It appears that Bill Taylor and Frank White are old friends. A very jolly party with a high alcoholic consumption. The Taylors left at one with Bill hugging the Grant Candler Juanita gone us a few years ago.
March 3 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Sedney Mathews. To the Sewanee Dinner tonight as Wendell Kline's guest. Doctor Mocready, the new Sewanee president is quite a fellow, unfortunately the New York professional race discrimination agitators are troubling him very much over Sewanee's refusal to invite negro students. The who think us slaves demagoguery as no negro has applied or ever inquired Dr. Mocready is a distinguished and successful scientist and made a great sacrifice to return to Sewanee.

March 4 Took Irene, Margaret and Wendell Kline to lunch at the Down Town Association where we started with double dykaree and proceeded through oysters, bouillabosse and salad to cherry tart. The Whites gave a dinner tonight for Irene. The guests included the Van Vlecks who own a piece of land near Mt. Weather just above us.

Mar. 5 Irene has left and we are very sad. Stalin is dead and no one knows what will happen now. I am offered the chairmanship of the Commercial Code committee for this year and am in some indecision about it.

Mar. 6 Stance, Jensal is back in Washington, possibly to be chief counsel to the Defense Department. This must have taken some persuading as he told me a few weeks ago that he was finished with Government service. Took Payson Bates to lunch at the D. T. A.

Mar 1952 Fed income tax is $19,177.20.

March 7, 1953 To Princeton this morning. After lunching at the Stevens we went to see their new house which has the sidings up. Bishop and Mrs. Aldrich and Dr. and Mrs. Butler (He is rector of Trinity here) came for cocktails. Had quite an argument over the fight against Seaman. Dean Acke, who has acted very badly, is a close friend of Butlers.

Mon. 8 About an inch of snow this morning. With the Stevens to hear Dr. ~~D~~ Shoemaker preach in the University chapel. A good sermon. Hoffman Stevens came in to lunch. Took a long drive after lunch and then a nap. Home at 10:30.

Mon. 9 Saturday's World-Telegram says that Dewey is pushing Len Moore for a federal judgeship. Len says, however, that the local leaders have selected Walter Bruckhausen. I am working on an article on trust investments - a matter of pressing importance.

Mar. 10 Lunched at the Broad Street Club with Willard, Tweed and Macdonald of the Law Revision commission. Macdonald assures me that the commission will not have ready a final report on the Uniform commercial code before the end of the 1954 legislature session. I have, accordingly, agreed to serve another year as chairman of the Joint Committee. Since I have been proposed as a commissioner of uniform State laws, I could not have acted had I been required to take a yes or no position on the code. To hear Barbara Ward at the English Speaking union.

March 11 Lunched with Hand at the D. T. A. To the reception this afternoon for Anthony Eden at the Waldorf. Saw Mowat and Elizabeth Fraser. Also Malcolm with Hap Flagler and Mrs. Taylor. Also Cecile Taylor and Tom and Mrs. Childs.

March 11, 1933 Home early this afternoon with a bad headache; I have had an amazing find in books, a first edition of Boswell's Johnson with the cancelled page 302 containing an indiscreet conversation between B and J. about Mental infidelity. In the A. Edward Newton sale the catalogue stated that there were only two known copies with this suppressed page. The Newton copy brought $2500. I bought my copy from Lowe Bros of Birmingham for £30/10, and it has the page.

March 12 The Johnsons, Hazel Flagler and the Johnsons come to dinner. Hazel is apparently doing very well in San Francisco. Have finished cataloguing the fine Janvier collection. The volumes, each with an inscription by the author, were given by Janvier to Charles Seeger & his wife, the parents of the poet, Alan Seeger.

Mar. 14 To the Swann Galleries to see the Mark Holstein library. A magnificent reading library but few collectors items, probably because he had given away the valuable volumes during his lifetime. To the Carnegie Book Shop where I lunched with Dove and Albert Boni. Bought some items from the Stetson sale: a Rutebeuf, a Wace and Southey's Malory.

Mar. 15 A bad day. Margaret's cold is still very bad. Cataloguing all day. Malcolm is now getting some large loans from Metropolitan and N.Y. Life. He could make a big come-back through these.

March 16 Lunched with Ken McDowell, Guy Byam and Charlie Lauren at Bankers Trust. Ken and Guy have approved a $750 fee for the work for Mrs. Faris. Len Moore tells me that the district leaders have won the argument and that Bruchhausen will be the U. S. District Judge in Brooklyn.

March 17, 1953 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. Am getting into the second volume of Johnson's Dickens. What a strange and impressive character C. D. was. Have sold my 500 shares of North American Aviation at 20, a price fixed in my mind three years ago.
March 18 Dave Kirschenbaum came to dinner tonight and then went with me to the second session of the Dulstein sale. The prices were high and we got very little. Reading a back number of the Advance I find that Dr. Coffee said to his wife on the return from their honeymoon, "Everything on this place must give milk, eggs or work and you can't give milk or eggs".
Mon. 19 Dined at the Hoaghton Bells tonight The Roy Richardsons were there and a Mr. and Mrs. Burridge. He is a V. P. of Metropolitan Life, his job that of an economist.

March 20 A bad headache today. In connection with a tax refund claim I have been reading Albert Fletcher's last correspondence. The poor fellows relief had just arrived before Albert was killed. In a few days he would have been on his way home. I am worried about Mammy and Bernice. The are afraid to stay at Bernice's place after Robert is drafted.
March 21 To the Carnegie Book Shop, from whence I went to lunch with Boni. To Peter Millers this evening where the Len Moores, Ed Rosses and Gene Roth were also present. Gene gives a grim picture of the U.S. District Attorney's office under Saypole, for whom Gene was head of the Criminal Division.
March 22 Worked for hours on an autograph collection I got from Lowe Bros, "William Harrison Ainsworth And His Friends, Letters and manuscripts, clippings etc of and about Ainsworth, Macrone, Hughes, Blanchard, Forster, Blessington etc

March 23, 1903 Leonard Moore has been offered the U. S. District attorneyship in Brooklyn - a consolation prize for being passed over as district judge. The salary is so low, however, and the tenure so precarious that he feels he can't accept. Dorothy Matlack dined with us tonight.

March 24 I am much pleased with the legal manuscript, a Sir Thomas Phillips item I recently bought at the Carnegie. It is called Elizabethan but seems to me to be Jacobean. Partly in Norman French, it is a lawyer's note and form book. I am thinking of letting Harvard publish it if it likes.

March 25 The Stevens are with us for two days and we gave a dinner party for them and the Peales. Samba afternoons. The Stevens' new house is rising rapidly and will be ready for occupancy by July 1. Bettie seems tired and nervous.

Mon. 24 The Steeens left this morning. Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. Sasha Maximow is working on the foreign exchange wrangles between Continental Grain and Hayden, Stone. He seems to be quite embarassed.
Mon. 27 My birthday. 55. Have a host of cards and letters, including one from Lady Wylie. Mat Stackhouse came down today and I took him and Lee Morey to lunch at the D. T. A. When I asked about Kitty, he said that they were divorced and that he was remarried. A great shock to me. Mat has sold his rock crusher business.
Mon. 28 Lunched with Boni and Kurschenbaum. Bought a long run of Max Beerbohm's letters; also four rare George Barrow items with some unimportant manuscript material. To the Larry Lukes for dinner tonight. The Wells, Gardner Robinsons and another couple were there. Larry has gained a lot of weight.

March 29, 1953 I have a slight cold, cataloguing most of the day. Malcolm and his girls came to lunch. The Barrow items (20 of them) are from Harry Buxton Forman's library. They were gifts of Wise, the bibliographer, and are accompanied by an interesting letter from Wise to Forman, proposing "deals". Wise wanted a good Shelley letter or E. B. Browning Mss. in exchange for a Barrow Mss.

March 30 Margaret and Tommy left with the Johnsons for Round Hill this morning. Stayed home nursing my cold.

March 31 Slept badly ~~this~~ last night and was not helped by Pierce's l. d. call to Joan at 2:30 A. M. To see Ella to get her signature on some papers and home by 3 P. M. The stock market had bad breaks yesterday and today. I was very lucky to get rid of my N. Amer. Aviation at 20.

April 1 I had a flattering letter today from Franklin Brown, the new president of the N. Y. State Bar Ass'n, asking me to be chairman again of the Special Committee on the uniform Commercial Code. Since McDonald of the Law Revision Commission tells me that his final report won't be in I felt that I could accept even though I may be appointed on the uniform State Laws comm.

Apr. 2 Lunched with Alec Finney at the D. T. A., where he threw out useful ideas as usual. To Washington on the Congressional with Bill Crocans met me. His Mother is at his house, a precise, great old lady of 80.

Apr. 3 The new electric radiators are wonderful. The house heats up in a very few minutes. Set the mower going quickly and finished about an acre. Alec is still alive but looks very thin and depressed. Tommy's nephew, Wally, is pretending to help me.

Apr. 4, 1953 one of the cotoneasters and several of the rhodendron and pieris look very bad. The ~~new~~ new grass in the former garden is also a failure. The old grass is improving, however, and I spent several hours on it with the Bolens. The Crowens and Cooleys came to dinner tonight and we played samba until 1 A.M.

Apr. 5 Finished the lawn this morning. Except for the evergreens the planting came through well. Bought two new Japanese cherry trees at Hell Top. Had midday dinner at the Crowens and caught the 4 38 bus.

Apr. 6 My train was 2 hours late last night and I am very tired today. To the Bush Terminal stockholders meeting this morning and then lunched with A. Rinney. Reading Francis Busch's "They Escaped The Hangman", which includes the Caleb Powers trial.

Apr. 7. Rain. At least it should be good for my grass. I read in an old Advance that L. T. Rollins, Eddie's friend and neighbor at Ceredo, is dead. He was 5-8.

Apr. 8 Gilpatric, former Under-Secretary of the Air Force, tells me that the rumors of cuts in personnel are very bad on the morale of the military services. Dave has purchased a fine set of the Ashley Library Catalogue, the limited large paper edition in mint condition. Net cost to me $198.00. Also a fine copy of the early Widener catalogue ($12.10) and a run of many Mosher publications ($12.10).

Apr. 9 Took Charles Davis, Chief Counsel to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and Dee Stone to lunch at the D. T. A. Davis is a suave and able youngster, but he may have set his price too high for any of the big N. Y. firms. I have given Tommy two weeks notice. He won't really want what we pay him.

April 10, 1953 Mrs. Floyd (Lennie) Fiest is dead. Floyd must have died 25 years ago and Mrs. Fiest had left Bandana to live with neighbors. To Washington on the congressional where I joined a dinner party at the Lipscombs, friends of the Crowens.

April 11 Philip Bradley and I have an arrangement to share on an equal basis the time of his man George Potts and Philip brought him over today. George seems to be intelligent and to know something about gardening.

April 12 The Ed Leaveys came over this morning. They are trying to get unpacked and settled in their new house at unison. He gave us a full report on the Newhouse Chateau which he knows well as it is very near the one inhabited by Gen. Eisenhower. Started for N.Y. at 1:15 P.M. and drove most of the way in the rain. DD was very restless and mewed most of the way.

April 13 Lunched at Bonkers with Bob Brome. He seems to have completely recovered from his recent illnesses. To the Whites for cocktails. Reading Nicholas Nickleby. I had forgotten that in his early books Dickens followed so many of the 18th century novelists' devices, e.g. the tale within a tale.

April 14 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D.T.A. He says that he thinks that the Eisenhower administration will be the most reactionary since Hardings. Dove finished the new Busch book. The Caleb Powers trial is the best. Was interested to see that Sam Crosland, Samuel Wilson & John K. Hendricks were lawyers in the case; also that Judge Robbins was judge in one trial.

Apr. 15 Malcolm dined with us tonight and tells us that he and Mrs. Taylor are engaged. She is Dr. Bryant's daughter. Her husband was a naval officer who was killed in the Pacific. A second marriage terminated in divorce.

April 16, 1953 Guthrie Turner is dead at S-S. He had apparently been ill for some time and was at a Veterans' hospital. our Ballard county boys are great patrons of these institutions. Margaret and Tommie left for Virginia this morning. Uncle Zed and Aunt Jennie are joining them at Langfields, coming up from Williamsburg.

April 17 To Washington on the Congressional where I was met by Uncle Zed et al. Aunt Jennies eyess are restored enough to let her go about but she still sees very little. They seem to have had a fine leisurely trip.

April 18 A stiff shoulder is troubling me very much. George Potts, Uncle Zed and I moved the last two box from Mrs. Mercers place this morning. Fine specimens unpacked the books brought on the last trip. Cleaned the rhodendron beds. Some of them look very bad. Bridge tonight.

April 19 Sunny but quite cold today. We took Aunt Jennie and uncle Ged up to see the Johnson's place. Then to see Irene and the Crosens. Then had a nap. In to Washington with the Hunsches.

Apr. 20 My back is sore and very painful. Seavell Martin to lunch at the D. T. A. Has Department's net income is up.

Apr. 21 The testimony of Grunewald, the "piper" now being interrogated by a congressional committe, indicates that one of his customers in a tax-quashing case was a New York law firm, Dunkel & Landis, Dave's firm. To a luncheon at the D. T. A. of representatives of New York law firms to consider how to raise funds for the new American Bar Ass'n building.

Apr. 22 Tom Dewey telephoned me today to tell me that he was appointing me to the Commission on Uniform State Laws. We had a long personal chat on his personal plans, N. Y. State finances etc.

April 23, 1953 Len Moore has been named by the President to be United States District Attorney for the Eastern Dest. of N. Y. It is a fine gesture on Dewey's part and a deserved recognition of Len's ability, but the salary is only $10,800 per annum and Len still has two children not yet in college. I don't know how he can make it. Feeling bad today. I am concerned about Bernice and Mammy who are afraid to stay at Bernice's home after Robert leaves for the army.

April 24 Received today the official notice of my appointment to the commission on uniform State laws. Sammy Coleman called to congratulate me and I took him to lunch at the D. T. A. Racial prejudice must give way to a judge. Sammy lectured a year so ago in England, France and Italy. He tells me that Chauncey D. Clark died last year. I must have been away at the time.

Apr. 25 Margaret, uncle Ged and Aunt Jennie left this morning for a motor trip in New England. I was excused because I have been suffering with my back. Lunched with Dave and Albert and then to the Parke-Bernet to look at the Lamb items coming up in the Carman sale. Bought a Lamb letter from Dave's new catalogue and some Ainsworth letters and manuscripts.

Apr. 26 Long walk in central Park. Very warm. The spring garden at 103rd street is fine. The planting reminds me of Williamsburg, narcissus coming up under dwarf evergreens. Then to see Ella. Margaret and al were back when I got home. Uncle Ged seems to have greatly enjoyed Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Apr. 27 Lunched today with Mrs. Parke, Lee Morey and a solicitor from Southern Rhodesia, a Mrs. Hardcastle. Her discussion of Rhodesian law and practice was most interesting. Hetty telephoned to say that their house in Virginia had been burglarized.

April 28, 1932 To the Midtown Galleries this afternoon to see Cecile Carson's new show. Saw the Carsons, Carters, De Witts etc. Brought Betty White back and took her and David to dinner at the Hearthstone. We have a letter from Anne Duty enclosing a pathetic letter from Marjorie Palmer about the Palmer divorce.
April 29 Dined tonight with Dana, Albert, Phil Penfield and Bradley Martine. Thence to the Carman sale where I bought all the Lamb autograph items, including the Manning letters, and some printed books. Then to Martin's apartment to see his magnificent library.
April 30 Lunched with George Mills at the D. T. A. Dined with the Spingarns at the Hearthstone. Sp- was the lawyer for and close friend of E. A. Robinson who in his struggling youth sent his first book to Swinburne. Spingarn bought the book at Swinburne's sale and

gave it to Robinson, first have carefully slit the pages. Robinson was pleased at discovering, as he thought, that Swinburne had read the book.

May 1 To Washington on the Congressional and got a ride out with Bill Crowens and Frank Sleeter. Samba at the Crowens until 12:30 Virginia time. I hear that the burglars got a gallon of rum at the Johnsons, ten years old and never opened.

May 2 The Van ~~Arden~~ Steenbergs are with us. Took them and Irene to the Sold cup race at Warrenton - of which I become a subscriber this year. The Freds and Crowens and their guests completed our party. Very jolly Back to Irenes for samba and dinner.

May 3 Weeding and hoeing. The V-S- left early to drive back to N. Y. With the Crowens this afternoon to see the gardens at Oatlands and Little Oatlands. Too formal for my taste and too many heavy evergreens.

May 4, 1953 Stayed at the Carlton last night and came to Wilmington this morning to at the International Commercial corp'n stockholders and directors meeting. George Edmunds took us to lunch at the Wilmington Club with Mr. Kayton, Chinn et al. A very pleasant occasion, George tells me that Chris Ward has drunk himself almost into the gutter.

May 5 Lunched at the B.L.C. with Lee, Len, Dee and Cy Hatzko to hear about Len's interview with the President. Len says that Eisenhower is very fit and alert and knows a surprising amount about Brownell's plans for reorganizing the Department of Justice.

May 6 Lunched with Stone at the B.L.C. Am somewhat disappointed with the Holmes-Laski letters. They seem to me to be below the level of the Holmes-Pollock correspondence. Laski is more of a cataloguer than a reader - and a bit of a bear, I fear.

May 7 Homer Woods has written me a very nice letter about the reform State Laws Commission appointment. To the buffet dinner at the Bar Assn tonight in honor of Judge Parker. I thought his speech hardly up to his reputation but he lambasted the reactionaries who are supporting the Bricker amendment to the constitution intended to restrict quite severely the power of the President to make treaties. At the reception at the Harvard Club later he proved to be a charming old gentleman.
May 8 To Washington on the Congressional with Charlie and Susan Jones. His car gave out just beyond the 14th St bridge and we lost several hours getting it fixed, getting to Longfields very late. Charlie is gloomy over the bond market and thinks that Humphreys handled his first government issue very badly. Charlie is also bearish on stocks!

May 9, 1953 The Dotys arrived this morning and we had a cocktail party for them this afternoon - with a good many guests staying for supper. Among others we had the Bradleys, Sturhahns, Robeys, Irene Wright, Johnsons, Barnetts, Crowens, Sparrows and Freds; Sambo and poker after dinner.

May 10 Took the Dotys up to see the Johnsons this morning and thence to Irene's for lunch. After lunch Margaret, Irene and I went to a concert at the Purcellville Library, from which I ran to catch a bus. Got a slow train and was in N.Y. very late.

May 11 Took Jim Clark to lunch at the D.T.A, where we were joined by George Mills and Bill Taylor. Much good talk about economic matters, especially the vast increase recently in consumer credit. Bill is making a study of the matter for his bank.

May 12 Took Brome to lunch at the D. T. A. To the buffet supper and annual meeting at the Bar Association tonight. It is amazing how many people come out on a hot night for these occasions. Saw Bob Benjamin who seems gloomy about the Hiss appeal.

May 13 To the Parke-Bernet sale of the William Warren Carmen books tonight, after dinner with Kisschenbaum, Boni and Bradley Martin. I bought all the Lamb letters and manuscript material, including all the extant letters of Thomas Manning to Lamb. The latter item cost me $525, plus Dowe's commission of 10%.

May 14 Aubrey Powell is dead at 85. Rue and Elbert, as well as Laura Fiest, survive. To a dinner at the United Nations tonight, given jointly by the U. N. and our Bar Association. Jerry Brophy and Oscar Houston were among the speakers. An impressive building.

May 15, 1953 Harvey Morton is dead. As nearly as I can make out from the Advance he had returned from Jackson to a farm near Bonduran. Am working with Jule Stocker on a General Realty matter. To Washington on the 3:30. The Lawrences are at Longfields.

May 16 The Lawrens drove to Charlottesville this morning, returning just in time for dinner. To the Hill Top nursery where we bought 200 small English box in pots; also three roses and some columbines. one of the roses was intended as a housewarming gift for the Lawrys but we failed to find them at home.

May 17 Started planting the new box this morning. Then took the Lawrens to see the Johnson place and the Lows. Irene came by with the Correas and Vivian Gill. The Meloys, friends of the Lawrens in Bronxville days, came to dinner but I had to leave early to go with the Lows to Washington.

May 18 Lunched with Malcolm at the D. T. A. He is to be married Thursday by Dave Peck. It seems that Wynne's decree was granted less than a year ago so that they can't be married in the Episcopal church. I have received a first edition of Clarendon's history from Parkers. The binding is rubbed, otherwise it is a fine copy.
May 19 I see by the Advance that Seneca Littlemeyer Williams is dead at 54. She was one of the pretty Bandana girls when I was a boy. I also remember her elder sister who shocked the gentry by driving into town in a sulky behind a fine trotter. Their mother and ~~Earl~~ Irl are still living. Ben Settle is also dead.
May 20 Working on the P. D. B. matter. To see Ella this afternoon. She has been harassing me to have a change made in her will to leave her residuary estate to Dr. Eason. A silly idea.

May 21, 1953 Malcolm was married today. He and Wynne are going to her house in Vermont for ten days and are then returning to Rye to open their house against the girls return from school. Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. Am reading Earl Jowett's book on the Hiss case, a fine job of analysis.

May 22 To the city Book co auction. Not very interesting although there were some Lamb items, of which a first of Elia, first series, brought $37.50. To the Carnegie Book Shop this afternoon to pick up the Lamb items bought at the Carman sale.

May 23 With Margaret this morning to Brooks Brothers to buy a silk sport suit. She says that I look like a wop in Virginia. Back to the apartment cataloguing. Had a visit from William Boyne Powell, son of Eddie and Nell, who told me much about his family.

May 24 I am getting well into the Holmes-Kaski letters. Holmes mentions Lon Bissell in the one reporting his 80th birthday and party. Am much interested in my new Elia, the Alan Cunningham copy with a presentation inscription in Lamb's hand to A.C., a short letter from L- to A.C. and part of a letter from Dessey about A.C's play, Sir Marmaduke Maxwell. Both letters refer to "perfect sympathy" for A.C., a Scotchman, the reference being to Lamb's essay on imperfect sympathies (an of which is Lamb's feeling for Scots).

