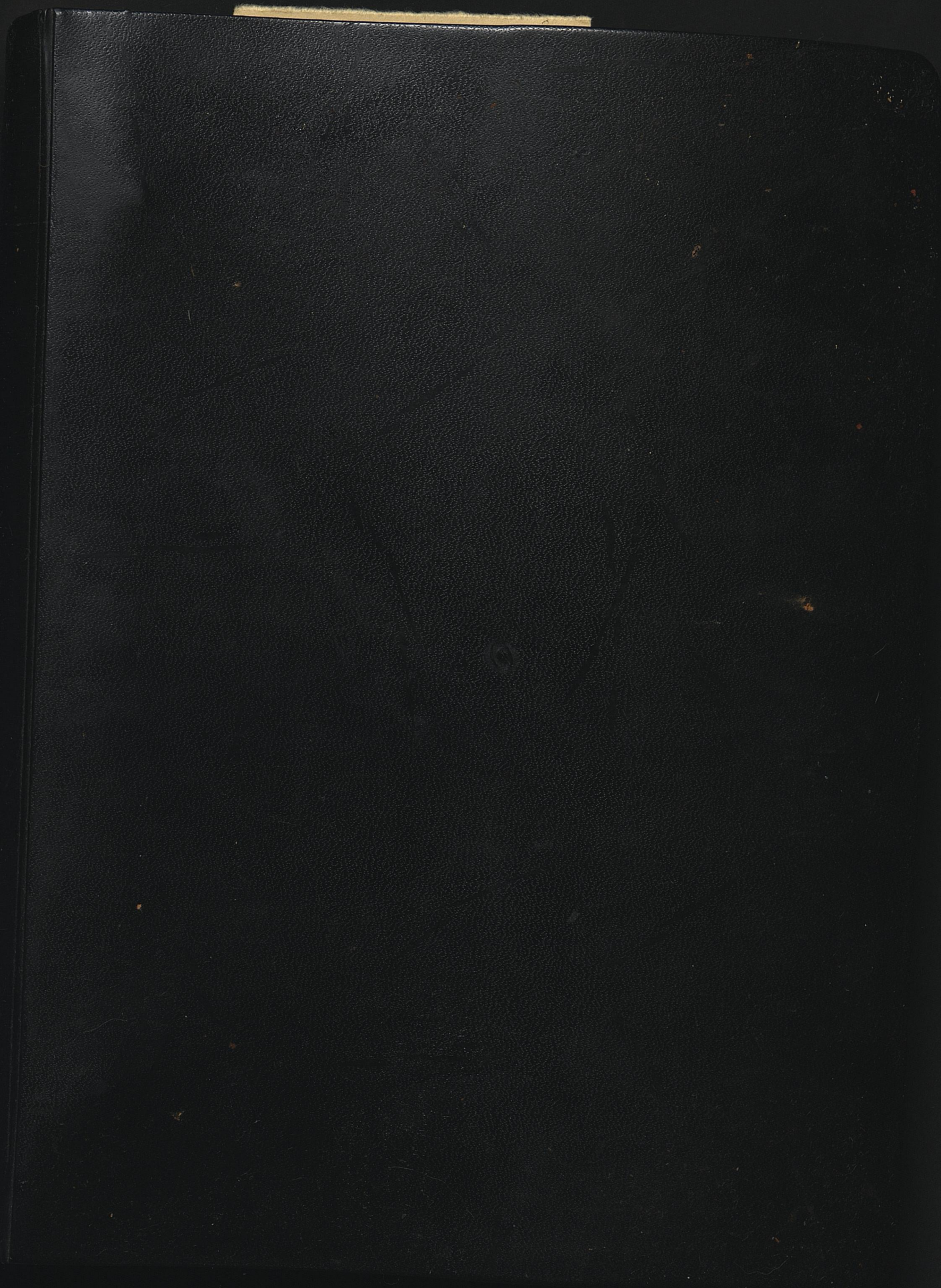




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Jan. 1, 1984 We spent our New Year's day quietly at home except that I went out for the Sunday Washington Post. The Grenadas came by this afternoon to bring us some egg nog. The were sick as Christmas, the usual date for their egg nog gifts. We hear that Tom Garner has still failed to get the small parish he wants. The Episcopal Church is torn by dissension (nagally a liberal and conservative split) and good pastors are few.

Jan. 2 Continued cold. Reading Bruce Hershaw's "The World After oil", another of the current books on trends in economics and sociology. The major theme is that heavy industry, which needs so much energy, will decline and be supplied by new technology.

Jan. 3 Clipped coupons this morning. Our F + M Bank has merged with others to form a new bank known as The Sovereign Bank. It seems to me that a substantial loss of good work can be expected. Frank Bulchirst came to see us.

Jan. 4 As an incident of our "peace protecting mission in Lebanon" we recently sent reconnaissance planes over Syrian positions. Some were shot down and one flyer was taken prisoner by the Syrians. This caused a great flutter. The captured flyer was a negro and our Jesse Jackson, candidate for President, flew to Syria and talked President Assad (no fool) into releasing the flyer. Reagan, an accomplished actor, has covered the act by professing to be delighted.

Jan. 5 The New York Stock Exchange is in a big boom and has had a day of 140,000 shares. One is quickly reminded of the big boom and bust of 1929. The Kentucky Review has a reprint of a speech by Jim Birchfield to a meeting of archivists; "The Real Collector as an Archivist" of course in one sense all literature is an archive.

Jan. 6 To a large "massail" party at the Packards. Even apart from doubts as to the massail ingredients I find it insipid. Jane's food is of course always satisfactory even for gourmet. And going over our assets I find them increased more than \$400,000 in 1983.

Jan. 7, 1954 We had a luncheon party today for the Freds, Oren, Olergasts, Packards, Dennises, Samuel Harrison, Doug White and Frank Gilchrist. The Oren Olergasts got only about one half of a corn crop, which has normally helped to maintain aak Hill. They are leaving tomorrow for several weeks at their home at Vero Beach, Florida.

Jan. 8 Quiet day at home. Reading volume 1 of Bagehat's Literary Studies, edited by Richard Holt Hutton. One has a feeling that Bagehat was a greater man than we now recognize, his reputation having declined because he spread himself too thin. He was perhaps as intelligent as Adam Smith (and had a better style) but he failed to concentrate.

Jan. 9 Wilson writes that Louise and Berrie have suffered from frozen pipes, interruptions in electrical power. In fact the whole country is in a sort of deep freeze, our part of Virginia, although it has had some cold, is affected less than the rest of the country.

Jan. 10 We are having snow and fear that the fall may be a heavy one. Spent part of my day working on my income tax.

Jan. 11 We got about 3 inches of snow and were promptly plowed out by our friend, Herkimer Harry Deal, son of Everett and Salda, is dead at 45. He was, I believe, a painter before his health broke down. I had not seen him since he was a child. Rudy Ferguson, Garth's son, is dead at 77. I had lost sight of him for years. He was, I think, a probation officer for 30 years or so. Rudy was a pleasant boy but had little of the personality of his father and grandfather. His sisters, Rose and "Becky" are still living.

Jan. 12 Low temperatures continue but the roads are passable. Reading H. L. Menckner's Treatise on the Gods. It reflects much reading but makes no pretense of being a scholarly work. One can describe it as a pot boiler but it must also have been fun to write. I wonder if Menckner ever had the guilty feeling I have ~~seen~~ that I was too uncountable about the fundamentalists.

Jan. 13 Shopped this morning.
Began volume 2 of St. Simon's
Memoirs. Our own political
ideas are so different that
I find it difficult to fol-
low St. Simon but in spite
of that I find it necessary to
like St. Simon with all his
interests in trifles. It is
obvious that he saw and
disliked many things about
Louis XIV and his court.
In particular he disliked the
expense and frivolity of the
court and the crude favoritism
in choosing officers of the
army and ministers of the state.

Jan. 14 We had a luncheon
today for the Eyssells, Brown-
riggs, Akers, Rosalie^{and} Helen
Smiley. Very pleasant. Brooks
Atkinson is dead at 89. He
was an all-around newspaper
man but best known as the
dramatic critic for the N. Y. Times.

Jan. 15 Listened to a debate
between the Democratic presiden-
tial candidates conducted at
Dartmouth, N. H. Not very ex-
citing. Thurston telephoned.

He has some ideas for
salvaging the budget deficit
and wants to see President
Reagan. As nearly as I can
make out he wants a large
excise tax on communications.

Jan. 16 Our fireplace in the library is a pleasant one but gives off almost no heat. Its chief merit is that I get much exercise packing wood and nourishing the flames. Lucille Moore Ballings is dead. I think that her husband, Paul, had had an earlier marriage. In any event they didn't marry until she was middle-aged. She was 84.

Jan. 17 I have bought for my account \$50,000.00 General Motors Acceptance Corp. due May 1, 1988 at a yield to maturity of 11.359%. M. already has a similar principal amount of \$MAC debentures they matured early in 1985. Agnes Harrison says that Ernest Detoré is quite unhappy with Council because Council has not protested about Ernest's replacement by Jim Braunell. Council had told me that he intended to do nothing because Sean Casey might result. The whole problem is protecting the environment is full of disappointments and compromises.

Jan. 18 Snow began to fall here about 8 A.M. and continued all day. Our trusted friend, Mr. Hershman, showed up in the late afternoon. The television is full of stories about great cold being seen.

Jan. 19, 1984 Reading Agnes
Etzel Mockay's "LaFontaine
and His Friends," Although ~~port-~~
porting to be a biography its
real purpose seems to be literary
criticism of the subject, considered
in relation to the literary
movement of his times. La
Fontaine is another example of
the growing influence of the
household in the latter part of
the 17th century.

Jan. 20 Bought for M's account
\$60.00 principal amount of
City of Hampton Bonds at
We are taxpayers in Vir-
ginia bonds but there are
few alternatives. And the
Virginia institutions, al-
though backward and obsolete
for many years, have been
conservatively managed in
most cases.

Jan. 21 Very cold. our heat
pump with its electricity
supplement works very
well in ordinary times but
is insufficient in very
cold periods. our fireplace
is only decorative.

Jan. 22 Took Kathryn home
this morning but stayed
in the rest of the day.
Louise, whose house is very
cold and drafty, is spending
two months in Moore Haven, Fla

Jan. 23 Al Luhrs is in the long-term care unit at Loudoun Memorial Hospital and is said to be in poor condition, mentally and physically. Kay is still living at the farm but seems to be far from well. Both of them, especially Al, have been glibly and addicted to gourmet food and drink.

Jan. 24 Billy Cox, who must be nearly ninety, recently slipped on the ice and is in the hospital. He has been a traveller and has recent

Jan. 25 Reading volume 3 of St. Simon's memoirs. He would, if born two centuries later, have been a good journalist in Paris or Washington. He writes a great deal of ^{with} conventionalizing a great deal of interest in people, especially the prominent, and a real talent for narrative. He also had a good sense of humor, sometimes unconsciously so. Louis XIV was unalterably opposed to the appointment of an aspirant for a prominent job because the candidate is supposed to be a Jansenist or a leering, however, that the man is really an atheist. Louis XIV ~~he~~ accepts him willingly.

Jan. 26, 1984 The London
Times Mirror has an article
about Mr. La Rocca, the new
tenant at Woodburn. As might
have been expected the reporter
seems to have found Mr.
La Rocca somewhat baffling.
I hear that ACF has found
an angel to take over ACF
on some kind of leveraged
"buy out", saving it from
Mr. Iveson.

Jan. 27 Chuck Akre, Jr.,
telephones that our Norfolk
9% bonds (in coupon form)
had been redeemed as of
January 1st. The issuer
had done very little to in-
form the bondholders or
even the underwriters. The
sudden redemption of bonds
due in a few months
seemingly unnecessary.
The redemption money could
have been at least as
much as the interest.

Jan. 28 Paul Hagen's article
on Clematis in the February
issue of Horticulture contains
a long discussion of Joel
Spingarn, "Clematis Spingarn."
I knew two long conversations
with Spingarn, mostly about
clematis. He was a many
man of many interests, all
pursued eagerly.

Jan. 29 We took the E. B. Whites to the Curcellalle Inn for luncheon. E. B. indicates that Dorey Phillips is still very much alive but seemingly without much interest in his former friends and associates. Libba says that Nika continues to do well as rector of a large church. Perhaps he will soon be a bishop, the only promotion possible.

Jan. 30 To the Sauron Bank to re-arrange some of our deposit relationships. When we first knew it the Bank was "The London Naval Bank". It later became a branch of "The First & Merchants" and now is the Sauron Bank. All the major personalities, including Jimmy Oersant, have been eliminated and the local bank is merely an unimportant clerk's office. We dined with the "Freds", together with Davis White and Frank Gilchrist.

Jan. 31 Reading St. Simons' Memoranda, Vol. 14. It seems that the abuses of the court in Louis XIV's time were so well established that the King himself concurred with them, e.g. the sale of offices and military commissions. Of course, such abuses were in fact pension plans and benefits now taken care of by taxing money but the practice was haphazard and unfair.

