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January 1, 1955 After many days of hard work Woodburn begins to look like a home again. our oriental rug does a great deal for the library even though we are going to have to cut it in front of the fireplace. Dined at Irene's tonight. Marie and the Terrys and Freds were there. Dwight was reduced to beer and looks and acts much better.

Jan. 2, 1955 We returned to New York today after a refreshing holiday, filled with work but nevertheless a change and relaxation. As a last dividend of a happy time we had lunch with the Freds and came to Washington with the Terrys. On the train I began Trollope's "Is He Popenjoy?".

Jan. 3 I twisted my ankle in the basement at Woodburn yesterday and it is very sore today. Possibly a sprain. Am reading Susan Roosevelt's "Period Piece - A Cambridge Childhood", a Christmas gift from Dandy Matear. She was a granddaughter of Charles Darwin. Charming.

Jan. 4 To Mrs. Barck's funeral tonight. She was buried from a funeral home in Brooklyn and it was a hard trip for us after a busy day but we felt that we owed it to Dorothy. Saw Lilian ~~Darling~~ Draper and Nat Smith. I think that Lilian has ceased to like us very much although we have not really neglected her and Syrena. The trouble is that there is too little time for all we would like to do.

Jan. 5 Blanche Wells has been sick again. She and Dean have had a very bad time in the last year. Lunched at Bankers Trust today with ~~Nat~~ Norton (of unilever) Budinger, Edmonds, Henderson and Pfizenmayer. Reierson, the Bankers Trust economist, joined us. Norton travels all the time. Has been in Israel three times in a year.

Jan. 6 Lunched with Roy Lockwood and Gene Hopper. A very pleasant occasion with nostalgic overtones. I am very glad to see Roy in the senior list. Dale Sharp has been similarly promoted at Guaranty. A bad blow to Bill White, I suppose.

Jan. 7, 1954 The net earnings of the office will run something above last year - a little over $900,000. Sydney Stevens is ill. The sesquicentennial of his bank has added much to a load already too much for him. The Vanderens are going to the Kenyon Ranch for a winter vacation. How I would like to see Tucson again.

Jan. 8 Ike Hopper has asked me to help out in his son's matrimonial troubles. Dave's wife is under care of Dr. McGraw, Kitty's husband, and needs a complete rest. I have drawn a separation agreement, which we all hope will last only a short time. My ankle is still troubling me. Worked all day at the office.

Jan. 9 Spent a large part of the day moving books to apartment 6B, which we hope to occupy formally this week. My income from the office last year was a little over $45,000. I would have been less under my percentage except that much of the income was attributable to prior years.

January 10 Lunched with Bill Taylor, Jim Clark and Ronald Craigmyle. Ronald seems to be much interested in ACF. He and his partners, including Alec Rumsey, seem to have made a good thing out of Southwest Natural Gas and a small cement company. Got some nice color plate books from Cox.

January 11 Farrell of Hardy, Stanclifft is very ill, which no doubt explains why I have heard nothing further from him since our conversation at the Rowesky party. Am finishing Wagenknecht's book, a psychograph I believe it is called, on Dickens. He has some interesting insights, but talks too much about methods. He also has some unfortunate prejudices.

Jan. 12 Am reading Louis Lucas's posthumously-published book, "Yesterdays". It consists of little essays on the prominent people he knew. Much of it seems to have been dictated and unrevised. We moved to the smaller apartment today and are in a great muddle.

Jan. 13, 1955 Hurricane "Hazel" did a lot of damage to the Dortsch house in Raleigh, Elizabeth writes. A number of the fine trees were blown over and one of them crushed a wing of the house. Am working on the Cromwell-Collier matter again. The parent company is about to run out of cash.
Jan. 14 Closed the S&PX chattel mortgage financing at Bowers Trust this morning and then adjourned for a long lunch. Discussed my idea for financing filling stations with Marshall Lesser of N.Y. Life. Sat the Klatz separation agreement signed. To the Stearns at Princeton on the 6 P.M. train.
Jan. 15 Sydney seems to be better and in better spirits. I am again impressed by the convenience and adequacy of their little house. Took it easy today. Bought some liquer and brandy glasses and I spent an hour at the library, walking back in spite of snow on the walks. Madeline and Hoffman spent the evening with us.

Jan. 16 quiet day. To the Hoffmans Stevens before our midday dinner at the Princeton Inn, a charming place that reminds me of the Williamsburg Inn. Hoffman says that Curtis Publishing Co. is having its troubles as well as other magazine producers. To a large cocktail party at the Halls, from whence we went to the depot. Saw Dean and Mrs. Eisenhart who were as friendly and urbane as usual.

Jan. 17 Bill Beers, commissioner of revenue State Laws and untel Jan 1 Attorney General of connecticut is dead. He must have been in his forties. A sad loss. Mrs. Jake Corbett is dead in her middle nineties. She was an up and coming society lady when I knew her in pre-world-war I days, but I had assumed her dead long ago

Jan. 18 Dave Barnett is dead. I understand that he was a Christian Scientist and neglected a curable illness. Zellner is with us. He looks very well, but says that Margaret has been ill. He says that Mommy looks very well.

Jan. 19, 1955 Miss Scott's mother is dead after having been a semi-invalid for several years. They have very few friends and Miss Scott insists on an entirely private funeral without flowers or visitors. Long luncheon conference with Carlos Hardy. We have about agreed that I should join the Hardy firm as its senior partner, the new firm to be called Hardy, Peal & Farrell or Hardy, Peal, Baker & Rowlings if Farrell is unable or unwilling to continue active. The Sam Peales, M- and I dined with the Whartons tonight.
Jan. 20 Willie Peal is to be Noble Gregory's page in the House of Representatives. Noble Gregory has sent me a copy of his letter to Willie. Had dinner and a long talk with Don Rowlings and George Baker about my joining the Hardy firm. Good fellows.
Jan. 21 My ankle still troubles me. Lunched with S. Mathews. He has decided to go to Florida to get his divorce, which will necessitate his resignation from Bankers Trust Company.

Jan. 22. Dr. Overby of Rockwood is dead at 77. He never quite recovered from his daughter's death. She was an idolized only child. Lunch with Dave Kirschenbaum and Albert Bonn. Bought two Phillipps manuscripts, old legal documents. The offerings at Parke-Bernet have been meagre this, which is just as well as my cash is also scanty.
Jan. 23 My ankle is troubling me again. Herbert Croft has returned to his bank in Jersey City after a sojourn of several years in Texas.
The Advance carries the news that Aunt Lis Elliott's old farm home has burned. How many good times I had there as a boy. It was a poor building at best and cant have been much after 40 years, but I am sorry to go.
June 24 Had a long talk with Jim Clark about my proposed joining the Hardy firm. He is delighted and promises me his entire support with the ACF account. He needs some rest and help himself as he is overworked. Dr. Feltenstein strapped my ankle.

Jan. 25, 1935 Lunched with George Baker to talk over the Hanley firm matter. Jack Farrell is so much better that George and Dan have voluntarily waived their claims to have their names in the firm's title. The Freds arrived tonight to spend a week with us. Fred Rudolph of Manufacturers Trust has had a heart attack and will be away for many months.
Jan. 26 To the Bankers Trust stockholders' meeting with Jack Business who continues to pursue his idea of financing filling stations. To the Banking Law Section Executive Committee meeting. Saw Stacey Waterman of Vermont who tells me that he is a candidacy for one of the open judgeships on the Federal Court of Appeals. To the Banking Law Section dinner tonight.
Jan. 27 Spent all day at the Banking Law Section meeting. Lunched with Bob Brome and Joe Souter. Francis Christie gave a valuable talk on stock transfers. We are trying to get Charlie Blaine made counsel to the Sup't of Banks.

Jan. 28 At the Banking Department getting approval of my P.I.B. liquidation papers. Messrs. Parke & Whiteside come in to tell me that my percentage was to be raised to 5-90 as of January 1. This forced my hand and I had to tell them that I was thinking of leaving. They were very much surprised and disconcerted. To Pat Hodgson's cocktail party, a pleasant affair as always.

Jan. 29 With the Freels this afternoon to see the Lunts, Brian Aherne and Edna Best in "Quadrille", a light but amusing comedy which one could enter upon or leave at any point without losing the thread. To the N.Y. State Bar dinner tonight but left early to get back home where M- had the Freels, Peales & Betty White.

Jan. 30 To Greenwich and spent the day with the Van Steenbergs. Long drive in the afternoon, including Pickpocket Road where we admired the planting we did at our old house. Screech has sprained his hand and has lumbago. Seems most uncomfortable.

Jan. 31, 1955 The opera tonight to see (or hear) Tebaldi make her debut at the Metropolitan. Our hosts were the Mantons and the other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrason Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy is the new rector at the Church of the Ascension. Hardly as handsome or appealing as his predecessor, Donald Aldrich.

Feb. 1 Jack Farrell is still confined to his room and I thought it only courteous to go over and see him today. He thinks he is a great deal better, but I have my doubts. We have agreed that the new name of the firm is to be Hardy, Real & Farrell. Broke the final news to Burke, Whitesides & Brophy, who were somewhat glum and stuffy about it.

Feb. 2 I had intended to break my forthcoming departure to the partners individually but Sevy brought it up and I had to go into it. For some reason he seems to be litterly annoyed. The general atmosphere, however, was one of cordiality.

Feb. 3 Lunched with Bob Brome and broke the news about my change of firms. I don't know what he can do about diverting Bankers Trust business to me but I know that he will be friendly. Roger Peale has made the Dean's list at Harvard - to Sam's great satisfaction. The Daltys dined with us tonight. They seem to be very happy with their new home.

Feb. 4 Judge Julius Miller, Peter's father, is dead. I saw and talked to the old gentleman at the State Bar dinner Saturday night and he seemed to be very well. Lunched with Sidney Mathews at the D. T. A. He leaves for Florida tomorrow and will go there to get his divorce in the spring.

Feb. 5 Worked at the office all day, trying to clear up as current matters and dispose of the accumulated debris of 25 years. Reading David Copperfield in the fine National Edition I recently got from Lane Bros. A fine old story still, in spite of some dating.

Feb. 6, 1955 Stayed in all this cold raw day except to attend Judge Miller's funeral this morning. I had fortunately worn my hat. It seems to me that hats were doffed at the last Jewish funeral I attended. I see by the Advance that young Wes Rollings is married.

Feb. 7 Mrs. Otis Whipple is dead at 72. She was one of the ~~Brad~~ Terrys. To the Foashee's dinner party. Margaret is busy and Irene was to accompany me but she is held up in Washington with a cold. The Kiefers were there and a lady joined us at dinner at the Cosmopolitan Club. Lunched at Whites with Geo. Barker. George is a solid fellow and will make a good partner.

Feb. 8 Irene arrived, looking somewhat pale and worn from her cold. She reports the Terrys very well and Dwight strictly off hard liquor. The Johnsons came to dinner tonight and we had an earnest game of bolivia. Al has lost a lot of weight but seems to feel better.

Feb. 9 Bernice writes that she is having a bad attack of asthma, complicated by a cold. Jake Scott is dead, survived by Miss Irma. He has been in Detroit a good many years.
Feb. 10 Lunched at the Broad Street club with Charlie Lowen, Ed Towers and Fred Keathen. I am trying to make the transition of the Trust company account to Charlie as easy as possible. To dinner at the Seales. Another guest, Massie Smoot, took the party to the Comedy Club's presentation of The Three Angels. Surprisingly good. Some of the roles were better than the professional company.
Feb. 11 I understand that the wild life refuge in Ballard County will stretch from the river to Clanton Creek, just north of Bandana. It will even take in a little of our old farm. This will be a bad blow to the Bandana community.

Feb. 12, 1954 Took the bandages off my ankle today although it is still very weak. To the Frank Whites in Larchmont for dinner. An interesting group, including Mrs. Bagall retired president of General Telephone Company. Frank seems to be completely happy in his new job.
Feb. 13. Robert Pratt was supposed to arrive today and we waited in the apartment until dark. He then telephoned from Lexington He had been held up by a snowstorm. Worked on my income tax. Finished David Copperfield. The old book stands a rereading very well although the magical spots seem to be fewer.
Feb. 14 Long lunch with Bill Taylor to discuss our respective business problems. Charlie Feinberg has lent his Whitman collection for an exhibition. The current library bulletin describes the collection and comments on my gift of the Tomlinson collection. Larry does get around among book men.

Feb. 15 Robert Pratt arrived. He is a handsome boy, much resembling his father. He seems to me to have a good deal of poise and interests, although very shy. Margaret took him to the theatre while ~~Marga-ret~~ Irene and I played bolivia at home.

Feb. 16 Took Bob Brome and Charlie Lauren to lunch at the D. T. A. I don't know whether the Chadbourne's retainer will be continued or not. To the Peoples Industrial Bank meeting where I voted the Household Finance stock in favor of the dissolution plan. Then to the Correa's dinner party where we had a very pleasant evening. Henry and Betty are planning a trip to Spain.

Feb. 17 Working on the Crowell-Collier matter again. The Company's losses have been reduced a little, but it still seems a very dangerous situation. Public National Bank is being merged into Bankers Trust Company. I am afraid that Bill Taylor and Jack Budinger have fallen somewhat behind there.

Feb. 18, 1955 To Washington in time to make the Terry's dinner party. Dwight drinks nothing stranger than beer and looks better than I have ever seen him. A good dinner followed by poker. The Freds took us on to Woodburn.

Feb. 19 Willie Peal arrived today. He has grown a great deal since I saw him last but he is pale and thin. Mr. Hodgin has finished the grading and the change in the road and has bridged the creek and constructed a road to the stone cottage. To the Hyssongs cocktail party, a big affair, and then on to dinner at the Freds.

Feb. 20 Margaret has a bad cold. We cancelled our engagements for lunch at the Crowens and supper at the Fletchers and spent a quiet day at home. Put Bill on the 2 o'clock bus. He is a manly boy and scornfully refused the money I offered him. Was "well provided", which indeed he is. I fear that his hours and diet are unbalanced.

Feb. 21 To Longfields this morning. A window blew out in the attic last month, but Mary Romey patched the broken pane. To see Herbert Cooley and then on to see the Barnetts. Mary has been quite ill but is sitting up again. Back to N. Y. on the 4:02 bus and 6 O'clock train.
Feb. 22 To the office where I worked a large part of the day on my complicated income tax return. Margaret's cold keeps her in bed. Fortunately, Hilda came in last night and stays with M—. A memorandum from Leroy Brophy indicates that Palmer Bradley was here Monday and wanted to lunch with me. Leroy must have found it distasteful to admit that I was leaving the firm.
Feb. 23 Leonard C. Fielder, my old university of Kentucky friend is dead. He was a lawyer in Ashland. Leonard was one of a small group of Berea boys who were among our best. I am gradually getting my work cleaned up at the Cradbourne office in anticipation of March 1.

Feb. 24, 1955 Ransom Gates is dead. He passed on while I was in Virginia, I think, and I had heard nothing of it until it was mentioned at Bankers Trust company today. Long telephone conversation with Palmer Bradley who seems to be quite anxious to continue our contacts.
Feb. 25 Francis Inge of Mobile came in today to consult me today about a proposed change in the Waterman pension plan. He is a charming fellow. Took Jim Clark to lunch and we talked at length about my work in the new firm. He is delighted and sees that it was good policy to let Carlos Hardy and Jack Farrell take the lead in inviting me to join the firm.
Feb. 26 Mrs. Speyer has given us an autographed copy of her book, "Slow Wall" with some earlier work. She is beginning to look old and quite feeble.
Zellner telephoned to say that Thurston had tried to borrow money from him to buy a car. Zellner refused, of course.

Feb. 27 Mor- and I drove with Raymond Rodgers to Brewster to bring back the Paddens. They have lived in their nice country home there for many years now but neither of them drives a car. Marcus once got a driver's license but found actual driving too much of a strain. He looks worn and tired as it is although he cannot be more than about sixty.
Feb. 28 Winding up at the Chadbourne office, a troublesome business with a great many details. All my partners were cordial and even Savvy has his old affectionate manner. Dean Wells has a bad cold.
~~Feb. 2~~ March 1 Was at my desk at Hardy, Stanclifte & Hardy - now Hardy, Reed & Farrell at 9:20 A. M. Everyone was very cordial. My new partners sent me a handsome box of flowers and Hallgarten & Co. added an even larger one. The furniture in my room is so full of new wax that I can hardly sit down. Ray Lockwood telephoned to welcome me well.

March 2, 1955 Henry Beam dined with us tonight. He is getting stouter and looking older. A fate that is overtaking me also as evidenced by the fact that my shirts are too tight in the neck. We gave him the remnants of Nilsan's ham which seemed to please him very much. Ed Johnson writes that Mrs. Boyd is dead and that Dean Cooper is in quite bad shape; poor Dean Boyd must be last. When I last saw them she seemed to be the stout prop for the Dean's frailty.

Mar. 3 Irene returned today after several days with the Frank Whites. Tonight all of want to see Victor Borge, the Danish monologist. Very amusing.

Mar. 4 Took Jack Bedinger and Ed Werner to lunch at the D. T. A. to discuss our gasoline station financing deal. He seems to have been having some actual discussions with the Continental oil people. To the Conreas for cocktails. They are planning a big trip to Spain.

Mar. 5 Shopped at Macy's and Gimbel's this morning. Tooth-paste and other toiletries, some fine Italian silk neckties, a new pair of bedroom slippers etc. Finished King Lear. Great dramatic poetry. Dined with the Johnsons tonight. Played Calivia. They are going to Florida soon.

Mar. 6 Spent a quiet day at home, reading, writing letters and cataloguing autograph letters. Going through Browning's Dramatic Lyrics again. They are of the few lyric poems that have held their old charm for me. The Whartons and Hinzbergers came in to lunch. Don Wharton is the perfect reporter, firing one question after another on any matter that interests him.

Mar. 7 Miss Flora Ogilvie (Mrs. Carter) is dead. It must have been a blessed relief for the poor old lady. Her little bit of money held out to the end and will bury her decently with enough for a monument. Lunched today with Carl Sturhahn, brother of Ed and stepson-in-law of David Lawrence.

March 8, 1955 Roy Lockwood telephoned a few days ago to say that Russell Sudgrass had opened a business in Washington and would like to get some business. He also said that Russell had ~~entirely~~ given up liquor. Thurston is busily engaged trying to finance the purchase of a car. Both Zellner and I have been unsympathetic.
March 9 Helen Terry is with us for one night. She and Irene have been enjoying the theatre. All of us went to the carsons for cocktails this evening. Long conversation with Cloyd Laporte.
March 10 To the dentist this morning. No extractions, thank God. Took Jim Clark to lunch to discuss our many problems. Miss Scott, after a jubilant beginning, is now unhappy. She had a vague idea of Grandeur as the secretary of the senior partner and is disillusioned. With the Lukes to see the Mills tonight. Very pleasant.

March 11, 1955 Made my first appearance at the Chadbourne firm this morning. To get my Klatz files. Everyone very cordial. Took Rudy Fuerer and Walter Conaty to lunch at the Railroad Machinery Club. Rudy is an especially imaginative and attractive fellow. He looks quite young but is in his early sixties and near retirement. His going will be quite a loss to ACF.
March 12 Worked at the office most of today, attempting to get abreast of some of my new problems. Bowled with Margaret and Irene this evening. I am receiving a great mass of congratulatory letters. A very nice one from President Donovan of the University of Kentucky; also from Pat Hodgson and Guy Thompson.
Mon. 13 To the Church of the Ascension this morning to hear Dr. Kennedy - who called on us a few days ago. To see Ella this afternoon. Bought a handsome old inkwell at the antique shop in the Seymour. Dined tonight at La Toque Blanc.

March 14, 1945 Took Jack Forweall and George Baker to lunch. Jack is quite an attractive fellow and would be a great help in the firm if he felt better. The congratulatory letters continue to come in, some from people I barely remember. Have a very nice letter from Bo Lawes and one from Bill Leahey.

March 15 Irene left this morning and we feel quite deserted. Spent most of the day at the I.C.C. hearings on the applications for allowances. Cynthia Mathews is dead. She had been hopelessly ill with a brain tumor for a long time and had suffered greatly.

March 16 Spent most of my day at the I.C.C. hearings. Very dull affairs. Wrote a letter to Hanby Mathews. A very hard letter to write. They were a happy and devoted couple and he must feel very lonely and sad. Of all the men I know he seemed the most devoted family man. With M- to the movies tonight.

March 17 M- left for Virginia this morning. Testified at the I.C.C. hearings in support of the applications of the Chadbourne firm and Manufacturers Trust company. our firm gave a large cocktail party before the dinner of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. A gay, noisy and bibulous occasion. A very large portion of the guests were protestants.
March 18 A bad hangover. We Irish catholics certainly pushed the poteen last night. Scovell Martin has sent me a new trust indenture, a friendly gesture. To Woodburn this afternoon. We have had a light snow.
Mar. 19 our magnolia stellata is in bloom but the blossoms seem to have been frostbitten. The daffodils are coming out. Irene arrived before lunch bringing Margaret's new beagle puppy, a present from one of Irene's Washington friends. The Sydney Stevens arrived for the week-end. The Freds and Crowens came to dinner.

March 20, 1955 Spent part of the morning seeding the newly-graded plot below the steps from the entrance. The Barnetts spent a pleasant hour with us. Irene brought us to Washington.

March 21 Jim Heenehan has had a complete collapse and has had to retire from his firm. I don't know the exact trouble but he has lost his memory and power of concentration. Bill White has turned down the National Savings Bank Association job which he was recently offered. I urged him to take it as I see no real future for him at the Guaranty Trust. once one falls out of line for the presidency in a big corporation his situation is worse than if he never had a chance.

March 22 Had Scovell Martin to see my new offices and to lunch at the Railroad club. Scovell tells me that he and Bob Brame are trying to get a Bankers Trust retainer for me.

March 23 Lunched with John Richmond and Roland Tremble. John is proceeding slowly and calmly with his new job as the chief financial officer of ACF. Reading Shakespeares Richard II. once my favorite it now seems much less moving than Lear, but it does provide a ~~moving~~ thrilling narrative

March 24 Lunched at Bankers Trust Company with Murray and Arthur Gardner. Both nice fellows, although Murray is a little stiff on first acquaintance. John W. Davis and Paul V. McNutt are both dead. Both came close to the presidency and Mr. Davis should have made it.

March 25 Received today $12,000 from the Chadbourne firm. Since I no longer have any share in expenses I get my full share of all payments for work in earlier periods. Our situation in the Far East seems precarious and war may soon begin. Reading Seton's "Katherine", the story of Chaucer's sister-in-law who married John of Gaunt and became the ancestress of the Tudors.

March 26, 1956 A rainy day. I stayed in, nursing a slight cold. Wrote letters to Harry Melton, Louise Griffin. Worked on my income tax return, a frightful job. Working out depreciation rates on the farm machinery alone consumes pages of paper. Read "Katherine". Not as good a book as "Desiree". March 27 My fifty-seventh birthday. What a bore it is to get old. A few days ago I read Browning's "Saul", with its magnificent tribute to young manhood, and felt a hundred. With M- to the Metropolitan to see the renovated American Wing. Very handsome. March 28 To the John W. Davis funeral this morning at the Brick Presbyterian Church, a surprisingly cold service for a man of such charm and lovable qualities. Returned with Lloyd Stryker and lunched with him at the D. T. A. Miss Scott's discontent has risen to the point of wanting to return to the Chadbourne firm.

March 29 Bob Brome came to lunch today. We had a long talk about the possibility of getting a retainer from Bankers Trust for me. His idea is to continue the Chadbourne retainer until July 1 and then transfer it to me. I find that I have overpaid my 1954 income tax by several thousand dollars.

March 30 Had Ken McDonnell over today and took him to lunch at the Railroad Club. We had Bob and Kitty McGraw to dinner tonight and took them to see "Bus Stop", a not very amusing or elevating comedy. Bob and I are both chagrined that we were unable to recognize David and Bette Hooper.

March 31 M. left for Woodburn this morning. Lunched with George Heuser and Gene Northrop. A very pleasant discussion of old times. To Columbia tonight where I acted as moot court judge, always a pleasant occasion. I think that we were not nearly so sophisticated in my time.

April 1, 1955 To Woodburn where I found M- much annoyed. After M- had spent a day cooking Dorothy Beam telephoned from Washington to say that she and young Henry wouldn't be out until the next day. The puppy is growing very rapidly and is very ingratiating.
April 2 A beautiful day. To Longfields this morning to get another load of books etc. Dorothy and young Henry arrived about 3 30 P. M. with a load of fruit and other purchases from Florida. The Freds come in for a drink this afternoon.
April 3 The Beams left this morning about 10 A. M. to continue their drive to Michigan. Did some painting on the lawn. Had midday dinner with the Freds. Barbara's baby is expected in the early summer and she is wearing maternity clothing. Sat the 6 00 P. M. train for New York. Catching up on new top law literature.

April 4 Lunched with Jack Burditt who wants to negotiate a new revolving credit agreement. I am preparing a draft. Also working on the Granite city Steel indentures.
April 5 To the Granite city Steel closing, a lengthy affair because many of the underlying papers reached this city only this morning. Mr. Peebles of Waterman Steamship Company come in to see me this afternoon. He says that the dissension in the Waterman company had grown to such a pitch that it was necessary to sell the company.
I have been gaining weight recently. 162 1/2 pounds stripped.
April 6 Lunched with John Rowensky who tells me that Mrs. R- wants to have me prepare a codicil to her will. Have finished Sinclair Lewis' letters to Alfred Harcourt and his partners during the period from "Main Street" to the Nobel Prize. The letters indicate a strong and friendly personality strangely at variance with the drunk Lewis became.

April 7, 1955 Worked until 9 P.M. on the Waterman S.S. matter. Very few pension plans have been terminated after more than ten years of prosperous and the unsolved problems are numerous and perplexing. Lunched with Geo. Barker. Oscar Calcein, my old friend of the Navy Department, is a client of our office and came in to see me today.

April 8 Got off the resolution to the Waterman company today. The termination of the plan is a disaster for many of the officers of the present regime. Stopped at Bilbo and Tanner's new store this afternoon. Bought some Sinclair Lewis items, including "Main Street".

Apr. 9 To Dunbar & Rena's where I bought a bundle of autograph letters, Browning (7), Henry James (2), William James (2), Mrs. Trollope, Adolphus Trollope etc. Also a volume of T. E. Lawrence's letters to members of his family and Tinker's edition of Boswell's letters.

April 10 Ella Langfeld came to lunch today. She still manages to get about alone although I am a little worried about her getting in and out of taxis alone. Bill White came in this evening with six fine trout for us. Betty has erysipelas. She has suffered very much for months with a variety of skin diseases. Am cataloguing my last lot of autograph letters from Myers & Co., including some good Dickens items.
April 11 I have sold the timber on Langfields for $775 and have insisted on giving Herbert Cooley 10% for arranging the sale. Reading Lustgartens "Verdict In Dispute", a very readable story of four famous murder trials including the Lizzie Borden case.
April 12 Dorothy Matter is in a hospital recovering from a serious operation. I know no details. The newspapers are full of reports of a new anti-polio vaccine discovered by Dr. Jonas Salk, a young New York doctor. Wonderful.

April 13, 1955 Sent off my New York income tax today. Another boring chore finished. Irene and Marie are with us for two days, having driven our car up. We all went to see "Silk Stockings" tonight, an indifferent musical comedy satirising the Russians.

April 14 We gave a small cocktail party this afternoon for Irene and Marie. The company included the Coreas, who are about to take off for Spain, the Bill Whites and the Walls. Sandra after the guests left. I am so glad that Marie has had this little holiday. Her mother-in-law is not an easy guest and Marie is probably glad to see the last of her for six months.

Apr. 14 Marie and Irene left this morning, the car completely loaded with the Reed's gear to be delivered to Woodburn. Cataloguing the Browning correspondence with Miss Hillard. He seemed chiefly to be dodging any personal contact with her.

April 16 Spent most of this nice quiet day at home. on a short trip up town I bought some nice Italia silk ties. The Italians are crowding the English and French out of the neckwear market. Have a nice letter from Louise Griffin. Sperry corporation and Remington Rand have proposed a merger. I hope that Stan Dunn comes out of this O.K.

April 17 Jack and Mrs. Farrell gave a great cocktail party this afternoon for all the lawyers in the office and their wives. only the Barkers were absent. It was really a pleasant occasion. After the party Stan Watkins, M— and I had dinner with the McDermotts.

April 18 Dr. Einstein is dead. He was only 76, although he seems to have been famous since I was a boy. Carroll Huddart is dead in Los Angeles. The last half of his life must have been very sad and disillusioning. In fact fate seems to have done its worst for all the Huddarts.

Apr. 19, 1955 Had Sydney Mathews to lunch at the R.M.C. Dot has relented, at least temporarily, and has promised to go west and get a divorce. She is quite changeable, however, and Sydney is not too optimistic. Tonight M- and I went to a benefit performance of Plain and Fancy, a musical based on Amish customs. Only fair.

Apr. 20 I am agreeably impressed with my new partners. McDermott seems to be about finished but Jack Farrell is making a hard struggle to do his share. Rawlings, Barker and Warner are excellent workers.

Apr. 21 Flew to Pittsburg last night and spent today, beginning at breakfast, with members of the American Railway Car Institute. Jim Salvage is with us, fresh from his triumph in the Montgomery Wood proxy fight. Cocktails at Walter Curley's charming home and dinner at the Fox Chapel country club. Home by train.

April 22 In the office at 9 30, somewhat fatigued after my trip. Then to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Banking Law Section at 10:30 at the Bar Assoc. Then lunch at the New York Yacht Club, of which Jim Trenary is now commodore. Sat the 2:30 train to Washington. Margaret and Bill (Willie Peal) met me in Leesburg.

April 23 Thurston arrived this morning. The grass has grown vigorously and Bill attacked it with the power more-doing, I fear, more damage to the mower than the grass. Our crabapple trees are in full bloom, a handsome show. Called on the Wilmers this afternoon also on the Cranes but missed.

April 24 Midday dinner with the Crowens. Then to the Freds, whose week-end guests, the Muirs, took us into Washington. Saw the Bradleys at the Freds. They have sold their home. The price was said to be $60,000.

April 25, 1955 I have bought from Carnegie a fine Lamb letter, Aug. 1815, to Southey. $250. It is reprinted, not quite accurately, in Lucas 1935 edition, in the preface of which Lucas said that he had had to rely on Talfourd's transcription. Al Henston of White & Case has died of heart failure while travelling with his wife and daughter. In Rome.

April 26 Worked almost all day on the ACF Retirement Plans. To the Cahn sale at the Parke-Bernet tonight where I bought the Wilmerding copy of Pine's Horace, a first edition of Franklins autobiography, the first French edition of Tom Jones etc. I have also bought Phil Neufeld's copy of the Bremer Press Bible.

Apr. 27 Marshal Lesser has resigned from N.Y. Life Ins. co. to become head of a department with Carl Loeb, Rhoads & Co. He will be a real loss to the Ins. co. I am putting on weight alarmingly.

Apr. 28 To see Mrs. Roeansp who gave me the material for a codicil for her will. She hasn't yet worked out a full plan but wants to add some gifts and is making a change which may cost John some money. Had Jim Trenary to lunch at the D. T. A. Jim is a cagey trust man.

Apr. 30 Worked on the Woodburn grounds. I have told Mrs. Hawes that if he and Lawrence can keep the lawn cut in their spare time I will pay them the $50 per month which the Duers gave Mr. White. We lunched with Freds and then met the Bradleys at Waterford to inspect a house the Bradleys are considering. Dinner at Irenes. Samba.

Apr. 29 Burnt my fingers ~~painfully~~ painfully when a box of matches fired suddenly. Took Bill Taylor to lunch at the D. T. A. To Woodburn, M-, Blanche Wells and Helen Freeman met me in Leesburg.

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May 1 Worked on the lawns and flowerbeds this morning. We had a small cocktail party this afternoon, Irene, ~~Frank and~~ Doris White, the Malays and three guests of theirs, General and Mrs. Dulaney, the Freds, the gunns and the Cravens. Irene and Doris drove ~~me~~ Helen and me to Brunswick tonight so that we could get a sleeper for N. Y.

May 2 Steve Brandy has been indicted for wire-tapping again and I am afraid that he may be convicted this time. Took Kirschenbaums to dinner tonight and picked up the Bremer Press Bible, the books he bought for me at the Cohn sale and a few items he let me have from his own purchases.

May 3 Roger M. Blough has been elected Chairman of the Board of U. S. Steel Company, a spectacular rise but one well deserved. The Rosensky codicil was executed this afternoon, Bell Taylor, Scully and I attending in her boudoir. The Rosenskys leave for Europe tomorrow.

May 4 Charlie Lowen tells me that Bob Brame has told him that the Bowers retainer will be transferred to Hardy, Neal & Farrell as of July 1. I suspect that Charlie dreads very much to have to pass on the information to Mr. Cocke & Gerry Brophy. Working on the Hardy bills to ACF.

May 5 Lester Lamb of the Hanover Bank telephoned today to say that he had only just learned about my change of firms and to invite me to lunch at his Bank a few days hence. Lunched today with Jim Clark to discuss his new divisional plan for ACF. Jim has more faith than I in internal rearrangements.

May 6 I see by the Advance that the two Wickliffe Pattersons have been indicted for setting the bomb that injured Milton Anderson. Also that Earl Bradley's store has burned. The old brick must have been the oldest business house in Bandana. Mrs. Williams' millinery store when I first remember it.

May 7, 1935 To the Sand Cup races today with a party consisting of the Whites and Irene, the Freds and the Peraus, Thurston was with us. I managed to lose on every race. Back to Irenes to dinner where we were joined by the Kows and Dulaneys. A jolly day.

May 8 Somewhat tired today but I managed to get a little work done. The Whites and Irene came to lunch. M- drove Thurston and me to Washington.

May 9 Arrived in Lexington this morning on the C. & O. Gellner met me. He looks very well but M- seems to be quite tired. I gather that Gellner spends about six nights a week at his office except when he is ill or away from home. Lunched with Larry Thompson, Hill Shine and Bill Ward. Larry and I then went to see Dr. Donavan. He is somewhat better but still pitifully gray and worn. To Larry's home for cocktails, where Elvis Stahr joined us. To see Ed Johnson tonight.

May 10 Larry Thompson and I drove out to the Keeneland library this morning, a fine collection of sporting books to give tone to the race track. Larry then took Miss Bull and me to lunch at the Campbell House. She is a devoted and interesting bibliographer. Saw Ezra Gillis and Bert Peek. Mr. Gillis must be well in his eighties but still full of vitality. Bert has aged very little in 30 years. Spent some time also with Ellen V and Frances Dugan. Ellen V's husband is better in health but still seems to lack energy.

May 11 Jimmy brought Mary Emma and Carol Sue over this morning for our trip to Lacenter. We lunched at the Capitol Hotel in Frankfort, delivered a friend of Zellner's to the airport in Louisville and drove to Paducah by the River road. We left Mary Emma and C.S. in Paducah. Jasper was at Mammy's but Louise apparently can't come.

May 12, 1955 A grand 86th birthday for Mummy. She seems as spry as she was thirty years ago, and possibly happier. She had many visitors and presents, Cousins Gertrude, Alice and Earl, the Evans, Terrells, Hinkles etc. ~~Zelma~~ Mary Emma, Coral Sue, Mrs. Eisman and Clara came from Paducah. We drove to the cemetery this afternoon to see Puppy's grave.

May 13 Bernice seems to be much happier. She has a naturally poised and integrated personality and is recovering from the last years of troubled life with T. B. Getting her children into better positions has also released her mind. Sam Connie and Arie, who are just the same, and Mary Foster, who is always a favorite friend. One could write a book about Mary's trials and fortitude. The the Ballard County High School Alumni banket. A Lugubrious occasion.

May 14 The decline in business resulting from completion of the atomic plant has hurt this district badly. Chester Anderson's business has suffered with the rest but he is cheerful. The new Mrs. Anderson is very friendly with Susie Cox Holland, whom I am glad to see again. Grover, whom I have not seen, is in business in Barlow. Zellner, Margaret, Mary Emma and Coral Sue left this afternoon, taking Jasper.

May 15 To the christian church this morning to hear the new preacher. Hutson and his group have put new life into the old crowd. To see Mr and Mrs. Graham. He has been ill. To see Mrs. West and Lola. Chester and Mrs. Anderson took me to see Mrs. A. P. Hall at her country home I have always liked so much. When I got back Chapman and Juanita Jennings were there and we spent several hours in happy conversation. Juanita looks young and happy.

May 16 1955 Gladys and Louise were at the airport to see me off, Louise proudly showing off Gladena who is an active, slender child. In to St Louis in time for a late lunch. Tonight Jim Clark and I had a long, bibulous and successful ~~lunch~~ dinner with a committee of directors of the Key Company. They tentatively accepted our offer to buy the assets of Key Company on an exchange of stock basis.

May 17 Although very tired this morning I managed to have an early breakfast at the university club with Clark, Hardy, Farrell, Peterson et al. Then spent the morning going through the Carter Carburetor Plant. Back to the hotel for a little sleep and then to N. Y. by air. Met Russell Dearmont on the plane and had a long talk with him. I have forgotten to record my trip to Bandana, which is more moribund than ever. Doc and Catherine ~~Myers~~ Finley were preparing for a visit from their boy.

