

Diary of Helen "Curly""Bunny" Burnett

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Helen was a student at Miss Beard's School but this year spent the holidays with the Bancrofts and the Estabrooks, both colleagues of her father in the oil industry.

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Sunday, January 1 -The Bancrofts and I saw the dear old 1932 out and 1933 in shouting ourselves hoarse, getting ourselves exceedingly drunk and yelling rabbit 10-11 times before the New Year. We sat on bottles, being rewarded by being allowed to smoke a cigarette each time. We played Rook and Badminton all day and went for several walks and runs, the latter on which I turned my ankle twice. I like Lindy better of the two boys at present.

Monday, January 2 [Bancroft's - Long Island, NY]- This morning we took down the tree amid a great deal of commotion, had lunch and Janie and I walked downtown and got some things and came back, and then we all took a walk and after we came down and played with the medicine ball. I took a bath and this evening I played two sets of Badminton with Lindy, which he won, and then we all played Rook. Lindy was my partner and we lost very decidedly to Janie, Howland and Mr. Bancroft and went to bed early.

Tuesday, January 3 - [Bancroft's - Long Island, NY] Janie had to go to a school this morning so I got up very early to see her off. Then we all had breakfast and Mrs. Bancroft brought me into New York to come back to the Estabrooks. I had a marvelous time on my visit. When I got back I found that I had had a 'phone call from Bob Brookings. He is evidently in New York now. I'd like to see him for a minute just to see if I'd like him as well as ever. Wrote a thank you note to Mrs. Bancroft and went out to the library which was closed and saw the lights on the Eisler's house. They were perfectly disgusting.

Wednesday, January 4 - [Estabrooks, N Y] - Went shopping in Altman's. Went to the hairdresser's at about 3 and had a manicure and came back to the Estabrook's and got packed to go to Kitty's¹. I was going to be there by six-thirty but Mrs. Estabrook got home late from a bridge party so I stayed at the Estabrooks for dinner. Then I came to Kitty's and met her brother Bill, he is rather cute. Then I went to see Kitty in a play. It was pretty good.

Thursday, January 5 [Estabrooks, N Y]- Calvin Coolidge died today of heart failure. Gee! He

¹ Kitty Hanson.

had such a cute nose. I liked him loads. He should be president now. This morning I slept until about 11 o'clock. Then I went to a cookoo house with Kitty to see a doctor whose maid was a man, to see about her eye. Then I went to the Estabrooks to get 2 coats - came back and had a sorta lunch. Then Kitty and I came upstairs and smoked and had facials. Tonite we looked at stamps (Bill and I, he's got a marvellous collection) and threw cards at a hat. More fun for the kiddies.

Friday, January 6- [Estabrooks, N Y] - Got up about 11 o'clock this morning, had breakfast and went over to Priscilla's house. Then we had lunch at the Lady Baltimore and went to a movie. Kit couldn't go because of her eye, poor kid. Saw Will Rogers' *Too Busy To Work*. It was passable. Then we got a soda and some popcorn, and the Swift brothers brought me to Kit's. A girl came over this evening and we spent a busy evening doing nothing - Bill went to bed with a cold. Wis had a stag party which we crashed later. Went to bed later at about. Cal Coolidge is having his funeral tomorrow. Gee! I feel sorry for Mrs. Coolidge.

Saturday, January 7 [Estabrooks, N Y]- Poor old Cal had his funeral today. It was an official holiday almost everywhere. Got up about nine-thirty and got dressed and by that time Betty Harriss had come and then went to the Alvin Theatre and saw *Music in the Air*. It was very sweet but there wasn't a bit of chorus in it. Then we came back over the new highway and this evening Kitty Hanson came over and we had a perfectly silly evening. Bill is still in bed so - and we were going to a movie but Kit couldn't go because she doesn't feel so well either.

Sunday, January 8 - [Estabrooks, N Y] - I got up this morning, or rather this afternoon - to go to the john - I didn't go to bed until about 4:30 this morning. Kitty Hanson stayed and we got some other kids to come over and we danced for a while and ate and then danced some more and ate some more and then went to bed - and then I heard Bill talking so I went into his room and asked him what time it was and "lo and behold," it was 2:30. Wahoo!! I got up and got dressed and went down to Sunday dinner. Then Betty Harriss and Swifty came over and we went to Betty's house and made hot chocolate and sat around and talked and then this evening Kit and I went to candlelight service at St. Andrews - then Polly Naylor - Pril - Kit and I walked home trying to keep our candles lit - I did.

Monday, January 9 - [Estabrooks, N Y] Went shopping this morning with Betty Harriss and came back to Kit's about 12:00. Then Max came and we all had lunch and went to see *Hot Saturday* with Randolph Scott and Nancy Carroll and *The Conquerors* with Ann Harding and Richard Dix. The latter was very good. Then we came back and I packed and at 8 minutes of 7 got to school - God damn the dump. It was very rainy today - I stayed up until 11:45 getting unpacked.

Tuesday, January 10 - [Miss Beard's School] - Started damned old hell again. [**MOTHER!!**] God damn this dump, how I hate it. I've got the curse and I'm staying in bed today. I've been writing letters and playing the vic [Victrola, an ancient type of record player] and eating candy so far. Learned some new songs and then ate some more and got to bed on time

(almost.) Miss Thompson is married - Shucks. She was so nice, now she won't be gym teacher any more.

Wednesday, January 11 - [Miss Beard's School] - I'm getting a cold and I feel perfectly lousy. In Latin today, I lost my voice (not intentionally, of course). I got a sweet letter from Bob.

Thursday, January 12 - [Miss Beard's School] - We had to learn Portia's speech for today, and had an awful Latin translation to read out loud, so, as my cold was worse, I lost my voice. I think I'll go to bed over the weekend.

Friday, January 13 - [Miss Beard's School] - Got up this morning and my cold was worse than ever. So I lost my voice for Latin and went to the Infirmary. Did my home work, worked at stamps (for the first time since school opened) and read.

Saturday, January 14 - [Miss Beard's School] - Last nite I begged Miss Mary to let me sleep as late as I could this morning so I got up at 12:15. Haha! Wrote letters, fussed with stamps and read. Bobby Stewart and Beth Thompson came up today. Tommy came up to say goodbye to us - I was so sorry to have her leave. Nuts! She was the only nice gym teacher. However, the new one seems very nice too. She is very pretty.

Sunday, January 15 - [Miss Beard's School] - Slept until about 11:00 this morning. Fussed with stamps. Got some out for Bill. I think I'm going down tonite. Heck! It's so nice up here. Going down tomorrow morning. Have been writing songs all nite. It's sort of hot today. [separate paper - This is just an extra that I'm putting in because there isn't enough room on the regular page. Oh Diary - I can't wait until summer when it's nice and hot. When you go outside in a bathing suit and still be hot - go down to the pool in Chicago with a crowd and go in swimming and laze around lying on the beach or the edge of the pool getting sunburned and then get into a pair of shorts and go play tennis - then get into a light flighty something and go to the movies or sit in some cool room and talk or play cards or go for a ride or else walk around with some cute boy or a pretty girl - Oh, diary - I feel so blue and homesick and I want summer to come so badly. I'll go to Chicago and have a simply smooth time - but Oh God now - plugging away at Latin Algebra French English and the midyears coming along soon. Oh God how can I bear it. I have lots of time to think now 'cause I'm in the infirmary and I'm not awfully popular, diary - I don't know why - cause I'm quite cute looking and I've got a pretty good figure and I haven't got B.O. or Halitosis or any of those crazy things. Oh well, I can only do my best by being nice to the kids and not terribly loud or crazy - and I haven't got an inferiority complex as some kids have - Oh shucks - it's such a marvellous warm day out if the trees were only green it would be just like real, honest-to-goodness spring. I'm writing Mother to see if I can go to Chicago for Spring Vacation. Oh, I hope I can - Gee.]

Monday, January 16 - [Miss Beard's School] - Came down from the infirmary before breakfast this morning, and I was so sleepy. It's terribly warm these days, like the beginning of spring.

Tuesday, January 17 - [Miss Beard's School] - Had spring fever like anything today. It's awful - with a test in French Wednesday & the midyear coming. It's marvellous out.

Wednesday, January 18 - [Miss Beard's School] - I had drill yesterday and I'm so stiff that I don't know if I'm going or coming and I had drill today too. Boy am I stiff. It's sorta cold today.

Thursday, January 19 - [Miss Beard's School] - I had tumbling today and I can really do a good head stand. Tomorrow we're going to the Opera to see Scotti's last performance.

Friday, January 20 - [Miss Beard's School] - We went to the Opera today and saw *La Boheme* which was good enough but I didn't enjoy it. The second one (it was a double programme) was *L'Oracle* which was marvellous. Scotti was in that one. Then after it was over he was called back again and again for 20 minutes. Then ladies threw their corsages up and all the wreaths and bouquets he had were brought out. Then he made a speech. He was crying like anything at the last. Lawrence Tibbet was down there and a whole bunch and he sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" to him (they were down in the audience). Geraldine Farrar was there too. She looked grand. We saw her car as we were in the N.Y. traffic. But Scotti was so cute. He blew kisses to the ladies and everything. He had his picture taken about 10 times among the flowers and everything. I was so sorry because he was so sad at leaving that I nearly burst into tears. I'm going to write him, I think. He was simply marvellous².

Saturday, January 21 - [Miss Beard's School] - Didn't do much of anything. There's a new pledge - no ~~candy between meals~~ weekend unless you go out. Stayed up here nearly all afternoon. Had a crazy party tonite and went to bed early. I've got a splitting headache.

Sunday, January 22 - [Miss Beard's School] - Went to church and came back and did my Algebra - It's rainy today and we sat around and talked and read.

Monday, January 23 - - [Miss Beard's School] - Had tumbling today and I passed a few tests. We have a new system for breakfast, we can have our choice of three out of four courses - Hacha!

Tuesday, January 24 - [Miss Beard's School] - Had drill today - gee - it's just exactly like spring out. It's awful when you have to study 'cause you don't feel like it. We have to share

²baritone Antonio Scotti, who died in penury in Naples Feb 1936

and stand by classes in chapel.

Wednesday, January 25 - [Miss Beard's School] - Am a little stiff , not very, tho', thank God. It's getting colder. We were just nicely in bed when we had a Fire Drill. O-O Hacha!

Thursday, January 26 - - [Miss Beard's School] - When we woke up this morning, it was snowing, but it was too hot to stay on the ground - Ah, well.

Friday, January 27 - [Miss Beard's School] - We had a priest come to talk to us this morning and he was so cute - he said one thing, a man & a girl were on the train, and if they weren't engaged, they should have been, but pretty soon they wet thro' a tunnel and they must have relaxed because when they came out he said "Miss _____, will you believe me when I say that tunnel cost millions of dollars?" and she said, "Will you believe me, Mr. _____ when I say it was worth it?" Hacha. Well, this afternoon we saw "Merchant of Venice" at the Shakespeare Theatre in N.Y. and boy, did we buy food. Then this evening a Mr. Hamilton came and gabbed on a play of Walter Hampden's.

Saturday, January 28 - [Miss Beard's School] - Walked this morning but didn't do much else - I'm pulling the sick act mañana - Hacha. Got my letter from Scotti today, I could [not?] imagine who it was from at first.

Sunday, January 29 - [Miss Beard's School] - 47 more days to Spring Vacation. 127 more days to Commencement. Hacha. Stayed in bed today and gabbed around. Miss. L.C. is ill. Hacha

Monday, January 30 - [Miss Beard's School] - I woke up this morning with two square red spots on my cheeks. They were the queerest looking things. I could see them all the way across the room. Right after breakfast I was shut up in a room and not allowed to see a soul for fear it was something contagious. It wasn't and I'm just staying out of school today - I missed my Spelling test.

Tuesday, January 31 - [Miss Beard's School] - I had my English exam this morning - it was simple. But French tomorrow - Hacha! I don't know what on earth is the matter with my face - it itches like Hell fire.

Wednesday, February 1 - [Miss Beard's School] - I had my French exam this morning - It was quite easy but I just had simply oodles to write.

Thursday, February 2 - [Miss Beard's School] - Had Algebra today and it was simply awful. I flunked it so hard it's absolutely funny. I couldn't have passed.

Friday, February 3 - [Miss Beard's School] - Had my last exam today - Latin - I flunked that too. Boy, if I did, I'll flunk for the semester, I'm afraid. Almost everyone is gone for the

weekend. There are 16 girls left here. Had a treasure hunt and lollipops tonite.

Saturday, February 4 - [Miss Beard's School] - We walked for an hour this morning, and sat around and read then some of us went to see Miss Pace in a play at the Lyceum. She was darling. Then this evening we did whatever we wanted to, for a change.

Sunday, February 5 - [Miss Beard's School] - I turned my ankle yesterday so I couldn't go to church today. It started snowing like Hell yesterday and it still is today. I told the kids' futures all afternoon. Lucy didn't have talk or council meeting today. Hacha. There isn't a soul here, hardly.

Monday, February 6 - [Miss Beard's School] - Well, I passed all my exams. Hacha! I was positive that I'd flunked Latin and Algebra. It's simply freezing today. I wore the first pair of woolie underwear today that I've ever worn. They're horrible, but I'd rather wear them than freeze. Hacha!

Tuesday, February 7 - [Miss Beard's School] - Gertrud³ went to the Infirmary today. Heheh! It's simply fahreezing out today to, I don't know when Mom is going to send my money. I haven't had any since Thanksgiving Vacation. We tried out for the "drill team" today. I hope I got there.

Wednesday, February 8 - [Miss Beard's School] - It's absolutely like a Spring Day today, and the paper says "a blizzard from the north" tonite. I'm so stiff today I don't know if I'm goin' or comin'. I got the most adorable Valentine from Bob today. Oy 'af no monies so Oy cahn't gaw to the 'airdressers Satarday. I weesh dot may Mothair wood sent eet. Eet ees embarrasseen midoud eet.

