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Diary of our trip to aid,
Saskatchewan

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SATURDAY

Of course the packing began sweeps of all the available bags, and suitcases of the neighborhood being collected and passed around in the bedrooms. Packing always starts slowly and accelerates toward the last. It was just in the fury of the last two days of it that we suffered an evening shock. Helen Gray and a girl friend came in to-day for the weekend. Our downstairs is practically denuded of furniture for Chack and his decorating. Similarly the upstairs is jammed and hardly negotiable unless one is breathy sober and not in too big a hurry. What a situation! Kathleen was wonderfully good-natured through it all. Having learned that Helen's friend's name was Gertrude.

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The permission was granted, with the
 proviso that I must on no account
 tell her "Sentence the Governess".

Well, we put them up as best we
 could, having them park chairs
 on the end of a shovel. As the
 Taylors were away at a dance we sat
 over the way for the evening.

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 Smoking quietly, smoking, chatting and
 even sawing off a few bars of music.
 When time came for bed I was
 dismayed to find that these two old
 maids would not sleep together so
 that meant they occupied our only two
 available beds. Kathleen and I bunked
 on the studio couch, which was probably
 just as comfortable as anywhere else
 in such an upset house as ours.

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SUNDAY

The heavy rain of yesterday morning cleared the air, and today brought a decided improvement in the weather. After a hurried lunch we hurried your guests off on the noon train for Swanton. We gave them no choice - just dumped them up at the station in front of the engine. It left just a scant half day to do all that I had planned for a day and a half. Imagine how I hopped around with the lawnmower hoe and rake. I had to give the place a real haircut, neck trim, shave and shampoo to make it presentable during our two weeks absence. My B.O. by six o'clock would have knocked Tony's truck over. A bath and ^{complete} change worked wonders. Supper and the dishes Aug. 18

as the train hour approached. What if we didn't get to the station in time! What if it didn't stop after all! What if we left one or more of our bags behind! These thoughts produce high blood pressure and occasionally a stroke. However the bags were duly collected in the coach and Jack's car, the house shut up and locked, and everybody off to the station. Earl and Colad kindly offered to do the taxiing. What an assembly at the depot. It looked like half the village. There seemed to be others going as well, barmenters, business men - all taking advantage of the flyer stopping - if it did. It did. ~~Just~~, it really stopped long enough for us all to pile in, wave goodbye and stagger to a seat. John Jr. cried just a minute but soon became accustomed to the strange new life aboard train and from then on got probably as much kick out of it as any of us. The run to Toronto seemed very short. I had just nicely got settled down and telling Kathleen about a similar trip of mine while hunting to Humpo when I heard Toronto, Toronto Union Station - all

hooked in trainman gently
 the crook of my umbrella and asked him
 if this was Grants. He said it was.
 I asked him if he was sure we got off.

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Just then somebody must have bumped
 into me or somebody hit me for the
 next half hour seems Fogg. I remember
 only wandering around aimlessly it seemed
 bent almost double with two half-ton
 bags. Eventually I found myself on another
 train and in a compartment with my family.
 The Taylors were in the adjoining one.
 Everything seemed to be in order. As the
 hour was late we straightway went
 to bed. After a deep sleep disturbed
 only every five minutes by loud bangs,
 jolts and twisting of the cervical
 vertebrae I awoke in broad daylight
 as we were approaching Sudbury.
 Everywhere was new terrain; bald
 white rock looming up everywhere; little
 lakes; big lakes, with their bright green
 fringe of birches and poplars. Aug. 19

to give a rough, unshaped
country that seemed to get more
so as we progressed. What little
farm land there was looked poverty
stricken and the buildings dilapidated.

A brief glimpse of sun was all for the
day which became cool and dull and
degenerated into a fine drizzle at times.

This dampened our spirits ~~and~~ as well as
our coats as we stood out on the
observation platform to view the famous
Lake Superior scenery - stupendous
vertical cuts, escarpments, tunnels and
corkscrew curves - too many of them.

Guess I'll go into the compartment and
sit down a while. No use trying to
play bridge, or read - everything seems
to be turning, turning, twisting - will
we ever get straightened out? Oops!

pardon me; get out of the way, way for
the porter. Finally things got ironed
out a bit and we felt better. Arrived
at Port William late at night, after
which we sought our berths again.

Bang of rumble, squeak, grind,
scree, paw, buzz and it was
day is more! This time bright warm

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TUESDAY

sunshine played along the car windows
and the weather looked more promising.
Beautiful Kenora in the morning
sunshine, with its twin nestness of
flower beds, lawns, and bright painted
buildings, the sparkling water, and the
breezes playing through the emerald
leaves. It should be rated much higher
than Paris in a contest for "Canada's
prettiest town." But of course Canada
is big and there are lots of pretty
towns. Picture the size even of Ontario.
As Jack reminded us, here we have been
going steady from Sunday evening till Tuesday
morning and still in Ontario. But not
for long. Almost by magic the rough
lakes country gives way to the open
horizons and the yellow Aug. 20

harvest fields, the endless plain stretching to the horizon, the tall elevators towering over the train then receding to mere specks in the clear distance, and the tracks converging to a point. The middle of the forenoon found us at the metropolis, called the "gateway to the west" - Winnipeg. The hour's pause allowed us to inspect the antique locomotive on display at the back of the depot. Dennis like Jack the other little boys climbed all around it in and out and asked at least a thousand questions. How grateful we were to stretch our legs on terra firma after the cramped compartment and narrow passage ways of the train. All aboard again for another stride west across the prairie, as the cloudless day was almost over and the sun gilding the western horizon we said goodbye to our big train number three at Regina and were taxied to the imposing Hotel Saskatchewan. By some slip up we Bells were elevated to the tenth or twelfth

while the Taylors sought the fifth. This seemed to threaten to cramp our style for the evening. However it turned out not too badly as we went

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WEDNESDAY

down and gauded ourselves in sleeping Johnny's room after our children were bathed and asleep. Jack had Norm, Mack, and Pearl in and the bunch of us quietly smoked and drank an assortment of liquor for two hours or more. Little John was a wonder - he slept through the whole orgie. The morning dawned fine and warm, and the first order of the day was breakfast in our palatial room on the tenth floor - a corner room commanding a marvelous view south and east showing a great display of neat, brick buildings, colored roofs and tree-lined streets and all around beyond the city limits the golden prairie. Train time again, the busy depot, a local train that brought us in an hour to Aug. 21

Moose Jaw - the friendly city of
the west. We stepped out into the
sunshine and bustle of one of the
business streets for a short walk,
calling in at one of their big stores
to get some baubles for the children.
At a quarter to ten we embarked
for the last lap of our journey on
the famous Shewanon special. It
took along at a good thirty miles
an hour stop speed, but oh, so many
stops did it have to make. The
country between Moose Jaw and Assiniboia
was more rolling but seemingly
devoid of vegetation - the most dreary
desert imaginable. One could see
fences along the sky line in single
file, sometimes only one fence.
Occasionally we passed a dried up
alkali lake, most unattractive and
adding to the general dreariness of the
scene. At Assiniboia we had twenty-
five minutes pause for lunch. As it
was a hour past lunch time we
were ravenous. At a nearby restaurant
we had egg sandwiches with gherkins,
lukewarm coffee and raisin pie rich
in sand. Refreshed from this

ing collation we were all for
 west across the desert - our
 strike before being put out. During
 final weary minutes the children
 blacked and blacked both clothes

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THURSDAY

and skin till they were scarce recognizable.
 Kircail at last and Bill to welcome us and
 drive us up to the house. It took two trips
 so great was our conglomeration of luggage.
 The scene at Uncle Will's was in typical
 western style. A huge banquet of food
 and reception which our own parents
 could not have outdone. Nothing was too
 good for us. Nothing was too much
 trouble. After such a long weary trip we
 were all for retiring in good time for
 a long sleep and what a sleep it was.
 Unbroken, wrapped in the complete peace
 and quietness of a little western town -
 village we call it in the east. The
 Belle and Jaylans occupied the two front
 bedrooms with our respective son and
 heir coaxed beside us. Mola

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occupied the sun porch all by
herself. Ah what luxury to stretch
on such beds of down with no racket
or disturbing motion! And no need
to get up in the morning. Just rise
when you felt good and ready. And
everyone had different opinions of what
"good and ready" was. Breakfast was a
long drawn out meal, struggling in one
or two at a time. The children, of course,
awoke first, up first, and had to be
fed first. Good old Aunt Annie - what
she put up with for a whole week!
The day being warm and bright the
first task that devolved upon Jack
and me was the erection of the
Enticknap tent out east of the house
to serve as a playpen for the children.
It duly went up and it duly came
down (but of that later). Anyway it
served its purpose for a day or
two till the novelty wore off. My
first visit to uncle Will's store was
in the nature of a revelation for how
and behold the first sight that greeted
my eyes was a white enamel water
faucet perched high on the top shelf.

The purchase of it took less time than it takes to write it. Just what I have been searching for these long years. Also got a dandy pyrexia frier for W. and a hammer for Dennis, and other

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FRIDAY

Items. What a store! During the drowsy hours of the afternoon, with the women folk away to a meeting, John and Downs, Jack surreptitiously pulled a bottle of eye from his club bag and poured two hefty ones. My ears lengthened, my eyes brightened my hair became more erect - in other words I had a delicious glow which lasted till supper time - quite out of buying with this local option house. To-day, Kwal's eighth birthday was five and hat - close to ninety. But one does not feel the heat here. It is a superb air, the only discomfort it brings being an almost constant gnawing appetite which is more than looked after three or four times a day. As Bill was away to Moose Jaw, Jack and I went to ~~the~~ ^{Aug. 23} under took

To get a cake of ice from
down town, borrowing a wagon
from two chubby little boys at the
garage. Two bright nickels seemed
mental enough. We chopped half of
the cake up for the frozen and
Jack set to work on the ice cream
for the birthday party. At three
o'clock six pretty little girls
assembled and Aunt Annie very
skilfully engineered a program of games
and lunch the chief items of the
latter being the pink ice cream and the
birthday cake. The biggest sensation
of the day was our visit to the
Kincaid cinema show, after the youngsters
were asleep. The melodrama of 1850
had nothing on it. Gaps in the
sound track added to the merriment.
"Heck, flick. Bulgarian Troops on the
march. One more tomorrow." Yes
I know there is one more tomorrow
but we had enough to-night. Oh the
heat, and the sweat, and the laughter
- it will do me for months. "Heck,
flick, flick. The end. God save
the King."

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SATURDAY

The weather seemed to promise rain this morning as clouds hung around and the air was sultry. Spent most of the day sitting on a heap of nails smoking and swapping yarns. Young Bill landed in about 4:30 with some hardware from Moose Jaw. Mr. Phillips, the owner of the car was under the influence of alcohol. After the car was emptied, Bill took us out about a mile and the boss (Phillips) passed around a bottle of warm brandy. 'a bit fittin' what muck! I could only take about two swallows. Philly's better half, or $\frac{3}{4}$ was ready for him with the rolling pin when we got back. The rain which threatened all day burst upon us at tea-time

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Jack and I barely had time to make the house when down she came. The temperature fell also and by bed time it was uncomfortably cool. In the calm of eventide after the zero hour, or childrens bed time, Aunt Annie and I stood Jack and Kathleen in a rubber of bridge. Of course we were beaten but bore up well in defeat like soldiers. Jack and I undertook to go down and meet Bill at the store at closing time. It was nearly midnight when we set out, slithering in the sticky gumbo and stumbling along the rotten board sidewalks. Even a flashlight does not insure safety in this old fashioned town - especially after a rain when everywhere is a sea of mud. Well, we found Bill just locking up and stood a sandwich and coffee in a lunch counter a few doors down. We saw the real Saturday night life of Kincaid, the young bucks reeling around, drunk on Coca Cola (or the lack of it), everybody.

talking at once, the fragrance of coffee and blue cigarette smoke. — and then skidded home.

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SUNDAY

Sunday morning dawned drab and cold. An even gray spread over the sky and ~~condemned~~ wind blew over the prairie. It was a welcome sensation to feel artificial heat as we went in to breakfast. Aunt Annie had a wood fire in the kitchen. Mr. Evans came in for a bite of hot food as a clergyman, especially young ~~one~~ cannot preach on an empty stomach. Service was in the afternoon and according to all reports was a decided success. Kathleen played a violin solo which went over in a big way. An accident happened shortly before that threatened to disturb the program of the afternoon but everything got squared away in time for church.

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Nuala pushed Dennis into the little hall table laden with breakfast. The crash was terrific. The worst of the whole thing was that Uncle Will's glasses were smashed. They (the children) were sent to different rooms in disgrace. Nuala got her tears cleaned up in time to go with the rest, while Dennis fell into a nice afternoon sleep which was just what he needed. I was placed in charge of Tim and Johnnie who also was asleep. For supper we had another birthday party, this time for Kathleen. The children and I had skidded down through the mud to the iced house in the morning and got the necessary chunks of ice for the freezer. Aunt Annie had another of her lovely cakes at this time with 36 candles on it (more or less). We went over to the Christians at night and had what would have been an enjoyable time with records, beer and lunch, if Kathleen had not tried some low flying and a crash landing off the front steps. The scare sobered us all up - except me, I staggered into a barbed wire fence with

Kathleen on my arm and ruined
her best pair of nylons. Was my
name mud! Just letse my rubbers.

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MONDAY

Monday dawned gray and chilly. Again we appreciated the little spot of wood fire in the kitchen range. We had the most delicious big roast of beef to-day, embellished with Drumho's vegetables which, by the way, are spinning out very well. If I do say it myself, our carrots are carrots and our beets are beets, also our cabbages are cabbages and we know our onions (thanks to the Taylors). There was quite a tinsup for the bathroom in preparation for our evening at the minister's, and I simply couldn't wait so I disappeared across the road into the field with the "Globe and Mail". This caused a deal of merriment, so much so that

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Aunt Annie suddenly shot out of
pitcher door with the pail. She
bare bald parsonage was like
a refrigerator. The blood soon
congealed in all our extremities.
Talk also seemed frozen. Little
sporadic bits of it flitted around
but did not flourish - people were
too cold and there was a general
lack of interest. A powerful and
energetic pianist with a sheaf of
music under his arm entertained
us with admirable dispatch and
gusto. When he had executed about
a dozen numbers he excused himself
and left. There was a general dampness
over the room, my shirt was quite
damp. We tried to liven things up with
some songs and of few readings of poetry
but without much success. It was
like trying to strike a match in a cave
where there is not enough oxygen to support
combustion. All you get is thin blue smoke.
My blood seemed very thin and my
skin was blue when we retired.

Kathleen usually counts on me to warm her up in bed but for once it was a case of everyone for himself. Our teeth chattered and we shook till

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TUESDAY

sleep finally came to the rescue. On waking next morning the sun shone, and everywhere was cheerfulness and warmth. What a contrast to yesterday! It was like being suddenly transported to another climate or season. Let's all last days we tried to pack in as much fun as possible in a few fleeting hours. The trouble was packing started all over again and our fun was cut into by stern duties. I got some wire from the shop and wired up the bak hoop now full of dirty clothes instead of vegetables. I bought the three youngsters Lorus and they filled up the peaceful settlement with an ear-splitting chorus. Our dinner today was quite on a par with the others; it included, carrots,

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mashed potatoes, fried chicken and fruit salad with great gobs of whipped cream. The big event of the afternoon was a ride out in the country with Tom Christian.

Tom had a few to begin with and was rarin' to go. He rolls half a dozen joints into the floor of the cab and away we go hell bent for election. Our progress was impeded a little shortly after the takeoff by being squeezed into the guard rail of a narrow bridge, all on account of a somewhat larger truck going the opposite direction with even greater speed and determination. Well, we didn't break the rail much, or did we bend the fender unduly, or did it seem too far down to the bottom of the gully with yawning beside us. So the upshot was that we up and shot away down the road a little carefully at first but soon with the same speed as before the mishap, careening crazily off on sideroads and leaping over ridges. On getting out I found myself somewhat yammered in spite of the mild bottle of beer. I did not

trust myself too close to the beasts
that were being loaded in the back of
the truck, or within too close range
of the special brand of language used

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for loading such beasts. Probably we
got back to Kincaid none the worse
for our experience and doubtless the
better for two bottles of lube warm beer.
Needless to say our last evening was
spent right to home, Bill coming back
about ten to help out with the
gobble and mirth. Then comes it
the last day - always too soon -
much too soon. How clear and warm
it is. How golden is the limitless
prairie in the morning sun. How
everything ~~beckons~~ ^{beckons} us to stay, instead
of turning our backs to a prospect so fair.
Yes, why do last days pop up so quickly?
No matter whether your visit is for
a weekend or a month the last day
always intrudes on your peace of Aug. 28

mind else ~~rest~~ day or the taxes.
No time this morning for fun, just
bustle around and get the boys in
shape to go to the station. Bill
got Tom's truck at eleven and we
shot them all down to the depot and
got the checks. Then back to the
house for an early dinner, at
which we simply stuffed ourselves
in case we didn't get anything to eat
on the way home. I guess it looked
like that. I never saw such quantities
of whipped cream, and butter, and
sweets, as well as meat and such rationed
foods. It was a veritable banquet every
day and three times a day. Here we
are at the station. In the clear noon
air the train is seen coming white still
at a great distance. The fond carresses,
the tender farewells, the lumps in the throat,
the train steaming in, swallow ^{up} and
our luggage, the final waving as
the great ~~Shannon~~ express jukes into
movement, and we are away. How is
it that the journey home invariably
seems shorter than the one that
takes you away? The long afternoon's
crawl to Moose Jaw was not

nearly as fatiguing as coming out. Perhaps we knew more what to expect and we were more resigned. Wonders of wonders!; the train though twenty minutes

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THURSDAY

Late out of Kincaid made up time and we arrived in Moose ~~port~~ right on the dot of 5.05, giving us our full ten minutes to get on our Regina train. Just an hour's run and the capital city once more. Fortune favored us again as Kathleen's lens was waiting at the hotel and our rooms were quite close together on the tenth floor. Ours was the diagonally opposite corner room from the last so we saw the other half of the city with a north and west exposure. The time I occupied going down to the nearest drug store to tape up the new lens in the old frames just excluded us from the last call for the dining room so we Bell called out to ^{the Novia} a Café and ate a greasy à la carte meal. We were hungry enough to

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appreciate anything. Later Jack's friends
Norm. and Mac. ~~with~~ wives and sweet hearts
assembled in his room laden with drinks.
Personally I chose Hudson Bay rye and
was knocked for a loop. The whole city
was going round like a gigantic wheel.
at 2.00 AM everyone ^{except K.} rolled down and out
into the fresh night air in search of an
all-night beanery. Finding a sizable
joint we all had steaks and coffee. In this
fine northern air being up most of the
night has no ill effects, so we were all
up bright and early - as bright as the large,
bright morning, dressed up, breakfasted,
and bagged waiting for a taxi for the
depart at least 15 minutes before train
time. Norm was there on the sendoff
committee. He was pink and fresh as a
child on holidays who never knew the taste
of alcohol. Rolling east on train we
seemed to bring our holiday excitement
to a close. At least excitement gave place
to restless ease and a feeling that it is
good to be going home. Of course the
remainder of the trip was not without
incident which it is the duty of these
last pages to record, but somehow in
leaving Regina behind we left our holiday
mood with it. The sun was low

in the west when we glided into
Winnipeg, which no longer seemed like the
"Gateway to the West" as our hearts were
turned eastward to our still far distant homes.
The hour's stop and the ~~short~~ daylight

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FRIDAY

yet lingering allowed us to take a taxi
ride around the centre of the city. The horizon
beams from the setting sun gilded in a most
exhilarating way the avenues of trees, spacious
lawns and houses, parliament buildings, hotels
and other notable edifices of this fine city. Back
to the station at dusk, and back to our
palman sleepers as the great train pulled
away eastward into the night. One slight
difference noted in our homeward trip was
a greater congestion at mealtime. There
were either more on the train or they all
tried to eat at once and so jam the
narrow passage ways. Anything might
happen, something did happen in these
irksome queues. A prim and stiffly starched
nun got hung up on a corpulent man's
vest button to the amusement of all
around. The ~~patient~~ would be Aug. 30
deceased

sought relief in stories, gags and good
natured banter. A long train journey is
much like an ocean voyage, your reserve
breaks down, the personnel is like a
big noisy family. Getting up at Port
Wilham we spend the day rounding
Gabe Superior, running into the same
cool rainy weather that we had on this
strip going out. So, for the second time
our most spectacular scenery was not
seen to the best advantage. Shreiber,
White River, Chapleau, and a half dozen
more, all the same drab, dingy appearance,
surrounded by sombre hills, half hidden
in the clouds of fine driving rain. An
inhospitable country which I gladly
leave behind, Sudbury was the last
straw, also the last stop before detraining
at Toronto. The rain had increased
so much that walking out was
precluded. We made one dash for the
station platform, stood there shivering
a few moments then a second dash back
to car 58 and our berths. One more
night of rumbling, banging, squeaking,
jerking and we would be back in
"Toronto the Good" - practically, if not
absolutely home.

