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A freshman at Smith, Helen got pretty poor grades this year. Never after, though. I don't think I finished this year's diary.

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Wednesday January 1 - Got up at 4 o'clock, dressed and went to Dad's room. We listened to the Stanford - Southern Methodist U. (Rose Bowl Game) over the radio. Mother & Deac were at that. Had dinner, danced & went to Music Hall, saw *The Magnificent Obsession* - Irene Dunn & Robert Taylor - excellent. Even Dad was sitting up, interested.

Thursday January 2 - Shopped this morning and at about 1 Kurt 'phoned - he was coming for luncheon & he was at Grand Central seeing Larry. Larry spoke to me for a moment over the 'phone. Kurt came at 2 and we had luncheon and we went over to General Seminary for about an hour, talked and met some of his friends. Talked to him about Larry. He's a wonderful older brother, no kidding. Took the 5 o'clock bus for Orange and met Marguerite Crolius on the bus - Beard's '33. Got to the Estabrook's and had dinner and a very pleasant visit. They're very sweet. Come back to New York with Dad and got there about 11 or so. Got to bed at about 1 o'clock. Gosh, I don't know about Larry. "Maybe It's Because I Love You Too Much." - that about covers it. Rained all day today after 12:30.

Friday January 3 -Up at 7 and had breakfast at about 8:30 with Dad. We were at the Taft Hotel, in case I haven't mentioned it before. He went to the office and came back at 11:30 and I took the 12 o'clock train for Hartford. Got there at 2:40 and gee it was grand seeing Ruth. Eddie drove us home, after a little shopping. It rained until about 3 o'clock. In spite of leaving Dad, I was so glad to go home to Aunt Bert's. Larry & Harry took Ruth & me to the dance at Guild Hall. It was loads of fun. I wore my new dress and Larry was so adorable. 3 Psi U's - John Rhineheimer, Charles Widdefield & Ronnie Murkin (or something like that) confined themselves to cutting on Ruth & me exclusively. Larry & Harry didn't go home but Ruth and H.J. took the "study" and T.L. and I took the basement and we talked 'til about 4. Went to sleep. Woke up at 5, went upstairs & finally Larry & I parted company at 6. Larry is well - tonight was the most satisfactory evening I've spent with him.

Saturday January 4 -Got up at 20 to 12. Went down to Hartford and went to see *Captain Blood* - excellent. Errol Flynn & Olivia deHavilland. It was better than *A Tale of Two Cities*. Mr. Gruit took us - then to Honiss where we had some coffee & talked. Larry 'phoned after we got back & couldn't come out tonight. I couldn't help just breaking down. I waited 'til after dinner, though. Harry came out. I wrote some poetry. Talked to Aunt Bert, took a bath, washed my hair. Harry left at 12 and I went down and brought the youngster (Ruth) up and we went to bed at about 2.

Sunday January 5 - Got up at 10. Went to Church - then to Miss Johnson's house & as we were walking back Larry drove up in Scotte's car & kidnapped us & took us to the Psi U. House for dinner. He gave a very good sermon this morning. We had a very nice time. Went to the Library at about 3 (Harry was there) and stayed until 5 after about a half an hour at the Psi U House, we went back to Aunt Bert's packed and had dinner. Larry & I talked in the basement for several hours about our philosophies of love. I think that love is an adventure, a wonderful one, & you should be prepared to be disappointed if you don't find the gold you looked for on Treasure Island. Larry's is different. Everything we said cut me deeper, but I didn't let him see it - I talked as impersonally as though I weren't concerned. He's still waiting for "The Girl" and I'm not the one. Larry made me unconscious by my taking 3 deep breaths and holding the last & he squeezing me very hard. The 3rd time we stood up & I found myself on the floor when I came to. They left at about 15 to 3. Dear God, please help me.

Monday January 6 - Feast of the Epiphany (Día de los Reyes) - We meant to get up at 15 to 6 but the alarm didn't go off (we forgot to wind it) woke up at 20 to 7. Finally Eddie drove us to the station at 20 to 8. The 8 o'clock bus for Northampton had left, but it hadn't left Hartford yet, so they recalled it for us. Well, I've had to "dish it out" to several people, so I guess I can take my own medicine without orange juice. Wrote a letter to Kurt. Unpacked all afternoon. I felt terrible tonight. I cried & cried & cried - I don't ever remember having felt so awful. But I'd never have Larry know it - it's not his fault. Jane Day put me to sleep at 10 o'clock. Dear God, what can I do?