Feb. 1, 1984 Today begins the 74th year of this diary. It is perhaps the longest consecutive diary in the language. A few months were lost at the end of world war I when my few belongings were lost, but I inserted a memorandum to fill the blank as well as I could. I read in the newspapers that a complete copy of the Rudahan elephant papyrus has been sold at auction for 1.75 million.

Feb. 2 To Dr. Reuter, who reports that the cold weather has done some damage to his garden. It has also given us a large electricity bill for the last month, \$615.60

~~With~~ Feb. 3 With Frank Schrick to the ~~Town~~ ^{Town} Book Shop's reception for Bryan Farnell, at which he autographed copies of his new book "The Sunbats". A large and enthusiastic group of friends. Bryan writes excellent prose and does a splendid job of research, making serious and honest, but for his own sake I wish he would begin to write books which would have greater appeal, especially to American readers. He has another book coming out ^{February} on a few months - about English,

Feb. 4 Reading A. L. Rouse's
"Eminent Elizabethans". As always
Rouse is very entertaining al-
though his dogmatic approach is
sometimes disconcerting. He
manages to devote many pages
to the last leaf of Oxford
without discussing the theory that
he was the real author of Shakespeare's
poems. It was really
not necessary, however, because
the man Rouse wrote about
couldn't have written the poems.

Feb. 5 To the Akers for dinner,
taking Doris White with us. They
are preparing for a Western trip,
including a few days at our
favorite Mexican hotel, at Sausalito,
Calif. The Akers can always
be counted on to have some
interesting new people at their
parties and they did not disappoint us.

Feb. 6 To the outlands Board of
Directors meeting. Although our finan-
cial position still remains pre-
carious we are holding our own
and popular support seems to be
increasing. After the meeting
I had lunch at the Sidelgreen
Inn with Paul, Frank Sel-
crist, ~~Sam~~ and Sam Eysell.
The food was better than I
had expected. Paul was
full of stories about Leasing
in his earlier years.

Feb. 7, 1984 President Reagan is pulling the marines out of Beirut. This is a proper thing to do but the President is taking a humiliation because he stupidly misrepresented the purpose of sending them there.

Reading Elizabeth Langford's "Eminent Victorian Women".

It seems to be a pot Teller but she writes so well that it is enjoyable.

Harriet Beecher Stowe seems to have been too much for the English lady.

Feb. 8, 1984 We hear that Frances Snodgrass has reduced her asking price for Belgrave from just under one million to one half million.

The real estate market is always uncertain but such a large piece of land, perfect for development, seems to me to be cheap at that price.

Feb. 9 To Helen Snodgrass dinner party, the first in her house. She has tastefully renovated it. Finished Byron Farwell's book on the Suffragettes. It is quite interesting but one has difficulty in thinking it important. I suppose that Byron has had an engrossing interest for many years in the British army.

Feb. 10 Davis had a small "going-away party" for us tonight. She and Frank spent 10 consecutive winter vacations at The Colony and she was there a few weeks last winter.

Feb. 11 To Delray Beach on Peoples Express; Dulles to Newark and from Newark to West Palm Beach, where we met by John of The Colony staff. Our room is small but comfortable. Judging by our first dinner the food is good.

Feb. 12 A rainy day was our disappointing experience in this beginning of our stay. The hotel does not serve lunch, except at the beach club which did not attract us today. So we had difficulty in finding food in this rainy Sunday. My initial reaction to the flora here is disappointing. Many palms of course and quantities of sea grape but little variety and very few trees of consequence.

Feb. 13 Partly rainy and partly sunny today. We went to the Colony's beach club, the Cabana, which we found somewhat disappointing. The beach is rather a rough one but there is a good pool. Most of the bathers are very elderly but there is occasionally a sharply granddaughter.

Feb. 14, 1984 The guests at the Colony are very old, many of them with canes and a few with walkers and wheel chairs. Many of them have been coming here for years. The Batches from Chicago have been here every winter for 27 years. As Patty Moore wrote us, the Delray Public Library, just a block from the hotel, is an excellent institution, well arranged and with a surprising collection of books. We have a card for 6 months for \$10.00.

Feb. 15: Mrs. Banta, wife of the manager of the hotel and a charming lady, took us today to the Marakami Gardens, a garden developed by a Japanese immigrant a generation ago and then given to the public. It is slowly being developed into a Japanese garden but also has Hawaiian plants and striking tree is the white orchid (the boahua); another is the bronze leaf almond. Some papayas, many azaleas and a few other plants. On the way back we stopped at a local garden and saw a straggly vine covered with brilliant red orange blossoms (the huapala).

Feb. 14 George Isaacs and Tricia
(his daughter, Patricia Ralf) dined
with us tonight. George seems
to have settled contentedly in his
new life as a Floridian. Tricia
seems to be enormously interested
in her new house but is not
apparently much pleased with her
job, which she considers a dead end.

Feb. 17 Margaret is quite mis-
erable, both with her arthritis
and her constipation. She
has had one or two good
evenings at bridge. The col-
ony has no useful television,
merely an eccentric cable of
fair which can be worked
only by the staff. Even that
which is available is too
low for my deaf ears.

Feb. 18 We talked to Rosalie
today. No startling news from
Leeshung. Reading Volume 1 of
Edmond Stackie's life of Flaubert.
Flaubert was indeed far from the
normal type of Frenchman - or
from any other normal type. His
love affairs, like many other
writers of his time, were rather
a sordid type and do not
seem to me to have added
very much to his stature.
Perhaps his greatest character-
istic is that he made a
great effort to create a good
and truthful style.

Feb. 19, 1984 Long telephone
conversation with Betty Becker.
I had intended to go to see
George but Betty tells me
that he is desperately ill, a
combination of a stroke and
cancer, and he has not been
out of his room for many
months. Under the circum-
stances I did not press the
matter and I think that he
was relieved. Although I
remember their marriage
I can hardly realize that
they have been married 25 years.

Feb. 20 Jesse Stuart is
dead at 76. I hope that the
N. K. Library gets his manu-
scripts - or at least some
of them - but have heard
nothing of the possibility. The
first of Stuart's books that
came to my attention was
"Tara for Duane Tussie," which
was greatly enjoyed by
Al Johnson and me. He
(Stuart) thoroughly enjoyed the
common people of his time and place.

Feb. 21 We have made friends
with the Daytons, old friends
of Leonard and Betty Moore in
their Brooklyn Heights days.
They also knew many of our
other friends there, e.g. the
Haughton Bells and the
Beit Whites.

Feb. 22 Dick White who recently retired as executive vice president of Balton, Barton, Durstine and Ashmore, ~~one of~~ one of the leading American advertising firms, has gone with an executive finding company. Dick has intended for years to leave the advertising, which he no doubt felt to an exhausting business. I have had some conversation with Mr. Baehler, an executive of the J. C. Penney Company. He says that the whole retail business is a victim of intense competition from discounters such as K. Mart.

Feb. 23 We dined tonight with the McConnells, friends of the Frank Whites and close friends of the Dietz. McConnell, a little younger than I, started on graduation from law school with Lutton, Franklyn, Wright & Landon and then went on to R.C.A. and other television and radio ^{firms}. He was president of N.B.C. just before or after Frank White and later was with Camstat. We had a sumptuous hauled lobster dinner at his secret club. I was somewhat surprised to find that he was as conservative as I of advertising on the networks. From all indications he made a good deal of money during his career.

Feb. 24, 1984 We saw Waller
Burrett at the Beach Club
last night. He and Carolyn
have a home in Delroy
Beach. The bill for our
first 12 days at The Calans
was \$1660.00. quite reasonable.
We were caught today in
a torrential rain at the
beach club.

Feb. 25 Margaret, who is
based with Delroy Beach, has
been shopping and bought
under also three dresses. We
have met a lady from Bang
Ky, a Mrs. Musseth. She
is not a native Kentuckian
and we have few friends in
common, but one of her
friends is a daughter of Dr.
McVey. I remember the McVey
children very slightly.

Feb. 26 Reading Conrad's
Notes on "Life and Letters".
Most of it is very thin
stuff, but some of the
personal moments are in-
teresting, e.g. Conrad's trip
to Ireland in August 1914,
which almost led to his
being interned. The material
about "The Tirocin" is of
course very dated but cannot
it seems to me, have been
of much interest to Con-
rad's contemporaries.

Feb. 27 Reading volume 2 of Edel's biography of Henry James, A remarkable performance. Probably the Edel biography of James is the best biography in the last 25 years. Edel has managed without much insistence to make it clear that James was neither a typical Englishman or even a characteristic American. He was an American in many ways and shows it, but ~~that~~ he differed in many ways from the norm. Actually he was insistent on manners and attitudes to a greater extent than either Americans and English.

Feb. 28 The stock market has been falling recently, possibly a reaction to earlier booming days, but the oil shares seem to be doing well. The shares we bought in 1981, ^{when} ~~and~~ then declined, are back to what we paid.

Feb. 29 Had another telephone conversation with Betty Barker. She is very tired and discouraged. Doris arrived today with her old friend "Daisy", Mrs. Fagg whose ^{late} husband was an officer of the Bank of Manhattan. Doris seems to know most of the staff and many of the guests in the hotel.

March 1, 1984 I have a very nice letter from Bernice Nordlinger, to whom I had written a letter upon her being named Lawyer of the Year by the Washington Bar Association. Bernice's determined pursuit of "Beau" was successful and she is now Mrs. Nordlinger. Ethel Taylor with her two daughters, Ann and Julie have arrived.

March 2 We and Doris had dinner tonight with Leo Isaacs, Trison and Skir. A very excellent dinner, largely cooked I think by Skir, who appears to be quite a chef. The house, in which George has a suite, is quite handsome and Trison seems much more devoted to it than I would have expected.

March 3 The N.Y. Times has an article indicating that Lyndon LaRouche has a group in N.Y. attempting to influence educational policy on the below-college levels. LaRouche is against the recession to the "Lassie".

March 4 On the whole the Florida planting, or at least what we have seen is disappointing. Some, like Alexander, is used well and with good effect

March 5 We have met through
Dons Mr. and Mrs. Louis Palmer.
He is a retired vice president of
Guaranty Trust and a friend and
former colleague of Bill White.
Louis shares my admiration of
Henry Alexander.

March 6 Very hot again. The
small air conditioner in our room
is both erratic and puny. The
humidity is bad. For same reason,
the hotel is far from full. In
fact, I cannot believe that it
is making any money.

March 7 Hart's victories in
New Hampshire and other New
England races has thrown open the
race for the Democratic presiden-
tial nomination. Today George
Isaac and one of his friends
took us motoring along the coast
road and to Palm Beach, where
we admired The Breakers and
other haunts of the very rich. A
play-land for those who can
afford it, but I fear that I
would find it quite dull.

March 8 Reading Maurice Hew-
lett's letters. Very pleasant and
sometimes touching. He never
quite made it and was all too
conscious of his failure.
Perhaps his major failure was
that he was a centurion's lad
in trying to recapture narrative
poetry.

March 9, 1984 Together with Doris we lunched with the Blumens at her beach club, the Seagate, which is near the Calomys's beach club. After lunch we went to the Blumens apartment in a handsome apartment house overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Neither Jan nor Herbert look very well. The house retained their apartment in Washington but stay here several months a year. Before returning us to the Calomys Herb chose us along some of the more scenic parts of the coastal road.

March 10 Since we are sometimes bored here we have read a good many detective stories; one of the poorest we have found is S. K. Chesterton's "The Innocence of Father Brown". A poor and tedious pathfinder, of course, meant to cash in on the fame of the earlier Father Brown books.

March 11 I am known among the waitresses as "the stupid silent type". I had so referred to myself when eating ice cream on a cold day. So does a worn out cliché become new wit in 60 years.

March 12 We left the hotel a little later than we desired, ran into traffic problems and found the West Palm Beach ^{Airport} crowded and chaotic. After our late take-off we were late arriving in Newark and had given up our hopes in making our connection for Dulles but were rescued by a charming young girl and boy who saw us to our plane. Caroline met us as planned and we were in Leesburg in the afternoon. It was unpleasantly warm in Florida but freezing in Leesburg.

March 13 Snow last night and this morning but we are quite comfortable in our warm house. Fortunately, we had bought some groceries yesterday evening. Helen Sweeney has sold her house. She had to cut the asking price a little but as she received all cash she can make it up in deep discount buys.

March 14 Frank Gilchrist says that the hospital's revenues have been decreasing lately, resulting in deficits. He thinks that the recent tightening in medical and medical procedures may have something to do with it. Jim Birchfield today. He and Martha are planning to stop with us on their forthcoming trip to Washington.

March 15, 1984 I have finished
my income tax report. My
federal tax is \$63 00.00, so I
have a good amount to
carry into 1984. We have
robins on our lawn but
the poor things cannot be
very comfortable.

March 16 Susan and Charles
Bacan dined with us, re-
turning to their home in
Woodstock ^{Vermont} after a visit to her
mother in Florida. Tonight
we went to Pat Thompson's
wedding, which was held in
the Leesburg Methodist Church.