May 18 George Barker, Edda Werner and I lunched today at the Hanover Bank with Lester Lumb, Mrs. Harrison and one or two of their colleagues. Very pleasant. The Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia has asked me to speak there in November about my Lamb collection. Bonbers Trust has sent me a new client, Mrs. Helen B. Bryan.

May 19 Mr. Kelley of Anaconda has retired. I don't know ~~it~~ what that will mean to the Chadbourne firm but it isn't good news. Lunched today with Ed and Mrs. Eller who have asked me to draw wills for them.

May 20 Had Mark Candee to lunch. He is General Counsel for Clinton Foods, which has sold its biggest line leaving Candee's job reduced to a midget size. The Stones and Whites dined with us tonight. Very jolly. Both of the Stone girls are engaged to be married.

May 21, 1955 Bill and Grace Allen and their daughter, Joan, lunched with us today. They have been to a convention in Washington and are seeing the theatres in N.Y. for a week. To Dunbar & Pines this afternoon. Sent an Audubon (Howell) print to the University of Ky. It had come from the Joel Spingarn library. Bought a few autographs.

May 22 Spent a quiet day at home reading, cataloguing the National Edition of Dickens and writing letters. To see Ella this afternoon. The Prudential Insurance company is trying to get legislative authority to sell variable annuities based on common stocks, an idea I have had for pension trusts.

May 23 Lunched with Jack Budinger who has been offered the presidency of the Peoples First National Bank in Pittsburg and is trying to decide whether to take it. Rereading "Little Dorrit". Some good pages, many bad.

May 24 I see by the Advance that Jim Buckley is dead. I haven't seen him since he was running for sheriff of Ballard County in the 20's. He was a nice chap. My old college friend, Milton Kentley Ewell, is also dead. He was 55. Miss Turner (Idie Lee) who worked so long in the president's office at univ. of Ky., has married Dean Terrell of the College of Engineering.
May 25 M- left for Woodburn this morning. To the Carnegie this afternoon to pick up a lamb mate to Allsup and Fanny Kemble's Journal of Residence on a Florida plantation.
May 26 The Bush Terminal preferred stock redemption was a success. one class of stock was, 600,000 shares of common. I have 5000 shares.
May 27 Had Sydney Stevens to lunch at the Railroad Machinery club. He is afraid that outsiders are buying up the stock of his bank. To Woodburn tonight. Arrived in the middle of a dinner party.

May 28, 1955 Leonard and Patty Meare and the Briggs, her sister and brother-in-law spent the night with us. Patty got confused about addresses. They spent the night before in Leesburg, then drove to Washington, Connecticut to look for us and, after frantically telephoning, got to Woodbourn about 8 P.M. The Crowens and Lows were also dinner guests. Thurston came with me. Went over to Longfields today. Dinner at Irenes. The Crowens also.

May 29 Little Bill Peal and his chum, Jock Upshaw, a Senate page from Montana, arrived last night. Margaret is very tired today. Did a little work on the grounds this morning. Thurston and I went to a large cocktail party at the Lows this afternoon. A lot of judges, Judge and Mrs Harrison from Los Angeles, Judge and Mrs. Wilkins from Cleveland, Mrs. ~~Youngdahl~~ Youngdahl from Washington etc. Judge Wilkins was pathetically pleased to find someone who knew his bookmakers.

May 30 To the Malays for a pre-luncheon drink. Tom has settled his differences with his company and has sold it another company. He has put Shenstone on the market but his asking price, $100,000 seems somewhat unrealistic to me. The Leesburg taxi-man took Thurston, Bill, Jack and me to Washington.

May 31 Hilda has left us for the summer and I am back to my breakfasts of orange juice and coffee. Hudson told me while I was in Lacenter that he and Zellner were certain that the fire that destroyed the Henley, Jones, Graham store several years ago was set by an old friend. A nasty spot for Zellner and him but of course they had no adequate proof. Zellner had previously managed to get the insurance substantially reduced.

June 1 Took Bob Brame to lunch. Settled for our retainer, beginning July 1. Saw Alec Renge on the train Friday. He says that Lenny has a bad case of hepatitis.

June 2, 1955 We attended an exhibition of rare books this afternoon at the Academy of Medicine as guests of Kitty and Bob McGraw, a festivity I had refused often enough to be embarrassed Some interesting items. Then to dinner with the McGraws, A very pleasant couple were also of the company, Dr. and Mrs. Claude Heaton. He started off with a quotation from Charles Lamb and we were set for a chat.
June 3 My head is sore today. Can't drink with these doctors. The Morays, M- and I dined with the Stones tonight and drank champagne to the health of the two girls and their fiances. Very pleasant.
June 4 our twenty-third wedding anniversary. The Wells took us to see the Giants win a twelve inning ball game and then we came back to our apartment for dinner. Blanche and Dean are both feeling much better.

June 5 Writing letters and reading J. D. Campbell's life of Coleridge. A very fine book with much exact information and a sympathetic style. To the Whites for cocktails. He says that Fred Seibert of the Thermoid Company, who is charged with all crimes short of murder and incest, has retained Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett.

June 6 Working with Messrs. Gross and Driemeyer on the Kay Company papers. Driemeyer is a good lawyer, accurate precise and open-minded. To the Sam Reeds for cocktails. Then to dinner with the Wells and Lucy Constant.

June 7 Carlos Hardy gave a dinner tonight to celebrate the inauguration of the new divisional reorganization plan of ACF. I doubt that Carlos is entirely in sympathy with the scheme but he has gone along with Jim. Sam Felton is to be the new head of the car operations and should give it the imagination and energy it needs

June 8, 1935 The newspapers carried a story several days ago to the effect that Leroy Brophy was to become a Vice-President and General counsel of North American Aviation, retaining his membership in the Chadbourne firm but devoting most of his time to the Aviation Company. This is the type of story that could do a lot of harm to the Chadbourne firm.
June 9 I have a very nice letter from Dr. Briggs. He wants of course to keep up with my Coleridge collection, but he manages it with a light and graceful touch. My mind continues to run on Leroy Brophy's strange action. I should think that T.W.A. and American Export Lines would be annoyed.
June 10 Took Dunckel and Rogers Murray and Schuett Von Steenberg to lunch at the D.T.A. to discuss my pension plan. Very interesting fellows.

June 11 I came to Woodburn last night. Weeded the driveway this morning. To the Coaley wedding this afternoon at the little Baptist church in Round Hill. A heavy summer rain almost broke up the affair but the sun came out just long enough to let Sarah make a radiant entrance. A pleasant reception. We dined with the Johnsons tonight

June 12 Weeded this morning until my sore back forced me to stop. The Freds and Muirs came by for cocktails before lunch. The bus was full this afternoon and I couldn't stand, so I stayed on at W.

June 13 Walter Hampden is dead. He seemed very old when I saw him at a cocktail party at Paul Kiefer's a year or so ago but one thought of him as immortal. I flew home this morning. Have a long letter from Roy Halman. He is living with Gus at Cattaraugus, N.Y. and wants to be admitted to the N.Y. bar.

June 14, 195- My back is still very sore and I have no idea as to what caused it, except that exercise and late hours on the week-end did it no good. Bernice writes that Chapman Jennings has had a severe heart attack. Bill McDermott tells me that he is resigning from the firm as of october 1. He has been annoyed by the small allowance of profits made to him by the Finance committee but does not seem to blame me in any way.

June 15 Paul Boyer and Earl Larsen lunched with me to discuss PIB affairs. We are getting near the end now and I am afraid that my pleasant and profitable relationship with Household Finance will be over. Dined with Don and Mrs. Rawlings at the Canadian Club, Glen Watkins making the fourth, and went on with them to see "Glory and Fancy". Not so good on a second viewing.

June 16 Very tired again. In fact I never seem to feel fresh any more. Margaret and Mrs. Litton arrived back from Virginia today. Mrs. Litton is a quiet, pleasant woman.
June 17 Mary Ruth (Fooshee) Sudsey spent the night with and we sat up very late talking about our early days in N. Y. Herb Brownell was quite taken with Mary Ruth but she was too much in love with Jimmy to listen to Herb.
June 18 Dr. Feltenstein gave me a complete physical examination today, my first in two years or more, and says that I am in excellent health. He is remarried and is living in suburban New Jersey.
June 19 Margaret and Mrs. Litton left for Virginia this morning with a car loaded down with boxes of books etc. I spent my day cleaning and treating leaves to be taken on the next trip. Have about finished Campbell's Coleridge.

June 20, 1955 Dined with Dave Kirschenbaum tonight and examined the Dr. Radin collection of autographs, chiefly A.L.S.s. Finally bought the lot for $2000, a terrible price, but I couldn't get it for less, and it would have cost that much bought item by item. It includes a fine Shelley letter, a Sir Isaac Newton m.s., an outstanding lot of Hardy, Dodgson, H. Jones etc and some nice Wilde.

June 21 Lloyd Stryker is dead. We came back together and had lunch after the John W. Davis funeral in March and he seemed to be in fine physical and mental condition. And he was only 70. It has always seemed to me that Lloyd was the last of the actor school of advocates. We shall miss him. Some of Steve Broady's so-called accomplices in wire-tapping have turned States evidence and it looks bad for Steve.

June 22 Working on the ACF retirement plans. Bill Taylor, as a member of the ~~Pension~~ Salary committee is deeply interested in pensions and is in a foul humor because he has not been consulted enough. Lunched at the D. T. A. with S. Martin.
June 23 Serge Kluty came in to lunch and to sign his new will, his third in about a year. He says that he is ecstatically happy but his voice belies ardor. Our tax man, Peterson, is proving to be quite a problem. He is alert and knows a great deal about taxes but is a poor draftsman and has a difficult personality. And he has little sense of timing, a major fault in business law.
June 24 A combination of my bad back and Bill Taylor's stubbornness on the retirement plan has made me give up my plan for a week-end at Woodburn.

June 25, 1955 Shopped at Macy's this morning, the chief item in my haul being some fine French lisle and nylon socks! Writing letters and cataloguing. Reading Blunden's Leigh Hunt.

June 26 Spent most of the day indoors and drew Ed Eller's will, a chore I have had on my desk for some time. It was nice of Ed to select me as his lawyer, but wills are much work for little money.

June 27 Kress, the new vice-president of ACF in charge of industrial and public relations, is a nice fellow but very hard to keep on the necessary details of his job. I am now awaiting his decision on a number of important matters.

June 28 The Key Company has had some losses this year and enthusiasm is waning. It seems to me, however, that our original analysis is still correct and that we can't back out now without a serious loss of face.

June 28 Bill Taylor is quite disgruntled about the ACF business. He doesn't seem to realize how well Jim Clark is handling matters through his growing prestige with the stockholders. The Hodges and Mr. Cummings will soon be out of the picture (Carlos intends to leave when his father dies.) and Jim will be in sole control. He knows that he can afford to wait.

June 30 The Key Agreement was signed today, doubts having vanished. I approved.

July 1 Lunched with Bill Taylor. Then to the station where I met the Bundits for our trip to Washington. We met Larry Thompson at the Washington station and our Leesburg topic man, who also met us, drove us to Woodburn. Larry has been working at the Congressional Library today. When we got to Woodburn we learned that we had missed Thurston, who arrived a half hour after we

July 2, 1955 Very hot day so exploring isn't popular. This morning Lenny and I packed the bulky two volume folio of Wood's Athenae Oxoniensis ~~into~~ in the Roger Payne binding which I am giving to the University of Ky. This afternoon we had a giant cocktail party, about 60 people. Very hot and liquorish but at least some of the people had a good time. Tom Maloy stayed for dinner.

July 3 Jack and I drove Lenny into Washington this morning to catch an early train to Philadelphia. We all lunched at Irene Wrights. The ~~Leak~~ Leahys are staying with her and were at our party yesterday. We drove out to Longfields for a few minutes. Dined at the Blackwoods tonight. Jane Burdett is a pretty little girl, much like her father (Ernest Nye). She and Jack seem to be having a good time.

July 4 We took it easy today in deference to the heat but managed to get in a visit to the Crowens this morning. Also a short trip to the Johnsons. Margaret drove us in to Washington this afternoon and we had a pleasant ride back to N. Y. I like the Burditts very much.

July 5 New York is like an oven. At present I am busy revising the Act- By-laws, the first general revision probably in fifty years. Also checked on the crowell-collier matter which seems to be making some progress.

July 6 Had a long talk with Clark, Kress and Rawlings about the labor problems inherent in the proposed dissolution of Carter Carburetor Corporation. Dan is worried about it but failed to convince Clark & Kress. I am finding Blunden's Leigh Hunt a rewarding book, but his style is difficult.

July 7, 1954 I see by the newspapers that Struve Hensel has left the Defense Department to return to the practice of law, but I don't know whether he is returning to Carter, Ledyard & Milburn. The Cook's Life of Walpole Dave got for me at the Cohn sale has a great mass of late 17th and 18th century material bound in it, including 3 Horace Walpole items. Also many other letters, documents, broadsides, engravings, South Sea stock etc.

July 8 Took Ed Eller and Guy Bryan to lunch at the D. T. A. Ed wants some advice on his investments and I have recommended Bankers Trust. Sydney Mathews has resigned from the Bank and gone to Florida to get his divorce. He had hoped right up to the end that Dot would cooperate and go to Reno, but she eventually backed out.

July 9 We bought a large window fan this morning, patronising the Charles discount house on 4th Ave. After getting it installed I proceeded to Biblo & Tannens and bought about ten detective stories. M- and I then holed up quietly and beat the heat.
July 10 Ben Cotner is dead. He was 75. Bennie was always a good citizen, I suppose, but a colorless personality. Two items of a recent lot of autograph letters are from Lady Blessington and Joanna Baillie to Nathaniel Parker Willis, pleasant letters written when that engaging young American was crashing English literary society.
July 11 Morton Bogue is dead. He never seemed to me to be much of a lawyer. Estes Kefauver has won a point, the controversial Dixon-Yates contract has been cancelled. Took Malcom Fooshee to lunch at the D.T.A.

July 12, 1955 Working on the extension of the Crowell-Collier agreement. Took Walter Mavus and Jim Marshall to lunch at the D.T.A. Carl Hoffman and his group are really three million into the Crowell-Collier set up, simultaneously getting control and enabling themselves to liquidate if necessary.

July 13 Closed the Crowell-Collier extension this morning. Carl says that is no longer actively practising law and spends most of his time at his farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The Peales came to dinner and we played bridge afterwards, my first in a long time. In spite of some unorthodox bidding, Elizabeth and I did very well

July 14 Lunched with Charlie Lauren. He tells me that Lenny Brophy is leaving for Los Angeles about October 1, and that he has had a fight with Frank Stanton.

July 15 Since Gerry's decision to leave N. Y., following on the departures of Len Moore and me and Mr. Parke's growing inadequacy (he is 77), I think that the Chadbourne firm has to merge so as to get some new prestige. The ideal would be White & Case, the Chadbourne firm and Hardy, Peal & Farrell. It may be a very difficult matter to get all the key figures persuaded.

July 16 Fosters candidacy for Congress is being proposed by the Springfield papers. I thought that he was all set to accept. I have finally gotten around to sorting and have even catalogued some of the mass of papers I bought at the Hurja sale.

July 17 Very hot. We went to the Fooshees at Rye and had ~~dinner~~ lunch at the Beach Club, a small frankfurter and ice cream cone in my case. Wynne's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Byard were there. A very charming couple.

July 18, 1955 I have a nice letter from Woodson Spurlock, a belated congratulation on the new firm. Also wrote a long letter to Wendell Kline in answer to one of his which had gone unanswered too long. I was surprised yesterday when Malcolm made some rather disparaging remarks about Wendell - a delayed result of the feeling between the Klines and Wynne.

July 19 Mr. Case of White & Case is dead. Mr. White went several years ago. The firm might be willing to merge now and modernize its name. Lane Hooper has been made a director of Manufacturers Trust Company.

July 20 Jim Clark has asked me to look into and report on two problems in Carter carburetor. The whole Carter problem is a troubling one. It seems quite possible that carburetors will not be used in automobile engines much longer.

July 21 The continued heat has worn me down to the point that it takes sleeping pills to get me to sleep. My few remaining stocks have gone up so much in the bull market that Margaret and are worth almost #350,000. More than #400,000, probably if I count the library and ~~my~~ our insurance policies.

July 22 A Senate committee has dredged up the fact that Harold Talbott has been using his air force office to build up a profitable business for his partnership, Mulligan & Co. He always was a chiseler. M- and I went to Springfield tonight for a week-end with the Dotys.

July 23 The Dotys new home is somewhat startling in architectural design and colors, but the air conditioning is most comforting. Woolly is getting too fat. Spent a considerable part of the day reading Brooks' "The World of Washington Irving". The Booths and Richards dined with us. Bridge afterwards.

July 24, 1955 It's a little cooler today, but we still found it better to stay in the air-conditioning. To the Stoughtons for pre-luncheon cocktails. They also have a new air-conditioned house. Very handsome. To the Booths this afternoon and had an out door steak dinner. Known here as a "cook-out". Delicious and pleasant. caught the 7:58 to New York.

July 25 Another bad case of insomnia last night. The newspapers have caught up with Harold Talbott, and it seems almost certain that he will be forced out.

July 26 Gave my usual lecture on conditional sale contracts at the Practising Law Institute this morning. Tonight we dined with the Freemans at their country home, Lawrence, L. I. A large cocktail party, at which the most interesting person I met was Coleman, Vice-President and Director of Standard Oil of N. J.

July 27 Working on the Rodin collection, a highly priced but very interesting lot of autographs. one of the letters, an E. V. Lucas item, is to Dr. Rodin. Lucas accidently admits a mistake in his 1935 edition of Lamb's letters, but says bitterly that it will be a long time before the error can be corrected (by another edition) as the work doesn't sell.

July 28 Another letter from Roy Halman. His re-appearance can become as embarassing as that of Maria Beadnell to Charles Dickens. He has it on his mind to become a member of the N. y. Bar although I would think that Northern N. Y. would be a poor field for him.

July 29 The ACF Directors approved the new By-laws yesterday. The first complete revision for fifty years, probably. Appeared on the P. L. I. forum on the Commercial Code this morning. Lunched with Bill Emblidge et al and then to Virginia to Irene Wright's Party.

July 30, 1935 Hoed the bax bed this morning. A combination of drought and weeds has left it in a bad shape. M- and I drove to Langfields this afternoon, finding it in good order, then on the Charles Jones party, a mammoth affair. Then to the Cravens for dinner and samba. Other guests were the Freds, Irene, the Blackwoods, Elsie Sell, her brother-in-law and wife, Fay Willkie and the Cravens' housequest, Miss May Langhorne.

July 31 Up early and out to an upland field to discuss a proposed new pond with Messrs. Litton and Haines. The drought is very bad. The Barnetts, Freds and Cravens, with Miss Langhorne, came for pre-luncheon cocktails. I went over a draft of the Freds will (they are reciprocal). Miss Langhorne asked M- to stay with her while I am speaking to the Bibliographical Society at the Univ. of Va. in November. M- took me into Washington.

Aug. 1 Harold Talbott has resigned, having conducted himself with the most obtuse and childish irrelevance. Good riddance. Lunched with Dee Stone and Leonard Moore at the B.H.C. Len agrees that the Chadbourne firm must do something to build up its fading prestige.

Aug. 2 Bought about ten more detective stories this afternoon, about the only literature I can enjoy during this intensive heat. Miss Scott is still wandering around looking for a job. She has been asked to be Secretary (no 2) for Ned Sunderland and also for Judy Hagen but has rejected both as "problem" jobs. Her real problem is that she doesn't like any job. She would like a place of prestige, much pay, little responsibility and no annoying detail

Aug. 3 E. L. Griggs gives me the sad news that one of my prized S. T. Coleridge letters is really by John Taylor C— I was a little suspicious of it myself but a contemporary legend on it fooled me,

Aug. 4, 1955 Took Foster of Johnson & Higgins to lunch. He is an attractive young man with a real enthusiasm for actuarial problems. The idea of a variable pension plan based on equities seems to be gaining ground.

Aug. 5 A recent order of books from England includes Bernard Hendersons biography. He was a shy and surly oxford professor who had a lecture room on my staircase at Exeter College. Am reading a ~~gripstar~~ gripping little thriller by Edgar Lustgarten, "Game for Three Losers". The theme is a blackmail that ruins the blackmailers and the victims.

Aug. 6 Spent two hours at Dauber & Pines where I found a nice copy of Harper's biography, an item long desired. Also a copy of E. V. Lucas "At the Shrine of St Charles", short essays on Lamb. He says that the Paris of the Blue Coat School is the same Randall Norris so often mentioned in the letters and essays.

Aug. 7 Terrific heat. I stayed in my pajamas until 2 P. M., cataloguing my recent purchases and reading Lucas "At the Shrine of St. Charles". Took a plane at Laguardia at 5 P. M. and had a peaceful trip to St. Louis. Reading Blunden's Chas Lamb as seen by his contemporaries.

Aug. 8 We closed the Kay acquisition at the company's plant, Driemeyer had everything in perfect order. There were only 100 votes against the deal and no stockholder asked to have his stock appraised. We were through by 3:30 P. M. and I went home with Driemeyer for a mint julep. Big celebration dinner tonight at Stan Musial's restaurant.

Aug. 9 Bad hangover. The work on these big corporate deals is easy but the victory celebrations are killing me. At the St. Louis Union Trust this morning re the exchange details. Bill lunch at the Statler with Driemeyer. Then home. M- says that it has been very hot in Virginia.

Aug. 10, 1955 Bill and Bettie White came over to see us tonight, most agitated. Bill has been offered the presidency of the Peoples First National Bank in Pittsburg. Jack Buckinger has already had the same offer and refused it, but I didn't feel that I could tell Bill. At any rate it is a fine offer and I advised Bill to accept. I think, however, that he is too timid and too reluctant to leave N. Y.

Aug. 11 Miss Scott is on vacation and I am getting my work done with difficulty. The Kentucky Democrats have nominated Happy Chandler for governor, a poor choice.

Aug. 12 In spite of newspaper and radio warnings about the hurricane, "Connie", coming in from the Carolinas, Margaret and I drove this afternoon from 60 Gramercy Park to ~~Longfields~~ Woodbourne in 7½ hours. We had no trouble except discomfort from heavy rain and humidity.

Aug. 13 We got a little water in at Woodburn from a defective window in the bathroom of our bedroom. No damage done. We drove to Longfields this morning in great trepidation but it was dry and safe. With the Crowens this afternoon to see their friend the Peacocks. He is a lawyer in Washington. Then to dine at Fay Willkies.

Aug. 14 The Freds had midday dinner with us at Mrs. Courtneys. Rogers and Ethel are making new wills and we had a long discussion about them. Then to see the Burnetts, where we had two hours with Alex. Then to the Johnsons for an hour, leaving in another heavy rain. The rains of the last week has made our brown fields green again.

Aug. 15 In to Washington with the Freds and then to the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia for the National conf. of Com. of uniform State laws. To the Burnett's cocktail party this afternoon. Then to dinner with the Mackenzies, Nathans, Malcolms, Prof. Brancher et al.

Aug. 16, 1955 Stanley Waterman is very pleased, as he should be, over his appointment to the Federal Court of Appeals, and is grateful for my few words of recommendation to some of the N. Y. bar committee. I was sorry for Len Moore to lose the appointment but Stanley is also a good man. We spent most of today on the new motor vehicle code, sneaked out alone tonight for a frog legs dinner and then read a detective story until 10:30.

Aug. 17 Warren Jones, who did so much good on the aircraft responsibility act has also been appointed to the Federal Court of Appeals. A good man. Lunched today with Dunkelspiel, Kahn, Northam, Satterfield, Hoeighurst and Jenner. I have enjoyed so much hospitality that I tried to make up tonight by a large dinner party: the Richters, Malcolms, Brauchers, Loss, Cowett, Armstrongs, Northams, Mackenzies, Betts et al. The bill took my last cash dollar.

Aug. 18 Margaret arrived this morning, I had just 17 cents when I awoke but the hotel had obligingly cashed a check for me before she came. She set off with Kitty Northam to see "old Philadelphia". our commissioners dinner tonight had the chief justices as our guests and we were delighted to see Brodley and Mrs. Stewart and their son. He still looks very young and fit. He told me that Mrs. Purdy was dead.
Aug. 19 The motor vehicle title act was approved today, a great tribute to George Richter and Al Buerger who have spent three years on it. They even got a commendation from President Burnett in defiance of all conference rules. We dined tonight with the Buergers, Richters, Malcolms and Munters and then went to the theatre in Fairmont Park to see "time out for Singer", a pleasant little comedy. It has been a pleasant and useful week.

Aug. 20, 1955 M- left early this morning and, after attending the last formal session, I got a train about 12. The stifling heat has returned. Cousin Ella is in the hospital with a fractured hip. A letter from Larry Thompson tells me that they have a son, Richard Dickson Thompson

Aug 21 So hot today that I never dressed beyond pajamas. Finished Blanden's Lamb as seen by his contemporaries. A letter from Mary Ruth tells us that she has been ill again. There seems to be no end to their troubles. Also letters from Bernice & Loretta.

Aug. 22 Mrs. Sebrasi has won her case against Bankers Trust to the extent of having commissions disallowed. Her argument was that the Trust Company had concealed a letter (which in fact was quite ambiguous) granting special commissions for collecting real estate rentals. I could never find any trace of the letter in the Chadbourne files.

Aug 23 alias Downes is dead. I used to like his musical chats very much. Oliver Colvin was in the office today. His company is broke and his only chance seems to be to get a merger with a company that can use a big tax loss. Linda Lemmon the young daughter of Bill and Flossie, was electrocuted by a live wire after the hurricane. She had been to Howard Johnsons for ice cream and investigated a wire by the roadside.
Aug. 24 My back is very sore again. This is happening too often. Margaret is painting our apartment with a great upset. Carlos Hardy tells me that Jim Crimmins is quite sick. Fatigue
Aug. 25 To the ACF annual meeting in Flemington. High prices for the stock and increased earnings have put the stockholders in good tempers and the meeting was a love feast. Allan Fee was elected Vice president in addition to continuing as Secretary. I shared a car with Messrs. Colgate & Loughborough.

Aug. 26, 1955. Am preparing the new Crowell-Collier revolving credit agreement, the credit to be secured by an assignment of accounts receivable. I have recently acquired a fine E. V. Lucas letter in which he discusses Lamb's Edmonton house and a proposed memorial. Aug. 27 To Grace Stone's wedding, an affair that began at the church at 10 A.M. and lasted until 4 A.M. when we staggered home full of food and drink. Grace's husband is an Irish Catholic from Boston and a large and boisterous group of his friends were on hand. Aug. 28 Am cataloguing the fine collection of ~~Rodin~~ autographs formed by Dr. Herman Rodin and recently bought by me. I am again struck by the scarcity of Coleridge's letters, much more polite in tone than those of Wordsworth or Lamb. The collection also has some fine, playful Lewis Carrol letters.

Aug. 29 Took Charlie Lauren to the N. Y. Life Insurance Company to lunch with Ted Everett and Irving Burstein. Charlie is to represent N. Y. Life in the forthcoming issue of S & P's Chattel Mortgage Notes. Charlie tells me that Sevy leaves about Sept. 1 to take his new job with North American Aviation and that he will probably leave the firm on January 1.

Aug. 30 I have read Sagan's "Bonjour Tristesse", a small book by an eighteen year old French girl which has received much attention in the press. Jack Budinger came over to see me today to ask whether I thought Bill Taylor would consent to head up Hellman's Pittsburg bank. I thought not.

Aug. 31 Took Dave Kirschen-baums to dinner tonight and, on our return, Bought a fine Lamb letter to Joseph Cattle and a number of other letters. Lamb thanks Cattle for his poems and severely criticises Byron. Mentions Southey and Wordsworth.

Sept 1, 1955 Received my first dividend on my Bush Terminal Building Stock, $500 at 10¢ per share. Dined with the Rowlings tonight. The other guests were the Kittells. He is one of the senior officers of the Grace National Bank. Charlie Lauren telephoned this afternoon to say that some of the Chadbourne partners are excited about my ~~idea~~ idea of a merger between it, White & Case and Hardy, Peal & Farrell.

Sept. 2 Flew to Washington this afternoon. M- met me at the airport. Schach and Carol seem to be having a good time at Woodburn. Mr. Hodgin's men have straightened up the willow on the lawn, a victim of Connie.

Sept. 3 To Longfields this morning. Dined with the Freds tonight. Lud Hill (they are visiting the Crowens) is recovering from a serious operation. Saw Herbert Cooley this afternoon

Sept. 4 We gave a large dinner party for the Von Steenbergs tonight, having the Crocans, the Freds, the Sam Peales, the Blackwoods, this Terrys and Irene. Herbert Blackwood took too much Scotch and created great amusement by denouncing some of our bridge-playing neighbors as "local yokels".

Sept. 5 To the Bradleys this morning for pre-luncheon drinks. They have rented a nice old house in Leesburg, on but setting back from King St. We dined at Irene's tonight, a jolly occasion with much food and laughter, especially about Herbert's antics last night.

Sept. 6 Up at 6 A.M. to meet the Terrys at Hamilton for a lift into Washington. Dwight has a job at the General Post office so he delivered me to the station. I see by the Advocate that Malcolm Owen is dead. He must have been only about 50. Charlie Lauer wants me to talk to Mr. Burke about my merger ideas.

Sept. 7, 1955 Margaret got back from Woodburn. I see by the Advance that Elsie Wilkins is visiting the J. A. Crawalls near Lacenter. I haven't seen him for more than thirty years. cousin Mary Hall is dead. She must have been nearly 80.

Sept 8 Lunched with Messrs Parke, Hitchcock, Whiteside and Spater to discuss my idea of the merger to create a big new law-firm. They were keenly interested, especially Hitchcock and Spater, but I doubt that they would dare to try to make a deal with Hartfield. Spater of course would like to try it because it would help him with T W A.

Sept. 9 Had a confidential talk with J. Clark this morning about my proposed law-firm merger. He was very encouraging. Had my teeth cleaned at Dr. McGrath's. Bey sleeper to Virginia tonight.

Sept. 10 M- met me at Point O' Rocks this morning. I have a prospective purchaser of Langfields, an army officer, but he wants to pay a very small amount down and take 20 years to pay the balance. M- and I had a quiet evening at home for a change.

Sept. 11 Lunch at the Lloyd Wilsons today, an informal but elegant affair. The guest list was headed by General and Mrs. Marshall and included Mr. Bratney of Loudoun orchards, his sister, Mrs. Holcombe, Irene Wright, the Fletchers, the Freds, the Welbournes, the Wilmers, the Durfees etc. The General seemed very tired and talked but little.

Sept. 12 To Washington with the Freds this morning. Arrived at the office at 2 20 P.M. and found that Jack Farrell had died early this morning. Spent the afternoon getting out funeral notices and on other details. To the funeral home to see the family tonight.

Sept. 13, 1935 The office is really very shaken by Jack Farrell's death. He has been here since 1919 and has been the real administrative head of the office since Stancliffe's death, continuing to be office manager after my arrival and at my insistence. Am about to finish Hesketh Pearson's life of Dickens. Some insights but not a match for Johnson's work.

Sept. 14 D- Mateer telephoned today. She is on a sabbatical leave and is taking a course at Columbia prior to leaving for a few months in Italy. Miss Elsea from Round Hill and a Mrs. Hall from Washington were in to try to induce me to sell Longfields to their Colonel.

Sept. 15 To Jack Farrell's funeral, a dreary affair at St. Xavier's in Brooklyn. A great many people turned out including the Carter Carburetor office from St. Louis. Jack had a real standing in ACF.

Sept. 16 Lunched with Bob Brome. He says that his duties as Secretary of Bankers Trust have added much work. Dale Sharp and Jerman have been made executive vice presidents of Guaranty Trust - which seems to be bad news for Bill White. To Woodlawn.
Sept. 17 Weeded the box bed and raked the driveway, thereby incurring a blistered finger. We dined with the Crowens tonight. Irene was there with her Texas friends, Judge and Mrs. Carroll. They are friends of Charlie Bowie.
Sept. 18 We had a luncheon today for the Sam Reales, the Freds, the Barnetts and the Crowens. A jolly affair, although I think that Mae Barnett is a little annoyed at Marie who has been having confidential talks with Alex. This afternoon Mr. Bratney, owner of Randolph orchards, and Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Wright came to call. Mr. Bratney is a pleasant but somewhat affected gentleman. In to Washington until Bell arrives.

Sept. 19, 1955 Cataloguing the Sasse and Wise edition of Swinburne's letters, apparently a creditable job. Bill McDermott says that he wants to have a talk with me about the firm's clients. I don't know what he expects to take with him but I should think that he wont attract many.

Sept. 20 Dorothy Mateer dined with us tonight. She is on sabbatical leave for a year and is taking some Italian at Columbia in preparation for a visit to Italy in the spring. Had a long talk with Carlos Hardy today. He is much annoyed with Kress and thinks that K- is a bad influence on Jim Clark.

Sept. 21 Miss Scott, after eleven years, told me today that she had been married for 6 months when she was very young, a marriage terminated by divorce. She says it "ruined" her life. I see that Carl Forbes has become a partner in the Lewis, Heckt firm.

Sept. 22 Working with Bill Croceus, Mr. Morrison and his lawyer, Mr. Spotts, and Mr. Haughan the contract of sale of the stock of P.O. Moore, Inc. Morrison is a likable fellow and very pleasant but could be nasty, I suspect, if crossed.
Sept. 23 Still going on the P.O. Moore contract, finishing it today, together with the escrow agreement. Mel Barnett is with us and we intended to drive back today but were held up to finish this job.
Sept. 24 In spite of ominous storm warnings on the radio we drove from N.Y. to Woodburn today. When we reached the Barnetts' Walter told us that President Eisenhower had had a serious heart attack on the golf course at Denver. With the Barnetts to dinner at the Delaneys. They have a nice old farmhouse, modernized and enlarged. The Bradleys and a few others were also there.

Sept. 25, 1955 Awoke this morning with that lazy feeling one gets so easily on vacation. The Wells arrived in the early afternoon. Weeded the box bed etc. We dined with the Cowens at Battleborn Inn.
Sept. 26 This morning Dean and I drove to Longfields and boggled a dozen little mugho pines and some other odds and ends of plants. We then sprayed the euonymus and gave a 2-4-D application to the lawn. Played hearts tonight.
Sept. 27 Trimmed the big old lilac. The President's illness, as I had prophesied, had a very bad effect on the stock market. We are getting some quiet days at home in deference to Dean who wants to rest.
Sept. 28 The Wells are away visiting friends. To the Bennetts for cocktails - before the Wells left. From remarks made by Alex it seems that he is much in love with Mrs. Bradshaw and even contemplating marriage!

Sept. 29 Trimming the large lilacs. Spraying weeds with 2-4-D. Reading F. V. Morley's "Lands Before Elia", a penetrating study of Lamb's early years, which seems to me to make some points missed by Lucas. Mrs. Hodgson came by this afternoon and we had a long talk about moving trees, new planting etc.

Sept. 30 ~~Sept. 30~~ To the Wellbourne's party tonight. Most of the guests were from the immediate Leesburg area and some of them we didn't know. My dinner companions were Mrs. Holcombe, Kathleen Bradley and the Rector of the Episcopal church.

Oct. 1 Extending the flower bed just below the gallery and lining it with baby box. We also marked out a new flower bed in front of the smokehouse, to be dug by Frank. This afternoon we called on General and Mrs. Eberle at Dunrobin - but missed them - and the Chisholms, where we found only Mrs. Chisholm. He is a retired officer of City Bank formerly Trust Company

oct. 2, 1955 The Wells left this morning. We had enjoyed them very much. I see by the Advance that Claude Seaton, pioneer Ford dealer of Ballard county, has sold out his agency and quarters to a corporation headed by young Bill Worthington. The corporation has also bought out Berry Brothers. I heard when I was in Lucenter that Arch Berry was in bad health.

oct. 3 Thinning and rearranging the box around the East Terrace. Moving the azaleas from the west of the back porch to the base of the terrace. Roy Sherwood called today to ask me to attend a meeting at Bankers Trust tomorrow. Had a hard trip to N.Y. tonight, standing up on the bus from Leesburg to Wash.

oct. 4 At Bankers Trust all day working out details for the Council-Callier closing which is scheduled for oct. 17th. The loan is to be 4 million, half by Bankers and half by Chemical, and is to be secured by about 60,000 accounts receivable.

oct. 5 Back to Washington by sleeper and out to Leesburg this morning. The Clarks arrived early this afternoon, while M- and I were having a siesta - and the Dutys a little later. We had a quiet dinner at home.

oct. 6 The Clarks went to the Plains to see a breeder of mastiffs while the Dutys and Peals spent a quiet morning in easy chairs. We had a large dinner party tonight. the Clarks, Dutys, Freals, Hyssongs, Irene, Crowens etc. A pleasant occasion. The Crowens very good friend, John Walker has died of a heart attack.

oct. 7 The Clarks left this morning. Reading Patrick Dennis' "Auntie Mame", the Clark's gift to Margaret. Took the Dutys this evening to see the Fletchers' pictures taken on their Norwegian cruise. The Foxes, Mr. Brotney, Mrs Holcumbe et al were there. I have forgotten to record a fine gift of young plants by the Fletchers two or three days ago.

Oct. 7, 1955 Brought over my French lilacs from the Crowns where they have been heeled in these eighteen months. Thurston arrived from Washington with a station wagon full of guests for luncheon, eight in all. To the Grays for cocktails this afternoon. They have a large old-fashioned house near Auburn.