May 25 Had an unpleasant lunch with Dr. Eisen today. He seems to see nothing wrong about becoming the residuary legatee of an 87 year old woman who is of necessity very dependent on him. I have told him that I will not be the executor or act as the lawyer in the preparation of the will. John Sheaun is dead in Wickliffe at 71.

May 26, 1953 Len Moore expects to take over his new duties ~~late~~ early in June It is going to be a wrench to have Len the office adjoining me, through the door of which I have passed so frequently for so many years. I am to take over the Missouri-Pacific case from him.

May 27 Long conference in Flanagan's office today with the Alleghany people who are trying to bully M. T. A. as usual into supporting their new Missouri Pacific plan. Am reading Miss Lewis book on her friend Willa Cather.

May 28 M— is very keen to buy a cooperative in the apartment house where the Kyles live, but I have balked at the cost, $22,500. Had Raymond Rodgers, George Mills and Jim Clark to lunch at the D. T. A. Bill Taylor couldn't make it. An animated discussion of economic matters, especially consumer credit.

May 29 We drove to Longfields today in 7 hours via the N. J. Turnpike, in spite of a very slow passage through Baltimore. Took down six more cartons of books which look well in our new shelves.
May 30 Putting in more of the little box and weeding although somewhat troubled by the rain. Dined at the Crowens who also had John Owens, the Quins, Irene Wright and a commander Sylvester. Have finished "Aunt, Counterpoint", a thoroughly unpleasant book which I first read many years ago.
May 31 A cold but sunny day. We had had a cheerful wood fire in the library. The Crowens and Quins came over for pre-luncheon cocktails. In to Washington with the Freds. They are much pleased with Mrs. Hodgins.
June 1 Lunched with Bud Galloway. Then up to see Ella to get her to sign the accounting papers in the Dalzell Newhouse Estate. Mr. John L. Wells is dead, at about 85.

June 2, 1953 The Sam Peeles dined with, including Gretchen, and we all went to the Whites apartment to see the coronation on television. The reception was so poor, however, that I after 20 minutes or so retired to another room with a book. Took the midnight train to Washington.

June 3 Walk Len and Alan Fuller at the opening of the I.C.C. hearings in Washington in the Missouri Pacific matter. Then back with Len to the dinner given by the firm to Gov. Dewey. He was most genial and one would have thought that our earlier intimacy had never been interrupted. He acknowledged the inadequacies of Chiang Kai shek but says that "he is America's only Chinese friends. He was most critical of some Republicans, including some from N. Y., who may, he thinks, involve the Administration in a water power scandal worse than (Teapot Dome?)

June 4 Long discussion of the Farley trust with Bill Taylor, Souter and Brome. I had Farley sold a year ago on the idea of a judicial accounting in the trust but in the year required - I know not why - to get up the papers he has backslidden. Lunch with Brome.

June 5 Took John Gray of the Root firm to lunch at the D. T. A. to try to put some vigor in him about the Farley case. The difficulty, I surmise, is that John doesn't really like Farley and hates to deal with him. Am dodging orisan Marden who wants a large contribution from our firm for the new American Bar Assn building. The A. B. A. is such a pitiful and foadling group of old fossils that we are reluctant to help it.

June 6 Worked at the offices this morning and then on the train trying to get the thread of the Missouri Pacific controversy. Bill Greenes met me in Round Hill and we had samba.

June 7, 1953 To see the Johnsons and Hunsches, The latter have built themselves a pleasant back porch which is really an outdoor living room. Picked a basket of wild strawberries on Al's hillside. Marie Cravens dined with us. Finished Jowett's book on Hiss case and feel for the first time that I understand the case.

June 8 In with the Hunsches this morning and at the I.C.C. at 9:30. The Wheelers, both the old Senator and his son, are the biggest time-wasters. They pester the executives of the MOP with requests for irrelevant data, luck questions etc.

June 9 Len Moore seems to be popular among the counsel and attendants in the Missouri Pacific case. And young Kuller has made quite an impression — as indeed he should. Even Guisenberry, an adverse party, has had kind words for them.

June 10 Prof. Rostow from Yale and a Dr. Badger, who seems to be a professional security analyst, spent the day on the stand. Both predicted great prosperity for the MOP - and hence value for the common stock. It seems to me that Hart - who came up to Oxford in the fall of the year I went down - is not making much of a case.
June 11 I returned to N. Y. last night and worked hard at the office today. Returned tonight. Dean Wells is sick again and apparently quite discouraged.
June 12 Charles Frederick Roos, who describes himself as an econometrist, was an interesting witness for security holders today. He says that the greatest danger at this time is deflation. Caught the 4:30 bus loaded with my bag and five bottles of Sour mash bourbon. The country very pleasant.

June 13, 1953 Heavy rain today. The Hunsches dined with at the Bottletown Inn and then returned with us for samba. Roy Goode has a most amusing account of the inside working of contests for prizes as a means of building up periodicals and raising money for charity.

June 14 Another gloomy day. Mr. Lawler came this afternoon to talk about some work on our upstairs floors and a new board fence for the east boundary of our yard. To the Freels buffet supper tonight. The Barnetts were there, including Alec. He seems to be worse in body but has a gay and utterly charming personality.

June 15 Back to the Carlton and the D.C.C. Margaret joined me this afternoon and we had a long walk and a festive dinner at Pierres - which has, I regret to say, deteriorated.

June 16 M- and I returned to N.Y. on the congressional and I got to the reneversity Club just as the partners filed into the dining room for Ken's farewell party. We gave Ken a large silver tray although that I thought two suits of fine clothes would have been better since the U.S. District Attorney's job pays only $8800 per annum.
June 17 Ted Harrison has died of heart failure. I knew that he had not been well but had no idea that his condition was critical. I see by the Advance that David Hall, Louis son, has received a citation for gallantry from the Korean Government.
Jan. 18 Back to Washington last night. Charlie Bergemann on the witness stand today. Cocktails with Gunsenberg this evening. He is a Kentuckian and a graduate of Centre College, of which his father (or grandfather) was once president.

June 19, 1953 Ken Moore was inducted into office yesterday. I was sorry to miss the ceremony. Saw Emery Woodall in the dining room at the Raleigh Hotel at lunch. He is still an examiner for the Power commission and as ebullient as ever. Caught the 5 P.M. train to N.Y. The Gums have arrived.

June 20 Margaret has found an apartment in Manhattan House which seems to be a possibility for us but after talking the matter over we have decided to stay for the present at 60 Gramercy. At Dowber & Pines today where I bought a set of the R.B. Adam Johnsonian library, three fine volumes, and a set of the Bibliophile Society edition of Lowes letters.

June 21 cataloguing and other work on my library. Reading Shellabarger's biography of Chesterfield. Douglas Southall Freeman is dead, leaving unfinished his life of Washington.

June 22 Took the queens to dinner at Longchamps. Very pleasant. They are a nice couple and Ed is a chap of surprising nobility and delicacy. The qualities, coupled with unorthodox political views, are probably a handicap in the Navy. My little ~~Broad St.~~ British Luncheon Club companion, Wiener, has returned to France, probably to stay.

June 23 Horace has been appointed ~~to~~ as counsel to the New York Judiciary Commission, apparently at the suggestion of Harrison Tweed. It carries no salary but should give him some prestige. Talked with Charlie Clough today about a sale to Manufacturers Trust of the Peoples Industrial Bank assets.

June 24 Reading Allen's "Since Yesterday", a much more serious book than "only yesterday". Lunched at India House with Bankers Trust, N.Y. Life and American Car and Foundry people on new S.H.&X. financing plans. Jim Clark in fine fettle.

June 25, 1953 The Quins sailed today for their new post in North Africa. Little Fritzi, their dachshund, had became a fast friend of mine. He wasn't like being shut up in a box for two weeks. Margaret left for Virginia. Dave Kirschenbaum dined with me at Luchow's after delivering my new purchases, including a large collection of letters by British jurists.

June 26 Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. We are in the middle of a very hot spell.

Flew to Washington with Charlie Jones who had me at Langfields in time for dinner. Charlie still seems unhappy and undecided about his future.

June 27 Very hot. Weeding and spraying. We dined tonight with the Wellburns at their very attractive home in Leesburg. A very large party, including the Bradleys, the Maloys, Irene, the Frads, the Burkens, Fairbanks etc. Mr. Wellburn improves on acquaintance.

June 28. The heat and toil of keeping two homes going have been too much for Margaret and she is very tired. I left on the 3:5:2 bus - the schedules have changed - which was very late. The train was also very late so that I got home very weary. Read Edmund Wilson's caustic review of the Holmes-Laski letters. W. says that L- was an inveterate liar about his friends and exploits and I must say that some of the stories in the letters are pretty tall.

June 29. Mrs Sheldon has arrived for her usual May stay with us while working for her Ph. D. at N. Y. U. Dean Wells is letter. Am reading Lord Macmillan's "A Man of Law's Tale". The earlier chapters about his youth and beginnings are interesting, but the last half of the book is a dreary recital of boards and committee work.

June 30 Lunched with Mr. Cooke at the Recess. He is 75 and beginning to show it but still energetic and observant.

July 1, 1953 Alfred Gregory is dead at 73. I sent flowers and wish that M- and I could go to the funeral but that seems impracticable. Had Larsen, Boyer, Clough and Remmell to lunch at the D. T. A. We sealed the fate of Peoples Industrial Bank under the influence of Scotch and rum. Dined tonight with Mim and one of her friends in a Syrian restaurant.

July 2 Lunched with Alec Sumner. At his suggestion I gave him an order for 200 shares of stock of Tiffany & Co. stock. Its earnings have fallen but it has an asset value of about $50-60 per share and can be bought at about $21 ea. Henry Beam telephoned this afternoon.

July 3 To Washington the 3:30 and out by bus. Bill Croxens met me and we had a pleasant hour with him and Marie. Reading L. P. Smith's pleasant little history of the English language in the Home University Library. Informative summary.

July 4 Spent two hours painting the trunks of our small trees - a sort of shutting the stable doors after the horse is gone as the locusts have done a lot of damage. Sprayed the plantain and dandelions with Carl Dalge's week-killer. To Irene's for dinner tonight. The Lakeys, Freds, crowens and a Mrs. D'Esquevado were there.

July 5 At the plantain again and using a D.D.T. spray on the cherry trees, willows etc. Took the Crowens, their guest Commander Sylvester and Philip Bradley to midday dinner at the Battletown Inn. Sylvester brought me to Washington.

July 6 Spent the day writing an opinion for our most troublesome client, a Mrs. Herndon, at the end of which I told her in the politest language to take herself and her business out of our office. Lunched with Dee Stone and Tom Childs at the B.L.C. Our Tax Department is in one of its perennial temperamental squabbles.

July 7, 1953 M. telephoned today to say that she and Clare Maloy are taking a two day trip to White Sulpher Springs I got my Tiffany stock at 21 1/4 and should make some money on it, either in a revival of business or in a liquidation.

July 8 Charlie Lauren and I lunched with Ken Moore today and visited his big, gloomy office. Ken is short of help and all facilities. As he puts it the budget is being balanced at the expense of the Brooklyn District Attorney's office. Card from young Henry Beers written at Oxford. Long telephone talk with Malcolm.

July 9 My Corey, Baxter & Kennedy stock as declined from 8 to 6 1/2. Charlie Lauren's efforts have improved the standard of young lawyers at our office; Timm, Clark, Janet Brown, Anderson, Lindsay, Lerner and, not yet arrived, Bain.

July 10 Lunched with Mal-
colm who seems to be
very happy. He reports
that Wynne and the
girls are very happy
and cooperative. To
Washington on the 3:30
P. M. train and out on
the bus. Margaret re-
ports that she and
Clare had a fine trip
to White Sulphur Springs.
July 11 our new fence is
almost finished. Its
ultimate cost will be
at least $5-00. The Sleavens
arrived at 11 A. M. We
dined at the Crowens
this evening, Irene
and Foy Willkie being
there also. Foy had
brought her son to be
a companion for Michael.
July 12 I put in a day
spraying plantain and
other noxious weeds while
Sydney and Michael
sprayed an even stronger
solution on the weeds
in the driveway. We
had a dinner party for the
Sleavens tonight with Irene,
her brother and sister-in-law,
the Crowens, the Freds, the
Sleators and Foy Willkie.

July 13, 1953 Sydney helped me scrape and paint the old fence along the road to the barn - possibly the first such performance by one who is a bank president and director of the Prudential Insurance co. Betty is feeling the heat very much. She seems not to be well at all.

July 14 In N. Y. this morning after a bad night on the B. & O. That she-devil Mrs. Edna Kimball has refused at last ~~night~~ to sign the compromise agreement - thus after her lawyer had held up a decision of the court so that a settlement could be reached.

July 15 Working on the Missouri Pacific brief. Long conference with Clough about the Peoples Industrial Bank sale. I am finding Judge Rosenman's book very interesting. He tells a good story with becoming modesty.

July 16 Hilaire Belloc is dead. I thought little of his work, except for some minor verse, but he was a picturesque chap. Finished the first draft today of the contract for the sale of P. I. B. assets. Took Dave Barrett to lunch.

July 17 Maude Adams is dead. I suppose that Lyrana will be grieved. Dee Stone tells me in all seriousness a story that illustrates the credulous military mind. General ~~Drum~~ Drum, the story goes, was scheduled to be Chief of Staff but talked too much at a conference with Roosevelt and was dropped. Of course the real truth is that Marshall was picked by Pershing and Drum had little chance.

July 18 As M is returning tonight I did the shopping, a long job when the order is entirely bare. We dined at a French restaurant tonight. Cleaning volumes of my set of The Connoisseur.

July 19, 1953. The heat continues and we spent most of the day in the apartment. Have a long letter from Zellner. He says that Jasper is about to get a social security pension of some kind. Zellner has been supporting him this last year. Morgaret says that Bethe was a nervous and unhappy guest.

July 20 I am interested that Holmes wrote to Laski that John W. Davis was an impressive speaker and a charming person but that he, Holmes, thought that he detected weakness. I think that he was right and that Mr. Davis has been over-impressed by his rich New York friends

July 21 Jack Budinger's European trip has made him an internationalist. Or maybe the Eisenhower Group has converted him. He talked like Taft a year ago. I am reading Wiltse life of Calhoun. A good job.

July 22 Dave Kerschenbaum has found a purchaser who will pay me $1,000 for my Boswell. In order to accord a tax I have only agreed to sell if I can include additional books having a cost to me of $910, the Boswell having cost $90.00. I can thus write off a mass of duplicates and discards. I hear that our Round Hill friend, Mrs. Spear, is dead of cancer.

July 23 Woodson telephoned today, just before taking his plane for Arabia. To-night we had the Fooshees and Greene Johnsons to dinner. The Johnsons had not met Wynne before. Malcolm's tired appearance worried us all.

July 24 Arthur Keeffe writes that his move to Tennessee was a mistake and that he is returning to N. Y. University to teach this coming school year. M- and I to Westhampton to visit the Stones this evening. We dined at Morgan's Inn a lovely place on the ocean. The Stones have a nice old house.

July 25, 1953 Sunny but cold and windy so that a sheltered spot in the yard pleasanter than the beach. The paper has a big story about Frank White's resignation as president of National Broadcasting Company. Drove to Montauk Point this afternoon; dined at the charming Gurney's Inn; and saw Leo Carroll in "The Bishop Misbehaves" at the theatre in Easthampton.

July 26 Cold again but I have suffered a little sunburn at the beach yesterday and today one of my gums is very sore and I have difficulty eating.

July 27 Clare Foushee is with. She is really getting poise and growing up in general. Have furnished the first draft of my Missouri Pacific brief. My desk is being loaded with drafts of statutes etc from the headquarters of the commissioners on uniform State Laws.

July 28 Dined with the Edmond Leaways tonight. The other guests were General and Mrs. Harrison and General and Mrs. Cosey Harrison is president of International Telephone and Telegraph Co. Cosey is the chairman of the new transit authority which has taken over the N. Y. subways. Altogether interesting. Took Dee Stone to lunch at the D. T. A. today.

July 29 Bought five Lomb letters, and one of Rickman to Lomb, from Kirschenbaum for $255. The letters are good ones and bring my collection to quite a size. Sambar with the Peales tonight.

July 30 Lunched with Sidney Mathews who leaves tomorrow for a months vacation on Martha's Vineyard. Sidney is more optimistic than I about the stock market. I am picking out books by the dozen to go with, all the duplicates and mistakes of twenty-five years. Also old favorites that I no longer read. Some unsalable sets: Dickens, Balzac & Fielding

July 31, 1953 Senator Taft is dead of some malignant growth. If I can judge by what I have heard during his illness, he has won more affection at the end of his life than during his great days. Perhaps his generous support of Eisenhower caught the public heart. To Round Hill by train and bus. Angel Lawson, Gladys, Mary and Marth arrived about eleven. They have already had their visit to Williamsburg, but, I fear, stayed there too short a time to get much out of it. Am spraying the box, which is suffering from some sort of blight.

Aug. 2 A good and much needed rain about 5 A.M. this morning has made us all feel better. Spraying again; much guidance and help from Lawson who seems to be a dab at the matter of destroying insects and weeds. In to Washington with the Terrys to get a late train for N.Y.

Aug. 3 Delightfully cool today. We have a nice box from the guns in North Africa. Perfume, two enamels for Margaret and fine leather wallet and cigarettes case for me. Mum is much troubled by the situation at the university. The rustic board of trustees has fired the president because the prexy tried to stop a fake cancer cure racket.

Aug 4 Dave Kurschenbaum came to dinner. He looked a little crestfallen, I think, at some of the ragged veterans he is getting in the Boswell deal, but he is also getting some valuable items. I am amused to see that Haldane described W.H. Taft to Huxley as a genial man without much depth.

Aug. 5 Poor Holmes after eighty seems to have been obsessed with his age. Perhaps he was sensitive to gossip about his retirement. To the firm luncheon at the Broad Street Club for young lawyers, four partners four youngsters. A luncheon every fortnight.

August 6, 1953 The Manufacturers Trust - Peoples Industrial bank agreement was signed this morning without fanfare. I simply took it to Wolff & Clough successively. Howe had a hard time consoling Fred Wolff who dreads becoming a cog in a big organization. Have a letter from Colonel Jacobs who tells me that he has rented his house for a year and that he and Peggie will spend that time in Europe.

Aug. 7 U. S. Foil has paid a 3% stock dividend - which gives me a total of 126 shares. Lunched with Malcolm at the D. T. A. He says that Wynne is delighted with Rye and very popular there.

Aug. 8 Dr. and Mrs. Falstenstein are divorced and she has remarried - or so our building superintendent told me when I asked him about their apartment being vacated. I shall miss little "Bunny" who had become quite a pal of mine.

Aug. 9 Margaret and Lawson and family arrived late yesterday. They had stopped to see the Gettysburg battlefield on the way. This morning I took Gladys and the girls to the Park Avenue Christian Church. The services in the great tower of a church resemble very little the Christian Church meetings of my youth. This afternoon all of us went to the Metropolitan Museum

Aug. 10 up to see Eller of the Banking Department today. He is new and much more anxious to be helpful than most lawyers in public positions. I am convinced that Loskie was a liar about the books he read and those he bought. Some of his contradictions may be explained as lapses of memory but he made too many. I think that Holmes discovered the truth.

Aug 11 Charlie Clough, who has probably been criticised for the P. I. B. deal, now demands a guaranty of the P. I. B. loans by Household, alleging an oral agreement with Larsen. Dave Falston

August 12, 1953 Edwin Bernecke has sent me volume 2 of the catalogue of his collection of Stevensoriana. I had bought the first volume of the work, also a presentation copy, at the Holstein auction. I see that Laski read and recommended to Holmes Ford Brown's book on Godwin.

Aug 13 Household Finance, anxious to see the P.I.B. sale go through, has agreed to give Clough his required guaranty — thus submitting to blackmail. Lunched with Alec Pinney today. Am catalogueing the Bennett collection, 82 items, I bought at the Carnegie several months ago.

Aug. 14 Martha is a very bright and observant child, full of questions such as: "Why do Easterners drink sherry so much?". The newspapers are full of a hurricane in Eastern Virginia and I am worried about our tin roofs.

August 15 Friedrich Schorr is dead. He and Katherine Meisle were my favorites at the Metropolitan ~~[illegible]~~ twenty years ago. Reading and cataloguing the Arnold Bennett items. For some strange reason it includes no copy of the Journals.

August 16 The Peales came in for cocktails before lunch. They think that they have succeeded in subleasing their apartment. Lawson and family are leaving tomorrow, returning via Niagara Falls. Took the 5:00 o'clock train to Boston where I am installed in a nice little room at the Statler at 6.00 per diem.

Aug. 17 Fraser, Buerger and I were all on hand for the opening of the National conference on uniform State Laws. Blakey Helm is here representing Kentucky. Before the conference Mayor Hynes gave us breakfast. Dined at the Durgin-Park restaurant tonight with the Buergers, McKenzies and Richters

Aug 18, 1953 Although not assigned to any committee as yet, I am busying myself with the proposed simultaneous death act and adoption act. Dined with Henry Fraser tonight and explored the common with him.

Aug. 19 Blakey Helm is a nice chap. I can't understand why his defeat in his race for the Senate was explained several years ago in Kentucky by saying that he had "no personality. Dined at the Durgin Park tonight with Wright of Arkansas, Armstrong of Tennessee and Leflor of Arkansas.

Aug 20 The conference sat after dinner last night and it holds long sessions every day. This was broken tonight by the commissioners' dinner at the Brookline country Club. Very gay. Cocktails earlier with the Buergers & Richters. Have become friendly with Kurt Pantzer of Indiana, an energetic chap.