March 17 Rosalie gave a
dinner party tonight to cele-
brate the return of M. and me
from Florida. The place for
Jimmy and me were duly
flavored. The food and wine
were good. Rosalie has de-
cided to keep her big house, al-
though she is going to
find it increasingly expensive.
Back at the house, we heard
Mr. Larouche on N. B. C. for
the half hour 10:30 to 11 P.M.
He was broadcasting from
Woodham and the location
was emphasized. It was
labeled as a campaign speech
but was serious, cold and
dogmatic, full of platitudes and
port vague statements of goals.

March 18 Reading Isaiah Berlin's
"Personal Impressions, which interests
me very much except for the
bits about Russian writers. Of course
I have no knowledge at all of them.
Berlin is curiously reluctant about
some of the controversies at Oxford
in the 20s and 30s but possibly
he thought that Rawls and others
had exhausted those themes. He seems
to have been very fond of many
of his contemporaries, such as
Bowen, but at the same time a
bit of an alien and stranger.

March 19 The Birchfields arrived
before lunch and we took them
to Summit Hill, one of the few
local restaurants open today. We
had dinner at the Sedgwick Tower.
At Summit Hill we saw George
Crossman and his wife. Both of
them seem very old and tired. Jim
has always admired Mel's Lane's
edition of the Catesby and I have
agreed to give it to him.

March 20 The Birchfields
left this morning for Winter-
town after which they drive back
to Washington. Frank Silberman
came by to see us and I was
glad to give him my copy of
H. L. Menckner's "Theatre on the
Sacks" which he has been
searching. Doug Phillips is
dead, one can only be glad that
he is at rest.

March 21, 1984 I gave my income
tax report to Betty Semmes for
typing. I have received from U.S.
News and World Report a small
portable radio, which would
have been very helpful if we
had had it in Florida. We have
a letter from Clare Childers.
She has put her apartment
on the market for \$500,000.00,
a figure that seems unrealistic
to me, but of course the sky
seems to be the limit in real estate.

March 22 The Bircapfields
left this morning, their first
planned stop being Charlottesville
where they plan to see
Monticello. I gave the Cateshys
to them for the U.K. highway,
together with Mills Lane's argo-
nal letter asking me to sub-
scribe. I also gave him
my copy of Isaiah Berlin's
Personal Impressions. It is
an unusually interesting
volume, chiefly about the
examinations he had known.

March 23 To the Automobile
licensing office to get my
driver's license renewed for four
years, which I managed to get
although the examiner seemed
uncertain about my eyesight.
Then we went to Doug Chellom's
Memorial service. A large
crowd.

March 24 The prime rate at the New York bank has moved up $1/2\%$ - to $11\frac{1}{2}\%$. Reading Stephen Birmingham's "The Grandees Dances", a sprightly and informal look back. The ladies were of course largely "show-offs" but they made some real contribution to their times. The astonishing thing is that their world vanished so rapidly. A million dollar palace became unsaleable in a very few years.

March 25 Phil Braunnigg is in the hospital for a prostate operation. He has apparently delayed the problem for a long time and a malignancy is feared. We took Rosalie to dinner at the Sedgwick Tavern.

March 26 Charlie Hope, who married Shirley Zylstra, came by to see us. He says that Zylstra's property at his death amounted to several million dollars but that Shirley inherited very little of value. Charlie would like to buy our Verto corner land, I think, but has very little cash to invest. Reading Rupert Hart's edition of Oscar Wilde's letters. A striking and sad book. The homosexual antics excited his contemporaries greatly but I suspect that Wilde was doomed anyway.

March 27, 1984 May 8th birthday. I can hardly believe it myself. Quite a number of telephone calls, Malcolm, Paul, Willis, Nelson et al. The same luncheon birthday dinner with Joe Cresselquist and Alfred Denman has been postponed to April 5th but we had a small dinner with the Treeds, Rosalie, Doris and the Tuckers.

March 28 A very early daffodils are coming out - Very fine - We are putting in 200 more clumps of Crown Vets. Also some ~~brown~~ ^{purple} grass. Most of our roses seem to be dead. Cataloguing a box of books just arrived from the Strand.

March 29 We are in the middle of a bad snow storm. Doris managed to fly from West Palm Beach to Washington, but Mary Zeller, who was to meet her, was snowbound so Doris has gone to a motel in Alexandria for the night. Phil Brownrigg is in the hospital. We have a long letter from Thurston.

March 30 The bamboo plant from Brooklyn Botanic Garden this year is a fine (but very small) *Carrus Kausa chinensis*. Phil Brownrigg's prostate operation shows malignancy. Don't Davis says that the sale of Davis' Trust and Savings was very advantageous.

March 31 Lunch with Dorothy White,
together with the Frieds, E. B.

Whites and Helen Sawyer. Then
to see Abel Brownrigg again.
He is understandably some-
what depressed but bears up
bravely. Rosalie came by in
tears. Johanna and Jacob have
separated again and she has
moved out. She is going through
a bad menopause phase I think.

April 1 Reading Ivan Bracci's "I
Break my Word". Like all of his
books on language this has
some interesting pages but it
seems abominably clear that his
most interesting items are run-
ning out. In Trencher's time any
dictionary page provided new
and interesting words but the
field is getting less productive
every year as the literature grows.
The nursing home across the
street from our house is now
open for business. An enormous
amount of time and expense
has been spent in rehabilitation.

April 2 Reading the life of James
Murray ("Caught in the Web of Words")
by his granddaughter. Murray's story
is almost incredible. Outraps it
may be said to be the result of
a happy combination of high
intelligence, Scotch scholarship,
great strength and honesty - and
ample portions of good luck.

April 3, 1954 Malcolm telephoned
to tell me among other things
that Steele Cammager, son of
Henry Steele Cammager, has died at
age 51. He was a professor of clas-
sical languages at Calumet Frank
Sikowitz has given us a por-
table telephone. Being portable is
not of much importance for me
but it also has a strong bell
which even I can hear.

April 4 our local liquor store,
a rigidly controlled State in-
stitution, is passing out some
of its wine business and I
have been able to buy at large
discounts more than 2 cases
of Napa sherry, several bottles
of Dubonnet and a case or so
of German table wine. Reading
Hesketh Pearson's biography of
Oscar Wilde, the best bio-
graphy of Wilde I have seen.
For instance, Pearson shows how
artificial the Buntington cover was.
In effect Wilde and D'Oyly Carte
were building the legend that
was to attract the Americans
because a permanently had im-
pression in England. He also
makes it clear that Wilde's
chief asset was his personality.
The homosexuality that was
to ruin him and his family
was an accident that could have
been remedied by medical help.

April 5 To Dr. Reuter, where I saw Frank Euking and Carl Brammigg. Carl seems to have made a good recovery although he has had to cancel his proposed trip to England and Ireland. To rock Hill tonight for the belated birthday party for Joe, Arthur Dennis, Alfredo Siani and me. Young Tommy was there with his pretty wife and babies. A jolly evening.

April 6 Our daffodils are fine this year. The field north of us, a part of the ~~Dr. Littlejohn~~ Littlejohn property, has masses of flowers put in by the old doctor 30 years ^{ago} and intended for 20 years seem to survive. Malcolm arrived at Dulles this afternoon and we sat up late talking, mostly about Clare and her problems. Her income is insufficient for her needs, especially to belong to the house and she does not yet have a paid job.

April 7 Took Malcolm to Dulles early this morning. We dined with the E. B. Whites tonight, together with the Freds and Wims. Mallie Winn knew the Doug Phillips well and was familiar with Doug's drinking problem - which was quite unknown to me. She says that Doug was almost senile in his last years.

April 8, 1984 To Doris White's
larger luncheon party at the Car-
terville Inn, other guests were the
Eysseles, the Abres, Rosalyn, Frank
Schmidt and Helen Sweeney.
Although the Inn is not the
best it surpasses all others in
our area and we like to
see it prosper.

April 9 Malcolm telephoned this
morning, after getting back to
New York, that he had a busy
day yesterday in Washington, in-
cluding two with the Kenneth
Rushes. He is the godfather of
one of the Rush sons, now a
vigorous young man. Ken seems
to be on numerous boards and
committees. He seems not to
have been much disturbed at
losing the secretary of state ap-
pointment. Of course he was passed
over as a result of extraor-
dinary developments in the Noyan
administration but in a nor-
mal administration he would have
been considered at all.

April 10 We signed our income
tax returns, which had been
typed by Betty Sommes. We are
trying to work out more
parking space in our back
yard, including cutting down
the dog run. The difficulty in
parking is a real drawback
to the new house.

April 11 Mailed our federal income tax returns. Madame Justice O'Connor's father has died so she and her husband cannot join us for the antislavery races as expected. Very sad as they had wanted to see something of the Virginia social life. To a meeting at the DeWine's this evening to discuss the Loudoun County library problems with Sally Hunt, the Director. I am surprised that the use of the libraries has increased so much in recent years, but I am sceptical that the authorities will put up the money needed.

April 12 Lennon Brothers - Kuhn Lack is to be sold to Searson Hamill for about \$360,000⁰⁰⁰. Very said to see two fine old firms go down the drain. The British Isles collection firm has at last sent the shoes and trousers I ordered weeks ago.

April 13 To Dr. Johnston, his new wife continues her work in the office but, I gather, is much interested in building a garden in their house ~~at~~ on the Blue Ridge. The Japanese cherries in our neighbours' yards are blooming, the most noticeable being the pendulous, our double ~~blooming~~ ^{blooming} cherries show little life.

April 14, 1984 We dined with
Brooks Riley at the Laurel
Brigade. She is spending a
good deal of time in London.

Tonight we had dinner with
the McDonalds to meet her
uncle and aunt, the John Har-
rises from Baltimore. He is
a slightly labor lawyer. The
Ahres were also at the dinner
April 15 In spite of the

threatening weather we went to
the Catlands Point-to-point
races and enjoyed them. The
Ahres had one of his
partners and his wife who
proved very congenial. Tommy
and Mrs. de Lashmott were
there with their 2 children and
the ramping of the headed
Tommy and the children were
delightful. Lisa Lewis had
her accustomed seat, whereas we
next door, but she did not
appear.

April 16 Mr. Terrell is in
the nursing home in Hacceter,
a favorable event. Reading
Oscar Wilde's "The Profundis". In
spite of his great gifts
Wilde's mind seems to have
been a mess man. Very few
men could be as silly over
a woman as he was over
Lord Alfred Douglas - And he
never got entirely over it.

April 17 Rain. Young Randy's uncle has written to ask me to lend \$15,000.00 to enable Randy to take some kind of course which would enable him to get a better job than his present one - union work only the minimum wage. I am of course willing to let them have the money, but I wonder whether they have the judgment necessary for the purpose. To the E. B. Whites to take them some rosebushes (a delayed Christmas present). Pearl is reading the size of our dog pen.

April 18 ACF has apparently given up and agreed to being taken over by Carl Icahn at a little more than \$50.00 per share. ACF recently sold W.K.M. for about 230 million. I negotiated W.K.M.'s purchase in the middle '50s for about 7 million. What perplexes me is how Icahn can hope to make money on his purchase.

April 19 Kane White, with her daughter, Leslie, came to dinner with us tonight, together with the ^{and Doris} Freds. Leslie is a vigorous child of about 11, with more animation than her parents and Doris. Tracy Sianni came by with her delayed birthday present for me, a fine kite. Leslie was so excited about it that I gave it to her.

April 20, 1984 Thurston is in the hospital, with what is known, I believe, as a lazy colon. He has always had similar problems, probably due to a defective diet. Yesterday Rosalie brought over the manuscripts of the material she is adding to the new edition of her grandfather's book on the handloom. She has none of the lumps of the text but writes clear, simple and well organized prose.

April 21 Reaching Edith Hamilton's "The Greek Way", I start our journey, with too many general statements and little attempt to furnish illustrative detail but then gets better as her enthusiasm for her subject grows on the reader. She is especially interesting on the Greek dramatists. I wish I knew more about them.

April 22 M - is one of the Garden Week hostesses at the McKinney place in Middleburg. The spring seems to be coming along slowly. One of the plants we brought from the nursery at Woodburn is the silver queen *Leucodermis* silver queen - three or four specimens - that are doing well in their new setting.

April 23 Young Nancy Hatcher, an
ordained Episcopal preacher, and
her husband, also a clergyman
(Methodist, I think) are being
divorced. I think that they had
two children, for centuries the
Catholic and Episcopalian
shunned divorce but now they
seem to have no hesitations.
Margaret and I are beginning
to feel like "typhoid maids":
our own marital experience
has been unusually good, but
all young people coming in
contact with us fall apart.

April 24 The condition of Con-
tinental Illinois National Bank
continues to deteriorate. Its course
seems to be determined by wildly
incompetent mad men. In the
days when I knew it and its
counsel, Maser, Meyer, Austrian
& Platt, well it was one of
the strongest banks in the world.
It has since become a parody for
air chills and foreign bar-
rainers and only public money
can save it.