Oct. 8 The Crowns and Irene came for lunch and the Blackwoods and their guest, a Miss Jones came for drinks. Herbert apologised in his own way for the drunken antics at our dinner party. The poor fellow has been denied his promotion from commander to captain and has been most upset. Bill Crowns took me in to Washington.

Oct. 9 Back on the Crowell-Collier job, making revisions and preparing closing papers. I have moved into the corner office formerly used by Jack Farrell, a handsome room. I see by the Advance that the Coffey-~~Etc~~ Morrow Chevrolet Co. of Locanter has dissolved.

Oct. 11 Long talk with Leo. Later today. The Chadbourne partners are still attracted to the merger idea but are afraid that W. & C. wouldn't agree on any fair terms and also afraid of what the old colonel might do to them. They propose a merger with H. P. & F., but I can't see that under present circumstances.

Oct. 12 At the Burke-Bernet all the morning examining the autographs in the Saul Cohn library. Then to the Carnegie where I bought three pleasant little Thackeray letters. Albert Boni came home with me and spent a pleasant two hours telling M- and me of his experiences with Sinclair Lewis, T. Dreiser and Thornton Wilder. Lewis had already become quite a drunk when Albert got to know him well. He says that Dreiser robbed his publisher when he was an editor in order to get free articles for another journal which Dreiser owned. Wilder seems to have been a nice fellow.

oct. 13, 1955 My room is full of pictures of forgotten dignitaries of A.C.F., the American Locomotive Co etc, accumulated by Stanciffe and Farrell. With some pressure I persuaded young Jack Farrell to take away Carlos' autographed picture, but the rest will have to go into the ash can.

oct. 14 Carlos is really angry at Lee Krass who has taken over direction of labor relations at A.C.F. Lee is a rather arrogant fellow and is probably making a mess of his job, but Carlos' frantic dashes do no good. I now weigh 168 pounds stripped, most of the added weight being around my belly.

oct. 15 Great rain storm. Spent the day on my speech for the Bibliographical Society, cataloguing and detective stories.

oct. 16 Jane Clarks brother is dead. I believe that he was her only brother. The rains have caused new floods again, especially in Fairfield County.

Oct. 17 Closed the Crowell-Collier loan today. Gardiner Robinson and Roy Sherwood were absent, bailing water out of their cellars in Westport. Had a nice letter from Forster commenting on our Virginia friends. Bill White, who has just returned from a Hudson Bay shooting trip brought us a fine blue goose.

Oct. 18 At Dr. McGrath's this morning. As my teeth get fewer he fights harder to save them. At the Saul Cohn sale this afternoon. Lost the Keats letter although I was willing to go to $225. The June Austen letter I thought was a facsimile was declared to be such and withdrawn.

Oct. 19 Mrs. Eller's will was signed today and Ed lunched with me. He seems to be doing very well with the Belgian-American Banking Corporation. Dr. Donovan has asked me to represent him at the installation of Dr. Cassell as President of Teachers College. My chief job will be to find a proper gown and hood.

Oct. 20, 1955 To lunch at the American Railway Car Institute meeting. It seems to me to accomplish very little but I suppose that there is some continuity of policy. Dined with the Moreys tonight. Jimmy and Mary Lee were there. They have changed their name to Rowen. Lee McCandless was another guest.

Oct. 21 Bill Kyle tells me that he reminded Secretary Stimson, after General Marshall at the end of the war had brought in his citations for war work, that Stimson himself had to cite Marshall. So Bill got the honor of writing the citation and the pleasure of hearing Stimson deliver it. Bill tells me that he was the one who got the message for Stimson about the success of the first atomic bomb test.

Oct. 22 Spent the morning examining the fine Bornemann library, especially the Lamb items. Lunched with Kirschenbaum and Boni and picked up the items I got at the Saul Cohn sale.

oct. 23 Worked on my speech and began to catalogue the cabin sale items. Had cocktails with them and they lent us a copy of Dave Beck's book on the Greer case - which I finished in one evening. It is difficult to believe that a person with so much money and social position as Mrs. Greer could have lived so abnormal a life.

oct. 24 Long conference today with Mr. and Mrs. Soudge and Mr. Froeller, the executors of the Soudge estate. The deceased Mrs. Soudge left more than $4,000,000 and the heirs have no idea what to do about it. I see by the Advance that Judge John Hines is dead. He was 88.

oct. 25 I have a nice letter from Jim Selvage enclosing some of the material he used in the Lilly Foods proxy battle. Lunched at Bankers Trust company with Scovell Morton, same of his staff and an officer of Pacific Gas and Electric co.

oct. 26, 1955 Lang lunch with Bill Taylor. He has become very irritated with Carlos Hardy and has, I think, done some very injudicious flirting with Everett Cody's group. Geo. Barker got his picture in the paper and a story re his election as Vice-President of the American Railway car Institute. Dorothy Matzer dined with us tonight. Sidney Matthews telephoned from Florida to ask a letter of recommendation to a prospective employer.

oct. 27 At the Bar Association this morning with Al Berger and his friends interested in the passage of the uniform certificate of title Act. To the Bar Assn buffet supper tonight, after which Mr. Tweed delivered the Cardozo lecture.

oct. 28 Lunched with Alec Pinney. He says that he and Ronald Cravath are afraid of the stock market. My sale of U. S. Foil gives me more than $25,000 profit, of which tax will take 1/4th. Took the train for Syracuse tonight.

Oct. 29 In Syracuse with Fraser and Burger to go over our program for the next legislative session. Saw the press in the afternoon and got a late-afternoon plane back to N. Y. Very rough ride.
Oct. 30 Spent a rainy day at home cataloguing books and reading. M- and I, both too fat, have begun the "Harper" diet to try to lose a few pounds.
Oct. 31 Finished Manley's "Lamb Before Elia." Although somewhat uneven, especially in the second half, it has some real insights and properly stresses the great importance of Lamb's early trials.
Nov. 1 At the sale of the Bierman library at the Parke-Bernet this afternoon. The great Lamb letter to Coleridge, with the story of Mary's killing her mother, went to Drake for $2300 after I had bid $2250. I got all the other letters, however, including an 1800 letter to Coleridge and an interesting correspondence with Fanny Kelly. Also some other fine items.

Nov. 2, 1955 Lunched with Jim Clark. He is troubled about the situation at Carter Carburetor and determined to end the subcontracting with the partnership composed of the Weed and Peterson families. To Henry Glassies cocktail party this afternoon.
Nov. 3 To Washington and dined with the Terrys. A fine game of poker afterwards. Had a long talk with Bill Cravens about the antics of Morrison who continually interferes with Price Waterhouses audit. Marie and Irene drove us to Woodburn.
Nov. 4 Margaret, Irene and I drove to Charlottesville this afternoon where I was put up at the Colonnade Club and M- and I- went on to the Farmington Country Club. Mary Longhorne gave us a large cocktail party, to which she invited a good many of the University people and Mr. Massey of the Bibl. Society took us to dinner. I had a very good and appreciative audience for my speech at the library.

Nov. 5 Spent two hours at the library this morning helping list the Lamb items I am loaning for exhibition. After a brief skirmish in the antique shops we drove back to Round Hill. A lovely drive in warm sunny weather. Dined at Dranes tonight - with the Freds. Samba.

Nov. 6 Lunched at the Freds today. The baby has grown immensely and seems to be getting some personality. Bill Crowns came back to N.Y. with me and is in our guest room. What I seem to get at Woodburn these days is cheefly bills. The new pond, for instance, cost $907.

Nov. 7 Lunched at Bankers Trust with Leo Croft. Jim Clark and Lock, the head of Union Tank Car company, have a scheme on foot for pooling resources that makes me think of the Clayton Act and prison bars. Reading a bit of Coleridge on Jack O' Lanthorns, supposed to lead people to destruction. A superstition still current when I was a boy.

Nov. 8, 1955 At the Carnegie Book Shop this morning to pick up some items from the Cahn sale and some of the more important items from the Barneman sale. Some of the Barneman items are really very fine, including two splendid limited editions of Lamb.

Nov. 9 Long meeting at N. Y. Life this morning to discuss future plans for SHPX financing. I am gratified to see how well the SHPX financing has pleased the insurance officials. Took Don Rowlings' friend, Jose Lantra, to lunch in Don's absence. An attractive young Spaniard.

Nov 10 Had Bob Brome to lunch at the D. T. A. He is much concerned about a tax problem involving bankers accaptances. This afternoon the Watkins, Glen Watkins and I drove to Woodbury. We had a flat tire on the N. J. turnpike just as it began to rain. Don had to buy a new tire. Very heavy rain the last part of the drive.

Nov. 11. Eleanor is an ardent antique hunter so we drove to Winchester this morning. Much junk but little desirable. Lunched at the Chanticleer. Dined at the Bradleys tonight. A large party but not very interesting.

Nov. 12 We had Mr. and Mrs. Kelley over this morning for a pleasant reunion. Joe is playing football. The Barnetts and Cravens came to lunch. Mary seems to have gotten over her disagreement with Marie. To a nice dinner at the Hyssongs where I played bridge joyfully but badly. The Hyssongs are a nice couple, and I find her unusually pleasant and sympathetic.

Nov. 13 Lunched at Irenes. Then Don, Glen and I drove back to New York and Eleanor took the bus to Washington to spend a night with her parents. I am glad that we had the Rawlings and Glen and think that they fitted in well with our friends.

Nov. 14, 1945 - Robert E. Sherwood and Bernard De Voto are both dead. Two leading literary men gone in a day. Lunched with Jim Crimmins who is still much interested in the proposed merger. This reminds me of a comment Richard Gimbel made about Mr. Burke when we lunched together before the Baruch sale: "A ~~p~~ mediocre lawyer! I hope he always represents my opponent."

Nov. 15 Heinie Neal, who is President of the Scarsdale Nat'l Bank and Trust company, has retained me to advise about an employees fund. He and his Vice President lunched with me today. Bill Croceens is with us for a day or two.

Nov. 16 Milton Kraemer died on July 4th, but I learned about it only a short time ago. We are having real trouble with Morrison who is pestering and badgering everybody as though he were a mad man. I see by the Advance that Ben Morris is dead. He was 66.

Nov. 17 Long lunch with Ike Dapper. He is about 72-or 73- but his hair is still black and his flash solid. He is very much worried about David's problems. Bill Cravens took M- and me to dinner at the Lotos club tonight in honor of John Jay Hopkins, president of General Dynamics corporation. He seemed like a stuffed shirt to me but a great crowd assembled assembled in his honor, including ex-President Hoover.

Nov. 18 S. Martin lunched with me today at the Railroad Machinery club. Margaret has Tucker, our beagle, in New York this week and his proving to be a real nuisance. Steve Brooks's trial for wire-tapping has begun

Nov. 19 Worked at the office this morning attempting to catch up on arrears. Cleaned leaves this afternoon. The Peales come to dinner tonight and we had three good rubbers of bridge afterwards. I enjoy bridge but find it makes me nervous.

Nov. 20, 1955 cataloguing and cleaning books from the Bowerman sale. The Keats collection is especially useful and I have begun to read Calvin's life. M- and I took a long walk with Tucker this afternoon.
Nov. 21 Lunched with Rudy Turner who gave me a few facts about the nuclear energy program of ACF. The whole thing makes my blood run cold. To the Waldorf dinner bought for Dr. Cornell. A dull affair to me.
Nov. 22 Sat my cap, gown and hood today and went to the installation of Dr. Cornell as president of Teachers college. A burly-burly affair with a hopelessly muped order of march and reception.
Nov. 23 A sore throat this morning caused me to postpone our trip to Woodbury until tomorrow. The P.O. Moore matter is about to drive me mad, Morrison twists and turns, storms and rages. He has induced Haugh and Crowens to sign a very dangerous memorandum.

Nov. 24 We drove to Woodburn today in 6 hrs, 2 m., the best we have done. Thurston arrived last night and managed to get in through an unlocked window. Dined tonight with the Malays. Tom seems very nervous. He is about to leave for a southern shooting trip.

Nov. 25 Cold day. I spent most of it rearranging books and packing 6 boxes for transmission to the University of Kentucky. Dined at Irene's. A large party, including the Freds, the Delanays, the Barnetts, the Carreas and Dr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Nov. 26 Cranna and Karl arrived this afternoon. They are on the way to Florida and their station wagon is like a truck. Karl's talk still goes on incessantly and he is about the worst bore I ever met. We had a dinner party tonight for them and had the Freds, Irene, the Carreas and Thurston with his girl friend, Kitty Clemens.

Nov. 27, 1955 We lunched at Irenes. She has been planning to go to Florida, but I gather that nothing has been settled. The carreas, with me as a passenger, left Irenes at 3 P.M. and delivered me at my door 5 hrs and 40 Mins later, a record at least for me. Foster has sent me the newspaper stories about the changes at the union Trust Company. Foster has became Ch. of the Board, Bruce McLeod and Bill Leeson Executive V. P.

Nov. 28 Long lunch with Jim Clark. The two Cody nominees to the ACF Board of Directors, have been elected. Jim and Bill Taylor have, I think, made a mistake in enlisting outside help against Carlos. We had a firm meeting to-night from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Nov. 29 Hene Neal is pleased with my opinion in the charitable trust matter. Horace Terrell has died in Pasadena. He was only a little older than I. I saw him last in Washington and we had a pleasant evening together.

Nov. 30 Had a four hours luncheon to discuss the Carter-El Paso matter with Bill Taylor. Bill should have been a trial lawyer. He has a strong sense of ethics of a surface nature, grows very indignant and then cools off as he meets the people involved. Whatever the mores in his group may be that is the final truth for him.

Dec. 1 Received a Bush Terminal dividend of $750. Apparently the intention is to put the stock on a 50¢ per share per annum basis. Spent all the afternoon with the ACF Directors committee reviewing the El Paso matter. Bill had worn out a good deal of his indignation on me and was quite reasonable.

Dec. 2 Gene Smith of the Nickel Plate telephoned today to ask me to help in the New York end of the fight between the Nickel Plate and the Lackawanna which is trying to control the Nickel Plate. To see Ella tonight and then on to the Rhodes Scholar dinner.

Dec. 3, 1955 Quiet day at home working on my books. A nice letter from Marie Cravens.

Dec. 4 Rain Working again on my new books. The Colvin life of Keats is very good. I hadn't realized before how much he owed to Leigh Hunt or that he had sprung from a somewhat low social stratum.

Dec. 5 Another three hours with Bill Taylor, this time with Jim Clark & Grady and Ogden of A.C.F. Grady says that it would be difficult if not impossible to establish by competent accounting evidence that Carter lost any substantial sum of money in the El Paso deals.

Dec. 6 Dined with the Wells tonight. He is in better spirits but irritated with too much jury duty. After dinner we saw a television show with a lady winning $64,000 for answering a boxing question. Edelia Eagon was her expert adviser. We have a Christmas card from Col. Terry Conners in Tanganyika.

Dec. 7 To the Peoples Industrial Bank directors and stockholders meeting this afternoon and then had dinner with Larsen, Bayer et al. The Banking Department has tentatively approved a liquidating dividend of $1,800,000. Settled my fee to date at $5500, less payments on account of $800. This has to be split with the Chadbourne firm.

Dec. 8 Came to Washington on the night train and this morning attended a conference called by the American Standards Assn to consider the development of standards, including safety and ~~contain~~ Boiler protection, for companies engaged in nuclear energy work. The discussion was too general to be of much use to me.

Dec. 9 The Banking Dept. has OK'd the P. I. B. liquidating dividend. I think that I have finally negotiated Crocens and Haugh out of the false position they got into by signing the foolish memo last month. Morrison has antagonized Price, Waterhouse and will not go ahead with them.

Dec. 10, 1955 Mrs. Speyer's daughter says that her mother's condition is quite desperate. Worked at the office all day. Very tired this evening.
Dec. 11 Worked on my books most of the day. The Bannerman items are very bulky. Went to the Philharmonic this afternoon to hear George Szell conduct the orchestra in Beethoven's concerto for piano and orchestra, No. 2, Sibelius' second symphony and the overture to Weber's Oberon. To see Ella Langfeld.
Dec. 13 Charlie Preusse, who was a law clerk at the Cradlebaugh office, has been appointed City Administrator, an important job that pays $30,000 per annum. A good man.
Dec. 14 At the meeting of the directors of International Commercial Corporation at the Recess club, then lunched with Budinger, Pfizenmayer and Alex Henderson. Charlie Mitchell is dead at 78. No loss for the world.

Dec. 15 Spent the morning at a meeting of the Joint Legislative committee on Interstate cooperation to consider the program for adoption of uniform State laws. I spoke on the contribution among joint tort feasors. Lunched there. Wilson has sent us a country ham for Xmas.

Dec. 16 I have notified Mrs. Spotts that ~~O.D.~~ the P.O. Moore stockholders regarded the sale contract as having been breached and abandoned by Sumner and that they looked to Sumner for damages. This should bring fireworks. The scrap between Sullivan & Cromwell and the U. S. Govt., which tried to ~~bar~~ S & C. as counsel in a case because of Gov. Hunt's previous experience as a Govt lawyer, has been resolved in favor of S. & C. on a showing that Gov had nothing to do with the particular matter at issue.

Dec. 17 Worked at the office until 5. Then to Dunbar & Rind's, quiet evening at home. Very tired.

Dec. 18, 1955 Ezra Parmelee Prentice is dead at 88. He had retired from legal practice even before I went to Murray, Aldrich & Roberts in 1928 and I had supposed him dead long ago. Reading John D. Carr's Bride of Newgate, a thin period piece.

Dec. 19 I am having no luck selling Longfields. The electric heating system scares people off. Reading Browning's "Return of the Druses", fine in spots but not of much dramatic interest.

Dec. 20 The late Elias Cohen is in the news again. His Secretary claims a part of his estate as his common-law wife. Earl Puckett has been named the "Retailer of the year". He seems to have put on a clean shirt for his published picture.

Dec. 21 conference this morning with Weed, Peterson et al over the El Paso Associates transactions. Very painful. conference with Hunt & Cravens re the P. O. Moore arbitration.

Dec. 22 Dean Wells took me around this morning to meet several members of the Admissions Committee of the University Club. From the pedantic ritual one would think I was coming up for membership in the French Academy. We have almost had a fire at Longfields, the door in the bathroom was charred by one of the electric radiators.
Dec. 23 Jim Clark has worked out a very intelligent formula for settling the El Paso Associates matter. To Woodburn tonight.
Dec. 24 To Longfields this morning to get the electricity turned off. Lunched at the Barnetts. Dinner and samba at the Crowens. The Howards and Freds with them also.
Dec. 25 quiet restful day at Woodburn, chiefly reading and warming on my library. Peterson telephoned from St. Louis to say that Weed had agreed to the El Paso settlement. The Freds, the Crowens and Irene came in tonight for supper and samba. Very jolly. Mrs. Poston's job of wrapping the furnace and pipes has made the house much more comfortable.

Dec. 26, 1935 The calamitous drop in farm prices has been too much for Mr. Litton and he is behind in his rent by about $1900. I hope that he can make it up when he sells his calves in the spring. We dined with the Howards tonight. George Potts drove me to Harper's Ferry where I entrained for N. Y.

Dec. 27 Orville Morrison has had the extraordinary gall to send me a Xmas card, a quaker prayer. Myers & Co. have sent me two fine items bought at Sothebys for me; a fragment of a Hand letter to Bernard Barton with a poem for Lucy Bartons album and several of Wordsworths letters to Allan Cunningham.

Dec. 28 Bo Lewis has recently written a leading article for Colliers. I hope that he got well paid for it. The foxes have killed our ducks at Woodburn; also Walter Barnetts, our source of supply. our Virginia friends are excited over the Gray plan which is intented to prevent segregation in the schools.

Dec. 29 Attended the A.C.F. Directors meeting this morning and gave the directors an oral report on behalf of the committee. The report and recommendations were unanimously approved. Lunched with the Directors. on the B.&O. to Washington tonight.

Dec. 30 We had a big dinner party tonight for 27 guests, including the Fletchers, the Melays, the Blackwoods, the Crowens, the Blair Smiths, the Burnetts, the Bradleys, the Grays, the Wilsons, Irene, clyde Hyssong (she is ill), the Hamonds and the Delaneys. Very jolly party with less alcohol than usual. Hilda's fine cooking was appreciated.

Dec. 31 Took Marion Reynolds, Thurston's guest, over to see Tom Melay to get advice on jobs open for young engineers. Margaret has a cold and is very tired after our party. To the Freds for cocktails and then to the Blair Smith's party, leaving M- in bed. The party was rather a dull one and broke up soon after midnight. I hear that the Blackwoods place is for sale.

January 6, 1956 Margaret's cold is worse but I feel fine despite my dissipations. Am reading Bishop's "The Day Lincoln Was Shot", an hour by hour narrative, to a dinner party at the Blockwoods tonight. I broke up early and the Cravens and I adjourned to Irene's where we played samba for two hours.

Jan. 2 Lunched at Irenes and played samba with the Cravens, Freds and Terrys. Dwight drove us to Washington where we caught the 5-P. M. train to N. Y. When we got home we found a fine ham from Margaret and Gellners. We have had the usual flood of Christmas presents but hams are always welcome.

Jan. 3 Trying to finish Lowes' "Road to Xanadu", a fine piece of literary scholarship but much too long and repititious. Mrs. Spencer, our neighbor, is critically ill and is in a hospital. She is well past eighty but was in good health until a few months ago.

Jan. 4 Brophy has definitely left the Charbonne firm and it has dropped his name from its title. A queer performance altogether. Clair Hughes has retired. I suppose that there was no percentage left for him when the middle group was satisfied. I have not heard what happened to Dee Stone and Ralph Ray.

Jan. 5 Walter Robinson is dead. He was 5-7 and had been in bad health for a few years past. Rudy Turner came to see me this morning to say that he wanted Southwell rather than Rawlings to handle his labor work. To the Newcomen Dinner tonight in honor of the car leasing companies.

Jan. 6 Margaret's cold is still bad. I came through the holidays fatigued but well. Reading Wiener's book on the Piltdown Man forgeries. Mr. Justice Holmes' cousin, Miller, had seen the truth from the beginning. The book is like a detective story and the hoax fooled some eminent scientists, including Keith.

January 7, 1935 Worked at the office this morning, largely on the N Nickel Plate matter on which I have fallen behind. The Stevens arrived this afternoon. Betty is going into the hospital here Monday in an effort to discover the causes of her chronic headaches.
Jan. 8 Very tired. We had a little party for the Stevens, Beales and Whites last night. Sydney seems to be in better health and spirits than last year and Betty seems to be more contented in spite of her headaches.
Jan. 9 Took Lee Mowry to lunch at the D. T. A. and we settled for January and February of last year at $6600. The Chadbourne firm made about $905,000 last year, about $30,000 less than in 1934. They must have had a good fee for the Sperry Rand merger but missed the $90,000 in new business I brought in. Miss Leeth has a new job at last. She is going to the Lee Hecht firm at $90 per week.

Jan. 10. Henry Steel commager is going to Amherst, but is retaining some kind of liaison with Columbia. I suppose that he found the double strain of writing and teaching at a great metropolitan university too much even for his great capacity. Took the train for Cleveland tonight.

Jan. 11 All day with Smith, Baker and others at the Nickel Plate offices in Cleveland. Gene Smith is suffering from a bad virus attack of the same nature I had a few years ago. Spent a pleasant half-hour with Mr. White, the President of Nickel Plate. Gene wants me to brief a number of difficult points. Left on the Nickel Plate at 6:40.

Jan. 12 My take from the Cuyahoga Farm for the first two months of 1955 and for previous year was $12,630, which has enabled me to pay up income tax requirements ($26,000) for last year and left me a comfortable cash balance. Dr. Cole writes me that I have been elected to membership in the University Club.

Jan. 13, 1956 The Freds arrived tonight, blooming and happy. Ethel seems to have recovered at last from the effects of her accident last winter. We went tonight to see "Witness for the Prosecution", the dramatic version of Agatha Christie's detective story of the same name. Very good.

Jan. 14 With M- and the Freds to shop at Macy's this morning. Bought some handsome woolen socks, Swedish crystal glasses, toilet necessaries etc. Took the Wells and Freds to dine at the University Club this evening and then returned to our apartment for cards, Dean's favorite game "hearts".

Jan. 15 Spent a quiet day at home, reading. Dinner party at home tonight for the Freds. The other guests were the Bill Whites, the Wells and the Peales. A pleasant party which broke up early as tomorrow is a work day.

Jan. 16 Prof Geo. Roberts of the univ. of Ky. is dead. He was 81. I saw him at the Ag. building there about two years ago and he seemed very well and alert. I see by the Advancer that Verah Reasor is visiting in oscar, attended by her grandchildren. Think of the glamorous Verah with grandchildren.

Jan. 17 The first day of the Moore-Sumner arbitration. Morrison lied like a trooper and is very persuasive until one comes to know him. Mr. C. J. Hardy died this morning. His exact age is a secret, but he must be about 92.

Jan. 18 Reading Brooks' "The ordeal of Mark Twain". A somewhat twisted book but one with some interesting opercus.

Jan. 19 The Freds left this morning. They are wonderful guests and we were sorry to lose them. To Mr. Hardy's funeral. Rather a larger affair. We have no heat in our apartment house so we slept at the Whites tonight.

Jan. 20, 1956 J. L. Hughes of Wickliffe is dead. He was 92. As long as I can remember he was one of our leading Republican citizens.

Jan. 21 Worked all the morning at P. O. Moore. That crazy fool Morrison is poisoning my water. Ordinarily I would care little about the case but I want to keep Bill Cravens from losing his business. To Plummers with Margaret this afternoon and bought a fine Lowestoft plate. Then to 4th Avenue where I bought some detective stories.

Jan. 22 Reading ceram's "Gods, Graves and Scholars", a popular history of the modern archeologists. Dined this evening with the Rudgers. Marcus and Mrs. Nadler were there and a woman lawyer, Miss Rock. Marcus looks much better than when we saw him last year. Raymond still travels a great deal but seems to do little teaching.

Jan. 23 Reading away on Dowden's life of Browning. It gives more space to a critical analysis of the poetry than to biographical material. Rich Lewis telephoned for an appointment today. He is about to buy a business in N. Y.

Jan. 24 Bill Croceans is with us and we spent the day and part of the evening working on the P. O. Moore case. I should at least be able to show that Morrison has made a mess of his figures. He is inaccurate on his own theory.

Jan. 25 All day on the P.O. Moore case. I should have had a good trial lawyer in for the job but that would have cost Bill a large sum. At any rate I got it across to the arbitrators that Morrison is a stinker. To the Banking Law Section dinner tonight. Drinks afterward with Mr. Strong, President of U. S. Trust Company et al. Ed Christie was there, much broken from his illness, Homer Woods and Bill Emplidge.

Jan. 26, 1954 Spent all day at the Banking Law Section. Some of the early enthusiasm for the work of the Section has vanished with the founders, but the legal papers are of a high standard. Lunch with Heinie Neal et al.

Jan. 27 Rich Lewis and his son, Larry, came in today. Rich wants to buy a small specialized steel business to give Larry experience. To Pat Hodgson's cocktail party this afternoon. A pleasant reunion but a smaller group than in prior years.

Jan. 28 M- and I lunched with Homer and Mrs. Woods at the Harvard club. Very pleasant. They stopped by and had a quick view of Woodlawn on their return from their recent vacation in Florida. Spent the night at the Piedmont Motel. We had a table for 20 at the Annual N.Y. State Bar dinner tonight, preceded by our cocktail party at the Canadian Club. A nice party except that Carlos had too much to drink and said some nasty things to Kress.

Jan. 29 Spent quiet day at home, reading and cleaning items from the Barneman library. Henry L. Mencken is dead. He has been out of the world in fact for several years, but his passing snaps another link with my youth.
Jan. 30 Broke one of my dentures this morning, a real nuisance. To see Dr. McGrath to have it mended. Had a 3½ hour lunch and long talk with Bill Taylor at India House. Bill is unhappy about his lack of progress at Bankers Trust.
Jan. 31 Miss Scott didnt like the Leve office and has applied for a job as Malcolm Foashee's secretary. His secretary has left after 27 years to take a much better job with some executive responsibility. Pending the transfer Miss Scott is back with us on a temporary basis. Dined with the Harkness tonight. The Cloyd Laportes, Dove and Mrs. Peck, the Bill Whites and a Mr. and Mrs. Proffitt were there. Dove is looking for a subject for a new book.

Feb. 1, 1956 Malcolm Fo-
shee has managed to
create the interest neces-
sary to get the Rhodes
Scholar luncheons re-
scinded. We had today, among
others, Arnold Frey, Childs,
Burns, Logan and Hughes.
Malcolm says that he
thinks that Miss Scott
will fit in well as his
secretary.
Feb. 2 Reading the Penguin
Famous Trials Series, which
are abbreviated from the
great British Notable Trials
Series. All of the selections
are of the most morbid
and pathalogical character,
and the murderers are
of the criminal insane
type. Larry Thompson's
article on private book
binding artists has been
published in German in a
Stuttgart journal with
plates of two of my
class Bindery items.
Feb 3 Miss Scott got back
just in time to type
my P.D. Moore-Sumner
brief. She really doesn't
fit in and I should be glad
to see her go. Am finishing
Dowden's life of Brownings.

Feb. 4 Worked at the office this morning. Then met M- at the Parke-Bernet Galleries. We didn't like either the furniture etc on sale or the books on display so we took a bus to Brooks Brothers where I ordered a sports coat. I was almost paralyzed to discover that the cost was $175; but I suppose that it will last me about the rest of my life.
Feb. 5 Quiet day at home with a short walk and a long nap. Reading the Penguin Famous Trials Series with increasing disgust at the methods of the law dealing with pathological cases.
Feb. 6 The Mc Masters dined with us tonight. Malcolm has diabetes, has lost much weight and is on a strict diet. Carol Van Steenberg has been quite ill and is now on a short vacation in the Barbadoes. Had a long talk today with Charles ("Chuck") Maxwell, formerly a partner in the Breed, Abbott firm and the Carter Ledyard firm. He could be a great help to me.

Feb. 7, 1956 Randolph Paul is dead and gets a surprising amount of publicity. He was only in his middle sixties, so that he must have been burnt out by excitement and hard work. We had the Foshees and Jack Alexanders to dinner. Olin-Mathiesun has moved its offices to N. Y. and the Alexanders are living in Bronxville.

Feb. 8 Lunched with Alec Pinney. He is pessimistic about the economic situation and thinks that some of the expensive new facilities now being constructed will never pay themselves out. Sat off my brief in the P. O. Moore-Sunroc matter.

Feb 9 A wide series of changes at Bankers Trust: Mr. Galt becomes chairman, Alex Ardrey President, Moore, Dreibelbis, Leak become directors and Gersten & Baer are promoted. Nothing done for Taylor or Budinger. Chuck Maxwell has accepted a job with us. He should take a lot of work off my shoulders.

Feb. 10. Jack Hutto writes that he has just been released from the hospital after a long illness. To Washington this afternoon, from which Bill Cravens drove me to Woodburn. The furnace door blew open a few days ago and the walls, furniture and drapes are smoke damaged. Margaret has all available help employed in cleaning the place.
Feb. 11 Spent most of the day cleaning books. It is a herculean task and will take many days. Fortunately most of them needed a good going over anyway as they were dirty when they came from New York. Dined with the Feeds tonight. The other guests included a Mr. and Mrs. Speight who have opened a mail order book store in Waterford.
Feb. 12 To the Barnetts this afternoon. Walter looks very tired and old but May seems to be coming through the winter very well. Dinner and samba at the Howards - with the Cravens as fellow guests.

Feb. 13, 1956 To Longfields this morning. It is in good order although there are some leaks in the roof. Saw the insurance men about the smoke damage to Woodburn. Fortunately we have coverage for both the house and furniture. M- and I returned to N. Y. tonight by bus & train.
Feb. 14 Mrs. Speyer is dead. After such a long and wearing illness it must be a great relief for her and her daughters. Irene arrived, with stories of a very good time in Florida. She spent a night with the Jacobs. They have sold their home and are going to Europe again.
Feb. 15 Lunched with Jack Burdett. Like myself he is so involved in detail that he finds it difficult to get any constructive work finished. To N. Y. Life this afternoon to discuss the financing of the "piggy-back" cars bought by an operating company formed by a group of railroads.

Feb. 16 Lunched at N. Y. Life to discuss the new financing with representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Trailer Train et al. They have a somewhat make-shift scheme in mind. We have a letter from the Johnsons who seem to be enjoying their Florida home - which they have been improving

Feb. 17 Tom Finley from Bondana telephoned. He is in N. Y. with his fiance to celebrate a leave before a tour of duty. To a cocktail party at the Glofkeys. Long talk with Lou Crandall about Mr. Chadbourne and Mr. Gibson. He cherishes their memories as I do. Robert Pratt arrived tonight after a year in North Africa.

Feb. 18 Zellner's Margaret telephoned from Dayton today. Zellner left for Chicago a few days ago, intending to come on to N. Y. He hasn't been heard of and M- is frantic. To Bilbo & Tanner's this afternoon and bought a group of detective stories and National Geographic maps.

Feb. 19, 1956 on checking this morning I found that Zellner was in Cincinnati and that he and M- were at the Netherlands Plaza there. In most of the day. Catalogued two fine Procter letters, one to D. G. Rossetti and one to James T. Fields. Moved bolivia with Robert Pratt, M- and Irene.

Feb. 20 Robert left today. He is a nice boy but too serious and very hesitant and slow. Reading Ambler's "The Schirmer's Inheritance". Myers & co. has acquired a fine Lamb letter for me from Sotheby's, a long letter to Charles Chambers written in 1817. Mostly about fish as food.

Feb. 21 Steve Brody has been dishonored in spite of his pending appeal of his conviction for wiretapping. To Larchmont tonight for the Frank White's dinner party. Frank's friends are always exciting people despite his long experience in the entertainment world. Liked a Mr. and Mrs. Baxton.

Feb. 22 Lunched at the Leonard Moores. quite like old times, even to the group picture of the children (now ten years or more old) smiling on a table. Dr. and Mrs. Avery were there and promised to come to Woodburn to advise use on our gardens; also the Van Wagenens. Jim Tom Campbell is dead at 60 - of a heart attack.

Feb. 23 Margaret left for Woodburn this morning to continue her massive cleaning job. Had a long talk with Jim Clark about current and future projects. Jim doesn't seem to be having much success in his search for new executive talent. Left for Boston tonight.

Feb. 24 Working all day in the handsome Round Room in Langdell Hall with Lou Loss, B. Lamb, Ed Cowett, Judge Pollock and Ed Schwartz. Lunch with Asst. Dean Covers et al and tea with Dean Griswold. Dined with the Schwartzs tonight. Snow and ice over the whole campus.

Feb. 25, 1956 Finished our revision of the proposed state securities act this afternoon in time for me to get a 3 P. M. train. I am sorry that I didn't get a chance to see more of Boston and of Harvard. Dean Cowen did take me through the Treasure Room of the law library yesterday. Lesa introduced me today to Prof. Scott, a genial old gentleman.

Feb. 26 Margaret writes that she and Zellner are back at home and that Z- is better. Mrs Margaret writes that she has rented both the cottage at Woodburn and Longfields. Spent all day on my library, chiefly the Barneman copy of Howells' "My Literary Friends and Acquaintance" with which are bound up letters of Lowell, Emerson, Longfellow, Fields et al.

Feb. 27 Lunched with Bob Brame. He has had to promote Phil Norton over Jim McDonald and Jim is very unhappy. Bill Taylor is on a junket in Mexico.

Feb. 28 Spent the morning at the directors meeting of the American Railway Car Institute and lunched with them. Walter Curley's committee on the economics of car building and repair in railway shops shows some signs of working. Jula Stocker was in to see me this afternoon. He has been offered a job by Warner Mendel and is considering it.

Feb. 29 The arbitrators in the Mack-Sunroc case have come up with a decision which will annoy everybody. They overruled my claim of breach and decreed specific performance, but they set the price at $178,412, which will enrage Harrison. He could have had the business for that at any time as a compromise.

Mar. 1 At the Rhodes Scholars luncheon. Malcolm says that Miss Scott is doing a good job. Then to the Studebaker office where I had a long talk with Jim Cummins who is trying to revive the merger idea.

March 2, 1956 At N.Y. Lib all day on the Trailer Train manner, working with Trademans of N.Y. Life and Taylor, Asst. Genl. counsel of Penna. R.R. Co. To Glen Watkins' dinner and theatre party for Irene, M- and me. We had dinner at the House of Busicoglea and then saw "The Chalk Garden" with Gladys Cooper, Siobhan McKenna and Betsy Von Furstenberg. Saw Handy Mathews escorting a charming lady, something like "Mrs. Hilda".

March 3 Spent most of the day at home but got in a walk to see the 4th Ave. bookstores. Glen, Irene, M- and I went to the Rawlings dinner party in Great Neck tonight. Black ties on the Long Island R.R. Saw Halleys of the Chemical Bank with whom I worked on the International Paper matter. Met an interesting couple, the Manns.

Mar. 4 Doris White is with us for a few days while Frank is in Europe. Had a lazy restful day at home, napping and playing Bolivia.

Mar. 5 The day started badly with a telephone call from Mr. Howes to say that termites had destroyed the underpinning in the floor of the stone cottage kitchen. I think that it was not termites, but will have to haul a cement floor. Dined with the Clarks tonight and then with them to see "James", a frothy little farce, very competently acted by Margaret Sullavan, Robert Preston and Claude Dauphin.