Tuesday January 7 - Had classes & "Special," (the latter was lots of fun). Studied & wrote Mother & Dad in Art Lecture, studied before dinner. Had dinner, finished Spanish. Must study for that Chem. quiz tomorrow & I have all those History papers to get in. Dear Me.

Wednesday January 8 - Waited for Ruth at the bottom of the hill to go to Chapel and she was waiting for me at John M. Greene. We finally got together. Had a Chem. quiz. Studied all afternoon & wrote a poem; "'Twas not Your Fault." Studied tonight in Mrs. Curtis' room - she was at the concert. Wrote another poem, "I Thank You Dear." Read them to her when she got back. In bed at 10 to 12.

Thursday January 9 - Not much happened this morning. I've been studying hard. Chem. Lab. this afternoon. Got B on the quiz yesterday. It snowed loads this afternoon but it turned awfully wet this evening. Ruth & I went to the Lib. & studied & at 9 went to Toto's & at 9:35 came back by Paradise and slipped & slid & acted like a couple of enebriates. Bed by 12.

Friday January 10 - Had Special this morning and gee it's fun. Studied this afternoon and tonight I went to the Libe and studied. Went up and saw Ruth before 10.

Saturday January 11 - Did very little today. Harry's pipe came! Ruth & I went downtown and got some tobacco for it. I lost \$4 in front of College Hall. Went up to Sunnyside with Ruth for a while. She got a letter from George that made me cry. We both washed our hair & to bed.

Sunday January 12 - Was going to get up at 7, to go to 7:30 church with Ruth, but woke up at 8. Went to 11 o'clock service. Studied all afternoon and at 8 Ruth & I went to candle light service. It was lovely. I'm going to church regularly from now on. It's gradually meaning more and more to me.

Monday January 13 - Studied all day. Went to Mrs. Curtis' room & studied Chemistry until 10, talked to her a while when she came in. Wrote a poem last night and 3 today. Anne Riley came for dinner tonight. Got to bed at about 11:30.

Tuesday January 14 - Got up at 7:30. Did Spanish from 8-9. Studied Chemistry from 9-10. Took the exam 10-10:30 & it was O.K. Tonight Ruth went out to dinner & I got a letter from Larry. I was so glad. Ruth & I walked from 9:30 -10:00 or just before 10, rather. Bed at about 11.

Wednesday January 15 - Got up 7:30. got 76 on my Chemistry. Tonight I was going to Chem lecture and my bike hit Ruth's as we turned & I scooted into a wash of water - cute. Skinned up my knees. It was pouring. Talked a while to Mrs. Curtis and went to bed.

Thursday January 16 - Was on a tear all day. After lab at 4:30, I went to Beckman's and with 3 cups of coffee finished an outline letter to Larry. Went to Northrop House to dinner with Francis Brown (History class) - fun - then went to the Lib. 'til 9:30. Went to Sunnyside & bed at 11:30.

Friday January 17 - Wrote an English paper this afternoon, took a shower, washed my hair etc. Wonderful day out, warm & sunny. Went to the movies with Bob Howard. It was a rotten picture - something about "Sweet Surrender." Mary Parker & her Bob. Bed by about 11:45.

Saturday January 18 - Studied about all day. Typed notes. Went over to talk to Mr. Barnes at 4. It's been snowing all day. Grand. I love it - just really wonderful. Kipling died today - peritonitis - gee. Typed notes & wrote or rather typed an English paper - delivered it and went to bed at 11:30.

Sunday January 19 - Up at 5 to 7. Snowed all day long - Went to church with Ruth at 7:30. Had 5 cups of coffee for breakfast. Went to church with Betty Nissley at 11. Had luncheon. Studied all afternoon 'til 5 on History and my left eye swelled up (eye strain, they said). Went to bed at 7, sleep at 9.

Monday January 20 - King George V of England died this afternoon - heart - terrible thing. Up at 5:30. Freezing cold. Tried to study but slept 'til 7:30. Had 5 cups of coffee & studied 'til 1. Had luncheon. Took the History 11 exam at 2:30 in Sage 2. The snow is over 3 feet deep and in the drifts is up to 6 or more. Chem lecture 7:30-9. Got some ice cream at Toto's & sent it to Ruth. Bed late.

Tuesday January 21 - I slept until 11:30 this morning, got up and had luncheon. Took Ruth's watch this afternoon from 4-6 so she could study. Nancy Atherton from Gardener came over for dinner. Went to Beckman's with Tommy for a pineapple mint sundae.