Thursday, February 9 - [Miss Beard's School] - It's terribly cold and most of the kids went skating today. I didn't have any money, so I had to take tumbling. I passed off a lot of tests tho'.

Friday, February 10 - [Miss Beard's School] - Nothin' much today - Still freezing cold. We had basketball and then went out and froze a while.

Saturday, February 11 - [Miss Beard's School] - When we woke up this morning there was about 6 inches of snow on the ground. It was so pretty. We blew up balloons for the carnival all morning. It's been snowing all day. I'm simply exhausted from blowing those damn balloons. I got fixed up in a pair of white ducks with blue stripes down the sides; a blue skirt and a sailor cap. Hacha. Quite the "Navy" in person. The orchestra wasn't half bad. I heard the leader say that there were some hacha girls here. Of course I'm here. I had 4 Eskie Pies

³ Gertrud Ludtke, who lived in Havana, Cuba.

and I danced my feet off. I'm dead at 1:30. Imagine.

Sunday, February 12 - [Miss Beard's School] - There was a foot of snow this morning, and boy - was it cold? Got the term reports today and I got B+ for English, D+ Latin, C+ French, D+ Algebra (I'm cryin' about this) A Spelling and B+ oral English. I did a half an hour of exercises and a steam shower and a hot bed, maybe I'll lose some that way.

Monday, February 13 - [Miss Beard's School] - There's oodles of snow on the ground but it's to cold outside. I nearly froze last nite in bed.

Tuesday, February 14 - [Miss Beard's School] - Well, we had peach shortcake for dessert tonite. It was marvelous. I got 14 adorable valentines tonite. Pew - I got 21 last year (about that.)

Wednesday, February 15 - [Miss Beard's School] - Fergie had a birthday party today, with sterling trinkets in the cake. Hacha! My money came today. Memorable day. Hacha! Got a check for \$10 and Gert cashed it. It feels funny not to owe money any more - and I've actually got some left over - Boy!

Thursday, February 16 - [Miss Beard's School] - Prohibition was repealed this afternoon but Hoover vetoed it. Roosevelt was shot at yesterday but not killed. I wish he had been, damn him, and I hope someone else does it and is a better shot.

Friday, February 17 - [Miss Beard's School] - We had our first Spartan-Athenian basket ball game. The Athenians won 1st team, Spartans 2nd team. I got some marvelous stamps and a cute letter from Jim. Mom'd have a kitten if she knew he were writing me.

Saturday, February 18 - [Miss Beard's School] - We went for a long walk this morning. It's a marvellous day - Getting awfully warm. There are actually rivers of snow water. We didn't do much all day.

Sunday, February 19 - [Miss Beard's School] - Went to church. It's a grand day - didn't do much all together. Ate all afternoon.

Monday, February 20 - [Miss Beard's School] - I still weigh 137. I'm going on an awful diet too - it's awfully rainy today.

Tuesday, February 21 - [Miss Beard's School] - Its just a perfect day out today. I hope it keeps on getting warmer. The man who tried to kill Roosevelt had an 80 year term. I think he should be honored. Been cloudy & sunny at intervals today. ~~The eighteenth amendment is repealed. We want beer!~~

Wednesday, February 22 - [Miss Beard's School] - Well, this is Father's Day - Hacha - a

marvellous day too. I hope R.C. lets me send a cable to Dad. I've never had a father in any of my classes until today and I had one in every single class. Cheese. Kid did I work - not any more than I have for the last week tho'. Anyway I was in the first play I've every been in today, and I guess I was pretty good, 'cause Miss Turner, Miss Beard and a few of the daddies congratulated me. The play was "Joan of Arc." Boy - a second Joan Crawford. 1st Spartan-Athenian Basket Ball game. Athenians beat us 28 to 8 1st team, we beat them 36 - 8 2nd team.

Thursday, February 23 - [Miss Beard's School] - We had our pictures taken today for the year-book. We have them by classes etc. It's getting warmer every day. Your breath doesn't turn white in the air any more.

Friday, February 24 - [Miss Beard's School] - We had the 2nd Spartan -Athenian game and the Athenian's won both games. Boy! The Spartans better get busy, let me tell you. It's awfully nice and warm today - I wish they'd hurry up and fix the tennis court. The trees are all coming out and everything. I hope it lasts.

Saturday, February 25 - [Miss Beard's School] - We didn't do a thing today. There was hardly a soul here - and it was simply freezing outside. Nice cheery day - not a bit of sun.

Sunday, February 26 - [Miss Beard's School] - It was simply freezing on the way to church and the sermon was the most boring thing ever. I heard about 2 words of it. We had the talk this evening instead of this afternoon and we didn't have any singing. Hacha.

Monday, February 27 - [Miss Beard's School] - Staying in bed with the curse today and doing stamps etc. Wrote some letters.

Tuesday, February 28 - [Miss Beard's School] - The kids went to hear Yehudi Menuin or whatever he's called. They said he was very good. I needed my beauty sleep so I didn't go. My money came today - Thrills & heart throbs.

Wednesday, March 1 - [Miss Beard's School] - It's marvellous day. I got a letter from Mother today telling me not to expect to go to Chicago. I cried and cried all thro' study hall. March came in like a little lamb. I jumped over the foot of my bed & said "Rabbit" 3 times. I walked downstairs backwards too.

Thursday, March 2 - [Miss Beard's School] - Could you imagine it. I woke up and looked out of the windows saw snow everywhere - and March came in so nicely. Heck, Hell, Damn, Shit. All the snow's melted now. What a day. Today I passed 5 tumbling tests.

Friday, March 3 - [Miss Beard's School] - Today's Mom's birthday and I have a terrible Latin test too. Boy hattie! The test wasn't bad - it's sorta cold out today. I sent Mom a cable.

Saturday, March 4 - [Miss Beard's School] - Well now we are in for it. Old Rosy's got the job of President. Had my hair done at Altman's this morning and then went up to the Infirmary. Been reading all afternoon and ready articles on beauty.

Sunday, March 5 - [Miss Beard's School] - Still up here - been reading beauty articles and I've decided to get some dark brown ColoRinse to dye my hair darker - I wish it were very dark naturally.

Monday, March 6 - [Miss Beard's School] - I'm staying up here until noon and then I'm going down. It's simply marvellous out today. Just like home. Came down for dinner tonite.

Tuesday, March 7 - [Miss Beard's School] - I think I have a half chance for the drill team and I'm pretty sure I'm on the tumbling team. Oh, well.

Wednesday, March 8 - [Miss Beard's School] - It's simply freezing out again today. Boy! Wind? and how, real March weather.

Thursday, March 9 - [Miss Beard's School] - Windy & freezing today - Had tumbling and passed a couple tests. I think I'll be on the team. Went to church tonite with Phil & froze.

Friday, March 10 - [Miss Beard's School] - Bud's Birthday & I sent him a cable. I hope he's thrilled with it. Icy out. Nothing to say - I think I may possibly go for the weekend with Mrs. Estie mañana.

Saturday, March 11 - [Miss Beard's School] - Went out with Mrs. Estabrook for the day and saw *State Fair* with Lew Ayres, Will Rogers, J. Gaynor. Gosh how I hate her. I'm nuts about Ayres tho'. He's adorable. W.R.'s good too. We had the spring play tonite. It was marvellous. *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Brought back loads of food!

Sunday, March 12 - [Miss Beard's School] - Getting warmer today! Really marvellous out - been eating all day. I'm so sick.

Monday, March 13 - [Miss Beard's School] - Another blue Monday, a week from yesterday I'll be 15. I'm on the drill team and also on the tumbling team. Boy! I'm so excited, that's 30 or 40 points.

Tuesday, March 14 - [Miss Beard's School] - Well, we had the meet and the Spartan team won only the drill. Heck! I was so scared when I first got up there, my knees were just knocking at each other. I got \$6 worth of stamps today from Globus - Boy!

Wednesday, March 15 - [Miss Beard's School] - 2 more days to Spring Vacation and 82 until commencement. Most all the banks are open again now, Rosy seems nuts to me - Oh well -

Thursday, March 16 - I went to Altman's this afternoon to have my hair done, it's simply marvellous out. I stayed in bed this evening for no particular reason, just to pack.

Friday, March 17 - [?] - Got out after 12:00 this morning. Meity⁴, Phil and I sang songs and all the crazy tunes we could think of to celebrate. Patsy & I saw *The Bitter Tea of General Yen* (fair) and *Hot Peppers* with Lupe Velez (very cute). This evening we saw *The Penguin Pool Murder* with Edna May Oliver (very good) and *Bill of Divorcement* (excellent), I saw it for the 2nd time as I saw it in New York last fall. We danced all evening and got to bed at 2 A.M.

Saturday, March - [?]- Got up late and went into New York and met some boys and a girl. Went to Rumpelmayer's for lunch and then we went to see Lupe Velez, Durante (schnozzola) and Hope Williams in *Strike Me Pink*. It was simply darling. I loved it but I had to go to the john so badly it was funny. Patsy and I acted like nuts back here at home all evening and danced our feet off.

Sunday, March 19 -[?]- Woke up about noon and it's hailing, thundering and snowing & everything. My birthday, too. A couple of fellas came up - Arnold 'n' I won all the dough. Patsy had a bunch of kids up this evening & we all had a cute time. Got to bed 2:30.

Monday, March 20 -[?]- Got up at 12:00 and went to Betty Harriss' for lunch. Went to the 5 'n' dime and got some things. Sat around this evening made a "depression garden" and ate. I think I've got appendicitis. Listened to the radio.

Tuesday, March 21 -[Miss Beards School]- Got up about 12 and went to Marie Ludwig's for lunch. Played 21 and bridge and came back to this goddamn dump at about 6. I had just a swell time at Patsy's but I cried & cried & cried when I got back here. Benjy started harping on rules as soon as I got back and it nearly drove me nutz. The weather's clearing up.

Wednesday, March 22 -[Miss Beards School]- Went to NY with Peggy and saw *Take a Chance* - darling - and went to see *Sport Page* - lousy with Al Diss and also *Girl Missing* starring Glenda Farrell who is the cutest thing I've seen in the movies. She is simply darling. Spent the nite and Peg & I talked until morning. A swell day out. Simply grand.

Thursday, March 23 -[Miss Beards School]- Today Peg went to New York with Marie, and Al and Ann Diss took me to see *Wax Museum* which was the spookiest thing with Glenda Farrell who is darling also *No Other Woman* which was awful. Al Diss is quite cute. I got showered with presents when I came back to school - I had a swell time.

Friday, March 24 -[Miss Beards School]- Was a nice day out but a heck a lot of good it did

⁴ Ellanita Geier

me. I pulled a cold so I wouldn't have to go out walking with Benjie. Read & did stamps.

Saturday, March 25 -[Miss Beards School]- Stuck around all morning and took my things to Colonial and saw Eddie Cantor in *The Kid From Spain*. It was O.K. - Had a fight with Benjie.

Sunday, March 26 -[Miss Beards School]- Woodie came at noon and we've been talking and eating all day. Gert give me an adorable ankle-bracelet for my birthday.

Monday, March 27 -[Miss Beards School]- School - aw heck. Same old dump. It's nice and warm today. We're wearing white & brown shoes.

Tuesday, March 28 -[Miss Beards School]- Nothing in particular. It's getting much colder & I'm taking drastic measures as to my weight. I weight 140!!!!

Wednesday, March 29 -[Miss Beards School]- We were going to have baseball today but had dancing instead. That stuff is terrible. I'm so stiff it's funny. It's raining cats & dogs today.

Thursday, March 30 -[Miss Beards School]- Right after school I went to Altman's with Lucie & Pinkie. I went down to get a dress for the Senior Tea the Soph's are giving Saturday. I got a grey crêpe suit & grey hat & shoes & gloves, stockings & two other dresses. Pinkie of course suggested three others to Lucie.

Friday, March 31 -[Miss Beards School]- We had a woman from Bamberger's come to the school today and tell us how to dress. She had a model put on different clothes. They were cute.

Saturday, April 1 -[Miss Beards School]- The tea was the nicest I've ever gone to, it was at Peggy Diss's house. We had loads to eat and some other boarders and I went down to the cellar & smoked. Made a few Peie beds but that was all.

Sunday, April 2 -[Miss Beards School]- It was a perfect day out. Sunny and hot as it's been this year. I got the curse for the first time in 3 mos.

Monday, April 3 -[Miss Beards School]- It's a grand day out. I took baseball and track and I've lost a pound.

Tuesday, April 4 -[Miss Beards School]- Its perfectly lousy day out today. Raining and simply freezing. Phil had a couple of mice (dead) in her desk & phew!

Wednesday, April 5 -[Miss Beards School]- I've done all my work for tomorrow and Friday - Boy! do I feel good. I won't anything to do tomorrow. Had baseball, it's a grand day.

Thursday, April 6 -[Miss Beards School]- Staying in bed - Rainy & cold out. Have read about 10 books and learned about 10 songs meanwhile.

Friday, April 7 -[Miss Beards School]- Nothing in particular - talked to Pinkie & Lucy about clothes all afternoon and skipped gym.

Saturday, April 8 -[Miss Beards School]- Was going shopping but they caught me with a college board just before we left. I feel as blue as ? I don't know?? A fair day. I feel as if I didn't have a friend left in the world - I cried all afternoon. Saturday - better now.

Sunday, April 9 -[Miss Beards School]- Nothing much. Was very warm today. We walked around outside this afternoon and took snap-shots.

Monday, April 10 -[Miss Beards School]- I'm in the Drill & Tumbling tomorrow at the Parent-Teacher's meeting. It's grand out but cloudy and a little colder.

Tuesday, April 11 -[Miss Beards School]- Had the demonstration for the Parent-Teacher's today and I didn't do one thing wrong. Was I ever glad. It's getting awfully cold out.