Mar. 6 At home with a cold called today, a malady that attacked me several days ago. Ed Farley is dead. A queer fellow of uncertain temper, he had nevertheless many lovable traits and I shall miss him as a friend. He made a lot of money but I fear that the ill health of himself and his wife clouded his last years.

Mar. 7 Very bad insomnia last night. Doris left today after several days with us, continuing Brooks' The ordeal of Mark Twain. Good but too long and labored.

Mon. 8, 1956 Closed the Moore-Simon matter at our office today. I think that Morrison and Spatts were much afraid of last-minute difficulties we might raise, but my one desire now is to complete the transfer quickly so that the company can be put on a paying basis again.
Mon. 9 I am afraid that Dean Wells is quite unhappy at the Hanover Bank. The Bank fell behind its neighbors in growth and belatedly awakening, is driving its branch managers ruthlessly in the scramble for deposits.
Mon. 10 Arthur F. Douglas is dead at 55. A nicer fellow than William, now on the Supreme Court, Art had a robust temperament and philosophy that led him to the presidency of the Statler Hotel Company, from whence he was ousted when Hilton gained control. Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Howell dined with us tonight. He is a real lover of books and an interesting conversationalist.

March 11 To Brooklyn college, a ghastly subway ride, this afternoon to see Charlie Feinberg given an award of merit (something like an honorary degree it would seem). Charlie was delighted, especially as I was one of the few gentiles in a large gathering. Long and rather interesting speech on Whitman by John Ciardi.

March 12 Bert Miller is dead, after a good many months of bad health. He did not look very old but must have been in his sixties. Dined with the Sam Peales tonight and played bridge. None of us who were at the table could justly be called proficient.

March 13 To a cocktail party at the Freemans where we renewed our acquaintance with the Simonsons. Burr tells me that the B. & O. is short of coal cars to a number exceeding 10,000 and is using any other types it can get. Very poor planning but typical of railroads.

March 14, 1956 Dined with the Riedels at Mayfair House. Poor Louise is a very sick woman but this seemed to be one of her better days. Reading Wilson's "The Dead Sea Scrolls", the story of the newly found manuscripts of the new Testament era. A great find but Wilson's narrative seems somewhat muddled.

March 15 Took Kress to lunch at the D. T. A. He seems to me to be getting further and further behind in his many projects. Am interested in Brooks' description of pioneer humor - exaggeration and practical joking. That trait still marked the humor of Kentucky in my youth.

March 16 Closed the Trailer Train matter in N. J. and came back in a driving snow storm. I am afraid that the theory of the financing is a poor one. Eddie Eugan is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress.

March 17 Terrible day - for the Irish - as well as the rest of us. The heaviest snowfall we have had in years. Worked at the office all day on my income tax. Finished "The ordeal of Mark Twain." An unsympathetic and one-sided book but one with some truth in it.
March 18 The snowfall continued into this cold Sunday. I stayed in all day, reading and continuing my interminable work on my income tax. Fred Allen is dead. He was only 61. Many of his sayings will be with me for life, such as "fraught with insignificance" and "homesick" in the sense of being sick with home.
March 19 Ed Johnson has had a recurrence of his tuberculosis and is back in the Julius Marks Sanatorium. He doesn't seem to be too much worried, however, and says that he has gained 4½ pounds in the last month. New York is paralysed by its heavy snow.

March 20, 1936 With the A.C. Howells to the annual dinner of the National Arts club, of which the guests of honor were the Pallatiers. Mrs. Pallatier, the singer Rose Bampton, is a striking lady. Talked to Deems Taylor and Sigmund Spaeth, whom I had almost forgotten as alive, Samuel Barlow and Herman Neuman. Saw Ed Kahl's friend, Miss Dupre.
Mon. 21 To the Philharmonic to hear the Boston Symphony directed by Charles Munch. He gave us Tchaikowsky's Romeo and Juliet overture-Fantasia, Villa-Lobas' Eleventh Symphony and Beethovens 7th.
Mon. 22 We gave a farewell dinner party tonight for Irene, with Hendy Mathews, the Correas and the Kyles. Hendy seems to have recovered his spirits, so sadly cast down for months after Cynthias death, and was gay as a youth. The Kyles have moved to new quarters. Nina seems tired and worn.

March 23 To Springfield, lunching on the train and arriving in time to dress for the large dinner party the Dutys gave for us at the Calany Club. Back to the Chapins for bridge, where my fumbling play lost Lorena Booth and me both $3.50. Andy Wallace died a few days ago.

March 24 Awoke this morning to see another heavy snow fall - on top of already deep drifts - and it continues to fall. To the Booths dinner party tonight, almost an Arctic expedition. Renewed my acquaintance with Bill Skinner, who is a pleasant chap. Alfred Chapin tells me that he has suffered much loss of energy this year.

March 25 Lucy Mitchell gave a large luncheon party for us at noon. She has many fine pieces of furniture, some of them obviously rare antiques. Foster is in the full tide of his political activities and very hopeful since Eisenhower's decision to run.

March 26, 1956 Returned by a cold, drafty train last night. My throat is very sore today and I fear that my cold has received. Woody has gone back to school, a junior college that seems to be more of a vocational school ~~and~~ than an arts institution. Thurston is about to get out of the Marines and is looking for a job. March 27. Am celebrating my 58th birthday by a bad head cold. M- left for Woodburn this morning. To Miss Du-Pre's cocktail party this afternoon, where I saw Ed Kohl who seems quite recovered from his recent illness. Malcolm telephoned tonight to express birthday greetings. March 28 I think that our friend Kress is in some difficulties in ACF, largely due to his procrastination. He does not delegate much and thus is always behind. Reading Hesketh Pearsons life of Disraeli. Not of much value.

March 29 Hendy Mathews telephoned today that ~~Lydia~~ Sidney had remarried. He met the lady while she was also awaiting a divorce in Florida. With Dean Wells tonight to the annual meeting of the University Club. Took the B. & O. sleeper to Washington.

March 30 Found the usual problems at Woodburn. The new tenants of the cottage are unhappy because the kitchen doesn't heat well, the new lawn is too wet etc. To see Marie Crocens and the Sparrows this afternoon. Poor Billy is getting very feeble. Dined with the Meloys tonight.

March 31 Done in my claims for insurance damages resulting from the smoke, $600, which is actually much less than the real damage. To the Howards for cocktails. Ed has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization. To the Freds for samba. A very pleasant, jolly evening

April 1, 1956 Took the Crowens to a midday dinner at the Courtney Inn. Mr. Courtney had an operation a few weeks ago, which has apparently done much for his general health. To the Barretts for cocktails, where we met the Cutlers from Waterford. With the Freds this afternoon.

Apr. 2 In to Washington this morning with Barbara Fred and "Diggy" Cornwell, who were going to a funeral. A beautiful day. Met Tom Braker at the Hotel Washington for lunch and a discussion of the forthcoming Lackawanna-Nickel Plate hearing before the I.C.C. Tom has decided to put me on as a witness to show that the voting trust is invalid under N.Y. law.

Apr. 3 Lunched with George Heiser, Bill Robe et al at Manufacturers Trust today. Very pleasant. Bill says that he intends to visit Charlie Jones this summer and call on us. Sidney Mathews telephoned tonight to tell us about his new marriage.

April 4 Larry Lake is back at the 5th Avenue office of Bankers Trust Co., second in command to Bill Kyle, I believe. The Johnsons came to dinner tonight. They seem to be completely in love with Florida and are giving the stock of Childstyle, Inc. to their employees, so many shares per year.

April 5 Pleasant luncheon-directors meeting of International Commercial Corporation. George Edmonds is disturbed at the steady expansion of bank debt and thinks that we are in for another wave of inflation. Played bridge tonight with the A.C. Howells. Good fun but not good bridge.

April 6 Ella Langfeld seems to be getting weaker. I am afraid that her end will be a lingering one instead of the quick release her sisters had. Doris White telephoned that she and Frank have decided to sell the big Larchmont house and buy a place in Virginia, with a small apartment in N.Y. pending Frank's retirement.

April 7, 1956 Fred T. Finnigan, my friend of the S. E. C. is dead after a long illness. He was only 53. My cold is worse and I was necessarily held in the apartment all day by rain and wet snow. Wrote letters and read Brooks' The World of Washington Irving.

April 8 The snow continues and I am still confined to the apartment with my cold which, however, seems to be ameliorating. Spent most of the day giving a thorough recision to the ACF incentive compensation plan.

April 9 Lunched with Bob Brame. By coincidence we met Homer Vilas in the Bank, a coincidence because Bob wanted to discuss the Packard-Studebaker loan with me. The over-all decline in automobile sales and the fierce intensity of the General Motors-Ford competition has put the Packard-Studebaker company in a very bad situation.

April 10 Long conference with Wayne Hart & Bert Mann (Patent attorney with Carter carburetor) re a proposed settlement of a patent controversy with Holley carburetor. Took them to the D. T. A. to lunch. Geo. Heiser came in to see me today about a personal legal matter.
April 11 Bernice writes that T. B. has turned over a new leaf, even to joining Alcoholics Anonymous. I hope that the reform lasts. With Bob Brome to lunch with a group at General Electric Company to discuss equipment leasing.
April 12 Spent all day with Hugh Weed, Jr., and his attorney, Hartley Murray, from Colorado Springs, working out a contract closing the El Paso Associates operation.
April 13 To the Banking Law Section this morning but had to come back to Bankers Trust on a hurried call from Bob Brome who has asked me to form a corporation to be an intermediary for a loan of $7,500,000 to a Venezuelan subsidiary of General Motors.

April 14, 1956 We came to Princeton last night for a week-end with the Strauss. This morning we took a drive with them to some suburban nurseries to pick out another holly tree. Betty has almost a mania for shielding her house from her neighbors. Dinner party tonight at which the Wades and Freas were guests.

April 15 To the Wades this morning to see some Voltaire items and a ~~~~ manuscript history of the Netherlands a friend has lent him, a 17th century history apparently unpublished. Warren and Mrs. Hill were in for a pre-luncheon drink. He is the new president of Thermoid and gave me the inside story of the tax shenanigans for which Fred Schluter has just been indicted. Madeline and Hoffman came in this afternoon. Two rubbers of bridge and then home on the 8:50. Sydney seems to be very tired.

April 16 Worked with Bob Brame this morning on the details of the General Motors loan. I am to organize a N. Y. corporation, to be known as Ven-Securities corporation, which will borrow the money from Bankers Trust and lend it to the General Motors subsidiary. Lunched with Jack Burdett.
April 17 Bill Taylor, usually so puritanical, seems to want to defend Schlueter-who is about to get what has been coming to him. I have a letter from Ed Stoughton asking for a contribution for Foster's campaign for congress. These New Englanders always want to spend someone else's money. I suppose I shall have to give $50.
April 18 Forrest Butterworth is dead. He always seemed very stiff but his intimates were devoted to him. Lunched with Sidney Mathews He and his new wife have bought a house on the East Side. His wife has two children by her first marriage and Sidney has three, hence the large house.

April 19, 1956 Dick Booth has been elected a director of Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Co. I wrote him a letter of congratulations and have a very nice reply. Had a tempestuous meeting of the American Railway Car Institute today. Carry was in a very ugly mood and criticised Walter Curley's activities in Washington quite severely.

April 20 To Woodburn with Blanche Wells. M- met us in Washington. When we got home we found Irene and the Freds. After a quick bite of supper we played samba until midnight.

April 21 Rogers tells me that Fred Osler has left his Leesburg connection and is back in a Washington job. M-, Irene Blanche and I took in a number of garden tour houses south of Berryville: Chapel Hill, General Donovan's place; Lucky Hit; and the fine old Palladian Long Branch, now about to fall in ruins.

April 22 Worked on the lawn this morning. Mrs. Litton came by to see me, somewhat discouraged by the continued depression in farm prices. The Freds came to lunch and we went to see the Weavers' house, Slengyle, Dunllands and Farmers Delight. Dunllands is a fine place near Foxcraft School, owned by Herman Brauns of Houston, Texas, who was my first contact when we bought W-K-M. Lyndon Johnson stayed there when he was recovering from his heart attack. Farmers Delight is a charming old place. The Weaver place has some interesting gardens.

April 23 Zellner writes that one of his ~~co~~ corporations has fallen afoul of some of the new tax rules. "Thin incorporation", I believe. He says that Margaret is still poorly and has to take one of the new sedative drugs. I am afraid that she is in for a bad time. General Harrison, President of I. Telephone & Telegraph and Ed Leavey's friend, is dead.

April 23, 1956 Took Phil Norton and Chuck Mokwell to lunch at the D. T. A. Phil is making progress at Bankers, largely, I think, because Jim MacDonald seems to be somewhat inadequate.

April 24 Reading Peter Quennell's "Hogarth's Progress", a lively and readable biography. Making up the annual bills for Carter Carburetor.

April 25 We have a new client seeking advice in tax and matrimonial troubles. He has just won one of the highest prizes in the Irish Sweepstakes, about $146,000. Taxes will take most of it. Reading the pleasant little book on the Club Binders by Larry Thompson et al. Two of the illustrations are of items in my library.

April 26 Ed Leaway is the new president of I. T. & T., a sharp rise in a business career of only a few years. Took Ken McDonnell to lunch at the D. T. A., where I also saw Willard Walker.

Apr. 28 Spent a quiet day at home alone as M- and Hilda are in Virginia. Long walk in the sunshine. Lunch at Luchows on bovernwurst and sauerkraut. Shopped at Bilbo and Tannens and one or two other 4th Ave bookshops.

Apr. 29 The Kentucky Library Associates Journal has a nice paragraph in the current issue about my gifts to the university of Kentucky. I slept very badly last night and have been very quiet today. My chief trouble is an inflamed gum. Hilda and M- arrived back from Virginia.

Apr. 30 Senator Barkley is dead of heart failure, stricken while speaking to an audience at Washington & Lee university. He had just quoted, but in a modified and revised version, from the Psalms "I had rather be a doorkeeper **", which in its King James version was a favorite of Senator Stanley. The Bankers Trust- ~~King James version~~ General Motors loan was made today.

~~April 30~~ May 1, 1956 Lunched with Dee Stone at the British Luncheon Club. He says that Mary is due to have a baby in the summer. At a small dinner at the Broilers Club tonight. Met a nice chap from Bridgeport, with the unusual name of Philo Calhoun. He seems to have written some books about Dickens.

May 2 Reading Monaghan's Civil War in the West, a lively story of the struggle in Kansas in the decade before the civil war and the fighting in Missouri during that war. Spent all day on the complicated AC-bills. Am much annoyed by the big tri-county electric bills for service at Longfields.

May 3 Ed Doulan is dead. The Tribune gave his age as 65, but I thought him older. Chuck Maxwell, Ty Barlow and I lunched with Ned Herendeen at the Hanover Bank. Thurston expects to be out of the Marine corps by June 1 and is looking for a job. He should have a field job with an oil company.

May 4 Hilda left this morning for her summer furlough. I hope that we get her back in the Fall. Drilled Lester Selig for his testimony before the Senate Committee. To Washington on the Congressional. Dwight Terry met me, after some mix-up and paging. Then we had a flat tire. To Woodburn with M- and Irene.

May 5 Thurston arrived late last night. To the Gold Cup races with Irene, the Crowens, the Nevins and the Freds. A fine warm day and good sport. Saw the Duers, who are on the way back from Florida, and Paul Scott, who is visiting the Rowleys. To dinner at Irenes.

May 6 The Crowens and Nevins came to lunch. Peter, Georgine's boy by her previous marriage, is an attractive youngster. The Bradleys and Johnsons came in to call later. The Bradleys are almost ready to move into their new home at Paeonian Springs - which they bought from the Curtis.

May 7, 1956 In to Washington with Rogers Fred. Met Selig, Pool, Renz and Curley at the Carlton. Thence to the Senate, where Selig gave a very good account of himself as a witness. Then back to the Carlton for lunch and on to Curley's apartment to discuss ARCI matters. Dined with Curley, Renz and Harry Horacopo at the Army & Navy Club. Home by air.

May 8 Very tired today. The work of a senior lawyer is easy enough, but the social life and drinking are hard. Louise and Jack Dodson write that they intend to visit us in New York and Virginia this summer.

May 9 Senator George has announced that he is leaving the Senate. Of course he is too old to stay on, but one feels very regretful. Got out the ACF bills today. Had a good spaghetti dinner tonight at the Italian restaurant on 3rd Avenue. Spent a quiet evening reading.

May 10 J. Arthur Lane has become counsel to his firm and his name has been dropped from its title. I hear that Arthur will get nothing from now on except free rent. Reading Faulkner's "Wild Palms", a samba tale with some power but incredible characters. Even allowing for the exigencies of brevity, I find that Faulkner's stories lose by carelessness in development of people.

May 11 Morrison is harassing Bill Croxens and Bill Haugh again about the P.O. Moore matter - this time questions about the balance sheet. Bill Haugh has never replied to my letter about my fee.

May 12 To Washburn last night. Went over the grounds with Mr. Hopkins today and planned a reflecting pool in the front lawn; also shrub hedges and a rearrangement of the box around the terrace. Black tie dinner party at the Hyssongs' tonight. Very pleasant party.

May 13, 1956 Irene brought her friends the Niepolds to see us yesterday. He was the donor of Tucker, Margaret's beloved dog. The Hyssongs and their guests, the Sabelows, came in for a drink this afternoon. Had a good nap this afternoon and caught the 6:01 bus.

May 14 Scovell Martin tells me that the entire Trust Department at Bankers has been consolidated and is to be under Bryan Leeb. Scovell himself has been transferred to a new post - apparently a demotion. Took Hendy Mathews to lunch at the D.T.A. Hendy has decided to marry again but has apparently not picked a bride.

May 15 Bill McDermott seems to be running out of money and has become quite unpleasant with George. I suspect that he is drinking too much. Louis Calhern is dead. He too seems to have been a victim of the battle. Willy Peal graduates from high school day after tomorrow, 39 years after my graduation.

May 16 our new member 2 men in the Car Foundry Division is an excellent man. Rogge was formerly the president of Westinghouse Electric Co. of Canada and brings to ACF some much-need knowledge of new methods. M- and I spent the evening with the Whartons. Dan did a great deal of research about the Dead Sea scrolls for his Readers Digest article and has much scorn for Edmund Wilsons naivete in religious matters.

May 17 We dined at the Burr Freemans tonight. A nice party, except that M- was ill. one of the current virus infections, I fear. one interesting guest was a Mr. Smith, President of W. M. Kellog, one of the users of the ElectroData computers being financed by Security-First of Los Angeles.

May 18 M- is ill today and confined to bed. To the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought nice letters of Wordsworth, Procter, Addison and Ainsworth. Also a fine Baskerville Sallust and two Bodoni items of the University of Kentucky.

May 19, 1936 M. is still ill. Met Judge Morgan and Henry Fraser at the Bar Assn where we worked out our changes in the Model State Tax Court Act, after which we adjourned to the University Club for some serious ~~drinking~~ ~~Consecration~~ and light conversation and lunch. The Reales came to dinner tonight. Bridges Gretchen has been accepted by Smith College and the Reales are delighted.

May 20 M. remains quite ill and unable to eat much. I spent a large part of the day cooking, washing dishes and running errands. Got well into Gordon Ray's Thackeray, a well written and absorbing book. He makes Thackeray a credible and likeable person.

May 21 Max ~~Booth~~ Beerbohm is dead at 83. Somehow he, like Churchill, always seemed to me to be a Victorian. His fame has held well, however, and his book seem to sell. Bill Hough telephoned today to approve my fee.

May 22 Took Bob Brame to lunch at the D. T. A. He is finding that the duties of Secretary take much of his time. Grigg's edition of Coleridge's letters is out at last. He acknowledges my help in the preface and in several notes. This collection should be a real contribution to the history of the romantic movement.

May 23 Noble Gregory's opponent says that Noble has made himself and his insurance friend (Zellner) millionaires twenty times over. Zellner says that he would like to know where the last 95-97o are. I am still puzzled over Faulkner's "Wild Palms". Faulkner can be humorous and very human when he wants to be, but he is pseudo-Russian in Wild Palms.

May 24 A recently purchased volume, Moclise's Picture Gallery, describes a two volume, interleaved set of the prints from Fraser's Magazine. My volume may be one of the volumes of that set

May 25, 1956 The Directors of ACF formally approved the liquidation of Shippan car line and Carter Carburetor, which is to be consummated on May 31. To Woodburn this afternoon. On the bus from Washington I got into a conversation with a young lady who turned out to be Henry Glassie's Secretary.
May 26. Worked in the garden in bright warm sunshine. We have so much to do at Woodburn and it is so hard keep to keep the grass cut. To dinner at Irenes tonight with the Freds et al. Samba!
May 27. We had planned a lot of garden work for today, but a hard, cold rain kept us indoors, and I left Leesburg on the 12:26 bus arriving in N.Y. at 7 P.M. Thurston has been in the hospital with his back and is told by his doctors that he must have an easy job. As nearly as I can discover, Thurston has no prospects of a job and no ideas as to how to get one.

May 28 Had the final closing on the Trailer Train matter at the National Newark & Essex Bank in Newark this morning. Have a nice letter from Kerry Thompson thanking me for some recent contributions to the library. Am working out the allocations to the partners, the first cash distribution of the year exclusive of drawing accounts
May 29 I see in the Advance that Elizabeth Halland is dead. Frank died several years ago. I think that they had some bad luck during the depression years. Had Bill Taylor to lunch at the D. T. A. He seems to be a little more reconciled to his comparatively minor job at Bankers Trust.
May 30 Margaret got back tonight at 7:40 P. M. and we celebrated her return by a large dinner, with May wine, at Luchows. I spent most of my day cataloguing and preparing a memo on the firm distributions.
May 31 consummated the Slippers and Carter liquidations. Chuck Maxwell has been the trustee and done a great job.

June 1, 1936 Lunched at the Down Town Athletic Club with George Spater and Jim Cimmins. They say that nothing further has developed in the discussions with White and Case. Jule Stocker has accepted the Equitable Life Assurance job and will report there after his vacation. Had a letter from Zellner's Margaret today. Zellner has been quite sick and in the hospital.

June 3 The Walls took us to dinner tonight at the Oak Room of the Plaza, a celebration, one day in advance, of our 24th wedding anniversary. Noble Gregory has been renominated by a two-to one majority.

June 2 At the Parke-Bernet this morning to see the books in the Dreyfel sale. Cataloguing tonight, notably two letters, one of Wordsworth and one of Byron, written apparently to the same person and at about the same time. Wordsworth denounced Byron and Southey quoted from him.

June 4 We entered our 25-th year of married life today, a little groggy from Dean's bibulous party of last night, just as we entered the first year somewhat shaky from the celebration given by John Dunlap, Herb Braunell and Russ Smallgrass. We saw Shirley Booth tonight in Desk Set, a farce about the new wonder computing machines. Eddie Eagan has been defeated in his race for the Republican nomination for Congress, but he made a creditable race.

June 5 To the sale at the Parke-Bernet this afternoon. The prices were surprisingly high, but I got a few items, including a Hester Piozzi item and a set of Goethe.

June 6 Bill Leahy is dead. He had had a bad heart attack some months ago so that the end was not unexpected. He was the last of the old style eloquent advocates. I wrote a letter to Miriam tonight before taking my train to Pittsburg.

July 7, 1956 Met with the controllers group of the A R & I at the Duquesne club to discuss our study of car repair cost. Walter Curley had a little dinner tonight for a few of us to met Jim Symmes, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad. We have great hopes that Symmes and a few other new people in the railroads will reform their equipment buying policy, now so childish.

July 8 Into Washington by sleeper and out to Leesburg by bus. Spent the morning lifting daffodil bulbs from the beds around the terrace. The Howards and Marie come to dinner tonight.

July 9 Lunched at the Fletchers today. Irene also came bringing the Frank Whites who are full of excitement over the new house they have bought on the ridge near Loudoun orchards. The Howards were also there. The Fletcher gardens are wonderful, but must require an enormous amount of gardening help.

June 10 We drove over to the White's new place. It is on a ridge just behind Loudoun orchard and commands a fine view. Then to Irene's for lunch. The Whites, Irene, Marie and the Terrys come to supper at Woodburn and M- and Marie drove me later to Brunswick to get my train.

June 11 Claud Huffard is dead. I haven't seen him in years, but he was a good companion when we were neighbors of Gay and Haynes. Louise and Jack are not coming this summer. Louise is having serious trouble with her teeth. Finally worked out the H. P. & F. fee distribution schedule.

June 12 Sawyer's catalogue has Coleridges annotated copy of Fuller's Worthies, a great prize but alas quite beyond my purse. I recently bought from Sawyer, for the U. of Ky, a fine set of the Foulis Press poets, Gray etc. Mrs. Yew has sold her place at last- to David Austen of U. S. Steel Corporation.

June 13, 1956 I see by an old copy of the American Oxonian that Dick Dunlop died last year. He was one of the Rhodes Scholars that become so interested in the life and color of Oxford that they never fit quite back into ~~English~~ American life. Made the H. P. & F. distributions today. Had a long talk with Ty Barton. He should be a business-getter and big worker but never somehow gets started.

June 14 Thurston is back in ~~the~~ New orleans, still without a job I gather. New York was upset this afternoon by a quickie subway strike, stranding thousands. I got home before the strike began. The New York Central is reopening the entire question of building railroad cars in its own shops, a good chance for ACF.

June 15 Discussed Bill McDermott's troublesome cubins case with Lane of the Donovan firm this morning. ordered a list of books from Lance Bros.' latest catalogue. To Woodlawn.

June 16 We have traded in our old Ford for a new station wagon, a gorgeous affair of light blue and cream. I am not certain that we have been wise, but we got a good bargain in the trade. We had a dinner party tonight for the Dyssongs, Bradleys and Eberles.

June 17 Spent the morning lifting bulbs from the myrtle beds along the terrace. It is already getting warm for such work. To the Cravens for dinner at the Battletown Inn. Then to Washington by bus and to New York by chair car.

June 18 Working on the ACF annual report. As usual its preparation has been delayed and we are in a rush. We now have a fine pianist in the apartment over us and I love to hear her piano.

June 19 Had Herb Raggie for a long lunch at the D.T.A. He is a real find for ACF. I hear that Louise and Ed Stenhaken have put their farm up for sale and are planning to move to Florida.

June 20, 1956 We have at last reached a conclusion about the salesman accused of improper conduct on a train. The offended party and the railroad refuse to cooperate. The salesman and his wife loudly protest innocence and tell a very reasonable story. In the circumstances, although I am still suspicious, I have to agree that we must drop it.

June 21 Stewart Seymour is dead. He was 64. I worked very pleasantly with him in Waldorf and Garcia-Beltron matters. To the ARC I Directors meeting where Champ Carry supported our car repair study and denounced Jim Selvage's pamphlet on buying programs.

June 22 Bob Humphreys has been appointed to the vacancy in the senatorship from Ky. Wrote to him. To the Rawlings party at the Sands Point Bath and Tennis Club for the Adamsons of Atlanta and the Buttens of J.C. Penney. The Kettells were also there.

June 23 To Woodburn by sleeper and bus. I see by the Washington Post that Dr. Frank Dickey, Dean of the college of Education, has been selected to succeed Dr. Donovan. This will be a blow to Elvis Stahr. The Johnsons, Howards and Crowns came to dinner tonight.

June 24 Irene came over for a drink this morning, bringing Mrs. Deering and her two daughters and granddaughters. I did some weeding in the box bed until I was driven in by the heat. To the Freds for supper. After supper Ethel drove her mother, her Aunt Grace and me to Washington, encountering two heavy thunder storms on the way.

June 25 Admiral King is dead at 77. I used to see him often at the Navy Department and he was as spry as a man of 30. To the security analysts luncheon to discuss the ACF stock option and incentive compensation plans. Have finished Kantor's Daughter of Bugle Ann, a charming little book.

June 26, 1956 Jack Hutto is dead. The poor fellow was only 51. I assume that he never really recovered from his long attack of trichonosis and the long illness of last year. Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. He tells me that George Mills has been ill, a real mental breakdown, and has been in a hospital for some time.
June 27 Mrs. Johnson is very annoyed with me because I want sell Longfields to some wandering customer who doesn't want to make a down payment. Am working with Clark and Rudy Turner on our problems of possible public liability for accidents with our nuclear reactors.
June 28 To Carlos Hardy's party for the Carl Byoir group, ACF's new public relations people. I have billed Nickel Plate $4500 for my work to date.
Margaret returned from Woodburn this afternoon. Reading "The order of Release", the pathetic story of John Ruskin & Effie Gray.

June 29 The Johnsons and Hunsches have fallen out. They gave Ray some gladiolus bulbs. He made a mistake and took Hetty's prize bulbs, which led to a remark or ~~two~~ two which offended him. A tempest in a teapot but a source of unpleasantness. Bendy Mathews came to lunch with me today. The building where he has his office is about to be pulled down and he would like to make a connection with another firm

June 30 Stopped at Dunbar & Pine's. They had saved some nice autographs for me, including a good letter of G. Du Maurier. To Greenwich this afternoon to the thirtieth wedding anniversary of the Taylors. A large and gay party. Back with the Wells.

July 1 Bill Leahey left $5.90,000, a surprising sum in view of his generosity in both his time and money. Spent most of the day cataloguing. To see Ella this afternoon and then to dinner at Aux Pommes Frites.

July 2, 1956 I have in a fine lot of books from Blackwell's, including a first issue of the Lambs' "Tales From Shakespear"; the letters of William and Dorothy Wordsworth, de Selincourt's edition, and D. Wordsworth's Journals.
July 3 Reg Smith has formed a new firm, preserving the Griffin name, however. The Sylvania plant on Long Island has had a thorium explosion, alarming all Long Island. Everyone involved in atomic energy work is nervous about explosions. To Woodbury this afternoon. Am getting some interest in Harmant's queer Lord Chelsea cycle.
July 4 Drove over to Longfields this morning to see the Lowreys about the heating bill. I fancy that they are finding the place very expensive and they seemed very glum about the bill, although I was bearing more than half of it. To dinner at the Hazards tonight. Leo Potts has left them.

July 5th To see Dr. Bailey in Leesburg about the ringing in my ears. I had thought that it was caused by excess wax, but the Dr. says that there is a slight infection. The Freals, including Ethel's Mother and Aunt Grace, came over tonight for dinner & Samba. July 6 Rain again. our drought years had dried out the subsoil but we are receiving the moisture this year. To see Dr. Bailey again. This evening we drove to the Washington airport and met Martha Watson who will be with us a few weeks. We have water in our basement again.

July 7 Weeding and spraying this morning. Irene and Vivian & Lee, the Duchess (Mrs. Grant) lunched with us. To a big dinner party with the Crowens tonight. Saw Fay Willkie for the first time this year. The Al Johnsons, the Lipscombs, the Dr. Roberts, Irene etc. Bill says that Morrison is still worrying him for information about Tel-Kee.

July 8, 1916 our telephones have been changed to a dial system and we have lost our distinctive number, 44, one of our few claims to distinction. Thurston came in late last night, having driven from Lexington, Ky., in one day. He is still somewhat ineffectually looking for a job. Vivian drove me into Washington this afternoon.

July 9 I see by the Advance that Miss Nannie (Mrs. John) Grable has been a teacher in the Sunday School of the Broadway ~~Methodist~~ Christian Church in Lexington for 31 years. I must go to see her sometime when I am in Lexington. Took John Richmond to lunch.

July 10 I see by the newspaper that J. Cheever Cowdin has become associated with Cady, Roberts & Co. I had thought that the old man was dead. To Altman's where I bought two summer suits, one a black silk. Thurston arrived today to continue his job hunt in New York.

July 11 Have finished "The order of Release", the story of John Ruskin and his young bride, Effie Gray. A sad story. Al McCormick of the Cravath firm is dead. He was 5-5. I remember meeting Tom Dewey on the street about the time Al became a partner, some 20 years. Tom said that Al and I were safe for life with our partnerships in big law firms. He was at least right about Al.
July 12 I have a very nice long letter from Ed Keasey in answer to mine congratulating him on becoming president of I. T. & T. Ruth is in Hawaii but is expected to be back in a few weeks. Thurston is still lethargically looking for a job.
July 13 Met with Wayne Hart and his division patent counsel this morning. They are a very fair lot, I think. Was interrupted by a hurry call to do work for Bill Kyle on crowell-Collier, which is about to borrow again. To Woodbury tonight.

July 14, 1956 Reading Magne's Le Vrai Visage de La Rochefoucauld. The biographer does a neat job of belittling the memorialist, who appears as a timid and unworthy time-server. I shopped with Margaret at the Safeway this morning. Sprayed a great deal of 24D on the plantain, dock and other noxious weeds in the new lawn. Dined with the Desmonds tonight.

July 15 We gave a large luncheon party today for the Welbourns, Freds, Jones, Barnetts, Irene, Grays, Bradleys et al. Charley Jones appears to be a little bored with his new leisure. The Hershey ice cream ~~Choco-~~ ~~late~~ business takes only about half his time. Rogers Fred and I drove over to see Rokeby, a 485 acre estate off route 15 that is for sale. In to Washington with Will Everett.

July 16 The old Wanamaker building is burning. Worked on the Cranall collier matter at Bankers Trust and White & Case's office until 11 P.M.

July 17 The morning papers say that Ringling Brothers circus is giving up, at least as far as exhibitions under the big tent are concerned. Closed the interim Crowell-Collier loan this morning. Although it has given up the American Magazine, it continues to lose money on Collier's and the Woman's Home Companion. It seems to me that it may not last out the year. Got to my office in time to ~~have~~ have Herb Raggie out for lunch.

July 18 Got a nice unpublished Lamb letter today from Sotheby's who bought it at Sothebys. To George Dowe. Thurston is getting nowhere in his job-hunting. The chief drawback is that he himself has no clear idea as to what he wants. The new stocks I bought in Leesburg have no ~~p~~ watch ~~pocks~~ pockets. I am the last man without a wristwatch.

July 19 Lunched with Scovell Martin at the D.T.A. He seems to be pleased with his new work. Malcolm telephoned to say that he and Wynne are off to Europe on their delayed vacation, leaving Clare at Harvard and Joan in Nova Scotia.

July 20, 1956 Bernice writes that Mamma's sight and hearing are much deteriorated but that she still gets around well. I hope that she doesn't pass into several years of senility as uncle Dutch and Aunt Ada did To Woodburn tonight in a very heavy rainstorm. Falls church was inundated as cars ~~Da~~ cars passed through it.
July 21 To Rokeby this morning with Bill Whalley, the two Rogers Fred and Barbara. The house is very handsome on the exterior, brick with double chimneys, but is somewhat of a mess on the inside. Built in 1760, it is said to have housed President Madison, with his official papers (including the Declaration of Independence and the constitution) for a week during the occupation of Washington by the British in the war of 1812. To a small dinner at the Wellcomes tonight. I prepared a small codicil for Mr. Wellcome's will to enable him to take advantage of the marital deduction.

July 22 The heavy rain Friday night about finished the culvert over the brook and I shall have to have more stone put in to give access to the miller's cottage. Lunched at Irene's. About the end of lunch a bad wind-storm came up. The Don Keaghs took me in to Washington and we had to detour to route nine because of fallen trees in Purcellville and Hamilton.
July 23 When I looked at the Herald-Tribune this morning I discovered that Mrs. Rogers was dead. As I hadn't heard from her for many months, I was concerned to know whether the will I drew was still in force. I telephoned Bill Taylor who knew of no change, but on my next telephone call, to Scully of the United States Trust company, I found that just last month a new will, drawn by the Milbank office, had been substituted. That means a loss of an estate that would have paid a fee of possibly as much as $200,000. Margaret, Irene and Thurston arrived by car today.

July 24, 1956 Lectured at the Practising Law Institute this morning and lunched with the group. Thurston is still dickering with Manufacturers Trust Company, which has made him a definite offer of $4200 per annum. Am reading Nicolas Segurs Causeries with Anatole France. A trivial book.

July 25 Have a postal from Malcolm, written from the Grand Palads in Copenhagen. We were at that hotel when President Harding died. Took M-, Irene and Martha tonight to see Alec Guinness et al in the English movie, "The Lady Killers".

July 26 Thurston is now dickering with Guaranty Trust Company, which has offered him a better salary than Manufacturers but for work in the Corporate Trust Department, a deadly assignment. To the Peales for cocktails. The Wells were also there. The Swedish liner, Stockholm, and the Italian liner, Andrea Doria, have collided off Nantucket.

July 27 I hear from home that Cousin Alice is in quite bad shape. She hasn't had much health for several years and must be near the end. M—, Irene, Martha, Thurston and I drove to Woodburn in 6½ hours despite some traffic delay in New York city. The station wagon is not as comfortable as the sedan was.
July 28 Spent the day weeding and cleaning beams. Had Mr. Poston over this afternoon to see to the septic tank drains at the miller's cottage. To Irene's large dinner party tonight. The Terrys and Everetts were there, among others.
July 29 The Klassens are giving up the cottage on Aug. 1. Sprayed the evonymus this morning and used much 24 D on the weeds in the new lawn. To the cocktail and supper party at the Howards. Mr. and Mrs. Fox were there and were almost civil to me. A jolly group. Thurston and M— then drove me to Brunswick. Very tired.

July 30, 1956 Lunched with Bob Brame and settled my retainer bill with him. Long talk with Jim Clark this afternoon as to whether it is appropriate to ask Bill Taylor to become an officer of ACF at this time. It seems to me that Carlos will probably leave the company when his mother dies, which will certainly be very soon. Carlos will be a rich man then. Bill should wait until then, it seems to me, so that he can become Chairman.