Wednesday January 22 - Got up at 7. Went to 7:30 Communion Service at St. John's. Wrote 14 letters this morning. Had luncheon. Took Ruth's watch from 4-6. I felt awfully low all afternoon & evening. Sat in front of the fire a long time & got the inspiration to write a poem. Bed 12. Sleep 2.

Thursday January 23 - Woke up when Ruth came in at 1:30. Took watch 3:15-6. It's very cold today, 'though I haven't been out. Knitted. Charlie Sayre 'phoned and I have a date with him Saturday and Ruth is going too, with a friend of his. Luke had a spread. Janie & I worked a Ouiji. Fooled. Bed very late.

Friday January 24 - Got up at 1 o'clock when Ruth came in. More or less have fooled around this afternoon. Took Ruth's watch and sent her to my room to study French. She has an exam tomorrow morning. Knitted all during watch and my sweater (Ruth's) is coming along very nicely. I've felt very blue all day. But when I catch myself up and think of all the people in this world who have so many great troubles to bear and still are happy (or rather cheerful) it makes me ashamed of myself, for comparatively speaking, my worry is so trivial - for what am I in the world? Less than a billionth billionth. But my worry does seem so great to me.

Saturday January 25 - Got up at 10. Listened to a fairy tale on the radio and knitted. Kurt 'phoned from downstairs and I got dressed in a hurry. We looked for Ruth but didn't find her, though we looked all over campus. Had luncheon at the house. Gee it was grand having Kurt here, but I'm worried - he's working too hard. I took my Art 15 exam and wrote a letter to Larry through most of the time I stayed there. Came back and took Ruth's watch while she took Kurt to the bus. At 8 Charlie Seares and Hank someone came. We saw (Ruth and they and I) *Collegiate*, Jack Oakie, Joe Penner and Frances Langford. It was very funny. Hank was high and Charlie was disgusted & I felt terrible for Ruth. She didn't feel very good anyway - poor kid - but she was swell. Charlie and I came back to Comstock & danced & talked 'til 12. I have a date to go skating with him next Saturday. On the radio they were just playing "With You On My Mind" - & love in my heart. Except in that song it's wonderful, but where I'm concerned it just isn't wonderful. I don't know just why, really, every date I have with anyone but Larry leaves me so unsatisfied, even though I like the person very much. I got a letter from Larry this morning & he's coming to Spring Dance, which I'm glad

of - awfully - But oh dear, I want so much more than he gives me - by that I s'pose I mean love. I can't help feeling, somehow, that I just haven't measured up, even tho' Ruth has warned me against just that. I wish it all didn't make so much difference to me but it just does and I can't help it. Everyone else that I meet I unconsciously, when not consciously, compare with Larry and they just can't measure up. I hope it won't always be that way because it's so very very one-sided - darn it.

Sunday January 26 - It's about 10 to 8 now - they were just singing "I'm Building Up To An Awful Let-Down. "by falling in love with you." I reckon I've already done just that & isn't it funny. I don't mean amusing, though, I reckon. I got up this morning at 10. Went to church at 11. Gee it is cold out. No wind but plenty cold. Had luncheon. Told Ruth's fortune with a little book from the Comstock Library. Talked to Mrs. Curtis for a long time. Came up, cut my hair short and washed it. Had dinner. Ruth tore off to Sunnyside with 8 apples from the table - Gee, I don't know what I'd do without my pal. She's a peach in every way. Came up, listened to the radio & knitted. It's a little after 9:30 now. I'm awfully tired & sleepy - I don't know why. They're playing the song I mentioned above again. Gee, it's so silly. My train of thought goes around in a circle, the center of which is a dear acquaintance of mine. It was a lovely day out today in spite of its being cold. Sunshine on the snow - now even that I could compare to my case. Larry's friendship to me is beautiful but it's cold because of the cold atmosphere. It's a warm friendship but it seems cold because I'm afraid I want so much more.

Monday January 27 - Got up at about 10 or so. Listened to the radio. Had luncheon. Gee, it certainly is cold out - been that way for the last week or so. Wrote 3 letters this afternoon. At 4 I got Ruth's notes on Lippman's Preface to Morals to type for Harry. Charley Sayre (not spelt Seares) & his room mate Sam Faris came over about 7:30. I got Luke for Sam & we talked and told fortunes & Charlie & I played honeymoon bridge in front of the fire & talked. Danced a little. Charlie is a very nice kid. He's sunny outside but there's something to him that I like. Typed Ruth's notes 'til a quarter to 5 & to bed. Gee I was tired.

Tuesday January 28 - Luke didn't wake me up this morning at 7, darn it. Woke up at 20 to 12. Took Ruth's watch this afternoon. Very little happened.