Wednesday, April 12 -[Miss Beards School]- I was so sleepy this morning, I didn't get up until 3 min. before the bell. Could you imagine, it snowed this afternoon. Huge flakes & lots for long

Thursday, April 13 -[Miss Beards School]- It's marvellous out today, nice & sunny. It was quite nice out today & I got hell for wasting my time making a calendar in Study Hall. All the kids are leaving tomorrow for the weekend. 15 kids all together. Gertrud & Helen Dow & I are the only ones staying in Colonial House.

Friday, April 14 -[Miss Beards School]- Well it seemed just like the beginning of the weekend after Mid-Years. Went to church tonite and gabbed around all afternoon.

Saturday, April 15 -[Miss Beards School]- Went down s'mornin' to shop in Altman's with Pinkie. Went to sleep in the bathtub s'afternoon and Pinkie gave us a feast tonite. She is an awful sweet ol' lady SOMETIMES!!!! Dearest diary, I feel so darn blue. Oh Gosh, why aren't I popular? It's terrible when you're not popular. You want to do things and you know that if you start out to do something, someone will give you a dirty look. Oh I'm not a crushed flower or anything but I get so discouraged that anything would set me off or whatever it's called. And you will just feel like an organdie dress that's been worn for ten year straight. Heck, diary, just why are some kids so popular and others so darned unpopular. Some girls are so popular that they really don't have any idea what being unpopular is. I'd like, almost more than anything else in the world, to just be popular for a while just to see what it would be like - Oh, I know what it is like - it's the sweetest thing, just to know that kids like you and want you to be with them. Everyone likes me at first and then they just sort of grow

away. Oh no! I haven't got B.O. or halitosis. I know I haven't got anything like that. I'm darn careful about everything that I know of, but I don't know what the matter is. I wish I did know.

I asked Beth Thompson today and she was so darn sweet, I just love her. Oh gosh, she was so darn nice. She is the sweetest kid - I don't see why or how I didn't like her in the beginning. She is so darn nice. Oh heck I wish people liked me as well as I like her. My three best friends in this school are Gertrud, Beth (I don't know, I wouldn't call her my best friend because I don't know her very well but I like her one of the three best in this school) and Peggy Diss (she is the sweetest kid, she'd be your friend through anything on earth. I just love her.) Oh gosh - I wish I could be like one of those three. I wish I could be everything I'd like to be. I may be old-fashioned in my ideals, but I'd like to be a fine, upright, intelligent, honest, interesting, pretty, popular, charming girl, good dancer, good pal, a good friend, not always thinking about myself, generous, strong character, independent, individual, Oh heck, just what on earth is the use - none at all.

Sunday, April 16 -[Miss Beards School]- Went to the dullest sermon s'mornin' and had coffee for breakfast. Didn't do anything in particular s'aft and cleaned all evenin' & nite.

Monday, April 17 -[Miss Beards School]- Rained all day and altogether today was potty. Tried to get Mrs. Scarlett to fix my theme before class.

Tuesday, April 18 -[Miss Beards School]- Was a swell day out. So warm and nice. I'm going on another diet. I've lost two pounds since s'mornin'.

Wednesday, April 19 -[Miss Beards School]- It rained s'mornin' and was awfully cold all day. Cleared up s'afternoon. Everything's getting so green and pretty.

Thursday, April 20 -[Miss Beards School]- We're off the Gold Standard. He (Roosevelt) is absolutely nuts - I think that is the silliest thing - was cold but awfully nice out today.

Friday, April 21 -[Miss Beards School]- Passed my 1st Archery Test today. Haha! It's simply marvellous out. Getting warmer every day. I got a sunburn in Study Hall today. I really did.

Saturday, April 22 -[Miss Beards School]- Had my French Preliminary College Board today - I've got Foreign Protein again - Boy Hattie did I eat s'afternoon. Had a dinner dance after dinner tonite. More fun (oh yeah).

Sunday, April 23 -[Miss Beards School]- Stayed home from lunch s'morning on account of my "Foreign Protein." It's getting warmer & the paper says fair & warmer "mañana." Heheh.

Monday, April 24 -[Miss Beards School]- It was a swell day today - the 1st really hot so far.

I got a grand burn on my arm in Latin class today. Hacha.

Tuesday, April 25 -[Miss Beards School]- Colder today - made 7.7 in running today - best so far but broke a bar in the high jump - Phooey - what the heck.

Wednesday, April 26 -[Miss Beards School]- Lots colder. Had baseball today - I'm on a swell diet - and I'm getting a cold. Hacha - Got 50 on my French trial College Board.

Thursday, April 27 -[Miss Beards School]- Gert's gone for the weekend tomorrow with K. Keer. She's got a bad cold though and may not. It's grand out today -

Friday, April 28 - Gert couldn't go - she's up in the Infirmary - tough - It's sorta cold out - I've got a sorta cough today.

Saturday, April 29 -[Miss Beards School]- Had a kid-play tonite. Got awfully sunburned. Nothin' much. Gert came down tonite.

Sunday, April 30 -[Miss Beards School]- Was nice & hot out - It was swell - the trees are so pretty - gosh - Woody & I did Latin s'after.

Monday, May 1 -[Miss Beards School]- Made 7.4 in track. Nice & hot - I've lost 6 ½ lbs since I started my diet. Hacha!

Tuesday, May 2 -[Miss Beards School]- It's swell out nice & warm - I got a nother sun-burn today - played baseball. It says rain tomorrow tho.

Wednesday, May 3 -[Miss Beards School]- Rained cats & dogs out today - I started a poster for the Circus and didn't do a snap of work. Hacha.

Thursday, May 4 -[Miss Beards School]- The weather cleared up today. It's still cold though. I've lost exactly ten lbs since April 24th. Hacha! A pound a day.

Friday, May 5 -[Miss Beards School]- Stayed in bed this afternoon. Didn't do a bit of work - one of the kids brought me a Good Humor - boy was it good O - O.

Saturday, May 6 -[Miss Beards School]- Nothing much - rained all day - had my 2nd Latin trial C.B. & I know I flunked it. Morriss - damn her hide - (I'm at her table s'week) made me eat everything at dinner and I got sick and am in the Inf.

Monday, May 7 -[Miss Beards School]- It's grand out again today - Was going down right after lunch but got sick again and so I'm staying up here. I'm going down for school tomorrow or bust, though.

Sunday, May 8 -[Miss Beards School]- Had track today - am going to play a tennis tournament tomorrow (semi-finals). The courts are fixed at last.

Tuesday, May 9 -[Miss Beards School]- Got beaten 10-8. Well, I put up a fight for it anyway. Well we tried out our scenes in "The Rivals." What a play. None of us wanted to give it.

Wednesday, May 10 -[Miss Beards School]- Rained last nite so we didn't have baseball today - had some dumb games on the platform - I was captain - won.

Thursday, May 11 - Finished my last poster today, thank goodness - that's five we made in a week. I'm so sick of 'em. Lost 13 lbs in 2 weeks. Haha. I'm on the baseball 1st team tomorrow and on the Archery second and all I've had this year is one Saturday morning class - Was that ever a surprise!

Friday, May 12 -[Miss Beards School]- It didn't even sprinkle although we expected it to pour - the paper said rain - nuts to the paper! Well, the Athenians won the west. I played on the 1st team baseball & 2nd Archery - I got about 15 points or twenty today. Had lots of hamburgers & ice cream to eat.

Saturday, May 13 -[Miss Beards School]- Had an Algebra trial C.B. s'mornin' and I'm sure I flunked it. Made a post card for Miss Felker - went out with Mrs. Estabrook s'afternoon for the first time since Spring Vacation - Saw Mr. E. Had the Dance Recital s'evenin'. Miss F. is sick with ear trouble & couldn't see it. The whole thing was darling. Nice & hot today.

Sunday, May 14 -[Miss Beards School]- Not much - was mostly cloudy out today - Gert came back with food tonite. - of course not much.

Monday, May 15 -[Miss Beards School]- Went shopping with Beard today & Woody. W. & I got tea dresses. I got a couple of tennis dresses & 2 blouses - Altman's has a lousy selection, too.

Tuesday, May 16 -[Miss Beards School]- Rained cats & dogs today - Started on a new diet last nite - Bran in morning, meat, unfattening vegetable at nite & some dessert if I can't resist it. Good.

Wednesday, May 17 -[Miss Beards School]- Was nice out today - got a sunburn in Study Hall & Latin. Practiced for the Circus - hope it's decent weather. Woody & I sat out s'noon for a tan.

Thursday, May 18 -[Miss Beards School]- Nice & hot today - I'm down to 132 lbs and I've kept my diet. That's 14 lbs in 16 days - haha - got some more tan today - 5 more weeks until I get out.

Friday, May 19 -[Miss Beards School] - Weel, it says fair tomorrow - hope it's true. I'm the tattooed lady in *la Cirque* - hacha - Got more tan today and 130 lbs - boy!

Saturday, May 20 -[Miss Beards School]- Ate like a horse (really not much). Got boiled in the sun and was sick. Ate 2 hamburgs, 1 dixie cup, ½ bottle of pop. Woopsed & had an enema. Didn't go to dinner. Had the Circus today - was really quite quite good considering.

Sunday, May 21 -[Miss Beards School]- Didn't feel like breakfast - so went to Miss Mary & went to sleep again and woke up at one o'clock & had some orange juice. And I'm not hungry either. Swell out, but I can't go out 'cause M.M. thinks the sun made me sick - Imagine!

Monday, May 22 -[Miss Beards School]- Was a swell day - had the outdoor dinner & ate a lot and had fun. Going to have my hair done Friday. Miss Mary suspects something so I'd better go to lunches. I'm gettin' now though so I don't want ta, even.

Tuesday, May 23 -[Miss Beards School]- Played tennis a lot - really not much to say - simply swell weather. Got into trouble with Balch and Lucie - had my dress fitted.

Wednesday, May 24 -[Miss Beards School]- Started out swell today but rained all afternoon - had my tea dress fitted - I look like a horse in it, I'm down to 131 ½ lbs tho'.

Thursday, May 25 -[Miss Beards School]- Went to Altman's s'afternoon and had my hair done. Had Alex - he did my hair very well, too. Got quite a bit of food through the girl there.

Friday, May 26 -[Miss Beards School]- Played tennis today. Haven't combed out my hair yet. Ate a lot of candy & cherry pie for dinner & woopsed it all. Pettit caught me with my light on after 12:00.

Saturday, May 27 -[Miss Beards School]- Had the tea dance today. It was my 1st dance, not a soul knows that but it was - & the very 1st time I've ever danced with a boy - Bud & I went down and just as we got down there we saw Bob Koenig & Phil Bowers. Then a little later, Bob & I went down to the dance - I was so scared when we went down - thot I'd be a flop - but he really fell for me and the line he had - boy - he tried to sell Spring Lake to me & swore he'd write me tomorrow. He's a swell dancer & we got on swell. He's not good-looking, but attractive - I like him. Bud said he said that I was adorable. I liked him. Didn't think I'd be a bit popular but I was & _____ was stuck with a shrimp. Bob was always there to help and got ____ from Mike.. The orchestra was swell, the Princetonsians, I had a grand time.

Sunday, May 28 -[Miss Beards School]- Stayed in bed this morning so I didn't have to go to church. I was sleepy anyway as I stayed awake late last nite . It was hot & rained early s'morning

Monday, May 29 -[Miss Beards School]- Had my spelling & Latin exams today and I know I flunked Latin. It's a lousy day out - rainy and cold - Que voulez-vous encore - I have 3 wks. and 3 days until I'm out.

Tuesday, May 30 -[Miss Beards School]- Memorial Day. Had my English exam today - it was very easy. Have been eating like a horse all day - It's a lousy day out. The Senior Banquet tonite.

Wednesday, May 31 -[Miss Beards School]- It's starting out to be a lousy day - raining heck. Hope I passed my French test - been an awful day and I feel - oh God - I feel as blue as November.

Thursday, June 1 -[Miss Beards School]- Said Rabbit this morning. Had my Algebra exam today. Ate 3 Good Humors - Beat Icy in tennis 6-0, 6-4. After dinner went up & listened to Miss Betty's radio - heard K. Hepburn's & A. Menjou & R. Vallee's last radio nite.

Friday, June 2 -[Miss Beards School]- Starting out to be a swell day - Practiced all morning for commencement. Ate a Good Humor and at Trophy Day I was on the Honor Roll for neatness, not being late this year, Athletics & I got my middle B. P. Brenchley is Spartan captain next year and I'm her flower girl. Went to Altman's & got some white shoes.

Saturday, June 3 -[Miss Beards School]- Slept 'til 7:30 & went to hairdresser's at 8:30. Got Year Books after lunch. Had class day . It was all right. Ate 3 Good Humors. The filling came out of one of my back teeth - it's huge now. Had candle nite & a swell dinner - Candle nite was lovely. It poured tonite. Meity asked me for the first weekend after school - hope I can go. I'm going to stay up 'til all hours tonite - hacha!

Sunday, June 4 -[Miss Beards School]- Church was boring - had Baccalaureate s'after with Dr. Jiles - very good. Starting my diet again. Went into Buxie's room & stayed 'til one thirty - it started to rain at 12:30 tomorrow - I read 'til about 2:30 and sorta yawned and -

Monday, June 5 -[Miss Beards School]- Got up at 6:10 and at 7 we went and woke up Corner House - hacha! Meity and I danced around 'til some of the flowers came and here I am. Had lunch sitting around under tables etc. & s'afternoon I took about every one else's place as flower girl. Had lots of fun & went over about 3:45 for Commencement. Had a good Humor after Commencement. Gert's mom came She's adorable - had dinner and Gert & Mrs. Ludtke & I talked 'til about midnite - she's so cute.