Everything was gleaming wet
 dark in the gray dawning light. Streets
 Toronto once more with its chatter,
 and its all pervading smell of exhaust pipes.

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SATURDAY

The grey clouds dissipate and sun peers through at first weakly then brilliantly. Kathleen's birthday! Many happy returns. May every birthday bring as happy a return as the return you are making to-day! A furious, break-neck ride on train 21 brought us home in nice time for dinner. Home! Drumbo! the little red station busting in the summer sunshine. What a welcome sight. And the reception committee Carl and Glad with two cars and Sanga with his ^{George} ~~companion~~ all wreathed in smiles to see little Johnie and the glad Land shake all around. Home to see the fresh new house, the two weeks growth of grass and garden weeds, and to hear the

village gossip in our absence.
Certainly a perfect ending to a fine
holiday to land home for a nice
long weekend to unpack, settle and
prepare for the old grindstone and
school on Tuesday with little
Hennis making his debut. Starting
out on his long career of schooling
which I hope will be as happy as
mine. As a grand dinner to
the trip and Kathleen's birthday
Turner and everybody ate dinner
at our place and finished over at
Evelyn's till two A.M. drinking steins
of beer and singing old tavern songs.

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1946 8:30 a little sun on New Years Day and
 9:00 not too cold. Chores around the house
 9:30 after breakfast till 12:30 these are four
 10:00 Bells went to Paris. Mummy and
 10:30 I cleaned the office while the children
 11:00 played and thought. They had a
 11:30 little lunch of sandwiches and milk
 12:00 but we worked on empty stomachs saving
 12:30 up our appetites for our turkey dinner.
 1:00 Got home at 4:30 and sat down to eat
 1:30 about 5:15. It was a great feast. Took
 2:00 Mrs Moore's ^(dinner) over quite a feat on the
 2:30 clear ice. Dad could only eat slops.
 3:00 Auntie W and Uncle Jack with J. M got
 3:30 away shortly after six. Dad had a
 4:00 bad coughing & vomiting spell at 9:30.
 4:30 I am had to sleep over home as Mrs Moore
 5:00 was nervous. Colder at night. We
 5:30 finished the day reading some of
 6:00 last years diary and drinking
 6:30 beer. It was a cold night to
 7:00 have to sleep alone - but such is
 7:30 the decree of fate.
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Partly fair and cold - was won
 9:00 tugged. Hard to get up this morning
 9:30 - too much celebrating for a week
 10:00 back. Couldn't make the ice
 10:30 hill up to the bridge so had to get
 11:00 some ashes from Gags pits. Hauling
 11:30 Bertha over on the wagon is
 12:00 becoming increasingly difficult. Pave
 12:30 just cant manage it. Went by
 1:00 the highway yesterday and to-day. It
 1:30 is completely bare, also most of
 2:00 the Protection - Drunks road. Some
 2:30 difference from last year. Oh for
 3:00 a clear night to see the planets
 3:30 at opposition - Mars, Saturn and
 4:00 Uranus. Clouds have closed the
 4:30 heavens for the last two weeks.
 5:00 7:30 Must hurry home now to
 5:30 take down our lovely Christmas
 6:00 tree - the last act that ends the
 6:30 Christmas - new years festivities. Well, we
 7:00 had some fun - parties, and eats
 7:30 in spite of Gags illness, Moors
 8:00 absence (over Christmas), Bertha etc-etc.

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8:30 Spring has come! 35 on our
 9:00 back veranda this morning 52°
 9:30 in Paris this afternoon No
 10:00 sign yet of any colder weather.
 10:30 The tire is half off the back
 11:00 roads. It better be as I have
 11:30 to take some dod-rotted Pitwood
 12:00 girls home also call at Ontario
 12:30 for my eggs. Wallie must
 1:00 I have her egg - if not - oh my!
 1:30 Couldn't get away before nine
 2:00 this A.M. even if my only extra
 2:30 chore was sliding Bertha over
 3:00 on the ice. The sky was decked
 3:30 with fleecy spring clouds at times
 4:00 and the sun was almost hot,
 4:30 at least it heated my waiting room
 5:00 up to 68. It was this high to
 5:30 see the 2 day old moon so that
 6:00 thrill must wait - the winter and
 6:30 spring moons are ever a source of keen
 7:00 delight - but I doubt if they can
 7:30 outdo the summer and autumn ones.
 8:00 I am moon struck - as well as planet
 and star struck. I have blasted bumps in the

waiting

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SUNDAY

50° to 52° all day. All the ice and snow
 vanished as if by magic. A balmy
 spring sky and some wistful spring
 sunshine. A bad day for mud.
 Darning down and getting the stockings
 and coat sleeves plastered, also tracking
 it out the hall rug and on into the
 living room. Sat with dad while
 the rest were at church. He was rather
 restless and not inclined to converse
 except in monosyllables. He is quieter
 at night and ~~also~~ ^{WEEKLY RECORDS} not grown as dad says
 these days. Kane and I both sat over
 there during Sunday school. Had
 Bertha over for dinner at night. A
 little practice at the Brahms A major.
 When the children were tucked all snug
 in their beds and Bertha trucked
 across the road we called forth to
 Jim and had three rubbers all of which
 Blanche and I lost, then beef sandwiches
 and coffee etc. I am amazed at Wallie's
 diary. It is much more mature and
 extensive than my 1907 one and she is
 even six months younger than I was.

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TUESDAY

But of the tender memories - darling Kathleen

8:30 Hard to get up after the 2.30 A.M. session. The usual fight to get

9:00 Wallie into the proper clothes for school - she surprised us, however

10:00 on the breakfast, gobbling it up in record time, even beating me on an even start. I got enough of

11:00 the cardboard farm put together for Dennis to amuse himself with.

12:00 It is quite pretty - came from Chicago, but the address "Dumb's" caused all this delay. A little cooler but not yet freezing.

1:00 36° to 44° She roared and a sea of mud. Travelled by Princeton.

2:00 22 years ago to night I heard the great Paderewski. How I used to love him. Had no money then - sponged on my family - but seemed to have some good times notwithstanding, in spite of all the pain, disillusionment and worry. How fortunate that the fates closed the chapter before I committed hari kiri. My life is so happy and full now!

8:30 Drill and about the same temperature as yesterday. Had to rush as one

9:00 did not get up quite so early one dark morning. Missed the great pleasure of taking Wallie to school because I had to get gas. Dennis went down as far as the top of

10:00 Haine's hill and rode back on the tricycle. The tricycle is used advisedly. His is still minus one wheel so he helps himself to Wallie's whenever he wishes which is most of the time. When I came down stairs this morning I found he had pulled apart all the frame buildings which I had assembled with so much sweat and patience on Sunday. He likes nothing to be in working order or whole; everything must be either broken or apart. It is after eight - my stomach is yearning in a most sour manner for food. No stars or planets - no sun no moon so I have to read about them in the dear old odd "New Astronomy".

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8:30 Rain came in the night and by
 9:00 dawn everything was covered with
 9:30 ice. The rain kept on all day
 10:00 and as the thermometer rose above
 10:30 32° the morning wasn't too bad.
 11:00 The highway was clear. Jack and
 11:30 I came in last night after
 12:00 our dinner and we had two
 12:30 enjoyable rubbers of bridge, one
 1:00 each - a very close score. Jack
 1:30 as usual was Kitchener bound this
 2:00 morning. So dark all day that
 2:30 artificial light was in constant use.
 3:00 When we could see the sun or
 3:30 stars just for a few minutes.
 4:00 Mars is nearest the earth to-
 4:30 morrow but it might as well
 5:00 be furthest for all we can see
 5:30 of it. Saturn will also be in
 6:00 opposition this week. No full-
 6:30 starred heavens such as winter
 7:00 knows - just fog, impenetrable fog
 7:30 and wetness. Book Club to night
 8:00 so I will eat alone after slugging

Big Bertha across the road.

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THURSDAY

8:30 Now, there's the rub - having to
 9:00 fiddle this in when I want to
 9:30 practice. I must not fail, for I
 10:00 am competing against my daughter
 10:30 who is fiddling every day in the
 11:00 the utmost extent of the space
 11:30 allotted. I lose breathing it and
 12:00 she is nothing but to let me.
 12:30 Would that trust and utter lack of
 1:00 self consciousness would last, but
 1:30 alas she will drift away, grow
 2:00 secretive, and treat her God as a
 2:30 prison to be forsaken and so leave
 3:00 us forlorn. Enough of this slurb or
 3:30 slurb. Cloudy and just cool enough
 4:00 to make a thin crust on top of the
 4:30 deep mud. Had jolly old J. S. J.
 5:00 to accompany me to Paris. He had
 5:30 a few under the belt and felt quite
 6:00 optimistic. He went on to Hamilton,
 6:30 so I will journey home alone.
 7:00 Back roads very rough. Will
 7:30 take the slightly less rough
 8:00 Princeton Highway home.

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SATURDAY

8:30 Dull and gray. Frozen at first
 9:00 but thawing as the gloomy
 9:30 day progressed. Came back
 10:00 too early with the water and
 10:30 spoiled their little game of
 11:00 "Set your breakfast later and
 11:30 surprise daddy." They put clean
 12:00 dishes on the table and I am
 12:30 supposed to get very cross and
 1:00 threatening because they are so
 1:30 slow and won't eat my breakfast.
 2:00 I tried to patch it up by getting
 2:30 cross anyway, and they chuckled
 3:00 a bit before we got off to
 3:30 school. Dennis went to the top
 4:00 of Hamer's hill again and tripped
 4:30 back (Walrus bike - his still with a
 5:00 wheel off) S. has just played so
 5:30 I am to lunch and bang over
 6:00 the bumps to Richwood. Dennis
 6:30 went to Brautman with Jack & Co.
 7:00 yesterday - what a relief!
 7:30 Not much chance to practice
 8:00 Haydn or read. The home town country
 is like November except for the cakes of ice
 strewn all along on both banks of the river with.

8:30 Still dull. Opposition of Saturn
 9:00 but opaque blackness by night
 9:30 and gray twilight by day. Then
 10:00 Is-morbus is opposition of Mars.
 10:30 There was 3 inches of soft snow
 11:00 on the ground this morning but
 11:30 now at 6:30 P.M. it is practically
 12:00 all gone - just a little dirty slush
 12:30 left. Came down by running
 1:00 but since I have my eggs
 1:30 I think the highway is the best
 2:00 road home if I want any springs
 2:30 or shocks in my car. J. D. had
 3:00 one up to the widow Davis's
 3:30 apartment last night - we had
 4:00 cigarettes and Old Paul. She is quite
 4:30 a jolly hostess. I want to get
 5:00 home before the anchors are abed
 5:30 so I have two nice calendars
 6:00 for their rooms, and also I want
 6:30 to read to them - the little darlings
 7:00 or are they devils. Dad seems a lot better.
 7:30 Jim & I put the blocks to him last
 8:00 night - I near to his bed, so Moore
 won't groan so. But he'll groan about
 something else now that's fixed.

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MONDAY

Dennis still insists on "I was the night before Christmas"

What do you know? she smiled at me in my dreams last night - my dreams are getting better all the time. Chuck and Effa in for an evening of bridge and gossip (yesterday) then a lunch of sandwiches, cake & coffee. Settled down at three a.m. after a 15 minute dish washing bout. Woke up to winter - snow falling and much colder - 9 above.

WEEKLY RECORDS

The snow shone an hour or two in the afternoon but by night it was cloudy so no view of Saturn & Mars. Stayed with Soga during church hour and had a glass of stout with him. Walke has a cold so stayed home alone. However she went to S.S. - Jim driving nursery's car and taking Mrs. Dore while H & I kept house at Soga's. Dancer on for dinner - tenderloin beaten up with the mallett with herring etc then pineapple, sundae, tea and cigarettes. Had fun pulling the kids to bed and reading them stories. Read Walke "The White Cat" - it was quite enthralling. Did dishes and gassed also read

some more of last year's diary

8:30 Cold and stormy. Thermometer
 9:00 stuck at 9° above. Hard to get up
 9:30 out of our warm soft bed. Speaking
 10:00 of "I was the night before Christmas" Dennis
 10:30 calls it "Before Christmas" night. He never
 11:00 gets stale and will bear reading any
 11:30 number of times. Wallie & Dennis both
 12:00 backing bit right. Geoffrey stayed home
 12:30 with his card, and Wallie took me
 1:00 confidentially she shouldn't be at school
 1:30 either. However I drove her right to
 2:00 the door and nearly got stuck in so
 2:30 sorry. Came down by Richwood. The
 3:00 drifts were not serious and the snow
 3:30 has improved the very rough roads somewhat.
 4:00 Snow has fallen all afternoon from
 4:30 the south west. It is calm now and
 5:00 still mild + 30° and there is 4 more
 5:30 inches of fluffy snow. Remember this
 6:00 week-end - Sat and Sun. Jan 12th & 13th
 6:30 twenty-eight years ago? That was a
 7:00 famous blizzard and sticks in my
 7:30 mind better than later ones which were
 8:00 probably as bad. Oh remember 1918 -
 wish I knew more about you!

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 The first clear January
 9:00 morning. Zero with a complete
 9:30 covering of fresh snow,
 10:00 everything conspired to make
 10:30 that typical picture that has
 11:00 been painted so often and which
 11:30 Sampson has so beautifully
 12:00 penned in his sonnet. The day
 12:30 was absolutely calm and
 1:00 cloudless and the night falls
 1:30 lifeless silently with a good
 2:00 minus temperature in store.
 2:30 Went up to the dear old Carine
 3:00 homestead at 6.00 P.M. and got the
 3:30 chains from Oscar. Oscar was
 4:00 worth 3.50 - after I paid him.
 4:30 Also got a box of crackers.
 5:00 I guess Kame will like me
 5:30 almost enough to kiss me - or
 6:00 with her? Both the children
 6:30 packed a lot last night but
 7:00 walked bravely struggled through
 7:30 for breakfast and struggled off
 8:00 to school. So - night the brilliant
 moon overpowers the noble planets nearby
 - Mars and Saturn.

8:30 Two below zero, but so windless
 9:00 that keeping the house comfortable
 9:30 was not too hard for friend
 10:00 Stober. Clouds filled up late
 10:30 last evening so I didn't have much
 11:00 of a chance to see the planets
 11:30 in Gemini. The full moon is
 12:00 ^{Caster} in conjunction with Saturn
 12:30 ^{Pollux} to-night and as light
 1:00 ^{Mars} ^{Saturn} clouds seem prevalent like
 1:30 last night I guess I'll
 2:00 stay in and keep warm. Paula's
 2:30 cold is subsiding - she barked
 3:00 very little last night. Dennis' cough
 3:30 doesn't amount to much as yet for
 4:00 which we are very thankful. I got
 4:30 the chains piled in the back and
 5:00 Allen in the front so I had a good
 5:30 load yesterday. Didn't get my bag
 6:00 right away from the car, accordingly my
 6:30 sleds etc. was frozen. Dad seems to be
 7:00 a lot better but poor Moore is
 7:30 low - she wants a wet-cup off. Persie
 8:00 clumps & clatters, Moore sighs and complains,
 and they keep up her incessant cheerful chatter.

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The twins and the great planets with the moon

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

8:30 Wonders! it stayed clear last evening so I set up the 5 inch ~~obs~~ (completion of such chores as carrying Bertha home and being kissed en route, eating an enormous dinner of succulent turnips spinach, waste groups with applause, washing the dishes and arguing with my wife. The sight which greeted me was well worth the pains. Return with it very full. Open floating past the field like a fried egg. Moon glowing like a fine talk light. I never saw any better detail even though the bulbar moon was between them. It was a night of nights - about 4 above and 5:00 shy of still! To day was milder with mostly cloudy sky, some south-west wind and snow flurries at nightfall. Wish this acrylic mix would stiffen up so I can get home along. Stomach growls for food, and I want to get away from this blasted telephone!

8:30 Dull with a little fine snow in the air. Walter was well laden down this morning so I drove her right to the school. Violin, and stand also music, then since mummy was going to the city she also had her church. Got a bed prop and a bed table at Jim Lewis last night to help Moore with Saga - maybe he can feed himself now. Down the 5th kind was waylaid by John S. who put a mysterious letter in my hand with injunctions to purchase a crock of Old Parr or some such snake-bite remedy in the near future. He anticipates more fun with the dear little widow. The two life policies for the children came - yesterday they are worth a gob of money - now at least dead, but we would prefer them alive even if they are devilish especially Dennis. They can use the money to good advantage at college - if and when. It was 9:45 when I arrived chez moi last night. Will try to do better by at least an hour to night.

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

8:30 The old order of things. ~~Rose~~ by
 9:00 guess at 6:30 A.M. (the alarm of
 9:30 clock being absent) and fall
 10:00 once this winter I saw the clear
 10:30 morning sky before the growing
 11:00 daylight had drawn its veil over
 11:30 the stars. The Gemini with the two
 12:00 planets M. & S. ~~hump~~ in the north west
 12:30 with the bright moon just east of
 1:00 them. Jupiter was being quite close
 1:30 to Spica. A little east of the
 2:00 southern meridian Antares flashed
 2:30 fire. Minus one degree. Rises both
 3:00 furnaces and set two each of
 3:30 water ate breakfast and beat
 4:00 it down the bank to meet the
 4:30 incoming Peanant. Ralph to
 5:00 talk to you the way to Paris so
 5:30 I could not feast my eyes thoroughly
 6:00 enough on the beauties of the white
 6:30 countryside this frost clear January
 7:00 morning I noticed that the hills was
 7:30 fast bound in ice once more. The
 8:00 day began by with no immissions,
 and now at 7:15 I await Rose, Jim
 Blanche. We are taking off for Hamilton

We "took off" for Hamilton finally, but only
 after a trouble call to Gordie and first
 aid by "Stemie" at the Paris Motors.
 Could hardly see to drive - just a little peep hole
 through the steering wheel. Ten below. Thawed
 ourselves out at 35 Promore Cres. by cocktails
 fish, salads, cottage roll, cheese coffee ^{ammoli} and
 what have you. Home to Dennis at
 2:30 P.M. Jim put application of salt on the
 windshield which helped immeasurably on the
 return trip. So-day was dark with a zero
 east wind. **WEEKLY RECORDS**
 I have took my car to
 Church but the children walked to
 Sunday school. Went over to see dad
 during P.S. and the lodge drove up when
 I was in the front room. Persuaded the
 Taylors to stay for dinner. This was
 had with due pomp and ceremony - the
 main item of which being a jolt of
 scotch apiece. Dennis rigged up the
 electric train himself and had a lot of
 fun with it. Bessie stayed in Walter's bed
 all day, sick, sore, and disgruntled. Putting
 the car into bed, washing a stack of dishes
 and practicing a little Brahms finished the day.