Aug 21 Secretary of Commissioners has been enclined to view me with imperfect sympathy since our tussle over the uniform Commercial Code but we joined forces today to blast a complecated and bureaucratic act to govern the administration of charitable trusts. The Burgers, Rechters and I dined tonight with the Schwartzs of Mass.

Aug. 22 Final meeting of the conference this morning, devoted to final approvals of acts and eulogies of deceased commissioners. Then a cocktail party at the Burgers where I saw Bob Benjamin, Burney from Buffalo. By a mad dash I caught a good train and was in N. Y. at 5.00 P. M.

Aug. 23 Charlie Lauer's father is dead at 85, M- and I had a long walk on Third and Second Avenues today inspecting the windows of the antique shops. Stellar work on the Bennett collection.

Aug 24, 1953 Lunched with Eller, counsel for the Banking Dep't. A nice fellow. Zellner has sent me one of Jasper's letters indicating that J- is receiving social security and living fairly comfortably. I note that Holmes reported to Laski that ~~the~~ Brandeis was disappointed that Beveridge hadn't written on Taney instead of Lincoln. Aug. 25 Carl Miller is dead. I suppose the poor fellow was disappointed that he didn't get the presidency of the Irving Trust, but he seems to have been the senior vice president. Lunched at the D. T. A. with S. Martin & E. Mills. Aug 26 Miss Scott tells me that she is taking dancing lessons in anticipation of a cruise on her vacation. I should do that myself. To the dentist this morning to get my teeth cleaned and a broken denture mended. Foster telephoned.

Aug 27 Harry Heimann came down to lunch with me and to make some final arrangements for the P. I. B. stockholders meeting tomorrow. Poor Harry stands to lose more than anybody from the sale of P. I. B., as the lawyer usually does.

Aug. 28 Held the stockholders meeting this afternoon and got away in time to get the 3:30 train for Washington.

Aug. 29 George has the grass cut close and the place looks well, but the drought is bad. To the Bennett's cocktail party this afternoon and then on to Irene's dinner party for the Whites - which was honored by no less a person than Arthur Godfrey - complete with Mrs. Godfrey. Frank looks very well and doesn't seem cast down by his exit from the presidency of National Broadcasting Co. We played samba until almost 1 A.M. E. S. T.

August 30, 1953 our
power mower is broken
again. A perpetual
nuisance. We dined at
the Crowns and rushed
back to our house to
prepare a supper for
Irene, the Wilkes, Fay
Willkie, the Crowns,
the Freds, the Maloys
and a guest of theirs.
Very wearing on Margaret.
I got the 9:17 bus at
Round Hill.
Aug. 31, Ed Sluck died
suddenly of heart failure
yesterday, having been
stricken at the dinner
table. I went to see
Benita tonight. She
is bearing up very
well although obviously
much dismayed. Fortu-
nately there is a
plenty of moneys.
Sept. 1 Bobette Mayer
is dead. We have al-
ways taken it for
granted that she would
outlive Ella Newhouse
and come into a for-
tune. To the Sluck
funeral at 2 P. M. It
lasted about twenty min-
utes. Perhaps Ed would have
preferred it that way.

Sept 2 Earl Bonderant is dead at 35. This generation of Bonderants seems to have lost the ancestral toughness. Cousin Rezzie Brown is rousing cousin Alice. She seems to have the secret of perpetual youth.

Sept 3 Reading a charming book by one Altick, called the Scholar Adventurers, which Ruth Dean sent me. It deals chiefly with the modern literary researches into the histories of Malory and Marlowe, the finding of the Boswell papers and the Wise forgeries. My friend Riggs is mentioned as a fellow who charms collectors.

Sept. 4 Consummated the Peoples Industrial Bank sale this afternoon. It went off very smoothly, considering the previous arguments. I have quoted a fee of $12,000 which Borgen would have to clear in Chicago. Reading Vol I of Charles M. Wiltse's life of John C. Calhoun - the volume covering his nationalist period.

Sept. 5, 1953 To Round Hill by train and bus - arriving there at 9:15 A.M. and the Van Steenbergs met me. We are dry again so Schacht and I watered the box etc. Dined at the crowens. Lud and Bess Hill from Richmond are staying with the crowens.

Sept. 6 We had a fine rain last night and a drop in temperature that made a fire in the library quite comfortable. The crowens and Hills lunched with us. Supper at the Freds tonight. They are planning a motoring vacation in New England.

Sept 7 Mr. Kelley's fine colt, sired by Bimlech, a Preakness winner, has had his nose slit on bin or a nail. Such a friendly and lovable colt to be scarred. A very lazy day. With the Van Steenbergs we called on the Foxhall Taylors, cocktails with the Laws. Reading Leslie Ford's "Woman In Black". The place is very pretty.

Sept 8 Bo Lowes drove me into Washington this morning, first telling me that Chief Justice Vinson has suddenly died. Bo says that Vinson is very poor and that his wife may have a very bad time. Charles Pascal Fronchot is also dead. A suicide. He was a queer fellow and one is surprised at nothing he does.
Sept 9 To the Carnegie Book Shop where I paid my large accrued book bill and bought a number of items, including John Lowes Dickinson's "Road to Xanadu", Prof. Ker's Essays in two volumes etc. Albert Boni was there but not Dwi
Sept 10 Prof. John K. Reeves came to dinner tonight. He has been working on my portion of the Howells manuscript of The Silver Wedding Journeys. Reeves has the most careful and accurate learning as to authors he has studied and very little curiosity as to others. He brought me as a present the first page of the manuscript and a presentation letter from Howells to his nephew.

Sept. 11, 1953 Bill White is very amused at a mix-up in Bowling when Vice-President Nixon was visiting Tom Dewey. They were two of a golf foursome and Lowell Thomas, the little helper, arranged for a crowd of neighbors to follow. When Tom saw the gallery, he indignantly ordered it to depart. Blanche Wells tells me that it will apparently be necessary for Dean to have an operation.

Sept. 12 To Dauber & Pine's where I bought some nice letters, Howells, Stephens, Whistler, Conan Doyle etc and a pretty little manuscript of Eugene Field. Also a set of Proust in a pretty binding - in cheap paper, however. The fine paper Proust is now almost unobtainable

Sept. 13 Cataloguing the 5 Lamb letters I got at the carnegie recently. Chiefly "unconsidered trifles". A letter to Mrs. Coyne recalls the Martha Burney of the Essays. To see Ella.

Sept. 14 I see by the Advance that one of the guests at the Slater reunion was Jock Asby, who now apparently lives in South America. Colonel Jacobs telephoned to thank me for some assistance in getting him some information about a Renault car for use in Europe. They have leased their house in Florida and will be in France, Spain and Italy for about a year.

Sept. 15 My cash is very low after paying $45.00 as my quarterly instalment of income tax. Dined with Dave Kirschenbaum ~~at~~ and returned to his shop to pick out the French books I want out of the great mass I recently bought as a lot for $100.

Sept. 16 Reeves dined with me tonight. Gave him a Hugh Thomson "Cranford" and "Our Village", of which I had duplicates. Spent the day helping Walter Southworth on the Mack truck financing, very complicated and difficult. The company is in a bad way.

~~August~~ September 17, 1953 Margaret and Irene arrived from Virginia today. Irene is much excited over her impending departure for Europe. We dined with the Correas tonight. other guests included a Mr. and Mrs. Stimson and a Mr. Shattuck.

Sept 18 After an exhausting time getting away from the office I reached the Volcania in time to see Irene and Vivian Gill in their nice suite. We then took the Freds to dinner at Luchows and, after they left for the theatre, returned home to pack for our vacation. I have finished Wilmarth Lewis' delightful book, "Collectors Progress". He has made a profession out of collecting Horace Walpole.

Sept. 19 With an early start we reached Round Hill in the mid-afternoon. Margaret is weeping over the news that greeted us. Bertie has been killed by a reckless driver. We need a rain very much and I had to water all the box.

Sept. 20 We had a fair rain today and tonight. God be praised. The Crowens had midday dinner with us at the Bottletown Inn and we got back just in time to start for the Melays cocktail party. A great crowd in the little downstairs rooms making bottlenecks at the doors and on the narrow stairs.
Sept. 21 Bill Crowen has left on a business trip and Marie is staying with us- a gallant little figure trying to keep the dairy farm going. Pauline, Irene's cook, is in our kitchen. Three-handed bridge.
Sept 22 Reading Josephine Tey's "Daughter of Time", a fictionized study of the Richard-the Third-Boys in the Tower legend. Of course Horace Walpole had already defended Richard, but it makes a good story. Al and Betty Johnson and Marie dined with us tonight. I see by the Advance that Chester Anderson is married again-, this time to Ed Hook's widow. We are having fine, clear, cool weather

Sept. 23, 1953 In spite of the rain of the week-end the ground is still very dry. Reading young Schlesinger's ~~Jost~~ The Age of Jackson. It's fascination is a little dimmed at this second reading but it is a fine book.

Sept. 24 About a dozen of the French box cuttings we got at the Dorch house in Raleigh last year have rooted and seem on their way to making attractive shrubs. Moved some of the English box today. The small ones we got this spring have grown very much.

Sept. 25 Letter from Thurston. He can't rid his mind of the idea of being a lawyer - which would be a great mistake. He has an excellent mind but very little interest in books and almost no intellectual curiosity. The whole history and intricate processes of the law would be unfathomable for him. Dined with Marie at the Battletown.

Sept. 26 With Frank Trommell helping me I moved the pyracantha today, also the privit. I placed two of the pyracantha in front of the east chimney and we hope to get it up to the top. We are also moving the young spruces ~~to~~ make a screen on the south side of the new white fence.

Sept 27 We had a luncheon party today for the Bornetts, Marie Crowens and John Owens. John has just returned from a summer in Canada and seems to have had some narrow escapes with his car, being an erratic driver. Colonel and Mrs. Fletcher called this afternoon.

~~Sept~~. 28 To Leesburg to see Alex Barnett who is in the hospital again. The poor fellows condition seems to have deteriorated since last year and small abrasions do not heal. We came back to Round Hill to see Mr. Ford who has also had a change for the worse. Marie dined with us.

~~September~~ October 29, 1953 up early this morning to water the shrubs before we left for our Kentucky trip. Mame drove us in to Washington. The weather has turned very hot and we were driven to a movie this afternoon. Left on the C & O. at 6:01 P.M. Sept 30 Zellners house is a very handsome and modern one, but the drought has injured his plantings. We went to the "trots" this afternoon and I managed to lose about $10.00. Zellner and M- gave a large dinner party for us tonight. Baker.

Oct. 1 Called on Ed Johnson yesterday and today he took me see some old friends, Elmer Stahr, who is apparently doing a good job as Dean of the Law Schools, et al, Ellen V. Butler still at the library, took me in to see Dr. Thompson, the chief librarian, who turned out to be a member of the Grolier Club and bibliophile. Ed and President and Mrs. Donovan came to dinner tonight.

Oct. 2 We took in the horse farms this morning, spending an hour at Castleton farm which was founded by James R. Keene and Major(?) Dungerfield, great uncle and grandfather of my friend Foxhall Taylor. This afternoon Ed and I went to see Deans Boyd, Cooper and Jones. Dean Boyd has been ill and seems very aged, but he brightened in talking about old days. Dean Cooper is thin and wrinkled, but is as alert as a young man and has even more charm and attractiveness. When I told him that I had been sorry that he had refused the presidency of the University he told me the reasons a perfectly sound and honorable one - and said that he had never explained before. I was quite moved by our talk. T. T. Jones is as dry and looks as young as when I was a student - hardly a gray hair. We ended the late afternoon with a visit to Miss King and Mrs. Dugan at their old house on S. Limestone. Miss King is quite crippled.

Oct. 3, 1953 Zellners took us to dine at a fine inn in Winchester last night, having also Mary Emma, Coral Sue and Jimmy. Mary Emma is very pretty and seems very happy. Today Margaret, my Margaret, Mrs. Tanner and I drove to Paducah, where we lodged at the Irwin Cobb Hotel. We stopped in Bowling Green and admired Jack's new store. Louise is teaching again and seems quite happy about it.

Oct. 4 Drove down to Hilsons early this morning. Mommy seems to be very well. Willie has grown to be a big boy. Hilson seems to be in much better health than last year, but Loretta appears to be tired. To Lacenter this afternoon and then to see Miss Flora ogdlvie. Aside from increasing deafness she is well but very depressed. She cried when I left - an unheard of thing for her. The drought here has scorched all the pastures.

Oct. 5 Zellner, who joined us here Sunday, Noble Gregory and I went to see their farm near the atomic plant today. It is a magnificent place, almost 2500 acres with rich fields and some good timber. Had a long talk with Chester Anderson and his bride. He seems to be having a good business.

Oct. 6 Talked to Walter Southworth in New York who told me that the Mack Truck financing is proceeding satisfactorily. Zellner, the two Margarets and I drove to Wickliffe and Bardwell this morning and bought a mess of fiddler catfish which were delicious for supper. This afternoon Zellner, Hilson and I drove in Hilson's jeep to see some timber land west of Barlow which Zellner and I are thinking of buying. Zellner and M- left for Lexington about 5 P.M. Margaret and I then drove to Boaz to see cousins Earl and Gertrude. They were at their store. Tonight Hilson, Loretta, M- and I drove to Cairo.

October 7, 1953 Poor Nelson and Loretta rose very early to get us to the airport where the 7:15 plane was late. We were in Round Hill at 3:30, however, and were saddened by the news that the fine Kentucky rain missed Northern Virginia. Marie came over tonight for dinner and bridge.

Oct. 8 Rereading Laurence's "The Years Are So Long". Went to Hilltop Gardens and bought 50 pansy plants, 5 abelia grandiflora and a narrow leaf pyracantha. Dined with the Crowens tonight.

Oct. 9 Spent a large part of the day watering our new plants. Tonight we dined with Colonel and Mrs. Fletcher at their fine home outside Leesburg. The only guests we knew were the Meloys. Mrs. Fletcher's flowers were a revelation of what can be done to get bloom this time of year. Col Fletcher is a nice old boy.

Oct. 10 Malcolm telephoned this morning in great distress to say that Mary Ruth has some kind of interior cancer and that the doctors hold out no hopes for. He and Wynne are driving to Tennessee to see her next and will break their journey to spend a night with us. Dined with the Maloys tonight. The other guests were a Colonel and Mrs. DeAmy. He is a military historian and writer.

Oct. 11 The Bradleys and Osters come to lunch today. Very pleasant. The Crowens came over to supper and played bunko with us.

Oct. 12 To Leesburg to see Wilbur Hall about Mrs. Van Vleck's property near the Trap. Saw Clare Maloy. Then to the Barnetts for cocktails. Alex is back but his leg is not healing very well. Walter has volunteered to keep Timmy this winter - which solves a real problem for us. Mr. Kelly would keep him but he is unhappy with a pack of hunting dogs.

oct. 13, 1953 We took the Croceers to dinner last night and I was disturbed by his worn and sick appearance. He is past sixty but drives himself relentlessly. Booked books to be delivered to Kirschenbaum pursuant to the Boswell deal. Malcolm and Wynne arrived tonight. He is very unhappy about Mary Ruth.

oct. 14 Malcolm and Wynne left this morning. I am glad that he has Wynne to comfort him as he is much downcast over this second cancer case so soon after Clare's death. Margaret and Marie drove to Hannaanburg to pick up the new chair which she has order as a desk chair. Spent my afternoon watering and mulching the newly planted trees and shrubs.

oct. 15 Hodgins crew are here working on the old whitetook on the driveway, the pecan tree in the orchard etc. Picked out some hawthorn trees in the ~~orch~~ field to move next spring. Took Marie in to Washington and dined with the Terrys.

oct. 16 Called on the Fletchers this afternoon but found them not at home. Then back to see Mr. Ford who has been very ill again. Then to the Freds for dinner and samba, where we saw the Barnetts and Croceens. The Freds have lost the fine whitecak at the bottom of their garden - lightning.

oct. 17 Watered the new planting again today. Am warned to leave it during a drought. Had a nice lunch with the Barnetts. Tommy seems to be quite happy. The Freds and Croceens come to dinner tonight and we play samba quite late. We are both finishing our vacation very brown and fit.

oct. 18 Drove back to N. Y., a fine, ~~balmy~~ balmy day. The N. J. turnpike and better entrance to the Lincoln Tunnel has shortened and eased the trip. Had a nice letter from Dr. Thompson thanking me for the Bentley books. Also one from Zellner reporting that Childers had had no luck in N. Y. financing the coca cola franchise purchase.

oct. 19, 1953 My P. I. B. fee was approved, $12,000. I find, however, that there have been no distributions which is unwarranted as my checking accounts are low. Dean Wells telephoned to say that he was going into the hospital right away.
oct. 20 The Tax Department seem to be in a more amiable frame of mind. Peter is pleased because he got a trip to Washington. Irene Wright is back a week early. Her friend in Paris was ill and Irene herself caught a bad cold. Cousin Lizzie Brown came to dinner tonight, a wonderful old lady of 80. We had a long evening of family reminiscences.
oct. 21 Sent $3020 at the office. Uncle Jim Sprout is dead. He was about 80, a mild man but with some obstinacy about his own habits. A typical villager, he never wanted to leave his little round. To see the Whites tonight. Debbie and Billy are doing better school work.

oct. 22 Lunched with Sidney Matthews who still seems optimistic about the stock market. He has bought enough U. S. Foil to bring his holding to 200 shares. I have 126, the original 100 plus stock dividends. Catalogued a Wordsworth letter tonight, written just before he went to Oxford to get his honorary D. C. L. He was a long way from the revolutionist of the 1790's.

oct. 23 Am feeling very bad and left the office early. The Wells come to dinner tonight. He goes to the hospital tomorrow. Catalogued a nice letter of Robert Browning and one of E. B. B.

oct. 24 Ed Steele is dead - in his early sixties, I believe. Ed didn't have much to him, except perhaps a great sociability. Lunched today with Kirschenbaum, Bassi and Marvin Lowenthal, the author of "The Autobiography of Montaigne". To the Clarke-Barnett to meet Margaret and then back to the Sam Peeles for cocktails. The De Rams, Wests and Whartons were there.

October 25, 1953 Rain today. We hope that it extends to Virginia. Catalogued all day, the Howells manuscript, ~~etc~~ the new Scott manuscript etc. one of the best items is a fine generous letter of Southeys offering help to a contemporary hack writer.
Oct. 26 Albert Boni is annoyed at Doubleday & Pine. He claims to have done them important favors in the past and they have recently shown a reluctance to sell him books on charge account. We are working on a new percentage arrangement at the office and I may have mine cut.
Oct. 27 I have a nice letter from Dr. Thompson of the University of Kentucky, thanking me for the Bentley etc. To the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought some nice letters, one of these, from John Flaxman, I gave to Albert Boni who has a great admiration for that artist. Other letters were: Dickens, Morley, Dumas and Beranger.

oct. 28 Bernice writes that T. B. is in quite bad shape. ~~Alcoholic~~ Alcoholism, I fear, marked by a somewhat complete breakdown, physical and mental. Bernice is still fond of him, I think, and probably quite disturbed. Getting into Shellabarger's life of Chesterfield. Not really much about C — but a pleasant essay on his period.

oct. 29 Mrs. Bourke, Dorothy's father, is dead. Margaret went over to see D. and her Mother tonight. Dean Wells has had a set-back and has had to have another operation. To Fred Lobers farewell party tonight. He retires Friday. Fred was very glad to see Clara, Charlie and me and thanked us in his speech for all we had done for us for so many years.

oct. 30 Zellner writes that Sam Criswell has been ousted from the Kewil bank. Encouraged by swelling deposits during the building of the atomic plant, Sam extended his loan portfolio. With population and deposits decreasing the bank is in a bad squeeze and Sam is out.

October 31, 1953. Drove to Longfields yesterday afternoon, making good time on the N.J. parkway. Started transplanting box to line the flower bed just behind the house. To see the Bennetts this afternoon and take Alef a book. Dined at Dranes who also had Mrs. Grant, "the Duchess", the Crocans and the Freds! Samba. Nov. 1 Cleaning up and fertilising. We have done a better than usual job of mulching etc this year and expect to see some good results by spring. Saw Ed and Louise Sterhahns who are excited about their forthcoming trip. To N.Y. on the 7 P.M. train. Nov. 2 The Bandana school building has been destroyed by fire - a great misfortune for a county so short of funds. Mrs. Fares has died - rather suddenly, I believe. She was a charming old lady but so crippled that life can't have meant much to her. Ferdie and Mrs. Tannenbaum have been killed in an automobile accident.

Nov. 3 Worked in a deserted office this election day morning. Then to the Parke-Bernet galleries to look over the books coming up at the next auction. Then to the Carnegie to pick up the calendar and some items I bought at the last sale. Benny Beam, en-route from Boston to Detroit, spent the evening with us.

Nov. 4 Lunched at the B.A.C. with Stone and Morey. The panel on representing lenders at the Practising Law Institute met for the first time tonight. I was amazed at the size of the crowd, about 300, and the seniority of some of the lawyers who came. I talked for a few minutes on the Uniform Commercial Code.

Nov. 5 The 1951 scandals about Parkinson's nepotism in the Equitable Life Assurance Society have broken out again and the directors have ousted him. He gave valuable advertising contracts to a young and inexperienced son and all of the legal business to another. Warner Mendel also has a suit against him in Texas, unfounded, I should think.

Nov. 6, 1953 Lunched at the D. T. A with Bob Brome as my guest. Bob says that instalment paper collections are getting slower.
Nov. 7 To Princeton early this morning on an early train - arriving in a snow storm. The Stevens house is very attractive and well arranged, although I would have preferred a little more room. To the library where I had a pleasant two hours with Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Wainwright, the rare book man. The Stevens had Dr. and Mrs Aldrich in for cocktails and as Mrs. and Mrs. Carey and Mrs. and Mrs. ~~Patterson~~ Peters for dinner.
Nov. 8 Larry Lexingood gave a cocktail party for us this morning just before lunch, to which he had invited Dr. West of the Romance Languages Dep't., Mrs. and Mrs. Butler and some graduate students in French literature. Dr. West wants me to make a talk in January about my Proust material. To the Vallroths for cocktails this afternoon. Home by 11 P. M.