Tuesday, June 6 -[Miss Beards School]- There was an awful thunder storm last nite but I slept right thro' it. Started to move s'morn. Had my 2 classes - Gert left at 2 P.M. I packed my trunk with the things I wouldn't need I brought the rest over. Baldy's going to take us all to the movies t'nite. Went to see G. Arliss in *The Working Man* (very good) and Ralph Bellamy & Fay Wray in *Beneath the Sea* (good too). All of us Fun. Got B+ on my French

final (College Board it was, too) & 61% on my Latin C.B. Hacha.

Wednesday, June 7 -[Miss Beards School]- Nuthin' much happened today - Went to the dentist . It wasn't bad really - he's very nice. Reminds me of Dr. Reid in Cal. There was an awful storm s'aft. Went out tonite & listened to Guy Lombardo.

Thursday, June 8 -[Miss Beards School]- Washed and set my hair today - Luc said I couldn't have it done. Went to dinner with Mrs. Estabrook - was going to swim in aft. but left here at 6. Took a bath at midnite - got hot so I decided to cool off.

Friday, June 9 -[Miss Beards School]- Well - going for the weekend to Meity's. Hacha! Everyone but me got in dutch with L - for riding 'thout permis. All privileges gone 'cept for me - Changed - all can have weekends. It's baking out - I'm not dying but quite hot.

Saturday, June 10 -[?]- Flipped around until 3. Mr. Geier drove us all over to Mountain Lakes - saw the new Dover race track. Went swimming - not much else. Smoked and talked & ate & listened to the radio 'til about 2:30 & went to bed.

Sunday, June 11 -[?]- Got up about 11 - ate & saw Stevie (she's gotta come down off her cloud) No one likes her any more. She's not especially attractive anyway. Drove over to a new lake & club house - Met Meity's darling Myron & his brother - nice boys but that's all - Met Marc Crispin - Dr. Crispin knows Dr. Cook at home - hacha - The whole family's very nice - had some good Vermouth there - came back here about 5 of 9 or so - hacha - nice weekend - nuthin' special but nice of Meity.

Monday, June 12 -[Miss Beards School] - Practiced some hockey this afternoon - have I got to get better - O-O! It poured s'aft. I cut some bangs and a lot of hair - Rained s'more t'nite. Starting on a strict diet.

Tuesday, June 13 -[Miss Beards School] - It's very cold today - what weather - unh! Played tennis with Ferg - got beaten 6-4, 6-1. Eleanor Sparks phoned for me to go to New York - can't forget her 'phone number. Hope she phones. Very cold.

Wednesday, June 14 -[Miss Beards School] - It was just as bad as winter s'morning - so cold going around with my winter coat on and still my hands are cold. Cut all my hair off yest. (about) . Eleanor came over for lunch and stayed 'til 3:45. She's awfully sweet, all the kids liked her. We talked - Sue wouldn't let me go to movies with her. She's job hunting in New York. Mom and I are going to see her in N.Y.

Thursday, June 15 -[Miss Beards School] - We froze when we got up s'morn. Been going around in a winter coat for the last 2 days. I guess Gert left for Cuba today - wanted to send her some flowers or sump'n. Our Beard said no. My bank account busted again.

Friday, June 16 -[Miss Beards School] - Weather warmer. It's still cold - got an adorable pair of red drop earrings from Gert today - they're precious - I love 'em. I didn't think she was goin' to send me anything - but - Found out that if I'd gotten 4 more points I'd have gotten my big "B." Was I furious! Took a hot bath for 2 hours. Had an awful headache. Ate after dinner - Listened to Ferg's radio.

Saturday, June 17 -[Miss Beards School] - Last day of school this year - hacha - Sue came down from the infirmary s'morn. Got a case from Mother - she'll be here next Wednesday - am I excited! Hope she brings Bud. Poured s'afternoon - the cottage gave a false alarm. Sue went out to see her new car. It's a cute Packard convertible. Was going to play tennis with one of Mme's friends but it rained so.

Sunday, June 18 -[Miss Beards School]- Went to the Episcopal church and didn't do much all day. Ferg & Spence are away for weekend. Went for a ride with Miss Turner t'nite.

Monday, June 19 -[Miss Beards School]- Cut out illustrations from St. & Sm. Love Story. Didn't do a darn thing all day. Gotta study tomorrow 'cause I won't Wednesday. Played tennis with Spence (she won 1st 6-3, then I won 6-3.)

Tuesday, June 20 -[Miss Beards School]- Got a 'phone call from MOTHER s'morn. I'm so happy - she'll be out here at 6 P.M. to see me, with Bud. OOOOOO. I'm coming back here next year, too - nyaahhh! Got just about everything packed. Beard won't let me go out - dam her hide - studied. I did go out for dinner with her after all - Hacha - Mom hasn't been well - I got the curse.

Wednesday, June 21 -[Miss Beards School]- Had my French C.B. s'morning - it wasn't bad but I hope I passed it - Gosh I do - Mamselle Sicot came over this afternoon and we went over the exam and I told her what I put down and I got 73 - Hope I really did - unh! Getting a mite warm again. All packed - been studying all afternoon. Had dinner in bed - Gonna take a shower at 7 A.M mañana - Boy!

Thursday, June 22 -[Miss Beards School] - Had my Latin C.B. s'morn - awful. Mother was there when I got back - we came to NY and had lunch at an Automat. Saw Ralph Bellamy and Fay Wray in *Beneath the Sea* - quite cute. Had water melon for dinner. Got on the Chicago train at 9:10 Standard. Read and am writing in my diary now.

Friday, June 23 -[en route] - It was very boring on the train - got into Chicago about 5:35 Standard. Tavie's such a cute thing - don't see how anyone could help but like her. Had dinner at a restaurant.

Saturday, June 24 - [Oak Park, IL]- Didn't do much all day. Sue went to the Fair so I just sat around and read - as a matter of fact I was running errands mostly.

Sunday, June 25 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up about 10:00 fooled around until about 2:30 and Sue (hadn't met her yet) had called up and asked me upstairs. She had a fella up so we couldn't go to a show - Her brother Jack is cute looking & [something crossed out - "awful" written above]. Had a nice time - am going to play tennis at 8 with her tomorrow. Fred Ball was with us tonite - he is very nice. - quiet and awfully nice. He (Jack Sugg) harped on that tennis match he was late for all afternoon - I can't stand him but you never can tell.

Monday, June 26 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at 7:30 - played tennis with Sue. I beat 6-0. Fooled around & went shopping with Mom. Got a hat - went upstairs about 4 PM and met a fellow - quite cute & very silly - Don. Went to see *Gabriel Over the White House* - grand - with Walter Huston - it was grand - then we went to the "Ice Cream Shop" and met some fellows and went for a spin after - Sam somebody dated me for this Sat. nite - hope I can go (to a dance). The 1st date I've ever had. He seemed to fall for me in a big way. Met this other fellow who looks like Bob Brookings - very nice - from Texas and Denver (Houston, Tex.) Swell kid - quiet but has possibilities - very tall.

Tuesday, June 27 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at 11 AM and went to the Fair - was very nice but Mom got very tired and we ran out of money except for our trip home - Saw the lights from Arcturus go on - just got there in time - Saw the grounds from the Observation Tower - gorgeous - got back here at 10 PM & danced around with Sam & then went to Hayes [?] and got back about 1 AM and had to come down (didn't have to, but -) Sam likes me a lot - you can tell it - he's nice tho, and NOT fresh.

Wednesday, June 28 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up about 10 and told Suz I couldn't go to Madina's Sat. I'll have to break the date with Sam - Mom thot Sue was going but - went to the ____ Shop and had a COC and went back to Sue's and Chuck came over - went down about 2 and washed a lot of things - went swimming with Sue & Jane Barton & went to dinner at Barton's and met 3 fellows & came back with one of them, they were pots [?] - Jack got scholarship for next year - Lake Forest (from there). He's a cute kid. Went up and met another fellow & listened to the radio - Bud came over and I left - Jack seemed sorry - ironed a few things - hot as hell now. I'm not sure whether I like Jack or not. Maybe I do like him some now - I dunno.

Thursday, June 29 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at 7:30 . Imagine it. Went to a summer school with Suz & Jane after finishing my ironing. It was OK. We sat around upstairs & after lunch. Met Cliff Jones - One of Tavie's new roomers - very nice - different - he knows his way about. What I mean! Interested in Geology & Law - went up to Sue's. Rained s'afternoon - Jack called me "darling" tonite, and it means something _____ - too - boy! Went swimming tonite with Sue & Bart & Jack came over with Sam & Ben & one other - Ben knows Babe Koch - he's a pot. Sam & he like me lots - I like Sam quite well - but Ben - Jack is the smoothest dancer - he likes me too, I love the way he dances - He's simply smooth. I can just close my eyes and go to sleep dancing with him. I don't like Cliff Jones a bit - he may be OK but I'm disgusted and think he's a pansy. It poured on the way over.

Friday, June 30 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at about 9:30 about - fooled around - Jane came over about 11:30 & we went up & woke Sue - Sue went to a friend of hers for the day - Jane & I went to the _____ movies and saw *Bedtime Story* with M. Chevalier and Baby Leroy - cute - Sam came over tonite - went down about 11:30 - guess I'll have to go to bed soon. Haha. I wish Jack liked me more - he likes me I think but I like him too much ever since I danced with him last nite I've liked him lots - we had a sorta fight tonite - I'm a silly goose but I guess there's no help for it - Jack complimented me but I don't know - here - I wish he liked me more - Damn me, I'm a sap. Jack's compliments were so sarcastic they just about knocked you down. I was too sarcastic too.

Saturday, July 1 -[Oak Park, IL]- It was so cold this morning - nearly froze - went shopping with Mother and Sue - got 3 cute dresses - fooled around all afternoon. Went to the "Chicago" and saw *College Humor* with Bub and Sue, starring Big Crosby, Jack Oakie, R. Arlen, George Burns & Gracie Allen & Mary Carlisle. I was disappointed - guess I'd heard too much about it - Jack was going to go with me but he already had a date - I'm glad he didn't because he sort of is beginning to find me a cramp - he's O.K. - pass in a crowd but I've seen better so nuts for last page - found out later that Jack didn't have a date but couldn't afford it - he's going to send Sue to Hillsboro Thurs so -

Sunday, July 2 -[Oak Park, IL]- Slept until 2 o'clock s'afternoon and then an awful storm that did \$1,500,000 worth of damage - boy - I fooled around until about 6 - went upstairs. Went to see *The Eagle and the Hawk* with Sam & Sue. Sam asked me but Sue had to go because Mom trusts her so - it was good, starring Frederic March, Cary Grant, & Carol Lombard (small part) very sad but very good. Came back and danced around after we went to the Ice Cream Shop. They didn't play "Moonstruck" once all tonite. Heck! Just when I decided to be nuts about it - !

Monday, July 3 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up about 9:30 s'morning and fiddled around until about 2:30 or 3:00 - when I took Sue and Buddy to a show, *King Kong*, with Fay Wray, Bruce Cabot and Robert Armstrong - it was OK but too far fetched. Went driving around with Clint and a frat fellow named John Middleton - he was a _____. Sue was with Clint - we went to a merry-go-round and a ferriswheel and a chair-o-plane - that was really amusing - John got his arm put tight around me in the car so I said in a very sarcastic tone - "do you mind?" - and moved away as far as I could - which wasn't very far - then, after, Jack took Sue and me to "the Ice Cream Shop." I was a sap to ever think I was nuts about him - he's nice but that's all.

Tuesday, July 4 -[Oak Park, IL]- Walked 44 blocks with Bud to get him some fireworks - was I tired when I finished - Boy - Then this afternoon I played 3 sets of tennis with Jack in which he beat me 6-2, 6-1, 6-0 - he's a good player - this evening we went to see the fireworks - Tavie & I got in a big fight but that finally cleared up and got settled. We talked and talked tonite - Mom's gone to the hospital for X-rays. Jack likes me loads - Sue said. They played "Moonstruck" tonite!

Wednesday, July 5 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up and helped keep the house quiet while Tavie slept after she had done a big washing. Sue phone about 1 and I went upstairs. Fooled around and drew pictures up there all afternoon - Sue went on a date to oblige Jane this evening. She got back about 12 - Sam came over about 9 and we danced and fooled around all evening- when we said good nite. When I came down Sam asked me whether he could kiss me or not & I said no. I guess I do like Jack an awful lot - heck! Broke 2 glasses at "The Ice Cream Shop."

Thursday, July 6 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at 6:15 and saw Sue off at 7:34 - got exactly 4 hours sleep - went down and got some cherries and some cottage cheese as I decided that I should eat something. Came back and went to bed - Slept until 12:00 - ironed a lot of Tavie's things - went over to Eleanor Hayes with Don Connell & played bridge - we won by about 750 points. Mom got back - wish Sam wasn't coming tonite - Sam said tonite that he loved me - why on earth can't we just be friends without - Wish Jack would tell me that - went to the "Ice Cream Shop."

Friday, July 7 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at 12 & had breakfast with Mrs. Sugg - took some books to the library for her and myself and got some - played bridge with Don (he hurt his neck this morn - stretched a ligament) and C. Stamer's son & Suggs & Tavie - had fun. Jack got up a swimming party for me tomorrow nite - won't have to go with Sam anyway - saw *Warrior's Husband* - good - disappointed - Elisa Randi is adorable - well - I've got a date with Jack now anyway - oh - hell - I'm dumb.

Saturday, July 8 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at about 12 - did a big washing, ironing & sewing. Boy! Got a letter & a post card from Sue & a letter from Barton. Went out with Jack & 2 others - (Bill Stafford & a pansy - sorta - well not a pansy but -) Went swimming & then danced at Bill's - had a fair time. Damn - why do I have to like Jack so well - sometimes I don't & sometimes I do but when I do - Oh gosh, Lord help me.