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TUESDAY

8:30 I am afraid reading this diary
 9:00 will be drearily monotonous, the same
 9:30 things said in the same way day
 10:00 after day for hundreds of days
 10:30 may thousands. I will try to vary
 11:00 it as frequently and as much as
 11:30 possible with extraneous matter and
 12:00 maybe the odd wise crack (if probable)
 12:30 Had a great time unging Walter and
 1:00 spurring Ben on to school in time.
 1:30 It was colder with 6 inches more
 2:00 snow. Waited in car and looked for
 2:30 several minutes on what seemed like it.
 3:00 However we made it on time - blue
 3:30 it or not. Drove by the 5th and beyond
 4:00 paled along behind the glow half
 4:30 the way. No sun all day. Temperature
 5:00 rose steadily to thawing but is dropping
 5:30 now the night has fallen in. Quite
 6:00 a bit of wind so I better go home
 6:30 by Princeton and save regrets.
 7:00 Twenty three years ago we saw a lot of
 7:30 the snow and stars; this year very little so
 8:00 for. No "lowed moon leading Mars to the

"Thin veiled". No gems or January splendor.
 gave in the dark west"

8:30 5:05 P.M. and the "blessed" red sun still
 9:00 shining, lighting the tops of the ~~admirals~~
 9:30 and Central school with its cheering
 10:00 ruddy glow. A clear sky all day
 10:30 a fresh western breeze dying down
 11:00 at sunset. A beautiful in fact - a
 11:30 perfect January day. To-night we
 12:00 will look for those "full-starred
 12:30 heavens" such as winter snows. The
 1:00 dusk is falling I must get back to
 1:30 my work bench. Called up R. E.
 2:00 and received a pressing invitation
 2:30 to slip up for a drink. Have come
 3:00 back more or less befuddled.
 3:30 First R. E. munching his supper
 4:00 - his 52nd birthday supper, then when
 4:30 he left to go cooking at East. I was
 5:00 entertained by Mrs. Haire and Ima.
 5:30 Do I haven't got all my Tuesday
 6:00 night lab work done. Imagine
 6:30 me, will you? Very clear snow
 7:00 at 8:30. Would like a squint at
 7:30 Uranus and all the heavenly wonder
 8:00 before dinner and bed. Carried
 Bertha over this morning when I had should
 out car and driven up in front of Zagac.

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THURSDAY

8:30 A fine bright morning, with sunlight
 9:00 that dazzled on the pure white
 9:30 country. A few light clouds around
 10:00 the old moor in the west. All
 10:30 the back roads are plowed
 11:00 out double width like the high-
 11:30 way, so I went to work in
 12:00 Redwood and the town line. Speaking
 12:30 of last night, after the dishes were done
 1:00 at about 10:30 we moved over to
 1:30 Mary's to pay her a call, and
 2:00 stepped into a rather big party with
 2:30 Helt, Lilbarn and friends from London,
 3:00 also Tommy, Harvack & Mrs. Hodgson.
 3:30 Lots of eye and beer. Lilbarn
 4:00 passed out of the picture soon after
 4:30 we got there, two big neat eyes
 5:00 downy the trick. He was very
 5:30 friendly and treated us much better
 6:00 than we deserved. Today was without
 6:30 incident. Had a good look at the
 7:00 sun whose spots are very much on the
 7:30 increase - or rampage - after a year (1945)
 8:00 of quiet. The taxi bus which was
 installed on Saturday last is doing a good
 business - also my bus is not doing badly

8:30 Milder and dull. Thawing in
 9:00 the afternoon. Had to get carrots
 9:30 from the root cellar so I missed
 10:00 the pleasure of taking Muala to
 10:30 school. Guess I had to hoist
 11:00 Bertha across. Posted a lot letter
 11:30 to Earl for her. My plate is
 12:00 now in the oven. It is 5:30
 12:30 I promised to be home before nine
 1:00 so I could officiate at the ceremony
 1:30 of returning Bessie to her chamber
 2:00 & couch. So seat! Don't write
 2:30 another word. Say there was a
 3:00 great article in the "Globe" today
 3:30 by Dreiser by the tree. He (the tree)
 4:00 is really a splendid literary
 4:30 critic. He epitomized the whole
 5:00 soul of Dreiser in a few brilliant
 5:30 paragraphs. He mentioned Dreiser's
 6:00 lack of humor or any fun making
 6:30 in his novels. He gaged like a
 7:00 blood-hound sadly on humanity with
 7:30 profound sympathy but no gladness.
 8:00 I didn't see Arturus last night
 "as I hurried home" or "Pod. Orion falling low"
 as it was cloudy.

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8:30 Coldest with a stately-gray sky
 9:00 and pale horizon. A biting wind
 9:30 from the S.W. brought snow
 10:00 in the afternoon. It is falling
 10:30 densely, swiftly, incessantly. My
 11:00 ^{car} is like a white mound. Question
 11:30 is - shall I take the peanut?
 12:00 and if I don't with I wake up
 12:30 my time to catch it back in
 1:00 the morning? These are burning
 1:30 questions. Look Allen and
 2:00 J.S. down. J.S. had me to
 2:30 dinner at the Arlington with
 3:00 the merry widow and the Candy
 3:30 kiddo - I mean Gladys Stewart -
 4:00 Rich was astute. He went to Bradford
 4:30 in the afternoon and I presume
 5:00 he is up at the widow's now.
 5:30 Dennis dresses himself almost
 6:00 entirely now. Walter is practicing
 6:30 her violin quite regularly - thanks
 7:00 to numerous wintering efforts. They
 7:30 are so good at times we forgive readily
 8:00 the other times when they are not. J.S.
 showed - we have decided to take peanut.
 (Tip, Tip). No dance to night - with tails and soft

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SATURDAY

8:30 Ah, the dawn after the dance. I saw
 9:00 the dawn all right but it was cheerless.
 9:30 The wind still whistled from the west
 10:00 and the drifts from the all-night
 10:30 blow were formidable. But the
 11:00 peanut comfortably when I had portion
 11:30 of a bowlful of tines hot goodness and cream.
 12:00 The sky cleared towards noon and the
 12:30 afternoon sun was brilliant in a sky of
 1:00 rich blue with just a few tatters of
 1:30 smoky white cloud. 7:00 P.M. Wonder
 2:00 of wonders, I am ready to motor
 2:30 home. The thermometer is at
 3:00 zero; the air is quiet; the roads
 3:30 presumably are plowed out or in.
 4:00 This is to be the great night of
 4:30 my initiation on skates of the
 5:00 season '45-'46. Have taken my
 5:30 bran exercise and feel "rarin'
 6:00 to go. Hope I have better luck
 6:30 than last night - on which momentous
 7:00 occasion I got as far as Myles Ribby's
 7:30 and turned around in imminent danger of
 8:00 my life - then nearly got stuck on
 waterworks hill - but you made it - go on!

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MONDAY

I didn't think to mention our pleasant trip home on the train Friday night which included a clandestine hooker ^{or two} of scotch. Last night was given over to the time-honored custom of bridge washed down with a very moderate amount of snags and ending across the road with egg sandwiches and tea - and were they good!! Herminia's birthday party was held to day with Tomber and Berice and the Jay Bros. Those absent were Gage, Moore & John Martin.

WEEKLY RECORDS

Summer supplied the chicken. Jack and I put in a light in the cellar-way. It turned out to be some light; instead of coming it went. I shovelled snow to walk up an appetite. Thermometer around zero all day and of course our daily quota of hearty wind. Snow plow in clearing all back streets including ours. Pushed Jack out to the hydro house at noon. Although Kane was tired out she played some Brekus with me at night.

8:30 Cold and windy. Late again
 9:00 as usual but my first appointment
 9:30 was 10.00 so I didn't keep anybody
 10:00 waiting. Kathy showed at 7.00
 10:30 P.M. To bring some morphine tablets
 11:00 as Gage had had a bad
 11:30 afternoon. She also said to start
 12:00 as soon as possible as the roads were
 12:30 filling in. I stopped my multitudinous
 1:00 tasks immediately and called on Ike
 1:30 Patterson; he sent me up to the hospital
 2:00 and by 4.00 I was on my way round
 2:30 by the highway towards home. At 8.30 I
 3:00 opened the kitchen door thankful for
 3:30 my safe passage through the blinding snow
 4:00 and threatening drifts, but my feeling of
 4:30 thankfulness was short-lived for Kathy
 5:00 looks bespoken her words which were simply
 5:30 "you are too late" - ^{I do want very especially} ~~you are too late~~
 6:00 ~~just in time~~ ^{at 7.30} - Jack and Ev got
 6:30 in at 10.30. Having followed the snow-
 7:00 plow from the 3rd. We held a hearth-
 7:30 side confab till 12.30. Lane was
 8:00 simply a marvel of self-control and dignified fortitude.

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 " Blunkly we gaze; our morrow's
 9:00 anxious glances have missed their aim.
 9:30 whether we go ^{to night} ^{west} ^{with} ^{the} ^{morning} ^{stars} ^{or} ^{the} ^{day} ^{conclude} as the
 10:00 same" This is probably ~~an~~ inaccurate
 10:30 quotation but it is uppermost in my
 11:00 thoughts. What are we? Where do
 11:30 we go? Is dissolution all?
 12:00 I am shaken with grief. It comes
 12:30 over me in blasts when I least
 1:00 expect it. It knocks me down
 1:30 in the slough of despair - like those
 2:00 bleak moments of despair that
 2:30 clouded ^{some of} my youthful days ^{over}
 3:00 (1921, '22, '23 ^{and} '29 also 1935) twenty
 3:30 years ago. It has cut the
 4:00 deepest of any loss. "His life
 4:30 was gentle and the elements so
 5:00 mixed in him" - etc. The future
 5:30 will be crowded with sweet memories
 6:00 - precious memories of the camps,
 6:30 the various trips to Torbati, the lakes
 7:00 up north and Lake Erie, as well as
 7:30 countless shorter excursions; visions of
 8:00 him in his busy shop, or early morning
 sessions in the garden. - dear Goga.

8:30 Yesterday was mild and sunny
 9:00 a splendid day for the big work
 9:30 on hand - all the snow shovelling
 10:00 running back and forth and
 10:30 preparation for to-day in the line of
 11:00 extra cooking, friends notified, flowers
 11:30 unpacked, visitors received. I brought
 12:00 two boxes from Coates arriving home
 12:30 at 7.00. Some did a wonderful job on
 1:00 Alf. He seemed to be in peaceful slumber
 1:30 with an added expression of rugged
 2:00 determination which belonged to his
 2:30 wakeful ^{moments} self. This morning was
 3:00 foggy, dull and utterly gloomy and
 3:30 as the day progressed it got foggier,
 4:00 duller and still gloomier. The front
 4:30 room was reserved for the Taylors, Bells
 5:00 and Bertha. Going to the cemetery
 5:30 the fog enveloped us like a cloak. Nature
 6:00 was ashamed - she was hiding within
 6:30 herself. One of ^{her} ^{dearest} is gone to dust -
 7:00 and gone too soon. I remembered the elegance
 7:30 of Mr. Anderson at Bertie's funeral and
 8:00 longed for him to-day. When the crowd
 finally got away and the children trooped in
 bed we held our second wake for dear old Alf.

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FRIDAY

8:30 Dear little Denny - 5 years old today.
 9:00 I got two cards for him out of the
 9:30 post. It was windy and turning
 10:00 colder. Very slippery driving -
 10:30 the middle town line would make a
 11:00 good rink. I'll admit the sun feebly
 11:30 shone in the south window but the
 12:00 temperature didn't rise to a thaw - it went
 12:30 the other way. A zero or sub-zero spell is
 1:00 on the way. - I can tell by the color look
 1:30 of the sky and the shrill wind. The first
 2:00 gathering in our living room or "wake"
 2:30 had choice to call it, took place Tuesday
 3:00 night. It included the McLean's, Myless
 3:30 Taylors, Bells and Earl B. Jack supplied
 4:00 the Walker's Canadian Claret. Last night
 4:30 the Taylor Bell foursome with Danner
 5:00 sat around the grate fire till
 5:30 midnight talking about so many
 6:00 things and enjoying a bottle of Lerby's
 6:30 "Little Touch". Getting up this
 7:00 morning was a task, so heavy were we
 7:30 "on both of de eye". The snickers will be
 8:00 in bed when I get home as I have to
 catch up on my plate work - No fairy
 Louis or fun

8:30 Denny's birthday seems to have been lost
 9:00 in the press of events like Nelly's 50th
 9:30 in "A Tree Falls in Brooklyn". He is
 10:00 growing up. Last night I slept
 10:30 from 11:30 till 7:30, the first unbroken
 11:00 sleep in 7 1/2 years, or as I imagine.
 11:30 February came in dull and colder
 12:00 with very icy roads. The Taylors set
 12:30 out for Hamilton before I got home so
 1:00 I didn't see them last night. Moore
 1:30 left presumably on the steam so I
 2:00 didn't see her either. Bertha will
 2:30 hold the fort alone to night unless
 3:00 she gets Turner or somebody to stay.
 3:30 There is a brightness gone from the
 4:00 growing sunlight and no ecstatic
 4:30 musings of spring days. Saga's
 5:00 death had touched me as none
 5:30 other. The tightness comes to my throat
 6:00 and the tears well every time I think
 6:30 of him which is many times a day.
 7:00 I beat against the closed door and
 7:30 cry out like a child lost in the dark.
 8:00 O Kathleen, divine Kathleen - how I love you -
 your dear dad must live on in you.

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SUNDAY

8:30 Real winter. The sun was obscured
 9:00 and red behind frost crystals this
 9:30 morning, but shone brighter in the
 10:00 afternoon so that the ground-fog
 10:30 had the bear could see their shadows
 11:00 without the least difficulty.
 11:30 The wind was furious but the road
 12:00 to Princeton so icy that the snow
 12:30 simply slid over it on into the
 1:00 fields. It is 7:30 now and the
 1:30 cold is increasing. I forgot to get
 2:00 gas so I'll have to go out to the
 2:30 Hull Top Lodge. — or else! Wrote to
 3:00 Bernard and Uncle Will. Got a
 3:30 case of ale, also mummy's pants
 4:00 cooker and the vacuum fixed.
 4:30 — won't mummy be tickled!
 5:00 — Oys and two boxes of frozen peas
 5:30 which will stay frozen — and how.
 6:00 Arrived home shortly after eight
 6:30 to find Mummy and Wallie with
 7:00 my brand of stomach ache so me
 7:30 didn't go to the rink or eat my
 8:00 supper. Ev & Jack arrived at 11:00.

Zero or below with a pure calm
 air — just an ideal winter day —
 like Jan 27, 1918. Jack got away
 early and leaved Hamilton for
 Montreal this afternoon. I looked
 after John during Church — in fact the
 three men held the fort while the three
 women went to the place of worship
 and nearly froze en route. Had a great
 battle to get the hyenas off to Sunday
 school, for which they were ten minutes
 late as usual! After 5:5. we dressed
 up and drove down to Richwood with the vacuum
 calling at Law's with the bed table and at the
 two Grace Klose's with flowers. Dinner
 was over for supper. Rame tried
 potatoes and carrots in her new
 pressure cooker. They were delicious
 Had a little braker before eating
 them when the kids were all in
 dreamland and we ^(four) sat around smoking
 and guzzling ale. Ten below zero
 at bedtime. The glittering winter
 heavens were at their best. Mass had
 backed up halfway into Gemini while
 Saturn is still at the eastern edge.

WEEKLY RECORDS

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TUESDAY

35 years ago to night the present was wrecked.

8:30 Some clouds accumulated in the
 9:00 early morn. and the temperature
 9:30 began to moderate. It was up to
 10:00 zero when I left for Paris.
 10:30 Phoned around for coal and was
 11:00 able to locate some buckwheat
 11:30 at Taylor's. Phoned G.W. I
 12:00 forgot to mention the thin perfect
 12:30 crescent of the new moon through our
 1:00 front door at dusk yesterday. "The
 1:30 new moon hangs in the wintery tree
 2:00 the spring rains march by the door" etc.
 2:30 The biggest spot I ever saw
 3:00 embellishes the sun, a spot easily
 3:30 seen with the naked eye. There
 4:00 is trouble and commotion everywhere,
 4:30 the earth is under the shadow of
 5:00 strikes, labor unrest, international
 5:30 bickerings, shortages of food and
 6:00 materials, general feeling of discontent.
 6:30 We all, particularly G.W., find a great
 7:00 relief in the absence of Marie and
 7:30 Bertha. Would they were both
 8:00 permanent. Peace, perfect peace.

No sighs, no complaints, no tirades.
 no lugging to and fro.

8:30 The darkness of twilight all day
 9:00 with the mercury soaring up to 31°
 9:30 and some sleet that didn't improve
 10:00 the driving any. Got morning's
 10:30 "white" car out of its frozen quarters
 11:00 and around in front of the house
 11:30 ready for a trip to Woodstock with
 12:00 Auntie Alice to interview Messrs. Shyster and
 12:30 Shyster etc. The raw damp air seems
 1:00 to penetrate deeper as the opaque night
 1:30 falls. The lengthening of the evening
 2:00 light is not perceptible to-day. Everything
 2:30 so sad and ~~calm~~ calm save for that
 3:00 persistent damp breath from the east.
 3:30 Last night after the dishes, Marie
 4:00 persuaded me to slip across the road
 4:30 and sit before Evelyn's grate fire.
 5:00 Turner was nestled in the corner seat.
 5:30 We had sherry and comments
 6:00 about Bertha and Thora were
 6:30 flying thick and fast. Travelling by
 7:00 Richmond this week. The roads are smooth
 7:30 will plow and not too all-fired slippery.
 8:00

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THURSDAY

8:30 Going was very bad last night
 9:00 especially on the middle town
 9:30 line. It got worse later in the
 10:00 evening as the drizzle increased
 10:30 to a rain. Woke up at about
 11:00 morning and heard it pattering
 11:30 on the roof. I had a uncomfortable
 12:00 feeling that I should get up and
 12:30 take the peanut. I did make
 1:00 a move at 7.10 and slugged some
 1:30 lunch together but it was so
 2:00 mild (40°) I thought I would
 2:30 chance motoring. It was better
 3:00 than last night having melted
 3:30 through in spots. Dull all day
 4:00 with west wind turning colder
 4:30 late in the day. A very dreary
 5:00 scene - slate grey sky, dirty snow
 5:30 banks, and mostly brown fallow
 6:00 showing through in the fields. Home
 6:30 & E. Had a good day yesterday in Woodstock
 7:00 They found Snowdwa in pretty good health.
 7:30 and Brighton road. They did some business
 8:00 at Calder's and some shopping.

8:30 Got home in time to read the
 9:00 bedtime stories yesterday. Dennis
 9:30 always wants "Christmas before
 10:00 night" and Nuala a tale from her
 10:30 lovely fairy book. Dinner followed,
 11:00 then a round of fixing fires and
 11:30 finally a couple rubbers of bridge
 12:00 till midnight. Turner went home to
 12:30 draw the dog and Ev stayed about
 1:00 place sleeping with Nuala. John
 1:30 Martin beside them in the crib completed
 2:00 the picture, or filled the room in
 2:30 something. It blew all night and
 3:00 was cold. Down line by Wells was
 3:30 heavy, so the highway home for
 4:00 me & the rocky road - like it or lump
 4:30 it. Strong wind with a little patch
 5:00 of blue snow and then but mostly
 5:30 fluff gaudy white clouds. Got a
 6:00 sandy letter from Alfred, mentioning
 6:30 his enlistment 30 years ago. We should
 7:00 time nearer we would have such good
 7:30 times together - probably near the old
 8:00 times out going over them the old
 fogey. Ev was thrilled with her pressure
 Cather which I got her yesterday.

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SATURDAY

8:30 I think this was the supreme
 9:00 morning of the winter. When I got
 9:30 up the sun had just appeared
 10:00 above the horizon and was making
 10:30 the warmest, sunniest sparkles on her
 11:00 frosted window pane. Drawing down
 11:30 the 5th and town line was through
 12:00 a winter scene of breath taking beauty.
 12:30 The silent white river Cabot
 1:00 the morning sun with a radiance
 1:30 almost unearthly, the white
 2:00 feathery-garbed trees and ghostly
 2:30 woods; everything went together
 3:00 to make the morning of mornings of
 3:30 this winter of extremely changeable weather;
 4:00 a morning to be cherished in the memory
 4:30 when "joyless hush July" writes us and
 5:00 the sun is on the Gemini. Now above
 5:30 and turning milder. 25 to night.
 6:00 The half moon near the Pleiades is
 6:30 a triple star. The Geminid Gemini
 7:00 with tiny Mars and glowing Saturn
 7:30 have cleared Baldy's roof and with
 8:00 Sirius bedeck the charming night sky
 from my south window. Now, Harold,
 scrawl home for dinner.