April 25 To a large dinner party
at Helen Suezegs, with the Freds,
Frank Culenst, Helen Van Deventer et al.
The mirror Helen ~~thought~~ brought
from us, paying more than we
asked, has an honored position in
her living room wall. Bought 2 boxes
of Linds for Mr.

April 26, 1984 Reading Aeschylus' "Prometheus Bound" in Edith Hamilton's translation. A stark and rigid play without frills or rhetorical padding. In spite of the setting Prometheus seemed almost a tourist attraction. Perhaps Aeschylus had a strong sense of humor. Betty Semmes says that Reagan is being made a victim of the media. His influence seems able to survive any reason or deflation by failure.

April 27 Bill Harrison tells me that our winter losses in our plantings are not unusual. He attributes most of the losses to one very cold period of a few days. The Wall Street Journal has a large article about the merger firm in Chicago (old friends of mine) and its relations with the Continental Illinois Bank. It is almost dangerous to deal with a client firm, especially if, as in this case, that client itself is in danger.

April 28 To Middleburg for the touted book sale - which proved to be disappointing. Reading Joseph Wechsberg's "The Mercantile Banker". A journalist's sketch but with much interesting information and atmosphere.

April 29 To a large afternoon party at the Brauns. He is the parliamentarian at the U. S. Senate, a position he has held for many years. The Brauns live in a fine 18th century house formerly owned by his relative (and an old acquaintance) Miss Elizabeth Braun. Had a long talk with Agnes Harrison about Rachel, her oldest child who has some kind of rare degenerative disease. Rachel and her husband are being divorced and of course Agnes is very unhappy. One of the guests was a Mr. LeSourd who for many years an associate of my old teacher, Dr. Vincent Peale. He says that N. V. Peale and I are much alike, frankly outspoken etc.

April 30 Filed our Virginia income tax return. Charles Rucker is very sick and depressed. His blood pressure is so bad that he is not allowed to have any salt in his food and cannot do anything requiring much exertion. What I am most concerned about is that ^{he} is wearing himself to death.

May 1 Jim Crimmier is dead at 78 of cancer. I gather that he has been failing for several years. His first wife died a number of years ago and he had remarried. Jim was a capable but not very learned lawyer.

May 2, 1984 To the meeting of the antelope directors. Mrs. Cutler gave a good conscientious report on the antelope problems and said that she did not think that we are yet ready for a drive for new endowments. That is obviously correct, but I do not see very clearly we can get ready.

May 3 We are busy getting the house and grounds in order for a meeting of the Leesburg Garden Club. Reading Virginia Cowles' The Great Marlborough and his Duchess. The author remembers very well Churchill's story of the Duke but has, it seems to me made some contribution to the story of the Duchess. Her personality seems to have been full of contradictions.

May 4 To the dinner party given by the Fuchs in honor of Doris on her birthday. Reading Jesse Sturges' "The Thread that Runs so True", largely the story of his life as a schoolteacher. The Eastern Kentucky schools were in many respects like those in Western Kentucky but in some respects quite different, especially in local hatreds. He speaks well of my old friend H. L. Danvers. The most striking theme is the great poverty then in the area.

May 5 Rain. We dined with Genia Bate and the Weizens. Bernard, who, I think, is several years younger than I, is frail and broken. After dinner he played for us on the piano, something he seldom does - and now, I am told, except in small and intimate groups. Maria was once a concert pianist but I have never heard her play.

May 6 Rain today. We dined with the Deekins. Ann, who is at home for a few weeks pending another tour of nursing abroad, is a sweet girl and a great favorite of ours, but we hear a great deal about her obesity. She is a compulsive eater and makes little effort to resist. The Forceller, who tells me that his new book on 19th century British commoners is coming out soon.

May 7 We are all busy getting ready for the meeting tomorrow of the Freshburg Garden club. Margaret is transferring from an active to an associate membership so this is probably the last time we shall have to entertain the whole club. Charles Ranker is still ill and depressed. The doctors seem unable to do much for his problems. Among other things he seems to be very poor as he gave most of his property to his

May 8, 1984 We had the big party today - on a rainy day although the heavy rain held off until the party was over. Both Charles and Thompson failed us so I had to help park the cars. Many of them had to push along the road, so two unfortunate ladies got parking tickets, on the whole, however, the meeting was a lively one and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The New York price book rate has moved up again - from 1290 to 12 1/2 90

May 9 The magazine, "The Washingtonian" has a very detailed article about Sandra Day O'Connor. Perhaps her most striking trait is energy. She seems to have most of the traditional virtues and a simplicity that is to a considerable extent a lack of sophistication. Charles Rinker is quite mis- taken and working only half time.

May 10 The Cherry Laurel cuttings from Sulachurst given us, about 30 pieces, are in bloom and very fine. Thompson says that the drainfields at Woodburn, now that there are some 20 or so residents, are becoming inadequate. They were always on the small side.

May 11 To the Middletown rummage sale, a famous local sale held once a year, I found it very disappointing, both as to the goods offered for sale and as to the buyers. The goods were trivial - in fact I found very little of interest - and the clothing and accessories were trivial and uninteresting. The Leesburg rummage sale is much larger and more interesting. To the B.R.A.P.A. production of "My Fair Lady", a charming production. The part of Eliza was played by Maggie Genting, who would have been outstanding in London or New York.

May 12 Mrs. Ronald (Hattie) Terrell is dead at 88. Ronald Terrell, her son, was out of town and the burden fell on Hattie, who is far from well herself.

May 13 Spent a day at home, except going out to buy a Sunday paper. Arthur Andersons new book "Lords of the Earth" is coming out. A book about a Texas family.

May 14 Reading Lytton Strachey's "Books and Characters". Although not his best it is nevertheless very responsible literary history and criticism, especially the pages on Voltaire and England and the article on Lady Hester Stanhope. The discussion on Shakespeares final works is also stimulating.

May 15, 1984 Charlie Richer con-
tinues to be sad and disgruntled.
The doctors seem uncertain as to
the nature of his ailments.

May 16 Told this afternoon to
the Waterford Book Club about
book collecting. A pleasant and
interested group. Alice Baine,
Anne Carter Sweeney and Janet
Kustelmow were among acquain-
tances in the audience. Waterford
is probably the most cultivated
of the ^{Loughlin} communities but I suspect
that the chief interests there
are in music and the church.
At any rate few of the audience
seemed to have much interest
in Wordsworth, Coleridge and Lamb.

May 17 The Continental-Illinois
National Bank is in very deep
trouble and liquidation seems
inevitable. In common with
almost all big banks it has
a good many doubtful foreign
loans, but it also seems to
have a great many poor loans
in this country. Some of its
loans seem incredible.

Reaching Stephen Jay Gould's
"Dinosaur Teeth and Dinosaur Toes". I
suppose the given name, "Gos",
indicates descent from the old
Rothbar Baron. Written in a
popular and attractive style the
book seems to be authentically
scientific.

May 18 To the Thyrone Book Shop where Patrick Anderson was autographing his new book, "Fonds of the Earth." With his great shock of hair and handsome appearance, Patrick is a striking figure. He says that he grew up in Fort Worth and apparently still considers himself a Texan, although he passed on to Tennessee and Washington. The new book is a much more ambitious book than his earlier fiction.

May 19 Our Geronimo iris is very fine this year, our specimens are mostly white and yellow. Charlie is now working half days, very sad and dejected.

May 20 Very quiet day at home. We are having some nice warm weather. One of the advantages of our new home is that we can read, nap and saunter under the constant view of Woodburn.

May 21 Dutton Saunders came in to pay us \$750.00, one half of his annual rental of \$1500.00 on the Rakeby land. His wheat crop last year was a failure and as usual I was reluctant to take his money. His wife had a sudden attack recently and Dutton was charged more than \$400.00 for less than 2 hours at the hospital. A shocking occurrence.

May 22, 1984 Frank Gilchrist,
always helpful to us, has,
~~has~~ designed changes in our
lot designed to give us more
parking space. Rodney Wings
came by to see us. He is
still remodeling the house he
owns here and bitterly con-
demning his workmen. He
says that his sister, Lessie
Lee, has recovered from
his recent illness.

May 23 Dr. William A. B. Bickley
is dead at 94. He had survived
his wife and lived out his
last years in a nursing home.
Reading Aldous Huxley's letters.
For some reason he never
lived up to his early promise.
Perhaps his trouble with his
eyes led to some permanent
blighting of his personality. His
brother, Julian, has seemed to
me to be more interesting. Neither
of the brothers was a worthy
descendant of old Thomas Henry.

May 24 Although I have many
doubts about Bond's proposed
training for a truck driving job.
which apparently pays very
well I finally decided to send
him the second half of the \$1500.00
loan he requested. Manufacture
Danover is the latest machine on
the market now in calculating working
troubles.

May 25 To Davis Whites dinner party for the Lindquists, who are visiting the Freds. Reading Barbara Tuchman's "The March of 'Folly', an essay about war beginning with the Greeks and Trojans and ending with Vietnam. The connecting thread is of course clear enough, but it seems to me too thin to be sufficient. She might, I think, have been more effective had she concentrated on either of the big 20th century wars, considering the build up for them, the underlying premises etc.

May 26 We gave a cocktail party this evening, our guests being largely for our neighbors in Leechburg, although we also had the Lindquists. Among our new neighbors are the Smiths who live at the corner of Cornwall and Ays Streets. He is a retired Army officer and she is an English native.

May 27 Lunched with the Mc Donalds. They are pleasant neighbors, never intrusive or meddling but always helpful. Blanche Merriam is dead at 96, having outlived most of her family although at least Corbin Sumner lives. She and her husband were prominent citizens in Leicester when we moved there.

May 31 I was much interested today when I heard Thompson and Rin-her discussing motor cars. Both of them preferred Japanese cars. Neither of them could be considered experts but can perhaps be considered as representing public opinion. What a disgrace for a country which has such a prominent part in manufacturing vehicles. Reading James Mearns' "Cox Britannica". The author is an old friend of Malcolm Forshee, who sent the book to me. Very interesting and timely journalism.

June 1 To the bank, when I clipped the coupons coming due today. Our prunus cistena and leatherleaf viburnum are both doing well but our Japanese dogwood, while seeming quite healthy, has a little blight.

June 2 Phillips Petroleum has increased its quarterly dividend from \$5 c to 60 c. Its profits seem to be increasing well. Our viburnum opulus is full of blossoms. The large dogwood is coming into bloom.

June 3 To a large supper party given by the Huntingtons, Harrises at the Laurel Bungalow one of two swan parties in spite of their great wealth and friendly manners the Harrises seldom entertain at home.

June 4, 1984 Our 52nd wedding anniversary. We never pay much attention to anniversaries but cannot fail to consider this one as we have grown so old. Reading Shaw's "Pygmalion". The "My Fair Lady" version did a great deal to distort Shaw's original idea but also humanised the original. Some of the dialogue seems to me to be among Shaw's best.

June 5 The Adeline-yeoman has an article largely devoted to stories about Rudd Vets' adventures in World War II, chiefly in the Italian Campaign. Rudd, who was born in 1912, has reached an age unusual in his start-lined family, but I gather that his health is no longer much good.

June 6 Marie Crocens is dead after about two years of declining health. She was a good and admiral friend. In spite of a business career in earlier years and her long - and sometimes stormy - years with Bill she always seemed to be the somewhat of a small town Nebraska spinster. She would have been happier than Sterling Natanson is also dead in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He remained active on the scene up to the end.

June 7 To Dr. Reuter. His nurse, who always takes my blood pressure in advance, was horrified to find an unexpected and inexplicable rise in my blood pressure (which is normally in the range of about 130 over 85). on her insistence I telephoned Dr. Lillis, who is away on vacation but whose office sent me to Dr. Kimball. He didn't seem impressed but gave me a prescription.

June 8 To the annual dinner preceeding the annual convention. Powell missed the dinner for the first time since he is in Europe. The dinners have become routine and are a little boring although this year we had entertainment provided by youngsters recruited by Morton Lynch. The meeting was also too long.

June 9 To a large cocktail party at Dorothy Whitis, mostly for her husband's neighbors. Dorothy's house is a pleasant but old-fashioned one, difficult and expensive to heat in the winter. Dorothy lived in Argentina for many years and has a liking for the Argentines. Reading Rebecca West's "1900", a rather but with some interesting comments on the personalities of the time including literary people.

June 10, 1984 Reading Barbara Woodhouse "Talking to Animals," a charming series of stories about animals, chiefly dogs, horses and cows. Books about dealing with animals are always interesting to me. M- too had a long talk with Helen Sears, a colored woman who used to do a great deal of work for us. She has a daughter, Shirley, who was a pretty child and who got a good education but has been unable to get much of a job. An odd and sad story.

June 11 Bert Fardaw is dead at 90. She is the last of the Calver family and possibly the last grandchild of my father's great friend, Bob Whitehead. Bert was never a beauty but was always attractive and sensible. Several daughters survived her. To Dr. Kimball this afternoon, my abnormal rise in blood pressure seems to have subsided. We together with the others at dinner with Mary Elder. Mary Elder's retirement years seem to have been happy and prosperous, making up for some earlier hardships.