Nov. 9 one of the letters I recently purchased was one of John J. Crittenden's to Mrs. Julia Toombs, wife of the Georgia secessionist. Written while Crittenden was attorney general, the letter is of little importance except for its charming phrasing and its indication of close friendship with the Toombs'. He was still influential enough to lure Toombs up behind the Crittenden compromise in 1861. Bought 200 shares of Bank of The Manhattan company today. our new maid, Hilda, has arrived.

Nov. 10 Lunched with Bill Taylor who has asked me to draw a trust agreement and will for Ethel. Have sent the Proust autograph letters to Dr. West who volunteered to do the research work on them.

Nov. 11 Dr. John Cotton Thomas Noe, retired head of the Dept. of Education of the University of Kentucky, has died in California. He was 89. He was a nice fellow and hopeful poet, but I never hear of his work now. Lunched with Dave Kerschenbaum and picked up my latest acquisitions, letters etc.

Nov. 12, 1952. Set a distribution of $3,020 at the office. This years results will be poor than last years, which were in turn lower than the big year of 1951.

Nov. 13 I have told Flatau to sell my 160 shares of Cleveland Cliffs as I don't care to go along with a company dominated by Cyrus Eaton. I was amused today by a conversation between Grant Taft and George Phillips. The theme was that the Roosevelts were Jewish and were attempting to ruin the christian world from hereditary hate.

Nov. 14 Lunched with Dave Kirschenbaum and Albert Borri. Bought a Dickens letter and a number of groups of letters of Alfred Auger, Morton (the writer on Iowa), Henry Van Dyke (for Princeton) etc. Monie Cravens writes that the lilacs from Kelsey have arrived and have been heeled in. Dined with the Johnsons bought and had some lively samba.

Nov. 15 To the Van Steenbergs this morning. After lunch we took a long drive, pausing to have a good look at our house on Rockland Road. Very little change has been made in the grounds we laid out, but the trees have grown very much. The Leavitts and Kemmels came to dinner tonight. Carol has a new job at Macy's, head of the comparative shopping department - the group that keeps Macy's prices 6% lower.
Nov. 16 Bernice writes that T.B. is quite ill. Alcoholism, I suppose. To the Practising Law Institute tonight to hear Jule Stocker, John Mathis and Jim Farmer lecture on conducting stockholders meetings
Nov. 17 S.H.P.X closing this morning. After a quick luncheon I rushed up to the Bar Ass'n for a meeting of the Joint Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code. Much haggling over words but finally got the text of the report largely approved. Dined with Emblidge, Buerger & Knauth. Then to the Hurd sale at the Parke-Bernet.

Nov. 18, 1953 Parkers has sent me a lovely set of Sir Osbert Sitwell's five volume biography - in the first edition and in mint state with dust covers. Alto Crouse has asked me to talk on trust receipts at the P. L. I.

Nov. 19 Ikkela, our new cook, turns out to be very handy at the stove, and we are eating well for the first time in months. My Bush Terminal Stock is rising after having slipped to 4 5/8 this summer. Perhaps in the belief that common stock dividends will be resumed next year.

Nov. 20 Malcolm McMaster came in to see me this afternoon. He says that his entire family is still delighted with Brattleboro and that the children find going to common school a joyous experience. To the Carnegie late this afternoon and picked up some late acquisitions, including a mass of correspondence of E. V. Lucas and E. D. Marks re Charles Lamb.

Nov. 21 I have nice letters of thanks from Dr. Thompson and Mrs. Dugan for the Beerbohm letters and from Dr. West for the loan of the Proust letters. Bought a mass of manuscript material today from Emily Driscoll, including a charming drawing of Charles Lamb. Dined with the S. Mathews tonight. One of the other guests, a Bankers Trust official, told me of the negotiation and final sale of the Lewis library to Carter, a Texas millionaire, for the University of Texas.

Nov. 22 We have had an unpleasant smog in New York for several days. Most of the day cataloguing. To see Ella this afternoon. She refuses to give Mrs. Merkley more than $50 per month.

Nov. 23 Went over Ethel's trust with Bill Taylor. She has shown good taste and good feeling, I think, in disposing of her property; the income goes to Bill for life and the principal to her daughters after Bill's death. My Niagara Falls stock is rising nicely.

Nov. 24, 1953 completed the Joint committee report on the uniform Commercial Code - with the assistance of Milton Kupfer. Abe Fletcher has sent me a copy of the new revision of the Bible, a handsome volume in flexible black morocco with my name in gilt.
Nov. 25 Long luncheon conference at the D. T. A. with Jim Clark. He is very anxious to get the ACF reorganization plan ready by the end of the year. Milton Kupfer was the star on the P. L. I. panel tonight.
Nov. 26 Came to Washington by sleeper last night and out by bus this morning. Pete and Sue Lenow arrived this morning, as charming and sociable as ever. The Barnetts came to see us this afternoon. Alex has changed doctors and seems to be better. Elie Ramey has made an almost miraculous recovery. A year ago he seemed to be on the way to the graveyard but he is now back at work. D.D., the cat, is palpably glad to see us.

Nov. 27 Spent a large part of my day working on my lecture for the Practising Law Institute, no easy matter with the sociable Pete and Sue about. We had a dinner party for them tonight at which the other guests were the Freds, the carreas, Irene and the Sterhahns.
Nov. 28 Pete and Sue left this morning. I am afraid that retirement hasn't brought him much ~~joy~~ joy as he seems restless and worries about his health. Eugene O'Neill is dead after a long illness. His last years were a sad anti-climax after his great successes of earlier years. To dinner and samba at Irenes tonight. The carreas and Freds were there.
Nov. 29 We drove back to N.Y. with the carreas today, doing the trip in 6½ hours from door to door. Took them to dinner at Luncheons. Henry is a very bright fellow and seems to be doing very well as sales manager for Bendix Aviation's foreign sales subsidiary.

November 30, 1953 Lunched with Alec Rinney. He advises selling the Tiffany stock and buying Bush Terminal income bonds at 80, if we can get them. The New York newspapers have suspended publication, except a token sheet by the Herald Tribune, cataloguing Dickens and Thackeray letters.

Dec. 1 Sold the Tiffany stock at about cost, my loss being the commissions. Am trying to get the ~~Tiffany~~ Bush Terminal bonds, but I fear that the market may have gotten away from me. Cataloguing the mass of Burrow fragments I recently bought from Kirschenbaum. They are translations from old Norse and probably of little value.

Dec. 2 Spoke at the P. L. I. on conditional sales, devoting a considerable time to the mechanics of the multiple bus financing I worked out for the New York bus companies in 1940. It seemed to be well received by the audience. In one of Palmer's letters to Laski he says that Gerrit Miller said that the now deflated Rockefeller man should was really a fake.

Dec. 3 Took Bob Brome to lunch at the D. T. A. He has recommended that our retainer be continued another year. I hear that Obie O'Brien has had a breakdown and has been away from work for several ~~years~~ months.

Dec. 4 I have been busily cataloguing a long list of letters of British guests I bought from the Carnegie some time back: Eldon, Stowell, Hardwicke, Palmer, the two Coleridges etc. Dined tonight with the Fooshees at the Howard Club. They also had the Warner Mendels, and Warner told me some amusing incidents about the collapse of our man McCarthy.

Dec. 5 The Morgan Library Fellows have asked me to be a fellow, but it apparently entails obligations and I think I shall decline. Worked at the office today until 4 P.M. Then to Charles on 4th Avenue where I bought a new radio for our bedroom. Then M- and I went to Freddy Adams' cocktail party at The Grolier Club. Interesting conversation with Curt Buhler, one of the Morgan Library's scholars.

December 6, 1953 Allen Wardwell is dead. He had a bad breakdown several years ago, perhaps mental, but seems to have recovered, one of my British letters is that written by Campbell to W. Napier Senior about Campbell's then forthcoming "Lives of the Chancellors", cadging for a good review.

Dec. 7 I have at last completed packing the set of Petitot for Princeton, one of my Lord Eldon letters, written to the Duke of Gordon when E-was 83, is a remarkable document. Sprightly and playful it declares undying opposition to the Whigs and "reform".

Dec. 8 Worked with the committee on the salary schedule - always a painful task where the necessity for economy wars with the requirements of justice. I have a new loan agreement from Bankers Trust.

Dec. 9 Made a poor speech at the P. L. I. tonight ~~at~~ on ~~Bankers~~ chattel mortgages. Lunched with Budinger, George Edmunds, Walter Pfizenmayer and Alex Henderson.

Dec. 10 Jack Budinger told us yesterday of a dinner at the White House, ~~where~~ at which Dr. Vannevar Bush was one of the other guests. Dr. Bush told the President that if war broke out and the Russians had luck, we might have 20 million casualties the first week. To the New York County lawyers dinner tonight where Dewey and Dave Peck were the speakers. Much better than usual in such affairs.

Dec. 11 Anne and Raymond Rodgers dined with us tonight. June and her husband are housekeeping in California and all have doubts as to the success of the experiment. Anne and Raymond are driving to Duke University to get Diane for the holidays.

Dec. 12 The Carnegie yielded little today but I got a copy of Selsworthy's letters to Sornette and of the two volumes work on the Holford collection at Dorchester House. Met Dr. Chalmers, formerly of Broadway Temple, who was with Ralph Sockman et al protested against the Hiroshima bombing. Dinner with the Wells.

December 13, 1953 Cocktail and supper party at the Van Vleets tonight, the Bill Whites and Bill MacGregors being the other guests. Spent the day cataloguing. This preoccupation with new acquisitions has crowded out all my time for reading, a situation that must be corrected.
December 14. After a last minute correction from the vigilant Roy Haberkern, I got off the final joint committee report today. Had a depressing letter from Jasper. He is getting social security on the basis of being disabled, but is living alone except for a kitten. Foster Doty telephoned that they have sold their house and are planning to buy or build another. That will be a painful effort to sort out their belongings when they move to smaller quarters.
Dec. 15 To the Parke-Bernet book sale tonight. Got some valuable bibliographical material, a John Woodvil in the original boards, Jardine's Nature Library with hand-colored engravings, a Flore des Serres with hand colored flower prints etc. A fine haul.

December 16 I have bought a large block of books for sale at nominal prices to university of Kentucky students. Dr. Thompson and Mrs. Dugan will contribute their services in vending the books and the proceeds will go to the university library. Last P. L. I. lecture and panel tonight. By Homer Knipe who did a very competant job as usual.

December 17 Got the Patriot off to Princeton today after several unsuccessful attempts to get carriers. The Kimball agreement has been approved by the Surrogate and I now have to get out a decree. Poor old Menken would like to get his fee in this year which has been a bad one for me.

Dec. 18 Lunched with S. Mathews at the D. T. A. He wanted to talk over some personal problems with me. Sidney has become a fine and well balanced man. The Sun Reales dined with us tonight and played samba with us later. They are about to move to a more acceptable apartment.

Dec. 19, 1953 The land I agreed to give Round Hill as an entrance for its dump has been surveyed at 3½ acres but I think that the computation is erroneous as the scale and lettering do not agree. I have written to Cooley to have it cleared up. Working at the office until Peter Miller until 4 P.M. one of the books I got at a recent auction is a fine copy of Athenae Oxonienses in a Roger Payne binding.

Dec. 20 Spent a large part of the day cataloguing a collection of letters of Frank Swinnerton which I recently purchased from Myers & Co. The Whites come to dinner tonight.

Dec. 21 Nice Christmas letter from Harry Malton, who seems to be in better spirits. He reports that little Anne is making good progress. My friend Belton says that I had better begin shopping for my wife's Xmas present to avoid a "cool yule". Leo Moore reports that Tom Dewey is to return to private practice.

Dec. 21 Lunched at the D.T.A. with Seavell Martin who reports that his Department has had a good year. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings is dead. I think that her great productive strain had run out, but one regrets her passing.

Dec. 23 Nice letter from Bill Palmer. We had invited him and his new wife to our post-new-year cocktail party and Bill seemed quite grateful. Calalogueing the Myers & Co. letters, one very nice one of Joseph Story, also a good early letter of William Dean Howells to Mrs. Higginson.

Dec. 24 Having had bad luck such as travel when we went to the Dotys on christmas two years ago we took the train this time. It broke down in New Haven and limped along until Hartford where I left to telephone. The passengers were warned off and I got carried away when I went to get our baggage. M- got to Springfield two hours late and I three hours late, very hungry and sour. The Booths were at the Dotys.

December 25, 1953 The Dotys are in a great state over the moving. Foster wants to build but the owner of the land wont sell. Not satisfactory. They have so many possessions and need so much space that they are in a panic. To the Timney party this afternoon where we saw the Stoughtons, Lucy Mitchell, the Baldwins and Simons.
Dec. 26 out examining building sites this morning. Lunch at the Colony Club with Norman Wallace and Dick Booth. Then sleepy bridge. Then to a large supper at Lucy Mitchells. She seems to be much happier now that her marriage is well behind her.
Dec. 27 Spent a long time this morning looking at a house in Glen Arden. Anne didn't like it and is almost hysterical. Cocktails at the N- Wallaces. Home at 11 P. M.
Dec. 28 Long. luncheon with Bill Taylor, Jim Clark and A C F's accountant, Richmond, to discuss the A C F recapitalization plan. Mrs. Willmer, Blanche Wells Mather, has had a paralytic stroke the day of the operation.

December 29, 1953 Lunched with Dee Stone and Fletch at the B. L. C. Have a nice letter from the Librarian of Princeton University thanking me for the Petalat. I have also offered Princeton some letters of Henry Van Dykes that I recently purchased.

December 30 Dr. McGrath took a look at my bad tooth this morning and sent me up to Dr. Dunn who yanked it out. To the office and then back to the apartment to have lunch with Dorothy Mather and Margaret. I gather that Dorothy has found life difficult this year as she has the care of her aged mother.

December 31 Have a nice letter from Dr. Thompson about the books which have arrived at the University of Kentucky. Home early today for a nap and for work on cataloguing the J. A. Froude letters I bought from Myers & Co. To the Johnsons party tonight. The only other guests were the Howeys, Austins and Satchells. ~~Samba~~ Samba and Bolero'a until 2:15 A. M.

January 1, 1954 Very tired after our late night. I can no longer sleep late in the morning but I like a nap in the afternoon. To the Stones party this afternoon where we saw the Baltons among others. Pocket books for the University of Kentucky: Wrights Dialect Dictionary, my Amyot in vellum, the St. Augustine incunable and the Keynes-Nonesuch Bloke.
Jan. 2 Mailed the books to the University of Ky. Then to Carnegie where I bought a long hand letter. our cocktail party this afternoon: the Sam Peales, Greene Johnsons, Bob Sullivans, Mrs. Hays and her Mother, Dr. Ewing and her husband, the Whites, the Printys, the Blums. The Green Johnsons stayed to dinner.
Jan. 3 Ella came to dinner today. For the first time she seemed to me to show the weight of her years. She told me again the story of Laura who heard the sermon officer refuse to buy a pipe in a tobacconist's, saying that he would be in London in 3 weeks and get a better. Laura said "Don't count your chickens".

Jan. 4 Lunched with Bill Ford and his associate, Mr. Conn. Bill is one of the Manufacturers Trust people who have a great loyalty to the old Chatham-Phenix tradition. I see by the Advance that Basil Fordow has had some kind of lung trouble. Finished the Holmes-Laski letters. Very sad at the end as Holmes was failing.

Jan. 5 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Fletch, Dee Stone and Wiener. Reading the Holmes letters to his protege, John C. H. Wu, not as stimulating as the letters to Laski as Holmes was always writing down. Bernices rental plan has fallen through and her departure for LaCenter has been delayed.

Jan. 6 Blanche Wells mother, Mrs. Wellmer is dead. She never recovered consciousness after her stroke. O'Malley Knatt is also dead. He was 80. Teeth cleaned today. Notified the Tax Dept. people of their raises. Miss Kronzer and Peter Miller were pleased. Frios was regretfully acquiescent and Fuchs was much disappointed

Jan. 7, 1954 The proposed lessee of Bernice's store and farm failed her at the last minute and her departure for LaCenter has been delayed until she can find another. Sheldon Tafft lunched with me today. He and his family now spend their vacations in Vernon. Sheldon seems well and in good spirits.
Joe Bennet of White & Case is dead. He has been looking bad for several years.
Jan. 8. Morton Hoskinson, Margaret's cousin, has married Mrs. Dawson. He is a widower in his late sixties and an old family friend. Lunched at the D. T. A. today with Bill Taylor and S. Martin. Left early to attend Mrs. Walker's funeral at the Friends' Meeting House on Gramercy Park. The long intervals of silence and spontaneous talks were disturbing to me.
Jan. 9. S. Stanwood Menken is dead of pneumonia at 83. He was a gallant old fellow up to the very last, hopeful and buoyant.
To Brooklyn with Al to buy hats. I got two.

Jan. 10 A big snowfall seems to be starting. Slaved in all day cataloguing, chiefly a large number of Bibliographical Society items I bought at the Parke-Bernet in December. This afternoon we went to see Blanche Wells who is still recuperating from her operation. She seems to be recovering very well, but Dean still looks very bad.

Jan. 11 I did not come out very well in the reshuffling of the firm's percentages, cut from 5.7340 to 4.25%. Since the merger of the commercial into Bankers Trust and the loss of the Manufacturers account my contributions in fees has declined, although I have had a good many small pieces of business. I fear that my preoccupations in Virginia have also decreased my contributions to the firm.

Jan. 12 Big snowfall today. Finished the first volume of Wiltse's life of Calhoun, a good job and well written. The author has taken the time to write well, avoiding the mere stringing together of raw batches of source material.

Jan. 13, 1954 Had a letter from Juanita today. She is in the midst of another crisis and wants to borrow another $500. of course I cant add anything to the $550 which she already owes me. John Harlan has been appointed to the Second circuit Court of Appeals. A. good choice. With the Whites tonight to the Bromery Bank Assn.

Jan. 14 After years of hesitation I have decided to return to the University of Kentucky to teach if I can get a professorship. Am writing to Elvis Stahr to inquire as to the prospects. Trying to get the rhetoric out of Peter Miller's new tax articles.

Jan. 15 Have raised my income tax estimate to $22000 and so had to send in an instalment of $850.00 to make it up. The cut in my percentage being retroactive to June 1, my share in the losses a new firm has the first year was small so my income from the firm stands at $51,000.

Jan. 16 Had Jim Clark to lunch yesterday. American Car & Foundry is about ready to go forward on its reconstruction plan. Walter E. Peck is dead. He had been a derelict on the Bowery for several years and was found dying the snow nearly dead in a doorway. Removed to a hospital he lasted only a day or two. Margaret and I went tonight to see the new movie version of Julius Caesar. only fair.

Jan. 17 Very cold. I got off a large batch of books to the Univ. of Ky. yesterday. Hart's Repertorium, publications of the Biographical Society etc. Packing the Dumas etc today for the Carnegie Book Shop. Cataloguing recently acquired French books.

Jan. 18 John Schermerhorn is dead. His weak heart apparently gave out at last. Reading Moore's Missouri Compromise, a book full of interesting information but not well planned or written. Also reading an interesting article by Laurence Thompson on the negro in Ky fiction.

Jan. 19, 1954. Another letter from Juanita. I gather that chapman has been ill and that Juanita's financial affairs are in a sad state. I would be glad to help but the only real relief for her would be a substantial pension. To the P. I. B. meeting where as usual I voted House-hold Finance's stock.

Jan. 20 I see by the American opinion that Chris Ward of Wilmington is dead. I understand that ~~alcoholism~~ alcoholism had brought him practically to the gutter- a sad end for an intelligent and amiable chap. Lunched with Gene Southall today. He left the Milbank firm two years or so ago and now seems to be on his own.

Jan. 21 one of the Irving Trust lawyers tells me that Don Vail has a good job with Commonwealth Services. He has had a bad time and I am glad that things are better for him. Lunched with Malcolm who looks better. He says that he and Wynne are still planning to sell the Rye house and move into N. Y.

Jan. 22 Lunched with George Mills and Dunstan - who were anxious to discuss the proposed "Bricker" amendment to the constitution. The Stevens arrived this evening for a week-end visit. We saw a pleasant comedy tonight, "Seven year Itch", starring Tom Ewell. The program states that he is from Owensboro, Ky.

Jan. 23 Delivered another lot of books to the carnegie this morning. These sales to the carnegie and gifts to the University of Kentucky are reducing my crowded shelves to order. Dinner for the Stevens tonight, with Gen., Elizabeth and Gretchen Peale, Mrs. Morton and Betty White as guests.

Jan. 24 The Stevens went to the Church of the Ascension this morning. Left this afternoon. Both seem well and happy. Apparently things are going well at the Bank. Spent three hours on material for my speech at Princeton. Zellner arrived at 6:15. He looks very well and reports that Margaret's health is quite improved. Part of her Kentucky land is about to be condemned.

Jan. 25, 1954 Gellhorn was off this morning to see his insurance compreas. I went to the dentist, who is trying to patch up a bad tooth. Sold my 100 shares of Cleveland Cliffs today, Capital gain of about 3 points, but I should have had 6 if I had been more alert two years ago.
Jan. 26 Reading Maurois "Au Pays des Articales", a slight allegorical story. The Stones came to dinner tonight and we took them to see "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker". Burgess Meredith, Una Merkel. The play was probably suggested by "Life With Father" but falls much below the model
Jan. 27 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Banking Law Section this afternoon and the annual dinner tonight: Cocktails before dinner with Deblanks Henward. He is a real gentleman and has taken the bad blow he had when his bank's credit collapsed with courage. Pleasant talk at the dinner with Dana Backus, ~~Edoudt~~ Edouard d'Ellez and Marion Fisher.