Sunday, July 9 - [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at about 1PM and read - fooled around - had lunch - ran about 1000 errands - plus - was upstairs tonite with Don & Jack - Suggy says they like me lots - what she told me tonite did me good - we fooled around all nite - Suggy & I talked and I came down about 12:30 & now I'm going to write it.

When Don had left tonite and Jack had gone to bed - Mrs. Sugg told me some things that just made me feel good - I'm not going to conceal it - I like Jack an awful lot. She said that when I first got there she told Jack to take me out on a date as a favor to Tavie - and he said, "take a kid fifteen out - my lord," and just refused - even after the nite we went swimming - Thursday June 29 - he got to like me better and better and then Friday July 7 when I went up - they were having dinner and I had on that new yellow dress & I went in & got 3 books & some shoe polish - & when I went out - I can't write it but I made a hit. I don't know how to write it. She and Jack were talking & he told her he liked me a lot and wanted to take me to the Lamar that nite. She told him I had a date with Sam - he was even worried about whether I'd mind walking down there or not - he's broke - the whole family is - gosh I'm sorry for

them - So then he got the swimming fixed up last nite - She said that was certainly a big comedown for him - I'm glad because I'd hate to like a boy a lot and not have him care two pins for me. I wished he loved me, though - but then, hell, for a kid like that he's got about every girl in Oak Park nuts over him - he's tall, dark, and darn good looking & a smooth dancer. Aw heck - why can't I be invulnerable - damn. She said that when Jack asked me for the date Saturday that she said before that he'd better ask right away because Don Connell liked me lots and she thought he was going to ask me for one - so Jack went right to the phone and under the pretense of talking about the Tennis Tournament today - and told him to lay off as he had a date with me - Don was a little sore - I think -she said.

So anyway because he comes over here every afternoon usually and always asks her to ask me to come up - but he wasn't near all day after Jack told him he had Saturday nite with me - That's another kid I like - Don Connell. He's bats but a darn nice kid & smart as hell. Jack & Don were arguing like anything tonite & so I got up & left - Jack phoned Mrs. Sugg later & asked her to hint to me to come up. He didn't want to himself because it would have been too pointed - he was so sorry about the argument he was all apologies to her.

Monday, July 10 -[Oak Park, IL]- Got up at 11:30. Jane came over - got a phone call - she did - Bill McAlister's married - the fellow she's nuts about - poor kid - I feel sorry for her. Saw Dorothy Johnson today - she's nice - went to the shop twice - wrote a lot of post cards. Danced with Jack tonite and talked around. Had an awfully nice time - I like Jack so darn much - I wish I didn't - he's going to write me anyway - he said - I could be crazy about him if I let myself.

Tuesday, July 11- [Oak Park, IL]- Got up at about 11 s'morn - met Jane at 1:30 at the Lamar Theatre & we saw *The Barbarian* with Ramon Novarro and Myrna Loy - quite cute. Danced with Jack this evening - gosh, I'm nuts about that kid - I've been about to cry all day long but Jack bet me I would so I didn't until I was away from everyone - I've never in my life wanted less to leave a place than Oak Park - Jack wanted me to stay, too - oh.

Wednesday, July 12 -[en route]- Got up at about 9 & have been sleepy all day - There was a man in the next berth who snored all nite, and kept me awake. Played solitaire and wrote letters & post cards all day - Was weepy this morn - began to sing "Moonstruck" and started off crying - reminded me too much of Jack and 164 - good old place. Hot and filthy today - the dining car's refrigerated - it was grand there.

Thursday, July 13 - [en route]- Got up this morning with an ear ache - had the curse - have been in a bad mood all day - didn't go to breakfast - or to lunch - played solitaire and read all day so far. My pen ran out of ink - very hot but not as dirty as yesterday. Last nite I was so cold I had to have two blankets - boy! It was very cold tonite - wish I could dance with Jack. Oh heck, can't I get him outa my mind.

Friday, July 14 - [San Francisco] - Got up at 6 o'clock. Went over on the ferry to San Francisco - was very cold - Saw Bette Davis & Warren Williams. A bunch of 'em came to

'Frisco - for sompin' - went to Olive's⁵ - Dale is an adorable baby - the new one's⁶ cute too. Olive's very nice - she had a fellow up tonite - Ormond McGill - he told my fortune - that Jack & I would get quite intimate & that I'd spend 2 mos this fall - hope so - he read my palm - true too that I'd meet the fellow I'm marry when I'm 19 or else marry then - that we'd separate after 2 yrs & come back and live happily ever after. Was cold tonite - very - swell.

Saturday, July 15 - [en route] - Fooled around in Los Angeles until 12 - read etc. on the train to Indio - was not as warm as expected - not in Coachella - Haven't done much - listened to Ted Weems tonite - smooth - "Lyin' in the Hay" - Boy. Got a letter from Gert & Jim Wilson. Going to quit writing him - letter from College Entrance 70 in French & 45 in Latin - Laurie⁷ came over tonite - Cousin Laurie just came in. Listened to the radio till about 11 o'clock.

Sunday, July 16 - [Indio] - Got up about 9:30 - it was 92 in the shade - boy! Was 107 yester. and about 110 now - didn't do anything all day - wrote to Sue & Tavie on little tiny envelopes about the size of this space [1" x 4"] - Went to the Yosts for dinner and then went swimming at the reservation - the water was pretty warm but I got cooled off anyway. Got to bed about 11:30.

Monday, July 17 -[Indio] - Got up about 9:30 & Perc came down and took Mom & Bud & me up to the mountains - they've got quite a nice place up there - I guess I'll get on OK if I can have a horse - a big if, too.- and a big guess - got a little sunburn and I didn't even try - boy. It's quite cool up there too - came down about 11 o'clock & got to bed because we're going to Riverside about 7:30 mañana -

Tuesday, July 18 - [Riverside] - Deac took us up to Riverside - got there about 10 o'clock - our appointment with Dr. Reid was at 11. Had lunch at the cafeteria - a nice place - on a diet. Saw *When Ladies Meet* tonite, with Ann Harding, Bob Montgomery & Myrna Loy - it was cute but that was all. Went to bed about 10:30 - it's nice and cool now. Letter from Sue yesterday.

Wednesday, July 19 - [Riverside] - Shopped today - got some shorts - cute ones - had all my teeth finished today - six fillings - boy - Tonite Mom & I saw *42nd Street* - that was darling. Dick Powell & Ruby Keeler (she's simply precious) and Warner Baxter and some others - I'm so glad I saw it.

Thursday, July 20- [Indio]- Woke up at about 11:30 - had lunch - put monograms on some of my stationery. We left for Coachella at 10 of 3 - it's hot as heck in Coachella. Got here about

⁵ Olive Letts was Ruth's first cousin. She was married to Dr. Joe Robinson.

⁶ This was Lynn Robinson - later Lynn Ingram., and Dale was her older sister.

⁷This was Laurie (Laurence) Paul, another of Ruth's first cousins.

5:30 - went under the hose & put on a pair of shorts - made monograms all evening - Bob Burgess came over this evening. Got to bed about 1:30.

Friday, July 21 - [Indio]- Got up this morning quite early and finished my monograms - the 2nd batch was much better than the first - green & silver & orange-red & gold, so - Got a hot burn this afternoon - boy - Deac got back late & we went swimming tonite - I worked a lot on my jack-knife dive - didn't get it tonite - going to, though. I did it at least 20 times, but -

Saturday, July 22 - [Indio]- Got up about 11:30 s'morning and fooled around - washed and ironed a lot of things. It was melting this afternoon - Perc came down & took Bud up to the mountains - Deac & Bob Burgess & Mom & I went swimming . I went in - struck up an acquaintance with the life guard - think I'll go tomorrow.

Sunday, July 23 - [Indio]- Got up at about 10 - went swimming about noon - got out about 2 - the jacks get me - the dives, I meant, but it might go for JS too. Had lunch here with Burgess - going swimmin' tomorrow morning again. Went up the hill. Saw Earl - got a letter from Barton - going down about 11:30 - fooled around & went to bed. 1:30.

Monday, July 24 - [Indio]- Got up about 9:30 & put on my bathing suit. Went swimming with Bob Burgess at 10. Got out about noon - I've gotten the jacks better. It was 110° at 5:30 s'aft - in the shade. Imagine it! Wrote some letters - listened to Ted Weems s' eve - good orchestra - bed about 11:30.

Tuesday, July 25 [Indio]- Got up at about 11 - painted & drew & melted all day until about 9:30 - went in swimming - got cooled off some then. Came back & listened to dance music 'til about 12 & came in & got to bed.

Wednesday, July 26 - [Indio]- Got up about 11 & fooled around painting all day until about 4. Went in swimming then - got the radio program after swimming - been waiting for Fred Waring all week and got home just an hour too late. Didn't want to go to the Roberts for dinner so I got in my PJ's & later Deac got me as they had a girl for me so I felt I had to go - boring evening. It was 167 in the sun & 120 in the shade.

Thursday, July 27 - [Indio]- Got up about 11 & Bob Burgess surprised me & took me to the pool s'morn - smooth. Drew & painted all day - Went to the pool again this afternoon - Bob came over for dinner and we fooled around & listened to the radio all nite - not quite as warm as yesterday. Gosh!

Friday, July 28 - [Indio]- Got up at 12 & helped Mom pack the things to take up to the mountains - no that's for tomorrow - got up at the same time & fooled around all day & read. Laurie brought out a new Ford. Gee, they're smooth. Perc came down. We're going up Sunday - Went swimming & came back & listened to the radio 'til 1:30 & went to bed. Deac had to go back to work 'til 9:30.

Saturday, July 29 - [Indio]- Got up at 12 & helped Mom pack the kitchen things etc. to take up the hill. Fooled around and read and listened to the radio all day. Read a darling story in the August *Good Housekeeping* - "The Game Never Changes." Read that about 3 times - Listened to the radio all nite up to about 12:30 and then decided to go to bed - going up tomorrow.

Sunday, July 30 - [Shumway Cabin]- - Got up about 12 - fooled around all day until about 5 or 4:30 when Perc came - then we loaded Deac's car & Perce's & went up the hill. Had dinner at Nina's - I went to bed at 9 tonite - Imagine. Saw 8 shooting stars. The sky is gorgeous. The nites make me think things sitting all by yourself. Noticed quite a bit of smoke over by San Jacinto.

Monday, July 31 -[Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 6:30 - imagine! Lord - that's the earliest in months - years. Couldn't sleep - Got out & fixed a little cove up in the rocks - I pulled rocks - lugged them - carried sand, cut down brush, broke rocks - Boy, & what a sunburn! O - O! 6 blisters too - boy - went to bed about 9:30 - my cove's finished too.

Tuesday, August 1 -[Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 8 o'clock and made up my bed-roll - Then I rolled and pounded rocks and lugged sand and then chopped down two branches of the tree next to my bed (cot, I mean) and made the path to the house. Fooled all afternoon & read and didn't really do anything. Perc came up tonite - Nina came over.

Wednesday, August 2 -[Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 10 o'clock - the sun woke me up. Got the curse- imagine it! Went over to Nina's - got a bunch of magazines - been reading all afternoon. Perc, Nina & Earl came over for dinner - was a good dinner.

Thursday, August 3 -[Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 9 s'morning and fooled around and read all day. Gave myself about 3 facials today - bummed up my leg again. Went over to Nina's tonite - got a letter from Gert & one from Woody. More fun. Big forest fire in the San Jacintos.

Friday, August 4 - [Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 10 and wrote four letters - had four oranges - going to read now. Fooled around all day. Walked the 3 miles down to the highway; waited about 1 hour for Perc. Saw a man down there - passed me later - fooled

Forest Ablaze in Nearby Mountains

A desperate fight against the flames which have been threatening to creep over a ridge from Murray canyon, on this side of the San Jacinto mountains in the vicinity of Palm Springs, is being waged by fire-fighters from the C.C.C. camps.

The fire has burned over several hundred acres of brush and timber lands. It was discovered at midnite Sunday, and is thought to have been started by a lightning bolt last Friday. Forest rangers are of the opinion that the blaze smoldered in the deep canyon, which is practically inaccessible in places, until a brisk wind fanned it into a roaring furnace.

Murray Canyon is one of the most picturesque and rugged chasms on the desert side of the mountain. This adds to the difficulties of the fire-fighters.

The fire has spread rapidly and it is impossible to estimate the actual damage. The flames can be seen miles away at nite.

Two fires were reported to have been started along the Banning- Idyllwild road in the same storm.

around and got to bed later - about 9:30. Fire much worse - they sent out a call for 2500 more men. Tom thought they had it under control once & sent away the men but it got loose.

Saturday, August 5 - [Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 9 - had pancakes - ate 3½ . Wrote a story based on Jack Sugg in Chicago, more or less. Got a letter from Janie - heck I wanted one from Jack or Sue. Perc brought up a lot of groceries tonite. Fire worse. Went to bed about 9 o'clock.

Sunday, August 6 - [Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 9 - fooled around all day - Decided I didn't want anyone to read "Scared of Love," my story, so I wrote another in its place. Deac had dinner and we sat up on the lookout until about 9:30 when they left. Saved a little bat from drowning in the waterhole - Bud saved him.

Monday, August 7 - [Shumway Homestead]- Got up about 10. Went down the "Grape vine" and found myself a cute little nook. Fooled around all day. Had the boys & Nina over to dinner and then we all went up and saw the moon rise on the "Lookout." Went to bed about 9 and woke up with rain falling on my face.

Tuesday, August 8 - [Shumway Homestead]- Woke up with shrinks on my face - Went to the house - went out later - couldn't go back to sleep - got up at 6 to stay. Wrote 3 letters. A big thunderstorm s'aft. Chased a rainbow & cut up the fronts & backs of my legs falling off a cliff - was unconscious a little while. The Goodspeeds came up tonite - Deac came & took Mom down to the valley.

Wednesday, August 9 - [Shumway Homestead]- got up rather early , haven't done much today except fix Bud's meals - another storm s'afternoon. Lots of hail - had popcorn at Perce's - Nina's, I mean.