Wednesday January 29 - Got up at 6:30. Had 5 cups of coffee for breakfast - with Ruth. Went over to Stoddard 9-12 with Mr. Sherk. He helped me a lot. Studied all afternoon - took Ruth's watch. She had an exam & one tomorrow morning, poor kid. Went to bed at 10 and finally got to sleep at a little after three.

Thursday January 30 - Slept right through my alarm at 5. Woke up at 15 to 9. Wrote a note to Ruth - gee, I'd like to have seen her before she left. Went to Beckman's and had 5 cups of coffee - Spent the rest of the day in Stoddard 'til about 4:30. The exam was O.K. but I made some foolish mistakes. It's almost 11 - reckon I'll go to bed. Hope my 'lil Ruthie's having a good time in Hartford.

Friday January 31 - Got up at 7. Studied all day. Took Ruth's watch 12-1 and 4-6. I've been in a tizzy. Ruth 'phoned at about 1 - She said that 4 people wanted me down to Jr. Prom at Trinity & Harry told them that I was being "took." I could have gone down & go with Ozzie Nelson tomorrow, but I have a date with Charlie. Harry's given Ruth his pin - I'm so happy.

Saturday February 1- Got up at 4:30 this morning, Studied Spanish 'til 10:30. Took the exam. It was alright. Shopped a little. Came home, took a shower & washed my hair - took watch 4-6. Charlie 'phoned & I got Ruth Kerner & Mary Parker for two Dartmouth fellows - they came about 8 - a little before. Saw *I Dream Too Much* - Lily Pons & Henry Fonda. I loved it. Came back & danced & talked. Charlie's a nice kid. Got a sweet letter from Ruth. She says everyone at Aunt Bert's asked about me and that Aunt Bert thought a lot of me. Gee - I feel so unworthy of it all. Of course I love it, but I can't help wondering just what or why - I feel as if I didn't deserve the love of such fine people.

Sunday February 2 - A new girl came today - Marjorie Bennett - transfer from Oberlin - lives in Amherst - nice girl - up at 10:30. Meant to go to church to 7:30 but slept thro' the second alarm - dear me. Wrote a letter to Larry on watch this morning. After luncheon Sutzie & I went to Niquette's & Beckman's. Came back & married Luis & Carmencita. Watch at 5. Wrote a letter to Mother. Jud came during dinner - Ruth, Harry, Anne & Jack came about 6:30. Had dinner - talked - Ozzie Nelson couldn't come - no car room.

Monday February 3 - Up at 8. Went to chapel with Ruth. Have Miss Redding for Spanish now - she's nice. Got a darling tan-cream spring suit & apple-green blouse & socks & brown, too - at Jean's - they're lovely. Ruth told me everything that happened. She's so happy & I am for her. Hot milk & capsule & bed.

Tuesday February 4 - After going to bed at 10:15 with hot milk & everything, I got to sleep after 1:15 last night. Honestly, it's awful. Hail snow today. Got some darling cream-tan sport shoes for my suit. This Beckman ad is about me. I got 5 copies of the Hamp. Gazette & 3 pts of ice cream for Ruth, Marj & me. Archie had some. Wrote Aunt Bert - have an hour of Spanish & bed - 12 now.

Wednesday February 5 - Classes as usual. Got a letter from Dad. I'm worried from what he says about the labor situation down there (Mexico) - Gee. Went over to Dickinson for dinner with Jimmy Graham.. Talked to Anne Riley. Charlie came over there about 7:30 but I didn't know he was there 'til about 8. Gee, poor kid - we came to Comstock & sat in front of the fire & talked. Couldn't sleep 'til about 2 as usual.

Thursday February 6 - Classes. At 2, just before Chem Lab I went to the D.O. again & she told me to take this pill 2 hrs. before bed time & sleep as late as I could tomorrow. Did very little today. It's bitterly cold out. I'm so tired. Played with a Ouija board in Mrs. Curtis' room. House meeting - It's about 11 or so. Going to bed.

Friday February 7 - Slept until 4:30 this afternoon. Had a slight sore throat when I woke up. This evening I went to St. John's choir rehearsal at 7:15 but there was none, so Nancy & I came home - she lives in Gardener.

Saturday February 8 - Classes as per usual this morning. After luncheon Ruth & I went downtown and got some white wool for Harry's sweater. More or less fooled around this afternoon. (Wrote a letter to T.L. stating some facts - gee!) and then was sorry because I wanted to go to the Cleveland Symphony & had to study - did Spanish 8-11:30, washed my hair & stuff & to bed.