8:30 7.15-time to start for Drumbo. Have
 9:00 poured two of my fine impressions as
 9:30 a start on next weeks drive. Supposed
 10:00 to be home at 7.45 to take the kids
 10:30 to the rink. Oh, lord, give me strength.
 11:00 A very fine sunny mild day, making
 11:30 the snow shrivel to about half.
 12:00 The banks along the road have
 12:30 become a most drab brownish-black.
 1:00 The sky is streaked with soft
 1:30 sprinkles clouds, the waning moon
 2:00 is blushed. Four years ago today
 2:30 we went on daylight caving; now we
 3:00 are used again the standard time as
 3:30 if the fast time never had been.
 4:00 Quite a nice bit of daylight remains
 4:30 at 6.00 and the sun sets away behind
 5:00 the "old bake shop". Really sporting scene
 5:30 close at hand. (Later) I ate first.
 6:00 Permissibly in bed, then stepped
 6:30 over to the rink for 3/4 of an hour's
 7:00 skate at 9.15. Walter is doing fine
 7:30 - skates like a house afire. Had a good
 8:00 skate with Ras. Altogether a fine time
 - much better than that Saturday night
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Cold and bright. A fine winter day. Sun all day and a sky of frosty winter blue. The best preservation of that famous spot on the sun of the biggest on record. After the milk last night. Summer home, we are I played a couple of rubbers in which we were completely whitewashed to make up for having to beat them last Wednesday. Beer and salmon sandwiches finished the night.

WEEKLY RECORDS

I took care of John and Dennis again while the females went to church. We had a great time building towers and knocking them down. After A.S. Walbe tried her new skates (Pharley Bells) out on the road. We had a grand dinner of chicken stewed in the new cooker. Beans, salad etc. Put snow when the kids were staked, chewing the fat and feeling uncomfortably full. Berne landed in via the Pearl B. taxi, altogether a splendid day with a splendid dinner.

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MONDAY

8:30 Still cold. Program as usual -
 9:00 get up at 7:35; jump into your clothes,
 9:30 run downstairs, set up stoker to 70,
 10:00 get breakfast ~~on~~ also throw together
 10:30 Some little items for lunch, after
 11:00 oranges are squeezed and water for
 11:30 mail and water. Come home,
 12:00 detouring paper across the road, eat
 12:30 fat goodie, get good coat as hat and
 1:00 beat to Paris leaving Wallie in front
 1:30 of school. Variations from this routine
 2:00 are very few and slight - in fact
 2:30 almost non-existent. Slightly
 3:00 milder as the day progressed. I.S.
 3:30 came down with me. Later I
 4:00 met him in Ritchie's and he
 4:30 insisted that I dine with him
 5:00 at the Arlington end, of course, the
 5:30 widow. (8:00 P.M.) He had just come
 6:00 from the widow's riding high in
 6:30 spirit (Give this time) and walking
 7:00 a trifle wobbly. I am not quite
 7:30 ready to leave. I have another job or two
 8:00 in the lat. He has gone back to the
 widow's for another drink and leave-taking.

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Didn't get home till 9:30
 9:00 last night and it will be that
 9:30 late to night. Ah-me! Got
 10:00 some nice valentines and sent
 10:30 one away to Jack, also wrote
 11:00 him about going to St. Hyacinth.
 11:30 The sun was very hazy all
 12:00 day and by 4:30 was hidden behind
 12:30 an impenetrable wall of gray cloud.
 1:00 Night fell sadly with a damp
 1:30 penetrating wind. Showed a little
 2:00 in the afternoon. Hope I don't
 2:30 come in under this pile of
 3:00 work ahead of me. I am
 3:30 certainly going to take two weeks
 4:00 off this summer - so help me
 4:30 God. Wallie went to school as
 5:00 usual - no mumps yet. I do
 5:30 hope they escape.
 6:00
 6:30
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 8:00

8:30 7.00 P.M. Book Club night so
 9:00 beware! Better get a move on
 9:30 and be home before eight-or else!
 10:00 It is raining & expected - it has
 10:30 been raining all day gently.
 11:00 Came down by Richmond leaving
 11:30 valentine presents from Auntie Wed
 12:00 to Ganga and Nana - namely a
 12:30 pound of butter and a lovely photo of
 1:00 John Martin. Then proceeded
 1:30 down the town line and picked
 2:00 up Mrs Walter Parnall. Our conversation
 2:30 was mostly reminiscent and Etalies
 3:00 name was mentioned several
 3:30 times. A shade of thirty years
 4:00 ago come thronging before my
 4:30 inner eye. Got my valentines
 5:00 mailed at noon. Stuck Bertha's
 5:30 in Bob McJ.'s car to be mailed
 6:00 in Brantford. It bodes some
 6:30 fun. Sent a good one to Sumner
 7:00 from Winston. My plates are
 7:30 cooking quietly; everything is under
 8:00 control. All aboard for the little village

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THURSDAY

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8:30 Rather a wakeful night from
 9:00 the furious galls which rocked
 9:30 the house. Very mild in the
 10:00 night and turning colder
 10:30 towards morning. Blinding
 11:00 snow squalls throughout the day
 11:30 and some snowdrifts between
 12:00 times; very much like a March
 12:30 day. Came home from the
 1:00 post office with great difficulty,
 1:30 trying to carry two pails of water
 2:00 and a rather large parcel for
 2:30 John Martin besides a bulging packet
 3:00 of valentines all in a terrific
 3:30 wind on a path of sheer ice.
 4:00 The children were quite worked
 4:30 up about all the pretty valentines.
 5:00 Bertha got here from Earl. Have
 5:30 just got a lovely one from
 6:00 the Paris post signed M. Skisa a
 6:30 masterpiece of sparkling crystal
 7:00 vase and embossed flowers of
 7:30 various hues. I look forward to this
 8:00 every year. She never lets me down.
 A very sweet one from the two little ones,
 signed "Maala and Dennis."

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FRIDAY

8:30 4 below. We slept soundly for
 9:00 a jigger of rum provided by Farmer
 9:30 and started to get up and face
 10:00 the frigid day. The blizzard
 10:30 was stopped at times and I had
 11:00 to slow down almost to a stop
 11:30 often in going to Paris. Everybody
 12:00 seemed quite thrilled with their
 12:30 valentines including Bertha. I guess
 1:00 Earl's touched her heart or her head
 1:30 or something. Jim carried one
 2:00 pail of water for me this morning
 2:30 and so saved my hide as a further
 3:00 difficulty was superimposed on yesterday
 3:30's problem namely that of trying to keep
 4:00 the exposed parts of the face from freezing
 4:30 This was managed by a narrow
 5:00 margin. Evelyn's house was 41°.
 5:30 I guess they all moved over to
 6:00 the Bell's for the day. 10 above at
 6:30 noon and no statement in that
 7:00 wicked wind. Well, let's get the
 7:30 Express and the rest of the stuff collected
 8:00 and from home. The frosty air
 whets the appetite.

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

8:30 One would not believe such
 9:00 vagaries in the weather if
 9:30 seeing and feeling weren't helping.
 10:00 Yesterday morning was a mild
 10:30 winter blizzard with sub-zero
 11:00 temperatures and blinding snow.
 11:30 This afternoon is a falcyon
 12:00 spring sun with the roads all
 12:30 streaks of water. The ice to night
 1:00 will not be affected as it is
 1:30 beginning to freeze now at 7:30.
 2:00 The children will be looking
 2:30 forward to a big time at the
 3:00 rink. Having slept in the
 3:30 afternoon so Mummy told me
 4:00 to little white dog. She brought
 4:30 Blanche, Geoffrey and Ev. Down.
 5:00 The sky is bright with stars
 5:30 and abnormally clear considering
 6:00 the high temperature. Max and
 6:30 Athena born in the Semolina.
 7:00 (Pater). Colds prevented a trip to the
 7:30 rink so we bathed them and I
 8:00 read them stories in turn.

Jim invited us over to a birthday
 celebrative last night Ev. and Penner
 also. We had Jim cocktails out
 of Jim's new cocktail shaker. I
 gave him a couple pairs of well socks.
 We chewed a lot of fat. Had a little bridge
 and a lunch. This morning dawned
 fair and cold - quite a change from
 the springlike weather yesterday.
 Looked after John M. White's Auntie. We
 went to church. We spent a lot of time
 outside then called on Tommy and Hannah.
 After Sunday school the children and I donned
 our skates and skated up and down the
 road from the bridge to Cannonis. The
 ice was rough and the bare spots hard
 on the skates but we had a fine
 time and worked up a big
 appetites for pork and beef dinner at Auntie
 We's. Benie was cook of the roost and
 on her high house. Kate had a nasty
 fall coming home and splattered pudding
 sauce all over herself. She has a bad
 pull. Ev. + Turner came over at 9:00 and
 we sat around the register drinking beer
 and stout. A cold wind all day.

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TUESDAY

8:30 I awoke but the sun is struggling
 9:00 through the high white under-
 9:30 clouds and the day is pleasant.
 10:00 Called at Richards for J. S.
 10:30 and he spent the day in Paris
 11:00 part of which, no doubt I was with
 11:30 the Mercury widow. He came up
 12:00 for a looker of scratch in the
 12:30 middle of the afternoon and again
 1:00 I hear him coming in my sanatorium
 1:30 sanatorium at 8.30, which time I
 2:00 promised to depart for Richwood
 2:30 Prunty and intermediate points.
 3:00 It was a fine winter day, and
 3:30 sun coming out stronger off the horizon
 4:00 and shining cheerily till nearly
 4:30 six o'clock. My patients are thinning
 5:00 out a little and going over to
 5:30 Bob & Harold much to my relief.
 6:00 I am busy enough but not
 6:30 frantically rushed. Boy, I could
 7:00 eat anything dished up
 7:30 anyway. Bring the hash and
 8:00 pudding.

8:30 Cold east wind all night and all
 9:00 day bringing fine snow at noon
 9:30 to-day which is continuing on into
 10:00 the night. Prought mummy's
 10:30 white car down for a time up
 1:00 to the tune of \$15.26. new plays, points
 1:30 carburettor cleaned and greased. It some
 2:00 needed it. Exchanged Wallie's
 2:30 size 8 suit (brown) for a blue size
 3:00 1000 (yesterday). This morning she
 3:30 pruned on it first thing and it was
 4:00 with the greatest difficulty that her mother
 4:30 got it off and her school dress on.
 5:00 I in time for school. Eve is having
 5:30 a terrible time with the furnace.
 6:00 The rods are never hot and in the
 6:30 morning usually cold. all my fault
 7:00 for ordering such junk coal. She
 7:30 is doubtless looking forward to
 8:00 March when she can get to Hamilton
 and get warm. J. S. and Nana
 away to Toronto to-day to Mrs.
 Wray's funeral.

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

8:30 The 6 inches of ^{new} snow made
 9:00 fairly heavy going last evening.
 9:30 and the night wind sighing
 10:00 around our leaves didn't make
 10:30 it any less laborious this morning.
 11:00 Murray Dayman was stuck with
 11:30 his couple out in front of our
 12:00 place and helping him make
 12:30 me, late getting ~~ready~~ ^{ready} to Paris.
 1:00 ~~Bob's~~ ^{forgot} ~~left~~ ^{her} ~~classes~~ and I took
 1:30 them. I went down around the
 2:00 block and made the grade up over
 2:30 the bridge ~~with~~ ^{with} a second attempt.
 3:00 The day was of utmost beauty;
 3:30 the sky of the deepest blue,
 4:00 the palest ghost of a warning
 4:30 moon just over the western rim,
 5:00 the smoky white clouds scudding
 5:30 across from time to time, and then
 6:00 the brilliant sun ^{almost} blinding you on
 6:30 the fresh snow. 6:30 - Home phone
 7:00 to pay the road is blocked.
 7:30 Oh Peanut, I guess you are my
 8:00 only hope.

8:30 Peanut turned out to be a real
 9:00 friend. Sid Creedan turned Earl
 9:30 Kennedy and me up to the station
 10:00 at 8:00 o'clock, I having had no phone
 10:30 call. Earl was feeling mellow
 11:00 and at the station we found Jack
 11:30 Nolan, a few degrees more mellow
 12:00 than Earl. It was quite a party. I
 12:30 sat with Alva, Bess & pretty Jean. I think
 1:00 she's the most attractive teen-ager
 1:30 I know. Woke up at the crack of
 2:00 dawn and had ample time to cook
 2:30 and eat my breakfast and catch
 3:00 god old peanut. Station was full
 3:30 of people. The day was cold
 4:00 with a north-west wind and sunshine
 4:30 and white clouds at intervals. Earl
 5:00 came down with me and had to tank
 5:30 up both himself and his truck before
 6:00 he got away at high noon. I wonder
 6:30 if good old HX will start. Poor old
 7:00 faithful car! Got a nice card from
 7:30 Jack. Well, like Backus, guess I'll
 8:00 hunker off to bed (but not before
 I fill the great hollow mails)

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SATURDAY

8:30 A calm frosty night which left
 9:00 the snow as it was, last evening
 9:30 when my homeward trip to
 10:00 Richmond was never more pleasant.
 10:30 The plow made the back road
 11:00 smooth as a highway. Got moving
 11:30 car out and in front of Sage's
 12:00 before I zoomed through the drift
 12:30 in front of my own garage.
 1:00 Was able to get Juden's case
 1:30 of beer, but not John Martin's
 2:00 shoes. Picked up Mrs. Parnall
 2:30 I enjoy our short talks as
 3:00 it brings so much of the Elton's
 3:30 past into clear focus. How fortunate
 4:00 I am that I escaped all my
 4:30 early loves. Howard & I called
 5:00 in at 11:30 and we had a good
 5:30 ten minute interview while the
 6:00 patients became impatient. Howard
 6:30 is most welcome at all times. He
 7:00 is another strong link with my past.
 7:30 Kathy brought my ^{beer} order from Juden
 8:00 on her way to Brantford. Butcher's
 in this afternoon reminding me of my
 obligation for this evening. Dull and dreary

8:30 Made the village by 9:00 P.M.
 9:00 yesterday. Eating soup, changing and
 9:30 pressing up took nearly an hour so
 10:00 it was about 10:00 when the Bells
 10:30 and Enticknaps arrived at the
 11:00 Butcher's. A very warm friendly time
 11:30 was enjoyed by all. Stories, smokes,
 12:00 cardies bridge, gin rickes or were they
 12:30 In Collins's. Till we were so hamfisted
 1:00 that the cards ran together and our
 1:30 game was sadly undermined. Had a
 2:00 great lunch of roasted hamburgers, pickles
 2:30 coffee and pumpkin pie with cream. Home
 3:00 at 3:00 this morning. Took J. S.
 3:30 down, he was on his way to meet
 4:00 little wife at Brantford so was
 4:30 on his good behavior. The sun
 5:00 was warm and streets ran with
 5:30 slush and water. So much has
 6:00 piled up that I can scarcely make
 6:30 the rink in time to take the kids
 7:00 for a skate. Must get oil, water
 7:30 air etc at Culi's. Fix is sadly
 8:00 neglected, and the poor pears never
 get touched.

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Rather disappointed to find the children ready for bed when I arrived last night instead of all set for the rink. Walter had a sore outside which stung everything. Read them stories and we all went to bed in recent time, but not before I dispensed three big shots of eye to Auntie Wee, Rose and myself.

WEEKLY RECORDS

Uncle Jack is visiting St. Hyacinthe this week end. Had dinner over with Ben and Auntie Wee. Cold with north wind and some snow. Took some teeth out for Harry this morning during church hours.

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MONDAY

8:30 8.45 P.M. | my thoughts are
 9:00 identical with those of Feb. 24
 9:30 1945. Just turn to that page
 10:00 and get a load of it. Jim
 10:30 Ely is murdering claret in
 11:00 my writing room. I am so
 11:30 far behind in my lab work
 12:00 it is hopeless to think of ever
 12:30 catching up. Jim gets the
 1:00 adagio movements altogether
 1:30 junky and the allegro movement
 2:00 andante stumbles. Oh ye gods
 2:30 and little fishes - this is worse
 3:00 than Jerry and he was bad
 3:30 enough. Auntie Cold and dull.
 4:00 Back roads good. However the
 4:30 wine he brought was good. Thanks,
 5:00 old man.
 5:30
 6:00
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8:30 A blizzard rages as we get up.
 9:00 I am apprehensive. I stumble up
 9:30 to get the water and mail.
 10:00 my hopes for matoring if I even
 10:30 had any, rapidly vanishing.
 11:00 Kane gives me a pep talk at
 11:30 the breakfast table and I try
 12:00 the car. Stuck in front of John's.
 12:30 Kane comes out also. Kane
 1:00 drives; Jim and I push. Privately
 1:30 can sit on top of bridge. I
 2:00 climb in, all around and soon
 2:30 in a swirl of snow to Paris.
 3:00 A fine fat letter from Jack.
 3:30 Snow from the east all day.
 4:00 There is over a foot now. It
 4:30 is 7:35. Kane hasn't - yes
 5:00 Kane has just called. I guess
 5:30 I'll tackle it. Now may the
 6:00 grace, mercy and peace etc.
 6:30 P.S. at is heartily cold - about 12
 7:00 above with that infernal wind.
 7:30
 8:00

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Getting home last night made an
 9:00 epic (similar to Jan 19, 1943). I
 9:30 started at 8:00 and arrived at 12:30.
 10:00 Took 15 minutes to dig the car
 10:30 out in front of Pearl Pletchers where
 11:00 the grader had nearly buried it.
 11:30 Jumped in at Princeton and got stuck
 12:00 at the second. Another car was ahead.
 12:30 A very kind young chap ~~down~~ his chains
 1:00 and pulled us back to the corner.
 1:30 Went around by Gables and took
 2:00 the wrong turn off the town line - 5th
 2:30 instead of 7th. I lost count as it
 3:00 was snowing and blowing heavily.
 3:30 The worst place was below Haines'
 4:00 hill. If Ted Butcher and the plow
 4:30 hadn't come along I would have
 5:00 been there all night. Took quite
 5:30 a while to thaw out and change
 6:00 into dry clothes. My pants were like
 6:30 armor plate. I bed at 1:30. Peanut
 7:00 of course this a.m. and it will soon be
 7:30 time to trudge up the hill. East wind
 8:00 all day and very dark. I am ready to
 go home (7.00) Oh, for good old HX.

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THURSDAY

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8:30 Yes, good old H X. I took
 9:00 particular pleasure in driving him
 9:30 to-day. Got Kavis car packed
 10:00 out the lane the children shovelled
 10:30 yesterday afternoon, and down into
 11:00 Mrs. Churn's driveway. Then got
 11:30 away myself with two trunks.
 12:00 Went by Richwood and town
 12:30 line. The roads were well ploughed
 1:00 and fairly smooth - much better
 1:30 than no 2. To-day is the day
 2:00 Wally skips school for the afternoon
 2:30 and gets driven to Bradford
 3:00 with other little girls to try her
 3:30 music exam. Dennis goes along
 4:00 and probably Annie W. and
 4:30 they are to take in a Shakespeare
 5:00 Temple show at 3.30. It has
 5:30 been much talked about and
 6:00 anticipated. What a grand day
 6:30 for it all. Sunny and milder -
 7:00 melting some and not blowing
 7:30 enough to hurt the roads. The sun
 8:00 is in luck this time. Got I
 Summer's pressure cooker.