Jan. 28 Joe Powell, my old friend of the Navy Department, is dead. He had a varied and interesting life. To the Banking Law Section luncheon and afternoon session. Then to Pat Hodgson's cocktail party for the old Navy Dept. lawyers. Tonight Wendell Kline and Dr. MacCracky, President of Sewanee, spent 2 hours with us. Dr. M. is an amazingly versatile man and a brilliant conversationalist.

Jan. 29 Ross McLeod has referred to me a complicated financing of trailer installment papers. Discussed it this morning with Ross, Burstein et al. To Pat Hodgson's second cocktail party this afternoon and dined with Homer Woods.

Jan. 30 Worked at the office all day. To the annual N. Y. State Bar Ass'n dinner tonight. We had John Mathis as a guest. Very good speeches by Judge Lewis of the N. Y. Court of Appeals and Mr. Justice Jackson. Home early, thank God, to get some needed sleep. Very tired this week.

Jan. 30, 1954. A quiet day at home, getting some much needed rest. To see Ella this afternoon. Dave finished the second volume of Wiltse's life of Calhoun. Much better written than most such works

Feb. 1 Bernice writes that she and Mommy are established in their apartment and that most of the furniture has come. She seems to be somewhat more optimistic than when she wrote last. I gather, however, that Mommy has been somewhat of a problem, trying to go back to the housekeeping methods of 50 years ago. Lawrence Thompson has sent me a copy of the notice in the Kentucky Kernel about the books to be given to students. Very flattering to the "distinguished" lawyer and book collector who desires to remain anonymous.

Feb. 2 Lunched with Lee Morey, Joe Kline and Bert Shipman. To my amazement Joe and Bert are steadfastly in favor of the Bricker amendment. Running away from reality.

Feb. 3 I still have heard nothing from Elsie Stahr-which is quite confusing. I can hardly believe that my letter didn't get to him. Lunched today with Clark, Taylor, Hardy, Van Deventer and Barton to discuss the ACF recapitalization. They seem to be anxious to get on with it.

Feb 5 To Princeton on the 4:00 o'clock train and was met by Professor Wade. The Stevens and I had dinner with the Wades. The meeting was at the library, and I had a flatteringly attentive audience. I spent a large amount of the time on the importance of Amyot's life of Plutarch as an introduction to the exhibition of my first edition. Discussed also Bernardin St. Pierre, Dumas, Proust and Lamb, with exhibits.

Feb 6 Irene arrived today seeming very fit. She is accompanying us to Princeton tomorrow for a week-end with the Stevens. Have begun the 3rd volume of Wiltse's Calhoun. I somehow feel that the author over-dramatizes.

Feb 6, 1934 Spent the morning examining the Lowell letters and other autograph material in the manuscript room at the library. This afternoon the Stevens gave a large tea party; the Eisenhutts, Wertenbakers, Dodges et al. Bishop and Mrs. Aldrich and a Mr. Bishop stayed to dinner. The Stevens seem to be very happy in their new home.

Feb 7 Very cold today - and quite frozen in the house. Took a long drive and had midday dinner at Galligan's Inn in Stockton. Drove back on the Pennsylvania side of the river, very lovely, and crossed the Delaware at "Washington's Crossing". Then two rubbers of bridge and an early train home.

Feb. 8 To the annual Grasmere House benefit tonight, including dinner at the Carsons'. The play was the Caine Mutiny trial starring Henry Fonda, Lloyd Nolan and John Hodiak. Very exciting and convincing. The audience consisted of mutual friends, like a small town.

Feb. 9 Malcolm McMaster, who is in N.Y. attending the midwinter A.B.A. trust conference, dined with us tonight. He seems younger and happier than I have seen him in several years. Both he and Jean seem to have fitted in happily in the small-city environment. John Dunlap came in to see us this evening, looking very worn and drawn.
Feb 10 The Bill Whites and the Prinzs dined with us tonight and we then proceeded to the party at Spelman Hall. Mr. Prinz is the headmaster of the Friends School near here and he and his wife are charming and interesting. Margaret hopes to get Mrs. Prinz to accept the chairmanship of the Spelman management committee. A group of investors, including Stuart Heddon, has bought into Mack Truck and we may lose the account.
Feb 11 Deadie has disappeared from the farm - probably killed by rabbit hunters during the big snow. Headache today. Lunched with Jim Clark and Barlow to discuss the ACF proxy statement.

February 12, 1954 Worked on my income tax at the office today. To a cocktail party at the Sam Peales in honor of his brother Roger and Rogers wife. The Freemans were there and Burr told me that Russ Snodgrass' heavy drinking was responsible for his leaving the B. & O. Also that Russ and Helen were separated. He said that his information was two years old and that he didn't know what Russ was now doing.

Feb. 13 Mailed three large bags of books to the University of Kentucky. Then to the office. Malcolm picked up his liquor and some of his furniture yesterday. He is even more of a procrastinator than I. Am getting into the 3rd volume of Wiltse's life of Calhoun. C- had amazing prestige in his time in spite of his unorthodox proceedures.

Feb. 14 Headache and slight cold today. Irene and M- went to Westport to lunch with the Dalgls and report that Karl is building and planning as usual in spite of his 73 years.

Feb. 15 We dined with the Jim Clarks tonight. Jim's two strong highballs almost knocked me out. We then saw Francchot Tone in a pointless comedy called "Oh Men! Oh Women!" I see by an old Advance that Marie Dunn, "Peaches", is dead. Poor Peaches. She was such a wholesome and lovable girl. I haven't seen her for 25 years but I recall her very vividly.

Feb. 16 After many years of delay I have finally sent off the money for my Oxford degrees, the B.C.L. and M.A. I had always intended to go back and take them but have decided to wait no longer. The Crowens arrived tonight. Marie is as delighted as a child to get a holiday in New York.

Feb. 17 Warner Mendel has sent me a job for Equitable Life - a nice compliment for which I am grateful. Took the Crowens and Irene to see "Sabrina Fair" with Margaret Sullivan and Joseph Cotton, a pleasing little romance. Carl and Crenna Dodge had pre-theatre dinner with us.

Feb. 18, 1954 To the Frank Whites in Larchmont for dinner. Frank is now head of the foreign subsidiary or division of McCann, Erickson, a big advertising firm. He is leaving for Europe shortly. Back in N.Y. in time to get the sleeper for Washington.

Feb 19 Ivy Barlow and I worked with Martin Behrens and William Bassett at the S.E.C. this morning. Flew back to N.Y. The Behrens gave a dinner party tonight with other guests including Irene Wright, a Mr. and Mrs. Nevins, and Lawrence De Ryke. De Ryke is a California economics professor now on leave to do some Govt. work.

Feb. 20 Finally had a letter from Elmer Stahr. He says that he is trying to work an additional man into his budget, but I suspect that he is troubled by the whole idea. I have written to him to forget the whole thing for the time being. Dinner party tonight for the Behrens, Irene and the Stones. Baker.

Feb. 21 I have written to Elvis to let the whole teaching idea drop for the time being. Lawrence De Ryke came in for lunch. Bill Croxens and I tried to pass off a bottle of good French claret on him as a fine California vintage but the hoax broke down under his determined cross-examination. Irene left this afternoon for a few days with the Frank Whites.
Feb. 22 The Croxens left at noon. I think that the little holiday has been good for both of them. Bill has enjoyed some naps in the afternoon and has slept well at night. Worked at the office this afternoon. My income tax is very high this year.
Feb. 23 Worked all day at the N. Y. Life - with Russ McLeod, Ted Everett, Clem O'Shaughnessy and Irving Burstein. Got the indenture in order for a first complete draft. The Mayers have sent us a lovely present, a dozen antique Minton dessert plates. We are troubled at accepting such an expensive gift.

Feb. 24, 1954 Walter Margetts is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Senator in N. J. Walter is an amiable fellow, but hardly of senatorial calibre. My eyes are very tired. Presented the ACF recapitalization plan at a luncheon for security analysts at the Wall St. club.

Feb. 25 ACF gave a luncheon to a selected group of financial writers today and I had to explain the recapitalization plan again. Not as bright a group as the analysts, although I was quite impressed with Cook of the N. Y. Times. I have agreed to make the Phi Beta Kappa address at the annual dinner of the Chapter at the University of Kentucky on May 4th.

Feb. 26 Lunched with Scovell Martin. He reports that 1953 was a good year for Bunker Corporate Trust Department. Sidney Mathews says that the separation agreement between Dot and him is about to be signed. The whole experience has shaken and disturbed Sidney very much.

Feb. 27 Worked at the office until 4 P. M. M- and I then went to Kitty McGrath's cocktail party where we saw the Moreys. Elizabeth is out of the city so much that we now see very little of her, but we were glad to be able to express our thanks for the fine dessert plates they recently sent us.
Feb. 28 Spent almost all day on the N. Y. Life and Equitable loans, but got in a walk on 5th Avenue this afternoon. Pleasant sunshine. Played scrabble with Margaret tonight.
Mar 1 Irene returned from her week with the Frank Whites. Played scrabble with her and M- tonight. Egbert Reesor is dead at 74. He had lived in Michigan for some years but seems to have returned to Kentucky before his death.
Mar. 2 Appeared before the Stock Exchange committee trying to make them relent on their stupid demand for a change in the voting powers of the ACF preferreds. Public but quite hidebound by precedent and previous bad practice.

March 3, 1964 Reading E.V. Lucas' work on Lamb and the Lloyds. My friend John Fea, N.Y. representative of Lloyd's Bank, confirms that his bank is the one headed by Chas. Lloyd's family. Arthur Swann has sent me the disputed Mary Lamb letter to Coleridge, circa 1806. I do not have any contemporary specimens of her autograph, but the style, paper etc convince me of the authenticity of the letter. Mar. 4 Howe finished Morris' Bernard Quesnay and began his Meipe. The first story is an account in fiction of the origin of Goethe's "The Sorrows of Werther". Amusing contretemps at the barbers. Put my glasses in another customers coat. Fortunately he found and returned them. Mar. 5 My bad tooth flared into trouble last night and I had it out this morning. Dr. McGrath condemned it and Dr. Dunn did the surgery. Then to Jim Clarks office where I worked all day on the changes demanded by the S.E.C., some of them unnecessary and childish.

March 6 Worked at the office all day on an opinion to the S. E. C. as to the legality of the ACF recapitalization plan. Made up my federal income tax report, showing $22,806 due.
March 7 Worked almost all day on my Phi Beta Kappa speech. It is entitled "In search of Charles Lamb and deals with the letter to Coleridge in August 1797 re Charles Lloyd, the Manning letters to Lamb, the presentation copy of the Elia essays, with letter, sent to Allen Cunningham, the "Album verses" with the manuscript dedication and Southeys defense of Lamb against Jerdon's criticism of "Album Verses", Long walk with Margaret and Irene, Scrabble.
March 8 Elias Stahr has invited me to be his house guest during my stay in Lexington, but I have written that I would be with Zellner and Margaret. The S.E.C. still holds up the A.C.F. proxy material. The company's orders are falling off and I am afraid that may reduce the vote.

March 9, 1954 Still held up by the S.E.C. Bernice writes that she and Mommy are now comfortably installed in their new apartment.
March 10 We had a dinner party tonight for the Brames, the Bill Whites, Lea Morey, Mary Wharton and the Peales. Nilson's ham was consumed with enthusiasm. Bob's wife, who hails from Seattle, is a pretty and charming lady. A jolly party.
March Jack Burdett and I have been toying with the idea of reviving the Equitable leasing plan to get some new railroad car business. Had Warner Mendel and Hunter Holding of the Equitable and Jim Clark and Jack Burdett of A.C.F. to luncheon to discuss the plan. our office dinner tonight. A pleasant reunion.
March 12 Bob Brame and Jack Dreibelbis have asked me to represent Bankers Trust as depositary of the certificates for 800,000 shares of N.Y. central stock. The have been sold by the C. & O. Railroad to ~~Sat~~ Murchison and Richardson, two friends of Robert R. Young, and may be the decisive shares in the struggle for control of the N.Y. Central.

March 13 Worked at the office this morning, chiefly on the papers relating to the W-K-M Company of Houston, Texas, which A.C.F. is trying to buy. The Johnsons came to dinner, Samba. They plan to go to Florida soon.
March 14 Worked all day on my Phi Beta Kappa speech. I hope that I am not too much taken with the attractive subject of the five young poets of 1797: Lowes, Lloyd, Coleridge Wordsworth and Southey. Tonight I read Maurice Biddle's "A Christmas Letter" issued as a Christmas favor in December 1946. An interesting discussion of flower plate books.
March 15 Flew to Houston, Texas, this morning with John Richmond and Hank Bostes of A.C.F. We are attempting to purchase the ~~Art Foundry~~ W-K-M Value business for A-C-F. The business now belongs in equal shares to Wheaton college and Southwestern University. Put up at the Rice Hotel and spent the evening with Bill and Grace Allen. They have a nice home and Bill seems to be doing very well.

March 16, 1954 To see Herman Brown of Brown Brothers this morning. He listened to our offer but was quite non-committal. He sent us in his car through the nice residential part of Houston. The azaleas and dogwood are in bloom and the redbud is coming out. Left at 4:30 P.M. and was at our apartment in New York before midnight.
March 17. Lunched with Alec Pinney who is trying to buy some Bush Terminal Building bonds for me, the income 5%. We think that they will go to par in a year or two. Saw Malcolm. He and his family are going to Europe this summer. Bryson Evans, Faunt's son, is dead. He was 52.
March 18 Charlie Clough is dead. He was only 56, but terminated a brilliant career by too much liquor and food. Mrs. Ford's store in Round Hill is closing. His father founded it 76 years ago. I suppose that the care has been too much for Mrs. Ford since his illness. None of his sons seems to have been interested. Worked at the N.Y. Life all day today.

March 19 Lunched with Stone at the British Luncheon club. Mrs. Pearl Vance is dead at LaCenter. This must have been a shock to Mammy as Mrs. Vance was about her age.

March 20 Mailed some boxes of books to the university of Kentucky this morning. Then to the Carnegie where I bought some letters and the fine Elizabeth Barrett Browning commonplace book from the Terry library. Then to the Burke-Barnet to see the Jean Hersholt books.

March 21 Tildan Hodges is dead at Bardana. He was 78. Les Whitesides is also dead. He must have been about the same age. I haven't seen Les for years but I saw Til last october. He was quite shaky. Henry Mathews has left the Satterlee firm and set up with young Solomon as his partner.

March 22 Dean Wells came to dinner tonight. Blanche is recuperating at Pinehurst. To add to his other troubles Dean has broken a rib. I see by the Advance that Douglas Christian is dead. He must have been about 80. The Christian family is thinning.

March 23, 1954 Neil (Cornelius J.) Carey is dead of heart failure at 52. He was one of the brightest officers at Commercial, easily the best in the Foreign Department, and was doing very well at Bankers Trust. Margaret and I went to a cocktail party given by the Melays today. Clare and Connie are leaving for Europe tomorrow. Thence to the sale of the Jean Hersholt library at the Parke-Bernet where I got a Doves Press Bible.

March 24 Young's friends have somehow scraped up the money to pay the C.+O. for the 800,000 shares of N.Y. Central stock held by Bankers so Bankers has delivered the stock and is off the hook. Cataloguing autographs. Miss Scott is getting increasingly dissatisfied with her job and is difficult to work with.

March 25 Finished Francis Buser's "Enemies of the States"; all pretty dull stuff except the Tea Pot Dome trials. Lunched with Sidney Matthews. He has formally moved out of his apartment but is quite shaken by his experience.

March 26 Clare Foosbee is spending two days with us. She is growing into quite a charming young lady. Apparently Joan has dropped most of her friends and will marry Pierce as soon as they graduate next year. Dove tells me that it was Chauncey B. Tinker who bought my Baseball last year. I have a letter of A. Edward Newtons, one of a bundle in the Carman sale, exulting in his copy.

March 27 I am 56 today and do not feel it, however much I may look it. Margaret has had my 14th century illuminated manuscript fragment framed as a birthday present. Dorothy Mateer dined with us tonight. to the Carnegie Book Shop this morning where I bought some De Tocqueville and Julia Ward Howe letters. Then to the Parke-Bernet.

March 28 Ella Longfeld had midday dinner with us today and seemed to have recovered some of her old enjoyment. I took most of the day working on my speech but managed to get in a walk to Washington St.

~~Mar.~~ Mar. 29, 1954 I got #750 for our work on the escrow of the N. Y. Central stock. Among the letters I bought at the Carman sale is a bated from Augustin Daly to E. D. North about Daly's collection of Lamb letters. For some reason Daly seems to have acquired a fine collection of Lamb letters and to have withheld them from publication.

Mar. 30 My N. Y. State income tax was #2973+. We had a dinner party tonight for the McLeads, Kyles, Laurens and Van Steenbergs, a well grouped and pleasant company. Ross has a dry humor which makes him a social success in spite of his plain and unassuming manner. In a sense the party was for him to celebrate his being made General counsel of N. Y. Life Ins. Co.

March 31 Bill Evarts is dead. He was only 65. We all wondered why he retired two or three years ago. Mr. Tweed acknowledged himself baffled. I now think that he must have been sick for a long time. My Bush Terminal stock is up to 7 5/8 bid.

April 1 Spent an hour and a half on the long distance phone talking to Arthur Spellissy at Pinehurst. He has a cock-eyed substitute plan for the ACF recapitalization, quite impractical but perhaps alluring enough to the untutored stockholder to draw off enough votes to defeat the management plan.
April 2 A rather careless newspaper article of last December summarizing a conversation with John Rowensky is troubling me. The article is somewhat at variance with the carefully prepared chairman's letter as to the income available for the preferred stock. Had a long talk with Bell Taylor today about the internal struggle in the company between Rowensky and the Hardys. Greene Johnson dined with me tonight.
April 3 Lunched with Dave Rosenbaum and picked up my Doves Press Bible; also a nice letter of Robert Burns verses while he was trying to collect his royalties on the first Edinburgh edition of his poems. Spellman & Mor. telephoned tonight.

April 4, 1954 Finished the first draft of my Phi Beta Kappa speech. Margaret returned from Virginia and Bill Crevens turned up an hour later to spend the night with us. He seems to be in good spirits.
April 5 The Advance reports that Jack Hines is dead. He was two or three years younger than J. Earl Bradley is apparently quite ill - heart trouble. To the Bush Terminal Building meeting this morning. Not as much bickering as last year. The speculators have probably sold their stock on the recent rise.
April 6 Lunched with S. Martin, who seems to be happily progressing. We have invited Herb and Doris Brownells to be our guests for the week-end of the Virginia Gold Cup races.
Apr. 7 Rereading Katherine Anthony's life of the Lowes. Her insights are good, but her research is inadequate. She also has a feminist chip-on-the-shoulder attitude. American Car & Foundry's offer for the W-K-M business has been accepted.

April 8 To a cocktail party given by Orison Marden and his committee to celebrate the success of the compaign to raise funds for the new American Bar Association Building center. Had a nice talk with Judge Dimock and Harrison Tweed. After consuming numerous bourbons Churchill Rodgers, Ross McLead and I had dinner together.

April 9 John Dunlop is very ill again. His old ulcer, which put him in the hospital while we were at Oxford, has broken open and he is in the hospital on the critical list. His Secretary tells me that he has lost much blood and is unable to have visitors

April 10 The Sturhahns have sold their farm but we hear that they are going to relocate in Loudoun County.

~~April 10~~ Margaret and I shopped today and I acquired a new bag at Dalys, handsome but disquietingly big. Also a pair of black linen trousers at Da Pinnas. I am to talk to the romantic poetry class on my visit to the Univ. of Ky.

April 11, 1954 Revising my speech, which Margaret thinks is too complicated to be intelligible to any non-expert audience. To tea at Spellmans Hall where we met the Wallos and back to their apartment for a drink. Blanche is much better but says that she has very little energy.

April 12 Had a long talk with Bell Taylor about the feuds in the ACF management. John Rowansky and the Hardys have fallen out and Jim Clark is in the middle. Carlos is something of an anomoly in his job, depending largely on his Father's courage and prestige. Catalogued today two very interesting letters of Edward Fitzgerald to the Pollocks, both about Thackeray.

April 13 A nice order of books in from Louie Bros. of Birmingham: a fine first of Bleak House, several volumes of Coxton's Garden Magazine with engravings colored by hand, the three volume set of Flora and Silva with color plates of flowers, Douglas's origines Juridicales etc.

April 14 Dined tonight with John Rowensky, Carlos and Jay Barlow to make our final plan for the stockholders meeting tomorrow. We have enough votes to pass the change of name and the revision of the corporate powers but not enough to pass the recapitalization. John told us about a conversation he had with Mr. Perkins when the suit against the directors went against them. Perkins told Rowensky that he was wiped out.

April 15 Quiet stockholders meeting at Flemington. I rode out with Bill Taylor and rehearsed his little speech with him. We had ample votes and no substantial opposition from stockholders on the change of name and extension of powers. The recapitalization plan was short a few percentage points and we adjourned to May 27th.

April 16 Rowensky, Taylor and Clarke are disappointed that we didn't get the recapitalization passed, but thankful that we got a majority. The management can no longer be criticised for inaction. To Round Hill tonight.

April 17, 1954 our place is very handsome, with the pear trees and cherry trees in bloom and the daffodils making bright spots of yellow. Louise Sturhan over this morning. They have bought Mrs. Kirkwoods place between Duncalleville and Middleburg. To the Barnetts this afternoon. Alex's foot is still troubling him but he seems otherwise in good spirits.

April 18 To Irenes for dinner last. The Crowens and Freds also there. To see Mrs. Ford this afternoon. He is thin and probably weak but seems to be cheerful. He says that he had to close the store because it was too much of a burden to Mrs. Ford. Home on the Congressional.

April 19 John Dunlop died last night. He had seemed to be rallying but the loss of blood was too much. Although too young to die, he is probably better off as he couldn't have had much health. Working with John Rowensky on a letter to stockholders.