July 31 The ringing in my right ear persists, notwithstanding the cures of Dr. Bailey. Henry Berliner has been in to see me to induce me to visit his plastic building material plant.

Aug. 1 Willie writes that he has enough money saved up to see him through his first year of college. He has already learned to handle money well. He still wants to be a pharmacist.

Aug. 2 Lunched at the D.T.A. with Alec Pinney. He anticipates trouble in the stock market. The last member of the Grand Army of the Republic is dead at 109. This is the last of the 2½ million union soldiers. Three confederates survive. Reading Anne Frank's diary, a pathetic story of Jewish fugitives in Holland during world war II.

Aug. 3 John Rowensky came in to see me this afternoon, largely I think to find out what I knew about Mrs. Rowensky's change of lawyers and will. She seems at last to have asserted her independence and determination to have an independent lawyer. Saw Albert and Mrs. Bonin in a restaurant tonight and they, with their friend, a Mr. Sardis, came back to spend an hour with me. Mr. Sardis remembers, as a youngster, seeing Mark Twain and Henry Watterson drinking and playing chess day after day in a cafe on lower Fifth Avenue.

Aug. 4, 1956 Am all alone in the apartment this week-end. Got off a package to Hilson this morning and then went to Bibbo & Tannans. Not much luck, but a long talk with my friend Bebo. The Wanamaker fire caused Fourth Avenue in front of his store to be roped off for ~~the~~ two weeks, a real disaster for small booksellers already having a hard time.
Aug. 5 Spent most of today indoors. Heavy rain outside. Wrote letters to Mammy and Hilson. Cleaned my new set of Anatole France, the Bradley Head edition.
Aug. 6 Larry Thompson has sent me a nice box of French detective stories. They are discarded extras from the Library of Congress and are lent to me pending entrance to the reserve of Ky. library. George Mills is back at home after several weeks in a private sanatorium. Apparently fully recovered.

Aug. 7 Margaret telephoned tonight to say that she had a very bad cold. Martha has gone home; likewise Louise Dreskell who stayed at Woodburn for a week of her vacation. Lunched with Jim Clark We are troubled about the failure of the Navy Department to complete our contractual authority for computers for a new airplane. We can hardly stop the work, but we are spending $500,000 per month with no legal assurance of repayment.

Aug 8 Reading Conty's "Il est temps que je meure", one of the French Nobo-dun-its sent by Larry Thompson. Had a very long talk with J- Burdett today about ACF's need for new financing.

Aug. 9 Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. He has arranged for me to meet his friends George and Mrs. Post with a view to preparing wills for them. Lee Kress came by the apartment with me this afternoon and I gave him the old flint lock rifle I have had so many years.

Aug. 10, 1936 Ed Cassius is dead after a long illness. He was only 54. Ed had done a remarkable job helping John McCarthy reorganize the New York bus system. The Guaranty Trust company has been trying to reach Thurston by telephone. He must have taken a job without letting them know. To Woodburn.

Aug. 11 The new side porch is half finished. There is a disturbing suggestion that the old one was destroyed by termites. Mailed three cartons of books to Larry Thompson. The Crowens and Thompsons came in tonight for Calicia.

Aug. 12 To the Johnsons this morning. Their gladioli make a brave show. Irene, the Blackwoods, Crowens and Hamards came in for cocktails. Irene brought Miriam Leahey and Mrs. De Quoedo. In to Washington with the Burgers, friends of the Crowens

Aug. 13 Bernice writes that Thurston has a job at Bastrop with the International Paper Co. The young man himself has not deigned to write. To the funeral of Mrs. Hardy, Sr., this morning at St. James Episcopal Church. She was 93, I hear. Settled our fee in the Savidge at $70,000 in a difficult conference with Mr. and Mrs. Savidge and Mr. Fuller. Mrs. Savidge is more like a fishwife than a preacher's wife.

Aug. 14 The Savidges came in this morning to sign the estate tax return. The Rector had a conscientious objection and I was afraid that he would balk, but the doughty lady brought him around.

Aug. 15 Ella Abernathy Evans is married again. To a Marion Collins. I hope that she will have an easier time. Re-reading "Disraeli and Gladstone", still the best short narrative of the long conflict between the two extraordinary men.

Aug. 16, 1956 With S. Martin to the Beekman Towers Hotel to see Mr. and Mrs. Post and get instructions for their wills. Mr. Post has had Parkinson's disease for about 15 years and seems to be in rather a bad way. To the D. T. A. to lunch with Seavell. Mrs. A. Barton Hepburn, Jane Clark's grandmother, is dead. She was about 90.

Aug. 17 Irene writes that Herb Blackwood got his promotion to a captaincy in the Navy. This was his second time up and he and Eve were excited about it on Sunday. We took the Peales to dinner at the University Club and then back to their apartment to hear Stevenson and Kefauver give their acceptance speeches.

Aug. 18 A very hot day. I ventured out to Barnes & Noble this morning to get a copy of Young's Medici I had promised Irene, otherwise M- and I stayed closely at home. I am reading a collection of Damon Runyon's short stories. Very amusing.

Aug. 19 Another very hot day, which I spent indoors until I left to get the 4 P. M. ~~train~~ plane for Dallas. Beguiled my tedious trip by reading Shakespeare's Henry VIII in the good old Ralfe edition.
Aug. 20 The bad heat wave in Dallas broke just in time to give the commissioners a balmy day. Joe Grace from Kentucky is one of the new commissioners from Kentucky. He is the son of old Joe Grace from Bullard county and his wife, Virginia, comes from Bardwell. With Jule Barrett tonight to attend a conference on the law of water rights.
Aug. 21 Had a letter from Gene Smith this morning. The I. C. C. has reopened the Nickel Plate-Lackawanna case. Spent the evening with Jule Morgues, Brakie Lamb, Henry Thomas and Looney Coe, ~~three~~ four good fellows. our schedule is a little easier this year.

August 22, 1956 our old Texas commissioner, Joe Estes, has been appointed U. S. District Judge for this District. He tells me that he has a very troublesome segregation case in his court. Lunched with Lou Kahn, Bert Jenner, Jim Northrop et al.

Aug. 23 Long struggle on the floor this morning over the act for the simplification of security transfers. Dean Merrill and Karl Llewellyn cantended for the old illusory rule making transfer agents police transfers but we defeated them overwhelmingly. The commissioners dinner tonight. Few of the commissioners' wives are here so the dinner was not very jolly.

Aug. 24 Joe Morgan and I presented our Model State Tax Court Act today. Tonight I dined with the Harrells, Edith, Joe and Hudson. Joe is an intelligent and charming fellow. Poor Hudson's eyes are still very bad.

Aug. 25 Karl Llewellyn startled us all this morning by a long tirade about the simplification of transfers and gifts to minors acts. He is so very useful when he is right and so troublesome when he is riding a hobby horse. Saw Judge Lewis and Len and Patty Moore. Also Cora and Mrs. Burton. Caught my plane two hours late. Very warm.

Aug. 26 In bed this morning at 2:30 so I am very tired today. Read, cleaned a few books and took two long naps. Bob Foster of Lacenter is dead He was 67.

Aug. 27 My Bush Terminal Stock has advanced to 15 1/4 bid. Am working with Jack Burditt on the problems of the New Haven R.R., which is about to run out of money again. Larry Thompson has suggested that I systematise my gifts to the U. of Ky. Library (of which I have made several recently) into a collection to be known as the "Hugh Neal Collection of Romantic Poetry".

~~August~~ 28, 1956 Earl Leslie Griggs, who came in from England this morning, dined with me at the university club and came back to the apartment to see my latest treasures. He wanted to get some advice as to the value of the great Katzmer collection of Coleridge letters - more than 300 in all. Lord Katzmer is in need of dollars for his daughter and wants to sell the collection without publicity and in a lump. My guess at the value under such conditions is about $15,000.

Aug. 29 Wendy Mathews telephones that he is married. He had given me a hint during a recent luncheon. Lunched with Malcolm who is most worried about Joan. She has had a very bad nervous breakdown and is in a hospital.

Aug. 30 To the ACF Annual Meeting, a very harmonious and friendly affair. One stockholder criticised the stock option plan.

Aug. 31 Am reading Jerrold's Thomas Hood and Charles Lamb, extracts from Hood's work with liberal notes by the editor. The Rawlings drove John and Lucy Richmond and me to Woodburn, a little over six hours driving time. Very hot.

Sept. 1 Malcolm telephoned this morning to say that Joan was better. Margaret finally got the bricklayer to do a repointing job on the house, replacing a few loose brick. Took the ~~Co~~ Richmonds and Rawlings over the place. Dined with the Crocens tonight, other guests included Fay Willkie and guest, the Hills, the Howards and the Lows.

Sept. 2 We gave a cocktail party and supper for 42 this afternoon, our guests included the Richmonds, Rawlings, Crocens, Hills, Hutches, Bradleys, Melays, Howards, Eberles, Hyssongs, Freels, Grays, ^Barnetts, Blackwoods, ^Lows, including Nancy Lee, Bazy and Betty, Fay Willkie & her guest. Tom Meloy, John Richmond and I had a talk about the signal business

Sept. 3, 1954 A busy day. We drove to the Wilkie place this morning to see and admire the fine grounds. Then to the Bradleys for a pre-luncheon drink. After luncheon and a nap we went to a cocktail party and supper at the Howards. I think that I forgot to record that we went on Saturday to a jolly luncheon party at the Blackwoods.

Sept. 4 The Rawlings drove the Richmonds and me to the airport this morning. I was in my office at 11:50, 3 hours & 20 minutes after leaving Woodburn. Butonne Cric Perlas of Lacenter has committed suicide

Sept. 5 Margaret returned this afternoon. Malcolms reports that Joan is better. John Richmond and I are again discussing the signal business. Tom Meloy says that the chief engineer and several other officers of Westinghouse Switch and Signal Division have resigned. If we could get them we would have a nucleus for the work.

Sept. 6 Hilda is returning to us Monday. She seems to have had a rather strenuous trip to Finland. Lunched with Richmond and Gruitch. Jerry confirms what Tom Maloy told John and me, that we can enter the railroad signalling device business with a minimum of capital investment.

Sept. 7 John Darr has resigned. John has been in a bad way recently, possibly from liquor. Malcolm tells me that some of the Stevenson backers were in touch with him in the days preceding the Democratic Convention with a view to working out an arrangement. The negotiations got nowhere and the final result seems to have been more or less unplanned.

Sept. 8 Malcolm and Wynn took Joan to the Memorial Hospital this morning and then came on to lunch with us. Malcolm is terribly upset. In addition to his worries, Joan's treatment is terribly expensive, probably aggregating $1,500 per month. We are all upset about the effect on her future.

Sept. 9, 1956 Margaret telephoned today from a hospital in Asheville, N. C. Gellner is worse and they have been there several days. Took a long walk this afternoon and spent an hour with Ella. Wrote a long letter to Harry Thompson who proposes to name a collection for me: "The W. Hugh Peal collection of Romantic Poets". The first target will be Southey items.
Sept. 10 Took Frank Clarkinstraw to lunch to discuss the car repair cost study coming up ~~tomorrow~~ Wednesday at the meeting in Pittsburg.
Irene Neale telephoned to say that he was going ahead on his accounting and construction proceeding in the Dickinson Fund matter.
Harry Lake telephoned to say that he had recommended me as a counsel for the Shanghai & Asiatic Bank
Sept. 11 Wrote to Gene Hooper congratulating him on his election as President of Manufacturers Trust. Lunched with Bill Taylor at Bankers. The Whites to dinner tonight.

Sept. 12 Met with the car-repairs cost committee at the Duquesne Club in Pittsburg. With Renz, Engel, Kiekhofer, Eaton and Cleminshaw. We are having great difficulty in getting reliable figures and the N. Y. Central, in a burst of economy, has called off its statistical study.

Sept. 13 Jule Stocker telephoned today. He is now installed at Equitable Life after a long vacation and European trip, which he and Beatrice seem to have greatly enjoyed. Margaret writes that Zellner is better. Have paid another income tax installment, $4,000. Clare Fousher spent last night with us.

Sept. 14 Kentucky and Tennessee are having much publicised troubles in desegregating their schools. Clement and Chandler are using the militia to enforce the new policy, a very dangerous method. My Coleridge letter to Martin seems to be a very important one, seen in its context in the Griggs collection.

Sept. 15, 1956 M- and I registered this morning at the election office on Browne Street, and applied for absentee ballots. She then went to the hospital to see Joan - a very dreary place she reports. I spent 2½ hours at Bibler & Tanner's. At home this evening reading Albright's Archaeology of Palestine in a Penguin edition. Pleasant little book.

Sept. 16 cold rain today. Called Zellner's Margaret today. Found them at home with Zellner much better. Took a long walk and called to see Ella this afternoon. Malcolm telephoned tonight. He is much worried about Joan who seems to be getting better very slowly.

Sept. 17 Peterson is out as head of the carter carburetor Division of ACF. I talked to Pete for hours last December to impress upon him the necessity of cooperating with the executive management, and he seemed to understand, but he just couldn't do it.

Sept. 18 Had the Maxwells and Peales to dinner tonight. Mrs. Maxwell is a short, well poised little lady, but lacks Chuck's enormously stimulating personality. This afternoon I saw Mr. Massey, the New York Agent for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which is retaining us to do its new york work.

Sept. 19 Spent a considerable part of the day on the patent problems in connection with Carter's efforts to build fuel injection pumps - which seem about to replace carburators. Reading Coleridge's letters tonight.

Sept. 20 At the A.R.C.I. meeting today. Jim Selvage tells me that he is handling the Andrea Doria publicity for the Italian Line, working with Gene Underwood as counsel for the Line.

Sept. 21 Bill Crowens spent the night with me last night and drove me out to Woodburn tonight. He seems to be in somewhat better spirits, having cut most of his business connections

Sept. 22, 1956 Put in part of the morning drawing checks to pay the numerous bills I found. Helped Margaret with the shopping. Dined at the Howards tonight and played bridge with them and the Croceens. Doris White with us.

Sept. 23 Lunched at Irenes. The company included the Terrys, the Croceens, the Howards and Doris White. Dwight seemed to me to be quite ill. Am reading Sandburg's "Lincoln collector"; the story of the Oliver R. Barrett collection of Lincolniana.

Sept. 24 We bought 700 baby box at Hilltop today and I started putting them, discovering in the process that I was very shortwinded. Dined with the Eberles tonight. They have managed to fix up Dunrobin so as to make it really attractive.

Sept. 25 Chuck telephoned today to tell me that Ross McLead had been made a Vice-President of N. Y. Life. I wrote him a letter. Hard at work on my box planting.

Sept. 26 Randolph and I worked hard at putting in the bap today. We had in mind getting holly, jasmine etc, but I dont know how I could get it planted. Morrison is trying to get an injunction against Bill Cravens on the grounds that Bill is competing with Sunroc. A real harassing action.

Sept. 27 A cold rain stopped our work in the garden. The Scovell Martins arrived in the afternoon. We had a dinner party for them tonight: the Bradleys (or rather Philip as ~~Dan~~ Kathleen was ill), Irene and the Meloys. Scovell says that Charlie Kyle and his new wife live near them in Bucks County; also that Charlie's wife was formerly married to another Milbank partner.

Sept. 28 M- and Janie Howard gave a large luncheon party at Woodburn today in honor of Mrs. Welbourne's birthday. The S. Martins left for Charlottesville this morning. We dined with the Johnsons tonight.

Sept. 29, 1956 Rokeby has been sold - or at least an option to buy at $115,000 has been granted. Rogers Fred, Bob Dulany and I offered $105,000. Finished planting our bx today. To a large dinner party at the Welbournes tonight. Very pleasant.

Sept. 30 The Hunsakers came to lunch today. It was not an easy occasion as they and the Johnsons have quarrelled - some silly dispute about gladiolus bulbs - and we had to avoid our usual subjects of conversation. We dined with the Lewis tonight and met a very pleasant couple from Winchester, the Browns. He is president of the Shenandoah National Bank.

Oct. 1 Drove to Williamsburg with the Freds. Margaret says that my baggage made us look like a crowd of okies on the march. Very comfortable rooms just off the gulf course in the Williamsburg Inn. Dined at ~~Mrs. Campbells~~ the Kings Arms.

Oct. 2 Mr. Stewart of Governor Harriman's office reached me today by telephone to say that the Governor felt that he should have a representative of his administration on the New York commission on uniform State Laws, and that I would accordingly be replaced. He did not tell me the name of the replacement. We visited Westover, Shirley and Evelynton today. Exceedingly handsome places all, especially Westover. one feels like buying some paint for Shirley. Evelynton is in the hands of new owners who seem to be amateur gardeners. Dined at Mrs. campbell's tonight.

Oct. 3 We learned from this morning's Herald-Tribune that Harley Sloane was dead. My conscience smote me as I had promised to draw a will for him and never got to it. We spent the day in Yorktown, especially enjoying the Moore house and the old church. Dined at Channing's Town tonight.

oct. 4, 1956 We spent the morning going through the Governor's palace with a throng and then had a pleasant hour in the spacious gardens. I always like the informal planting around the lake. The blackgums are getting very red. This afternoon we went on the garden tour, always a happy experience. Dined at the Inn.

oct. 5 We wound up our trip with a general look-around this morning and then drove back to Leesburg, hearing a very exciting world series baseball game on the way. The Dodgers came out from behind to beat the Yankees decisively.

oct. 6 We played so much bridge at the Williamsburg Inn that we went over to the Freds for more last night. Irene joined us. Mr. Lois, a former owner of Woodburn, came to see us this morning. He seems to love the place very much. Listened to the world series game and cleaned boots.

oct. 7 We spent a quiet day alone, one of the few days at Woodburn without guests or callers. Worked on my library and mended some bad spots in the lawn. M- drove me in to Washington and I got the 5 P.M. train.
oct. 8 Found the usual full desk. Wrote letters to Henry Fraser and Al Buerger about my replacement. Strangely enough, I have seen nothing in the papers and have not received the letter from the Governor which Stewart said I would get.
oct. 9 Talked to Malcolm who says that Joan is much better. Miss Scott is leaving him to take her third job in ten months. She apparently intends to work for a cosmetics company in selling or promotion work. Lige Stevens, who was 78, is dead at Burdana. To Carlas Hardy's cocktail party at the Cloud Club to introduce Charlie Heitman, the new president of ACF's Carter Carburetor Division.

oct. 10, 1956 Working with Bill Kyle on Crowell-Collier - which is in bad financial difficulties again. Took Bill Taylor to lunch at the D. T. A. to discuss ACF matters. He tells me that he hears that litigation has broken out in the Rovensky estate. He thinks that it is the pretended grandchild trying to break the will. Took Morton and Al Berger to dinner. They are dismayed at my departure ~~from for the~~ Commission since that leaves them with the burden of arranging the entertainment for the commissioners and their wives next year.

oct. 11 To Woodburn. Arrived after M's dinner party for the Stevens had left the table and were playing bridge

oct. 12 Sydney and I drove to Longfields this morning. The Lawreys are still in residence. We then planted daffodils, some fine King Alfreds I had dug from the flower beds. Dinner party tonight for the Stevens, Freds, Crowns, Howards and Irene.

oct. 13 Lunched at the Lloyd Wilsons today. Sydney and Lloyd found that they had two good friends in common, who sit with Sydney on the Prudential Board of Directors. We then went to the reception for the Litten girl who married young Leonard - we couldn't get to the church. To Irenes for dinner and cards tonight.
oct. 14 We lunched at the Hyssongs with the ~~Eberl~~ Eberles, Irene, Brownes et al. Now that election is so near it is difficult to keep politics away from the dining table. Irene is even out for Andrews, the silly States-rights candidate.
oct. 15 I arrived back to find a full desk. Foster writes that he is working night and day on his campaign for Congress. He seems quite confident, but Bill Taylor says that the District is heavily Democratic and that Foster has very little chance. I am worried that Sydney seems very tired. They put us on the train at Trenton last night.

oct. 16, 1956 Ed Willkie is dead suddenly of heart failure. He was only 56. To me he had little of the savoir faire I found in his brother, Wendell, but his family and some of his friends seem to have been devoted to him. I took a physical examination at Metropolitan Life today. I assume that they are afraid to rely entirely on Dr. Eckels in the matter of such a large policy.

oct. 17 Rich and Larry Lewis were in to see me today. The new Flexangle project is having its troubles, which is to be expected in a new venture. Debbie White dined with us tonight. Foster has sent us a nice photograph of himself and President Eisenhower.

oct. 18 Picked up a mess of books at the Carnegie Book Shop. I think that Rowe feels that I have been unfriendly lately, but I have simply been too busy. I do not even have time to catalogue new purchases properly.

<u>october 19</u> Long lunch at Bankers Trust Company today with Bill Taylor and Ronald Craigmyle, a meeting arranged at Ronald's request. I think that he is still worrying about getting new counsel for his enterprises. To Washington on the 3:30. Had to take a taxi to Irene's house in Round Hill as I missed connections with my bus.

<u>oct. 20</u> I made my talk to the Sesame Club today. It had engaged the auditorium at the Purcellville Library for the purpose and it was actually filled. The audience was especially sympathetic, although I fear that few of them were very familiar with the works of Lamb, Coleridge or Wordsworth. Dined with the Cravens tonight.

<u>oct. 21</u> Back on the congressional this afternoon. Have letters from Paul Haralson and Wilson. Paul is moving but hopes to be in N.Y. after the holidays. I am glad to get a good night's sleep again as I am very busy at the office.

oct. 22, 1956 Lunched with Alec Pinney who is somewhat bearish about the market. He thinks that the outflow of gold has reached a dangerous level. Telephoned Ella tonight to congratulate her on her birthday. She says that she can't believe it herself.

oct. 23 Griggs writes from California authorizing me to take up with the Morgan Library the sale of the Lutzmer collection of autograph letters of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. We dined with the Wells tonight. Dean still gloomy.

oct. 24 The Yeoman-Advance carries a picture of Chick and ~~Elliot~~ Kizzie Wallace who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. I remember their marriage quite well.

oct. 25 Our A.R.C.I. pamphlet on orderly buying of railroad cars has attracted some garbled reporting in the Journal of Commerce. To the Morgan Library this afternoon to hear a Mr. Crow, a British writer, discuss the work and forgeries of John Payne Collier.

oct. 26 Paul Harelson's son, young Paul, is giving a piano recital at the Carnegie Recital Hall on Sunday and Paul and his wife were supposed to lunch with us on that day. His wife telephoned tonight that Cuthbert Harelson had had a paralytic stroke and that Paul had flown to see him. Am working on the Nickel Plate matter again.

oct. 27 Lunched with Dave Kirschenbaum and Arthur Swann. Dave has made a find for me: John Mitfords copy of the first edition of Lamb's letters with an A.L.S., unpublished, of Lamb to Mitford. Also a Talfourd A.L.S. and many annotations in Mitford's hand. The letter was an enclosure ~~to~~ with one of Lamb's letters to Barton, which is published in Lucas - but misdated. Joan Fowshee dined with us tonight.

oct. 28 To young Harelson's concert this afternoon and then to a large reception for him. Paul is back with gloomy news about Cuthbert.

oct. 29, 1956 The Advance-Yeoman carries a story about Mrs. Belle Dunn's 93rd birthday. She and Jessie Lea still live in Wickliffe. Eve Blackwood has arrived for a stay of a few days with us. She brings a copy of the Blue Ridge Herald with her with a long story about my speech and a good picture.
oct. 30 Had Abe Fletcher over to lunch today and have withdrawn my cash from Hallgarten - about $13,500. I plan to buy about 200 shares of ACF in the near future. Fleet James writes that he has a customer interested in Longfields.
oct. 31 While I was lunching with Arthur Swann on Saturday he confirmed that Louis Leary had sold the finest part of his library before his death. To the Morgan Library this morning to discuss with F. B. Adams, Jr. the sale of the Kittymer collection of Coleridge letters.

Nov. 1 David Hopper is having troubles again. His ex-wife is dissatisfied with her status, chiefly it seems because her friends think it strange that she has given up her children. There have been many discussions of remarriage, much grumbling etc. David must be safe until the children are old enough to choose their own home. Tonight Margaret, Eve and I dined at Micheles.

Nov. 2 The American Management Association this morning to hear Jim Clark, John Richmond and Hank Boates explain the acquisition of W-K-M and Key. Caught the 12:45 train with Margaret and Eve. Herb met us in Washington.

Nov. 3 To see the Barnetts and Alex who is in the hospital, suffering from something like blood-poisoning. Then to the Gray's party, a large but pleasant affair. Mr. Gray and I are both excited about the incredible blunders Dulles is making in the Suez affair.

Nov. 4, 1956 We gave a luncheon today for the Rogers, Gairons, Hatches, Irene, Correas, Freds, Peales and Blackwoods. The Peales are at the Courtney Inn for a few days and the Correas are spending three days with Irene. The party adjourned to the Freds for supper and samba.

Nov. 5 Irene, M- and I drove to Charlottesville today to pick up the Lewis letters and manuscripts I had left there for exhibition. We then went on to Harrisonburg where we left one of our 18th century Chippendale chairs to have some copies made. Reading Sir Flinders Petrie's Seventy years in Archaeology.

Nov. 6 We motored back to N. Y. today as we want to take a car load back to Woodburn next week. Then to the Correas for dinner and to hear the election returns. Eisenhower won by a tremendous majority as was expected but the Democrats will hold Congress.

November 7 Foster Doty was defeated in his race for congress, but I have not been able to get any details. Bill Taylor had told me some weeks ago that Foster's district was hopelessly Democratic. The Goirans, who want to buy a house in the country, have rented our cottage for a temporary base of operations. Entrained for Cleveland tonight.

Nov. 8 Spent all day in the Nickel Plate offices discussing the Lackawanna stock holding and the forthcoming struggle in the D. C. C. Both Republican candidates for Senator in Kentucky, Cooper and Morton, have won, ~~Cooper~~ Morton by a very small margin.

Nov. 9 Met with the ACF patent counsel this morning chiefly to discuss the progress on Carter's fuel injection system, and attended their luncheon. M- and I then drove to Woodbridge, making the trip from door to door in about 6 1/2 hours. Have about finished Robert Graves' "I Claudius", a dreary book.

Nov. 10, 1936 Spent a long time trying to get the Woodburn keys straightened out, especially to the front doors of the main house and cottage. Ended by calling in Mr. McCauley to have the locks changed. Dined with the Crowens tonight. Ed and Ann Quinn are with them for the week-end.

Nov. 11 We gave a luncheon for the Quinns today, other guests were the Crowens, Lows, Johnsons, Bradleys, Blackwoods and Irene Wright. We then drove over to see Nancy and John Lenher in their new home (the Litton place) and took to the Freds for supper and bridge. Nancy, the aspiring young housewife, gave us a loaf of delicious home-made bread still warm from the oven.

Nov. 12 Caroline Goirion came out from Washington this morning to see the cottage. Mr. Jones has a prospective buyer for Longfields and came to talk to me about it. Margaret and Ted Muir drove me into Washington.

Nov. 13 Spent most of the day at the A.R.C.D. meeting. Lester Selig tells me that he is about to retire and speaks vaguely about some last years of leisure. He has done some fine work for General American Transportation corporation and will no doubt be suitably rewarded.

Nov. 14 Jamie Howard arrived tonight for a visit and Ed will get here tomorrow. Have finished Colvin's Keats. A good book but too much purely literary criticism. Lunched with Bob Brome and Harry Schraeder at Bankers Trust company. Harry thinks that Bankers can now take over the loan which my Ven-Securities corporation made to General Motors Venezuelan subsidiary.

Nov. 15 Bought a copy of Mason's biography of Chief Justice Stone. Lunched with Sidney Mathews who seems very happy with his new wife and house. Reading Edith Wharton's "The old Maid".

Nov. 16, 1956 Spent all day revising ~~the~~ my direct testimony in the Nickel Plate matter. Lackawanna would like to compromise but Tom Brooker is inexorable.

Nov. 17 Spent the morning at the Carnegie Book Shop and took Mrs. Kirschenbaum, Dove and Albert Boni to lunch. Bought several large cartons of books for the University of Kentucky student gift program and a few items for myself, including a fine Proust letter. Dove bought several cartons of books for me at the McFall sale and I made arrangements to have them delivered.

Nov. 18 Took the Howards this afternoon to see the new movie based on Jules Verne's Around the World in 80 Days". Somewhat amusing but hardly justifying the big build-up it has received. Dined with the Peales. The Wells were also there. Sam and Elizabeth seem to be serious in looking at Virginia real estate.

Nov. 19 Henry and Dorothy Beam dined with us tonight and then went on to the theatre. Henry, Jr., is a freshman in Princeton. Henry says that his business is doing very well. I have finished Chestertons "The Man Who Knew Too Much", which seems to be a feeble rehearsal for the fine Father Brown stories.

Nov. 20 Margaret left for Kansas today to attend the Golden Wedding anniversary of Aunt Emma and uncle Ed. Lunched at the Guaranty Trust Company to discuss with Bill White and Henry Theis the purchase of a marine pump company which Mrs. Theis inherited from her former husband. To the Ladies club tonight to hear Wylie from the University of Virginia.

Nov. 21 To La Center today, via American Airlines to Louisville and Dalton to Paducah, where Wilson, Loretta and Carol met me. Willie arrived about midnight by car from Lexington. Mommy seems to be very well and in good spirits.

Nov. 22, 1956 A card from Margaret says that her plane couldn't land at Springfield, Mo., where Lawson was to meet her, and that she was carried on to Tulsa. T. W. A. also lost her baggage. Hilson took me to Bendena today to see the Bradleys and Allens. Cousin Alice is better but has difficulty walking. Cousins Earl and Gertrude are very well and have fixed up their house most attractively.
Nov. 23 Hilson and Loretta have both gained weight and seem to be very well. Willie is taking college in his stride. At the moment he is striving to produce an essay on Hawthorne's Scarlet Letter - which seems to be uphill work. Had a long talk today with Chester Anderson.
Nov. 24 Bertha Ashbrooks came in to see us this afternoon. Looked very much alive and happy. Saw Jessie Christian, who bears her years much better than I. Invited Chester Anderson in to have a drink, but we found the young Christian preacher at Hilson's - which required a delay.

Nov. 25 To Sunday School and church today - quite like old times. Saw the Fergusons, Mrs. Graham, Anna Kraps, Mrs. Jones et al. This afternoon we went to the Golden Wedding party of the Roscoe Northingtons. Saw Mary Henderson for the first time in years! Also Annie Viets and Marcia Meriwether and the Lisenbys. Got my plane at 4:30, and had a rough but uneventful trip back to N.Y. in spite of snow storms.
Nov. 26 The I.C.C. hearings in the Nickel Plate matter have been postponed to January 29th - which is quite a relief. Am cataloguing the books from the McFall library. Very bulky. When I was at Bondura Cousin Alice showed me a small photograph of Aunt Belle, taken when she was about 18. Very sweet and appealing.
Nov. 27 Dane has bought a Coleridge letter for me, which Griggs has pursued over two continents and through several owners' hands. I paid too much for it, but Griggs needs it for another volume about to go to press. Unfortunately, there are still a few collectors who refuse publication rights to scholars.

Nov. 28, 1956 I have a lamentable head cold - which I probably caught from Bernice who was using Kleenex by the bale. Reading Simmonds life of Southey, a charming book which does full justice to the energetic, short-tempered but very kindly laureate. My trip to Kentucky has shown me one reason for Eisenhower's popularity. All the elderly are living magnificently on social security. The Bradleys are comfortable for the first time in years.

Nov. 29 Judge Wallace, our best entertainer at the Bar Assn, is dead. He was a good lawyer and judge, I believe, but was known chiefly as an amateur actor and singer. Dorothy Beam has sent me a copy of Alice Carruthers "We'll Sing one Song", a novel based on life in Bardstown, Ky.

Nov. 30 Spent most of the day at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Banking Law Section. Platt Wiggins, who is to be the next chairman of the Section, has persuaded me to stay on the Committee for another year.

Dec. 1 Worked at the office all day, catching up on neglected matters such as the Post mills and an answer in the Hongkong Banking action. At home tonight, reading Hazlitt's "Table Talk".

Dec. 2 Let Hilda go last night and spent the day alone, even getting my own lunch, working on the McFall books. Margaret got back late this afternoon and was appalled at the ~~three~~ six big boxes in the hall.

Dec. 3 The newspapers have been full of stories about the theft of a large sum of money from a safe in William Marshall Bullitt's mansion outside Louisville. The amount varies each time the old man sees the reporters. The money was taken from a safe, left unlocked by accident. Larry Thompson writes that he was the one who helped the old man to open the safe to get out some literary treasures. Larry didn't know that there was money in the safe and no blame attaches to him, but the publicity has been unpleasant.

Dec. 4, 1956 Bill Croxens writes that he has won in the law suit with Morrison, but that the judge held that Morrison had acted in good faith and refused to award costs to Bill. Irene has sold the land opposite her house to the Thomases, who have been after it for a long time. Freddie Adams of the Morgan Library writes that I am to be given another invitation to be a fellow and that he hopes that I won't refuse again.

Dec. 5 Cousin Alice told me when I saw her in Bandana that not long before Miss Jennie died she wrote that she was trying to write an article on my father to submit to the Reader's Digest for the series "The Most Remarkable Man I Ever Knew" - or some such title. She wrote to me many times about my father.

Dec. 6 To the Morgan cocktail party this afternoon, a big affair, then on to the ACF party. Had a long talk with George Alsert, new President of the New Haven R.R.

Dec. 7 We have agreed to change our firm's name on January 1 to Hardy, Peal, Baker & Rawlings and to admit Chuck Maxwell and Harry Southwell as partners. Margaret and I went to see the old Vic company put on Richard II tonight. John Neville played Richard II in a creditable fashion and Claire Bloom was a lovely queen.

Dec. 8 To Emily Driscoll to buy some autographs: two of Lamb's, including a short letter to Miss Manning written in 1813, the only surviving letter of that year and not published as far as I know; five Coleridge letters, which are to be my first fellow's gift to the Morgan library; two Disraeli letters; De Quincey etc. A good haul.

Dec. 9 To Greenwich to see the Van Steenbergh's. Cold and snowy. Seacoby and his bride have moved into an apartment over the garage of the bride's parents. The Leavitts came in for a drink this afternoon. Carol in better but seems very tired.

Dec. 10, 1956 Lunched with Frank Moon. He has now become General counsel of W. R. Grace & Co, a place of importance and profit, but I think that he is somewhat worried by being dependent on the good will of one man. I have a very nice letter from Mrs. Percy Jones giving me information about Mrs. Magruder.

Dec. 11 Lester Lamb has sent me a copy of "Hanover's Wishing Star", the book about the gift of a horse to the little girl who bid her savings for Nashua. The bid was about 24^{00} for the most famous race horse in America and the officers of the bank gave her a nice saddle horse as a consolation.

Dec. 12 Freddie Adams telephoned today that the Morgan library had received the Latymer Coleridge collection from Griggs. Spent the afternoon with Burditt, Taylor and Ray Andersen discussing our SAPX financing. The money market is extremely tight, and we need $12,000 in the next 18 months.

Dec, 13 The control of Crowell-Collier has changed hands again, this time to a group including Patrick Lannon of Chicago, Chandler (formerly of senior Boyce and Roper) and Wilton Cole, my old Rhodes Scholar acquaintance. All of them were among the purchasers of the convertible debentures and are apparently trying to protect their investments. Joan Foshee dined with us tonight. Seems to be much better.

Dec, 14 The I.C.C. hearings in the Nickel-Plate-Lackawanna case have been postponed again. The new management of Crowell-Collier has announced the suspension of Collier's Magazine and The Woman's Home Companion. Although both have circulations of more than 4 million they have been unable to keep their advertising and are losing vast sums.

Dec, 15 Spent the day at home cataloguing and cleaning books from the McFall collection. The Wells came in for cocktails this afternoon. Woodson Spurlock writes that he is in New York for a time.

Dec. 16, 1956 To see Ella this afternoon. The Whites came in for cocktails. Cleaning and cataloguing the numerous Andrew Lang items that I bought at the McFall sale.
Dec. 17 Lunched with Dee Stone at the British Luncheon Club. Had a long talk with Charlie Laveen. I take it that he is not very happy and thinks that he is making no progress. Cataloguing the fine Hawthorne items that come from the McFall library, about my finest acquisition from that source.
Dec. 18 Frank Aydelotte is dead of a cerebral thrombosis. He was 76. The Rhodes Scholars have lost their most dependable group unifier.
Dec. 19 Neil Wickersham tells me that Leonard Moore's appointment to a judgeship should come along any time now. He has presumably given up hopes of a vacancy on the C.C.A. and will accept a district judgeship.

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Hamilton's Hugh Peal Wanted to be a Jockey, But His Parents Helped Lure Him to Fondness for Books

Jean McDonald

Under the spell of lecturer Hugh Peal, Sesame Club members and guests left their Saturday meeting to re-read Charles Lamb and marvel over how the great English essayist had never seemed so interesting before.

The 25 year old Sesame Club, according to president Mrs. Frank McComb, "has the high-sounding purpose of studying art, literature, sociology and the like" and from time to time endeavors to bring to the community things of cultural interest.

Although meetings are usually held in the homes of the 18 members, this one was scheduled for the Library in order that others might hear Rhodes Scholar Hugh Peal. The fortunate group who attended were rewarded with one of the most entertaining afternoons this neighborhood has been offered in many a day.