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FRIDAY

8:30 Good old March; she came
 9:00 in like a lamb, with misty
 9:30 warm sunlight making the snow
 10:00 shrink and the icicles crash
 10:30 on the street. The roads were
 11:00 perfect this morning but after
 11:30 this thaw I think the highway
 12:00 home will be easier on the car,
 12:30 and then I have to call for
 1:00 Mrs. Lewis, Oh dear - five
 1:30 minutes to nine and no reading
 2:00 no music, no nothing, just a
 2:30 slave to the work bench - a
 3:00 bear for premises honest. Poor old
 3:30 Charlie Davis buried this afternoon.
 4:00 He was always going to come on
 4:30 and get his teeth out - now he
 5:00 won't need to. Well, here goes
 5:30 - can't stand there grinding
 6:00 pains any longer.
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SATURDAY

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MARCH

3

SUNDAY

8:30 Spring weather. The middle
 9:00 of William street is bare, just
 9:30 the dirty barrels at the curb left.
 10:00 Round the back roads quite
 10:30 permissible, or passable on whole.
 11:00 or overable. Dull at first but
 11:30 the sun shows all afternoon only
 12:00 hiding its face once just before
 12:30 sundown. The evening was dull
 1:00 and a cold wind sprang up from
 1:30 the west. A little play light shined
 2:00 at 7.00. Ev. was good both
 2:30 getting over a little sweat with
 3:00 the flu just in time for big John's
 3:30 arrival. Hope we can have
 4:00 some fun to night.
 4:30
 5:00
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 6:00
 6:30
 7:00
 7:30
 8:00

Had a little fun last night.
 Played a little bridge ^{at 2 o'clock} then
 Dinner came over to have a few drinks on
 the prodigal son. Jack came.
 He saw and he was concerned.
 The flu bug really hit him and
 he remained in his night attire all
 day. Pa and Ma Taylor visited them
 in the afternoon. It had a lazy
 day. Didn't do much of anything
 except eat, get water, take out
 WEEKLY RECORDS
 slinkers and dogs on the Chesterfield
 The day was mild and clear.
 The winter stars burned bright in
 the dusk and Mercury glowed
 low in the west. Had dinner and
 Auntie Wee for dinner. Saw and
 tender vegetables. Had to run to
 Hamlet after putting the binder
 to bed. Fixed Jack's furnace,
 smelled empty whiskey bottles, then
 came home. More than a smell awaited
 us at home. Jack produced a fine bottle
 of Jamaica Rum. Tasted by Jack's
 Chesterfield. till 1.30 P.M.

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MONDAY

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5

TUESDAY

8:30 Very mild still. Went by
 9:00 Princeton for two reasons. First
 9:30 the back roads were like slippy
 10:00 wash boards and secondly I had
 10:30 to pack up the Swarts. The
 11:00 sun was fields till mid-afternoon
 11:30 when it hid itself for good
 12:00 behind a dark bank of rain clouds
 12:30 and the rest of the day was wet.
 1:00 Rain is falling heavily now.
 1:30 which means good-bye to the
 2:00 river ice and the rest of the snow.
 2:30 We don't get much chance
 3:00 to practice but we managed to
 3:30 squeeze in a few minutes at the
 4:00 Sorely Browns. A msg. late yesterday
 4:30 afternoon. His melodies are most
 5:00 charming.
 5:30
 6:00
 6:30
 7:00
 7:30
 8:00

8:30 Mild and dull. A most extraordinary
 9:00 day. Wallie has a lame knee
 9:30 so I had to drive her to the school
 10:00 done; then two back and get gas
 10:30 at Egis. All of which made me
 11:00 late for my 9:30 appointment.
 11:30 Dad said, I will recall, a most
 12:00 extraordinary day. Extracted all
 12:30 morning. 4 patients beginning with
 1:00 Mrs Otto at her house. Travelled
 1:30 by fifth which had settled and
 2:00 wasn't too bad. The river was
 2:30 open in spots but the bulk of
 3:00 the ice still held. Found out
 3:30 what the ambulance was doing the
 4:00 other day. One of the widows Davis's
 4:30 boy friends fell down stairs.
 5:00 I'm glad it wasn't John.
 5:30 Jack went to work this morning
 6:00 after a miserable two days with
 6:30 the gripe. John Martin is very
 7:00 cute.
 7:30
 8:00

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

8:30 Mostly cloudy and much
 9:00 milder! It looked summer
 9:30 heat this afternoon - 64°
 10:00 The ice was still holding
 10:30 at the 5th bridge this morning.
 11:00 But this will be the end of
 11:30 it. This is much warmer
 12:00 than a year ago and it was
 12:30 a record warm March. Guess
 1:00 I forgot to mention the results
 1:30 off the music exams last Thursday.
 2:00 Bruce got 78, Shirley 76,
 2:30 and Walthe 74. Murney
 3:00 is to be congratulated having
 3:30 sent in three honor pupils
 4:00 The sun came out for an hour
 4:30 at noon which was long
 5:00 enough for me to spy the big
 5:30 spot which is journeying across
 6:00 the disc for the second time, and
 6:30 visible yet with the naked eye.
 7:00
 7:30
 8:00

8:30 Fair and springlike. Not so mild
 9:00 as yesterday but barely frost last
 9:30 night. It was too hot in the
 10:00 house with the furnace on.
 10:30 Kane feels miserable with a
 11:00 sore throat and various aches.
 11:30 John and Auntie W. seem nearly
 12:00 over it. Mame Taylor's birthday
 12:30 so I took down some presents
 1:00 from W. including a nice birthday
 1:30 cake. It was a treat to see
 2:00 a clear evening sky with its
 2:30 charming 4-day-old moon.
 3:00 The ice couldn't stand the
 3:30 warm rain last night and gave
 4:00 up the ghost. Nothing under the
 4:30 15th bridge now but a raging
 5:00 torrent and a few cakes strewn
 5:30 along the edge. The two sisters
 6:00 and I had a quiet little drink
 6:30 last evening while I read some
 7:00 Terryson.
 7:30
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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

8:30 Mummy had a terribly sore
 9:00 throat last night so I persuaded
 9:30 Jack, Er and Sumner to come over
 10:00 to our place and guggle suck.
 10:30 Jack and Er left for Hamilton
 11:00 early - before I was up this
 11:30 morning, leaving John Martin
 12:00 in care of Big Bertha. Sumner
 12:30 came over again at night to
 1:00 keep Bertha company and wand
 1:30 off the crumblers, eggs, things and
 2:00 window peckers. I closed their
 2:30 furnace for the night. ^{Def^{ce} We}
 3:00 woke this morning to a return of
 3:30 winter - howling west wind and
 4:00 driving snow. Went over first
 4:30 thing and fixed the fire, got
 5:00 water and mail, then had
 5:30 goodie dished up by Dennis. Our
 6:00 mixer is back and in working
 6:30 order but the refrigerator is on
 7:00 strike in sympathy with all the
 7:30 big strikes across the border.
 8:00 We haven't had a refrigerator

8:30 for over a week now and we
 9:00 are getting properly fed up. We
 9:30 put the pressure on Jack
 10:00 Thursday night for a new one.
 10:30 Bless the call the saints! - Pass's
 11:00 throat is a little better this morning.
 11:30 Picked up Mary in front of
 12:00 Wilson's and took the highway
 12:30 to Paris. Had a good gab on the
 1:00 way down. Later I now it is 7:00 P.M.
 1:30 I have got things in order for the
 2:00 week end and nearly ready to call
 2:30 for Polly and have another good
 3:00 gab on the way home. The north-
 3:30 west wind has whistled all day
 4:00 and the thermometer has fallen
 4:30 steadily. It is freezing now and
 5:00 a film of ice has dimmed all the
 5:30 pools. Later - arrived home at
 6:00 8:30 to find the children not yet in
 6:30 bed, so I finished bathing Dennis
 7:00 and gave them their little presents.
 7:30
 8:00

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

8:30 The presents consisted of three
 9:00 cardboard airplanes for Dennis
 9:30 a little case with pencils, pen, ruler
 10:00 & eraser for Walter and ³⁰⁰ set of soap
 10:30 for John Martin. Things were
 11:00 frozen tight this morning. Even
 11:30 a little ice in the milk between
 12:00 the doors (over 14 day-old refrigerator
 12:30 strike is still on). Clear and cold
 1:00 throughout the day. It clouded over
 1:30 at Sundown and we had quite
 2:00 a blizzard till 10:30, about three
 2:30 inches of snow fell. Poor Rose had
 3:00 a bad night with her throat and
 3:30 felt punk all day. She didn't get
 4:00 up till one o'clock. I did the
 4:30 meals and dishes. When the
 5:00 Taylors came back from Richmond
 5:30 we all got together and had
 6:00 a good dinner at our place. Dinner
 6:30 included, beer, beef (presume
 7:00 cooked) and ice cream
 7:30
 8:00

8:30 The sun was shining brilliantly
 9:00 on the new-fallen snow (when we
 9:30 arose this A.M. Mummy spent
 10:00 a rather restless night again, using
 10:30 about a half a box of kibbles. Walter
 11:00 whined a lot and didn't want to
 11:30 go to school but we persuaded
 12:00 her to brace up and go. I left
 12:30 her in front of the school and she
 1:00 seemed happy enough. Trilled the
 1:30 with and Reg Lane. The milk
 2:00 has almost fallen to normal level.
 2:30 The waxing moon was near Mars
 3:00 and Saturn in the Gemini. It is
 3:30 freezing again with the approach of
 4:00 tonight. - perfect - magical - superb weather
 4:30 - yum yum.
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TUESDAY

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8:30 Another hoar frost last
 9:00 night but today the temp
 9:30 saved away up in the fifties
 10:00 and now after dark it is
 10:30 still 50 and cloudy so no
 11:00 frost to night, alas, to make
 11:30 the cap seem full. Probably
 12:00 another short season as it is
 12:30 too mild for this early. The
 1:00 sun was almost hot in my
 1:30 south window at noon. Came
 2:00 by the 5th and Ave road,
 2:30 J. S. was in his overalls and
 3:00 work coat ready for a journey
 3:30 in Boanerges to the blue yard.
 4:00 Signs of an early spring. The
 4:30 robins and song sparrows sing
 5:00 like April.
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 No hoar frost as I am worrying
 9:00 about the cap - you poor cap.
 9:30 Warmer even than a year ago
 10:00 63° this afternoon. Bounced
 10:30 over the Canning road and
 11:00 Reg Lane this morning but
 11:30 I will not trust my poor car
 12:00 to those unspeakable bumps to-
 12:30 night. I'll take the unspeakable
 1:00 Inson No 2 highway. Poor HX
 1:30 gives signs of old age. I have
 2:00 a gum boil on one tire, a
 2:30 generator out of order, oil consumption
 3:00 and 23 rattles. Poor old car -
 3:30 you'll have to do me a long time
 4:00 yet - you haven't gone quite 44000
 4:30 miles - so buck up, my friend!
 5:00 Book club, so watch your steps.
 5:30 No Goga or Auntie We to help
 6:00 Kayne with the tyenas
 6:30
 7:00
 7:30
 8:00

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THURSDAY

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8:30 Something like last year only
 9:00 more so. 70° this afternoon -
 9:30 ten degrees warmer than a year
 10:00 ago. I melted the furnace at Eggi's
 10:30 but it seemed almost superfluous.
 11:00 No gas fire at office, ~~but~~ my
 11:30 operating room is 75° now
 12:00 at 7.45. The weather just
 12:30 doesn't make sense. Hope it
 1:00 changes before we have to
 1:30 cut the turns in March like
 2:00 1945. Jack is supposed to
 2:30 call for Boris to-night so
 3:00 the house will be deserted
 3:30 for the weekend. Look H &
 4:00 to the hospital this morning
 4:30 and had a new voltage regulator
 5:00 installed also oil. No word
 5:30 of refrigerator yet. This summer
 6:00 weather makes it very awkward,
 6:30 as things don't get very cool either
 7:00 outside or down cellar. Oh, Kennedy
 7:30 or somebody - hurry up and come!
 8:00

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FRIDAY

8:30 Cooler with an east wind.
 9:00 45° which is much better.
 9:30 Geordie phoned right after
 10:00 dinner to say the refrigerator
 10:30 arrived in Paris so I phoned
 11:00 the good news to Kane. She
 11:30 told me the good news about
 12:00 the maple syrup - 2 gals
 12:30 hip, hip. Shrug, shrug, foos,
 1:00 pimples, pustules. Was all
 1:30 ready to go home at 6:30 when
 2:00 Roy Massacran hove in with a
 2:30 toothache and by the time the
 3:00 tooth was out and things collected
 3:30 it was past seven. Got to
 4:00 the village at 7:35. Jumped
 4:30 into my other suit and begged
 5:00 cover to the United Church with
 5:30 Kane and bells. During the long
 6:00 program I scratched but two
 6:30 solos accompanied by Kane on the
 7:00 organ. Clear and windy at
 7:30 night also frosty.
 8:00

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

8:30 Everything covered with frost
 9:00 this morning, and ice on
 9:30 the pools. The refrigerator came
 10:00 along with Beak and Wes.
 10:30 just as I was packed up
 11:00 ready to start to work. Stayed
 11:30 a few minutes and was late
 12:00 as usual. Have finally
 12:30 caught up with my work
 1:00 and hope to be soon rolling
 1:30 along to join the bosom of
 2:00 my family for a pleasant
 2:30 weekend. I stood in line
 3:00 1/2 hour at noon in liquor
 3:30 store and procured one case of
 4:00 Carlings Red Cup ale. Cool
 4:30 and fair all day with the
 5:00 same east wind and noon
 5:30 temp. of 50°. Admired the
 6:00 new Leonard on arriving
 6:30 home. As it had already
 7:00 frozen some ice cubes we made
 7:30 gin drinks for the bridge game
 8:00 with Jim and Blanche.

I had was quite a game last
 night. The boys talk and
 daughter of the gin soaked
 bridge players was interspersed
 with wails and S.O.S. calls from
 the sick infants upstairs. To-
 day snow went to Church while
 I for a nurse-maid. Bathed
 Penny and they lay around on the
 Chesterfield till noon. After dinner
 we addressed them both and dumped
 them in bed for the rest of the
 day. Dennis was 104 1/2 and seemed
 to be coming down with measles.
 Walter was 102 1/2 but had no
 spots. Dinner was over for
 tea and the two girls went to
 Church leaving me again as
 nurse. I had to mop up
 vomit off the bed and floor and
 generally make myself useful.
 Cold east wind rising to a
 gale after dark.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Very fitful slumbers last
 9:00 night. Pop every whoopstitch
 9:30 to arrange covers, wipe nose,
 10:00 apply oint, give drinks,
 10:30 drop out the drinks etc.
 11:00 Have been going around in a
 11:30 haze all day. Off for a good
 12:00 night's sleep. I think I am off
 12:30 steady east wind. Poor ~~little~~
 1:00 Dennis with his wistful little
 1:30 face covered with red splashes.
 2:00 These cover his neck and run
 2:30 half way down his back.
 3:00 Brought the little mades
 3:30 up to our room to amuse
 4:00 them in their many whims
 4:30 shows on bed. Delegation
 5:00 from Enid this afternoon.
 5:30 She will be arriving on
 6:00 53 to-morrow. Oh what
 6:30 a mess we are in!
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8:30 Fine and warm. Called
 9:00 for J. S. and banged down
 9:30 through Canning. Met Enid
 10:00 off 53 and took her up to
 10:30 Hans. Han was still sick
 11:00 and in her pyjamas and house
 11:30 coat. Beat it down town to
 12:00 finish my day's work - Evans.
 12:30 Have shaved. Carr. Scraped off
 1:00 my beard, beat it back to get
 1:30 Enid, then down town again to
 2:00 pick up J. S. Banged back
 2:30 through Canning, Richmond and
 3:00 home. Dennis was restless
 3:30 and disturbed our little
 4:00 visit after the dinner things were
 4:30 cleared away by many, screams
 5:00 and yowling.
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THURSDAY

8:30 Perfectly clear and still
 9:00 warmer - 60° all afternoon.
 9:30 Got away by 9:10 - very
 10:00 remarkable. Bill groggy after
 10:30 a night of many disturbances.
 11:00 Dennis yelled, Sydelle and
 11:30 screamed like fifty stomach-
 12:00 aches. Walter is a much
 12:30 better patient, but, of course,
 1:00 she is getting off with a
 1:30 much lighter dose of
 2:00 needles than Penny.
 2:30 This bright March weather
 3:00 reminds me of the week
 3:30 in March 1907 when we 3
 4:00 Bells had the same siege.
 4:30 Got home before dark and
 5:00 fed Dennis his supper up
 5:30 in his room. They both had
 6:00 good appetites. Then we three
 6:30 had grapefruit juice spiked
 7:00 strongly with gin before our meal
 7:30 of undercut, fresh peas, baked potatoes
 8:00 and ice cream.

8:30 Hip-hip! First day of spring and
 9:00 65° all day. Grays, Bidal, children
 9:30 all jubilant. Dressed a lot of hours
 10:00 over breakfast and was late
 10:30 leaving for Paris. We all had
 11:00 super sleeps - Dennis being
 11:30 still in quiet slumber at 9:00 AM
 12:00 and how we all appreciated it.
 12:30 Cloudless, warm and calm - a
 1:00 late April day. Newark - got
 1:30 all my patients seem to didn't
 2:00 have to cancel any to be
 2:30 ready for Mom and Evid in
 3:00 white car hours for Hamilton.
 3:30
 4:00 A fine evening. Arrived at 35
 4:30 Dromore Ave at 7:10 and at the
 5:00 Estaminet, Burlington at 7:49.
 5:30 Had a most wonderful dinner
 6:00 - soup, rolls, fried chicken, steak etc.
 6:30 salads, sundae, coffee. Forgot to
 7:00 mention the Sparkling Burgundy
 7:30 at the apartment as a starter.
 8:00 A short guff after and home just
 before midnight. Evid and Kame had the
 time of their lives.

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8:30 Cloudy and cooler, then
 9:00 clearing towards night and
 9:30 freezing. Brought Evid down
 10:00 in the car for a full day's visit
 10:30 with Boudie, Han, Elaine etc.
 11:00 I slaved away as usual
 11:30 and now am ready to
 12:00 pick Ted up at Lou's.
 12:30 We will have to have lots
 1:00 of fun to-night as it is
 1:30 the last with Evid. Oh, what
 2:00 a slug of V.O. Charlie poured
 2:30 one. I was completely
 3:00 befuddled. Got home 45 mins.
 3:30 late - much to Kay's
 4:00 inconvenience. We had a lovely
 4:30 dinner notwithstanding of
 5:00 lamb chops, ^{fresh} peas, baked potatoes
 5:30 Read Terence and hit the
 6:00 hay in decent time.
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 8:00

8:30 Up at 7:00. Fine and cold
 9:00 with frost everywhere and the
 9:30 ground solid. Breakfast, then
 10:00 the bumpy ride down the fourth
 10:30 and "Key" lane. Got to the
 11:00 station at 8:25 and waited till
 11:30 8:50 for no. 80. Good bye, Evid
 12:00 till we meet again! Your stay
 12:30 was short but we enjoyed
 1:00 every minute of it.
 1:30
 2:00 Started home before the daylight had
 2:30 all faded from the west. When I
 3:00 got to Daters and had come out
 3:30 after getting my eggs, the air
 4:00 covered the entire sky with
 4:30 ruby, green, and white streamers.
 5:00 It was brilliant all night, wrapping
 5:30 Jupiter and Sirius in a
 6:00 twilight glow. Went to bed early
 6:30 on a cup of tea.
 7:00 Observed Venus first as an evening star
 7:30 back of Miss Buckley's on my way home!
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MONDAY

Dull and rainy. Temp 39°. Just one feeble gleam of sunlight about 2:30 P.M. The children seem all over the measles, and kept the house in an uproar all day. There was peace for two hours in the afternoon when they were having a little nap upstairs. Enjoyed hearing Harce on the Conservatory programme.

WEEKLY RECORDS

Artur Rubinstein played the Tschairowsky B[♭] minor with the Philharmonic. It was a revelation of scintillating brilliance. The 4 Bells enjoyed a lovely dinner all by themselves. Then Walter played Her violin - first time for a week and did very well. When the children were tucked away and in dreamland, Truman and Claude dropped in.