Sunday February 9 - Up at 7. 7:30 service - Ruth slept - the sweet brat - Sang in the 11 o'clock service in the choir. Studied this afternoon. Been snowing since about 8:30. Stopped late this afternoon. Been snowing since about 8:30. Stopped late this afternoon. Sat at Mary Morgan's table. She had a guest from Amherst - fun. Ruth & I wrote letters tonight. She's the best there is - I have a rotten chest cold.

Monday February 10 - Lost my voice the end of Spanish this morning. Almost got a lovely red pleated chiffon dinner dress, but decided against it - or have I? Charlie & Sam Faris came over tonight. Luke wasn't here so I got Ruthie Kerner. We had fun. Trying to light the fire & playing honeymoon bridge - I got a very cute letter from Larry this evening. It made me feel almost guilty because of my Saturday one to him.

Tuesday February 11 - Felt rotten all day and went over to the Infirmary tonight. Have a private room.

Wednesday February 12 - Feel much better - got a good sleep last night. Was moved into a ward. Knitted, read and did nothing all day. Bed at 9.

Thursday February 13 - I did have a date with Charlie for tonight but had to have Ruth break it for me. I never felt better and if I don't get out tomorrow there's going to be murder - Yas'm - played bridge this afternoon. They have meals here at times corresponding to those on board ship. Spoke to Ruth at the window a minute.

Friday, February 14th, St. Valentine's Day. - Got out of the infirmary at about 1:15. Gee I was glad to be out. Saw Ruth and gee it was grand seeing her again. Studied all afternoon and evening in the Libe. Got a letter from Kurt this noon - a very nice one. Gee, I have so much work to do. Charlie phoned and wanted me to go on a sleigh ride but I just couldn't. For one thing I had so much work to do and for another thing it wouldn't have been good for my cold. It snowed a lot this morning - big flakes - & a little this afternoon - "and smooth the edges of the world."

Saturday February 15 - Nice & sunny & warm (comparatively) today. Got up at 7. Studied

until 10. Got a darling letter from Aunt Bert - I love her. Took a bath & washed my hair this aft. Took Ruth's watch. She has a bad cold. Gosh, poor kid. I wish I could do something about it. Jack Williams came up for the Dickinson House dance & Ruth and I thought Harry and Ozzie Nelson were coming with him. Well- they didn't but I had a date with Dan Hurlbert (Theta Delt) from Amherst. Jan Bulkley instigated it. We went to Amherst & had a very nice time. Jan & Bill Ray are the cutest couple. I found later that Jim Henderson came up with Jack & found that Ann (Laurence House) had gone to the movies & so he went over and spent the evening with Ruth and she had lots of fun. I'm so glad for I know she was pretty disappointed because Harry didn't come. G'night.

Sunday February 16 - Went to church and sang in the choir. The minister gave a rather touching sermon - it was more or less based on himself. The text was that of the Prodigal Son. This afternoon I took watch for Corinne from 2:30 - 5. Charlie came over for dinner. It was very much of a mixup because last night I suggested to Twinnie that she have Sam Faris, too - & I 'phoned a left a message. Then she thought it might seem forward and said not to. Then this aft. I persuaded her that she should have him and & 'phoned. He didn't get the message & finally after dinner we had Sam Miller, Charlie's roommate, come. We played some "21" and honeymoon bridge acted crazy & sang songs. Charlie invited me to the Phi Gamm house dance March 7. It's Theo's birthday & all the kids are so much fun. My heart is all full with the niceness of everyone.

Monday February 17 - Cut all of my morning classes. I feel rotten and I'm plumb dead tired & I've so much work to do. Took Ruth's watch this afternoon. She has an Art 22 written Friday.

Tuesday February 18 - Cut Spanish - went to Chem lecture. Freezing out. Took Ruth's watch.

Wednesday February 19 - Oh Dear, I'm so behind on my work - when will I ever get it made up? I get frantic every now and then thinking about it - took Ruth's watch for her this afternoon.

Thursday February 20 - Charlie and Sam Miller came over tonight. They & Luke and I all had fun more or less. Took a book over to Dickinson for Ruth. Took Ruth's watch 5-6.

Friday February 21 - Charlie's Birthday. Been working hard. George came this afternoon at about 5:30. We all went to the Rally Day shows. They were just grand. I simply squealed. Washed my hair & took a bath this afternoon. Bed by around 1. Took Ruth's watch 5-6 - She had to get dressed.