Thursday Aug. 10- [Shumway Homestead]- Woke up early s'morn - Mom was here - didn't think she was coming last nite - slept in her bed. Thought we were going to have another storm s'aft but didn't.

Friday Aug. 11 -[Shumway Homestead]- Up about 10. Fooled around all day. Expected another storm, didn't get it. Read, continued story and had a tiny ear ache. Guess it's O.K. Saw 18 shooting stars tonite in bed - they were gorgeous.

Saturday Aug. 12 - [Shumway Homestead]- Up about ten - fooled around just about all day. Took a bath this evening - . Four letters. All written or mailed 7th. One from Sue. Jack's lost his job - poor kid - honest I've been just about to cry ever since I got it. Those two kids deserve the best, I think. -I don't know - do I loved Jack

Sunday August 13th - [Shumway Homestead]- Wrote an eight page letter to Sue last nite. A three page one to Bart this morn. Perc fixed two benches and the table s'morn. Deac and the

Burgess' came up. Got 50 cents for playing nursemaid to Bobby tonite - Mom didn't get back till 1:30 and it was hard keeping awake. Got up early s'morn.

Monday August 14th - [Shumway Homestead]- Woke up a little after ten and worked hard all day fixing the terrace in the back of our back door. Sand papered the box I made last nite. Have \$4 .04. Was the last to begin working and last to quit - Went to Nina's for dinner. Everything is foggy out and it's getting pretty cold again - wore my polo coat tonite.

Tuesday August 15th - [Shumway Homestead]- Had a couple of dreams about Jack - were they realistic. Gawsh - I wish they'd come true - Was rainy this morn early, got up about nine and painted my letter box . Gonna write a couple letters now. It's about 3:30 now. Wrote only one - to Tavie - a six page one and a note in hers to Sue. Tomorrow I'm going on the diet I was on at school. Auntie and Jim had dinner with us tonite. Ho hum.

Wednesday August 16th - [Shumway Homestead]- had another dream about the same nut. Not quite as nice but passable- Lugged rocks to make steps - they're finished now. Pretty smooth, I'd say. Mom's leaving tomorrow to go to the valley. To Los Angeles to get Dad. Got the things from Max Factor. Tried on the blue suit & with my bathing suit, it seemed tighter but not after I took it off.

Thursday August 17th - [Shumway Homestead]- Up to see the sun rise s'morn. That's on my diet too. Mom left at 6:30 - Sat with my back in the sun a while - washed my hair - fooled around. There wasn't anything to do - took, a bath. Jim brought up the groceries. Had some nice cottage cheese. Went to the water hole first time then to Nina's.

August 18th - [Shumway Homestead]- Got up about six & went out & filled up the back terrace. - part that we use most - Eight wheel barrows full. Had to dig that too. Cleaned up the house. Gave it a regular scrubbing s'afternoon. Walked four miles down the road with Bud to meet Perc - slept in Mom's bed tonite - pretty darn windy.

August 19th [Shumway Homestead]- Up exactly at sunrise s'morning. Built the front terrace out at the side & filled the whole thing again. Boy - it's 11 o'clock now & it ought to be at least three or four o'clock. Fooled - did a little more diggin'. Got a letter & a check (from the bank in Wakefield). Going to Nina's for dinner. Didn't eat much - had some coffee - reading.

Sunday August 20th - [Shumway Homestead]- Lay out in the sun & my back is as brown as an Indian's - Went to Aunties for dinner this noon. Didn't do very much today though - I guess Mom & Dad aren't coming up today - walked a couple of miles down the road . Read quite a bit today & didn't eat an awful lot.

Monday August 21st - [Shumway Homestead]- - Got up about 8:45 this morning & took a bath. Was fixing my nails & heard a car outside. It was Mom & Dad - it's great to see him - Went to Coachella. Went in swimming a new suit - Brown & white, cute - Mom got it in

L.A. Got a letter from Sam. One from Meity Geier & one from Sue - listened to the radio.

August 22nd - [Indio]- Slept on the front couch last nite - Went up to the cabin & then on to Riverside with Mom, Dad, Bud & Nina. Dad went into L.A. to have a fitting - drove up to camp late tonite. The curse - of all things - I was dead when I got back here to camp - Walked all day - the shows were all later or next week.

August 23rd - [Shumway Homestead]- - Drove down to Coachella s'morning . Been listening to the radio all day. Washed & ironed a dozen things, listened to Fred Waring. Boy. I'm nuts about his orchestra. Laurie came over for dinner. Had a smooth time listening to the radio. Dad can't sleep with the radio going so I turned it off about ten o'clock just when they are best - heck.

Thursday August 24th - [Shumway Homestead]- Fooled around this morning at Deac's. Went up to Hemet Lake about 10. Bud & Dad fished but didn't catch anything - came back about three & Dad went down to Valley again - burned pine needles.

Friday August 25th - [Shumway Homestead]-. Up about 8:00 this morning. Fooled around rather. Mom left with Dad for the Newcombe's in Santa Barbara about 12:00. Bud refused to (well nearly, said maybe) to do something for me so I haven't asked him yet to do anything. Cooked quite a dinner. Was over at Nina's for a while this aft.

August 26th - [Shumway Homestead]- Woke up about 7:30 or 8:00 s'morning. Took a mag over to Auntie. Got a lot of ferns & pretty rocks & fixed a rock fern garden under the oyah (however you spell it). Cooked a nice dinner again tonite. Going to try to stay up all nite. Don't know whether I can or not - but-t-t-t.

Sunday August 27th - [Shumway Homestead]- Well, went to sleep about 3:00 a.m. & got up about 8. Washed my hair. Went over to Nina's - came back - put the dinner on - had just inhaled a Lucky Strike when I felt so queer, faint & felt very dizzy - was lyin' on the cot in front of 4 of the Paul kids - Henry down came up we had fun talking & so on tonite -

August 28 - [Shumway Homestead]- Mom & Dad came about 10:30 this morning or 11:00 a.m. Cooked some grand peach sauce. . Got sun burned - my back & legs - . Going on a trip with Dad beginning the thirtieth - Went down to the valley to get some clothes. Went swimming - was pretty cold. Listened to the radio till 11:15.

August 29th - [Coachella]- was pretty cold last nite. Got up about 7:30. Sewed on my dress a little - a tuck in the side came out. Dad got a couple of magazines so I listened to the radio & read - left about 2:00 p.m. for the Arson. (the rocky slopes of nowhere) Got a letter. Had dinner-. Packed for tomorrow - am in an awful mood. Gawsh!.

Wednesday August 30th - [Santa Maria, CA]- got up about 6 this morning - had a cantaloupe for breakfast. Dressed in my brown winter duds & started out with Dad. Had Coca-Cola's along the road & a sandwich for lunch. Stopped at the Santa Maria Inn in S.M. In California of course - a nice place - had dinner & read in bed - we were too late for the shows.

Thursday August 31st - [Bakersfield, CA]- Dad called me about six this morning & was it cold - boy! Had breakfast - started for Kettleman Hills. Hot inland. Met a man named Bill Huff. He took Dad & me all around through the oil fields & then through Taft to Bakersfield. Had dinner & went to see "Cocktail Hour" with Bebe Daniels & Randolph Scott - it was punk - they had a stage wedding too -Gawsh! Of all things, a wedding in a place like that-! A theatre - ! Lord.

September 1st - [Indio]-. Up about six & had breakfast with Dad & Mr. Huff. They went scouting around in oil fields & I read *Photoplay* at the hotel. Drove all day through San Bernardino & got to Coachella about 6:30 or 7:00. Got a letter from Sue - that darling kid. Had dinner. Read it, fooled around - Deac got here late. Took a bath & I am going to read.

Saturday September 2nd - [Indio]- got up quite early and went up to camp. Had lunch and fooled around for a while and came down to the valley. Got two letters and had dinner. Went swimming. Saw some pretty cute fellows there and did good driving. Everyone said so. Listened to the radio and sat out and looked at the moon. Gorgeous

September 3rd - [Shumway Homestead]- got up pretty early and came up the hill. Cleaned up the place and fooled a little - going to write three letters or four. The Pauls came this afternoon. Fooled around. There was a gorgeous moon to nite - just simply excruciating. I could read by it. Read a magazine by moonlight - some moon - boy !

Monday Sept. 4th - [Indio]- got up pretty early. About three o'clock Dad and I went down to the valley - went swimming tonite - it was absolutely perfect. Went all over the side of the mountain s'morning and was tired. Dad made me turn off the radio early so I sat out on the porch in the moonlight for hours and hours and hours.

September 5th - [Shumway Homestead]- full moon - got up pretty early - fooled around and read - washed and ironed. Listened to the radio till about 3 o'clock. Went swimming and it was freezing. They changed the water last nite - and boy - you knew it - ! Came up The Hill right afterwards - read for a long time in the moonlight.

September 6th - [Shumway Homestead] - got up pretty early. Filled part of the front terrace. Didn't do much today really. Dad left this afternoon. Fooled around. Had a light - very light - supper - two cups of tomato and celery soup and six stewed prunes - read another story by moonlight tonite - hope - and I think I will, that I get about a week in O.P.

Thursday, Sept. 7th - [Shumway Homestead]- got up early - about 6:30 - Gee it was cold and

windy up on the Lookout - went on a hike with Mom, Nina and the kids down Cariso Creek. . Got a sunburn and was I tired - boy! Went out and did my days' job on the terrace. Had dinner - it's so windy and cold outside that I'm not going up on top of the looked out to sleep - going in front. Dad and Deac came up for a few minutes about 11 o'clock.

Sept. 8th - [Shumway Homestead]- got up about seven o'clock this morning - ate six stewed prunes and an orange for breakfast - going to write Sue a letter - ate pancakes (too many) for lunch. Dad came up this afternoon and took Mother down to the valley for dinner. Got some things from Max Factor - the rouge and lipstick are all wrong. I'll exchange them in Los Angeles.

Saturday September 9th - [Shumway Homestead] - got up about 8. Carried 60 buckets for the terrace (front). Dad and Mother came up about 11. Dad gave Bud and me a buck because we weren't going with them. The horseback trip up the mountain - didn't do much except read today. Ate a lot of lunch and 3 Ex-Laxes to get rid of it - boy - have I been trotting - going to bed pretty early I guess.

Sunday September 10th - [Shumway Homestead]- I hope to God that Jack will be there. I'd be terribly disappointed if he weren't - going to arrive in Chicago early the morning of the 19th a week from Tuesday. Jim White - of all people - tried to kiss me today. He had nerve and I told him so - Mom and Dad got back from their trip about 4 and we went right down to the valley. Got a cute letter from Sam. Already got a date with him for Chicago - boy! Can't wait to get there.

Sept. 11th - [Indio] - got up pretty early - didn't do much but clean the house this morning - have had a heck of a boring day and I feel so darn peppy that it's amusing. Going to L.A. tomorrow - couldn't even go swimming tonite because I washed and set my hair to have my picture taken tomorrow.

Tuesday September 12th - [Los Angeles]- got up pretty early and went into Riverside - will have my picture taken tomorrow instead - got to L.A. about 2:00 - got my suit and a lot of adorable things - tonite we went to see K. Hepburn in *Morning Glory*. So good. Also Bruce Cabot in *Midshipman Jack* - the name pops up again - I do love him.

September 13th - [Indio]- got up rather early - boy was it cold - well. Had breakfast and finished up the shopping. Got some adorable things - one that I'm not so sure that I'll like but it's good looking - was finished before noon. Packed at the a hotel and we went to Riverside - had my pictures taken - came back. I may not be going to Chi. until Dad does - oh, - I'm so darn unhappy.

Sept. 14th - [Indio]- Dad wouldn't tell me for sure and I'm just been miserable - I cried and cried last nite - oh God I hope I don't have to go to Lincoln with him - I want some fun before I go back to school. Haven't had any this summer and I've got to before prison.

Packed my trunk and was quite busy - I've got a terrible cold - it's awful - and now and then I help it by crying about Chicago - oh Lord - got a letter from Janie - Nina was down today - she and Perc had dinner with us - went over to Uncle Will's this evening. He's the cutest old thing - I love him. I'm still miserable.

Friday, September 15th - [Indio]- got up pretty early. Been fooling around most of all day, listening to the radio etc. Dad hasn't told me yet whether I can go to Chicago or not - every time I think of it - I go funny inside - Went for a ride down Salton Sea s'afternoon - Mom and Dad and Deac went out for dinner. Listened to the radio till about 12, took a bath and to bed. Bud woopsed.

Sept. 16th - [Indio]- I'm so happy I am going to Chicago - I'm so happy - if Dad knew how it was torturing me - the uncertainty - he never would have waited so long to tell me - I'm so happy. Listened to the radio s'afternoon and evening. The Yost's came over after dinner - took a bath and put on a little good-looking. The train left at 10:30 - Gosh I didn't want to leave Mom. I have the queerest feeling, now that I won't see her for a year.

Sunday Sept. 17th - [en route]- Up about 7 - awfully hot today - Went to the club car several times - and a Coca-Cola - Got the curse today it - can you beat? It never fails on a trip - never - Didn't eat much today - Boy is it hot - going to read for a while - I did feel depressed but not now.

Sept. 18th - [en route]- got up about 9:15 - fooled around in the dressing room for quite a while - read all day - was hot even though I changed hotsy red long sleeves to hotsy gray black & red short sleeves - Dad left at Kansas City, MO at nine & I had a Spud in the john - going to read.