June 12 Lewis Faust has begun his work of removing the large (but decayed) maple south of the house removing two cedars and trimming

June 13 Reading Larry Mills
"Cincinnatus", the story of
Washington's career after the
Revolution. Although it pulls
the story together well it is
largely a rehash of other his-
torians and offers few new
ideas.

June 14 Wilson Carol et al
met the plane this morning
and took me to the Springs
motel. The Library Associates
~~met~~ had a coffee for me at
the Library. The Willises had
to leave early as they were
meeting their son at Vanderbilt.
Tom Clark, ^{Larry Thompson} Jacqueline Bull
and a few other old friends
were there as well as a few
new ones. Tom and I had a
good talk about ~~innumerable~~
personalities of the 1920's
and 1930's. Took Larry Thompson
and the Birsfields to dinner
at the Coors Stop.

June 15 We had a visit with
Little Bill at his pharmacy
this morning and then proceed
to the Ratnas' new home on
the Harrodsburg Road across the
Kentucky River. My first trip
to see Jesse after ^{two} showing
up his head (but seeing
his true mustard). The
new house is in a splendid
location.

June 14, 1984 Last minute complications kept Thurston and family from attending the reunion - a pity since Thurston was always the important leader. Susanne and her family are always around. Bernice and Louise are well but Bernice is very stooped Virginia is blooming and seems to enjoy her travelling. Lynn is back with her husband in the near east. Mally and Jimmy Sweeney were there but not their children.

Tammy and Siegm seem to be flourishing.

June 17 Mrs. Randy tells me that Randy has completed all but three lessons of his truck-driving lessons. He seems dreadfully immature for a boy of his age. Robert, who pays \$5000.00 to \$9000.00 income tax per annum has bought an apartment house having four apartments of which he occupies one. He seems to be doing some kind of consultation work for Seneca Dynamics. Had dinner tonight with the Breasfields. The other guests being Larry Thompson and the Howells. A very pleasant evening.

June 18 Arrived at Dulles in the
early afternoon and, after the
usual struggle with the telephone
system, managed to reach Margaret,
who met me. Mr. Faust has
completed the tree work - a good
job. Charlie is back at work
part time but the doctors have
not yet given him a diagnosis.
Charlie's interests have always been
narrow and his outlook on the
same side and now he is a
~~bad~~ and embittered man.

June 19 Helen Suezey and Rasha.
He came by to see us. Helen
has completed the renovation of
her house on Cornwall St. and
seems to be enjoying it very
much. I was told that Larry
Eager had given up the antique
business and was selling coats.
He is said to be excellent at
that and one can believe it. Troy
dropped out of college after
one semester.

June 20 A very warm day and I
am very tired. This afternoon I
had my first traffic accident
in 68 years of driving a motor
car. Coming up route 15 I changed
lanes and sideswiped a new
car driven by a nurse, a Mrs.
Joyce Anderson. Apparently I
didn't see her approaching. No
one was hurt but some damage
was done to both cars and I got a ticket.

June 21, 1984 To the Garage to
have my car's damages estimated.
Will be less than \$500.00, Mrs.
Andersons damages will be
more than \$1000.00. Margaret had
a luncheon party today for
Doris, Mary Zeiler and B. Taylor.
The three of them are leaving
today for an educational tour
in England and Scotland.

June 22 To Dr. Hillis for
the session I missed two
days ago because of my
accident. My blood pressure
continues to be about 190
over 150. George A. Spalar
is dead at 75 in his
home in Vermont. I had
thought that he lived in
England. George was about
the most remarkable lawyer
we got in the 30s in the
Chathamene firm and had about
the most interesting career. After
his problem in the Nixon
campaign he went on to
become a famous authority on
Virginia Woolf.

June 23 Our magnolia
grandiflora is blooming
reasonably well. Reading
volume V of St. Simons
Memoirs. He gave confidence
and balance as he goes along
in the book - and some sense
of public needs.

June 24. our so-called Astronomer
is blooming well. We propagated
several when we left Wadsworth
and the new location seems well
suited. Although I have not
kept up with Blomrose Wells'
investments ~~to~~ I fear that she
may still have too much
Manufacturers - Power stock. It
has lost almost half of its
market value this year and seems
to have a poor future. Am re-
reading Altius "The Scholar
Adventures", stories about the
discovery and publication of
literary manuscripts, e.g. the
Malahide papers. Altius makes
several complimentary references
to Barton Fugate.

June 25. Mr M + J. stop to get
another bid on repairing our
car. It proved to be about \$20.00
less than the earlier one and has
been accepted. The prime rate in
New York has risen $\frac{1}{2}$ point to
1390. Not unexpected.

June 26 Dorothy White came by
to see us. Am beginning Volume
6 of St. Simon's memoirs. In
spite of his glaring defects
his memoirs are really priceless.
He notes, pathosingly, one of
Voltaire's early mistakes and
says that the Arnaud family had
been so lucrative for his family. Many
of St. Simon's instincts are sound.

June 27, 1984 Hilson has sent me the latest reports from the trustee of Zellner's estate. The trust still has her \$83,000.00 Jake Butcher note. It was formerly about \$93,000.00. Presumably it is secured by the bank stock Zellner owned when he died. It may work out all right but I do not like the situation on the whole. The trust has done well, at least on paper, and now stands at a little more than \$700,000. The gross income is about \$50,000.00 per annum.

June 28 I hear that there are no more taxicabs in Leesburg. The license costs \$700.00 per annum and the insurance premiums are high. The patronage is light and precarious. I wonder whether many small businesses are not being throttled by rising costs and competition. There seems to be no refuge for the lower tiers of society.

June 29 To Dr. Hillis, who found my blood pressure reduced to 150 over 80, where he says is good. He has dismissed me for 2 months. Margaret's lilies are very fine this year.

June 30 Lillian Holleman is dead. She was about 80. In her own way she was perhaps the most extraordinary dramatist of her time. Her courageous stand during the McCarthy period probably resulted from contempt and general cantiousness more than from principle. Most of her plays were unpleasant and some times unfeeling but she seems to have been a competent craftsman. She had a sense of humor but of the verbal and intellectual type.

July 1 My old enemy, back trouble, continues to pester me. In spite of expensive doctors I have never been able to find out the cause. Fortunately, it lasts for a short time. We continue to watch the renovation of the nursing home opposite us. The new owners have spent a lot of time and much money in the process.

July 2 The Perry Engineering Company is enlarging our driveway and parking space, a job that should have been done when the house was built. Parking has always been difficult, especially when we had much of Wood. Linn. And the entrance was too narrow and the exit difficult.

July 3, 1984 Talked to Roland Mahan about my traffic summons for July 17. The sensible thing would no doubt be plead guilty and pay a small fine, but I hate to have a conviction on my record. Of course I accept all blame for the accident - our dogs have been found by the dogcatchers wandering en route to, but she was unable to catch them.

July 4. To the Browneggs for a "cook-out" last evening. They entertain very well and I am delighted that Rose's second marriage has turned out so well. Anne is quite a different type from Mary Jane but in her own and different way almost as satisfying. The wings came by for me. Inconvenient.

July 5. Margaret Muir had the Fresh and Oals to lunch at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, West Va. The Inn is a very attractive one on the banks of the Potomac but the food was not up to the best Bavarian manner. My server's was not the best and the Werner schnitzel was dry. Margaret Muir looks much better although her bones still give her much pain.

July 6 Picked up the car this morning. The repair bill was covered by insurance (except for the \$250.00 deductible) so that the final amount was less than \$200.00. The Freds, ^{Margaret} the Supers and Helen Smezy came to dinner. Jan. 7 Rosalie is back, after some delays and mixups on her return voyage. I gather that she found Elizabeth McConnell a somewhat interesting travel companion. The Connell Harrisons have bought Mrs. Wilma's house on Prospect St. near the Freds. I gather that it is really for their daughter, Rumeril Rhodes. She has been very ill with one of the dread muscular diseases and is being divorced from her husband.

July 8 Rosalie lunched with us and went over her trip, which was expensive and not too interesting. Reading "Quentin Durward", the novel that established Scott's great vogue in Europe. The book is full of action and stirring movement, but it also seems to me to have great flaws. Quentin, like so many of Scott's heroes, is incredibly stiff and stupid. And the long essay on hours. It is not germane to anything ^{else} in the plot.

July 9, 1984 Reading volume 4 of Edel's life of Henry James "The treacherous years". The outstanding point in the book is the fact that James reached a great peak in reputation and prestige without either financial security or emotional poises. He continued to hold his old friends and to make new ones, with little or none of the quarrels that involve so many artists. He seemed to have less interest in the British upper class and political figures.

July 10 Our cleome is lighting up our garden - as it did at Waddesden. Round Hill National Bank has given up the fight and been merged into the First American Bank of Virginia. Clara Breen and two other members seem to be the survivors of the old management.

July 11 The stock market has had a tremendous drop. The stimulus of the tax cuts is wearing off. I have just read a story of an interview with Stan, for many years editor of N. S. News and World Report, recently called. He says that for years half the issues were written by one friend once a month.

July 12 Frank & Basile dined with us. She is seven years older than ~~he~~ he is, but they seem to be "going steady". Mr. Dale has made a bold political move - named a woman as his running mate in the presidential election. Mrs. Tenaro seems to be a good catholic and ~~and~~ an adroit politician. Well at least see some interesting fireworks.

July 13 We had a very large fire in Leshing this morning, oil tank on S. C. tractor etc. As a precautionary measure our electric current was turned off a large part of the morning. With Pete Black and tonight to the catlands conversations to see and hear Mr. Grosvenor of the National Geographic. He is a nephew of Mrs. Jones of Aldie.

July 14 Having for many years ~~being~~ been a "who-dunn-it" reader, I rejoice in having found a new (to me) writer, P. D. James. Much more of a real ~~writer~~ ^{novelist} than Agatha Christie she has some of that lady's skill with plots and her characters are more credible. Perhaps the "two" stories will come to life.

July 15; 1954 Thurston telephoned. For a number of years his new business steadily prospered and he was happy. As a result of the grazing decline in the agricultural regions, his business, although still a good one, was not growing and he seems to be getting restless to move on. M - went with the Mahons to Baltimore today to see the Orioles play and suffered a near-fainting spell. Great exhaustion, probably.

July 16 Heard Governor Leamon Reynolds address at the Democratic National Convention. An effectual and compelling speech. Reaching Hergesheimer's "The Limestone Tree", which I read first when it was first published. He tells a good story and the book holds its interest but the characters seem somewhat contrived. They follow a theoretical rather than a real pattern.

July 17 Appeared in court today escorted by Roland Mahon. Roland persuaded Mrs. Anderson (whose car I had damaged) and the judge ordered to get the District Attorney to withdraw the charges.

July 18 Today I was shocked when m. paid \$44.00 for one rib roast ^{of beef} for one dinner party. A good but not unusual piece of beef. Tonight we dined with Helen Smagay - and she had to pay for that beef. Her son "Tug" who there with her has attractive children. His wife is abroad on some mission.

July 19 We had for dinner tonight the Eggsells, Bernell Harrison, Brendegasts, Rosalie Dietz, Frank Gilchrist, Alfred Dennis and Helen Smagay. A very pleasant evening. The Brendegasts are apparently a good deal of time showing tourists showing tourists over Oak Hill, which produces satisfactory revenue.

July 20 The Wilhoms at Little Catlands, assisted by some Catlands friends, gave a dinner party tonight preceding the conversation at 8 P.M. The speaker was L. Bruce Linsger in charge of the embassy in Tehran at the time of the seizure. He is a charming and sympathetic man and spoke with moderation and intelligence. No flag waving or bombast. The dinner party was also a very pleasant occasion.

July 21, 1984 When I saw
Byron Farnell last night I
was shocked by his appearance
of illness. He is fat to the
point of deformity and seems quite
sick. Am reading the Faulkner
Cawley correspondence. Faulkner
seems a more cooperative
type than one would have
expected. It must have
been painful to him to
find his best books so little
remunerative.

July 22 our large English
walnut is as usual full
of walnuts, which, also as
usual, are falling before they
are mature. our honey
locusts (*Gleditsia*) are
blooming profusely. To
a large dinner party at
Rosalee's. See was
flying her flags, including
the Real Br. Class store-
keeper flag.

July 23 To my surprise
~~our~~ Bankers Trust checking ac-
count has been taken over by
the First American Bank of
New York. Bankers Trust has
been for some time getting
of its small checking
accounts, intending to
be a "universal" bank. A
mistaken policy it seems
to me.

July 24 I see by the Washing-
ton Post that Joseph D. Keenan
is dead. Gophier ~~still~~ sur-
vives him. Joe must have
been almost the sole survivor
of the labor leaders of Rose-
velt times. Margaret and Ras-
alie set off today to meet
Jane and Jim Birchfield in
Arlington, Virginia.