8:30 Blue Thursday. Temp 40°. Fog.
9:00 Ramones, I - general lack of
9:30 brightness or cheer. Bass being
10:00 sick, I was called upon to Detach
10:30 Allan and the Stevenon girl to
11:00 P.H.S. "Mag" Lane was a sea of
11:30 muck or absolute. Going around
12:00 by the H.S. seems like old times -
12:30 I mean 3 years ago. Walter started
1:00 back to school and rode with me.
1:30 She seems her old self again. This
2:00 weather is a month ahead of time.
2:30 This is "misted April" and the
3:00 world is growing green. The grass
3:30 is jumping, buds are swelling,
4:00 frogs are as noisy as in "late
4:30 April at the dawn"
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Misty, mild - great growing
9:00 weather. Hard to realize it
9:30 was down around zero twenty -
10:00 three years ago to day. The
10:30 Globe says it about. Mummy
11:00 and Dennis surprised me
11:30 with a visit to the office at
12:00 1.30 soon Auntie like John Martin
12:30 and Uncle Jack arrived. Ev.
1:00 was on her way to Drumb's
1:30 re offer of sale for business -
2:00 must hurry home now the
2:30 long arduous afternoon is over
3:00 - patients every half hour from
3:30 2 till 6:30 - and see what
4:00 cooks, or what makes.
4:30 Fire in office off - 66° all
5:00 afternoon. Barometer is falling
5:30 evening has set in cloudy.
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8:30 Warmer and still warmer.
9:00 Following the long, hard Tuesday
9:30 I had a slack Wednesday and
10:00 finished my lab. work by 6.00
10:30 P.M. Got home at 6.40
11:00 and went to work on the
11:30 garden. Raked and had a
12:00 big bonfire. Dennis and
12:30 Nuala were delighted. Her face
1:00 was like a Sigger's at bed-time.
1:30 Read Dennis a story -
2:00 "Can there be a story?"
2:30 The four of us (Dagtons + Belts had
3:00 a council of war over the road
3:30 from 10.30 till 12.00. Jim has
4:00 sent in his resignation. Ev. is
4:30 bothered about the business.
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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

8:30	Summer temperature - 75°		
9:00	This afternoon. John Martin's		
9:30	second birthday. Gave him		
10:00	\$2.00 which he was carrying		
10:30	around as I left for Paris.		
11:00	The weather gets you		
11:30	down. Felt lousy as a		
12:00	coon all day. Had the		
12:30	operating room window up, but		
1:00	the outside air was not fresh,		
1:30	it was like a July heat wave.		
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8:30	76° to day. Last night		
9:00	was clear and warm like		
9:30	midsummer so I set up the		
10:00	5 inch and we had a glimpse		
10:30	of Mars, Saturn and Jupiter.		
11:00	Took the wagon yesterday to		
11:30	Don Davis's to be fixed. Brought		
12:00	it back at night. It looks like		
12:30	a good job. Now Bertha will		
1:00	be transported to and fro with		
1:30	ease. Bertha, by the way, is		
2:00	out of the K. & W. and once		
2:30	more enthroned across the road.		
3:00	Jack brought her yesterday. Now		
3:30	we are ready for our fresh		
4:00	spring quota of rows and		
4:30	blueberries.		
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SUNDAY

8:30 Crystal clear with a north-east wind and temp of 35°

9:00 a palpable change. Had to light the stove, but it was so quick to light and soon the house was comfortable.

10:00 Down by the 5th and Ave road.

11:00 Very rough - poor old car (HX).

11:30 (12.45) - have just viewed the sun and the thin old moon in the southern sky. She says me always, with some beyond words. Member of Norwich.

12:00 An uneventful Saturday evening.

12:30 Just ate, read the paper, washed the dishes, smoked, chewed the fat, had a bath and so to bed before midnight.

1:00 Oh, I forgot - we went up to get the meat, and stopped in at Jermans for a few minutes.

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8:30 Cold east wind. Ground frozen. High for the day was 35° . Dried the asparagus bed during church hour.

9:00 After 5.5 and the broadcast we planned to go down and clean the office. But Earl & wife Jane and their family of three women landed in and we persuaded them to stay for dinner. We ate everything in sight. Dinner was late and I had to satisfy myself with a hot beef sandwich. Dinner stayed later and just as we sat down to gas after the stew of dishes Earl B. came in and we held forth till about 11.15 with beer and more beer.

10:00 Bentha was furious. When I went over to tend the furnace I got the full blast.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Cold east wind. High
 9:00 for day 38. Dull and
 9:30 gloomy. Perfect April fool
 10:00 weather. Just got word
 10:30 Henry Graves died - another
 11:00 landmark in my drab life
 11:30 gone. I'll miss this cheerful
 12:00 swave of the arm. To-day
 12:30 is John's first day on his
 1:00 own as proprietor of the
 1:30 J. Enticknap & Son Auto Co.
 2:00 Pretty rotten day to start out
 2:30 on your own. Evelyn is in
 3:00 Hamilton lining up a man
 3:30 to erect awnings. The great
 4:00 war of two rival awning
 4:30 companies now begins.
 5:00 Sheriff in a cloud of dust!
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8:30 Mildew. 64°. Strong south west
 9:00 wind changing to north west
 9:30 at sundown and much colder
 10:00 at night. I don't get much
 10:30 chance in the busy world to
 11:00 enjoy my children. I don't take
 11:30 enough time to think about them
 12:00 as they are rapidly shooting up
 12:30 through childhood. I recall Deena
 1:00 most affectionate this morning which
 1:30 surprised me as she rarely shows
 2:00 affection of any kind. She came up
 2:30 and put her arms around me after
 3:00 breakfast, and she seemed all
 3:30 smiles as she left my car to
 4:00 trip into school. She walked backward
 4:30 and waved as long as I was in
 5:00 sight. Dennis too seemed happy,
 5:30 and his winning smiles added
 6:00 to the general harmony. As he is
 6:30 more prone to show affection we
 7:00 take it more for granted. They are
 7:30 little tots no longer, and are taking
 8:00 on worldly airs and responsibilities

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THURSDAY

8:30 Rather dull with a cool
 9:00 east wind. Highest temperature
 9:30 was 50°. Had a great
 10:00 session last night at the
 10:30 shop, sealing & stamping
 11:00 letters for Ev. After, we
 11:30 went to the house and
 12:00 had another council of war,
 12:30 the subject of which was to
 1:00 pluck Jim or not to pluck
 1:30 him. "Whether it is nobler
 2:00 in the end etc. The majority
 2:30 was in favor of a complete
 3:00 job, leaving no stone unturned
 3:30 to defeat his nefarious designs.
 4:00 John's birthday party is
 4:30 scheduled for the night at
 5:00 6-30. Will be all hands to
 5:30 hear what has transpired
 6:00 to-day.
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8:30 A fine birthday party
 9:00 last night. Roast plumpys young
 9:30 chicken, beans, parsnips etc.
 10:00 John's cake was huge and
 10:30 covered with chocolate icing, and
 11:00 two little green candles decorated
 11:30 the top. Put the kids to bed,
 12:00 did dishes, carried Bertha home
 12:30 and ended the day with rye
 1:00 over at Ev's. I walked home
 1:30 with Turner. 20-day was coal
 2:00 and windy. 40° was highest
 2:30 temp. It is raining a fine
 3:00 drizzle now at 5:30 and the
 3:30 glass is at 36 with a low
 4:00 barometer. I really got my
 4:30 first instalment of paper off
 5:00 to Hamilton almost a week
 5:30 late. If I don't look sharp
 6:00 I may land in the jug. Perhaps
 6:30 I'll meet Jim there. Brought
 7:00 down J.S. and that sep - Ed
 7:30 Arnold. - (not Matthew)
 8:00

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FRIDAY

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8:30 Cold and windy. Just a few
 9:00 lines written on the permit
 9:30 between Richmond and Dreams.
 10:00 Drove the red truck down
 10:30 this morning for a
 11:00 overhaul job. Of course it
 11:30 was too extensive a job for
 12:00 one day, which explains my
 12:30 travelling by said permit.
 1:00 Had another council of war
 1:30 at Gagi's house last
 2:00 night after the dishes.
 2:30 Jack insisted on some
 3:00 beer. Jim, of course, was the
 3:30 main topic. He is getting
 4:00 in deeper. Jack is ready
 4:30 to tell him an awful.
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SATURDAY

8:30 Got up at 6:40 and breakfasted.
 9:00 Ditched water and cancelled my
 9:30 lunch went over the way at 7:25
 10:00 but Jack had slept in and was
 10:30 not quite ready. We got away
 11:00 in this blue Dodge about
 11:30 7:40. just as the permit was
 12:00 leaving. Drove home in state
 12:30 at 7:00 P.M. in the gelined red
 1:00 truck. It kept like a charon over
 1:30 the pot-holes in Key Lane. Got
 2:00 there at 7:30 to find Pam absent
 2:30 with the Layton on a "showering"
 3:00 spree. I loaded in the amahels
 3:30 from Bertha's house and bathed
 4:00 them and read them stories - which
 4:30 we all enjoyed to the full. Slept
 5:00 through the evening till five to
 5:30 twelve then we organized a bridge
 6:00 game with girl fizzes over
 6:30 at Gagi's till 3:00 A.M.
 7:00 Good night.
 7:30
 8:00

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MONDAY

A very important day because I worked rather more than usual on Sunday. Gave Jane her breakfast in bed, then did the dishes. Mummy and Nuala went to church while Dennis played hockey on his triycle. I busied myself with the rabbit-barrow load off "the contents of stables" from Ken's. Got the garden spaded by

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lunch time. When the beds were away of S. S. I dug the two diagonal corners of the garden and planted some peas. Rushed upstairs to shower and dress. Towed the family to Woodstock and had tea with Grandma & Auntie Mary. Zoomed home at dusk, bedded the children, and called over the way to meet the new awning man - Earl Halladay. We had several beers. Jack is too generous and hospitable.

8:30	Earl was right on the job at	
9:00	7.30 and loaded up this first	
9:30	truck load of awnings in Papa	
10:00	red truck. It was dull, chilly,	
10:30	and threatened something from the	
11:00	east. Snow finally came at	
11:30	10.00 and stopped about noon.	
12:00	It was dumpy and chilly the rest	
12:30	of the day, 39 being the highest	
1:00	temp. I was sure glad to	
1:30	get back to HX and have just	
2:00	returned from a 7.00 o'clock trip	
2:30	to Cub's for some of this new	00:5
3:00	"Esso" gasoline.	00:5
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4:30		00:5
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Drear and dark and cold.
 9:00 35° at noon. We went down
 9:30 to the shop at 10:30 last evening
 10:00 and stayed till 11:30. We checked
 10:30 the fat and kept Ev and Jack from
 11:00 working. Jack was away to
 11:30 Hamlet before I was up
 12:00 this morning. The wintery
 12:30 wind from the north west
 1:00 whistled mournfully all day
 1:30 and occasionally snow was in
 2:00 the air. I am getting my
 2:30 fill of "backward spring weather"
 3:00 with the ineffectual snows of April.
 3:30 I like it - but not too much.
 4:00 HX passed at 4:44.4 coming down
 4:30 "Ray Lane" this morning.
 5:00
 5:30
 6:00
 6:30
 7:00
 7:30
 8:00

8:30 10 degrees of frost. Growth
 9:00 is just back where it
 9:30 belongs. Earl is a whirlwind
 10:00 and Ev has a hard job
 10:30 keeping him busy. I am
 11:00 sure he will be a great boost
 11:30 and asset to the business, and
 12:00 now the only worry is material.
 12:30 Perfectly clear and chilly all
 1:00 day. The highest part of the strong
 1:30 April sun was only 42.
 2:00 Will hit for lunch early and
 2:30 do crag work on the hills
 3:00 and let the evening wind
 3:30 slap the face.
 4:00
 4:30 Later - I took three barrow loads
 5:00 of stones and clinkers from our place
 5:30 to behind Egge's. Earl helped
 6:00 me put the door on the track
 6:30 - the kids had jerked it off.
 7:00 Mummy went to look at so I
 7:30 had to put the family to bed and
 8:00 eat alone. I had just finished
 the dishes when the phone rang

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THURSDAY

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8:30 Ev informed my incredulous ears
 9:00 that the school was on fire.
 9:30 I beat it out to the street and,
 10:00 sure enough, there she was,
 10:30 playing away like a giant
 11:00 candle with the roof and tower
 11:30 gone. I had missed the first
 12:00 and most spectacular hour.
 12:30 The night was clear, ~~and~~
 1:00 with ten degrees of frost, and
 1:30 a white waxing moon - very
 2:00 white in contrast to the ruddy
 2:30 leaping flames. This morning
 3:00 was frosty and still as clear
 3:30 as ever. The children beat it
 4:00 up, the ruins right after breakfast.
 4:30 Nothing remained but three
 5:00 melancholy brick walls and a
 5:30 heap of smoldering rubble in the
 6:00 cellar. It is 8-30. I am
 6:30 working in the lab as yet. Darkness
 7:00 has fallen and the ^{moon,} stars and planets
 7:30 are bright. There is a faint ring
 8:00 around the moon - oh, how I
 hope it means rain soon.

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FRIDAY

8:30 The clearest, driest, dustiest
 9:00 weather that ever married a
 9:30 perfectly good April. Where are
 10:00 our long-wished-for spring
 10:30 showers? No clouds at noon
 11:00 or evening - just the garish sun
 11:30 day after day. Most farmers are
 12:00 through sheeting - a record early
 12:30 finish. Venus was bright over
 1:00 the Baptist Church from my north
 1:30 windows. The waxing moon is
 2:00 below Pleiades spade. There is
 2:30 pulling away from slow old
 3:00 Saturn
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SUNDAY

8:30 3 of down just in time for my
 9:00 9.30 apartment, from which
 9:30 have little note (7.00) I have
 10:00 been in a perpetual stew with
 10:30 plates, fillies, and impressions.
 11:00 Have just learned the dear
 11:30 widow. I have a basket
 12:00 from J.S. to deliver - hot
 12:30 dog! The day was some
 1:00 warmer - nearly 60' and the
 1:30 evening gets too dull and
 2:00 calm. How much for a
 2:30 good rain? I would be
 3:00 glad to help pay for it.
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Didn't get up too early so had
 to do the breakfast dishes pretty
 well all alone as mummy was
 busy getting the family ready
 for church. It was a mild day
 with a strong wind from the south.
 It blew in the south wall of the
 school with a resounding crash at
 noon making a great cloud of dust.
 Now just the east and west walls are
 left and it is a dreary depressing sight.
 Got in some lettuce, radishes Java
 peas in the corner by the garage.
 Grimmed the cherry tree and gave
 my car a cheap wash. Had
 spare ribs and baked potatoes at
 Aunt Evelyn's. Jack mixed us
 up a weird drink of rye, scotch, gin
 and soda water. It put the girls to
 sleep and made us fighting mad.
 We tore off in the car at midnight
 and picked up Earl at Princeton.

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8:30 Awoke to the musical sound of
 9:00 a gentle shivers, and how
 9:30 we need it! W. Alice's school
 10:00 is being held in the town
 10:30 hall. Drove her there just
 11:00 on the stroke of nine. She has
 11:30 been keeping late hours and doesn't
 12:00 move very fast in the morning.
 12:30 Last night was a special service
 1:00 in the Church and W. Alice was
 1:30 the singer. She didn't get to
 2:00 bed till 9.20 and I always have
 2:30 to read a chapter from Alice in
 3:00 Wonderland before she will let me
 3:30 go. Dennis prefers Donald Duck
 4:00 stories.
 4:30 Have got my Expositor; the cold
 5:00 spring night has fallen, Venus like
 5:30 a lady on the western verge, white above
 6:00 the line of stars the full moon like
 6:30 a great pumpkin is in line with
 7:00 Jupiter & Spica
 7:30
 8:00

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TUESDAY

8:30 Oh Hell! Roy Masseran sits in
 9:00 my writing room. It is ten to
 9:30 eight. I am supposed to be
 10:00 at Drunko by eight, to eat and
 10:30 go to Bedford (I used to go
 11:00 to Bedford first then Drunko
 11:30 after). It had been wise
 12:00 I had remained in Paris.
 12:30 Very cool. Had frost last night
 1:00 and wind. '2 inch of ice this
 1:30 morning. Clear with a strong N.W.
 2:00 wind. Venus and Jupiter are
 2:30 now vying with each other for
 3:00 first place in the crystal clear
 3:30 spring sky.
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8:30 Jack arrived before we were
9:00 ready to go last evening so
9:30 he accompanied us and I made
10:00 a foursome to Banford. "Happy
10:30 to Banford Meet" - "Daisy to
11:00 Banford Park" spent an hour
11:30 in the furniture store before
12:00 going to the greenhouse. Got a
12:30 couple plants then went over
1:00 to Roy's for rye, coffee and
1:30 cookies. Had lots of fun. The
2:00 full moon was bright all the
2:30 way home. Eard very patiently
3:00 sat in our living room till
3:30 our arrival at 1:45.
4:00 Still clear and dry. A little
4:30 warmer. Washed my south
5:00 window. According to Walke's
5:30 diary - I did everything and
6:00 had lots of fun.
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Poor old Clare Mitchell
gone to the shades last week - April 18, 1966

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THURSDAY

8:30 Had to put my last patient
9:00 off so I would not be too
9:30 late for the Richwood banquet
10:00 and programme with Percy Scott,
10:30 Clare Mitchell etc etc. Passed
11:00 the beer around last night
11:30 in honor of Uncle Jack's
12:00 birthday to day. Auntie Wee
12:30 slept through the celebration and so
1:00 was out of luck. Dennis
1:30 gave Uncle a box of soap
2:00 with an appropriate card.
2:30 It is 7.0 snow and a lot
3:00 of base ends to gather up yet.
3:30 So get "crackin'" if you don't
4:00 want "what for" from mummy
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8:30 The program for the boys at
 9:00 Richmond last night went off
 9:30 very well. Mr. Pator made
 10:00 a fine speech, and the musical
 10:30 numbers for the most part
 11:00 were good and worth hearing.
 11:30 The dinner of ham etc. also
 12:00 was not half bad. This
 12:30 morning I mowed and cut
 1:00 the back lawn for the first
 1:30 time also worked on the beds
 2:00 and gardens, and took down the
 2:30 big front storm window. This
 3:00 afternoon I have air I cleaned
 3:30 the office. The Jaysons and
 4:00 Pells were too tired for
 4:30 bridge at night. Johnnie
 5:00 spent yesterday last night and
 5:30 the day with us while his
 6:00 parents were in Hamilton
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SATURDAY

8:30 Oh, the plate work!
 9:00 Earning but profitable
 9:30 Have got me a 100 dollar
 10:00 cheque out of the post ~~office~~
 10:30 yesterday. Give me some more!
 11:00 Give me lots of them! Great
 11:30 me all capitalists at heart?
 12:00 J.S. landed in at 5.00 PM
 12:30 and stayed till 6.30 when
 1:00 J.A. and Dennis came along
 1:30 in the red truck. Dennis
 2:00 tarried with me and went home
 2:30 in Daddy's green car. After
 3:00 dinner dishes and bedtime stories
 3:30 we finally had our long
 4:00 push over rubber of bridge with
 4:30 jim.
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APRIL

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MONDAY

Easter Sunday! Waltie wore
her new ^{bright} blue suit and
Dennis his light grey. They
looked fine but didn't
stay that way long.

During Church I saw Jack
John & I sneaked out to the
bush to see the birds and
flowers in this bright spring
morning. After lunch I

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took off storm windows and put two
awnings up on the north & east.
Big birthday dinner with Bessie
& J. S. as well as Bells, Taylor
& Garner. Two chickens, creamed
cauliflower, ice cream and many
other delicacies. Took Bertha to
Princeton after the slew of dishes.