Peal practices law in New York and spends his spare time at Woodburn, his home near Hamilton. A Loudoun resident since 1945, he moved from his first home near Round Hill because "among other reasons" he needed more space for his books.

His remarkable library includes valuable collections of Coleridge, Dickens, Wordsworth and William Dean Howells. But it is as a Charles Lamb collector that he is best known. His collection of Lamb letters is the most extensive in private hands. Most of these are around the country on exhibition for, declares Peal, "a collector realizes his collection belongs to everyone".

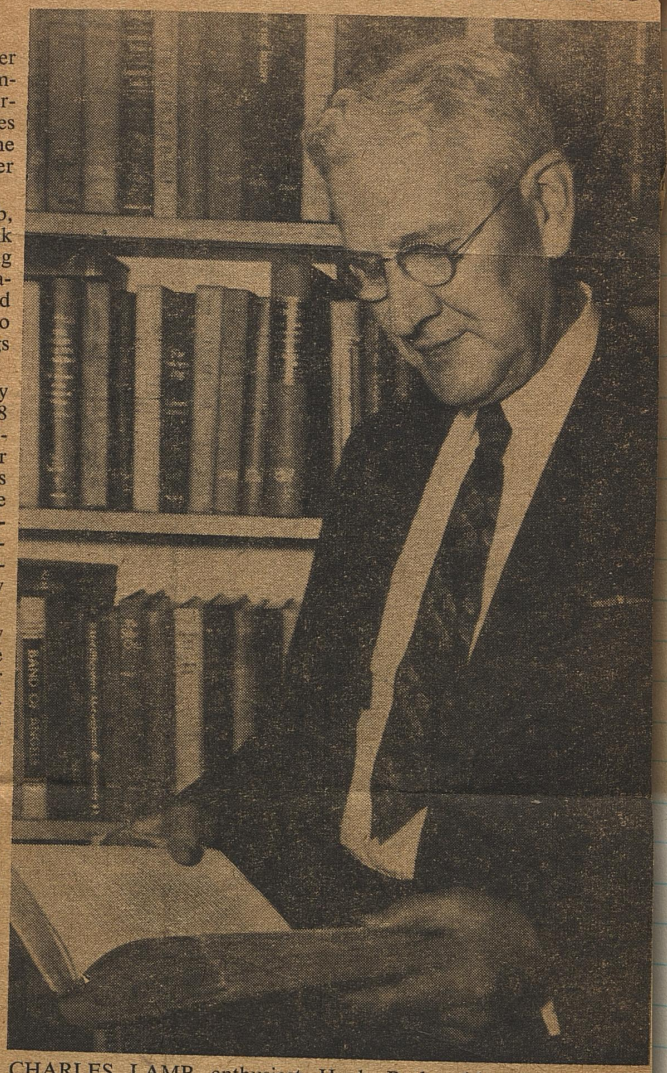
Hugh Peal's interest in Charles Lamb began when he was a boy. "In a small Kentucky community books were our only amusement," he recalls. "I learned to read and love Charles Lamb." His great boyhood ambition was to be a jockey. "I think there was a conspiracy in my family to keep me out of the stables."

After graduating from the University of Kentucky Peal went to Oxford. While he was in England he "had a chance to get a rather good edition of Lamb."

Today he usually bids on "all original Lamb material that comes up in London or New York."

"I want to make this clear," he explains. "Collectors are a fairly well-organized group so I'm usually offered anything. But I can't always buy it. Lamb collecting is limited by what you can get. Others are limited by money."

If discussions of "The Old Familiar Faces" and "A Dissertation Upon Roast Pig" replaced politics at the dinner table this weekend, it's all due to Peal whose enthusiam is very contagious.



CHARLES LAMB enthusiast Hugh Peal, with a first edition of the essayist's work, just before he addressed a meeting of the Sesame club at the Purcellville library Saturday.
—Blue Ridge Herald photo

Dec. 20, 1956 Governor Harriman's office telephoned to say that Sol A. Rosenblatt had been appointed to succeed me on the commission on uniform State laws. Mr. Rosenblatt is an ambitious gentleman and is probably in for a disappointment when he finds out that the commissioner's lot calls for much work and little credit. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the issuance of the Cranell-Collier Convertible Debentures in 1955 and 1956.

Dec. 21 Nice Xmas items from Wilson & Zellner. Lunched with Bob Brame and Chuck Maxwell to discuss the Cranell-collier matter. To Irene Wright's at Round Hill after an exhausting train and bus trip.

Dec. 22. Herbert Cooley says that H. H. Kelley wants to buy Longfields. Dined with the Howards tonight. To the Akin cocktail party this afternoon, a very large, crowded affair. Mr. Litton has sent us a ~~keg~~ hog for a Xmas present.

Dec. 23 Am tired out writing checks for the many bills found at Woodburn. We gave a Christmas cocktail and supper party this afternoon for Irene, the Hyssongs, the Blackwoods, the Eberles, the Bradleys, the Freds, the Cravens, the Howards, the Wants et al. I drove over to see the Barretts this morning. Alex is now definitely fixed to his wheel chair.

Dec. 24 Saw Charlie Jones in Purcellville this morning. His leg has substantially healed, but still troubles him. Reading the letters of William James. Dined with the Cravens tonight. Senator Morrison is still harassing Bill about Tel-Kee.

Dec. 25 Dined with the Freds at noon. They are burdened with a group of very elderly and ailing relatives, Rogers Mother and Aunt, Ethel's Mother and Aunt and one of Bonham's relatives. All but one well on in their 80's. In to Washington with the Woods, friends of the Freds.

Dec. 26, 1956 Mr. Litton has come through with a check for $4200, which covers the 1955 deficit with a nice payment on the 1956 rent. I don't know how the poor fellow got such a sum in view of the scale of cattle prices. Lunched at N.Y. Life today with Woodruff, Burdett, Everett, Anderson et al to discuss the S&PX financing. The money market is in virtually a state of collapse.

Dec. 27 Larry Lewis was in today to discuss Flexangle problems. He is much dissatisfied with his sales-manager's performance. I am reading Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye".

Dec. 28 To Washington and met the Hancock's at the farewell party for General Gruenther. Then on to a dinner party at the Freds. The Daly's, Annie, Foster and Wood, arrived at Woodburn this afternoon and were with us at the party. The Freds are borne down by family illness. Rogers Mother, Irene's Mother and Rogers Aunt, all very old, are ill and an R. & E. for care and Guidance

Dec. 29 H. H. Kelley ("Jim") came over to see me this morning and after an hour of brisk negotiation I agreed to sell him Longfields for $67,200 in cash. We are each to give Herbert Cooley $500, otherwise no broker's commission. Lunched at the Fletcher's and then M- and I went on to Round Hill to sign the Longfields sale contract.

Dec. 30 We gave a ~~cocktail party~~ luncheon for the Dotys today, having the Fletchers, the Hatches, the Cooleys, the Goirans (including Papa), Irene and others. The Crowens, Freds, Eberles and Howards came in tonight for supper and cards.

Dec. 31 We drove over to Longfields this morning to locate my lawnmower etc. Then on to see the Sparrows, who seem to be in reasonable spirits. Then by Mt. Weather to see Mr. Hodgins at Upperville. Lunched on the way. Dinner and cards at Irene, where we saw the Crowens, Howards, Freds and Bradleys. A very good party which broke up early.

January 1, 1957 Foster's defeat in his race for congress, which was by a substantial majority, has depressed him somewhat and he seems to be at a loose end. We went to the Hunt Breakfast (in the late afternoon) at the Dixons. A dull affair. Then Margaret and Anne drove me in to Washington. Reading Dane's life of Hazlitt.
Jan. 2 Mat Stackhouse came in to lunch today. Mat travels about so much that I can never keep track of him but apparently our christmas card caught up with him. Margaret and Hilda got back from Woodburn today. Freddie Adams writes a nice letter of appreciation for the Coleridge letters I gave to the Pierpont Morgan Library.
Jan. 3 Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. Ruth Draper is dead. It has been years since I have seen her, but I vividly remember her impersonations. Joan Fowshee was in to see Mrs. She will be out of the hospital next week and expects to get a job.

Jan 4 We dined with the Mowells tonight, Dan and Mrs. Stukey also there. Elizabeth M- and Mrs. ~~Mowell~~ Stukey were students together at Swarthmore and had Miss Caroline Sparrow as a teacher. Did some shopping at Charles Discount House this morning. Am enjoying Howe's life of Hazlitt.

Jan. 5 We had Mat Stockhouse and his new wife to lunch at the University club today. She is a New Zealand girl, very pretty and much younger than Mat. Tonight we dined with the Howells and had bridge.

Jan. 6 We are sleeping in the guest room as Margaret has our bedroom and bathroom in a state of wreck and ruin under the pretence of painting. Stayed in all day working on my books and reading Hazlitt's "Table Talk". He is cleverer than Lamb in some respects, but I can understand why Lamb hoped that the Hazlitt baby would inherit its father's brain but have a little better temper.

January 7, 1957 Otto Crouse telephoned this morning to say that the Crowell Collier work had been transferred by the Chemical Bank to the Cravath firm. I had heard several weeks ago that the chemical account was to be transferred to Cravath, but so much time had passed that I had begun to doubt it.
To the Morgan Library tonight to hear Sir Geoffrey Keynes on Blake. He told me that he had recently purchased in London for a few shillings a book from Lamb's library.
Jan. 8 I have a very nice long letter from Mrs. Mary Lanier Magruder, who is now in Florida. To the Gralier Club tonight for the reception for the Pulitzer Prize winners, none of whom I knew except Carl Sandburg.
Jan. 9 Lunched with Don Rawlings. To see Dr. McGrath, who is after my bad tooth. Anthony Eden has resigned, a victim of the Near East imbroglio.

Jan. 10 Reading the Councilmanic files to find out what troublesome matter they might contain that would come out in the S. E. C. investigation. Fortunately the Trust Company seems to kept out of the Debenture issue. The Advance-Yeoman says that John Grable is dead. I haven't seen him in more than 20 years.

Jan. 11 We dined with the Carneys tonight. Henry is quite clearly impatient with his job with Bendix. His boss is an old man, long past retirement age and quite unprogressive.

Jan. 12 To the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought two fine Coleridge letters, a Proust letter, several Du-Maurier items etc. on my way to the University Club I passed Budd's, which was having a sale. I got three shirts and some fine ties. With Sidney Mathews as my guest I had lunch at the club and heard Donald Shepherd (Standard Oil, N. J.) on the oil situation in the Near East.

January 13, 1957 Very cold day. To midday dinner with the Whites in Larchmont. A Mrs. Stone was a pleasant fellow guest. I see by the paper that Mrs. Birdie Smith is spending the winter with the Lewis Myers in Russellville, Ky.
Jan. 14 Jerome N. Frank is dead at 67. He was really a nice and very bright fellow, but always dodged all his old companions after the Levy scandal. Lunched with Tom Graham at the Bankers Club. Had my bad tooth out this afternoon. Dr. McGrath did a very skillful job, with no anaesthetic or fuss.
Jan. 15 The Cranell-Collier hearings before the S.E.C. have started. From what I have picked up it appears likely that some of the "investors" immediately retailed their debentures. Had a long talk and lunch with Jim Clark. He tells me that Red Downs is putting in a bid for an eventual higher rank. John Rowensky came in to say good by before his world cruise.

Jan. 16 John Rovensky told me yesterday that he would probably elect against Mrs. Rovensky's will and take his intestate share. He also tried to interest me in an attempt to extend the election to a share in the Plant trust. The connecticut courts will never let him get away with that.
January 17 The Realos dined with us last night. Bridge. To the A.R.C.I. meeting today. Champ Carry still gunning for Walter Curley and Walter still hanging about with all kinds of projects. Toscanini is dead. A whole age terminates with him and Einstein.
Jan. 18 Had a very long talk with Bill Taylor. Jim Clark needs help in the higher executive echelon very much, and Bill is still not too happy at Bunker despite his inclusion in the new governing group of 12. It seems to me, however, and I have always advised Bill, that it would be a mistake for him to come to ACF in any capacity less than Chairman of the Board. If Bill Carlos wants to go, he should step down now for his own protection and Bill's

Jan. 18, 1957 Got my new denture yesterday and, as always, the first result is a very sore mouth. The Sam Reales, M and I dined with the McGraws tonight. At noon lunched with Dave Kirschenbaum and Albert Boni. Bought a number of modern scholarly books and a fine original edition of the Poems of Katherine Phillips, the "Matchless Orinda".

Jan. 20 Lodged Margaret in the New York Infirmary at noon. She will have her operation tomorrow. As usual the hospital had everything mixed up and we had a hard time getting her in a private room. Cleaned books the rest of the day.

Jan. 21 M- came through her operation quite well, although there were two grafts in her neck rather than one. The hospital bungled the private nurse situation, and we didn't get one until 8 P. M. When I first got there about 4 P. M., she had no attention at all and I had to wipe the phlegm off her mouth. She might have choked to death.

Jan. 22 A long talk with Carlos yesterday. He and Bill Taylor are really conversing through me as the interpreter. Carlos can't really make up his own mind what he wants to do. To the Peoples Industrial Bank annual meeting tonight and then to the hospital to see Margaret. She is recovering nicely but is still in considerable pain.

Jan. 23 Margaret is better, but still quite uncomfortable. The anaesthesia wears off slowly and the incision is still painful. To the Banking Law Section luncheon and the Executive committee meeting in the afternoon. At Platt Wiggins earnest request I have consented to stay on the Executive Committee another year. To the Section dinner tonight.

Jan. 24 All day at the Banking Law Section meeting where one of the lecturers referred to Charlie Willard and me as "leading banking lawyers". Lunched with Homer Woods and Bob Brome. Spent an hour each at the Bysleys and Henderson Mathews and the Pat Hodgson cocktail parties. Then to the hospital. M- much better.

Jan. 25, 1957. In Mrs. Magruder's recent letter she referred to my mother's great kindness to "Aunt Myra". After some puzzling I decided that she meant dear old Mrs. Rogland. I had almost forgotten her. Mrs. Magruder also mentioned my old friendship with Paul McGehee, who has been gone so long. Joan Fooshee is with us.

Jan. 26 Brought Margaret home today. She is still weak but glad to get out of the hospital and Hilda will do as much for her as the nurses. To the Bar Association dinner tonight. Had a long talk with Len Moore and a few minutes with John Harlan. We are all in hopes that Len will get Gerry Fronks place on the C. C. A.

Jan. 27 All day at home, resting after a strenuous week. Cleaning and cataloguing books. Crate Shofkie came in to see M-. She has sold her surplus furniture and moved to a small apartment.

Jan. 28 At our cocktail party before and after the annual N. Y. Bar Ass'n meeting Saturday night some tongues seem to have wagged freely. Had a long talk about it today with Don Rowlings and Roland Tremble, but we decided not to press the matter. To Washington this afternoon and spent the evening with Gene Smith and Tom Braker going over my testimony for tomorrow.

Jan. 29 I testified today in the Nickel Plate-Lackawanna proceeding to the effect that the voting trust agreement with United States Trust Company was not valid under N. Y. law. This produced quite a furore and a sharp cross examination by Davis, counsel for Nickel Plate.

Jan. 30 Davis of Lackawanna, who has recovered his good humor, says that my testimony almost won him. Saw the parade with President Eisenhower, Ike and Mamie and Doud's little boy from the windows of the Washington Hotel. Back to N. Y. on the 3:30 train. Miss Trowbridge has died suddenly of heart failure. She must have been almost 90.

Jan. 31, 1957 Gene Northrop has been made a Senior Vice President of Manufacturers Trust Company. Quite a jump for ~~Gene~~ and one that possibly puts him in line for the presidency at a future date. Carlas has suddenly surrendered and agreed to became chairman of the Executive committee, leaving the chairmanship of the Board open for Bill Taylor. Ed Beinecke has sent me the third volume of his Stevenson catalogue, this one being devoted to autograph letters.

Feb 1 This is the 46th anniversary of my diary. Spent most of the morning on the publicity about the change in the A C F top management. Now that Carlas has made up his mind he seems quite pleased about it. This afternoon drove to Woodbury with the Franks. We were in a blinding ~~snow~~ snowstorm to the Delaware bridge, after which it petered out into rain.

Feb. 2 A very fine day. closed the Longfields sale, although Bernard and Jim Kelly had apparently had some difficulties over giving possession. Jim had also changed his mind over taking over my insurance, but Clemens ~~to~~ cancelled the policies and refunded the unearned premiums. To see Bill and Marie crowns. Lunched with the Coalays. Frank White got his car in the ditch and I had to get help for him. The Whites, Irene and I dined with the ~~Whites~~ Howards tonight.

Feb. 3 Raining again. The Freds came in to see us this morning, as I had missed them when I called yesterday. Took the 12:11 bus and was in N.Y. in time for dinner. M- is feeling better.

Feb 4 Ben Bridgewater of the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood is dead at 72. Poor Ben could have been in a Broadway play as the decayed son of a great old slave-holding family. He told me a few years ago that he was down to living in a shed.

Feb. 5, 1957 Malcolm McMaster
came in to lunch with me
today and reported that
all was well with him
and his. To the Morgan
Library tonight to hear
the Earl of Crawford
and Balcarres, who gave
the 50th anniversary ad-
dress. He spoke chiefly
about his great-grand-
father, the founder of the
Bibliotheca Lindesiana.
In his early days the
young collector haunted
the sales-room of Paine
& Foss (Lamb's Pain & Fuss)
and in his later years he
was the great patron of
Bernard Quaritch. He told of
one great bidding battle in
which Quaritch took a
Mazarine Bible from Tech-
ner. I have the B. Lindesiana
copy of the Techner sale
catalogue.
Feb 6 Paul Haralson's brother,
Cuthbert, died of his recent
stroke. He was 67 and
lived in Little Rock, Ark.
~~The~~ To the I.C.C. Directors'
meeting. Jack Budinger and
George Edwards say that
Eisenhower's big budget has
dismayed his Republican friends

Feb. 7 Bill Taylor was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of ACF today, to begin active duty on April 1. I hope that this works out. Jim Clark needs help very much, but I think that he and Bill will need to work out some division of duty.
Feb 8 To the Peoples Industrial Bank to have an appraisal made of the contents of the Biglianti safe-deposit box. Br- is an ex-burglar and has disappeared. We think that the articles in the box were used to remove precious stones from their settings. The Crowens arrived tonight for a weekend visit. The Herald-Tribune garbled very much the story of the ACF management-change story.
Feb 9 Took Bill Crowens to the university club to lunch and to hear Dr. Willey Ley lecture on rockets and the satellite program. Very thrilling. The Peales dined with us tonight. Samba afterwards. Bill seems to be getting some much needed relaxation.

Feb. 10, 1957 To Larchmont for midday dinner with the Frank Whites. They have a very pleasant apartment and have sold their house. Morrison is giving Bill a great deal of trouble in the Tel-Kee matter, setting up all kinds of defenses to the March payment and threatening to sue Bill for breaching his contract not to compete.

Feb. 11 Frances Dugan telephoned today. She is here on some kind of librarian's shindig. I see by the Advance that Bill Allen has been visiting his mother, George Bradley and Tell, Jr. in Bondurant. Sumba bought with the Croesens.

Feb. 12 Bill and Marie left this morning, the station wagon loaded down with cartons of books. I am sending to Woodburn. Bill seems the better for his visit but is still tense and tired. Wrote a long letter to Mrs. Musgrudes. Lunched with Jerry Bruiter, who knows a great deal about the satellite program.

Feb. 13 Took Wayne Hart, George Rice, George Barker and young Ryan to dinner at the University club tonight and then on to hear a lecture on patent law at the Bar Association. Prof. Seaw Sterry Waterman at the Bar Assn, He reports that he is living at the Gramercy Park Hotel.

Feb. 14 Being a man who can never say no, I have let Alfred Hamell persuade me to be a stockholder, officer and director of Fifteen Gramercy Park, Inc., a financing affiliate of the National Arts Club. To a stockholder and directors meeting today. Lunched with Geo. Barker and his friends, ~~George~~ Joan and Ed Fisher. They own 25-70 of the stock of Fisher Chemical company and are trying to sell it.

Feb. 15 The newspapers carry the story of Paul Smith's resignation from the presidency of Crowell-Collier. When the magazines were discontinued there was no further job for Smith, but I am sorry to see such a spirited effort fail (even if he is a bit too flamboyant for my taste).

Feb. 16, 1957 To the Carnegie Book Shop where I saw David Randall who seems to be happy with his new job and new wife. Bought a chesterfield letter. Lunched with Albert Boni and Dove and then to the Parke-Bernet to see the books on display, including some from the Ransensky library. Albert came back home with me and talked for a long time about the Washington Square Players, who originated as a reading group in his bookstore. It was the beginning of the Theatre Guild. Albert also told me about seeing Lord Dunsany in London during World War I. At that time German sharpshooters were relentlessly picking off British officers and Dunsany thought that he would never return from the front.

Feb. 17 At home most of the day, cleaning books. To see Ella. Reading "Table Talk." Hazlitt was allowed his habit of acidity to creep into an otherwise highly laudatory appreciation of Keats' poetry.

Feb. 18 Gellhorn has sent me a copy of a letter he has written to Bernice offering to make arrangements for Mommy's care if Bernice wants to return to Louisiana. Joan Faushee is staying with us for two days. I see by the Advance - Yeoman that Earl Bradley is a candidate for Representative in the Ky. Legislature again.
Feb. 19 Margaret left for Virginia today to get the house in order for the long holiday week-end coming up. Jim Clark is going to Mayo's next week for a complete check-up. Jack Burditt has sent me a copy of his startling memorandum on the shortage of working capital for ACF's scheduled expansion.
Feb. 20 Lunched at Bankers Trust company with Scovell Martin. Scovell seems to be quite unhappy. He is supposed to help Bill Moore in new business projects, but Moore has so much to do that Scovell is at loose ends. Eisenhower and Dulles seem determined to ruin all our allies over the Near Eastern situation. Alonzing right into Russia's hands.

Feb. 21, 1957 Missed my first train in N. Y. today and almost missed my bus in Washington, but finally reached Woodburn at 9:30. Irene Wright is spending the week-end with us and Fay Willkie was with us for the evening. She is installing heat and other improvements in her house on the mountain as she expects to make it her permanent home.

Feb. 22 We drove to Upperville this morning to leave our list of plant requirements with Mr. Hodgins. Missed him, but went over his shrub offerings. Then to see the Barnetts, Poor Walter seems very worn and ~~too~~ tired. Called on Miss Manning but missed her. To the Eberles but missed them also.

Feb. 23 To dinner at the Freels. Irene and George Eberle were there. He is about to undergo a very dangerous operation requiring transplanting his aorta. Bridge.

Feb 24 Dined with the crowens at the Battletown Restaurant. In accordance with the praiseworthy habit of the house, we brought away a bag of food for the dogs and a Smithfield ham sandwich for my supper on the train. Then to the Howards, from whence Ed drove me in to Washington.

Feb. 25 After long hesitation Red Downs has decided that he is interested in the Coffin Pump co. I had lunch at the Guaranty Trust company today with Bill White and Henry Theis to bring myself down to date and arrange for a visit with Red. Myers & co. reports that it got the Lamb items at Sotheby's, including six Letters to Ryke.

Feb. 26 Margaret and the Freels arrived in our station wagon today. Tonight we saw Ralph Richardson and a well known cast in the Waltz of the Toreadors. Richardson was ill, and not even some good acting on the part of the others could keep the play from being very dreary.

Feb. 27, 1957 After our disappointment of last night we thoroughly enjoyed tonight seeing Cyril Ritchard and Eddie Mayehoff in "A Visit to a Small Planet." The young ingenue part was played by the daughter of Herbert Marshall and Edna Best. I finished today my memorandum on the expansion of the SHPX financing.

Feb. 28 M-, the Freds and I dined with the Sam Reales tonight. The Wells and Constants were also of the company. Ken tells me that the management problems in the Casper Company are still unsettled. I have a nice letter of thanks from little Bill for the $25-0 I recently sent him.

Mar. 1 Red Downs, Paul Anderson and I went to Englewood today to lunch with Henry Theis and his two stepsons and to inspect the coffin pump company. Unlike most step-fathers, Theis has built up the business the late Mr. Coffin left. Tonight Rogers and I saw Ethel Merman in "Happy Hunting" while M- and Ethel went to the new O'Neill show.

Mar. 2 Took Rogers to lunch at the University club and to hear the German Ambassador speak on the situation in Europe. This afternoon we had a party for the Freds, with the Riedels, Peales, Maxwells, Freemans, Whites, Carreas, Wells, et al. A very nice group. Samba this evening.

Mar. 3 Harold Talbott is dead. He was 68. A really bad man, many of whose activities never came to light. With the Freds to Larchmont where we dined with the Frank Whites at the Larchmont yacht club. It has been a very cold day but the yachts were out. The "frost-bite fleet" it is called, I believe. Samba again tonight.

Mar. 4 The Freds left this morning, loaded down with our packages ("pakes") to be transported to Woodburn. We always enjoy their visits and are very lonesome when they leave. At the Chadbourne firm today to get some papers for Mrs. Helm. It seems to get duller and sleepier every year. I have received neither money nor accounting for more than a year although several thousands are due me.

Mon. 5, 1957 Reading Marchette Chute's delightful "Geoffrey Chaucer of England". How useful such a book would have been to me years ago when I was trying to penetrate the mysteries of Chaucer.

Mon. 6 Trying to get the Taylor contract settled between him and Clark. The general idea is that Taylor is to get a consultation contract after retirement to make up for the loss of his pension but of course no consultation contract has the safety of a funded pension. and Jim and Bill do not seem quite together.

Mon. 7 Lunched with Alec Pinney and gave him an order for 500 shares of Detroit and Canada Tunnel stock, which he has suggested several times. Then to Carlos' party at the Cloud Club for Dr. Halloway, the new President of ACF's Nuclear Energy Division. Herb Rugge says that he is getting some of his arrears caught up. Irene Wright arrived tonight.

Mon. 8 Myers & Co did very well for me at the Warren-Foster sale at Sotheby's on February 18th: Six Lamb letters to Charles Ryle, two fragmentary letters to Talfourd and 60 pages of the transcripts made for Talfourd for the first edition of Lamb's letters. Most of the original material and three of the copied letters are unpublished. Dined with the Peales tonight.

Mon. 9 My gum was sore yesterday, and today it puffed up into an abscess. After trying in vain to locate a dentist through Dr. McGrath's office (he is away), I found a youngster in our own building who relieved me. Bought Schlesinger's first volume on the Roosevelt age; also Carter's new book on book collectors etc. Playing three-handed samba with M- and Irene.

Mon. 10 My gum is much better. Worked on my library catalogue most of the day, but with time out for a walk with M- and Irene during which we called on Ella. Played three-handed samba again tonight, a difficult game

March 11, 1957 Took John Lane and Bob Coogan to lunch at the D. T. A. to discuss how to get the Collins estate finally settled. This estate was in charge of Bill McDermott and he took the business with him. Bill is a nice guy but never seems to finish anything. Saw Bill Hough lunching with Don Stukey. Bill said ~~rue~~ fully that Morrison wanted to be paid for taking over Tel-Kee.

Mar 12 To Woodburn with Walter Renz, Bryant Voorhees, Pete Vroom, Ed Eaton, Ben Kickhoefer, Frank Cleminshaw and George Engel. Voorhees is staying at Woodburn, the others at the Piedmont Motel. Margaret had made the house very attractive.

Mar. 13 We get a fairly early start on the AKC I matter this morning and finished about midnight. Bryant Voorhees and George Engel left this afternoon. It became apparent quite early that there were a good many differences between us as to the validity and probative value of some of our statistics.

Mon. 14 Although the A.R.C.I. committee didn't accomplish as much as I had hoped, the party was at least a social success. Today I put in a long day on a memorandum for financing Shippers Division of A.C.F. This afternoon I read Hermant's "Le Procès de très Honorable Lord", a somewhat fanciful French novel suggested by the Oscar Wilde case. May 15 Our small boy is very brown from the winter. Spent most of the day on the Shippers' financing memorandum. We dined with the Freds tonight. The new baby is expected early in April. George Eberle has survived his difficult operation and is doing well. Mon 16 Still at work on the Shippers memorandum. Tom Mulroy came in to see me (as he can't be at Clare's dinner tonight). He seems to be very disgusted with Westinghouse Airbrake. Dined with Clare tonight. They have bought a house in Washington. Clare is undoubtedly sick of Shenstone.

March 17, 1957 Mr. Boston is going to put in a drain to get rid of the water from our spainghouse. Bill Cravens came by at noon and took Crete and me in to Washington. Barry writes that Elvis Stahr has resigned to become Vice-chancellor of the reniversity of Pittsburg. Apparently he felt that he couldn't stay at U. K. after missing the presidency.

Mar. 18 Bernice writes that Margaret finally got Zellner away for a long vacation in Florida. I hope that it helps him - and her. Bill Cravens is auctioning off his dairy herd. It will be good for Bill to get that responsibility off his mind. Lunched with Carlos Hardy and Graham Woodruff at the Cloud club.

Mar. 19 Ken Moore's appointment to the Federal Court of Appeals has come through. He telephoned this morning and it was in the papers tonight. He should make an excellent judge. Bought Mrs. Bowens life of Lord Coke and the first volume of Howe's life of Mr. Justice Holmes.

Mon. 20 The Chadbourne firm still hasn't sent me any accounting for last year and I can't finish my income tax return until I get it. Telephoned Jule Stocker, who has had similar trouble. Dined at the Correas tonight and saw the Frank Whites among others.

Mon. 21 The Dalys write from Florida that they are having a nice vacation. The Avonce says that negro Henry Moore of Bandana is dead at 88. Molly is still alive. As I recall it Henry, a bad nigger, has been blind for many years. Catalogued two very nice letters of John Payne Collier. He may have been a forger, but he managed to get a personality over with his pen.

Mon. 22 Ella Langfeld is very ill again. This may be the last round. Reading De Quincey's "Recollections of the Lake Poets". They are no doubt inaccurate as to details but are nevertheless full of shrewd observations. Am finishing the cataloguing of the Sands-Cohn autographs - long interrupted.

March 23, 1957 We had a cocktail party at the Grolier club this afternoon - co-hosts with Dr. Neergard. our guests were the Leonard Moores, Albert Boni, the McGraths, the Kirschenbaums and the Averys. The Averys and Moores came back to the apartment for supper with us. This morning M- and I went to Tiffanys where we picked out an emerald pin to make up for the Xmas and birthday presents which we postponed.

Mar. 24 Lunched with the Foashees in Rye. A very fine, warm day enabled us to eat outdoors and sit on the beach at the club. Elizabeth's daughter, Marlyn, was there with her two little boys. Also Mrs. Marquis James. Marilyn and her husband are divorced.

Mar. 25 Irene is back with after a week with the Correos. Bill Crowens writes that he, Mrs. Lynott and Bill Hough have reached a settlement with Morrison - with concessions on both sides. I hope that this finishes Morrison's claims.

Mar. 24 Margaret is very pleased with her pin. So much so that I am sorry I didn't get around to getting it earlier. We dined at the Moreys tonight. Stan Dunn and the Frederick Greenmans were also guests. Greenman indicates that feeling is running quite high between the Eisenhower and Taft Republicans.
Mar 27 My 59th birthday. Margaret gave me a lovely pair of cuff links of unusual design, the only good ones I have ever had. I have worn since I was 17 a pair Eddie Rutherford gave me, quite handsome for a youth but hardly the thing for a lawyer nearly 60. Lunched with Floyd Frost at City Bank-Farmers Trust company. He tells me that Dan Mooney died a few weeks ago. The Van Steenbergs dined with us.
Mar. 28 To the A.R.C.I. meeting today. Ed Eaton reported to the meeting that the Washburn visit had been very enjoyable. Fred Norton has lost his job as head of sales for the Car Foundry Division.

March 29, 1957 Christopher Morley is dead at 66. He has been out of the public eye for several years. Probably in bad health. Mr. Pehl of the Michigan National Bank has sent me an estate matter.
March 30 To the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought four Lamb letters, including a fine early letter to Suter and the only extant letter to Martin Burney. Also two letters of Joseph Cottle and a collection of Swinburne volumes, including two presentation copies and two with changes in Swinburne's hand. Lunched with Albert Boni and Dane. To the Parke-Bernet.
Mar. 31 Irene, M- and I had a toilsome trip to the N.Y. flower show - in line 45 minutes. Tonight we dined with the Stones at the Harvard club and saw the Hasty Pudding Show. We were delighted to see the Stones, but I am too old and blase for amateur entertainers.

April 1 Margaret and Irene left with Doris White for Virginia this morning. Bill Taylor reported this morning for duty as chairman of the Board of A C F, and he, Jim Clark and I spent the day discussing plans. We broke off for lunch and a drink at the D. T. A. and Jim, raising his glass said, "Our best wishes have been realized and we will continue to prosper if we continue to be united!"
Apr. 2 Wrote a long letter to Estes Kefauver today about Len Moore. Estes has been somewhat of a critic of the Eisenhower appointments and Malcolm and I both think it desirable to put in some good Democratic support for Len. To Columbia tonight to act as judge in the moot court.
Apr. 3 Reading Mrs. Bowen's life of Lord Coke. Not a thrilling book, but she has done pretty well with a very grim subject. Cataloguing the new Swinburne collection and dipping into volumes here and there. The mystery is why he loved Lamb so much, being so unlike.

April 4, 1957 At dinner at the Bar Association to discuss some bad chattel mortgage cases which have troubled the faithful watchdogs of the banks. Long talk with Mel Bergerman who (like myself, I fear) begins to resemble a meek elder statesman.

April 5 Long talk with Malcolm, to whom I telephoned to thank for his fine letter to Estes Kefauver about Lee Moore. Malcolm tells me that General Donovan is ailing. Spent all the morning with the Executive committee of the Banking Law Section. Lunch at the Howard Club. Caught in a heavy rain. Telephoned Ella, who is better.

April 6 To the Practising Law Institute today to hear the symposium on long-term leasing. A really fine professional exposition by an exceedingly able panel. Saw Walter Morris who tells me that his is going into real estate work at Shearman, S. & M- arrived back this afternoon with a bad head cold.

April 7 Crenna telephoned M- today and, among other things, said that Marion Robbins had died in January. What a tragic end for a woman with a fine mind and personality! A victim of alcohol. Hatty Johnson's brother (Brud) is very ill. Same kind of stroke, I believe.
April 8 Tom Graham has sent me a certificate of membership in The Widow-of-the Month Club, an elaborate but rather feeble joke originally aimed at Judge Shackelford Miller. To the P. L. I. luncheon today to discuss a proposed course in Federal banking law.
Apr. 9 Bill Cravens has come out very well in his litigation with ~~Crenna~~ Munson. The Judge said that Bill must sever his consultation contract with Walcott Taylor in so far as Tel-Kee competition was affected, but also held that there had been no damage or substantial breach of contract. Estes Kefauver writes me a very cagey letter about Ken, but I think he would be cooperative.

April 10, 1957 Joan Foushee has had a relapse, but not too serious I hope. Wynn is also ill, some circulatory difficulty, I believe. I am finding Van Doren's story of the framing of the constitutions less absorbing than I had expected. Franklin is almost the only founder who comes alive.
April 11 To the bon voyage luncheon for Carlos Hardy who sails for Europe in a few days. Bill Taylor is annoyed with Kress for his bungling of the incentive compensation figures.
April 12 ~~Carlotta~~ Caroline Goiran writes that her mother-in-law will be with her this summer and that she will not be able to use the cottage. Marie met me at the train tonight and we had supper with Bill at Moreno's in Purcellville. Bill came out very well on the sale of his herd. We then joined Margaret and Irene at Yatton. It is quite cold.

April 13 Pattered about outside part of the day, but it was too cold for serious work. There are few signs of spring except that the grass is growing rapidly. The Howes porch has been finished but the termite stuff arrived too late - which probably means that the termites will ruin the new porch. To the Fred's dinner party tonight with the Blackwoods, Bradleys etc.

Apr. 14 Some young friends of the Goirans had a party in the Miller's cottage last night, breaking the front door and leaving the place in a mess. To the Fletcher's garden party this afternoon. The cold of the garden tour was relieved by whiskey sours in the drawing room.

Apr. 15 Bernice writes that Sophia Campbell died several weeks ago. Also that Myrtle and Charlie Wheeler have celebrated their golden wedding. Sophia is the last of the Campbells and she is one of my very earliest memories. And I can hardly believe that Myrtle has been married 50 years.

April 16, 1957 Lowell Birrell and the law have met. Birrell got control of Swan Finch oil company recently and managed to get out a lot of stock without complying with the Securities Act. Dined tonight with the Maxwells at a Japanese restaurant. She was with her family in Japan during the great 1923 earthquake - in which her father was killed.

Apr. 17 Have a letter from Foster Doty from Florida. The ~~—~~ merger of the Union Trust Company and another Springfield bank led to a realignment of titles and to facilitate the matter Foster retired as of April 1. He and Anne have bought a house in Florida and intend to sell their house in Springfield and take a small one. They expect to spend more than half of each year in Florida.

Apr. 18 Margaret and Irene met me in Washington. We had a very hard time getting into Woodburn as she had put on the safety.

Apr. 19 Spaded manure and rotted straw into the new box beds today. The winter has been a very severe one for little box. To Purcellville this afternoon to buy garden tools etc. Sprayed the euonymus.