July 25 After much bother
I managed at K-Mart to get
a new blade for my Remington
Electric shaver. Margaret and
Rasalie got back from Arling-
ton and the night with the
Birchfields. Jane is far
from well and has been unable
to unpack many of their house-
hold goods. Even the books
are in their packages on the
library floor instead of ⁱⁿ the
shelves.

July 26 To Dr. Reuter. He re-
ports that his garden is
doing very well. Reading Fran-
coise Chandler Vagot's new
novel "The King's Way", chief-
ly about Madame de Main-
tenon and the later years
of Louis XIV. An excellent
book and one with new
insights, at least to me,
about the still powerful al-
though still declining religious
life of the period.

July 27, 1984 The Continental Illinois National Bank seems to be hopelessly insolvent and we are about to have a government take-over which in effect will saddle the public with the losses and give us more ~~a further~~ governmental stake in the banking business. This is the road that led Britain to disaster.

July 28 Frank & Rosalind and M. & I went tonight to see the Brave performance of "On Golden Pond". A very good performance in which the freshness and ardor of the cast more than balanced the occasional amateurishness of the actors and the inadequacy of the sets. The audience was disappointingly sparse. Bob Martin was very good as Norman Frazier and Sally Kellums played very well as Ethel Frazier.

July 29 Dined with the E. B. Whites, together with the Fricks and Mary Giles. Commenting on the struggle for the control of Woodward & Lothrop, Rogers told us that Harvey owned some 140,000.00 shares. The offered price of \$59.00 per share seems to indicate that they have no monetary needs. We also discussed our local library needs, which are pressing.

July 30 Harry Thompson has sent me an extract from some register of classical scholars, the one sent me concerning T. T. Jones. An excellent job. Jones was a true Appalachian type, rather stolid and possibly unimaginative but a true lover of Latin and Greek, with great sympathy and appreciation for the interested student. Harry says that he is preparing his own memoirs.

July 31 Reading with great interest Helen Haasen Sant myers novel "And Ladies of the Club." The central theme is a literary club founded in a small Ohio city in 1868 and the stories come on until 1934 when the last of the charter members dies. Civil war veterans, the Presbyterian Church and seminaries, the rise of small industries and the prevailing Republican party are much discussed. The grouping and gradual changing personalities of the characters are skillfully handled. One suspects that the sophistication of the ladies was not always as deep as indicated and that the level of culture was optimistically stated but the appearance of credibility is there.

Aug. 1, 1984 To the bank
this morning to deposit coupons.
Then to Oakland for the di-
rectors' meeting. We are sur-
rounding a small electric and
Gus, who is a born warrior
is much perturbed. Actually
Oakland gets more out of its
small income than any firm or
enterprise I know, public or private.
It will certainly be necessary
to get some gifts but those
shouldn't be too difficult.

Aug. 2 To a large dinner
party at Helen Smazess. The
Washington Post of a few
days ago has a long story
about Patricia Acosaris, well-
known law (Cornell's husband),
Axel von ~~Bom~~ dem Busscher.
He was a member of the
army conspiracy to help
Hitler and was intended to
place the bomb. Earlier at
Temple Field and Busscher
lost a leg in the Russian
campaign so the first attempt
was made by another. Busscher
now 65, is a tall, rather
grim man.

Aug. 3 Morton Riddles new
wife gives me an interesting
point of view: "Old age is
not for sissies. Mrs. Clark,
Alfred Dennis (mother) is dead
after a long illness.

Aug. 4 To a large party at the
Sashons. Their house is built
on a small track cut off of
the big ~~big~~ Wright place (she is
the Wright's daughter and has
recently built up ^{her house} ~~her~~ ad-
ditional rooms and enlarged
grounds. We are having trouble
with our Twiggy. Although
now an old dog he is
much addicted to hanging
around females and occas-
ionally stays out all night.

Aug. 5 At home all day. Reading
Mr. Robertson Nicoll's "A Book
man's Letters. He was a
sugary writer but made up
for it by great love of beer
and hook men. He seems
to have known and liked
many of the journalists
of his time. It is the
fashion to denounce Watts
Duntan for his alleged pom-
pering of Sumner but
Nicoll knew and admired W. D.

Aug. 6 Our air conditioning
units have out of order but
Temp-a-Ton has repaired
it. In just a few years air-
conditioning has become almost
a necessity in our climate.
We are busily preparing
for another week in Nantucket,
again in Dick White's house
when he lends to Boris in Sept.

Aug. 7, 1984 Am reading Ernest Campbell's life of David Hume. Somehow I always feel that Hume is a myth. His environment couldn't have produced such a person - but it did. Perhaps the only comparable person in the 18th Century was his own friend, Adam Smith. And, as always, I am impressed by the fact that all the brighter people of Hume's time knew each other.

Aug. 8 Reading S. K. Chester. To's life of Robert Browning. As usual with Chester, the book is impressionist, with too much generalization (some quite acute) and too little actual data. Probably the highly practical and worldly Browning had little appeal for Chester.

Aug. 9 A long letter from Malcolm, with much news about Claire's surviving sisters, Elizabeth, Marjorie and Janet. Elizabeth and her husband, Dan, were good friends of m and me. How unfortunately both are now very bad health. Marjorie is slowly dying of cancer. Janet is apparently in good health.

Aug. 10 Dinner at the Richards, with the Charles Moores, Frank and Rosalie and Alfred Dennis. From there we went on to Oatlands to hear Charles Plonk discuss agriculture in Landour. Plonk is really a major granee of food of the Golden Society, not of grain or cattle. I have believed for years that this is the only hope for Landour farmers.

Aug. 11 Reading Farley Mowatt's "Never Cry Wolf", a spirited defense of wolves as against their detractors and persecuting governments. Also reading A Stanton (Archie) Whitfield's lecture on Thomas Hardy, which he gave me in 1972. It is inscribed to me as "Yoma" Deal, which meant, I suppose that I had a solemn and ponderous air. The lecture is really quite good and one regrets that Archie never followed up his earlier promise.

Aug. 12 Davis gave a barman party today at the Pinesville Inn in honor of the Snaws and their two children. Mrs Snaw is Frank Golovist's daughter and the children are very lovely children of about 10 and 7 respectively. Tom Snaw is an interesting man.

August 13, 1984 We have had a very heavy, driving rain that even brought some water in our basement. The humidity was even worse and our house is very moist. To a large cocktail party given by Frank Silomist in honor of her daughter and her family. Frank's house and grounds are always so neat that Mr. and I are very envious.

Aug. 14 We are trying to clean up our basement. A few bits here and there were actually under water, and we are having to discard some paintings. I found for instance a fine cabinet photo of Mr. Burke and a picture of Ruth Phillips. It must have been taken in 1922 and given to me when she attended my graduation from college.

Aug. 15 Frank Silomist has lent me a copy of Rose and Milton Friedman's "The Tyranny of the Statist"⁹⁰⁰. They are as usual skillful and perspicacious expositors of the Adam Smith school, but also as usual, disjunct and transy, their monetarist theories seem to me to have little practical value. Poor Laddellows for Ronald Reagan.

August 16 G. B. Priestley is dead at 89. He seems to have been an engaging person but I never cared much for his books. M- and I bought fruit in Hamilton where our old friend Mrs. Hess now operates through his nephews. Also to the Calce. In nursery where we bought four pyracantha to mark the large stump south of our living room. Tonight we went to a meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which passed and denied an application by the old Dominion Bank for a larger sign. Loudoun is one of the few Virginia counties closely regulating signs - but the struggle still goes on.

August 17 Rereading Dorothy Parker's "Fragments for the Living". The book reads as though she had definitely tried to see life as being and sordid. Some of the members of her set certainly had moments of gaiety and joy but ^{she} would not even recognize it. She also excels in real tragedy.

August 18 Rereading John Williams' Augustus. Much interesting information but also much modern atmosphere introduced in the framework of early Imperial Rome.

August 19, 1984 Reading Richardson's "Georgian England", a strange but interesting and useful book. The scope of the book is too great for a small work and can better be studied by more specialized works, e.g. on furniture or art. Our cleaning up of the flood in the basement has turned up two letters from Margaret Sedgwick of the late 1920s. I pasted them in my copy of "The Gift of Torques" which, I found, already had a pasted. I lost all trace of her years ago when she went into exile in Poland and it seems likely she is now dead.

August 20 Willie Roper, aged 91, is dead in Lucentia at age 91. I remember her well from the time we moved there in 1915. Her sister, the first Mrs. Chester Anderson, died many years ago. We have an invitation to the 50th wedding anniversary party of the Sydney Steuans.

August 21 Rereading Herbert Wendt's "It Began in Babol". A fascinating and well constructed survey but I suspect somewhat superficial in many of its details.

August 22 The Idone family is selling its dairy herd, about 300 Holsteins. The herd was started by old Charlie Idone about 50 years ago and has been one of the most successful and successful in Virginia. Some of the cows have set new records in butter fat content, one brought \$37,000 and the average was about \$1550.00. I am afraid that dairy farming is no longer practical in Loudoun County.

August 23 Reading Mackinlay Kantor's "The Horse of Thee Wings", a book that has added recently in our shelves for years. The idea of finally finding a surviving pair of passenger pigeons is a splendid dramatic concept and some of the characters are interesting but the action is poor melodrama.

Aug. 24 To Davis Whites lunch dinner party for George Isaacs, which included George, Frank Selchist, Helen Sweeney, Helen Vandewater, the Freds, the Devines and Helen Woodman. George seems to be well and happy and reports that Tison and Ship are flourishings.

Aug. 25, 1984 To a large party
given by Frank Schriest for
George Isaacs. Although their
personalities are quite different,
George and Frank have been
bosom friends since the Lil.
Christis came to ~~Kiesburg~~ ^{Longtown} and
I think that Frank was a
great help for ~~Frank~~ ^{George} in the
sad months of Maryhane's
illness and death. I do not
believe that their military
experience had much in
common and George is much
older than Frank.

Aug. 26 We had our dinner
party for George Isaacs, six-
teen people including M. and
me. George, who never
liked parties much, will be
very pleased to get back to
Florida. Among the guests
were the Ray Harrisons, Bell
Harrison's parents and George's
former neighbors.

Aug. 27 In clearing out my
old files I find a letter dated
November 28, 1925 from Fay
Dorris. I was the best man at
her wedding to Billy Dorris about
1918. In St. Louis I gave me
the then current news about
old St. Louis friends: Ruth Phil-
lips (Mrs. William King) Darrby
Ayers (Mrs. Harry Goslog), Mary
Cass et al.

August 28 Gerry Emmett is married again. His wife, I am told is a long time acquaintance also recently widowed. Gerry no doubt ^{feels} that he needs a mother for his children.

August 29 My old friend T. Roland Barnes, now 74, is back in the news again. His company, Curtiss-Wright Corp., which Ted has headed for many years, owns 18.4% of the stock of Western Union. The company has been in the doldrums in recent years and Ted is going to head it also and try to restore it.

August 30 young Tommy Reed has been indicted in New York for using the information received, allegedly, from his father, Gordon, about a proposed merger. Gordon was not indicted. The whole ~~said~~ incident is ludicrous. Fern Wingo came by today and we had a long talk about her early life in Salt Lake City. She was a Ramsey, a prominent family best known by the famous painter George Ramsey. Fern says that polygamy is still common in fact (although not openly noticed) in Salt Lake.

August 31, 1984 Rereading
Suedalla's life of Churchill.
Although it was published
at the beginning of Churchill's
work in World War II, it is
a surprisingly full and ade-
quate ^{history} of Churchill's earlier
life and the problems of
the middle years. Indeed, in
some respects the 1942
estimate seems to have
been better than the unquali-
fied adulation of later years.

Sept 1 We have closed our
Banken Trust checking account.
Banken Trust has continued
to withdraw from retail banking
and our account, which was
originally ^{started} in the old commer-
cial National more than 50
years ago, was transferred
without any preliminary notice
from Banken Trust. A great
deal of good will must have
been lost.

Sept. 2 I have found in
an old book a post card from
United Farms sent in 1942
advertising their current
price lists: Prime ribs at
31¢ a pound; hammers
29¢, Spanish mackerel 15¢,
alligator pears 2 for 15¢ and
coffee 2 pounds for 65¢. In 42
years the middle class has
been struck a fatal blow.

Sept. 3 Lucy Simpson, 88, is dead in Florida. She was the daughter of the E. W. Weas and married about the time I was in high school. I see by the Advance-Geonian that a daughter of John Wilkins has been visiting in Bandana. She must have been one of the young girls. To see the Arthur's planting, which has greatly grown in the last few years.

Sept. 4 Reading the 2nd volume of Milton Lomas's life of Aaron Burr. An excellent story and given with restraint and understanding. I have bought \$60000 more of Browning's Prime series funds.

Sept. 5 our car refused to start again today, so we have had to buy a new battery and otherwise have it reconditioned so that we can use it to Washington airport when we go to Norfolk.

Sept. 6 Reading Alice Hegan Rice's "The Inky Way". For some now inexplicable reason her husband's poems were better known in Kentucky in the teens and twenties than her writing. "The Inky Way" is engaging but in some ways a very interesting book.