8:30	Time and warmer.	Earl
9:00	was back with "Sage car"	
9:30	by 8:00 and ready to pitch	
10:00	in to another week's record	
10:30	pile of work. Easter holiday.	
11:00	for Waltie as she looked after	
11:30	John Martin. Dennis started	
12:00	out with me in the car but	
12:30	didn't get far - just over the	
1:00	bridge. You was fixing a flat	
1:30	and he was out of the car like	
2:00	a shot. I ought to mention the	
2:30	give drink for the birthday	
3:00	dinner with everybody especially	
3:30	J. S. duly appreciated. Warmest	
4:00	day so far - 79°	
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APRIL
24
WEDNESDAY

8:30 It was 70 this morning. The
9:00 sky foggy and the horizon grey
9:30 with thundery looking clouds.
10:00 The pale pink old moon was
10:30 like a ghost in the south west.
11:00 as dawn's up I went up for
11:30 water and the mail.
12:00 A little shower this
12:30 afternoon and a 15 degree
1:00 drop in the mercury.
1:30 my job when I get the
2:00 show will be to light the
2:30 furnace P.D.Q.
3:00 Working on my income tax -
3:30 Oh, that's a great and
4:00 incomprehensible chisel!
4:30
5:00 (you paid dearly for that)
5:30 same chiseling) apr 24/46
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8:30 Clear and warm. When I
9:00 left the village, the horse was
9:30 starting to show Sage's garden.
10:00 Ours being also on the day's
10:30 schedule I will be home rather
11:00 earlier to do a certain piece of
11:30 work. The half-moon was very
12:00 distinct in the blue morning sky
12:30 as I went around by the shop for
1:00 with my pail, my favorite about
1:30 cut being nailed up. The school
2:00 walls are now down and the furnace
2:30 is hauled up out on the grass.
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8:30	Cool and showery. Had
9:00	a hard job to get away
9:30	by 9:00 A.M. as my old
10:00	joints were stiff after 290 lbs
10:30	of potatoes yesterday. Mummy
11:00	cut them and (Dennis)
11:30	and Mabel did most of the
12:00	planting. Didn't get them all
12:30	covered by supper time so
1:00	after the pits were to bed and
1:30	the dishes away. Kate held
2:00	the flashlight while I finished.
2:30	Sat around and gassed
3:00	at 40's for an hour after.
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FRIDAY

8:30	Too late - too late she
9:00	cried in grief. It was 9:05
9:30	when I started up the hill
10:00	to pick up Mrs. Lewis and of
10:30	course I had to go down around
11:00	Monk Street to get heart throbs.
11:30	It was 9:40 when I stormed
12:00	in the back door and demanded
12:30	my dinner right on the dot.
1:00	Kathleen is quite fed up with
1:30	my late hours and will
2:00	probably leave me sooner or
2:30	later. Whether she applies for
3:00	divorce will depend on what nice
3:30	young fellows she meets. Very
4:00	cold and windy all day, and
4:30	all night. The awnings rattle and
5:00	bang and the stoker stoker
5:30	and we pull up an extra quilt
6:00	about our ears.
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SATURDAY

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8:30 Ground frozen and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of
ice this morning. The north
9:00 wind was still as strong
9:30 as yesterday and the temperature
10:00 lower of anything. Oh so
10:30 dry. Cloudless and dry.
11:00 29° now at 6:30. Frost again
11:30 to night or I am a poor
12:00 prognosticator. Polly just phoned
12:30 for a ride but I am leaving
1:00 too early for her. All aboard
1:30 for Rumbus with beer, gin
2:00 and groceries. Good old
2:30 Saturday night, I wish
3:00 you came more often.
3:30 Have just put the office clock
4:00 ahead one hour. Wrote
4:30 to Wade and Alfs.
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SUNDAY

8:30 Rounded up Mary and Jennifer for
9:00 a rubber of bridge and subs
9:30 till 2:00 A.M. fast time. We had a
10:00 fast time and enjoyed the
10:30 pretzels. Mummy was too tired
11:00 to take a bath so we went to
11:30 bed with B.O. Wore my old
12:00 clothes all to-day so we can
12:30 have the belated bath to night.
1:00 Put the two front awnings on and
1:30 took off Mwal's storm window.
2:00 After lunch I chopped around
2:30 the lumpy garden till dinner
3:00 time. Very quiet Sunday as the
3:30 Jay was over in Hamlet and
4:00 Denise at the P & W. A cold
4:30 wind with some pale sunshine
5:00 and closing cloudy with signs
5:30 of rain. Had me hope and
6:00 pray it materializes. Wallie
6:30 is writing her diary as I am
7:00 writing this. It is a race.
7:30 I beat. (Correction) - Wallie claims
8:00 she beat - so the woman has the
last word - always.

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APRIL
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TUESDAY

8:30 Clear, dry and windy.
9:00 No signs of rain.
9:30 Drove to Paris at 9:00 o'clock
10:00 over the dusty roads
10:30 Don't you see how monotonous
11:00 my existence is
11:30
12:00 Break the monotony by
12:30 getting home ten minutes
1:00 earlier and draining my
1:30 alcohol. Put in water
2:00 from Gogo's cistern - which
2:30 cistern we may have
3:00 recourse to in the near
3:30 future.
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8:30 Clear, dry and windy.
9:00 No signs of rain
9:30 Drove to Paris at 9:00 o'clock
10:00 over the dusty roads.
10:30 Yes, don't you see how monotonous
11:00 it is.
11:30
12:00 Stopped at J.S. in the
12:30 morning and got a cheque.
1:00 Cashed same at noon
1:30 I paid my rent and will
2:00 leave got of money with
2:30 said J.S. for my returns
3:00 which will start immediately
3:30 Good-bye April - you have
4:00 been a poor fitzle of a month.
4:30 - too cold - too windy
5:00 and much too dry.
5:30 Feel dusty inside. I will
6:00 have to have some beer.
6:30
7:00 (very similar to this April
7:30 April 30, 1971)
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THURSDAY

8:30 Clear and warmer. Got
 9:00 my heavy oil in 14x.
 9:30 add more to cows - it was
 10:00 gubbing up a quart a week of
 10:30 that light stuff. A fine
 11:00 dry warm May day. I have
 11:30 planned to do some gardening
 12:00 etc so I will beat it as I
 12:30 soon after five as I can - just
 1:00 as soon as I can get off
 1:30 a few groans on the 'cello.
 2:00 Ralph's speaks in to break
 2:30 my Wednesday afternoon
 3:00 peace with a toothache.
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8:30 Clear and warmer. Got two
 9:00 rows of corn in yesterday also
 9:30 the sing-song storm windows
 10:00 off. Took the music in to
 10:30 Kenneth also ran up to the Junction
 11:00 for six gals from Cub. Got
 11:30 amused I on 4's living room
 12:00 last night making a bottle
 12:30 of beer last as long as possible
 1:00 and swapping y Janns.
 1:30 Was just repaired after my
 2:00 'cello and Marshall exercises
 2:30 by a glimpse of the day-old
 3:00 fungus near Venus just at the north
 3:30 end of the Baptist Church roof.
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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

8:30 Turned suddenly cold during
 9:00 the night and the frosty
 9:30 clear morning with its strong
 10:00 north-east wind was anything
 10:30 but pleasant. Wore my
 11:00 sweater to work. Received
 11:30 word this afternoon that Jack
 12:00 Cameron died this A.M. Another
 12:30 roaring lion stilled. I see
 1:00 in my 1924 book a Sunday
 1:30 appointment for him (May 4). What
 2:00 importance! what conceit! -
 2:30 but he had his likeable points
 3:00 few though they were. Bob Patten
 3:30 died yesterday. Must call in
 4:00 there to-night. Jack insisted
 4:30 that we think beer right after
 5:00 my dinner. Went to bed
 5:30 belated and logged.
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8:30 The east wind blew the awnings
 9:00 all night so noisily that we
 9:30 dreamt of falling buildings,
 10:00 crashing worlds and cosmic
 10:30 calamities. It blew all morning
 11:00 and covered the gale sun with
 11:30 gray clouds that grew darker
 12:00 in the afternoon. Rain began to
 12:30 fall at 4.00 P.M. and is still
 1:00 soaking it to the parched ground
 1:30 gently and thoroughly so we
 2:00 hereby forgive the dirty old
 2:30 east wind for all its insults.
 3:00 My usual wish to scream
 3:30 home in time to see the
 4:00 children awake.
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MAY

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MONDAY

Cold wind followed the rain late last night. The garden was moist but not too much so for a bit of sowing - cabbots, beets, spinach, beans, while the angels were at Sunday school. The church house was filled up with dishes, bed-making, and other odd jobs in the house.

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Evelyn's birthday was celebrated at her place with a lovely dinner with Roy, Kay and Danna as guests, not counting the ubiquitous Bells. Had a couple of nice cool gins before. Enjoyed picking the angels home and putting them to bed with stories.

8:30 Wind still cool but warming a trifle. Partly cloudy, ending clear.

9:30 Poor old Ebenezer Wightman's birthday. "What's the matter with them, Mr. Bell" is he sick?"

10:00

10:30 Have to get home by 5.00 to eat and go back to Paris

11:30

12:00 a practice with Ken Jewant coming up. I am told the church was full at Jack Cameron's funeral, and Tiger painted and sawed the ark, and grasped the pulpit and preached on Sunday

12:30

1:00 Dinetta and said nothing.

1:30 This is probably quite true.

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 I enjoyed the practice last
 9:00 evening with Rev. Stewart.
 9:30 Believe it or not he seemed
 10:00 quite plastic. I love
 10:30 playing on the 'cello with
 11:00 Rene on the violin. It's
 11:30 lots of fun. A cool wind
 12:00 from the N.W. didn't allow
 12:30 the mercury to crawl up
 1:00 a speck over 60 and that
 1:30 only for an hour or so
 2:00 in the afternoon. It finally
 2:30 dropped into the forties.
 3:00 I smacked Dennis's face
 3:30 and made his nose
 4:00 bleed, and nursery was
 4:30 awful cross. Guess I'm
 5:00 in the dog house. Still
 5:30 I would hardly know how
 6:00 to get out of the dog house.
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8:30 This dr weather is the
 9:00 limit. He leaves me coming
 9:30 out slowly but the growth
 10:00 on the lawn is negligible.
 10:30 Heavy frost last night making
 11:00 things freeze this morning. Got
 11:30 Walter to school as usual
 12:00 just in the nick of time. He
 12:30 see pretty Margaret at the door
 1:00 ringing the bell. Look, Giles
 1:30 down to Paris. I ~~see~~ ^{birds} kind of
 2:00 always comes back. They hang
 2:30 up like bad pennies. They are
 3:00 like starting more or less of a
 3:30 post - but you like them for some
 4:00 unaccountable reason. Book club
 4:30 to-night. I must away home
 5:00 to swaddle the kids and
 5:30 sling them into bed.
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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

8:30 What an effort to get
 9:00 Walkie off to school in time!
 9:30 At 8:20 she is still in her
 10:00 pyjamas after 15 minutes
 10:30 Warguing and storming about
 11:00 what clothes she is to wear.
 11:30 It gets murrning down. She
 12:00 doesn't enjoy her breakfast at
 12:30 all especially as she bothe
 1:00 my brand of "goodie". Both
 1:30 children are backing with
 2:00 running-nose colds, so Kame is
 2:30 just one jump away from
 3:00 the Ontario hospital. Book
 3:30 club was a great success
 4:00 last night. By helping with
 4:30 the luteh I get myself in
 5:00 for playing. I read over our
 5:30 pieces for to-morrow night.
 6:00 Cool, windy and fair. The same
 6:30 yesterday, to-day and forever.
 7:00
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8:30 6:30 P.M. I'm in a special
 9:00 rush. I want to have five
 9:30 minutes on the 'cells before I pack
 10:00 it up, then go to bed, eat,
 10:30 change and be back in Paris
 11:00 at the Presbyterian Church at 8:15
 11:30 It was calm and dull for a
 12:00 change but no rain. Now H.I.
 12:30 do your stuff - this is your sixth
 1:00 anniversary!
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SUNDAY

8:30 Another gall stone on the
 9:00 journey passed. I refer to
 9:30 the jamming of teeth and
 10:00 poles at the P. Church
 10:30 in Paris yesterday. Thank
 11:00 goodness it is over with its
 11:30 tea sandwiches and small
 12:00 talk. But I am mellowed
 12:30 with the year - I enjoy church
 1:00 socials much more than I
 1:30 did twenty years ago. When
 2:00 we got home Sunday and they
 2:30 were holding forth with
 3:00 the Taylors and we joined in
 3:30 the hilarity - beer and more
 4:00 beer. Jack's hospitality knows
 4:30 no bounds. The day was
 5:00 a typical Saturday. The
 5:30 stamping up and down the
 6:00 steps and the slamming of doors
 6:30 getting me dizzy. Pops and
 7:00 more people, teeth and more
 7:30 talk - natural and false, good
 8:00 and bad - mostly bad.

Hip-hip - some rain this morning!

Dry, windy and cool. Dad
 Alpha and beds and got
 apparatus for lunch - this as
 a phase offering for leaving
 Evelyn stranded in the basement
 of the church without her pretty
 bonnet - managed to get the
 flowers over just as the
 congregation was beginning
 to assemble.

WEEKLY RECORDS

Called for Ev. at Richwood
 and had a faint to Grandpa's.
 Al and Ester etc. were there.
 Al had a de lux set of new
 teeth. He rambled on and on
 and I didn't have a chance to make
 many comments except ~~you know~~
 - in fact I didn't try. Home to
 a bang up good dinner at the Bills
 of home. Sweet potatoes etc - and
 apple pudding - the last of our
 precious apples.

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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

8:30 Brought Silas down
9:00 and unpacked some rotten
9:30 belt for him. Heavy white
10:00 frost last night. Good
10:30 fall day with a blue sky
11:00 changing to a grey haze
11:30 on the evening.
12:00 We had a living room
12:30 confab with Turner last
1:00 evening. The proposed
1:30 trip to the West was the
2:00 big topic of conversation.
2:30 Have to go up to the
3:00 hospital to see ~~the~~ pregnant
3:30 or pregnant patients.
4:00 I guess I'm a failure -
4:30 Don't play worth a damn
5:00 - can't do any thing worth a
5:30 damn etc. - I need some
6:00 hatch or screech.
6:30
7:00
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8:00

8:30 Stoker going all the time.
9:00 44° this morning and 60°
9:30 this afternoon, but dull and chilly
10:00 this evening. Rain is promised
10:30 and we have leaving in hopes
11:00 of some. Mummy and Dennis,
11:30 Daphnie and this mother all
12:00 with spring colds. "Poor Ben,
12:30 thy form is blue" I am bowed down
1:00 with the burden of work - past, present
1:30 and future, and no inspiring thoughts
2:00 come to me. Accordingly it's a good
2:30 idea to stop right here and not
3:00 write any more tiresome drivel.
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THURSDAY

8:30 The first heat wave -
 9:00 80 this afternoon. The leaves
 9:30 have got the big "Cameron"
 10:00 sign from the weather man
 10:30 and they are fairly popping
 11:00 to-day. This means a
 11:30 workout with the grass and weeds
 12:00 up home so fold up your
 12:30 work, lock the door and
 1:00 heat it. A fine hour
 1:30 practice at Hayden & Bach.
 2:00 Maybe some day I will
 2:30 be capable to play the
 3:00 'cello decently.
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8:30 Cleaned out the front gutter
 9:00 pipe elbows so they promised
 9:30 rain could get into the cistern.
 10:00 Had pork dinner with the Taylors
 10:30 at 7:00 P.M. after which I
 11:00 helped Kane dump the by-pass
 11:30 into bed. It was a man size
 12:00 job. We had one of our
 12:30 old fashioned time-honoured
 1:00 double rubbers of bridge at night
 1:30 with beer, cheese and crackers.
 2:00 It was the ultimate in enjoyment.
 2:30 Woke to the music of dawn
 3:00 this morning which has lasted
 3:30 nearly all day. A Great soaking
 4:00 just five times to save the
 4:30 hay and pasture. The north-
 5:00 west is yellow now so that
 5:30 means clearing. Oh marvelous
 6:00 billion-dollar rain! How I
 6:30 loved to watch it.
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FRIDAY

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8:30 40° this morning so I had
 9:00 to start up the old sausage
 9:30 grinder and warm up the
 10:00 house so Wallie could get
 10:30 dressed in time for school.
 11:00 Another grand rush away
 11:30 in HX at one minute to
 12:00 nine. She was not late as
 12:30 dear little Margaret had not
 1:00 rung the bell. East wind
 1:30 all day kept the sky mostly
 2:00 cloudy. I seem as busy
 2:30 as ever despite the fact
 3:00 that Pat and Harold are
 3:30 back at the old grind.
 4:00 Poor Homo sapiens! what
 4:30 a poor biological specimen
 5:00 you are!
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SATURDAY

8:30 Dull and cool with east
 9:00 wind at first, then warmer with
 9:30 the wind shifting to S.W. and
 10:00 finally a thunder shower at 6.45 P.M.
 10:30 Leaves nearly full out and
 11:00 the grass looking fresh and
 11:30 vividly green since the turn in
 12:00 the weather. A morning of
 12:30 strenuous extractions and an
 1:00 afternoon of prosthetic, which Slavish
 1:30 work stretches on ahead
 2:00 ad infinitum. What would
 2:30 have happened if I had
 3:00 had some of this work in
 3:30 1923 and '24? I hate to
 4:00 think. I get a great kick out
 4:30 of scanning the meager entries
 5:00 in those old appointment books.
 5:30 Also taking note of the few that
 6:00 have stuck with me through
 6:30 the years.
 7:00
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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

Dull and showery. Didn't go to bed any earlier than usual last night despite the fact that Ev. & Jack were in Hamilton at a City Company dance. Mary was keeping house across the road and insisted on a game of bridge with Sumner and Jas, which meant beer and more beer. Got my tomato plants

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set out this morning. dug some grass out of the strawberry bed. After lunch then changed should its and went to kitchen to get Bertha. Ev. had a fine chicken dinner for us at her place. Put the Godine and Bismuth to bed while Mary took Bertha to Princeton. The four of us had a very peaceful bottle of beer before bed time.

8:30 Dull at first and cool, but clearing and warmer - 75°
 9:00 by three o'clock, the real
 9:30 Gull spring warmth with
 10:00 plenty of moisture and everything
 10:30 fairly happening. The leaves are
 11:00 nearly full, and my tomato
 11:30 plants are standing up at
 12:00 attention after dropping miserably
 12:30 all afternoon yesterday. Giles
 1:00 to take down again. He is
 1:30 all for his practicing, and I
 2:00 would that we could arrange
 2:30 some - But you have it so busy
 3:00 and so loaded with Lydas
 3:30 that she scarcely has time
 4:00 to breathe. Scanning the old
 4:30 snap of the system - Mary, Alice
 5:00 and Hannah taken on towards
 5:30 lawn. How I would love to
 6:00 talk to them now! But the
 6:30 past has closed its "postern" and
 7:00 time's incredible finger points only
 7:30 one way.
 8:00

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TUESDAY

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8:30 I'll have to finish this entry
 9:00 at home - Beles and a tremendous
 9:30 crowd are in here pickled to the
 10:00 eyebrows. Didn't get a chance
 10:30 to write this so I am adding
 11:00 a line or two Wed. morning.
 11:30 Beles slept most of the way
 12:00 home but woke up to stagger
 12:30 out of the car. After late
 1:00 dinner we wandered across
 1:30 the road and had gin and
 2:00 smokes before retiring.
 2:30 The sky was clear all midnight
 3:00 and the air chilly. Earl lit
 3:30 the stoker for Ray's Saturn is
 4:00 out of Gemini, and Mars,
 4:30 insignificant now at nightfall is
 5:00 nearly into Leo. Jupiter has
 5:30 retrograded west of Spica and his
 6:00 brightness makes him king of
 6:30 the roost when Venus is
 7:00 set.
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 A crystal clear morning, radiant
 9:00 and lovely with the gleaming
 9:30 moist earth and the vivid
 10:00 foliage. Carnations and corn showing
 10:30 up in rows from the back door.
 11:00 The lovely sunny moon was
 11:30 unobscured in the apex of the
 12:00 south-west and rose at 10.00
 12:30 in Paris it is poised above the
 1:00 trees on Broadway, faintly pink,
 1:30 exquisitely beautiful in the clearest
 2:00 of skies. The spring waning moons
 2:30 are perhaps the most treasured of
 3:00 all the phases all year, as they bring
 3:30 back the days at Norwich.
 4:00 The sun shone bright all day and
 4:30 its spots were duly recorded.
 5:00 Hope to get home by 8.00 to
 5:30 plant some more bees and peas
 6:00 and prepare for the weekend
 6:30 celebration of the 23rd and 24th.
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THURSDAY

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MAY
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FRIDAY

8:30 "An unspeakable birthday,
9:00 let me try and forget it!"
9:30 The trouble is I will forget
10:00 it completely if I don't speak
10:30 about it and probably if
11:00 I do. It was too much this
11:30 all the days for the last
12:00 seven years - work, work
12:30 work with no respite.
1:00 Hardly time for an adequate
1:30 lunch. Extractions galore -
2:00 plates - everlasting plates -
2:30 and what avertures! Oh, Well,
3:00 (Mrs Cannon) I have a bottle
3:30 of soda water, a bottle of wine,
4:00 and my usual bread and
4:30 vegetables so I am looking
5:00 forward to to-morrow morning
5:30 off. Very clear and quite
6:00 warm. The half-moon was
6:30 my love this morning, as
7:00 were Wallie and Derbie.
7:30 - got her to the school in
8:00 time - wonder of wonders!