April 20 To the Law Revision Commission this morning to introduce Horace Gray of the First National Bank of Boston, Bill Schnader's nominee to defend the letter of credit provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code. A good man. Senator McCarthy has now released a charge against Struve Hensel - largely based on will charges that Struve abused his position during World War II for private profit. Foolish charges but very annoying.
April 21 To the Dunlop funeral this morning. A very large crowd, including many Alcoholics Anonymous friends as well as Johns old friends. Bob Fisk and Mat Daniels are his executors. Lunched with Sidney Mathews. But is proving obstinate about the property settlement and divorce.
Apr. 22 Foster Doty breakfasted with us this morning. They are living in a rented house and working on building plans for a house in Glen Arden. Jean McMaster came to spend the night with us and we saw the film Pickwick Papers.

April 23, 1954 Lunched with the ACF board of directors today. A queer lot. Most of them, like Nye and Wick, are historical relics. Nye's chief contribution is that his son-in-law Jack Burdett is the oldest of the young executives. Jim Clark's promotion to the presidency has been delayed while other top-management problems are threshed out.

April 24 To Macy's this morning - where I bought two pairs of linen slacks, vitamin pills etc. Then to the Parke-Bernet to see the Emil Hurja autograph collection, a gigantic and uneven lot which looks as though it had been hastily assembled at great expense to the Arales to dinner tonight. The Farnsworths and Donald Hennan Morrises were there. Pleasant evening.

April 25 Wrote a number of letters: to Bill Cravens, Thurston, Hilson et al. To see Ella after a walk this afternoon. She is a little shakier but still holding on bravely. Spent most of the day on my ceaseless job of cataloguing autographs.

April 26 Hilda's husband is dead. She had sent him back to Finland last year, but he was unhappy and wanted to return in spite of his bad heart. He did the first day here. Bernice writes that she is going to Tulane to see Thurston graduate. It will be a proud day for her. Lunched with Jack Budinger.

April 27 Long conference today, beginning at lunch and continuing until 7 30 P. M., with Arthur Spellissy, his lawyer, young Townsend Munson, Bill Taylor, Jim Clark and, for a part of the time, John Rowansky and Carlos Hardy. Spellissy is willing to drop his counterproposal and cooperate with us but only if we will increase the preferred stock sinking fund. We do not object to that but it cannot be done except by dropping the present proposal and beginning again.

April 28 S-H-P-X Closing this morning. Then to lunch with Jack Budinger, Miller Moore and young Tom Carey. Young Tom, against our advice, is abandoning his law school career to go to work.

April 29, 1954 Mrs. Tanner died yesterday. A sudden heart attack took her off after a short illness. She had been failing for a year but was not thought to be in any critical condition. Telephoned Hilson to send some flowers. The funeral is to be at Barlow.

April 30 Bernice writes that Roy Halman has been to see them. He is living with his son, Cas, in an upstate N. Y. town near Buffalo, and keeps books for Cas. Apparently Cas' wife keeps him away from the bottle as much as she can and has saved him from becoming a derelict.

May 1 came to Washington by Pullman last night and was in Round Hill at 9:30. To the Virginia Salad cup races with the Freds, Crowens, Drane and a Mrs. Grant, Drane's guest. A fine hot day, a threatened rain having blown away. Saw Bill McKinley of Bankers Trust, Susan Jones et al. Won $16.00 in one betting pool. To Drane's for dinner and samba. The Al Johnsons are back from Florida.

May 2 A fine sunny day. Weeding the baby evergreens. I think that we are going to lose all those we set out in the fall of '52. An ungrateful soil and drought have been too much for them. Al Johnson tells me that Mr. Fox's farm is for sale, but Irene says that it is only the angus herd. He has let Mr. Litton go after a very short notice. To Washington on the 2:03 bus.

May 3 Zellner met me at 7:50 A. M. Margaret is very sad about the death of her Mother, but seems to be still more worried about Zellner who seems very tired and strained. Conducted Dr. Ward's Romantic Poetry class at 10 A. M., showing them how to use original manuscript material and letters. Many faculty members present. Lunch at the Faculty Club with Dr. Ward as host. The club-house is the old James K. Patterson home. Session with the Law School Faculty this afternoon and then to Larry Thompson's for cocktails. Quiet evening at home with Zellner & M--. He is very nervous and worn.

May 4, 1954 Ed Johnson, whom I saw last night, took me over the new facilities at the Agricultural Experiment Station and to see Dean Cooper. Went over the Library with Thompson, Ellen V. and Shine. Lunched with T. and S. at the Campbell Inn. Long talk with Dr. Clark, who wrote "Pills, Plows and Petticoats," the story of the Southern country store. Got my Phi Beta Kappa key at 5:15, twenty eight years late. Probably a record. A good and appreciative audience for my speech, "In Search of Charles Lamb", although the acoustics were bad and people at a distance had a hard time hearing. Jessie McFarland, now a fat and gray grandmother, turned up with Ed Johnson and his niece. The President is away but Mrs. Donovan was there. Very cordial. After the dinner Lawy Thompson and I went to Elvis Stahr's home for a bull session. I have promised to return in the fall for some seminars.

May 5, 1954 Left Lexington at 10:50 and was in N.Y. at 3:15 D.S.T. To the office to pick up my mail etc and then to the Carnegie Book Shop to pick up the autographs bought at the Emil Hirsch sale.

May 6 All day at the N.Y. Life, working on the residential trailer financing with Ted Everett, Irving Burstein and Grace and whl from the Michigan National Bank. Reading Catton's fascinating "Mr Lincoln's Army", recommended to me by Alex Barnett.

May 7 Jaquith from Sullivan and Cromwell tells me that Bob McDowell has returned to an important job in Washington. I am having a hard time keeping Fred Kenthen in line for the Reorganization Trustee's settlement in the Missouri Pacific matter. The plan is a good one and should be supported.

May 8 Spent a large part of the day at the Parke-Bernet Galleries looking at autographs and other items in the forthcoming Ingraham and Curman sale. Margaret and Irene arrived from Virginia tonight.

May 9, 1954 our friend, William Marlay, the termite man, is dead. He was a good fellow and his death puts a trouble on us to find a proper successor. Spent part of the day on the Mobile home papers. Drafted a letter for Elvis Stahr to write to young Vinson about his father's papers - which are supposed to be given to the University of Kentucky. Long walk on 5th Avenue.

May 10 Have agreed with Jim Clark on a fee of $25,000 for services to date, plus $2250 for the SHBX issue. We have decided to drop the recapitalization plan for the present and bring it on in the fall with a few changes. John McCarthy and a group of backers have bought the New York city omnibus and 5th Ave Coach lines from omnibus Corporation.

May 11 Pleasant dinner at the Carreas' tonight. Henry is about to get off to another European trip. Got a fine set of Sowerby's Botany from Cox, an English provincial bookseller. Just 2 volumes but with wonderful hand-colored plates.

May 12 My Mother is 85 today. It seemed impossible forty years ago that she could last ten years. Her sister, Aunt Ada, more than ten years older, still survives although bedridden for several years. Tommy Jackson is back with us for the summer. He gets his room, plus $1.00 an hour for any extended work he gives us.

May 13 I like very much Catton's "Mr. Lincoln's Army" which Alex Barnett put me on to. It has a light and fanciful style, but seems to be authentic history. I have sent Alex a copy of Grant's Memoirs and one of Henderson's Jackson. The poor fellow has so little to amuse him.

May 14 Home has two nice letters from Larry Thompson about my Kentucky visit. We motored to Round Hill today taking Irene Wright and Betty Correa. Spent part of the day, under Schnader's pressure, trying to get speakers for the commercial cycle for the Law Revision commission hearings.

May 15, 1934 Too rainy to work today so M- and I drove to see Woodburn, the Duer farm near Leesburg which Rogers Fred had mentioned. We liked it so much that we saw Fred later and offered $120,000 for it. The main residence is a fine brick that reminds M- and me of the Meriwether Lewis house in Fredericksburg. Dined with the Crowns tonight.

May 16 Went over Woodburn with the Freds and Mr. and Mrs. Duer. The house is too large, perhaps, but would be just right for my library. It was built about 1820 but one of the cottages and the brick barn are much older. Dined with the Freds and caught the 5 P. M. train.

May 17 Fred telephones that the Duers offer Woodburn for $135,000. Too much for our purse. Newt Trimble is dead at 92. I doubt that he ever did any of the things that are supposed to lengthen life. Milton Anderson has been injured by a home-made bomb planted by an unknown enemy.

May 18 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Seawell Martin. He says Charlie Kraemer has become a problem for the Trust Department. A good and careful worker Charlie is too slow to get off much work and cannot learn to delegate responsibility. Dave finished Catton's "Mr. Lincoln's Army" and moved on to His "Glory Road". Very interesting but hardly as informative as the earlier work.

May 19 Margaret has unheedled four color plates from one of my old volumes of Poxton and is having them framed. I am keeping a sharp eye out for a print or two from Thornton's Temple of Flora. Have ordered some autograph letters from Myers, including five from Dickens to George Beadnell

May 20 Lunched with Bob Brome today to discuss a job he wants me to do for the trust company. The internal struggle in ACF continues unabated and I can hardly piece out the machinations. Just now we are in a cloak-and-dagger intrigue over a vacancy proxy for Mr.

May 21, 1954 John Rowansky appears to have won his first demand at ACF - the election of 3 new independent directors. I can't tell, however, what the real story is. Bill Cravens took M- and me to dine at the Katas Club, the old middle-group literary club.

May 22 M- and I shopped this morning, the only tangible result being a dacron sports jacket at Brooks. Miss Kranzer took the Millers, M- and me this evening to the Friends' cocktail party at Hackensack. They have a nice place. The Spaters, Fooks and a Miss Clever were also there. Mrs. Frow carries off very well the difficult job of entertaining partners and their wives.

May 23 quiet day at home. Letters to Thurston and Hilson. catalogued my letter to Voltaire, bought at the Parke-Bernet May 18th. The letter, signed only by V-, is dated Nov. 14, 1767 and addressed to M. Chardon. It concerns the famous Sirven and Calas cases, Voltaires most creditable work.

May 24 To the Law Revision Commission hearings this morning. The New York banks, led by the Chase, attacked the Commercial vigorously for its real and factitious defects. A mass of elephants shuddering over a mouse. To cocktails this afternoon with Ralph Heymsfeld to discuss strategy with Karl Llewellyn and Soia Metchnikoff. They are almost as unrealistic as the banks.

May 25 Spent all day at the Law Revision commission. Mr. William Dean Embree and Carlos Israels spoke at my request. Karl and Soia took the chief burden and I said a few words. Took Karl, Soia and Henry Hanfield to cocktails; then off to the Johnsons where M- and I dined.

May 26 Herman Whipple's son, Ronnie, a promising youth just graduated from high school, has been killed in a mutoring accident near Lacenter. To cocktails with the Whites, who then dined with us at the Heathstone.

May 27, 1954 To the adjourned ACF stockholders meeting today. It was an anticlimax as we knew that we didn't have the votes to pass the recapitalization plan. Rode back to N. Y. with John Konensky. For personal reasons John seems to be about to retire and leave ACF to its fate. Catalogued Somerby's English Botany tonight. An interesting set.

May 28 Reading Bruce Catton's "A Stillness at Appomattox". As so often happens Catton's books fall off a little as volume follows volume, but the third is still interesting Long conversation this afternoon with Clark and Taylor about ACF. Jim is still slated to become president after the annual meeting.

May 29 Mailed the Sonnenschein books and some others to Berea College this morning. Finished Shellabarger's Chesterfield. More of an essay than a biography, it just misses being very good.

May 30 Spent most of the day cataloguing, I am several hundred letters behind. By late afternoon plane to Houston Texas with Hank Boates and Paul Anderson. Long talk at the Petroleum club with Downes, the W-K-M manager.

May 31 Closed the W-K-M purchase today. Cook and Drury of the Andrews, Kurth firm, our correspondents, have been very helpful. Baker and Jewett, who will continue as counsel for the new company, were also fair and constructive. Had Bill Allen in for a drink this afternoon. Baker took Boates, Anderson, Drury, Downs, White and me to dinner at the River oaks country club tonight. Saw Dr. Cody there. A very pleasant occasion.

June 1 Spent the morning on the patent situation, including a conference with Laurent the owner of the most important W-K-M patents, and in polishing off a few final details. Caught the 3:30 plane, ran through a storm and was in N. Y. about midnight.

June 2, 1954 Very tired today, the strenuous week-end trip catching up with me. Prepared an interim report for ACF. Cynthia Mathews is seriously and probably fatally ill. Sydney thinks it is a brain tumor. Her loss will be a terrible blow to Hendy who is more devoted to and engrossed with his family than anyone I know.

June 3 The Duers have politely moved aside my offer of $120,000 for Woodburn. they may come to it in the fall if they don't get their price in the meantime. Reading Felix Holt's "Don't Boone Kissed Me" on the recommendation. The scene is Callaway County, near Murray (called "Calvary" in the book and the time is 1845. Not a very funshed job.

June 4 The news of Felix Holt's death appeared in the morning papers. His ancestors lived so near the Rawls and I have so many Holt kin that I suspect we may have been distant cousins. Lunched with S. Mathews. To Washington on the Congressional.

June 5. Lunched with the Barnetts. Poor Alex seems to be glad to have company and talks with great spirit. We had our 22nd anniversary dinner at the Battletown Inn tonight: the Johnsons and Al's sister, Mrs. Bagley, Irene and Dana White, the Barnetts and the Frieds and their guest, a Miss De Yonge. A jolly occasion.

June 6. A lot of weeding this morning. The box etc. I have about given up on the poor remaining remnants of broad-leaf evergreens. Lunched at Irenes. Bill Cravens brought us to Washington.

June 7. Lunched with Gardiner Robinson and Raymond Sherwood to discuss the proposed loan to crowell-collier Publishing Co. They are trying to rehabilitate colliers and losing a mint of money in the process. A most dangerous loan but one very difficult to refuse to make. The Dickens letters to George Beadnell are fascinating. He may have lost track of Maria for many years but wrote at least five cordial letters to her father during the period.

June 8, 1954 To the dentist to have my few remaining teeth cleaned. One of them has to come out soon, I think. To the Greater N.Y. Fund luncheon, a project I foolishly got into on the urgings of Jim Aller. Reading Catton's short biography of U.S. Grant, a slight book.

June 9 Lunched with Curtis Pierce at the D.T.A. He has been made chairman of the committee ~~of~~ on uniform State laws of the city Bar Association and is in a position to recommend to the Joint committee on the Uniform Commercial Code. I had recommended him with that in mind. Margaret went to Clare Frossel's graduation today

June 10 Cox, my new English booksellers, has sent me the first 65 volumes (bound into 45) of Curtis' Botanical Magazine: A fine set. At the 5th Avenue office of Bankers Trust again today to lunch and discuss the Crowell-Collier loan. A bad business. Then to the ~~Crowell-~~ Collier Budley Bookshop where I bought a Dickens A.L.S. from Sam Freeman.

June 11, 1954 Lunched at Bankers Trust today with Andrey, Baer, Kyle, Robinson and Brome. The Trust company is in serious difficulty over the proposed loan to Cromwell-Collier loan. If it doesnt make the loan it will lose some big balances and some old friends, but the present situation of the company is very bad. Reading the Boston Bibliophile Society edition of the Charles Dickens letters to Maria Beadnell. Very interesting.
June 12 To Dauber & Pine's, where I got a collection of routine autographs, including one nice letter of John Hay and a short note of S. T. Coleridge. Also a copy of Rossi "The ordeal of Budget Elio" and some miscellaneous volumes.
June 13 Cataloguing the mass of Ainsworths letters I got recently from Myers & Co. Also a similar lot of Millais letters. Also some nice letters of Bernard Barton, in one of which he discusses Lamb. To see Ella this afternoon.

June 14, 1954 Bob Young has won the N. Y. Central fight. He will probably be a very bad force in the central's affairs. Leonard Moore is trying the case against Joe Nunan for income tax violation. Len has not been very well and his brother, Bill, and I tried to get him to ask Brownell for a special prosecutor. M- and I saw the film Martin Luther tonight.

June 15 Dinner tonight at Luchows for Irene, the Carreas and Peales. A gay meeting. To see Dr. McGrath this afternoon. He says that I may the remaining teeth in my lower jaw. In his words I am "standing at the cross roads".

June 16 Gave a luncheon at the D. T. A. for Brown Baker of Houston. other guests were Bill Taylor, Jack Burditt & Jim Clark. I had asked Carlos Hardy, but he couldn't come. Walter Margetts seems to be coming in for some criticism in the Hoffman, not for any corruption but for being an easy dupe for Hoffman.

June 17 M- left for Virginia this morning. Reading Edith C. Johnson's "Lamb Always Elia", a very uneven work but one with some valuable insights. The work and personality of Charles Lamb seem always to fascinate Americans even more than Englishmen.
June 18 Spent most of the day at Bankers Trust company on the proposed loan to the unfortunate Crowell collier company. Leroy Brophy has had a conversation with Tom Dewey re the newspaper discussions of Tom's desire to return to private practice. Tom says that his plans are not yet firm but that he is still considering joining our firm. Had a tooth out this afternoon. It had been troubling me for two or three days.
June 19 The loss of my tooth yesterday forced me to remain in the city so that Dr. McGrath could treat the wound this morning. After that I went to Dunlap & Co's where I got a few items. Mary Emma, Jimmy and Carol Sue are coming to see us in August.

June 20, 1954 M. telephoned last night that Thurston had arrived at Longfields. The catalpas are blooming in Gramercy Park - an almost unearthly beauty. Reading Leacock's Dickens, a superficial but interesting book.

June 21 M's absence in Virginia and my misfortunes with my teeth caused us to miss two weddings Saturday; that of Cathy Pitchcock and that of young Freddie Osler. Horace speaks indignantly of the expensive fal-de-ral of modern weddings. Dorothy Mateer dined with me tonight.

June 22 A New York tabloid has tipped over the secret of John Roebling's wedding. The bride-to-be is Mrs. William Hayward, who inherited the Plant millions and was a client of our office in Mr. Leacy's time. I once drew a will for her. I now understand for the first time why John withdrew from the ACF struggle. Ken Moore is not well and has withdrawn temporarily from the Nunan trial.

June 23 The Van Steenbergs, having heard of my misfortunes, took me to dinner this evening and spent the night with me. A very pleasant occasion. I have agreed to lecture at the PLI course "Representing Lenders" in August. A repeat of last winters course but chiefly with different speakers.
June 24 Worked this morning with Bill Kyle et al at Bankers Trust company and lunched with ~~them~~ Bell McKinley, Joe Sauter, Morgan, Mr. Parke & Charlie Lauren. M- and Thurston arrived from Virginia this afternoon, Dorothy Mateer is with us for a few days prior to taking up her summer quarters in New London.
June 25 Had a nice letter today from Larry Thompson who is lecturing at the summer school at the university of Illinois. Discussed the W-K-M fee with Palmer Bradley who gives me little indication as to what he really wants. Margaret says that we must either give up our big apartment or Longfields. The two are too much for her.

June 26, 1954 Shopped at Macy's and Lambel's this morning. Bought a straw hat at Macy's and some drugs. Five handsome necklaces at Lambel's. Mr. Truman is very ill following an operation. Public opinion is rather rapidly re-evaluating him as it becomes clear that the Eisenhower administration has performed followed most of his policies. Thurston worries M- and me by his languor and lack of curiosity. He seldom leaves the house.

June 27 Spent most of the day cataloguing. Five letters of "L. E. K.", H. C. Robinson, Procter and George Selwyn ("Bosky"). Wrote a long letter to Larry Thompson. Took a long nap this afternoon.

June 28 Telephone conversation with Raymond Rudgers today. They are in Westport for the summer. June and her husband are still in California. Ernest Lunn has returned from Tennessee where he has taught since he left Bullard county. To a cocktail party at the Peales this afternoon.

June 29 David Blankenhorn is going to the coast to be an officer of the California Bank. It is about to be merged with two other banks, an obvious attempt to regain a competitive size with the Bank of America. Will Darden is dead. Jul Nemos has been convicted on all counts. The end of a fool whose luck ran out.

June 30 Had Jack Burdick to lunch. He is in much better health, even getting stout. Like so many of my younger friends, however, he is getting impatient over the slow results he gets after toxes.

July 1 M-, Thurston and I drove to Round Hill this afternoon. We need rain badly.

July 2 To see Fred Osler and Wilbur Hall about Woodburns. We have refused to increase our offer of $120,000 for the farm, but have offered to give $8750 for the farm equipment and Fred has offered to cut his commission in half. To see the Barnets and take Alex a book. The Crowns and De Rykes to see us.

July 3, 1954 Very hot today. Reading Julian Green's "Memories of Happy Days". He seems to lean the subject of an unusually thorough assimulation of a foreign culture. To Irene's dinner party for the Lahays and Da Queiradas. I was amazed to find Bill friendly to Senator McCarthy. Thurston spent the evening with Betsy Lewis and friends.

July 4 Very hot today. Spent the morning weeding and watering the box. To the Barnetts for cocktails. With the Crowens this evening. Dinner at the Battletown Inn.

July 5 Working in the garden again in spite of the heat. The small broad-leaf evergreens I planted with such high hopes two years ago are slowly dying, one by one. In to Washington with the Lahays and Da Queiradas. Having been warned by Irene I stayed off McCarthy. Miss Sheldon has arrived.

July 6 At ACF all the morning working on plans for the W-K-M bond issue. At Crowell-Collier this afternoon agreeing upon details for the bank loan. Fred asker telephoned tonight to say that Mr. Dear had accepted our offer for Woodburn. I hope that we have done right in embarking on such a big project. It will mean a long pull but well, I think, give us a fine permanent home and a block of land that will eventually increase in value.
July 7 In order to begin raising money for the purchase of Woodburn, I have sold $10,000 N. J. Turnpike bonds and 200 shares of Bank of Manhattan stock. Reading Quennell's interesting life of Ruskin.
July 8 Mary Emma and Jimmy are disappointed of their trip. Jimmy's Mother, who has been living with them, has left, cause unknown, and has taken her stove, refrigerator etc with her. I wish that I could send her some money.