Sept. 7, 1984 Margaret had a bad fall, skinning her knee and spraining her knees. There seems to be no remedy for these falls. To the outlands conversations with Peter Rockwood where we heard Tom Recorde and Ed Fugitt of the State Department talk about the Near East. Steve Bruce has managed to get the Barnes acquitted of the charges of keeping vicious dogs. These dog problems are a curse for the Barnes - who are in most respects a most useful and beloved couple.

Sept. 8 Eula Dennis says that her father and Mather are both in a bad way. She has broken her wrists and her father has cancer.

Sept. 9 Took our dogs to Miss de Butts this morning. She is getting along in years and often reiterates her plan to give up breeding dogs - which would be a hardship for M. and me. To a large cocktail party at the E. B. Whites. Both of them seem to have recovered from the bad health that plagued them last year. The Whites also seem quite prosperous and active.

Sept 10 Frank Gilchrist drove
our car to the National Airport
in Washington this morning,
with Dave, and me as
passengers. We changed planes
in Boston and rode a D.C. 3
(the first I have seen in
years) into Nantucket. Chuck
Akoe met us at the airport
there. Good weather, and good
flying. Mary Gilchrist was also
at the White House.

Sept. 11 Lovely weather, just
cool enough to be comfortable.
Reading Coffin's Nantucket,
which lists a good many
specimens of flora I have
never seen here. This after-
noon we toured Nantucket
Center to see the famous
doors, a feature of the
island architecture.

Sept. 12 We have redis-
covered the fine bakery
and bought some blueberry
pies of the type we liked
so much in 1981. This after-
noon we had cocktails with
the Winns, Logolka, and
one of their charming ^{neighbors} in
Sedonset, the Winn's sum-
mer home. It seems a long
jump from Alabama to Nan-
tucket but the Winns have had
this place for years and
seem to like it very much.

Sept. 13, 1954 We live very quietly and pleasantly these sunny days. The Akers have brought a "information-pleasure" type of game and we play it in the evening. As might be expected I come out well in history and literature and am a complete nonentity in sports, jazz singers and the like.

Sept. 14 Dick's library at his country home is not extensive but I find a fine copy of Gore Vidal's *Burr* - which I am rereading. I find Burr's personality and character almost entirely incomprehensible, but Vidal's descriptions are at least most interesting and suggestive. Burr's attitude on his wife and daughter seem overdrawn but even such historians have expressed the same views. Burr's attitude to the Virginians, Washington, Jefferson et al, seems credible enough.

Sept. 15 We drove through Sarsseville today and looked at the houses. Some fine old architecture still exists and the place is spotless but one has the feeling that it is now only a museum.

Sept 16 We went to a lecture at the Whale Museum given by a charming old gentleman, probably a volunteer. The museum is not a large one but is well arranged. It confirms my impression that whaling must have been a hard life.

Sept. 17 We left Nantucket at 11 AM, on a DC 3 again, lunched at the Boston Airport and were at National Airport at an early afternoon hour. The weather was perfect. We picked up the dogs. Took Doris to ~~the~~ dinner this evening at the new Colony Inn. Food expensive and not very good.

Sept. 18 Dutton Saunders comes by today with a check for \$750.00, the second half of his rent on the Vito corner land. Poor Dutton is not well and looks much older than his 59 years. He has been a victim of his own limitations and the misfortunes brought on him by inflation and decline in agricultural prosperity. America is repeating the story of the 1930's, the farmer is being led by hoaxes and poor advice to a breakdown in his usual life.

September 19, 1984 Gore Vidal's Lincoln is a very interesting book, not as brilliant or suggestive as "Burke" but consistently written and artful in its history. The author seems to like Lincoln and even has a soft spot for Mrs. Lincoln. He ascribes all her faults to insanity. He particularly dislikes Chase and has no great sympathy for the unfortunate Kate Spurgeon.

Sept. 20 I have had a long talk with Hunt Harner about the Continental Illinois National Bank. He anticipates that the directors and senior officers may be in for some dangerous lawsuits. Both of us are amazed at the rapidity of the decline at the bank once the bad news got into the newspapers.

Sept. 21 Charlie, Kathryn and I went two hours at the annual Hudson Memorial Hospital Memorial Sale. I always attracts hundreds of people and dispenses tons of rubbish. I spent my time with the books, mostly a poor lot although I did find a biography of Edmund Morris and a good many urban dainties.

Sept. 22 We left for Princeton this morning, driving to Freedom on route 15, then ^{by 695} to 95, which took us almost to Princeton. We put off ^{at} at the Nassau Inn. The big Golden wedding anniversary was at a local country club and was very gay. We saw some of the McClaughan and Stevens family for the first time in many years. Our dinner companion was Bill Schuele, of the family that formed the Schuele Collection, one of the finest in existence. He tells me that he spends much of his time reading book catalogues. Betty and Sydney were both in excellent spirits and seem to enjoy the occasion.

Sept. 23 To the Stevens this morning for lunch. Long talk with Hoffman's son about his father and mother, and about Larry who is still surviving in his early 90's. We took off for home about 12:30. By some misreading on my part we needed an hour before reaching route 95. The route was broken in several places around Philadelphia and we ~~acrossed~~ over them onto route ~~at~~ 15 at Freedom, so we didn't get home until 7 P.M. Frank and Rosalie Ticegatz who had come to Grief.

Sept. 24, 1954 Our poor little
Thiggies seems to be sinking into
an invalid. Samelany seems to
be weary with his spine and
we have to carry him up and
down stairs. Reading Julia
Carrière's ~~Life~~ Harris' Life of
Joel Chandler Harris. She
was the wife of his oldest
son, Julian Harris. She has
both the merit and the
merit of a family production.
He was indeed a real stylist
and a faithful portrayal of
the South but also seems to
have had a pronounced provin-
cialism. He was an eager
reader of great literature but
followed a narrow path
himself. In spite, however,
of his modesty and limited
interests he seems to have
had a warm social spirit.

Sept. 25 Sydney Stevens
telephoned today to tell us
how much he and Betty
appreciated our attendance at
the Golden wedding party. Our
friends seem to think that M.
and I are tattering into the
grave and wondering at our
tenacity. Perhaps they are
right. I increased my an-
nual gift to Friends of
Atlanta to \$100.00. Too much,
I fear.

Sept. 26 We have a card from the Friends in Ireland, saying that they are enjoying their stay. I have been nominated for another 3 year term as director of antislavery, I've in fact I am ~~to~~ beyond any use there and should resign but I do enjoy the meetings and I suppose that one or more useless directors do not really matter.

Sept 27 To Dr. Reuter. Paul Wimer was one of the other patients in the waiting room and Dr. Reuter said that Paul had been repeating to him the substance of the story he told Seymour Hersh as retailed ~~by~~ ^{by} Hersh in his book about about Kissinger. This afternoon we took Tuggsy to Dr. Swanson, who is not encouraging.

Sept. 28 The hegania pillars on King Street, pyramids about 4 feet tall, which have done much to add beauty to King Street these years, are still blazing. I have recently found my father's meerschaum pipe given to him in the early 1900s by Miss Kane, an assistant to Alice Bradley in her millinery shop. Father had assisted the girl in one of her problems and the pipe came from her a year or so later.

Sept. 29, 1984 To the wedding of Mary Walter Arthur at the Presbyterian Church in Leeburg and then to the reception at the Community Center in Middleburg. The Arthurs are Episcopalians but the wedding had to be at the Presbyterian Church because the groom was a divorced man who has two children from the earlier marriage took a pleasing part in the wedding.

Sept. 30 We put up last night Nancy Usher Williams of Mayfield, Ky., one of the guests at Mary Walter Arthur's wedding. Nancy is a great granddaughter of Will Usher, who was Ed Gardner's partner in Usher and Gardner, a leading paper group in Graves County in the early 1900s. We had a long discussion of the Gardner and Ushers.

Oct. 1 To the meetings of the Outlands' Directors. Phil Brown, who is resigning as a director, although he retains his interest in the Combinations. We have created the office of ^{Manager} Director and Phil will be asked to be one. The Outlands situation is worrisome. It is only kept alive by Annell's efforts.

act. 2 Got Timmy back from the animal hospital. He is quite feeble but still seems to have some pleasure in life. Daisy Lee Tinsley is dead. She was a pleasant girl whom I remember well although I haven't seen her since 1922. Jimmy Wingo spent the afternoon with us. He is going back to school this coming year, probably to Harvard. In spite of his great abilities, Jimmy seems unable to settle down to any settled course of action.

act. 3 To Dr. Miller who says that I can discontinue the diazide taken to reduce my blood pressure. We have moved the Japanese Cherry, *Prunus Jamasaka*, from the flower bed to our front lawn, where it replaces a dead *Kumazasa*. It was one of those distributed to attendants at an outdoor conversation in 1983 by Dr. Cutler of the National Botanical Garden.

act. 4 Alice Whitley brought to Luren with her friend, Bill Hudson, a widower who acts often as chauffeur for her. Hudson is a descendant of the Thomas Robertson, maker of marmalade and other English preserves. He brought us a jar of the Robertson marmalade.

Oct. 5, 1984 Our sorbuses, roses, cleome, daisies and a few other flowers are still giving us attractive blooms, one of the Larouere Guard dogs has bitten Jim Thompson, several stitches being required. Larouere is really insane and will be a menace in the community.

Oct. 6 The First National Bank of Chicago is experiencing heavy losses, which may in part reflect the Continental Illinois failure. I am interested to read that Joel Chandler Harris was a close friend of James Whitcomb Riley, our old friend in Kalamazoo, John M. Moore, was a great admirer of Riley. Somewhere about 1910 Moore's wife, a very fat but enterprising lady, ran off with Dr. Buder, a prominent physician. Moore used to bring them to his friends reciting "That old Sweetheart of Mine".

Oct. 7 Heard the Reagan-Mondale ~~debate~~ ^{debate} with debate. The President seemed to be tired and made a poor impression. As a means of elucidating the issues the debate seems to me to be worth little. All discussion is brief and stereotyped in fact worthless.

Oct. 8 Reaching Richardson's "Year
gran England"; a charming book
chiefly concerned with concrete
articles such as buildings, ^{and} clothing
and to some extent with manners.
The illustrations are good but
could be better if the pages
were larger and the paper better.

Oct. 10 To the marriage sale,
accompanied by Hathorn and
Charlie. A very large crowd. I
spent most of my time in
the books department, where
the pickings were poor. I did
get some paperback "who-dunnits"
(which were better than the
average) and a fine copy of
Eugene Fields' poems. Also an
interesting biography of Edward
Marston, Churchill's friend. Field
was not a major talent but
many of his jingles are
timely and amusing. As a
small boy I learned by rote
"Little Boy" and can still remember
most of it.

Oct. 10 We hear that Mr. La
ruenne has contracted for the
old Lacey-Eckels estate at
the west end of Leesburg. This
is in addition to other proper-
ties, including a large store-
land for a publishing house
and a farm near Leesville. The
bakery business seems to
be profitable.

Oct. 11, 1984 This is outland's
big day. Farnell's lecture at
the Simpson School this mor-
ning, luncheon at outland's at
noon and a dinner for
175 people at the Russell
Harrison's tonight. Former
Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. was
the honored guest of the lec-
ture and Dr. Mark Cathey of
the National Association was the
speaker at the luncheon. Among
other guests at the dinner was
Hope Stearns who had built
the garden at Yellowwood.

Oct. 12 To Mr. Johnston, who
gave me a new prescription for
the glass for my right eye. Or-
dinarily he is a rather sour
individual, all science and no
sentiment, but he now seems
to be warming up somewhat.
Perhaps the new wife is having
a humanizing influence. Earl
Bell, our Congress dealer and a
former member of our Virginia
House of Delegates, is dead at 64.
He was a useful citizen.

Oct. 13 To the Warren Carrose
as guests of the Freds. A nice
day with good company and
good horses. Although outland
has outstripped Warren Carrose
in local interest, the latter has
managed through its equestrian
institute ^{to} attract more financial support

Oct. 14 Quiet day at home. Trees
has been a good year for coloring
in trees and shrubs. The most
striking show with us is the
large sugar maple in the
McDonald lawn near our house.

Oct. 15 To the hardware applied
company to order a new glass
for my right eye, as presented
by Dr. Johnson. To K. Mart
where I bought a new fire
extinguisher. Filed my renewal
certificate for continuance of
the "hand-use" taxation.
Lucien covers our Vinto corner
property.

Oct. 16 One of the improvements
in Leesburg this year has been
the small pyramids of begonias
that line S. King St. They
have given us abundant bloom
for many weeks and are still
at it. Reading Christmansons
"In the Presence of the Creator,
the life of Sir Isaac Newton. Of
all the extraordinary Britons he
must be the most unusual. Un-
doubtedly one might say that his
achievements reflect not only
great intellectual power but also
an unparalleled power of con-
centration. At the same time he
had many obvious faults of
character and judgment. Perhaps
he suffered from hypochondria
and queer sexual reactions.