Saturday February 22 - Rally Day was at 10 - we all wore white with our class ribbons and so on. The speaker finished talking at about 11:20. Got out & got my coat as fast as I could

and George drove me down to the bus, got there just in time. Got down to Hartford at 2. 'Phoned Aunt Bert & Uncle Fred came in and got me. Oh I was so happy to see her. I just love them. Dan had a friend there - Clinton Macy. Talked to Aunt Bert all afternoon & sang while Dan played. It's just so wonderful here - Next to Mother and Dad, Aunt Bert holds my deepest affections. There's no one like her. Ozzie Nelson 'phoned. I also spoke to Larry over the 'phone, when he called. Dan wanted me to go to the movies but I didn't because I wanted to stay and talk to Aunt Bert. We all got to bed by approximately 3.

Sunday February 23 - Up at 9. Took a bath, had breakfast and went to church. It's a beautiful day out - warm & sunny. When we came back from church, Larry came too. I gave him his birthday present - my baby pictures etc. he got a big bang out of it. Talked - had a long philosophical discussion for a couple of hours & had luncheon. There was an awful tension inside of me all afternoon - the latter part. I hated to leave Aunt Bert - left at 5:45 - finally got on the right bus for "Hamp" and broke down - I cried & cried & cried. I just couldn't help myself. The bus was very late but I arrived in College by 10 - went to bed by 11:30.

Monday February 24 - Larry's birthday. I cut my first class this morning. I'm behind in every single subject. I'm discouraged completely - about everything - and nothing matters. I just don't care. Saw about rooms for Larry & Harry this morning. Wrote a long letter to Mother - A sweet one from Dad. Ann Riley & her roommate for dinner.

Tuesday February 25 - Ruth's birthday. Gave Ruth my picture for her birthday - when I finish the blue sweater she gets that, too. Wrote a long letter to Dad today. I'm working like the devil, and worried to death about the outcome of this weekend - Gee - Charlie came over tonight.

Wednesday February 26 - Oh, I'm so worried about my courses. If, this weekend, everything doesn't go along perfectly smoothly, I've made up my mind that I just won't see any more of Larry. I'd hate to give up seeing him but if there's any strain in me, I'll have to, for it takes too much out of me - Worked all day long - Very little sleep last night.

Thursday February 27 - Wrote a poem this morning and was late to History lecture. Rainy snow today. Got a sweet telegram from Mother in reply to my long letter of Monday. Chem lab this afternoon. Went to sleep last night, after the Fire Drill, while I was studying. Woke up this morning, lights on, windows closed, dressed, inky. 4½ hrs sleep - that's a lot.

Friday February 28 - Slept 11-1. Made another poster for Art and am all caught up on my work. I'm so relieved. Had lots to do, and finally got to bed about 2.

Saturday February 29 - Classes this morning as usual. I thought they'd never be over. Wore my pink skirt & brown sweater. Larry & Harry came about 3. Larry & I went to Amherst-Wesleyan swimming meet. Larry is diving against Wesleyan next Friday & wanted to see

how they were. We got there in time for the Freshman meet which wasn't good. Came back & I showed Larry where he was staying - 83 West St. Mrs. Sears. Dressed - lovely gardenias from Larry. My peach taffeta - had dinner & the orchestra was good. It was fun cutting in on the men. I had fun and so did Larry, but I'm skeptical and very pessimistic about the general outcome of this weekend. It means my decision either way, and I'm afraid - well - Got a beautiful letter from Mother - I just wanted to cry, it was so lovely. Puttered around and got to bed about 2. Ruth looked lovely tonight - just like a queen. Lovely day.

Sunday March 1 - Up at 8:30. Hopped over to Sunnyside for a minute - Ruth was peacefully snoozing in her little sunshiny room. She looked so sweet. I wore my creamy tan suit & apple green sweater & stuff. Larry and I talked from about 10 - 1:30 or so. Ruth & Harry came over and we went to the Tavern for luncheon. Went into the country store afterwards - it's so sweet. Went to Sunnyside and fixed our own dinner. It wasn't until during dinner that I decided that the outcome of the weekend was favorable. We all laughed so much. I haven't laughed that hard since Thanksgiving dinner at Aunt Bert's. We had the boys wash the dishes. Larry & I laughed so much all evening - we really had a peach of a time. The 4 of us together have about as much fun as any 4 could! There wasn't a bit of strain at all either in me or between T.L. and me. He left at 10 but I'm so happy because it went along smoothly.