July 9, 1954 Sat from the safe deposit all our "E" savings bonds and our remaining $4,000 of U. S. coupon bonds to add to our Woodburn money. M- and I drove to Round Hill this afternoon. I have seen Carl Fairbank several times lately. He has the usual difficulty of general practicioners getting enough good work.

July 10 To Leesburg today and signed the contract for Woodburn, which was prepared by Wilbur Hall. We then went over the place again. It has been badly hit by the drought. Took Irene, the Croceas, the Carreas, the Myers and Mrs. Daly to dinner at the Battletown Inn.

July 11 To lunch at Irene's. The Carreas are staying with her for a few days. The Myers are here to examine a home for their afflicted child. They put me on the train in Baltimore late this afternoon.

July 12 I see by the Advance that Curtis Berry has been killed in an accident. He was only 40. It seems a very short time since he and Cleo climbed on my knees when I taught school at Oscar. Now both are dead.
July 13 At Cromell-Collier. unless it pulls Collier's out of its tail spin soon, the whole company is going broke. I have finally finished Wiltse's three volume life of Calhoun, a fine work but petering out a little toward the end. At least it gives a fine picture of a brilliant mind and strong personality.
July 14 Hallgarten has sent me a check for $29,480 from moneys it had on hand and the sale of securities. I must sell more to get up the Woodburn money. Lunched with Ed Galloway. He seems to be doing very well at Bonkers but is despondent at not being able to get any money ahead.

July 15, 1954 ~~Lunch~~ Dined with Jack Burditt last night. Clark has come to rely very much on Jack. Brake my lower denture today and swallowed a piece of it. Burlington Mills has offered $20.00 per share for Goodall Sanford stock. Margaret has 100 shares for which she paid 20½ and which has been down to 10 in the market.

July 16 M- returned last night. She is delighted to get almost all her money out of the Goodall Sanford stock. I see by the Advance that the Stone Corner girls have had a reunion and had greetings from Sophia Campbell (Mrs. Sutton).

July 17 To Conny Meloy's engagement party. She is marrying a personable chap named John Nussbaum. Not Jewish, I would say. Took a long walk. Back on Schlesinger's "Age of Jackson", a book worth several readings. Long nap.

July 18 Margaret is sick today and I have prepared three meals for the two of us - and washed the dishes except those for supper which Tommy obligingly did for me. I have also packed 7 cartons of books yesterday and today and my shelves are beginning to look better.
July 19 Cynthia Mathews is still very ill and there appears to be no hope. A brain tumor, I hear.
July 20 I have a letter from Emmet Sussholm, who says that he recently heard of me through Harry Thompson and Tom Clark. Lunched with Jack Burditt, Roland Tremble and Paul Anderson to discuss W-K-M affairs. It is our present intention to try to float a bond issue in Houston - probably placing it with Prudential.
July 21 Lunched with Scovell Martin. He is trying to sell his Essex Falls house so that he can live in the Pennsylvania place all the year. He tells me that his pension will be only $8,000 per annum.

July 22, 1954 John Rascin has returned from our Los Angeles office where he has been very successful working for North American Aviation.
July 23 Marie and Margaret met my bus in Round Hill tonight. our Woodburn purchase has been given considerable publicity, even extending to the Washington papers, The Loudoun Times-Mirror has published a pictural of the place, complete with a picture of a man in fox-hunting garb, and a story about its history.
July 24 Walked over farmfields with Mr. Kelley. Some of the timber should be cut, especially the big ~~oaks~~ white oaks, but I hate very much to see it go. The fields are in fair shape although the grass would have fared better with more lime and fertiliser. To night we took the Cooleys and Marie to dinner at the Battletown Inn. To see the Barretts this afternoon.

July 25 Walked over Woodburn this morning with Mr. Litton and the two farmers on the places, Messrs. Howes and Saunders. It is really magnificent, well watered and with many fine young trees. I spoiled the former effect a little by almost falling into the creek. Irene took me into Washington, along with her her brother John and sister-in-law Margaret.

July 26 Myers has bought a Keats letter for me from the Noble collection recently sold in London. cost to me, $62 35. I had bids in also for Wordsworth, Southey and other material which I didn't get. I see by the Advance that there is another bad drought in Ballard County.

July 27 At Crowell-Collier this morning. My friend Belton's son, just 21, has a very serious, perhaps a fatal, attack of polio. He is in Florida in an iron lung, his mother with him. Dined with Jack Burditt tonight to discuss the W-K-M financing.

July 28, 1954 Got Margaret's check for her Goodall Sanford stock, redeeming my worst mistake in investments. It had been as low as 9 as contrasted with a price of 20½. Burlington Mills paid 20.
July 29 Very hot. Saw Eddie Ford at the Hearthstone where I was dining with Mim. He has been in the hospital several weeks recently.
July 30 Grant Taft has married. He can't have been far from 60 and is a real sourpuss. His British luncheon club comrades say that he was broke and that he has married money.
July 31 A bad headache today. Margaret's beagle, Timmie, was very ill when she left Longfields. Margaret writes that the Winchester veterinarian saw no hope that Timmie had to be put to sleep. He was never a normal dog and has been lost since Bertie's death. M- is heartbroken, however.

Aug. 1 Making up a balance sheet. Our cash, real estate stocks and bonds and interest in C.P.W.W.&B. less a reserve for income taxes, come out at $275,000. My library, insurance, furniture, M's jewelry etc should be about $80-000 - $100,000 more. Cleaning the fine set of the Botanical Magazine I recent got from England.

Aug. 2 Closed the Crowell-Collier loan today. Mr. Stouch was very grateful and almost embarassing in his compliments to Bill Kyle and "Mr. Peal and his little pencil". We really did work out his problem for him after Chemical Bank had failed. M- drove back alone from Virginia today.

Aug. 3 Parkers has sent me a fine set of the Oxford English Text Wordsworth, including "The Prelude": Reading Knight's Shadows of the old Booksellers"; a discursive but charming volume. Someone should resurvey the field and write a more informative book. Henry Wolff is pestering me about Schenley business in Giles absence.

Aug. 4, 1954 Spoke on conditional sale financing at the Practising Law Institute this morning. Fortunately it is prosperous enough this summer to expand into an air-cooled ballroom at the Statler Hotel. Joe Nunan has been convicted on all counts of tax evasion and faces a heavy jail term and heavy fines. Leonard Moore is worn out and has to go to a hospital.

Aug. 5 Back on the ACF Recapitalization Plan. Jim Clark hopes to have the matter come to a vote in November. Malcolm dined with us tonight and reported a very good time on the European trip. The girls met some interesting boys and Joan may have been weaned away from Pierce a little

Aug. 6 At the Practising Law Institute forum on the Commercial Code until noon. Drove to Round Hill this afternoon. our battery gave out at the entrance to the tunnel - which caused a long delay.

Aug. 7 Mr. ~~Johnson~~ Hope
come over to see me
this morning to try to
buy some of the land
near his place. I sus-
pect that he would be
thunderstruck to learn the
price I have in mind.
To see the Johnsons. This
afternoon we drove to
Mrs. Dales and took
Ethel Taylor to dinner. Mrs.
Dale is fatally ill and
may die at almost any time.
Aug. 8 To see the Cowans
this morning. Then to
lunch at Irene's. Mrs.
Grant, the Duchess, there.
Irene and the Duchess
then drove us to Martins-
burg to get the capital
Limited to Chicago.
Aug. 9 M- went on to Mis-
souri to see Lowson and
I proceeded to the commissioners
of uniform State Laws meeting
at the Conrad Hilton hotel.
Willard urges prompt work
on the Simultaneous Deaths
Act, a job I promised to
do last year. Al Buerger
is very busy on his motor
vehicle act. Worked until
11 P. M. tonight on the Aircraft
Responsibility Act.

Aug. 10 Joe Barrett makes a very good presiding officer for the commissioner, having sense enough to conduct the meetings with easy formality. Ed Wright, another and younger Arkansan, is a hard worker and a clever draftsman.
Aug. 11 Again working on the Aircraft Responsibility Act which kept us until 11:30 tonight. Took a break for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Warren Jones of Jacksonville Florida and John Satterfield. Jones, a native of Iowa, turns out to be a rather important collector of Lincolniana.
Aug. 12 The weather has been amazingly cool this week. The Commissioners' dinner at the Tavern Club tonight. Long chat with Blakey Helm and Mrs. Helm. Another charming couple is Mr. & Mrs. Rogers from Mobile. She is a Boston lady, wooed and won when he was at Harvard. Dean and Mrs. Merrill are very charming. Drank too much but had a very good time.

Aug. 13 That wicked flagon of last night left me a wreck today. I started life with my usual orange juice and coffee but had to leave the meeting at mid-morning to get some solid food. Sneaked off tonight to get a dinner of barbecued spare ribs and see the supposedly wicked French movie "La Ronde". Poor stuff.

Aug. 14 our meeting adjourned this morning and we went to lunch at the University of Chicago - a function given for the commissioners and the chief justices of the States who are meeting at the Blackstone. Was fortunate to be seated between Wilber Katz and his wife. Very charming. We reminisced of our early days in N.Y., when he was at Root, Clark's.

Aug. 15 Arrived on the Commodore Vanderbilt this morning after an uncomfortable trip. Bill (William Hale) Darkness, my office-mate at Murray, Aldrich, is dead at 54. He was enormously wealthy but probably had very little fun in life.

Aug 16, 1954 K.C. (Si) Dunn is dead. He was 71. It is hard for me to realise that he was so old as I always think of him as young and gay. Lud Fraser is very ill. Took Jim Clark to lunch at the D. T. A. to talk over our plans for the recapitalization.

Aug. 17 Wrote to Mrs. Dunn tonight. Si was always a good friend and a gracious host and I hate to think of him as gone. Besterman, the editor of the great edition of Voltaire's letters, has written through the N. Y. Public Library to get a copy of the Voltaire L. S. I bought a few months ago.

Aug. 18 At the Banking Dept. this morning with Paul Boyer making a few arrangements for the dissolution of Peoples Industrial Bank. Reading Brant's life of Madison. Probably a work of sound scholarship but too belligerently controversial and not too well organized.

Aug. 19 Lunched with Stone and Belton. Belton is a most amusing chap, half English and half French but with a very Gallic ~~wit~~ wit and weal. I have received a letter from Besterman, the editor of the inclusive new edition of Voltaire's letters, asking for a photostat of the Voltaire letter about the Calas case I bought at the Parke-Bernet last year.

Aug. 20 I have a friendly letter from Mrs. Dyer telling me where to put the books I want to store in Woodbury and also that I may move as many plants there as I like. I wonder what her mould say if he knew that I may sell the big black walnut trees which have been his pride and joy. They are now ripe for timber and should be cut to give the little ones a chance.

Aug. 21. Prof. Frechet, a somewhat mouldy Frenchman who writes about George Borrow, came to lunch with me today and to see my lot of Borrow manuscripts and letters.

Aug. 22, 1954 Cleaned our storeroom this morning, a hot and dusty job I have been putting off for a long time. Found a case of good sherry and a case of yellowstone sour-mash whiskey that had been forgotten. Also two pairs of levis and two pairs of Brooks pants that I had bought for wear in Arizona.

April 23 Sherman Baldwin says that Herb Brownell is very happy in his job, especially as he gets cordial cooperation from his Department. He was discouraged to some extent by the criticism he got as a result of the Harry Dexter White matter and the Supreme Court's decision in the anti-segregation cases.

April 24 Lunched with Clark and Barton, discussing the recapitalization plan. Then to the Carnegie Book Shop to get my rebound Curtis' "Flora Londinensis". Albert Bani was there and we all had a cocktail. Bought also a small scrap of land and the Federal Edition of Jefferson's works.

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Aug. 31 Mary Barnett seems to be enjoying her stay in New York. She lived so long in the East that she is no longer happy in a Southern atmosphere. Even as attenuated a one as Loudoun county. We dined at the Alcazar tonight with the Wells. Dean had a bad cold and is off the wagon again. He and Blanche are leaving in a few days for a vacation in Albuquerque.

Sept. 1 Margaret, Mary Barnett, and Elizabeth and Gretchen Peale got off in the Ford for Virginia. It was so full of people and baggage that I told Sam that another box of cookies would cause it to burst. Joan Fraser telephoned. She is joining us at Longfields next week. Took Foster Dulty and Bob Brome to lunch at the D. T. A.

Sept. 2 I hear that poor Fred Steinhardt has cancer and is not expected to last much longer. He was always very frail. Am working with Bob Brome on a matter arising out of an embezzlement by a trusted employee of the Roskob family.

Sept. 3, 1954 To Washington with Sam and Rodgers Reale. Their friends, the Levenicks, met us at the station and drove us to the Courtney Inn where Margaret was waiting for me. The Reales will stay at the Inn for two weeks. Thurston came in tonight.

Sept 4 our neighbor, colonel Pugh, new owner of the Lemley farm, came to see us today to discuss the purchase of Langfields for a friend of his, another Colonel. He was sent by Herbert Cooley and I gave Herbert a price. Took a load of books to Woodburn. Irene gave a dinner party for the Reales tonight.

Sept 5. Margaret has a bad head cold - no doubt caught from Dean Wells. Thurston and I had lunch with the Crosens at the Battletown Inn. The Freds and Reales were of the party. Then to Miss Hendricks' big cocktail party at her new home on the ~~mountain~~ mountain. Mr. Fox amazed me by shaking hands with me.

Sept. 6 Margaret continues in bed so I had to take our guests to the Courtney Inn for lunch: the Crocens and their house guests, the Hills, the Johnsons, the Peales and Irene: Very hot. To the Barretts this afternoon to see Alex and was caught in a storm. Reading Deems Taylor's "The Well-Tempered Listener."

Sept. 7 Margaret's cold is worse and to cap it all the storm has silenced all the telephones in our region. Spent the day cooking, carrying and cleaning. The Hapes telephone was working tonight so that I could talk to Dr. Oliver. The Hape boys have won some prizes and much publicity at the recent Holstein-Friesian show.

Sept. 8 Marie Crocens came to our rescue today. cooked and stayed the night. The doctor came this afternoon. He says that M. has a deep chest cold but no complications. Fred Steinhardt is dead. A great tragedy as he was both young and able.

Sept. 9, 1954 Virginia Lincoln has come to work for us for a few days. Marie and she, with some cleaning help from Gladys Rumsey, are getting the place in order again. The Freds came tonight and brought us a cake

Sept. 10 The weather has improved a little. Joan and Thurston came in on the bus at 9 P.M. Irene and Marie were with us for scrabble. Both are quite good at word games but Irene's spelling produces much innocent merriment.

Sept. 11 Took the Peales to Woodburn this morning. It is lovely and green. A high wind all day, no doubt the skirt of the bad storm which is harassing N.Y. and New England. Col. Pugh brought his friend Col. Shipp and Herbert Walker to look at Longfields. I cant imagine what a 68 year-old bachelor could do with such a big place. To the Barnett's cocktail party for the Peales. Two friends of Thurston and the Careens to dinner.

Sept. 12 In to Washington on the 2:03 bus. At home in N. Y. at an early hour. I liked Thurston's friend, Carl Peterson, a poised and manly boy. Saw Herbert Cooley in Round Hill for a little time. He says that Col. Shipp thought the price asked for Longfields to be about right but that the Col. was looking at several places.

Sept. 13 Roy Lockwood has been promoted to be a member of the executive control group of Manufacturers Trust Co. I am delighted at this as I was afraid that Roy was too quiet and modest to reach that top job. Tom Dewey has definitely decided not to run for Governor again but it seems clear that he wont come with us.

Sept. 14 Took Clark to lunch at the D. T. A. to discuss the Recapitalization Plan. We then went to Swanson's office where we went into it thoroughly with him and his assistants. He telephoned later to say that he would go along. He was opposed last spring.

Sept. 15, 1954 Lunched with a group of analysts today. About the smartest group in New York. They gave us some excellent advice about the timing and procedures of the reorganization plan. To Carlos Hardy's for dinner tonight, with Clark, Taylor, Barton, Spellissy and Munson. Pleasant occasion.

Sept. 16 Lunched with Bob Brome, always an interesting hour. He is struggling with some complicated equipment financing. Russell Dearmont came in to see me this afternoon. He says that he has about brought all parties into line for his reorganization plan.

Sept. 17 To Washington by sleeper. Morning with the S.E.C. Friendly but unhelpful on my minor problem of whether ACF can use proxy solicitors in connection with its recapitalization plan. To Round Hill with Rogers Fred. Dined with the Peales tonight. They seem to have enjoyed thoroughly their stay at the Courtney Inn. Thurston arrived with a bad cold.

Sept. 18 An hour at Woodburn this afternoon planning our bookshelves. Then to see the Welbournes. He showed us his fine garden. They are going to give a "reception" for us to introduce us to Leesburg people. Marie dined with us tonight while Joan and Thurston took in a movie.

Sept. 19 Joan and Pierce have terminated their engagement - to the great relief of all her friends. He is really almost a juvenile delinquent and would have made her most unhappy. Back home on the Congressional. Reading Prescott's "Man With A Donkey", a slurping book but one with few memorable or likeable characters.

Sept. 20 Jack Ashby is dead at 60. He was a very bright and attractive young man but fell a prey to alcoholism later. He lived in South America for some years. The Whites come to dinner tonight and Bill and I had a long gossip about the N.Y. political situation - both of us being misinformed. My friend Wiener is back after a summer in Paris.

Sept. 21, 1954 I have at last succumbed to a cold. Margaret caught hers from Dean Wells, then Thurston took it and it has passed to me. I have a nice letter from Dr. Bestermann thanking me for the photostat of my Voltaire letter. Mrs. Bess Brookings is dead after a long illness. I gather that Gladys has never married.

Sept. 22 I see by Ed Ransom's column in the Advance that Anne Melton is ill again. She must know the face of the grim reaper all too well from having seen it so many times. Col. Shipp has renounced Longfields and bought a place at Front Royal. I never could understand why an old bachelor would want a large country house and farm.

Sept. 23 Lunched with the Cadys and Hayden Stone group of ACF common stockholders. Obviously Cady would like to merge ACF into the Budd company. Myers & Co. has sent me a nice new lot of Dickens letters. A real find.

Sept. 24 Long lunch with Joe Swan. Hoyden Stone is preparing a brochure on ACF, but it seems to me that Joe places too much stress on the electronics sideline of a great business. Filed the proxy material today. Malcolm and Wynne have taken a N.Y. apartment for this winter.

Sept. 25 My cold is worse but I can't get an hour off from work. Managed to get some boxes of books off to the university of Kentucky today, Patalot et al. Clare Maloy came in to see us tonight, full of excitement about Connie's wedding. I have a feeling that Clare is getting tired of the rural delights of Shenstone.

Sept. 26 Dorothy Barck is leaving the New York Historical Society, where she has been for some thirty years, to be Superintendent of the Washington Headquarters at Newburgh. I think that she must have been finding it difficult to care for her Mother in N.Y. Dropped in to see Ella tonight.

Sept. 27, 1954 Lunched with Hitchcock at the D. T. A. We hear that the Root, Clark firm is splitting into two parts, possibly over the trade with Tom Dewey. I hear that Marion ~~Gregg~~ Gregory is still very ill. I telephoned Noble about her in Washington a few days ago, He appears to be hopeful of at least a respite.

Sept. 28 our apartment is being painted, always a cause of trouble and upset. Lunched with S. Mathews. He seems to be better satisfied now that he has an apartment with congenial friends.

Sept. 29 Lunched with Joe Sautter, George Valentine et al at Bankers Trust to discuss a proposed trust for Madame de Castellane, daughter-in-law of Anna Gould. Her fortune seems to be in this country and she is represented by White & Case. I see by the papers that Eugene Siler is the Republican candidate for Congress from the Ashland, Kentucky, district. Gene is prominent in religious as well as political affairs.

Sept. 30 Mrs. Arthur Spingarn seems to be about gone. She has been a pathetic figure for the last year, walking slowly and with great difficulty through the halls. Mr. Spingarn now tells me that she is confined to their apartment. Hitchcock tells me that Art Douglas lost his job as president of the Statler Hotel company after the Hilton interests acquired control; also that Art has been troubled with a groundless reckless driving charge.

oct. 1 To Round Hill this afternoon, accupying the train trip with a study of the new tax code. Played bridge tonight with Irene and the Crosens.

oct. 2 A very busy day. To Woodburn this morning to see the Dues and pay for fuel oil and the draperies we are to buy. Then to the Round Hill Bank where M- and I signed the mortgage on Longfields. Lunched at Irene's. Then to a cocktail party at the Blackwoods. To the Melonys for dinner. Tom seems dissatisfied with Westinghouse.

Oct. 3, 1954 Thurston and I weeded the box beds this morning, and took some Japanese iris and willow cuttings to Irene. Then to lunch at the Bradleys, after which we left cards at the ~~Brad~~ Wilsons and had cocktails with the Sparrows. The Rev. and Mrs. Lane of Berryville were also at the Sparrows. Balivia with the Crowens tonight.

Oct. 4 Rather stormy session at the S.E.C. this morning. They have a new lawyer who has dreamed up all sorts of difficulties about the New Jersey law.

Oct. 5 Pat Collin has been fired at Mack Truck. It has happened before but it seems to be final this time.