April 20 The Fred Juniors have a baby girl, which pleases one and all. Eddie and Polly Lunsford came to lunch today and I took them this afternoon to Oak Hill to see the house and gardens. Mrs. DeKashmuth was very gracious. The grounds, although somewhat more formal than I like, are really handsome. To the ~~Fords~~ Bradley's dinner party tonight, where I astonished everybody including myself by being high man at bridge.

Apr. 21 To Berryville to lunch with the Whites at the Battletown Inn - their anniversary. Then to a cocktail party at the Hazards where I was amazed to find Mr. and Mrs. Fox very civil. M- drove Frank and me to Washington where she met Hilda, Blanche Wells & Kitty McGraw.

April 22, 1957 Long lunch with Bill Taylor at the D. T. A. He is becaming acquainted very rapidly with the personalities and problems of A C F. Jim has never liked very much the car-building business of the company - which is after all a large part of the business - and I hope that Bill will cultivate it. Took Henry P. Thomas and his new wife to dinner at the University Club tonight.

April 23 Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. He has just returned from a western trip. Dined with Dave Kirschenbaum tonight and bought from him thirteen fine Coleridge letters, all to Williams Sotheby. They begin with 1802 and some of them are very long. Also bought a number of miscellaneous items.

April 24 Kenneth Spence is dead. He was a handsome figure but seemed to have dimmed somewhat in the last few years. Reading Preston's "At John Murrays!"

April 25 Reading Howe's "The Shaping Years", the first volume of the biography of Mr. Justice Holmes. The William James letters, which I am slowly getting through at Woodburn, picture the future justice as a somewhat haughty but very bright and ambitious young man.
April 26 Polly Lumbard called today to tell me how much she and Eddie had enjoyed their day at Woodburn. To Woodburn tonight. Blanche Wells is still with M—.
April 27 The crabapples, our chief decorative trees, are in full flower and very impressive. The dogwoods are coming out. I finished mulching the new box bed. The winter has been a terrible one for small plants and we shall lose some of the little box. To the Crowens dinner tonight Queen for the Whites of Lincoln, Nebraska. He is the editor of a paper in Lincoln and an important figure in the national association.

April 28, 1957 Some work in the garden early today. We had a luncheon for the Owens and their guests, the Frank Whites, Freds, Irene and Dixons. After lunch we all went to Aztec Farm, the Frank White place, where the reconstruction, grading etc are at their highest confusion. Irene and the Whites in this evening for cards.
April 29 In the box beds again. Sprayed the evonymus and was delighted to find a healthy little seedling Gracing at the corner of the house.
M— drove Frank White, Blanche and me to the airport and I was at the apartment in time for a restful evening.
April 30 Harry Rudy Jr. is dead at 43. of a heart attack. I remember him very well as a little boy. Spent a difficult two hours writing to the Rev. Savidge. Mrs. Savidge is annoyed with the Hanover Bank and wants to compel it to resign. Lunched with Eddie Weiner, Jack Bernstein and Gordon Malatratt.

May 1 Working on the ACF bills, always a big job. This year we have tried to keep our books so as to correlate with ACF's new division and organization, but there is still a massive amount of work. Am reading French detective stories.
May 2 Senator McCarthy is dead at 47. He was finished politically, but it might have been difficult to deal with him as a rabble-rouser if he had lasted on until bad times overtook us. The new Coleridge letters are very fine ones, with many references to the Wordsworths, Southey and Sara Hutchinson.
May 3 Held up at the office working on material for Bill and Jim to use at their interviews with the bankers next week. Took the parlor car at last and M. met me in Washington. Mr. Ruston has finished the new drainage piping. The Whites are with us and report that their work is going on, although Doris has decided that Billy Dew knows little about designing for living.

May 4, 1957 To the Gold cup races at Warrenton. our party included the Whites, the Freds, Irene, Ed Hamand, the Crowens and Margaret Muir. A fine bright day. I had a few minutes with Walter Washington, whom I had not seen before for years. Back to Irenes for dinner, where Janie Hamand joined us with their guests, the Jahntes.

May 5 John Jay Hopkins, who left the ℔ law for business and become the founder of General Dynamics, is dead of cancer. He was 63. We had a luncheon today for the Hamands guests, the Jahntes of Cincinnati: the Crowens, the Hamands, the Whites, Irene and Eva Blackwood were also with us. M- drove Hilda and me to Washington.

May 6 Hilda left us this morning, presumably for the summer as usual, but I think that she is probably about to be remarried. To the dinner for Dr. Sockman tonight. A tremendous crowd and moving tributes for his 40 years at Christ Church.

May 7 Lunched with Bob Brame who says that his little dealings in oil leases have turned out well. Bob and I have been considering some of the problems involved in bank holding companies. One of the guests at the Sackman dinner last night said that he was employed by Aramco. I asked about Woodson, but the fellow turned off the query, merely saying that Woodson is no longer in N.Y. Very mysterious.
May 8 Long discussion with Dean and Chuck over the ACF bills. Both of them think that I charge too little, but I believe that ones bread and butter business should be conserved with care. Took Bloomer to lunch at the D.T.A.
May 9 M— is back from Virginia. Ezio Pinza is dead from a heart attack. He was 64. Bill and Betty White came in to see us tonight. Bill says that he may very well take an early retirement from the Trust Co. Probably not interested in his work.

May 10, 1957 Diane Rodgers is to be married on June 4th to a West Point cadet who graduates this year, Richard Earl Stephenson. Am much interested in De Quincey's resentment of Wordsworth's failings as a paternal friend. Wordsworth was probably pestered by a good many worshippers, when all he wanted was to be admired and not bothered.

May 11 A very gloomy day. Finished cataloguing the Coleridge letters to the Sothebys, the finest lot I have ever acquired. I have also acquired a nice little lot from Percy Dobell: Southey, Knowles, Samuel Rogers, Talfourd, Campbell, Lord John Russell and Thomas Moore. All to Thomas ~~Campbell~~ Cromwell and mostly about his "The Druid".

May 12 cataloguing the six Lamb letters to Ryle which I bought at Sotheby's recently. Very warm, pleasant letters. To see Ella, who seems very well. We then planned our Silver Wedding party.

May 13 To the Morgan Library tonight to an anniversary party of the fellows. Heard a lecture on calendge. The Kotzmer collection is on display for the first time, as well as my recent gift. Adams spoke to the fellows about my help in securing the collection and a card at the beginning of the exhibition acknowledges the aid of Crotty and me. Took the Pittsburger to Pittsburg.
May 14 All day at the Duquesne club working with Berg, Vroom, Eaton, Heckover, Engle et al on the railroad car repair cost study. I am much discouraged at the results as our data is most fragmentary and to some extent misleading. The railroad accounts do not distinguish between true repairs and extensive additions, such as expensive loading devices.
May 15 Chuck is accompanying Red Downs to London and Paris next week to try to get the W-K-M International matter settled. New agreement signed today in the Cromwell-Collier financing, putting the loans on a demand basis.

May 16, 1957 Blackwells has come through with about 20 Black Masque detective stories in French. Wonderful for reading on the train. Howe in his first volume of the life of Holmes has a deeply interesting chapter on the relationships between O. W. H. Sr. and O. W. H. Jr. Howe's sympathies seem to be somewhat with Pere - and I agree. He says that science proved to be insufficient for both and Pere fell back on religion and Fils on romanticism. Very true, and of the two Pere had the more justification.

May 17 Russell Dearmont has been elected President of Missouri Pacific after defeating a brazen attempt by old Davis to get control. Wrote to Russell.

May 18 To the Rawlings party tonight for Glen Watkins and his new bride. All the lawyers in the office were there. The bride is a Lebanese by extraction but really quite pretty and charming.

May 19 Very tired today after a late and libulous night. Took, with John Richmond, the noon plane for Denver, where we transferred to a smaller plane for Colorado Springs. We were met by Horace Duff of Carter and Mel Koch and Bob Mecker of Price, Waterhouse who lodged us at the fine Broadmoor Hotel and took us for a drive about the city.

May 20 Spent the morning in Hartley Murray's office with Murray, his partner, Baker, Richmond, Duff, Mecker, Koch and Hugh Reed, Jr. Managed to get all open points settled so that Carter and El Paso are now definitely out of business together. Sightseeing this afternoon. The road up Pike's Peak is closed, but we got good views of it from several angles. Went to the Will Rogers memorial on Cheyenne Mountain. Fine view. Also to the Air Force Academy, which is just beginning construction. The Broadmoor Hotel itself is one of the interesting sights in Colorado Springs.

May 21, 1957 In my office at 10:40 this morning, very tired after a long night sitting in airports and on planes. Gilbert Murray is dead. He was 91. I suppose that the old man had outlived his fame, but he was a colorful figure in Oxford in my time there.
May 22 The Foshees have bought a cooperative apartment in the house where Dick Kyle lives.
May 22 Ella Longfeld is back in the hospital after another heart attack. Ann working on a new job for Ver-Securities corporation. To Bankers Trust company with Bill Taylor to the luncheon given by Jack Budinger for Mike Witmon. Mike says that Macon (Georgia) is growing towards his farm and making it very valuable.
May 23 Bill Kyle has gone to Cleveland to became President of the Cleveland Institution for Savings and Larry Lake has became head of Bankers 5th Ave. office. Gardiner Robinson has been made a vice-president.

May 24 When the Freels were with us in February all of us were wishing that we could find some of the old-fashioned flip-flop toasters that never get out of shape. I have by good luck found one for each of us. To Round Hill by bus tonight. Our new tenants have moved into the stone cottage.

May 25 Weeding and hoeing the box beds. The McMasters arrived this afternoon while we were taking our baths. We went to the Freels for drinks and to see the new baby, a fine, large girl. Then to the Laurel Brigade Inn for dinner with the Fulton Wants. To their house afterwards for poker. Played very late.

May 26 Malcolm and I pruned and painted the small crabapple trees in front of the house. The youngsters continually nick them with the lawn mowers. To the Hyssongs for lunch, a large party, and on to Washington with the Sobelows.

May 27, 1957 Frank Forrestal has been very ill for a number of months and is about to be retired with a very generous addition to his pension by Bankers Trust company. I have another job for Van-securities corporation. One of the William James letters in the Rudin collection is, I think, a phony. The letter seems to be written by a William James but not the Harvard psychologist.

May 28 Long session, including lunch at the D. T. A., with Clark, Taylor, Burdett and Richmond. Bill and Jim have at last been fully converted to my idea of financing by the Skippers' fleet. Bill is interested in the railroad equipment end of the A C F business and should be of help in our plans.

May 29 To Woodbury. Got the invitations (for Thurston and ourselves) to Betsy Lewis' wedding. Betsy's fiancee still has his lawschool ahead of him, but they don't want to wait. Perhaps they are right. Late marriages, while often very happy, as mine, are quite contrary to nature's plan.

May 30 The horse chestnuts are very fine this year and I wish that we had some at Woodburn. To the auction at Mrs. Williams where we bought, besides some odelments; (i) a mahogany chest-on-chest, English, early 19th century; (ii) a mahogany secretary, American, 19th century; and (iii) two really nice lamps, one silver trimmed, one brass. To dinner at Irenes, where we saw the Freds, Crocens, Terrys, Whites, Janie Howard etc.
May 31 To Harrisonburg with the Freds. We bought a bedside table at the Craft Shop. I toyed with the idea of a George Washington desk, $400, but finally decided that I really had no place for it. Dinner with the Johnsons tonight. Large party, chiefly Round Hill people.
June 1 Pruning and painting fruit trees. Lunched at the Grays. Then back and to early cocktail and dinner party with the De Koshmutts at Oak Hill, a party given for the Duers. Cocktails in the fine formal gardens and dinner on the verandah. Coffee in the room where the Monroe doctrine was written.

June 2, 1957 Very tired today. Pruning the ligustrum lucidum, which suffered badly from winter-kill. Pruning shrubs and doing some minor tree surgery. To Battletown to lunch with the Whites M- and Doris drove us to Washington where we just missed a good train and had to wait 1 1/4 hours.

June 3 Earl Bradley lost his race for the Legislature. I hope that he isn't too much disappointed. Mrs. Abonatha is dead. She must have been nearly 90. Unlike some mothers-in-law she was the indispensable person in the Welch household.

June 4 our 25th wedding anniversary-which we are celebrating Saturday at Woodburn. M- telephoned from the Queens tonight where she was dining. Talked also to the Queens and the Quinns who are with the Queens. Miss Walsh is back from an exciting Southern trip which took her through Virginia.

June 5 $7.50 from Bush Terminal Building, which seems to indicate an annual rate of 60¢ per share. Armstrong came in to see me today. He seems to have been drinking heavily, but still has some sense of shrewdness. Walter Morris is leaving Sheaman & Sterling to work with Frank Moon at the Grace Bank. I gave Frank a good word for Walter.
June 6 Charles Dann, Jr. is dead. He was 69. I hadn't seen Charlie for years, and I think that he must have spent little time in N. Y. To the dinner of the N. Y. Credit Institute, of which young David Hopper is the incoming President. Nice talk with his father, Ike Hopper.
June 7 To the International commercial Corp'n meeting in Wilmington. George Edmonds took us to the Club at Delaware Park where we had an excellent dinner and watched (and lost a little money on) the horses. A very fine day. From there to Washington, where M- and Doris met Frank and me.

June 8, 1957 Busy all the morning preparing for our party. Ramne and Raymond Rodgers arrived this afternoon early. About 3 P.M. it began to rain, a serious affair when one is expecting 50 guests. It was a bang-up party, nevertheless, and the guests drank up 18 bottles of champagne plus handsome allowances of Scotch, bourbon, gin and sherry. The county ham Wilson sent us for christmas and a tremendous roast of beef vanished very quickly. I was afraid at one point that an elderly clergyman would choke.

June 9 To Irenes for a drink before lunch. The rain last night seems to have dampened several big weddings but our 25th anniversary wasn't dampened. Took the Rodgers to the Spencers this afternoon, where we saw the ~~Sp~~ Lloyd Wilsons and the Lanes. Then they (i.m. and the Rodgers) drove me to Washington.

June 10 Paul Neff is dead. To my great surprise the papers gave his age as 73, an age far beyond his appearance. Red Dawns and Chuck Maxwell are back from England, having also gotten in side trips to France and Italy. Ella Langfeld has left the hospital but has had another attack.

June 11 Dr. Merkley is again trying to borrow on the Newhouse estate. I gather that his earlier loans have fallen due, and his is completely broke. At this rate he will have nothing left when Ella dies and the trust falls in.

June 12 The I.C.C. has circulated a draft report in the Nickel Plate-Lackawanna matter. It says that Lackawanna may keep the stock, but must prepare an entirely new trust agreement and surrender all voting rights. A real victory for Nickel Plate. Woodson Spurlock came by today but missed me. I lunched with Sidney Mathews.

June 13, 1957 Margaret got back from Woodburn at 6:30 tonight. Foster Doty, who with Homer passed a day with M- at Woodburn recently, has had a serious heart attack. They are now at home in Springfield and have temporarily given up their plan to sell it.

June 14 Dwight Terry is dead, a sudden cerebral hemorrhage. He was in a bad way when I saw him recently, but I had no thought that the end was ~~so~~ near. Miss Scott came by to see me today. She is a "beauty coordinator" for the Revlon cosmetic people. That seems to be a cosmetic saleswoman. Jack Gantz has sent me a nice new accounting job.

June 15 Very hot. M- and I went to Gentry's, which is liquidating, and I bought 1/2 doz. white shirts and some handsome neckties. Am reading a collection of Osbert Sitwell's short stories. Good.

June 16 Telephoned Foster Doty who seemed to be in excellent spirits, made light of his malady and pitied me in the New York heat. Which is very bad today. Arthur Vanderbilt is dead. A great career ended.
June 17 I think that I have forgotten to record that our neighbor Dr. Baker came to Woodburn recently to know whether I would sell it to him. I told him that he and I were prably the biggest fools in Loudoun County, he because he wanted to buy such a big place and I because I wouldn't sell. Mrs. Whiteside is dead. The poor lady has been ill for some time. Have a letter from Brady Stewart wanting me to get him some theatre tickets.
June 18 Margaret and Doris left for Woodburn this afternoon. Doris and Frank braved the heat to go to the Terry funeral yesterday. Little Bill Peal is in summer school in Lexington. Mrs. Mary Burruss is dead.

June 19, 1957 Souter and Smythe had Bob coogan and me to lunch at Bankers Trust to give me the details about the new accounting job. Reading De quincey's "Society of the Lakes" in which he tells the story that Charles Lloyd eloped with his Sophia, until the 1797 Lamb letter to Coleridge which I have was discovered, it was thought that the whole story was false. The letter does prove that an elopement was contemplated and that Southey knew about it and possibly encouraged it.
June 20 To the A.R.C.I. Directors meeting and luncheon. Lester Selig says that he will definitely and completely retire next year. Since he is not very much beyond 60, I think that that is a mistake. As I told him, I cannot conceive that he will ever do anything as important again as building up General American transportation Corporation.

June 21 Chuck Maxwell and I had Henry Noe today to lunch. Henry has been at Breed, Abbatt and Morgan for 15 years, but has quit in a huff. He might just fill our need for a new estate man. My new Jantzen cuff links, my 25th anniversary gift from Frank and Doris White, are much admired.

June 22 Finally finished cataloguing the Rodin autograph collection. It cost me too much but one must pay for the best, such, for instance, as the fine Shelley letter to Godwin. Spent all day until 5 P.M. at work at the office - where only Dan Rawlings kept me company.

June 23 Spent most of the day cataloguing and cleaning books. The George Moore collection from Lowe Bros. is a fine one but I don't really know why I bought it. Telephoned Ella, who is not well. To the Public Library to check some points on the Lamp - Talfourd material recently purchased.

June 24, 1957 Finished the Ven-Securities - McKinsey & Co. matter today - which ought to provide an easy $1,000 for us. One of the items in the Rodin collection was a group of letters of John Addington Symonds, one of the letters mentioned a young American writer, Royal Cortissoz. Dr. Rodin wrote to Cortissoz about it, nearly 50 years later, and the collection includes a fine long letter from Cortissoz about Symonds.

June 25 Jim Salvage still looks at me with fascinated horror as he remembers my crack that Hoover and Karl Marx were headed in the same direction - towards a collectivist ~~so~~ society. The night train to Washington

June 26 To Woodburn with Jack Burditt to work on our tank car financing memorandum. Rene Eberle came by to bring me some tomato preserves. George is back in the hospital - with hepatitis.

June 27 Hard at work on the tank car financing memo. Jack Burditt is the first person I have met in the company who combines knowledge of the business with an ability to express himself and a knowledge of finance. Got enough time off tonight to finish Hemant's "Le Proces du tres Honorable Lord", a somewhat sardonic parody of the Oscar Wilde case.
June 28 The Lyons have left. Mickey and Howes quarrelled violently and of course Howes can't be spared. Jack and I drove to the airport tonight to meet Jane and Frank White. Their planes were so late that we had to dine in the Airport restaurant.
June 29 We knocked off work at noon and after lunch went to the Whites. The renovation of the house is nearly finished. To the Freds for a dinner. Barbara and Young Rogers have bought a house in Waterford. We had the Whites, Burditts and Howards to dinner tonight

June 30, 1957 We worked again this morning. This afternoon we drove to Leesburg and Waterford, where we had a sneak preview of the Fred's new house and back to the Eberles where we found and joined an anniversary party given for the Hyssongs. I forgot to say that the Freds were with us for lunch.

July 1 Hard at it again today. To Irenes for dinner. When the Lyons left they abandoned Butch, a wonderful dog, half collie, half mongrel. Irene has taken him and he seems very happy.

July 2 Jane left this morning, going to Washington with the Freds. The Freds and Irene are leaving in the morning for a visit to friends at Cape May. Back on our job. Bad news about our car. We had a fire under the hood Saturday and the wiring system has burnt out.

July 3 Jack left at 12 30. I feel that we have accomplished a great deal although Jack says that we have really proved that one should sell ~~the~~ ACF stock and buy General American. I have recently bought 100 shares of ACF. Spent my afternoon weeding the box bed in the lower garden.

July 4 Weeding the box again. To the Crowns tonight. The De Rykes are with them and are even more charming than I remembered them. Fay Willkie says that the work on her house is nearly finished.

July 5 We gave a dinner party for the De Rykes tonight, other guests were the Dicksons, the Crowns, the Grays and the Whites. Lavoy is conducting some kind of seminar at Northwestern this summer. Mrs. Gray tells me that he has leased his farm. His old farmer has given up the loan for the pulpit. Mrs. Welbourn has had an operation, but is back at home.

July 6, 1957 Spent two hours this morning going over farm problems with John Lehner. He and Nancy want to live in the Lynn house if we can fix it up and get heat in it. I am also afraid that we are going to have to buy some new farm machinery. To the Howards dinner tonight. Saw Tom and Clare Meloy.

July 7 Very dry. Mulched the hop bed with straw. Lunched at the Lowell Brigade and went by to see the Eberles. George seems to have turned the corner. Frank White and I came back by plane - which was late. Found a postal from Malcolm written on the Statendam.

July 8 Young David Gimbel is dead of cancer at 29. Years ago I prepared a trust for him, and for others of Bernard's children. Now he is gone before his parents. To the National Conference of Commissioners this afternoon.

July 9 Finished asbert Sitwell's "collected Stories". Some of them were very good but the dose of the whole at once was too much. I hear that Ken has been the subject of a few apposing letters, one from George Alger on the amazing theory that prosecutors should not be made judges. Discussed Henry Nal's appointment with Don, George and Eddie.

July 10 To the National conference meeting today and presented the Model State Tax Court Act, my last official job. I was amazed and touched at the number of commissioners who came up to tell me how sorry they were at my leaving the commission. Had drinks with Henry Thomas, Lowery coe, Bucky Lamb & Joe Morgan.

July 11 To the Commissioners dinner at the Towers on the Green. Long talk with Jim Northam who thinks that he has a chance to be Governor of Indiana. Saw Mrs. Henry Thomas again. Marion Buerger is not pleased with Mrs. Rosenblatt.

July 12, 1957 Talked to Brady Stewart today. He is at N. Y. university for a seminar course conducted by Bob Leffort. Lunched with Herb Rogge who tells me that his backlog of car orders is falling. I am afraid that the railroads are pulling in their belts again. I have a large bill from the Russellville Motor Co. for work on the car.
July 13 Took the Stewarts to lunch at the university club, Brady, Mrs. Stewart, their son Jimmy and Jimmy's sweetheart, a Miss Goines. Brady gets three months vacation and they get in a great deal of travelling. He says that he was in Barcelona about two years ago and could hardly find the landmarks he remembered.
July 14 Very hot. I forgot to mention that I saw Dave Brass last week, very dapper and prosperous-looking to see Ella this afternoon. She is weak and looks very old, but was sprightly and interested. Her new nurse has been a disappointment.

July 15 Lunched with S. Martin at Bonners Trust. Seavell is trying to help John Means dispose of two companies, one of which is a possibility for A C F. Reading Bennetts "Six Medieval Men and Women". Duke Humphrey, the benefactor of the Bodleian, was of interest to me. Bernice writes that Thurston is taking a training course.

July 16 Sam Felton is retiring as President of American Car & Foundry Division on August 1 and I am working on a revision of his employment contract. In cleaning some books I have come across Mark Twains "The Horses Tale". one of the conversations between the horses led to a libel suit against Twain and Mr. Rooke defended him.

July 17 M- and I are dieting. which in my case means chiefly cutting down on alcohol. Am reading Hazlitt's "Spirit of the Age". He is an extraordinarily acute critic, especially in dealing with major figures like Coleridge, but his subjects must have writhed at his descriptions.

July 18, 1957 Very hot. I failed to get the two Lamb items that were sold at Sotheby's on the 16th. They fetched enormous prices. At these rates my collection is probably worth nearly $50,000. Hired Henry Noe who will begin with us on August 1. Agreed to pay him $10,000 per annum plus 25% on his own business and some special arrangement if that reaches $20,000 or more per annum.

July 19 Lunched with Don Rawling's friend, Rooney. R- is a bright chap who seems to have had a moderate success as a single practicioner. Had the Maxwells and Correas to ~~lunch~~ dinner at the University Club and then back to our apartment for the evening.

July 20 Very hot. Staggered to the postoffice this morning with a box of books for the University of Kentucky. Catalogued and cleaned books the rest of the day. The Peales dined with us tonight and Sam and I had the good luck to take 2 rubbers of bridge from M- & E.

July 21 Intense heat. We stayed in all day with as few clothes on us is consistent with decency. Cleaning books and packing them for transport to Woodburn. The knife that Commie gave me years ago has again been lost - at the cleaners - and again recovered.
July 22 Still searchingly hot. The whole Northeast is having a bad drought. T. W. A. lost almost 7½ millions the first five months of this year. Even Howard Hughes can't maintain such losses very long. Georgi Spater must be very concerned. As a gesture to very old times I am rereading "Black Beauty" by Mrs. Sewell. Although a very naive book it still retains much charm for me.
July 23 Margaret and Doris left for Woodburn this morning. I have decided to close our checking account at Manufacturers Trust. I have had it there about 20 years, but I never get any more business from them. ~~And~~ I shall perhaps open one with the Hanover Bank.

July 24, 1957 Anne Rodgers telephoned today to invite us to Westport for the weekend. She and Raymond have just returned from a Nova Scotian trip with the Paddlers.

July 25 Mrs. Tom Rutherford is dead. Despite an occasional and justifiable irritation with me, she was on the whole very kind when I spent so much time there in my youth.

Bernice writes that Robert is going to take a nine months course in electronics at the DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago.

July 26 To Washington by air, where Doris and M- met Frank and me. Back to Woodburn for supper.

July 27 Worked on a new list of farm equipment with John. We are going to buy a new pick-up, a new rake, a seed drill and a sprayer. Put more mulch on the box beds. Started in a systematic pruning, doctoring and painting of the sweet gums, some of which are hurt. Dinner with the Whites.

July 28 Worked on the sweet gums today. Almost every tree has cuts and small decayed places, mostly from lawn mowers, and two of them may be too far gone to be saved. Irene came to see us this morning. At the cravens this afternoon. My bus was late and I got into N.Y. very late.
July 29 The Insurance company has paid for the repairs required because of the fire in the electrical system of our station wagon. ACF has a vacancy on its Board of Directors, and Bill Taylor asked me if I wanted it. I refused because I thought it undesirable to be required to detail my fees in proxy statements. Morgoret and Fred Willkie got in from Virginia, having made the trip in 12 hours.
July 30 Gave my usual lecture at the P. I. I. today. A very appreciative audience. I am always amazed at how many out-of-town people we get. The General Solicitor of the B. & O., for instance, asked me many questions about Railroad finance.

July 31, 1957. Dined at the Peales tonight. Sam seems pessimistic about the stock market. Gretchen is doing very well at Smith. She and Fred went off to the theater. Fred seems me to have a little of the brains (perhaps more than a little) of his uncle Wendell. In choosing a book to read, for instance, he asked for a "factual" one, meaning one with useful information.

Aug. 1 John Richmond has had a sudden attack of angina and will be out for seven weeks, the first three of which must be spent in a hospital. Took Schocht Von Steenberg to lunch at the D. T. A. He brought me a lovely necktie from Italy.

Aug. 2 Drove to Woodburn, with Fred Willkie as the chauffeur and Crete Glafke with us. She will stay about two weeks with M—. Poor Crete has not recovered yet from her husband's death. Got a fine new Wordsworth letter which Myers & Co. bought for me at Christies.

Aug. 3 Picked up the new truck today, a handsome new chevrolet. My bubble of eight year old Old Fitzgerald, given to me by Jim Clark and three-fourths full when I left, is gone. Mrs. H- is the most honest man alive except as regards my liquor. unfortunately she always takes the very best cognac, Scotch or bourbon. Dined at Irenes tonight.
Aug. 4 Lunched at the Whites. Pete and Ada Mae Mitchell are with the Whites for the week-end and we saw them at Irenes last night as well as today. Pete is one of the head Foreign Department men at the First National city Bank. We gave a supper for them at Woodburn tonight.
Aug. 5 In to Washington with the Freds this morning and to New York by train. Rudy Furrer is in the hospital, a disaster at this time of difficulty in the nuclear field. Miss Pinna told me today that she recognized me as one of the group that ate with Herbert Brunell at the cricket in the 1920s.

Aug. 6, 1957 The Advance brings the news that old Charles S. Hall is dead. He was 87. Ben and A.B. died at comparatively young ages, Charles seems to have been made of tough material. A good and kindly man he was, although a little crazy at times. Mrs. Georgia Terry is also dead. She was 85. Her husband has been dead a very long time. They owned the house we lived in in Bandana until my father bought it about 1899 or 1900.
Aug. 7 Long lunch with Jim Clark. We are both worried about the declining backlog of railroad car orders. Bankers Trust company has raised the prime loan rate to 4½%
Reading Austen's "At John Murrays", a most interesting book about the second of the Murrays.
Aug. 8 Talked to Len Moore today. He has not yet been confirmed. Malcolm telephoned. Joan has been ill again but is better now. Lunched with Bill Taylor.

Aug 9. Joined Bill Crowens at the Metropolitan Club in Washington tonight and he drove me to Woodlawn, Crete is still with Margaret and says that she feels better.

Aug. 10. Working with Mr. Hodgins and his assistants over the new brick entrance plan. It is now represented by burlap bags making four pillars and walls. They also plan to grade the rough edges along the driveway so that we can get at them with a power mower. To dinner at the Crowens tonight with Irene, Crete, and Foy and Fred Willkie.

Aug. 11 Working on my trees with better success now that Bill Crowens has lent me some good wood chisels. Finished the first volume of William James's letters. The letters are much better as he neared middle age. Margaret and Crete drove me to Washington. Read Wordsworth. As Hazlitt points out, his sonnets are like Milton's.

Aug. 12, 1957 Roger Blough is having heavy weather in the hearings before the Kefauver committee. He started in by describing his group as simple iron puddlers, which the reporters took for "iron peddlers". Estes then called him Roger and reminded him that they had been classmates at Yale. Dined with Jack Burdett tonight.

Aug. 13 Finally located Steve Waterman in Maine, but he thinks that they cannot make our Labor-day party at Woodburn. Dined with Don Rawlings tonight. Elliott & Co, Gallagher Will and Dempsey & Co. are accused by the S. E. C. of having made a public offering of the Cromwell-Collier debentures.

Aug. 14 I had a shock on seeing headlines in the Advance today "Mrs. Beal Dead in Lacenter". It turned out to be Miss Bess. Poor Walters third. He just can't keep married. Am reading and liking very much Mrs. Bowens life of John Adams.

Aug. 15 Bernice writes that T. B. has a cancer on his tongue. A case something like Chapman Reynolds. I hope that it was recognized in time to save him by surgery. Cousin Ala Dall is visiting in Ballard County. I would like very much to see her again.
Aug. 16 Took Bob Brame to lunch at the D. T. A. to discuss the S. E. C. decision in the Cromwell-Collier case. The decision has some random language, but quite properly points out that an offer to 80 or 90 people is not a private offering. To Woodburn after a ride in a bus that started an hour late and broke down twice.
Aug 17 In four hours hard work today I mashed 7 out of about 80 shutters. Also watered the rex-leaf privet, the tomatoes and little box. To the Howard's party tonight, where we met the Blumps and Col. and Mrs. Moore. Also Ed's sister, brother and nephew. The sister's son has married Joe Lowell's daughter.

Aug. 18, 1957 At my watering again and down to the cottage garden to look at the new little boy. It has fared very well under the protection of a heavy straw mulch. To the Frads to dinner - with Barbara as the hostess in Ethel's absence - and then to see the house in Waterford ~~which~~ which Rogers Jr. has bought.

Aug. 19 Lewis Livingston Delafield, Jr., my old boss and friend, is dead. He was, I believe, a little past 70. He was never the impressive lawyer his father had been but many have had even a better mind. I was surprised to see that he had remarried a year or so ago.

Aug. 20 M - returned today. Tiffany's has repaired her emerald pin which has been broken. We are almost certain that Mrs. Lyons couldn't resist trying it on and broke the difficult clasp getting it off. I suppose the poor thing never got that close to emeralds before and just had to see herself with them.

Aug. 21 The railroads have entered an era of their phases of austerity in car buying and ACF's stock is slipping downward. Have a tooth ache - the last molar in my upper left jaw. I would have it pulled except that it is essential for my upper denture. Finished the first volume of the Coleridge letters.

Aug. 22 To see Dr. McGrath this morning after a bad night with my teeth. He thinks he may save it at least for a time. Am reading Hazlitt's scorching attack on Gifford in "The Spirit of the Age". He illustrates Gifford's complete inability to understand or evaluate Keats' poetry by publishing extracts of the poems of both. He (Hazlitt) also attacks Gifford as having contributed to Keats' illness.

Aug. 23 Am trying to get tickets for "My Fair Lady" for Mrs. Eugene M. Smith. Every lady from outside New York regards herself as a social failure unless she can say that she has seen that play. Reading Wordsworth's sonnets again.

Aug. 24, 1957 M- and I went to the City Election Board today for permanent voting registration - which has been belatedly adopted in New York. Then to Bilbo & Tanner's where I bought a mass of detective stories and a few standard items. M- and I dined at the University Club tonight and then saw a light English movie, "Brothers-in-law."

Aug. 25 Rain today. In the apartment all day except for a trip to the delicatessen store. The problem of whether to have a negro family in the empty tenant house at Woodburn has solved itself. The negroes do not want it. I would have been willing if the negroes could have demonstrated their willingness to care for the place, but M- would have none of it. All Northerners love negroes in the abstract but refuse to live with or near them in practice.

Aug. 26 Toothache again. Had Bill Taylor, Jim Clark and Henry Curran to dinner at the University Club to discuss foreign business.

Aug. 27 to Dr. McGrath with my ailing tooth. He has about given up on me. Calls himself "Patcher McGrath". M- left for Virginia with Doris this morning. Jack Burdick, who was taken with my word "backsheesh", has given me his family collection of Bayard Taylor's travels. I read some of the volumes from my father's library when I was a little boy.
Aug. 28 Have finished "Titus Andronicus". Some of the lines definitely suggest Shakespeare, but the plot and general theme are pretty awful.
Aug. 29 To the annual meeting of ACF with Bill and Russell Taylor. Bill makes a superb presiding officer, full of ingratiating wit and humor and yet pushing the work along. Russell Taylor is an interesting fellow, quite intelligent and interested in many things but not very widely read. Has perhaps been too busy for general reading. Back to N. Y. with Chuck, Bob Loughborough and Bill Van Deventer.

Aug 30, 1957 Cathy Moore and I went to Washington on the Congressional where we were met by Margaret and Len. Cathy tells me that Hugh Cole is about to retire. Apparently the Milbank firm has some sort of minor retirement plan and Hugh has a small outside income. The Senate has adjourned without confirming Len, but he hopes to get a recess appointment.
Aug. 31 Brownie Moore is a reporter on the Hartford Courant. Lunched at Irene's today. We gave a dinner for the Moores tonight, with the Fletchers, Wilsons, Bradleys, Hyssongs and Babsons as the other guests.
Sept. 1 We have had a little rain and the little boy looks quite happy under its mulch. I find about $3,000 in bills at Woodburn, including a whopping big $1760+ bill for the premium on the Metropolitan insurance policy. Dined with the Babsons tonight. They live in a fine big house at the edge of Leesburg on route 15 North. A fine lawn with much semi-formal boy.

Sept. 2 Very hot. We went to the Whites for pre-luncheon cocktails. Charles, Susan and young Charles Jones were also there. Young Charles, who is quite a suave and matured youngster, is waiting for Wood, Struthers in N.Y. We spent a very quiet afternoon at home. Len is tired and depressed. His appointment has undoubtedly been held up by Bridges as a slap at Dewey and Brownell. The heat and too much liquor has almost overcome me.
Sept. 3 The Manes and I went in to Washington this morning with the Freds, and I came on the N.Y. alone, Reading Elizabeth Sitwell's "Fanfare for Elizabeth". Not a pleasant book.
Sept 4 Lincoln Johnson is dead at 64. He went to Tucson several years ago. Lunched with Bill Van Deventer and Lee Kress. Bill is a nice fellow but not too forceful. Saw Malcolm at the Heathstone tonight. A district court in Washington has held that insurance companies can issue variable annuities without complying with S.E.C. regulations. A victory for Malcolm's client, the Prudential.

Sept. 5, 1957 I have been invited to attend all the ACF directors meetings. The one today was rather routine, with a pleasant lunch afterwards. To Woodburn. Have finished Mrs. Bowen's delightful life of John Adams. I wish that she would turn her attention to Monroe.

Sept. 6 In to Leesburg this morning and made a declaration for my personal property tax - which, I hope, will be a little less than last year. We gave a dinner tonight for Fay and Fred Willkie, the Cravens, the Freds, the Howards, the Sam Reales and Irene.

Sept. 7 Margaret has a sore throat and is quite miserable, suffering from the heat and fatigue. Ken Mower has received his recess appointment to the circuit Court and will take his seat at once, I believe. To dinner at the Howards tonight and played samba with them, the Cravens, Irene & the Willkies. Bill Cravens seems to be in better spirits.

Sept. 8 In spite of the heat and M's cold we had mid-day dinner at the Sparrows. We simply couldn't refuse again. Billy seems much better and brighter. Then home for a nap. The Crowens came by and took me to the 6 P. M. bus. Bill has taken to wearing a brown French beret, which gives him a foreign, sculptor appearance.

Sept. 9 Carolyn Gairan writes that she and Roger are about to leave for a two year stay in Cambodia. There should be some decent French society there. I finished last week-end the "Get-Rich-quick Wallingford" book. I remembered it as a very amusing book from my boyhood, but now find it full of absurdities and contradictions - although it still holds attention.