Tuesday Sept. 19th - [Oak Park]- got in after endless waiting to the La Salle Station. Who should come down to the end of the train but Tavie (I expected her) and Susy. I was sooooo glad to see her - Sue & I took the taxi home & Tavie went shopping - Jack's gone to Lake Forest - left Sunday - oh God - Why did he have to leave. I'm awfully glad he could - but heck. Sue cut school for me today - sweet thing - she shouldn't have but I'm glad - Jane Renz is precious - I love her - we were together s'afternoon & Sam N. came over to nite - we fooled around - Sam thinks I don't like him at all - I do - but if he's going to be silly -

Wednesday, Sept. 20th - [Oak Park]- Couldn't make myself wake up to go to school with Sue - got up about 9. It's nice & cold today. Packed today. At noon I reserved "The Round Table" & chased down to meet Sue & Jane & George Teed. Met a fellow named Bill Volk - we rode around until school was out - he's very nice but I guess no one takes Jack's place. Darn it - ! Sue, Janie R. & I went to the shop. Renz's mother is adorable - Met a fellow at the shop - Frank someone - quite nice. OK. Tonite Sue & I took a walk down to Mich. Boulevard & back to the shop. Met a fellow named Bill Sutton. Puss & Carl Whittier - Sam's cousin - Met Sam W. today by the way - went over to Jane's house - had a nice time - Gee she's adorable

but I like Sue best. Bill V. phoned tonite & asked me for a date. Everyone seems to think I made a big killing.

September 21st - [Oak Park]- got up & went to school with Sue & Janie R. Came back & bought a few things-a darling Louis Philippe lipstick-Went to school with Sue s'aft. Have felt terrible since I'm so damned depressed. Went to Renz' house Dona Kift & Bart. Tonite Sue & I took a walk & into the shop. Bill Sutton & Carl Whistler took us out of our mood. Sue was in the same kind of mood-I don't know whether or not she likes me as much.

Friday Sept. 22nd - [Oak Park]- Woke up at 10 of 12 - can you imagine it? Don't know why I slept so late - talked to Mrs. Sugg a little while ago & she seems to think that Jack will be here today or tomorrow - oh God I hope so - Oh I do I - I love him - went over to Renz' after school. Chased down to the shop. To nite went on a triple date with Bill Volk, Sue, Sam W., Renz & Teed. Bill's cute - we saw " State Fair ." Teed & I had seen it - but - . Lew Ayres is cute - went up to Fox after picking up Kift, Gordy, & Bart. We danced & drank beer - I loathe the stuff.

Sept. 23rd - [Oak Park]- Renz came around about 10:30 & scooted us out of bed. She went to have a manicure & Sue & I talked out in the car till about 12:20 and finally she came out again. Was going to football game that I've wasn't sure so when Dona phoned I went shopping with her and over to her house - that kid may be back Xmas. God I hope so. Had to be in by 11 so I came in & Sue & Kift sat out on the porch. I fell asleep with a Spud in my hand. Got burned. Talked. O.P. won 39-0 Boy - pretty good.

Sept. 24th - [Oak Park]- when the alarm rang at 7:30 s'morn I got up very quietly and went down - I'd gotten to bed about 2:30 or 3:00. Dad & I went to the Fair in Hutch's car. Got home - finished packing about 3:30. We left at 4:30 about - Sue hadn't gotten back from practice when I left - saw them walking home but it was too late - I cried and cried - I feel so blue for O.P.

Monday, Sept. 25th - [en route] - got up about 9:30. Woody of all people was on the train - we talked all day & sat in the john & smoked. Woody got off at Newark. Poor kid - she felt pretty blue. Phoned her about 7:45. Dad & I went to see "Too Much Harmony." Saw the end and the beginning - Bing Crosby - the nuts. Saw the stage show, "The Last Roundup," that's my theme song now - - Gosh it's the nuts!

Sept. 26th - [Miss Beard's School]- Up at six o'clock. Had breakfast at 8. About ten went out to school. Got there and Dad left about 12 and I had lunch. We fooled around all day. Didn't do much. Unpacked. I'm rooming with Meity - we've got a rather cute room. It's not so bad but not so good to be here - I've got to go to O. P. Xmas. We danced after dinner. It's hot here.

Wednesday Sept. 27th - [Miss Beard's School]- had school today. They gave me Ancient

History and I had it changed to Algebra IIa today. I hope I've worked hard - I'm going to - I've got to.

Thursday Sept. 28th - [Miss Beard's School]- worked hard at school today. Got out & practiced hockey with Morrison. Had my first try at being a coach. And it's awful. Well I'm starting on my diet tomorrow - I mean October first.

Sept. 29th - [Miss Beard's School]- worked today, too. Went down shopping all of a sudden with Benjie, Brockman, Sue H. - it seems queer to call someone else Sue besides Sugg. Honest I love Jack & Sue.

Saturday Sept. 30th - [Miss Beard's School]- got up at the regular time. Got 50 cents worth of candy. This is the only time this year that I'm getting candy. We had a scavenger hunt and a picnic lunch for the new girls. Had tea s'afternoon. Mrs. Geier came up. I wore that dress I wore a week ago Friday with Bill Volk. Gosh. A week ago now - it's about ten. Lordy.

October 1st - [Miss Beard's School]- went to church today - going to the Episcopal after this Sunday. Fooled around all day. Didn't do anything. Read love stories - (S & S.)

Monday, October 2nd - [Miss Beard's School]- Cold out. School goes on as usual. Working hard. On hockey too. Nothing doing.

Tuesday, October 3rd - [Miss Beard's School]- On a diet, so, of course I skip lunch. Lost a pound a day so far. Working hard.

Wednesday, October 4th - [Miss Beard's School]-nothing much. Cold out. Been working hard. Got a letter from Sam N. today. Mr. Luedtke was here today.

Thursday, October 5th - [Miss Beard's School]-cold out & it rained all day. School as hard as usual-wish I could change my Latin for Spanish.

Friday, October 6th - [Miss Beard's School]- Some food today from Anne Diss. Broke my diet today. Played hockey all afternoon. Going to play left inner now. Loads of studying.

Saturday October 7th - [Miss Beard's School]- - played hockey s'morning. About 1:30 went home with Meity. Nick smoked like heck. Had dinner then came back and had dinner.

Sunday, October 8th - [Miss Beard's School]- Decided after breakfast to stay in bed so that I could make the poster I promised Sue for the class rally. Had to get up for the talk. Restarted my diet tonite.

Monday, October 9th - [Miss Beard's School]-hit balls in hockey with Sue & Mensick. My ankle got hit twice. It's a big bump now- s'awful -had themes to do the last two days.

Tuesday, October 10th - [Miss Beard's School] - - didn't go to lunch today. Starting to diet with Ouidie Lay. Was nearly late for study hall tonite. Played hockey s'afternoon.

Wednesday October 11th - [Miss Beard's School] - -played hockey. Coached etc.-couldn't play - I'm supposed to have the curse. Nothing much happened.

Thursday, Oct. 12th - [Miss Beard's School] - Louisa Lay got some crackers for some jelly she made in cooking so we both broke -we went to lunch - ate. Ate for dinner-played hockey.

Friday, Oct. 13th - [Miss Beard's School] - had class rally today-it was OK. It rained this morning. Juniors came in on roller skates. We & the seniors went over OK.

Saturday, October 14th - [Miss Beard's School] - stayed up till after 12:20 last nite. (my clock stopped then) & sewed name tapes & mended. 62 name tapes. Mrs. Geier came s'aft. Didn't eat anything but meat for dinner.

Sunday, October 15th - [Miss Beard's School] - gorgeous day out. Was at Beard's table this morn. I'm going to the Episcopal after today. Beard's talk was interesting s'aft. Nick was grouchy & wouldn't go so nuts for her. We played sardines from 7:30 to 9:00. Some fun.

Monday, October 16th - [Miss Beard's School] - played hockey s'afternoon - fun OK. C+ on my Latin test - was disappointed - nuts -Dad will be here, I expect Wednesday. So. Can't wait to see him. Susie's supposed to meet him today. Good luck darling.

Tuesday, October 17th - [Miss Beard's School] - rained all day until late aft. The seniors are having a Parent-teachers tea - had study hall on the stage & then in Mrs. Faber's, finally in S. H Got to get up at six tomorrow-work to do.

Wednesday, October 18th - [Miss Beard's School] - well, got up at six-got some Latin done. Have time for English lunch period. Had the test (English). Not ~~bad~~ played hockey-Cold out.
Dad phoned.

Thursday, October 19th - [Miss Beard's School] - in had a Geometry test today. Not bad - think I passed- but - Went to dinner with Dad at the Estabrooks. Last time I'll see him- He got me a box of candy and gave me ten bucks for a hockey stick - I feel sorta lost as if I'll never see anyone again-Lordy

Friday, October 20th - [Miss Beard's School] - Had the first Spartan-Athenian game. I was on the first squad - made two goals. Beat the Athenians 5-2 - boy! Dad phoned - he's going on board tonite. Dad's boat's sailing early tomorrow morning.

Saturday October 21st - [Miss Beard's School] - Cold out. Played tennis with Sue, Woody, & Nick. Most of the kids are gone for the weekend & for the day. Nick went out with her

mother - brought back some swell horse shoes- don't know what they're called but are they good. Had Spartan song practice.

Sunday, October 22nd - [Miss Beard's School]- It's a swell day out. Warm & sunny. Went to the Episcopal - Gee, they had a long service - boy! Fooled around. Did my Geometry for tomorrow s'afternoon.

Monday October 23rd - [Miss Beard's School]- I've got to pay attention in class or I'll flunk Latin. I'm absolutely discouraged. Played hockey some afternoon- Cold out.

Tuesday, October 24th - [Miss Beard's School]- I'm on the Vail-Deane hockey squad - I'm so excited- Gee! Have no privileges 'til Latin comes out. Haven't any anyway-so what? Poured all day today.

Wednesday, October 25th - [Miss Beard's School]- Was awfully windy s'morn but sunny. Played hockey this afternoon & literally froze -the wind was like a knife - boy!

Thursday, October 26th - [Miss Beard's School]- - It was freezing out today, too, but there wasn't so much wind. Played hockey-got a letter from Mom. She's sending me some clothes.

Friday October 27th - [Miss Beard's School]-Went to Vail-Deane. It was going to rain but it was OK. Played right inner - and football. Had a couple of lollipops and oranges.

Saturday, October 28th - [Miss Beard's School]- had the tryout this morning. Bux, Babe, Hench are on the North Jersey Private School team! Carol & Phil are on a second team. A perfect day out. Warm & sunny. Beard's got the most kid's teams. Got the curse today-haha!

Sunday, October 29th - [Miss Beard's School]- Went to church today-it's been a smooth day out today, too. Staying in bed s'aft. Nick got back & brought some swell food - she had a swell time from all I see & hear!!!

Monday, October 30th - [Miss Beard's School]- About 4:30 got up in a hurry & tore to the john-at 7 tore again & whoopsed. Felt sick all day-way 129. Having a Halloween party tomorrow nite-warm out.

Tuesday, October 31st - [Miss Beard's School]- swell day out-almost too warm - served at the party & did I eat doughnuts, apples & cider. Three Little Pigs was cute.

Wednesday, November 1st - [Miss Beard's School]- Have had the tummy ache all day. Haven't eaten anything. Miss Mary excused me from afternoon study hall. So I took a bath. Marvelous day out -warm and sunny.

Thursday, November 2nd - [Miss Beard's School]-starting out muggy and foggy today. Played hockey s'afternoon OK out. Slippery from the fog s'morn. OK.

Friday, November 3rd - [Miss Beard's School]- -had the 2nd Spartan -Athenian game today- Athenians got both. We'll beat them a week from today.

Saturday, November 4th - [Miss Beard's School]-Went to Altman's to get stockings. Madame Guiniard took us - did Bux and I get food - boy! Felker got knocked out - I didn't go to tea- Gotta report.

Sunday, November 5th - [Miss Beard's School]- Had the talk-was it a smoothy. Hot stuff. It was cold on the way to church Nothing.

Monday November 6th - [Miss Beard's School]-Cold out. All the leaves are gone. I flunked my Latin test -oh God. Had drill today 'cause it rained.

Tuesday, November 7th - [Miss Beard's School]- had hockey today, I hurt my thumb. It's all black and blue on the inside. It's freezing out.

Monday, November 8th - [Miss Beard's School]- didn't have hockey today because of my thumb. Had French club for first time. I'm in a French play. Hotcha!

Thursday, November 9th - [Miss Beard's School]- I came out in a cap all over my eyes and fur lined gloves, etc. to hockey, to keep warm.

Friday, Nov. 10th - [Miss Beard's School]- - We tied the Athenians in both games today - I'm getting a cold- hot dawg.

Saturday, Nov. 11th - [Miss Beard's School]- After gym today, I went up to the infirmary. My cold hurts my head and nose. Finished Clayhanger -ate lots.

Sunday, November 12th - [Miss Beard's School]- got out of church of course. My cold is much better-still up here. Been eating everything. Smooth day out.

Monday, November 13th - [Miss Beard's School]- I weigh 131½ - maybe 132 - dunno-didn't gain up there-passed off kids hockey tests-got D+ in geometry and Latin- C+ in French and C in English.

Tuesday, November 14th - [Miss Beard's School]- having an English test tomorrow-hot dog -and a geometry one on Thursday. More fun.

Wednesday, November 15th - [Miss Beard's School]-not much for today. Played hockey. I'm deteriorating, it seems to me-don't half to eat potatoes now, hot doggie!!!

Thursday, November 16th - [Miss Beard's School]- I saw the Doctor today, and I don't have to eat any starches at all- Boy will I be able to diet - played hockey, cold .

Friday, November 17th -had a Spartan-Athenian song contest today -Spartans won! Made candy for tomorrow in the cooking room today .

Saturday, November 18th - [Miss Beard's School]- Spent only \$5.35 today. It snowed and so we had basketball with the alumni. The Fair was poor this year.

Sunday, Nov. 19th - [Miss Beard's School]- Went to church today - Beverly preached a good sermon. Had a talk in counsel meeting what was a talk. Boy!

Monday, November 20th - [Miss Beard's School]- Tried out today for the Honor Varsity. I played simply lousy so no hope for me. Coaches passed kids test for them.