Monday March 2 - Got a sweet letter from Buddy this morning. Had a spoken English test this noon. Wrote a 14 page letter to Mother this afternoon & this evening. Went to dinner at Talbot with Emily Cox - found that the boy she goes with is a very good friend of Larry's - Larry spoke of seeing his name in Weekly as going to Spring Dance at Talbot. Went to Sunnyside. Talked to Ruth - Charlie came over. Paid bills tonite.

Tuesday March 3 - Mother's birthday today. Spring is in the air., as Ruth said. Had a very pleasant talk with Miss Reding this afternoon.

Wednesday March 4 - Been working hard all day. Studied over in the Libe tonight. Ruth was there with me. When we came home we stopped at Toto's & got ice cream cones & walked back. Lots of fun - yup, spring is in the air.

Thursday March 5 - Snowed today & spring has been pushed away - or rather blown. Miss Reding came over for dinner. Very nice - Ruth had to study, tho'. Went to see *It happened in Gingling* - very good - film of our sister college in China. Mrs. McMillan from Beard's gave it. The snow on the trees is lovely.

Friday March 6 - Worked on a poster in the studio this afternoon from 1:15 to 4:30. Gee I was glad to leave. Had a letter from Larry. A student gave us our Spanish lesson today.

Saturday March 7 - Classes this morning & finally got dressed, etc. by 4:00. Went over to the Phi Gamm house, Charlie looks very nice in tails. Had a very nice time & got things

straightened up between Luke & Sam Faris. A great old time - gee whiz! I wore my old-fashioned red moiré - lovely gardenias - but not like Larry's last Saturday. I'm afraid that Charlie is getting too serious, darnit. I'd hate to have him hurt the way I've been. A very nice dance. A lot of Comstock was there. Ruth'd made my bed, the sweet thing, for me. Got to bed about 15 to 3 or 3.

Sunday March 8 - Got "C" this morning. Got up at a quarter to one. Didn't have luncheon but the maids gave me lots of ice cream. Studied this afternoon. Little happened. Put Charlie's gardenias in aspirin water last night and they're lovely. Germany has sent troops into the Rhineland. France cancelled all military leaves.

Monday March 9 - A very gray day. Studied for Chemistry written tomorrow until I couldn't concentrate. House elections - Pres. - Clegg; Vice-Pres.- Phillipps; Sec-Treas. Jane Day Parker - Reps Nunez & Schneider.

Tuesday March 10 - Buddy's Birthday. The Chem. written was rotten. Played records "It's Been So Long," & "Lights Out" in Toto's this afternoon. Met Ronie during dinner & we talked. Been studying very hard. I have three more writtens this week & 10 assignments to hand in before Friday. I'll be so glad when this week is over! Spring Vacation! Rest & stuff.

Wednesday March 11 - Studied all day. Studied Spanish, Hygiene & History tonight. Stayed up 'til almost 6 tomorrow morning. Had 10 cups of coffee & 28 glasses of water. Woah!

Thursday March 12 - Was in a fog this morning. Took the Hygiene & History writtens - OK. Chem Lab & Intelligence Test! And I was so dizzy & hazy that I barely was able to get home - nothing to eat - couldn't. Bed at 7:00.

Friday March 13 - Had a Spanish written this morning but couldn't do it - In bed all day. Have a bum throat, awful headache. My eyes ache terribly too and I get dizzy at no excuse.

Saturday March 14 - Dot Treml is Phi Bet & other awards. Ray! The nurse almost came over. Wonderful day out. My eyes hurt. My throat is like aching sand paper. Had a date with Charlie. Saw *Captain Blood* (see Jan 4) Errol Flynn & Olivia de Havilland. Of course I loved it. Probably have a date with Charlie tomorrow. Have to "talk some things over."

Sunday March 15 - Stayed in bed all day. My cough is very bad. Charlie came over tonight and we had a talk. I hope that everything is settled now. He's a sweet kid, but -

Monday March 16 - Went to classes this morning but felt rotten. Stayed in bed all afternoon & night.

Tuesday March 17 - Stayed in bed all day. It has been raining and raining. Packed tonight

and did five hours of Spanish.

Wednesday March 18 - Dan was black-balled by 1 man for Alpha Chi Rho. Mrs. Curtis wouldn't let me go to classes because of my cold. It rained all day. I went over to Wesley House. I was coming down to Hartford with the Watermans but he couldn't get through from Westfield because of the flood. Took the last train down that was able to get through the flood. Just barely made it. Conditions are getting worse all the time. Went to Lenten service at Grace Church with Aunt Bert & Uncle Fred. I'm so glad to be here.