Sept. 10 Lunched with Sam Felton, who showed me some of the letters he had received on his retirement: Lester Seelig, Champ Carry et al. Reading Howe's life of Mr. Justice Holmes. He really had developed that romantic streak as a boy.

Sept. 11, 1957 Gov. Faubus of Arkansas is preventing segregation in Little Rock by the use of the National Guard. He is a stupid chap, I hear, but he may be starting a strong resistance move. Cousin Eula's husband, Frank Davidson, is dead. The third husband she has buried.

Sept. 12 Dave Beck has announced that he will leave the bench at the end of this year. There is speculation that he may run for Governor, but I suspect that he may merely have a natural desire to make some money. Lunched with Malcolm. Joan has had a serious relapse and is in the Massachusetts General Hospital. Poor Malcolm is almost distracted.

Sept 13 Lunched with Alec Pinney at the D. T. A. He thinks that the market could have a very serious drop. Don Stukey sends me word by Chuck that Morrison and Bill Hough are having a great quarrel.

Sept. 14 Still stifling and muggy. Margaret is suffering with a bad cold but managed to get out. I spent part of my day at Bilbo & Tanner's where I bought a mass of paper backs. quiet evening at home.

Sept. 15th Mrs. Wolff telephoned this morning to say that Ella was quite ill again. I went up to see her this afternoon. She is very miserable and may not last out until her 91st birthday - which comes in October.

Sept. 16 By great good luck I have received from Mr. Litton the balance from last years rent, $1889.00. I needed it to pay for the new equipment for the farm. Lunched with S. Martin at the D. T. A. His job has been changed again and he is quite disgruntled.

Sept. 17 Wynne and Malcolm come to dinner tonight and we spent a sorrowful evening talking about Joan. She may have to stay at the hospital for 2 years. It seems to me that the worry may kill Malcolm and the expense will ruin him

Sept. 18, 1957 Finished my memorandum on the Frear bill (proposing to create a Government agency to buy railroad equipment and lease it to the railroads). Reading Hazlitt's Liber Amoris. Lunched with Sidney Mathews at the D. T. A. Ella is the hospital again.

Sept. 19 Lunched with Dee Stone, Fred Bolton and a Mr. Gatling of the Patterson firm. Dee tells me that an official of the New York Police Department has confirmed what I have suspected - that much of the so-called gangster teen-age crime is really race fighting. The newspapers conceal it, but it shows up in the pictures of the combatants.

Sept. 20 I see in the Advance that P. L. Sola's second wife is dead. He too seems wasteful of wives. To Woodburn this afternoon. Cleaning books, a task much neglected this summer. Reading the first volume of Baruch interesting autobiography. A remarkable fellow.

Sept. 21 Dined at Irene's tonight with the Whites, Betty Corsea, the Freds. Ethel is very steamed up over her European trip - first class everywhere and the most de luxe hotels. She could stay at the Waldorf and spend her days at the New York museums and learn more about European culture but that would not satisfy the ~~competitive~~ competitive social front.

Sept. 22 Had midday dinner with the Wilsons, a festivity much delayed by reason of Ann being unable to accept. The other guests were the Spurrans, the Crucens, Irene and Betty and last and least the Foxes. This afternoon we went to see the Barnetts. Alec has an exercising machine, something like a bicycle, which he hopes will do something for his legs.

Sept. 23 Mr. Hodgin was over today to discuss some further landscaping problems. Mr. and Mrs. Welbourne took me to Washington, enroute for their party at the Japanese Embassy.

Sept. 24, 1957 President Eisenhower has sent paratroopers into Arkansas to coerce the Governor into admitting negroes into the Little Rock High School. Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad. M- returned today. She has been having a series of very bad headaches.
Sept. 25 Frank Stone tells me that Gerry Brophy is still far from well. Apparently he has not completely recovered from his jaundice. My cash is very low again, after paying a large premium on the Metropolitan insurance policy ($1734) my checking balances are very low. Working with Charlie Loewen again on S & P X.
Sept. 26 At the dentists this morning. Lunched at the D. T. A. with Malcolm Fooshee and Woodson Spurlock. Woodson is now working at New York's Armco office and wants to be admitted to the New York bar on motion. Heard Governor Faubus on the radio tonight. He may be a demagogue but he gave the Administration a real tongue lashing.

Sept. 27 Reading the first volume of Schlesinger's "The Age of Roosevelt. A fine job showing a tremendous amount of research and thought but hardly as interesting as "The Age of Jackson". Possibly we are still to close to the Hoover days to get a really basic analysis.
Sept. 28 Quiet day at home. Crete Glafke came in to see us this afternoon. Wrote to Loretta and Nilsons about Willies continued insistence on making a pharmacist, of course Willie must make his own decisions in the end, but this mistake is a very bad one and all of ours a duty to utter a warning.
Sept. 29 John Lenher telephoned today that he had bought the Simpson farm south of Round Hill. He will give up Woodburn Farms at the end of the year, but Mr. Kittan wants to take it back. Cataloguing a fine collection of Shirley Brooks letters (and miscellaneous autographs) from Myers & Co.

Sept. 30, 1957 Poor little Joe Kelley has passed up his college career to marry the daughter of the Lumerays. He has just enough education to be unable to follow in this father's footsteps and not enough to be a success at anything else.

Oct. 1 The much heralded conference between the President and a committee of Southern Governors over the Little Rock incident has broken down miserably in a quibble about language. What is now becoming clear is that the whole incident is a phony bid for the negro vote in the key Northern States. The President can't agree to a compromise, even the most reasonable, because that would lose him the benefit of his grandstand play. In the long run the scheme (which is repeating on a national scale the Dewey bid for the Jewish-negro vote in New York) will fail because the Northern Democrats will outbid it: housing, transportation, old-age pensions etc.

Oct 2 Mrs. Clark, Jim's Mother, is dead after a long illness. His father is also in bad health. John Rath of Bankers Trust telephoned today to say that the parties to the Sunoc - P.O. Moore sale were having still further controversy over the payments.
Oct 3 Irene Wright is with us, pending her departure for Europe tomorrow. Tonight we saw Judy Holladay in "The Bells are Ringing", a poor musical comedy. At the ACF Directors' meeting today.
Oct 4 I find in an old copy of the Advance - yearman that Charlie Cree died some months ago. He was 86. I am having a very hard time getting our Shippers' Memorandum finished. Jack Burditt has been tied up on a million little things.
Oct. 5 To Woodburn last night. The brick entrance is underway but unfinished. To Fay Wilkies for dinner and bridge, taking the Peales and Marie Crowens with us. Fay's newly renovated house is very attractive.

October 6, 1957 The Russians have successfully launched their earth satellite and scored a great diplomatic and propaganda victory over us. Rain today, unpacked books on the third floor, where I am in great need of new shelves. We had a large cocktail party this afternoon for the Daniel Austins. He was Executive Vice-President of U. S. Steel until he retired a few months ago, and is now engaged in farming as the new owner of Stanley Lanesome.
Oct. 7 Still working on the library overflow on the third floor. Reading Beers "The Mauve Decade" - or rather rereading it after twenty years or so. Caught the Capital Limited at Martinsburg, W. V. this afternoon.
Oct. 8 All day at the A.R.C.I. meeting at the city club in Chicago. A substantial part of the meeting was given to the discussion of my memorandum on the Fraser (Symes Plan) bill. Champ Carry has really given the matter a great deal of thought. Home on the Century.

Oct. 9 Geo. Heiser telephoned me today to invite me to lunch and to declare my closing my checking account at Manufacturers Trust. Arthur Keefe's son telephoned about a law clerk's job. He says that Arthur is working in Washington.

Oct. 10 The stock market has broken badly. ACF is down to 42. Since the $4.00 dividend is well protected at current business levels, it would be a bargain if one could trust the future. Lunched with Dean Rawlings.

Oct. 11 Finished and sent out my memorandum on the Symes plan. Have a letter from Larry Thompson (who is a former FBI man) about the use of paratroopers in Little Rock - which Larry calls "insane". Larry is a believer in integration, to be accomplished slowly, but thinks that Eisenhower has set it back for a long time.

Oct. 12 Shopped at Sam Wiesers - who says that the book business is going to hell. Wilton Cole has become the chairman of Crowell-Collier.

oct. 13, 1957 cleaning the Thomas Nelson Page and Bangs collections I bought last year. To see Ella this afternoon. She is quite thin but in fair spirits. Reading Hazlitt's "Dramatic criticisms", acute commentaries on Shakespeare's plays.

oct. 14 I hear that Harry Hoyt is dead, a fact that had escaped me during absence in Virginia.

oct. 15 Bill Ward came in to see me today - my first glimpse of him for ten years or more. His united Endowment company was wound up at the end of 1956 in accordance with the terms of the trust and Bill is looking for a job. Lunched with Bill Taylor. Reading Emerson's "The Second Man".

oct. 16 Stewart B. Hopps and Lowell M. Birrell are the subjects of a series of articles in the World-Telegram. Hopps was an able fellow and it seems extraordinary that he participated in so many frauds - complicated in form but essentially rash and stupid. Am reading McClintick's "Me and Kit".

oct. 17 Attended the ACF Executive committee meeting and lunched afterwards with the members. Carlos is acting up again in a spoiled boy fashion. He made up his mind to retire at the end of this year as both director and officer. Now, as the time approaches and as all arrangements have been made, he is asking for a consultant contract - on top of a pension of $21,000 per annum and a fortune of $2,000,000.

oct. 18 Long lunch at the India House with Clark, Taylor and Henry Carey. I am quite anxious to see Henry get a try at the new foreign sales job we plan for ACF. We have joined the Play-of-the Month Guild and hope to have some theatre parties this year.

oct. 19 To the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought a nice group of letters and manuscripts, including two Dickens letters and two pages of jingles by Coleridge. Lunched with Duce, Mrs. Kirschenbaum and Albert Boni. Dined tonight with the Sam Paules. Bridge. Sam and Elizabeth are full of plans for Roger, who graduates from Harvard this year.

oct. 20, 1957 Cataloguing my purchases of yesterday, which included several fine volumes. I was especially pleased to get fine copies of Charles and Mary Cowden Clarke's "Recollections of Writers" and Mrs. Clarke's "My Long Life". Dined with the Wells tonight.

oct. 21 Ed Hodge, who has for some time been chairman of the ~~Boa~~ Executive committee of Westinghouse Airbrake company, has now became chairman of the Board. I can't quite understand why he wants the job since he is so busy in his own companies. Boshell, the former chairman, has resigned. Perhaps Ed has gone in to complete the clean-up.

oct. 22 To Dr. McBrath this morning. He ground away at my few remaining teeth but did not condemn any. Geo. Mills came in to see me this morning. He has left the bank where he worked for a time after his retirement. He tells me that Fred and Adela Osler are still in Washington and that Fred is back in the real estate business. Telephoned Ella. Her 91st birthday.

Oct. 23 Herbert Brownell has resigned. From what he told me five years ago I know that his spare money has probably run out. There will undoubtedly be some gossip, however, that his resignation results from the Little Rock incident and his struggles with the conservative faction in the Republican Party. In fact I doubt that Herb could be confirmed for the Supreme court in the present Senate. I am really worried that Len Moore may run into trouble. Working today with Carey, Selig and Rogge on the Symes plan. Carey and Selig are much worried about some provisions of the bill.
Oct. 24 Attended the Executive committee meeting and luncheon. Reading Danforth & Horan's "The D. A.'s Man". The disclosures of vice and racketeering are so awful that I wonder that New York can survive.
Oct. 25 Long and somewhat futile conference with Dave Bacon at the P. R. R.'s office in Philadelphia (over the Symes Plan). Then to the Bradleys at Pocono Springs.

oct. 26, 1957 The weather continuing cold I continued on the library today, chiefly on the boxes on the 3rd floor. our fall iris that Mrs. Fletcher gave us last year is blooming - a fine bluish purple. Dined at the Wellbournes tonight, other guests were the Pickens, Wozencrafts and Fletchers.

oct. 27 Worked on the library again. I now have all the boxes unpacked and on the floor - in a fine confusion to which I have some little system of my own. To the Hammonds for cocktails and then to Washington by bus - being obliged to stand.

oct. 28 Carlos is really being a nuisance again. on almost every proposition he at first takes a firm stand often for clear and intelligent reasons. As time passes and people have made their arrangements he begins to worry and waver, talks to everyone, gets in deep depressions and annoys everybody. Ed Fisher and his partner Rogers were in to see me today. Both very bright and intellectual youngsters but not yet of fully matured judgment.

oct. 29 Margaret is back from Woodlawn. I have been getting worried about the safety of my letters of Lamb, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Dickens et al in the event of an atomic raid on N. Y. Lunched at Bankers Trust today with Messrs. Carter, Halleck and Bennett who seem anxious to help, but have no very clear ideas beyond a fire proof safe at Woodlawn.
oct. 30 Reading Neil Bell's "So Perish the Roses", a novel based on the life of Chas. Lamb. It is a bad book because of its inaccuracies and blind spots, but it has some aperçus and with some honest research could have been made an excellent book.
oct. 31 Bill White's father is dead. McClintick's book has a contemptuous page about "The Betrothal" which I saw in New York in 1918. It was my first real visit to the theatre and I was much impressed. Perhaps I would find it now as dull and naive as McClintick thought it. Bush Terminal Building is passing an extra, bring the years dividends to $04.

Nov. 1, 1957 Lunched with the ACF Salary committee today to consider the Taylor consultant contract - which was approved. M- and I drove to Princeton tonight for a week-end with the Stevens. To our surprise we found that Michael is at home - having failed to get satisfactory grades at college - and is working in N. Y. at the First Nat'l City Bank.

Nov. 2 Rain all day but we got in a little shopping for the blue quail china we like so much. I have been very rebellious over the poor coffee cups we have in N. Y. To a cocktail party at a Mrs. Spencer's this afternoon. Madeline and Hoffman came in for dinner tonight.

Nov. 3 A bright sunny day. Took a long walk. This afternoon the Harrises, Halls and Mrs. Clopton come in for tea. Mrs. C- is Paul Mellon's mother-in-law but I gather did not get an invitation to the tea for the Queen. Drove back to N. Y. tonight bringing Michael with us as he has to be at his bank at 8 A. M. tomorrow.

Nov. 4 Michael is an unusual boy in at least one respect. He knows exactly what he wants to do, i.e. to work in the theatre as a part of the production not as an actor. He has been pursuing the plan for several years now. I gave him our copy of McClintick's book. The Russians have launched a much larger sputnik, this time with a dog as a passenger. Obviously their propulsive machinery is better than any we ~~have~~ have discovered, and they may be close to achieving the intercontinental guided missile.

Nov. 5 Voted for Wagner this morning and, with a few exceptions, for his ticket. The Democrats have made big gains in New York and New Jersey. The Freds arrived tonight but so late that they stayed on the ship. To the Carnegie Book Shop where I bought a number of items, including the ms of Lamb's poem "Angel Help"; also a nice little pocket copy of A. Lincoln's works in six volumes.

Nov. 6, 1957 Margaret met the Freels and Muirs this morning and set out with them for Washington, the station wagon overloaded with their purchases from England and the continent. Ethel has a sad homecoming as her mother is hopelessly ill. Margaret left a small bag at the Stevens Sunday night and I picked it up from Michael today. Scovell Martin has asked me whether I would let my name be proposed for the presidency of the University of Virginia. I declined for many reasons, chief of which is that a younger man is needed.
Nov. 7 Letter from Prof. Barnett, the Lamb scholar today, enclosing an inscribed copy of his article on the deficiencies of Lucas' edition of the Lamb letters. To the ACF Directors meeting and luncheon and then flew to Washington where M- met me. Dined at the Eberlys, where the Hyssongs and Wozencrafts were also guests. Mrs. W- comes from an old Kentucky family for which William Wirt was a tutor in his young days. Mrs. Wolfe is desperately ill, the end being very near.

Nov. 8 Mr. Hawes has been at the battle again and John Lenher has fired him, an understandable but rash action as John is leaving Washburn himself at the end of this year. I have intervened and hope that Mr. Litton will give John another chance. Dr. Bailey examined my eyes this morning and gave me a prescription for new glasses. Don and Mary Wharton arrived this afternoon. Bridge tonight.

Nov. 9 With Dr. Bailey again this morning to get a final checking. To midday dinner with the Howards. To the Whites this evening for bridge.

Nov. 10 We gave a luncheon for the Whartons today, the other guests being the Crowens, the Bradleys, the Hyssongs and the ~~Howards~~ Howards. Crowens says that they are about to have another arbitration with Morrison. It seems to me that the fellow must be insane. ordered a ham for Dr. McGrath and two for ourselves from the Whitleys. Supper and bridge at the Whites. Dorothy and Fulton Want there.

Nov. 11, 1957 Went this morning with Bill Whalley and Rogers Fred to see the Hume farm, about 250 acres of land on Dry Mill road. Rogers and I are interested but somewhat worried at the prospect of having to build roads etc in order to break it up into residential tracts. Mr. Litton has determined to give Mr. Howes another chance. Lunched with the Grays, where other guests were the Lloyd Wilsons, the Hotelings from Washington and the Whartons. M- and the Whartons drove me to Washington. Flat tire en route.

Nov. 12 M- came back with Doris today. Erle V. Doueler is dead at 71. Have finished Louries "Memoires d'un collegian". Bob Coogan has another son, the 6th child in 7 years.

Nov. 13 Lunched with Abe Fletcher and Harry Barrand. Harry, after struggling through the depression years, has made a lot of money, married a much younger wife and spends much of his time in Europe. Alma Randolph is dead in Bandana. She was only 56. Phlebitis, I believe.

Nov. 14 Joan Foashee has had another relapse. What a heart-rending experience this must be for her as well as Malcolm. Orvis Somervine has been made a partner in the Chadbourne firm. Dee Stone's name has been moved for down the list, just above those of the group that were made partners less than three years ago. I can't imagine what purpose can be served by such a humiliating action.

Nov. 15 I hear that Dick Connette is to leave ACF. Trained as a lawyer, he for some reason has tried to be a car-builder. To the Maxwell's party tonight for the Noes. All the lawyers in the office were there except Werner and Coogan. Mrs. Noe is quite an interesting person.

Nov. 16 Mrs. Wolfe, Ethel Fred's mother, is dead. We dined with the Foashees in their new apartment. The Sam Peales were also there. Joan is better. It seems to me that Malcolm paid a very high price, $20,000, for his apartment despite the low carrying charges.

Nov. 19, 1957 Lunched with the Carreas. Irene returned last night and is staying with them for a few days. She reports a very good time, especially in England. Quite by accident she met George and Peggy Jacobs in London. Irene seems to like Europe and is not put off by the Venetian stench that marred the visit of the Freds. M- and I called to see Ella this afternoon.

Nov. 18 We had Larry and Betty Lake to dinner at the University Club tonight and then to see "Look Back In Anger". The cast was excellent, especially Kenneth Haigh and Mary Ure in the leading roles, but the play itself, which is by John Osborne, is a melancholy rehash of Galsworthy and Rinehart with a seasoning of modern psychology.

Nov. 19 Bill Klaitz, President of Guaranty Trust company, has died from injuries received from falling of a ladder while cleaning out his gutters. I barely escaped a similar fate pulling ~~away~~ away at Longfields. Since that time I have stayed off ladders. Ed and Ann Quinn telephoned tonight. Ed has a new assignment.

Nov. 20 Got my new spectacles today. The lenses are perfect but I am doubtful whether the new-fangled frames will keep the glass in place on my thin nose. To Washington by train and dined with Gene Smith and Tom Braker in anticipation of the I. C. C. hearing tomorrow. Nov. 21 To the I. C. C. hearing in the Nickel Plate-Lackawanna matter. Davis, counsel of Lackawanna, said "Judas Priest" when he saw me, but was consoled when he learned that I was to be only a listener. The Rogers Freds took me to Woodburn this afternoon. Irene and Doris dined with us and played some. Nov. 22 Weeding the new bed despite the raw cold which finds its way through my sweaters. Working on the library, where the shelves of newly cleaned books are beginning to be impressive. The Freds came to dinner. The death of her mother has been a great shock for Ethel and she appears to be very worn and tired. Reading Batiffol's "Au Temps du Louis XIII", a skilfully written social history of the end of the 16th and beginning of the 17th century.

Nov. 23, 1957 Heavy snowstorm today, melting as it fell. Worked on the library. The Whites came in to see us this morning. We called on the Burdette Wrights this afternoon and found them rejoicing over a new grandchild. Dined with the Fletchers tonight. Other guests were the Wilsons, the Bradleys and the Howards.

Nov. 24 A very beautiful day. M- and I got two tubsfull of humus from the interior of an old oaktree that was felled a few months ago. The interior was completely rotten but there seemed to be a good outer cylinder. Lunched at Irenes with the Freds. To see the Sparrows. Mary has recovered from her fall. Short nap then the 5:46 bus.

Nov. 25 Lunched at the D. T. A. with Alec Pinney, always a stimulating experience. Henry Correa and ACF home made a bargain, and Henry is coming to it about January 1 as Vice-President - Foreign operations. If Henry has patience he may build himself a real place in the ACF picture. It has never forced up to the foreign trade possibilities.

Nov. 26 Ed Weisl has been selected as counsel for the Senate committee investigating the missile program. He should do an excellent job. President Eisenhower has had a slight stroke, sending the stock market into another spin. Lunched at the D. T. A. with Sidney Mathews. Sidney congratulates me on having sold my U. S. Fail stock before the big drop. He still has most of his.
Nov. 27 To the ACF Executive committee meeting and luncheon Left La Guardia at 6:15 P. M., changed to Delta Airlines in Louisville and was at the Paducah airport a little after 11 P. M. Bought a fruit cake for Mommy at the Louisville airport.
Nov. 28 Rain all day. Mommy is quite well and in very good spirits. I cannot discern any further deterioration in her hearing or eyesight. Bill and Carol are very nice, well balanced and affectionate youngsters. With Loretta, Bill and Carol to Wickliffe. We had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner cooked by Bernice, and Mommy consumed quantities of cooked hen with dressing, mince pie and fruit cake.

Nov. 29, 1957 A very nice day. With Little Bill and Carol to see cousin Eula, Chapman and Juanita in Paducah. Cousin Eula has sold her home since Frank's death and expects to spend part of her time in Florida. Chapman and Juanita are having a bad time. The lost their big house ("Hallelujah") some time ago and their next home, a rented house, burned damaging Juanita's antiques seriously. They are now living in one room at the old Hotel Oxford. We dined luxuriously at Nilsons tonight on small catfish.

Nov. 30 To Bandana with Nelson and Carol, stopping briefly at Mt Pleasant cemetery. Cousin Alice reports that her health is bad, but she is up and in good spirits. Cousin Gertrude is very thin, but Earl looks very much better. He has been dieting for a diabetic condition. Stopped at the pool room where I saw Chick Wallace, Doc Finley, Doris Calvin and Hubert Turner. Met Damon Titsworth on the street. Loretta gave us a delicious dinner of barbecued goat, my favorite meat.

Dec. 1 To church this morning, where I saw among others Mrs. (Miss Pauline) Haman Titsworth. She seems almost as pretty and attractive as she was 45 years ago. She says that Miss Eula (Mrs. Lee) Titsworth is completely paralysed. Louanna came in to see us this afternoon. The airlines got my reservation muddled in Louisville tonight and I had to spend the night at the Brown Hotel.

Dec. 2 T. W. A. got me into New York at 11:25 this morning. I learned in Lucenter that Delbert Reeson's mother has a copy of the pamphlet on Bandana which was published about 1903 or 1904. I remember it quite well and have always wanted to find it. I hope now to get it to have it photocopied.

Dec. 3 Paul Berger came in to lunch with me and to get me to make payments again to local counsel. I have a loss of $2,000 in my ACF stock and am selling it (at $40) for tax purposes. If the present recession continues I may be able to buy it back cheaper.

Dec. 4, 1957 To the ARC I meeting. Carry, Selig and Hodges are still very worried over the Symes plan for an agency to lease ~~book~~ railway cars. The launching of our satellite has been postponed by technical difficulties. Reading Gehler's "The Plymouth Adventure"; a spirited story of the voyage on the Mayflower.

Dec. 5 To the ACF Directors meeting and luncheon. Corbin's resignation was accepted. Mr. Cummings had been come on from Chicago for the occasion. Walter Peal is 85 this week. Looking at him last week I was doubtful that he would make it through the winter. Reading A. France's "The Red Lily". The old man had no business writing about love - or even "amour".

Dec. 6 At a joint meeting today of the ACF operating committee and the Avian Advisory committee. Avian seems to be in the doldrums. our highly publicised satellite launching (the Vanguard Program) has failed completely. The whole thing has been stupidly mismanaged.

Dec. 7 Dale Sharpe is the new president of Guaranty Trust Company, having beaten out Germain whom I disliked. Have finished Wendt's "In Search of Adam", a well written and popular account of the development of paleontology and anthropology with a good many sidelights on genetics and general biology. I was interested, especially, in recent studies in mutations and the possibilities (good as well as evil) in nuclear radiation.

Dec. 8 ACF stock is down to 39 (I sold at 40). Spent a quiet day at home. Rain. The Fooshees came to supper. Joan has had a relapse and they are naturally most disturbed. Malcolm is determined that Clare shall have two years at Oxford - taking another A. B. Wynne thinks, and M- and I agree, that Clare should get a job.

Dec. 9 The subways are partially closed by a strike of motormen. M- and I went to the opera tonight to hear a splendid production of "Die Rosenkavalier".

Dec. 10, 1957 The subway strike is continuing so the joint meeting today of the ACF operating committee and the Division Presidents was held at the Plaza Hotel. Rain and snow outside. The one thing that is clear in my mind from the meeting is that the ACF central office needs a closer contact with the divisional activities. Pleasant dinner tonight.

Dec. 11 Spent the morning at the Commodore at the operating committee - W-K-M meeting. This afternoon Burdick, Moise (of Blythe & Co.) and I saw Hunter Halding at the Equitable about our proposed financing of Shippers' tank cars. We are very hopeful of getting $20,000,000 soon, plus about $5,000,000 per annum for growth. The leasing business is ACF's most reliable earner and I have now spent most of a year making plans for its development. Dined tonight with the Carruths, the Wells also being there. Joe says that the fire insurance companies are losing money.

Dec. 12 The Dotys write that they have sold their Longmeadow house and are installed in their small home in Lake Worth. They are going to Longmeadow in January to sell their excess furniture and send the best pieces to Florida. Took the Stones tonight to see Sarayan's "The Cave Dwellers". We dined at the Astor because of the uncertainties of travel resulting from the subway strike. The cast was an excellent one with Eugenie Leontovich as "the Queen", Wayne Morris as "the Duke" and Barry Jones as "the King".

Dec. 13 At the operating committee-Shippers meeting this morning. I am afraid that the slump has affected it somewhat. My teeth are giving me great trouble again and I am afraid that I may have to lose the three remaining ones in my lower jaw. Reading Gibby's "The Testimony of the Spade". It duplicates the Wendt book in part but gives much more attention to archaeology, especially Danish

Dec. 14, 1957 Spent a quiet day at home, addressing Christmas cards and mailing packages. The sending and receiving of Christmas cards have become a major occupation. We get hundreds, many of them from people we barely know.

Dec. 15 Beautiful day. We went to see Ella and then walked on Madison Avenue. As much as we love Woodburn, these quiet week-ends in New York are welcome respites from travel.

Dec. 16 Dr. Jefferson Davis Rollings, Neil's father, is dead. He was 96 and for several years has been almost bedridden. John C. Gall, our Virginia friend and prominent Washington lawyer is dead at 56. He had been ill for several weeks but was thought to be on the mend. To the Morgan Library tonight to see a display of Central European Manuscripts, one of which goes back to Merovingian times. I liked ~~best~~ best an epistulary from St Gall, illuminated by Fairhalt, and a fine 9th century Pliny.

Dec. 17 The painters are in our apartment and we are living in a malodorous turmoil. Margaret has unhappily been called in by both Malcolm and Wynne in the argument over Clare's going to Oxford. Joan's illness is ruining Malcolm. Her hospital alone costs $1000 per month. Clare should be at work for her own good after she leaves Radcliffe, and the expense of an Oxford education is great, but Malcolm will have his way.
Dec. 18 Dorothy Sayers is dead at 64. She had long since given up writing detective stories, but it is sad to think that we shall have no more Peter Wimseys. Had the Sidney Mathews to dine at the university club tonight and then to see Noel Coward in his "Nude With Violin." Delightful farce.
Dec. 19 We have a christmas card from Ed Johnson, which relieves me from a fear that T. B. had finished him. Dined with the Lakes tonight. They have a beautifully furnished apartment in Manhattan House and we had great talk of old friends.

Dec. 20, 1957 Reading a paperback "Marshall Reader", edited by one, Surveney. Not a very enlightening work on the Great Chief Justice. Margaret is busily planning our European trip. We hope to spend a week or a little more in Burgundy and the chateau country.

Dec. 21 The Wells, M- and I lunched with Harry and Ann Barnard at the Louis Fourteenth Restaurant today. A very jolly alcoholic reunion. Then to Walter Burrett's cocktail party at the Indian Club, a jolly affair. Dorothy Mateer and Crete Glafke dined with us tonight. Dorothy has been ill and only able to teach half-time.

Dec. 22 Margaret left for Woodburn this afternoon to get the house in order for Christmas. I went to Crete's cocktail party, her first entertainment in her new apartment. One of the guests was young Aldridge who has just published a volume of verse entitled "An Apology Both Ways". He has recently come down from Oxford.

Dec. 23 We collected half of our fee ($14,000) in the Virginia Hardy estate from Carlos. This gives us a very good year with profits somewhat greater than anticipated. To Washington on the 5:30, where Margaret met me.

Dec. 24 We have a number of nice christmas presents, headed for me by a bottle of Benedictine and a tie from the Freds. To see the Howards and Barnetts this afternoon and then to dinner with the Crowens. The Barnetts seem to be old and worn and more than a little unhappy. The Wilkies (Foy and young Fred) were at the Crowens.

Dec. 25 We had for christmas dinner the Fred family (Rogers, Ethel, Mrs. Fred, Aunt Grace, Mrs. Stewart, young Rogers) and the Crowens family (Mrs Crowens, Bill and Marie). We had hoped to strike a chord of interest in Mrs. Crowens, Mrs. Fred and Aunt Grace, all well in their 80s, by having them talk about their childhood christmases but all we got was Mrs. Crowens statement that she had venison for christmas dinner in Maine as a child.

Dec. 26, 1957 John Lenher came in shamefacedly to tell me that he did not have any money to pay the rent he owes me, $4256. "Destitute" was his word. His father has refused to put up and I am worried. Margaret and I worked all day getting ready for the hunt breakfast. Dined at Irenes tonight, together with the Freds, Willkies and Niepolds

Dec. 27 As we cannot be outside much I am cleaning books at a great rate and finishing William James' letters. We dined with the Freds tonight, together with Mrs. Paul Rogers who recently lost her husband.

Dec. 28 The hunt breakfast. The field was a large one and the men in their pinks and ladies in black and gray were most attractive. A few early ones, like the Austins, had their drinks at 11 A.M. By 4 A.M. we had about a hundred, They ate 200 codfish balls, gallons of turkey hash, 1 1/2 Virginia hams etc and drank 3 gallons of eggnog plus bourbon, Scotch & gin.

Dec. 29 We spent the morning cleaning up after the hunters- although they were most clean an orderly. Then to the Loudoun Hospital to take some flowers to ~~Doroghlody~~ Dougherty Dixon, who is ill. Then to a party at Foxhall Taylors. Back to Woodburn and then to the Howards. Got the bus at Round Hill, but was so late into Washington that I got only the 9 P. M.

Dec. 30 Very tired today as I got to bed about 2 A. M. Spent most of the day checking on our collections - which are very good - and making out a tentative distribution schedule. Mary Emma writes that she is about to have another baby.

Dec. 31 Bernice writes that Zellner has a broken foot. Have a very doleful letter from Louise. Jack has not been very well recently. We closed the office at 1 P.M. Read "Gugmagog" by Ketchum and took a long nap. Then to the Bill Whites for dinner. Debby and Billy, with their escorts were there. Debby has grown into an attractive girl.

✓Porter, campaigning with General Grant
✓Paul, Life and Death of a Spanish Town
✓Dumas, La Dame de Monsereau (unfinished)
✓ " , Duke of Savoy's Page
✓Dickens, Martin Chuzzlewit
✓Rhode et al, Falal Descent
✓Heath, Murder in the Museum
✓Wodehouse, Uncle Fred in the Springtime
✓Walling, That Dinner at Bardolph's
✓Taylor, Spring Harrowing
✓Christie, And Then There were None
✓Millay, Conversation At Midnight
✓Singer, The Brothers Ashkenazi
✓Allingham, Dancers in Mourning
✓Austin, Murder Backstairs
✓Carr, Problem of the Green capsule
✓Gunther, Inside Asia
✓Disney, Strawstock
✓Scott, Peveril of the Peak
✓Reilly, All Concerned Notified
✓Motley, Rise of the Dutch Republic, vol. 1
✓Partridge, country Lawyer
✓Gardner, case of the Sleepwalkers Niece
✓Sheean, Not Peace but a Sword (unfinished)
✓Powell, First Through the Grand canyon
✓Conyington, The counsellor
✓Stagge, The Dogs Do Bark
✓Stout, Double For Death
✓Walling, case of the Red headed friend
✓Rhode, Death Pays a Dividend
✓Rupert Hughes, Geo. Washington 1732-62
✓Waddell, Peter Abelard
✓Smith, unforgotten years
✓Scott, Redgauntlet
✓Werfel, Forty Days of Musa Dagh
✓Ford, The Town Cried Murder

✓Clason, Blind Drifts
✓Knight, Murder in the Painted Desert
✓Lytle, Bedford Forrest and his critter company
✓Asch, The Nazarene
✓Maurice, R. E. Lee: The Soldier
✓Heyer, No Wind of Blame

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✓Holt, The Theme is Murder
✓Thiers, consulat et Empire, Tom 1
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✓Lin yutang, Moment in Peking
✓Jones, Richard Savage
✓Edmonds, Guns Along the Mohawk
✓Reilly, Murder on Shurbone Alley
✓Jones, The Raven (Sam Houston)
✓Marsh, Death at the Bar
✓Coxe, The Lady is Afraid
✓Ford, old Lewis Ghost
✓Innes, The Spider Strikes
✓Morley, Kitty Foyle
✓Bakeless, Daniel Boone
✓Lewis, Sherman, Soldier of Prophet
✓Bagley, Corpse with the Purple Thighs
✓Harsanyi, The Star Gazer
✓Hendrick, Statesmen of the Lost cause
✓Paul, Hugger-Mugger at the Levee
✓Garstang, Joshua and Judges
✓Benjamin (Editor) The Inside Story
✓Ford Reno Rendezvous
✓Henderson, Failure of a Mission
✓Freeman, Robert E. Lee Vol 1
✓ " " " " " 2
✓ " " " " " 3
✓Kantor, Long Remember
✓Freeman, Robert E. Lee, vol 4

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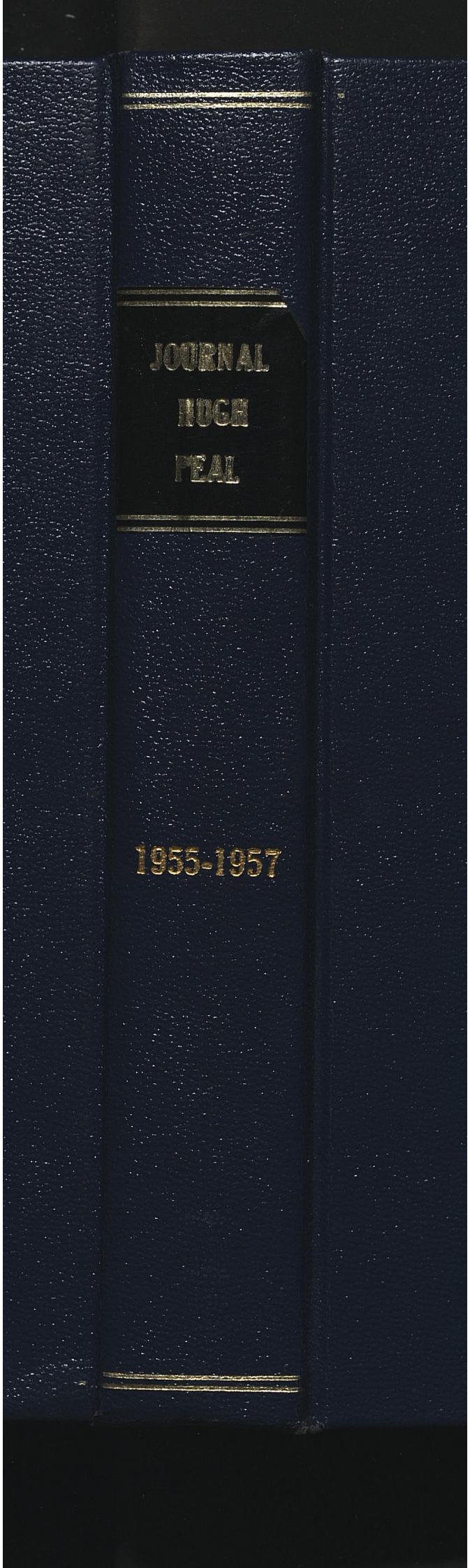
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