Oct. 6 Bob Hensel was in to see me this morning. He is also unhappy at Mack Truck and is looking for another job. Lunched at Manufacturers Trust with Wattrich, Lake, Heslin, Nicholas and Charlie Lowen. One of the Whites of White, Weld has prevented Wattrich's election to the Down Town Ass'n., a dirty trick.

oct. 7 Lunched with Malcolm at the D. T. A. He is delighted that Joan is free from Pierce. Another insurance company has put him on its list of counsel and he is very busy. Got our release of the ACF proxy material this afternoon so that the solicitation can begin.
oct. 8 To the Swann Galleries this afternoon to bid on some items from the Robert Levine library. Got a nice ~~Byron~~ Byron letter; ditto of Samuel Richardson; ditto of David Hume. A Thomas Campbell manuscript. A first of Siddons' "Time's a Tell-Tale" with an epilogue by Charles Lamb and a first of Lamb's "Adventures of Ulysses". Volume 2 of Southey's "Joan of Arc" with a presentation inscription from Charles Lloyd to Anscilla. Letters of Max Muller. And a volume of Proust's letters.
oct. 9 Mr. Justice Robert Jackson is dead. A sudden and untimely loss. Lunched with Dave Kirschenbaum and Albert Bonn and packed up my purchases of yesterday. Afternoon at the Parke-Bernet.

Oct. 10, 1954 Spent most of the day cataloguing items from the Hurja autographs, a mixed collection varying from the trivial and merely curious to important items. In self defense I have had to sort out many items for further disposition. To see Ella.

Oct. 11 Spent almost all day on the difficult de Castellane matter for Bankers Trust Company. Her brokers have worked up a perfect nightmare of rigid complexity in an effort to avoid taxes.

Oct. 12 Took Boni, Kirschenbaum and Halperin to lunch. Dove seems to have very little of interest on hand just now. Then to the Parke-Bernet to resume my examination of the current offerings there. None of great interest. Secretary Charles E. Wilson has started another storm of criticism by an untimely - but to me unobjectionable comparison between labor and dogs. The real truth is that he is being made the scape-goat of his party.

oct. 13 Spent part of the day getting check certified and making other preparations for the ~~sale~~ purchase of Woodburn. I have had to sell my bonds and some very good stocks, including the Oswego Falls. Joan Fowler has applied for a Fulbright scholarship and M- is preparing a letter for her.

oct. 14 M- and I went to Washington by an earlier train and met Bill Cravens at his office. We had dinner at the Roger Smith Hotel and he drove us to Round Hill. Elie Ramey is very sick again.

oct. 15 Closed the purchase of Woodburn this morning & as rather finished it this afternoon. The Duers couldn't have been kinder and more considerate. Saunders is leaving the farm to take a better job. Troubled all day by reports that a hurricane, felicitiously called Hazel, was on its way. It struck us about 6 at Langfields and we were busy bailing water for about 2 hours. No real damage, however.

oct. 16, 1954 Thurston and I made two round trips in the pick-up today to ~~bring~~ take box from Longfields to Woodburn. Got a flat tire on the first trip and had to buy a new one. Thurston arrived last night with two friends, right in the middle of the hurricane. The two others pushed off for Pittsburg after a hasty supper.

oct. 17 Moved more box to Woodburn today. Lunched at Irenes. The Crocans, Freds and Pereaus were also there. The Pereaus took Thurston, M- and me into Washington.

oct. 18 Cy Brower is dead. He was only 5-5 and seemed to be in excellent health when I last saw him. Ellen V. Stutzman's husband has been very ill, so Larry Thompson writes. Lunched with Jim Clark. Jim has kept his head better than any of us in the quarrels between Rocansky and Hardy in ACF. Jim is hopeful of success in the recapitalization plan.

oct. 19 I see by the obituaries that Theresa Highsmith is dead. Suddenly some time last summer, I believe. From all accounts Highsmith has made somewhat of a success since he returned to Georgia. Am reading more of Faulkner's short stories. He runs the gamut from the very sordid to the gay and amusing.

oct. 20 Am finishing "The Loom of Language". Like most popular versions of a difficult branch of learning, it is superficial but it does have shrewd bits of learning.

oct. 21 Jim Clark is making a real effort on the recapitalization plan. I have been writing letters for him to send to inquiring stockholders, real, carefully planned answers. Rovensky always brushed them off with a form letter.

oct. 22 To see Ella. She is about to have her 88th birthday. Crenna Dodge is very ill, heart attack. Carl has just recently recovered from a serious illness.

oct. 23, 1954 Dewey and Ives are making a regular gutter campaign against Harriman. Their latest accusation is that he tried to do business with Hitler during the war. This is based on a matter I worked on about 1944 - the proposed sale by Anaconda Copper to Swiss interests of the equity in the American Silesian mines. We suspected that Saxons money was involved, but we saw no reason why he should have both the mines (which he had seized and was working) and the money as well. Under our plan the money would have been deposited in National City Bank subject to control by the U. S. Government until after the end of the war. The U. S. Treasury refused to approve and Hitler kept both the mines and his foreign exchange.

oct. 24 Mailed more books to the University of Kentucky. Looked at the Rosengarten apartment on the 11th floor. They want to exchange with us.

oct. 24 To lunch with the Vanardens at the pleasant farm near Patterville, N. J. Dunland has become quite the farmer and took great pride in showing us his hogs, turkeys etc. Nat and Leonia Elias were there. She is the commissioner of Public Health in New York city, now mom. Dr. Baumgartner. She and I had a conversation about Mayor Wagner. She likes the Mayor but isn't yet certain as to his capability.

oct. 25 Dined with the Johnsons at the Waverly Inn and returned to their apartment to play bolivia. They are leaving for Florida soon. Russell Dearmont is bringing an a motion to pay all the back interest on the Missouri Pacific bonds, something I have been clamoring for for many years.

oct. 26 Dr. John Hahs is dead. He was 79. I suppose that his last years have been very unhappy because of Johnnie's increasing illness.

oct. 27, 1934 I am enjoying Hilda's cooking again, especially her good soups. She is about the best cook we have had. Had a talk with John Rowesky today. He is dissatisfied with his wife's lawyer, a connection of former days. To the movies tonight to "Seven Brothers in Search of Seven Wives".

oct. 28 To a dinner at the Graduate Club where we had a good talk by an English bookseller, formerly an actor. Had a good talk with Philip Duchesnes and Hibbert of the Yale Library. Hibbert wants to have me to lunch with Dr. Tinker who bought my Boswell.

oct. 29 To Longfields with Margaret and Hilda. Irene met us at the train and drove us to Round Hill. The place is very handsome and I had a pang at the thought that we were about to leave it. Mr. Cole, my new English bookseller, has hunted out and sent me one of the missing volumes of Lowndes's Eng. Botany.

Oct. 30. Mrs. White has done a very competent job in planting the box Thurston and I had brought from Longfields. Th. and I moved two more loads of books from Longfields, and I mailed a carton of books to the University of Kentucky. Marie and Irene came to dinner - about our last party at Longfields where we have had so many happy times.

Oct. 31 Baker & Farrell of Hardy, Stanclife & Hardy telephoned yesterday and asked me to meet Baker in Washington Wednesday to work on the Erco acquisition. Ted Harrison's death has left them in a sad state for a first-class corporate lawyer. Played samba at the Crowens tonight.

Nov. 1 To the Welbournes reception for us. Well over a hundred people had gotten into evening dress and attended a non-alcoholic party to greet the Pauls - a great tribute to Mrs. Welbourne. Perhaps the excellent food made up for the lack of alcohol. Very pleasant occasion.

Nov. 2, 1954 Election day
came in with much
rain, changing into a wet
snow. The movers decided
to wait until tomorrow
so we spent the day
arranging furniture etc.
To Irenes for dinner to-
night. Barkley in Kentucky
and Harriman in New York
seem to have won their races.
Nov. 3 In to Washington with
the Freds and took a room
at The Mayflower where I
met John Richmond, Roland
Tremble and George Baker.
When we had talked over
our plans we went to
the office of King & Nord-
linger and began to work
on the sale contract.
Nov. 4 The business we are
buying, Electric Research & Pro-
ducts Corporation, is owned
by Harry Berliner, one of the
original founders of North
American Aviation Corporation.
His father was one of the
patentees of the telephone and
gramaphone. Saw Com Bur-
ton and John Scott of Cleve-
land today. Dined with John
Richmond at the Army and
Navy Club. A hard but
interesting day.

Nov. 5 Margaret telephoned last night to say that poor Elic Ramey is dead. His sudden relapse, after a seeming recovery, has been very sad. A good man gone. We have developed a hitch in our negotiations, chiefly about the liabilities to be assumed by A C F. To the bus to Woodburn. M- and Betty and Bill White met me in Leesburg.

Nov. 6 It is very cold. Margaret and Hilda have done a fine job in getting Woodburn into an habitable state. The painters and carpenters are at work and we should be in comfort before long. We dined at the Freds with the Wilsons, Irene, the Barnetts, Crowens et al.

Nov. 7 John Harlan has been appointed to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by Jackson's death. To Elic Ramey's funeral - a very impressive affair. Mr. Cockrell, Margaret and I were seated in the amen corner near a hot stove. Hundreds of people were unable to get in the church. To the Freds for supper and talking.

Nov. 8, 1954 To Washington with the Freels again and reestablished myself at the Mayflower. Bernie Nordlinger and I were supposed to work out some details, but he was in a trading mood and we traded and completed a sale contract. John Richmond arrived tonight and was delighted.

Nov. 9 Jim Clark confirmed the few changes in the deal I had tentatively agreed to yesterday and then we had Mr. Berliner in to get his approval of the concessions ~~Berliner~~ Bernie had made. Although Jewish Berliner reminds of the English country-gentleman type. He was a little troubled but confirmed the deal. ~~see next page for Nov. 10~~

Nov. 10 The Bradleys and Tom Mahony (Clare is ill) dined with us tonight. Tom seems to be very impatient with the Westinghouse Airbrake management and has unsuccessfully tried to buy his company back. He wants me to look over his employment contract. To Washington tonight to take a sleeper to N. Y.

Nov. 10 We signed the Erco contract today. I think that ACF has made a good deal. The Freds drove me to Woodburn. My U. S. Foil stock has been going up in this market and I am wondering whether I shouldn't sell it.

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Nov. 12 At ACF almost all day helping Paul Anderson complete a proposal for the purchase of the assets of The Mideale Company. Lud Frazer is dead. The poor fellow had been an invalid for several years but I always think of him as a man of great strength and vigor.

Nov. 13 My Bush Terminal stock is up to 11½, probably in anticipation of a dividend. General Donovan has resigned from the Thailand Embassy and is back at his office. Worked at the office all day, trying to catch up on my accumulated mail. Lunched with Stan Dunn and John Houston, two faithful Saturday workers. Finished the collection of Faulkner short stories tonight. They fall off at the end.

Nov. 14, 1954 Had letters from Bertha Armstrong and cousin Alice. Bertha and Mrs. Clarence Whipple have had an Eastern motoring trip, visiting Philadelphia and New York. I am sorry that we were away when they were in N. Y. To Washington on the 5:30 train. Something I ate in the diner gave me a bad case of diarrhea.

Nov. 15 Spent all day getting the Erco closing papers ready for tomorrow. A few last points were successfully cleared up Serge Klatz telephoned me today to ask me to draw a separation agreement.

Nov. 16 Saw Henry Alexander in the Mayflower this morning. He has put on weight and lost some of his good looks. Closed the Erco sale this morning. I like Mr. Berliner still more each time I see him. He has many plans for new materials for housing. Lunched at the Metropolitan Club with King et al and back to N. Y. with Burdett and Werner.

Nov. 17 Pat Hodgson telephoned today to ask for suggestions of names to be Superintendent of Banks. He must be a banker and a Democrat, a combination not often found. West Fork is leaving us to be a tax man for Perkins, Daniels & Perkins. Worked all day on the Midvale contract.

Nov. 18 Bernice writes that Miss Nell (Mrs. John) Hahs is quite alone with Johnnie who isn't even able to leave her room. Miss Nell has never been strong herself. Worked on the Midvale contract until 10:30 tonight.

Nov. 19 John Martin has retired, getting away before I could tell him good-bye. He hasn't been well for several years. The Fletcher estate work is finished and I have sent our bill. Finished a first draft of the Midvale contract. Both Jim Clark and I have lost a good deal of taste for the deal as we have gotten into details. Swildens, the controlling stockholders, is a smooth customer.

Nov. 20, 1954 Worked at the office until 4:30 catching up the arrears from my long absence on ACF business Wrote an opinion to ~~Sons~~ the Stock Exchange on certain aspects of the ACF recapitalization plan. At home tonight reading detective stories.

Nov. 21 Jean and Susan McMaster lunched with us. Susan is grown to be quite a large girl, full of vivacity as she was when a small child. Jean seems to be very happy. To the Harvard Club concert and supper as ~~a~~ guests of the Fooshees. One of the other guests was a lady, Dr. Honor, who was at St. Hugh's at Oxford.

Nov. 22 Mr. and Mrs. Hays, who have apartment 6B in our building, are leaving at the end of this year and we may be able to get their apartment. It is just the right size for us, living room, dining alcove, 2 bedrooms and kitchen. 2 baths. Fred Sanborn is a judge on a court known as the International Supreme Court for Restitution. He was never very happy in private practice.

Nov. 23 With Carlos Hardy to the ACF special stockholders' meeting this morning. Due to our careful preparation and propoganda, and also perhaps to the substantial market strength of the common stock, the meeting went off very smoothly and the plan was approved by overwhelming majorities by both classes of stock. All the directors are very happy. Carlos says that I look like the tired cat that has eaten the tough canary.

Nov. 24 Very tired. The Midvale deal is off and I think that ACF is well out of it. Drove to Round Hill with Henry Correa this afternoon. We started at 5:30 P. M. and got to Irene's home just as her dinner guests were leaving.

Nov. 25 Had Thanksgiving dinner for for the Crowens, including Mrs. Crowens, Sr., and the Barnetts. Margaret has done wonders in getting Woodburn inhabitable. Irene and the ~~Crowens~~ Correas came tonight for supper and talkies.

Nov. 26, 1954 I have sold the two large walnut trees for $800. one is a fine tree, but the other is almost dead and had to be removed in any event. Brought over a load of books from Langfields and put them in the shelves. Bolivia at Irene's tonight.

Nov. 27 We gave a luncheon today for Irene, the carews, the Freds and a Miss Peters who was Rogers' nurse during his serious illness a year or so ago. Then to cocktails at the Barnetts where we saw the Wilsons et al. Mrs. Wilson's name is "Eileen", and this gives great amusement to her friends as she is a great talker. Dined with the Crowens at Battletown Inn and back to the Crowens for Bolivia.

Nov. 28 The Barnetts have given us a fine Italian mirror as a housewarming present and I packed it up this morning. Then to Irene's for lunch. Drove back to N.Y. with the Carews. Henry is a daring driver and we made it to the tunnel in 5 1/2 hours.

Nov. 29 over to see Mr. Schneider tonight about the Hoyt apartment. He is an oily gentleman but treated me quite pleasantly and promised to give me the apartment. Lunched with Bill Taylor who also had Ronald Craigmyle, Alec Pinney's senior partner. The promotion of Archie Dawson to the bench has left Craigmyle without a lawyer and Bill is pushing me for the job.

Nov. 30 I see by the Advance that the South Fergusons have just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. I remember vaguely that they married very young but I am surprised that it was so long ago. Am working for Bankers Trust company on a real estate ~~for~~ to Charles Noyes, Jerome Bikes and Duncan Findlay.

Dec. 1 Lester Lamb of the Dominion Bank has asked me to conduct the accounting in the Charles Tweed trusts (Harrison Tweed's father) Charlie & I lunched today with Lamb and Whitman at the Dominion Bank.

Dec. 2, 1954 Richard Locke is dead at 65. He and Lud Frazier were once close friends and partners and seem to have lost their healths at about the same time.

Dec. 3 Closed the Noyes deal today. Real estate speculators are reaping a big harvest in N. Y. now. Jerome Riker is a Kentucky colonel and seems very proud of his card.

Dec. 4 Spent a quiet day at home cataloguing. Thurston is with us for the week-end. This morning I mailed off several boxes of books to the University of Kentucky.

Dec. 5 Bernice writes that Mommy's allowance is insufficient because of the heavy heating bills. I had offered to increase the amount several times but they have always said before that they had enough. To see Ella this afternoon.

Dec. 6 Had a luncheon today for a very special young univ. of Michigan graduate we are trying to employ. To the Ed Peterson's cocktail party this afternoon. Saw the Austins there.

Dec. 7 I have given the large Tomlinson collection I bought several years ago to the university of Kentucky. It must have cost the original collector much time and money. Took Joe Souter and George Valentine to lunch at the D. T. A. to discuss the troublesome problem of the proposed de Castellane trust.

Dec. 8 We hear that Marion Gregory still very ill although not in danger at the moment. Aunt Ada Jones is dead. She was 96 in August. Erma was very fond of her but in spite of that she must feel some relief at the passing. Even Margaret is now convinced that her cat Boo Bah is ~~not~~ a female. She cries about 24 hours a day.

Dec. 9 ~~10~~ Jack Tennant has been named Associate counsel of U. S. Steel. Roger Blough probably has his hands full of executive work. Lunched with Bob Brome, to the N. Y. County Lawyers Ass'n dinner tonight. our guests were Seymour Jackson and John Mathis.

Dec. 10, 1954 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Scovell Martin. He has sold his house in Essex Fells and is going to commute from his Bucks County house, with a few weeks in N. Y. in the winter. I have been so busy recently, also short of cash from having bought Woodburn, that I have bought few books recently.

Dec. 11 Reading Maurois' "Sous les Marronniers", a pleasing but not important of short stories. To the Dr. Dunnington's cocktail party. Mrs. D- called it the "Husbands" party as its purpose was to bring together the wives of the Y. W. C. A workers. We got into a nostalgic conversation about Southern food and Mrs. D- gave me a box of cracklings.

Dec. 12 Miss Florence, uncle Dutch's widow, is dead. She must have been about 85. A good woman. I wonder who will get the fireplace covered baker I always coveted. Paul Rose is also dead at Burlow. He must have been very old.

Dec. 13 Ike Hughes has been made an assistant vice-president of Bankers Trust company, a well earned promotion. Hilda has turned out some very good cracking bread with the cracklings Mrs. Dunnington gave me.
Dec. 14 Arthur Garfield Hays is dead. He was a naive fellow for all his celebrity. To the Rowansky castle, which is really what it is, to take Mrs. Rowansky's instructions for her will. She had given no real thought as to what she wanted done with the millions she inherited from Morton F. Plant. John gets a percentage of the estate, with a minimum of 1½ millions.
Dec. 15 To ACF's dinner for John Rowansky, a gesture arranged by Jim Clark, Bill Taylor and Bill Von Deventer to heal the quarrel between John and Carlos. A very gorgeous affair with many wines and courses. Had a long talk with Ronald Craigmyle and Alex Ardrey. Jock Farrell cornered me to talk about my joining the firm of Hardy, Stanclieffe & Hardy.

Dec. 16, 1954 I was engaged at 1 A.M. this morning drinking bourbon and gossipping with Bill Taylor, Leslie Gould of the N. Y. American ~~at~~ and other newsellers. Have I feel very tired today I have agreed with Jim Clark about our fees for the period May 1 through December 31: $35,000.

Dec. 17 We gave a dinner party tonight for the Stevens, who came up from Princeton for the occasion, the Lakes, the Whites and Sidney Mathews: Michael Stevens and a girl friend from Princeton also spent the night with us. A jolly group.

Dec. 18 To the Rovenskys in a pouring rain to get her will signed. Bill Taylor came in from Greenwich for the purpose. She was too superstitious to have it signed yesterday, Friday. Thurston arrived today with the car. M- and I are both troubled about Sydney Stevens. He has had a very hard year, the sesquicentennial of his bank, and looks very tired and worn.

Dec. 19 Joan and Clare Fowlkes lunched with us. Clare is having a very good time, having as she puts it met some very interesting fellows: Mr. Brown came in to see me this afternoon to discuss the Klatz separation agreement.
Dec. 20 Working with Jack Braditt on the Prudential loan to W-K-M. When that is completed ACF will have less than 4 million dollars of its own money in the company about half of which should be recovered by the sale of the real estate and the first year's profits.
Dec. 21 Sat off a great van load of furniture and books to Woodburn this morning. To the Whites' dinner party this evening: the Catherines, Mary O'Brien etc. Mary tries to be light and gay but is probably under a great strain because of Obie's long continued illness.
Dec. 22 Louis W. Osterweis is dead. He must have been about 75; I came to regard him highly during the sale of the Rupper real estate. Had Bob Brame to lunch at the D. T. A.

Dec. 23, 1954 Margaret and Thurston left for Woodburn at 6 A.M. yesterday morning to meet the movers and I am going tomorrow for a week. This has been a hard year ~~for~~ for me and I have as yet had no vacation. I have forgotten heretofore to record a very pleasant dinner party we had a few weeks ago for the Whartons, the Eliases, Cecile Carson and the Sam Reales. Ralph telephoned at the last minute to say that he was held up in Washington and couldn't make it. A very pleasant and well assorted group. Leona is a quiet and modest person and a stranger would never know that in public life she is Dr. Baumgartner, commissioner for Public Health in New York city with hundreds of employees under her and a large budget. Cecile and Don enlivened the evening with a sharp argument on modern art. Crenna Dodge is much better and she and Carl are on a Caribbean cruise.

Dec. 29 To the cocktail party at the ~~Stuchoks~~ Stuhlahns. They have a nice old farm house which seems very remote but which in fact is not very far from Purcellville. Dinner at the Freds with the Cravens and Irene as the other guests.

Dec. 30 Charlie Jones has retired. He has been talking about it for years but I thought that he could never bring himself to it. To the Barnetts this afternoon to see Alex. The poor fellow had promised to come to our dinner party but had decided at the last that he couldn't make it.

Dec. 31 Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins come to see us today and we went over the grounds planning a bridge over the brook, a change in the entrance road etc. Bill Cravens has a bad cold. Irene and Muriel dined with us this evening and the Freds came in later to play bridge and welcome the New year. We had a bottle of champagne at midnight.

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