Thursday March 19 - I'm 18 - At the age where I can be married sans consent of my parents. Wa'al now. This is my birthday. Got some sweet cards and a darling hankie from Aunt Bert & Uncle Fred. Had a lovely birthday cake. Oh, it's so grand to be here. Tonight we went down to Hartford & saw the flood. Saw's Uncle Fred's office. The flood is rising terrifically. The girls that didn't get out of Hamp in time - about 4:00 - are marooned there - gee whiz.

Friday March 20 - Am getting a wonderful rest. Wonderful weather now. Aunt Bert & Uncle Fred & I went up to see Dan at Trinity - rained. Came back about 12:30.

Saturday March 21 - Dan came out with Grant Stemmeman - his room mate - taught Grant something about dancing. Went over to Grace Church just before dinner. Am going to New York tomorrow - just decided tonight.

Sunday March 22 - The flood has receded quite a bit. A horrible amount of devastation left in its wake. It rose to almost or about 38 feet - a record. Arrived N.Y. Excursion train at 11:15 - It was grand to see Ruth & Kurt. Went to St. Thomas Church where Kurt works - lovely. Met Betty Whitney. Ruth stayed at the Whitneys - she's sweet. Had luncheon at Marie's & then up to the seminary. Had the tea and went to chapel - lovely. Met several very nice seminarians. Rita Truesdell was there & so was Marj - also other Smithites. Took the 7:25 train back. Waited on Broad St. for 55 min. Harry & Jim Miller were with us until Jim took the bus back to Trinity. Those boys were all on relief work - the National Guard is patrolling the streets & they have the curfew law now.

Monday March 23 - Did little today. Wrote a letter to Kurt and others. Typed a poem for Uncle Fred. Jim Henderson came out with Harry. We walked along the rail road tracks - saw 4 trains and climbed up on oil cars & freight cars. Lots of fun. He's about as crazy as I am. Goofed around. He and Harry went back to college on the 15 to 12 bus. Ruth & I talked and went to bed. I don't think I'll ever fall in love.

Tuesday March 24 - Fooled around and did very little all day. Wrote some letters. Got a letter from Tommy. Dear me - Wonderful weather.

Wednesday March 25 - Grand day. Wrote a letter or two. It's grand having Ruth here. Read

poetry all afternoon. Went to church. Came back & Jim & Harry were here. Walked the tracks a bit and fooled around. Dear me - Jim is very affectionate.

Thursday March 26 - Ruth & I walked in the country a long time this afternoon. It's just wonderful weather out. I got my little gold cross from Ruth & Kurt - my birthday present. I just love it - It's so tiny & sweet. Oh, it's lovely. Ruth went to service and Jim came out, we goofed around as usual. Talked to Grandma. Harry has an exam tomorrow aft, so he didn't come. He's not feeling well. Jim has an exam tomorrow noon. Gee. Yes, Jim is very affectionate.

Friday March 27 - Harry & Ozzie Nelson came out tonight. We had fun but I like Jim better.

Saturday March 28 - Wrote letters. Harry & Bob Christiansen came out tonight. He has a car. We scouted around for ice cream - Buy 1 qt. & you get 2. Route 3 - & there wasn't any. Wrote a 19 stanza poem; rhyming couplets - "A Wondrous Thing."

Sunday March 29 - Went to church. Saw Larry - Talked to Bob Howard in "Wimpy" - the Ford - alias "The Last Resort." Al Turner & we two acted goofy and had a great old time in the "Pillars" driveway. They & Larry scooted back to Trin. for luncheon. We made sandwiches & Bob & Ben Appleby came at 2 and we looked over the flood area. It must have been horrible. They both worked on the flood relief. Larry did a wonderful piece of work - he was in charge of a great deal of it. Went to the air field that was inundated. Drove round, sang college songs and got myself pseudo-engaged to Bob as well as Al. We decided where we were going to live, etc. a little battered flood-stricken house - Uncle Fred, as Justice of the Peace, was going to marry us but he said we'd have to wash our faces first, so we thought we'd wait. It's a wonderful day out. Simply marvelous. Then at 5 we went to chapel at Trinity where we met Jim & Harry - We left Bob & Ben outside of the chapel and met Jim & Harry inside - it was funny. Then we came back & had Sunday dinner. Jim & Harry came out at a quarter to eight. We goofed around and had a lot of fun,. Gee Whiz. I'm not as much of a vigin as I used ter be - by that I mean that I let Jim kiss me. There were several butterflies there, too. I had to rationalize quite a bit to get rid of them and I'm not sure I did a lasting job.