October 17, 1984 We dined at Oak
Hill together with the Dennises.
Nice family party. Gene is very
thin and Joe's skin is mottled;
as my hands are, as happens
to very old people. Russell Baker,
the N.Y. Times columnist, has
signed a contract to buy Mary
Metzger's house at the corner
of Market and Liberty Sts. of
course he was born in
Landown County but Leesburg
seems a queer place for him.
Oct. 18 Doris, Janet and David
^{and Mary Baker} White had dinner with us.
Dr. Johnston has removed the
second cataract from Doris' eyes
and she has recovered promptly.
In fact she was back at home
within an hour or so after the
operation. David repaired our
cassette player. Actually he only
had to push a button or two.
Had a conversation with
David about the Westmoreland
suit against C.B. to my
surprise he was somewhat
emotional about freedom of
speech and all that.
Oct 19 My remote cousin, William
Reel, paid another visit to me
today. He has a certain re-
semblance to Jasper. I can't
quite make William out, but
he does seem to have had a
connection with our air force.

October 20 To a large cocktail party at the Eggsells. Now that their young trees and shrubs have made some growth the Eggsells-Williamstown house is very handsome. Mercedes's garden section of the house is very attractive. Both of them are very active in Loudoun. Sam in his old age has become quite religious - or so he says - and seems to move to the right in his politics, which is amazing in a former associate of Nelson Rockefeller.

October 21 We dined with the Flemmings, and this evening attended the Democratic dinner at the ^{Williamstown} Community Center. Mrs. William Averell Harriman was the major speaker and gave us a resounding appeal. Her speaking style and even her voice are closely modeled on those of Winston Churchill, her ^{former} father-in-law. The model is followed even to some of Kennell's occasional harshness.

October 22 Rereading Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations. He was an extraordinary and amazing man. He had very little of Berners Gregarious personality and little of the idealism of Rousseau but surpassed them both in analytical power.

OCT 23, 1984 Paul Willis arrived at 4:30 this afternoon to spend the night with us. He tells us that the Birchfields have bought a new dwelling, our friend, Larocque, has appeared on L.B.S. to plead his cause, his chief point being that Mandale is an agent of the Soviets. This is all tied up with the activities of the neo-Nazi party in West Germany. It seems likely that the new German wife is leading Larocque to mix up in his own mind German and American politics.

OCT. 24 Wed. Hisenberg died at 98. He was for many years in sort of unpaid trustee of the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and must have known him for 75 years. His last days were spent at the nursing home in Leicester.

^{Page 25} Tom Kane came by to see us. He says that his business is going very well although he had some slack periods last year. An article by Roedel is coming out in Horticulture soon. We don't write the Roedel's because other guests were the Falks and Samuels, old friends of the Roedel's from his days in the Air Force.

Oct. 26 We are just sweeping
along at outlands. Governmental help
has been slacked and private gifts,
although helpful, are not suf-
ficient. We may find it neces-
sary to let Alfredo Siani go
which would be most unfor-
tunate as he has brought both
taste and industry to his
gardening work. Basilio dined
with us tonight.

Oct. 27 To the B R A P A produc-
tion of "Carnelot" at the Middel
Scenel. It has never been one
of my favorite plays but it
was well done. Low Brignone
as Arthur and Damon Jensen were
quite effective and the music
was good. The usually empty
seats were filled with school
children.

Oct. 28 our great favorite, Ann
Devine, is missing in Identi.
She is a bit of a rebel and
prefers to work abroad. Reading
James "Elizabethan Envoys",
the story of Sir Thomas Sher-
ley and his three sons. Although
amusing in spots the book
is really an indictment of
the sorry state of public
morals in the 16th Century. One
wonders why any orderly govern-
ment succeeded even in Eliza-
bethan times. But the bad guys
lost out at last.

Oct. 29, 1984 I have finally finished rereading Valtierra's "Letters on England", which I read just many years ago as "Lettres Philosophiques". Some of the articles (they can hardly be called letters) are amazingly instructive and even attractive but some matter, especially the discussion of Pascal seemed to have been tugged in merely to fill up blank pages. He really says very little about the English, but seems to discuss English literature in Sir Isaac Newton's part. Oct. 30 Drove with the truck to Trout Inn on the ~~Rappahannock~~ ^{Rappahannock} at Irvington, N. J. It is a quiet and rather sober place with comfortable rooms and really exquisite food and its chief attraction must be fishing, which of course is rather lost on us. The Duckhorn Neck is an attractive part of Virginia although less well known than the James River country.

Oct. 31 To Christ Church this morning, a sort of memorial to King Carter. A handsome group of buildings. Among the other tourists we met Dr. Scarlett, a friend of the Purnells. Had a trip down the Rappahannock on the 4th

Nov. 1 ~~At~~ We drove about the
Carnegieish today and lunched at
a country club affiliated with Tedes
Iron. A bankers' convention is
being held here and among the
members are John Sleeter of
Round Hill and some of the of-
ficers and directors of the
Idemilton Bank. Young Sleeter is
an attractive youngster but
beginning to run to fat.

Nov. 2 We drove back to
Heesburg today, stopping in
Matthews for a long lunch with
the Lindquists. Their plantation
is very handsome. To me
Red and Julia look the same
as they did fifteen years ago
but they feel that they must
give up their large place and move
into a retirement village.

Nov. 3 Our friend Taiwanese
has lost his suit against
N. B. C. and at the same time
suffered a judgment against him
for more than 3 million dollars.
Apparently he roused great
interest by his testimony. He
says that he has had no in-
come since 1972 and does not
know who pays his bills.
The Internal Revenue Service
may be interested in him.
His largest personal expenditure
is \$5.00 for a hair cut (he
must deal with our Raymond).

Nov. 4, 1980 To a jolly luncheon party at the Hammels. An interesting group, mostly new to us, although it included the Brendelgasts, and Charles and his Mother. The food and drink were good but simple and some of the conversation unusually interesting.

Nov. 5 Got my new eye glasses. one lense is new and my reading ability is certainly improved. I have a letter from Bernice about Thurston and Betty. She is very sad about the break up of the marriage and not at all critical of Betty. In fact, as nearly as I can make out, she thinks that Thurstone is in a bad way, in part at least as a result of worries about his business.

Nov. 6 As expected Reagan won an overwhelming victory. Perhaps a good thing in the long run as he will have some very bad times in his second term and will perhaps deflate the extravagant expectations he has raised. The two hard issues for Lowdown County were approved. The one for improving the library was vigorously pushed by a few but unrepresented people.

Nov. 7 Bob Delaney is dead and his body is to be brought back to Leesburg for burial. Our friend Laroche is attracting a great deal of publicity. He now claims to have no income and very few assets. In spite of many things, however, he got more than a hundred votes in Loudoun County. One wonders what they were.

Nov. 8 Doris and Helen Smezer dined with us. Helen seems quite pleased with her new home on Cornwall Street. She continues to advocate a constitutional amendment abolishing abortion and also spends much of her time on Catholic affairs, but most of her friends are Protestants.

Nov. 9 To Bob Delaney's grave. Sole funeral at the family lot in the Union cemetery. Rolly managed to make it to the funeral but was in a wheel chair and very frail. Charlie Rinker tells me that he and Thompson have had some pleasant conversations with Mr. Laroche who apparently likes walking in the Woodburn grounds. He says that he admires and generally ^{agrees} ~~likes~~ ^{with} President Reagan although differing with him in opinions and associates.

Nov. 10, 1984 Rereading Adam Smith's
"The Wealth of Nations". That
crusty old bachelor had a remarkable
grasp of and interest in the physical
phenomena of his time. He
seems even to have been fasci-
nated with coins as physical
things. Rosalie came by to see
us. She is recovering from
her accident but has a ticket
for reckless driving.

Nov. 11 The new Benjamin Franklin
Book Store, one of Mr.
Larocque's enterprises, was opened
today and Mrs. Larocque new
party, the Benille party, had
a procession to the Court-
house Square. This afternoon
we went to Salma for a
meeting of Keep Louisiana
Beautiful. At the moment the
members are trembling with
indignation at the prospect of
a large, electric generating
plant just across the Patomas.

Nov. 12 Ruby Moore Robinson,
Dallas Moore's daughter, is dead
at 78. She was a sweet young
teenager when I bonded with
the Moors while teaching at
Ascar. Some finished Villavies
Letters on England. The parts
about Pascal are dropped in
as filler, but some of the other
material is stimulating and
prescient.

Nov. 13 Got three more Cassattas; this time than Sulist and Sullivan operas. The recordings were made in the 20s, the great period of Sir Henry Lottan and Darrell Foxcroft. The effect on our player, however, is a bit tinny. We are having our first cold weather. I fell in our bath room, fortunately not injuring myself. Our fall colours are almost all gone.

Nov. 14 T. Frank Osburn, who died last year, left Landon Memorial Hospital \$130,000.00, which was probably the bulk of his estate. He and his ^{wife} had no children. The gaiety of nations is now expounded by Rev. Falmell's attack on the Catholic bishops - who have issued a draft of a proposed attack on the Reagan administration for its attitude to the poor.

Nov. 15 My new variety of red maples which I bought from the Hecker nursery, has grown well but looks a bit unusual red when it is supposed to have. \$16.00 invested. The Earl Reynolds has sold their farm, or what is left of it after earlier sales to the Eyssells and others. Earl is in the real estate business and has some connection with Dick Gray.

Nov. 16, 1984 The Dow ^{average} has
fallen 18 points. And the banking
authorities are moving in
on the Bank of America and
the First National Bank of
Chicago. It seems to be begin-
ning to realize that some
very serious are showing
in American economic
life. It wouldn't surprise
me if we drift into a
serious depression.

Nov. 17 To a large party at
Rosalia's. We all thought
that Jimmy's death would
hinder Rosalia's style. For
from it. She travels more
and entertains more than ever.
Reading George Kennan's "The
Fates of Albion"; the story of the
Barrage between France
and Russia, preceding and
probably causing the First
World War. It is told in a
rather stark way but is per-
haps even more effective because
of that.

Nov. 18 Reading Katherine
Anthony's life of Catherine
The Great. It is frankly a
pat hailer but no book about
the German girl who ruled the
Russians can be dull. Some of
the sexual legends are deflated.
Catherine took her sex as she found
it but was not a Versailles.

Nov. 19 My years are beginning to wear on me. I fell in our bathroom a few days ago, an easy fall but hard to get up from. My legs begin to cramp when I sit for a long period, especially if my legs are crossed. I am so uncertain in my gait that strangers help me across the street, and I find it hard to get in and out of cars. With all that, however, my body continues to function well. Almost as much precision as it had 40 years ago.

Nov. 20 Reaching Maitland's life of Leslie Stephen. Maitland's style is a little formal and reticent, as one might expect from a famous legal writer, but has much charm and feeling - just the opposite one would expect from a historian. Stephen's rebellion from the ecclesiastical seems a little forced now but perhaps we owe something of our present freedom to him.

Nov. 21 Our Catholic bishops have, abandoning their precaution with ritual, published a draft of a proposed blast against the materialistic philosophy of the Reagan Administration. Just as in Poland and Latin America the church seems to be entering a phase of concern for the poor and persecuted common people.

Nov. 22, 1984 We had our usual Thanksgiving dinner for the Fields Rogers, Ethel, Rogers Jr., Leslie and Mrs. Stewart. Rogers III is not in Leeshurg now. Leslie is an expert on gramophones and helped on some of the problems I have had with our cassette player.

Nov. 23 To the Tyle's big cocktail party. They will have another of equal size tomorrow and thus will pay off a good many social obligations. Their boys have grown to be very handsome youngsters.

Nov. 24 The Loudoun Memorial Hospital, which has been over charging ^{for years,} ~~Medicare~~ seems to have run into trouble on one of my bills, about \$165.00 for having me fill out a form on a routine visit to Dr. Reuter. I think that some imaginary labra-try work was tumbled. Sooner or later the hospital is in for trouble. Wilson has been to see myrtle Turner, who is about to celebrate her 99th birthday, and Gladys Wingo, who must be about 90.

Nov. 25 Sheila Duncon is very ill, a brain tumor I am told. When Charlie first retired they lived here but left for California a few years ago.

Nov. 26 Reaching Lewis' Auction class 'Second Chance'. He is a thoroughly competent writer but sometimes seems to be skimming the surface and repeating himself. Possibly he feels that he needs the money, although I hear that he is a good lawyer.

Nov. 27 Our old neighbor, Mr. Jett Kins, who lived across from Woodburn for many years, is dead. He was a small precise man who had the good sense to leave farming while he was ahead. Jim Breen Field writes that they have acquired a copy of the Kilmarock Burns for the Real collection. About the time Dr. Rosenbach died someone from his office (I think it was John Fleming) offered me the Doctor's collection of Burns. It was magnificent but of course far above my purse. I did of course eventually get second edition of the poem and it is not at U.R.

Nov. 28 With the Freds to a large dinner party at the Akres. The guests of the Akres were their old friends the Fredless who now live in Miranica. The Akres visited them a few months ago. The Fredless say that the new king of Spain is popular in Miranica.

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