Tuesday, November 21st - [Miss Beard's School]- didn't do much today. Passed off kids, hockey tests. Guess we won't be playing much more hockey.

Wednesday, November 22nd - [Miss Beard's School]- would have played hockey today, but it's raining - played hockey s'aft. Really played - no tests, I umpired a little-stayed in bed .

Thursday, November 22nd - [Miss Beard's School]- didn't do much. Bux and I were excused and we came up to my room and talked.

Friday, November 24th - [Miss Beard's School]- [Estabrooks?] - left at 2:20. Drove around while Mary Abbot had her hair done. Went to Lady Baltimore and ate something. Tonite I helped Mrs. E. with getting the kids into the fortune teller on time. Got a cute gold bracelet. Thot I was from the Gypsy Tea Room in N.Y. She said to my wish (to go to Oak Park) that at first she was doubtful but then sure it'd come true. Going to meet someone blonde curly-nertz -don't like blonds. She said there was no subject in school I wasn't up on.

Saturday, November 25th - [Estabrooks?] -got up about 10 or eleven. Made my own breakfast - Went shopping with Mrs. E. Someone swiped my best lipstick last nite. Darn - spooky. Had swell food. Saw *Morning Glory* again and it before.

Sunday, November 26th - [Miss Beard's School]- got up quite early-about 7:30. Had breakfast. Not much all day. Fooled with Baffle Ball. Came back just before 6-went to church .

Monday, November 27th - [Miss Beard's School]-got up at 6:10. It was dark and boy, did the wind howl. Had drill today-had French play rehearsal. Dates from Mom

Tuesday, November 28th - [Miss Beard's School]- Packed a little today-had basketball

today. Tomorrow this time-it's 10:30-hot dawg!!!

Wednesday, November 29th - [Geier home]- got up early and packed. Got out in a flurry about 2:35. Went around and saw people. Went to the station, met Mr. Geier. Went out with Jack and Bill Wolffe. Went to the Donohues' and danced. Jack asked me to the dance at the club this Saturday. In about 12:30 and fooled around.

Thursday, November 30th - [Geier home] - got up about 10. Went to the Boonton football game. Ray Dawson and Woody Weibel came up after the game. Had a swell dinner. Went out with the two kids this afternoon. Ray sure is a fast worker. Boy! But I like him-he's adorable looking-and he's the one with blonde curly hair and his name begins with "D!" My lord-the Gypsy was right-bowled this eve-Ray came up and wanted to take us dancing with this other fellow but we've gotta get up early manana. Fast as Ray is-Boy-he didn't get far- I can still say I've never been kissed-I'm proud of it, too-not many kids can say that

Friday, December 1st -[Geier home]-got up at 5:30 and went to New York. Saw the sun come up. Went to a friend of Nick's whose birthday's today - Lee - she's nice. Went in - got to New York about 10:30. Went to Altman's. - charged a lot of things, got some darling earrings and Xmas presents Had lunch with Mr. Geier. Nick got the cute black coat and hat. Came back here - broke the date with Jack. Mrs. Geier doesn't want me to go since they are going to N.Y. to the Swiss affair.

Saturday, December 2nd - [Geier home] - Got up about 6:30. Came in to New York - We're stopping at the San Carlos - Carlton or whatever. Had my hair done this morning. It looks swell . Went to the coctail party and to the movies with the butler effect because they didn't think Mom would approve of my going to the Swiss affair - Saw Clara Bow and Richard Cromwell in *Hoopla - lousy*. Went to bed about 2:30.

Sunday, December 3rd - [Miss Beard's School]- Got to bed at about 2:30 and got up about 11:30. Had breakfast brought up and a lot of people and we went to see *The Invisible Man* which was very well done. Gotback to school about 6:30 . We smoked like chimneys and got some gum.

Monday , December 4th - [Miss Beard's School]- Well, got down to work again. Had tumbling today for the first time this year. It's fun. Gee it's freezing out, or me anyway.

Tuesday, December 5th - [Miss Beard's School]- Nothing much happened. Parent-Teachers meeting - no Latin conf. Got fruit, got my pictures. They're cute. Cold.

Wednesday, December 6th - [Miss Beard's School]- Had tap today and it was really amusing. I can't any more tap than the man in the moon - So -

Thursday, December 7th - [Miss Beard's School]- - Had dancing this aft. Boy - I bet I'll be

pretty stiff manana. Been eating loads of fruit for the last three days.

Friday, December 8th - [Miss Beard's School]- Nick went away for the weekend at Keer's today- Cold out, but a swell day. Beard sent an airmail to Dad and advised him to let me go- !!! I certainly hope I can - to Chicago!

Saturday, December 9th - [Miss Beard's School]-. Letter at 11 saying I couldn't go to Chicago. I cried until one. It didn't do any good to try not to. Tears just came. There's a little hope yet, though - Dad hadn't gotten Miss Beard's letter when he wrote that. Fell on my knee twice in basketball this morning and I can't walk it now. Stayed in Colonial from 3 to 7-my punishment

Sunday, December 10th - [Miss Beard's School]- Didn't go to church this morning on account of my right knee. It snowed yesterday and it was awfully cold last nite and the snow is still here. I wrapped Christmas presents all morning. Last nite Gert gave me two darling silver bracelets-she couldn't wait until Christmas. Nick got back during dinner. She has had a swell time-she's head over heels in love with a blonde named John Ransome.

Monday, December 11th - [Miss Beard's School]-nothing much. Woke up s'morn everything covered with snow-was freezing s'morn. Nick's staying in bed. Got B in English this month.

Tuesday, December 12th - [Miss Beard's School]- I have passed Latin this month. I'm so happy. I have another Latin test tomorrow. It's still all snowy outside. It's cold too - got some fruit.

Wednesday, December 13th - [Miss Beard's School]-nothing much happened today-had my Latin test and didn't finish so probably flunked. Snowed.

Thursday, December 14th - [Miss Beard's School]-Have a sore throat. Miss Mary tried to get me up in the infirmary but I wouldn't go. I stayed over here tonite + didn't go to second study hall.

Friday, Dec. 15th - [Miss Beard's School]- Haven't heard yet whether or not I'm going to Chicago - it's driving me bats not knowing. Snowed-it's real cold. Stay over from nite Study Hall.

Saturday, December 16th - [Miss Beard's School]- went to the five and dime. Got my Christmas stocking for Catherine Cornwall. 3 months. Had my hair trimmed and set. Gave Nick her identification bracelets and I wished that "Johnny would make her very happy and never disappointed her by not loving her and that she and I would room together and have a swell time next year here. She has to keep it until next Christmas. Johnny came with Kear s'afternoon. Kathleen asked me to her house vacation if I don't go to Chicago.

Sunday, December 17th - [Miss Beard's School]-stayed in bed this morning. I feel lousy. It's a quarter of three now-wonder what I'll be doing ten years from now. Got our reports today. Came up from C to B in English, C+ to B+ in French, D+ to C in geometry but D + to D in Latin. It's pouring out. Lousy day. I flunked my Latin test though, so I'm thrilled at having passed.

Monday, December 18th - [Miss Beard's School]- four days today - three days now and I still don't know. I hope I can go, it's the waiting-not knowing-that gets me ! Then during first period - I'm going-going- not gone yet though-I'm so happy-oh.

Tuesday, December 19th - [Miss Beard's School]- - Leaving at 4:02 Thursday afternoon. Wrote Tavie and Sue and Dad - I'm so happy! It honestly hurts, I am so happy. In three days I'll be there ! O Lordy! I'm so excited. Will the time ever come - Oh, Sugar! One more day of school-we've had our last study hall this year!

Wednesday December 20th - [Miss Beard's School]- Its raining cats and dogs-hope it stops before tomorrow. I packed my evening bra and slip. Beard won't let me go to Altman's and get some new-so I've borrowed them-Lordy! I was scared I wouldn't get them because-well-The banquet's over-in bed by 11 o'clock. The banquet was OK. Good dinner. Danced - everyone liked my dress lots. Oh hum.

Thursday, December 21st - [en route]- Peggy Diss came back from Mrs. Hall's School. She likes it lots -gave me some hankies - Xmas gifts. Left at 3:30. At 4:20 I was down in the john smoking. Didn't put on by any make up work during this until curry was. Leave them with the good impression of me anyway. Didn't have any dinner-just smoked-not sleeping but think I'll go to bed and pass the a tonite away.

Wednesday December 22nd - [Oak Park]- - got here and it sure was swell to see Tavie and Sue-they'd both came down to The station. Sue had to meet a girl so she stayed in Chicago and Tavie and I took the "L." It sure is marvelous to be here. Went to the dance with Clint at the club. Clint is not a good dancer and I didn't have a good time. Rode around- Went to Hayes -talked nonsense and poetry out in front until 3:30 and then we decided we'd call it a morning-or whatever-dead tired-so.

Saturday, December 23rd - [Oak Park]- Up about 11 this morning. Talked to Tavie 'til 12. Went to Sue's - Jack's not so hot. Doesn't even give me a heart throb - So what! Felt so God damn blue that I almost wish I hadn't come. Tavie and I went to the Lamar and saw *The Way to Love* - ? and Ann Dvorak. Were going to Spears but met Sue and , Earl Stafford - a darn cute kid-and Chuck Hill-drove around and then played Ghost for about three hours-anyway until 4:30 or 3 maybe-went down to a place on Oak Park Ave. Had coffee and played some more-oh, before we played Ghost we went to Jack's house and had turkey sandwiches and had a swell time-

Sunday December 24th - [Oak Park]-couldn't sleep even though I got to bed at six-got up about ten-took a bath. Fooled around-went upstairs. Sue was still sleeping. Jimmy Tibbets and his brother Dave came up. Jimmy and Jack and I spent a very pleasant afternoon being sarcastic- Jack said he was going to kiss me before vacation was over - I said "You think so, maybe Hunh? " Bub gave me some darling hankies - I'd never expected it at all-was I surprised. Jack wanted one of my pictures- nertz, say I. Jack, Sue and Mrs. S. are going to their uncle's -I haven't got a date and I'm so God damn blue ! Lordy! Singed my eyelashes making toast - Sue hasn't come back. Tavie just came in and she wants me to go to bed. I'm coming down with a cold or someone so I guess I will

Monday, December 25th - [Oak Park]- - Woke up this morning about 11-or rather Tavie woke me up. I never felt so damned low in my life - Lordy I felt terrible - had to go to the Speers' for lunch. Played 21 all afternoon till about 5:30. Then I decided I had enough so we came home. Snowing hard. Going to have a party Friday nite - So what! Sue and Shirley Tucker asked me to go to see *Bombshell* but I feel so awful that I'm going to bed - 6 o'clock - be usual if it were A.M.

Tuesday, December 26th - [Oak Park]- - cashed some checks at the bank today. Boy is it cold out - or sump'n. Lordy! Went out with Earl Stafford and Chuck Hill s'aft. Sue went with Chuck. The snow is sure deep - unh! Started out about 3 and came back about 8. Bill Stafford came up and got Sue for a dance, so she did some swell acting and so forth to get away from Chuck. Earl took Chuck home and we fooled around - picked up a fellow that looks just like Lew Ayers - side - cute! I told Tavie I'd get home early for a change so I got in at 1:00. Earl likes me a lot but I'm not sure whether I like him or not. He is an awfully nice kid. We're going on a round o' nite clubs but R.A. couldn't get the garage up for his car - So. Got a date with Earl for Thursday, I think. He's going to give me a ring tomorrow sometime, so I'll know. He got balled up with his mother - didn't meet her and phoned out on South Side. Lots of other things happened too - with Chuck & Earl & aunts & uncles, ____ & mothers, so Good nite & sweet dreams

Wednesday, December 27th - [Oak Park]- - Went to the Coates for lunch-not a very nice lunch, however. Came back about 4. Fooled around. Morwood asked me to Madina A.C. New Year's Eve- I want a date with Earl so after a lot of mess I'm out of going with Sam. Met Espy and Steve tonite-sorta cute kids.

Thursday December 28th - [Oak Park]-haven't done anything in particular today. Had a date with Earl tonite but he's in bed. A something or other-poor kid-has been in bed for two days. He phoned me about 3:30 and told me- I don't know whether or not black is white or whether or not I want it to be. Sue and I talked. Saw *Voltaire*-marvelous-with George Arliss and Doris Kenyon as Pompadour. Lovely. Stopped at the Shop after. Teed and Stan Honuss came in - -drove around. Then out to a Road house. In about 1:45. Getting hoarse or sump'n.

Friday, December 29th - [Oak Park]-got up at 8:30 and went down to the Five and Dime with

Sue. Got the things for tonite- Renz backed out. Had a date with Earl s'aft, but he went into to the doctors. The party was fun- the tobogganing was swell. Cold. The kids didn't eat much. Sue and Earl and I sat up 'til 5 playing Ghost - was I surprised! Lordy-I'm so hoarse I can only whisper.

Saturday, December 30th - [Oak Park]- - Woke up about 2. Bill Stafford wanted me to go to the dance at the club tonite but I can't talk, so- staying in bed all day today. Geez! It's funny-read- Sue came down about 6:30. Earl phoned and wanted me to go to a party or sump'n, but my voice-heck. He's coming up tonite. I think that that's what he said. Earl came-fooled -Sue was here-he got some ice. Is black white and does he know what it means-oh!

Sunday, December 31st - [Oak Park]- - got up about 9:30. Went up to Sue's. She was washing. Mrs. S. is in bed. Found I had a date with S. Whistler for tonite and Tavie said that I positively couldn't go, so _ Earl phoned and I'm going out with him tonite. Went over to Jane's Renz' and had a nice time. Didn't have a drop of anything but half a glass of beer. To Renz' house 10 to 12. B. Sutton was drunk-disgustingly so and S & C Whistler were drunk - amusingly.