8:30 A big day! Finished
9:00 planting the garden. Edged
9:30 the back lawn and set
10:00 out some salvias. Went to
10:30 the office with Pave in the
11:00 afternoon taking Wallie as
11:30 far as Lydia's at Princeton
12:00 to see Bertha. A big Chicken
12:30 dinner party for me at night.
1:00 Shovelled in the Chow, dirt dishes,
1:30 shaved, changed and set off
2:00 the fireworks at dusk.
2:30 Proceeded off to the Java Line
3:00 school after that where
3:30 some played some violin solos
4:00 and we were entertained with
4:30 a good magician, adso, Hope
5:00 Dunston and some singing!
5:30 A big thunderstorm all
6:00 during the performance. We left
6:30 early and when we got home the
7:00 valley was in darkness. Put down my
7:30 & snoring by candle light. When
8:00 the lights went on we played
bridge for an hour with Lammey.
L. was tired and retired

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SATURDAY

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8:30 What a marvellous morning!
9:00 The balmy May breezes
9:30 are stirring the full canopy
10:00 of fresh maple leaves.
10:30 The pale crowned moon is
11:00 sinking to the south west.
11:30 the sky is a misty blue
12:00 with quick moving vaporous
12:30 clouds. The earth is moist
1:00 from last night's thunder
1:30 storm and the birds are
2:00 singing their fullest. The
2:30 day grows dull at noon and
3:00 rain falls all afternoon -
3:30 I hope they all have a
4:00 sleep so they will be "rarin'
4:30 for bridge and high jinks
5:00 to-night.
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SUNDAY

We did have bridge and high jinks with gin drinks, pork and beans, bacon and bread. The bidding was reckless so we all went down plenty. To-day was another big day. Wounded from after breakfast till nine to change for dinner at night. Cut the big cop of hay back and front and trimmed the front beds. Cut weeds and

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planted some more flowers at the back ended up by chopping dandelions in the driveway. Nuala can ride a bicycle now. She had several rides on mine down off the bridge. She usually skins herself falling off at the finish. I enjoyed listening to her violin practice at night. She is doing wonderfully well. Giles landed in before she was finished and we had a trio practice over at Eiv's as we were sleeping house. Cool and partly fair. A chilly north-east wind.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Donned my shorts yesterday
 9:00 probably an all-time
 9:30 record for late wearing of
 10:00 "longs". Cool and dull
 10:30 this morning. Dennis was all
 11:00 for coming down to the station
 11:30 with me. I had to duck down
 12:00 on the track as the peanut was
 12:30 in the station. He tumbled after
 1:00 me and the attention he required
 1:30 held up proceeding considerably.
 2:00 Mumshy was on the bridge
 2:30 waiting practically for us to get
 3:00 off the track lest we be cut to
 3:30 pieces and so ease the meat
 4:00 shortage. Ray and Ev. Called
 4:30 in white car at 2.00 P.M.
 5:00 Got in Loreto at 4.00 and took
 5:30 them up to Scind's and then to
 6:00 Eatons. Parked at the Royal
 6:30 York and lunched around till
 7:00 11.00 P.M. perfectly bored except the
 7:30 two hours basis when Norman Mackay
 8:00 took me up to his room for a
 and dinner at the Union.

8:30 I guess they sure enjoyed a
 9:00 good show last night. I should
 9:30 have been with them. Jack
 10:00 treated us to Honey Blue and
 10:30 did some of the show for us on
 11:00 the way home (Guzzler's Gin)
 11:30 Had to get up this morning
 12:00 but glad to get back in good
 12:30 old HX and down to the
 1:00 office. I am sure a fish out of
 1:30 water when I am far up
 2:00 anywhere. I'll be third day of
 2:30 cool east wind but the sun
 3:00 came out in the afternoon and warmed
 3:30 us up — first time I have been
 4:00 warm for three days. Well, so long
 4:30 for now I'm going home to cultivate
 5:00 some of the garden.
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MAY

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THURSDAY

8:30 The nasty wind has fallen
 9:00 and the clear day became
 9:30 comfortably warm by noon.
 10:00 The whistles are blowing
 10:30 now for 5-30 so I must
 11:00 get away for my bag of
 11:30 fertilizer at Russ Perry's.
 12:00 Did half the garden with
 12:30 the cultivator last evening and
 1:00 expect to do the rest today.
 1:30 Kula is restoring us for
 2:00 a wheel but they are hard
 2:30 to get - no girls models are
 3:00 available just at the moment.
 3:30 Venus is creeping closer to
 4:00 Regulus and Daburn slow but
 4:30 surely edging away from the
 5:00 Gemini. Jupiter and Venus
 5:30 are marvellous each evening.
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8:30 I am forced to forego this
 9:00 entry owing to the fact that it
 9:30 is 7:15 and I am due in
 10:00 Drumb's at 7:30 to eat and go
 10:30 over the pleasant roads to
 11:00 Norwich. Will tell you more to-
 11:30 morrow. This is the 32nd anniversary
 12:00 of moving into the Emily st. house also
 12:30 the 24th anniversary of "the return
 1:00 of the native" with my trunk and
 1:30 my inexperience and all the doubts,
 2:00 and fears and hopes of youth.
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SATURDAY

8:30 That was a glorious feast of
 9:00 good music last night.
 9:30 The most excellent singing
 10:00 imaginable. Called in at admin
 10:30 to say hello also at Howards
 11:00 who very kindly supplied us
 11:30 with the tickets. The children
 12:00 were off colour with stomach
 12:30 flu so we were a little late
 1:00 getting away and missed
 1:30 the first two numbers. The
 2:00 roads were good and H.V. hummed
 2:30 along in fine style. I always
 3:00 like the Norwich roads and
 3:30 going in to see Howards'. Today
 4:00 was sultry and dull ending in
 4:30 a thunder-storm in the late
 5:00 afternoon with a great quantity
 5:30 of H₂O. An abrupt shift of
 6:00 wind to the east and decidedly
 6:30 cooler. (First Sunday in new house
 7:00 I was not feeling very well)
 7:30 I guess not - too much dust from
 8:00 the moving, and then all the
 excitement.

8:30 Cold and wet. Has furrows
 9:00 going all day. Gated down
 9:30 and back I clock, clock.
 10:00 Had to call at Preston for
 10:30 Perth. I was cold in the
 11:00 car with a top coat. Day closes
 11:30 gray and cheerless. After dinner
 12:00 I and dishes we went over to
 12:30 Elvis and tried to keep her awake
 1:00 for a game of bridge but it
 1:30 was only partially successful.
 2:00 She slept through 3/4 of it in
 2:30 spite of the stall drinks fresh
 3:00 ground.
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MONDAY

A strenuous Sunday. Moved the lawn and helped Russell Cain with the railway ties. We set them over a bit so I could get by with my wheelbarrow. Johnnie proved quite a help pushing the mower. In the afternoon I cultivated and fertilized the entire garden, including my flower bed. Dinner was over

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for dinner and I never tasted a better one. Asparagus ^{pan} brown potatoes, roast beef (very brown and tender), carrots and salad. Raisin pie with whipped cream for dessert. Evelyn entertained Pa & Ma Taylor for dinner and for the later evening had Mrs. Kennedy, Mabel, Mary and us. Earl & Glad. came in after. We saved our instruments and ate lunch. The stories were very tame and mostly non-existent. Cool and partly fair. (Poor old 'Srebs)

8:30 So cool, dad-not-it, that I had
9:00 to light the old stove once
9:30 more and make a big
10:00 smoke screen, also blacken my
10:30 face, hands and hair
11:00 Muala was just a trifle
11:30 late for school as she didn't
12:00 get up till 8:20 and oh, how
12:30 slow the goodie goes, and
1:00 oh, the tears and the temper.
1:30 I can forgive her a lot
2:00 when I play her play, as
2:30 she did last night after dinner.
3:00 Has to cart Roy and Giles
3:30 to Paris, Dennis going as far
4:00 as Dolly Lou's. Giles will
4:30 be back any minute now
5:00 as my peared and pinches
5:30 at the end of their laborious
6:00 day will be shattered. Warned
6:30 up a little into the pities
7:00 This afternoon and the sun was
7:30 bright.
8:00

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Kept the furnace in still another
 9:00 day and it was appreciated
 9:30 on this chilly morn. It
 10:00 didn't warm up a great deal
 10:30 to-day as the sun was pale and
 11:00 all swarms of clouds kept it
 11:30 hidden a good part of the time.
 12:00 Sometimes the sky would darken
 12:30 and a cold shower would send
 1:00 everybody scurrying for shelter.
 1:30 The cumuli are gorgeous in the
 2:00 south with a background of
 2:30 fresh ^{green} oak ~~leaves~~. The rest of the
 3:00 sky is streaked and pelted in
 3:30 a thousand beautiful designs, the
 4:00 sun is growing paler and
 4:30 altogether it looks rather
 5:00 unpromising for the Field Night
 5:30 of the Hamilton Astronomical.
 6:00 My seven o'clock patient has
 6:30 just arrived so so long until
 7:00 to-morrow.
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8:30 So interested in figuring out
 9:00 some bars in a Bach Prelude
 9:30 that I neglected to enter
 10:00 this. The fact that it is
 10:30 Thursday is neither here nor
 11:00 there. I am usually a day behind.
 11:30 Wednesday was quite full,
 12:00 as is to be expected, getting home
 12:30 at 7:00, having dined with the
 1:00 Taylors & Halliday's which included
 1:30 cocktails à la Jack. Cultivated
 2:00 the garden by the duck after
 2:30 I thrust the hyenas up into
 3:00 their beds. Had a little game
 3:30 of rumonali and some gin
 4:00 fomen at Eiv's to complete the day.
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8:30 Awaken in a terrific downpour
 9:00 which lasted till noon.
 9:30 Just managed to get into
 10:00 the school and took Mummy
 10:30 with me to hold the part of
 11:00 water. Cleared in the
 11:30 afternoon and the sweet
 12:00 young moon from my south
 12:30 window is suspended in a
 1:00 crystal clear stream of azure
 1:30 as the sun sinks behind the
 2:00 maples by the armories.
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FRIDAY

8:30 The sun was dim abed last
 9:00 night and the delicate bars
 9:30 and curls of cloud in the north
 10:00 seemed to indicate rain. This
 10:30 morning was dull and my
 11:00 rubbers and raincoat were all
 11:30 ready for a rainy day. The rain
 12:00 went elsewhere for the time being,
 12:30 at least. Now at 7.00 P.M. the
 1:00 sun is struggling through the foggy
 1:30 sky. The Robins are all glibbed
 2:00 or gutted with worms and are
 2:30 singing for all they are worth.
 3:00 Good day to the famous festival at
 3:30 Showers Corner. I'll tell you about
 4:00 it to-morrow. As the growth of
 4:30 everything is tremendous I will
 5:00 hasten home in time to cut the
 5:30 lawn before dinner — or faint in
 6:00 the attempt. Reventures — multis —
 6:30 a — um! No let up.
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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

8:30 Very sultry, thunderstormy weather. Had a couple little ones (I mean thunder storms last night). Hazel and Eddy were at Er's and we sat in on some cocktails. The day has been hot, some heavy short showers, and now at quitting time the sun and easterly-west wind are turned on full blast.

1:00 Looking forward to a restful weekend, struggling with the lawn, weeds and devilish kids. First birthday Gogo has been absent at.

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(A.E.W.! what's the matter with him, Mr. Bell?)
June 9/47

Cool wind and fair. No bridge last night as Hazel, Eddy & Mary were over in full force. Got up smartly at 9.10 so that Mummy could be ready for early service at 10.30. Dennis came home at 11.00 and we tied up a lot of papers and took them down to Tony's like the old water tank in the cellar. Cultivated some of the garden in the afternoon and then cleaned up and we & Bell's drove up to Grandma's to help celebrate her 91st birthday. The Allen's were there and Jim Dennis. Grandma was quite bright. The Taylors came up for a few minutes but they left before we did. Had a trio (Giles) practice after the children were abed. at 10.30 we kept it across the road ^{to 60's} and ate a delicious ham dinner with green beans, jelly & whipped cream and beer. The four of us had a nice time together over such topics as Bertha, Al, "Gordie", Earl, Glad, Nora, Jim, etc.

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8:30 Had to light the furnace last
 9:00 night. This morning it was
 9:30 some too warm with the furnace
 10:00 still going. A light frost.
 10:30 The noon temperature was 60°
 11:00 Dull and gloomy. Not a bit
 11:30 like June. Brought Roy down
 12:00 to the train, ~~the~~ having missed
 12:30 the 8:45 train. Yesterday's
 1:00 preaching tired him and he
 1:30 ~~over~~ slept.
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TUESDAY

8:30 7:15 P.M. A sudden heat wave
 9:00 has come upon us. Yesterday
 9:30 we shined with the furnace
 10:00 going. To-day we sweat and perspire
 10:30 and try to imagine a cool
 11:00 swim or an iced drink. Waiting
 11:30 for Jack in the blue sludge.
 12:00 Brought Kane's white car down
 12:30 for repairs to fender etc. For a
 1:00 wonder I am ready when Jack
 1:30 calls. Hope it isn't too late would
 2:00 like to get a little cultivating done
 2:30 before dark or dinner whichever
 3:00 comes first.
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JUNE

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THURSDAY

8:30 Hat and bright. Didn't
 9:00 get home in time to do
 9:30 anything last night as Jack
 10:00 was sick and went home
 10:30 early. Kane and kids came
 11:00 for me at 8:30. I helped
 11:30 pile them in bed. This
 12:00 evening I will make
 12:30 amendments and give those
 1:00 weeds a real wrestle and
 1:30 what for. Jack has a fever
 2:00 and feels like hell. Hope
 2:30 to see him to-night.
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8:30 Yes, I saw Jack last night.
 9:00 He was lying down stairs on
 9:30 the Chestfield and was instrumental
 10:00 in giving me two stiff scratches
 10:30 which befuddled me. This
 11:00 morning was clear and cool.
 11:30 I got the peanut and stood in
 12:00 the back vestibule waving at
 12:30 the three youngsters on the
 1:00 bridge, Male, Glenn & Gaffney.
 1:30 It is 8:30. I am maneuvered as
 2:00 usual at this hour. I have
 2:30 got Mumma's white car from
 3:00 the Paris Motors - all washed,
 3:30 polished, fender fixed and
 4:00 everything - clutch, gas gauge and
 4:30 deck web. What a bill - I
 5:00 am still staggering under it
 5:30 and Glen brought our winter's
 6:00 coal this afternoon - more
 6:30 bills. Money, money, money - gold,
 7:00 silver, dollars - share the wealth.
 7:30
 8:00

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SATURDAY

8:30 Absolutely clear and cool.
 9:00 A total eclipse of the moon
 9:30 at noon today - Tough luck!
 10:00 Absolutely Mr. Gallagher. Positively
 10:30 Mr. Shean. The coal man
 11:00 Came again. poor man.
 11:30 He'll be all in. at least the
 12:00 coal is all in. I don't know
 12:30 how in the world he got
 1:00 all that coal bed in without
 1:30 raising the kitchen floor.
 2:00 Ward Bernard - He was all
 2:30 unstrung. Wallie plays at
 3:00 Missin's Band to night. She is
 3:30 getting to be quite popular.
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8:30 High barometer. Chilly nights.
 9:00 Clear bright moonlight. I wear
 9:30 frost. Very cool this morning
 10:00 when I got the breakfast and
 10:30 the family slept in. Took
 11:00 down Mummy's car again
 11:30 for grease and lights.
 12:00 For dear, this having two cars
 12:30 should only be for plutocrats.
 1:00 The wood came yesterday and was
 1:30 piled in the driveway. Started
 2:00 getting it down cellar, hoping that
 2:30 Dennis would finish. I wouldn't
 3:00 be surprised if he did.
 3:30 Car all fixed. Work all done.
 4:00 Ready for home, with pretty
 4:30 Margaret Macbie to ride with me.
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MONDAY

One of the old time games of bridge last night. Ed stayed awake through nearly the entire game. We drank quantities of gin wine & scotch which made us noisy and quarrelsome.

Didn't get very much garden cultivated as a thunder storm came up at 4:00 P.M. to-day. Loretta and the kids played

WEEKLY RECORDS

in the sun porch while Kane and I practiced. Beer over at Jack & Ed's after the trip practice last night. The three went up to the station to order the compartments for Aug. 18.

8:30 Dull and close. The hyenas
9:00 jumped on my bag yesterday
9:30 which I inadvertently left in
10:00 the car, and on the mess.
10:30 I was full upper broken in
11:00 many pieces. In add to the
11:30 morning's sorrows I had a flat
12:00 on Keg Lane and the jack kept
12:30 slipping off. I was 1/2 hr.
1:00 late and dirty and disgruntled.
1:30 Nothing went right. - Just twice
2:00 too many patients and only
2:30 half enough money. etc. etc.
3:00 Rained after 10.00 A.M. till noon.
3:30 Very slippery and look for the
4:00 remainder of the day. Gullies
4:30 fill and it all. I'll get an axe
5:00 and get someone to give me
5:30 ars-a-nick.
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TUESDAY

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JUNE

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 It is 7.05 P.M. I must
 9:00 leave this den of plate
 9:30 work and hurry home to
 10:00 take Rose to Chesterfield
 10:30 where she will sell her
 11:00 fiddle at another "Welcome
 11:30 Home" party. Oh dear, I should
 12:00 have been twins, maybe
 12:30 triplets. Better still quintuplets
 1:00 - one for astronomy, one for the cello
 1:30 one for the piano, one for dentistry
 2:00 and one for gardening, housework,
 2:30 biology etc. I envy anyone
 3:00 who has time to read.
 3:30 Cool and dull after the
 4:00 rain. Tell you more
 4:30 tomorrow.
 5:00
 5:30
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8:30 Very cool and windy from the
 9:00 east. Warm in the sun but
 9:30 chilly in the shade. It was
 10:00 actually cold and shivery at the
 10:30 Chesterfield a bunch last night.
 11:00 We dinner down in the basement
 11:30 in a hurry at 8.25. When the
 12:00 program started we bolted our pie
 12:30 and bolted up to the front by
 1:00 the piano. Some good speeches and
 1:30 music. Rose played well as usual
 2:00 Calder sang some scotch songs
 2:30 which thrilled the old times as
 3:00 well as the young. A few minutes
 3:30 relaxation with Jack, Ev & Earl
 4:00 after. To-day being fair
 4:30 means an extra effort to
 5:00 be home in good time to
 5:30 cultivate and meet. Poor old
 6:00 dad - would be 79 to day.
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8:30 Anything but June. Cold, dark
 9:00 m. going down till dusk.
 9:30 ~~light~~ fit stoker last night
 10:00 So Rave was about paralyzed
 10:30 with the cold. Evens the half
 11:00 hour prize fight failed to
 11:30 warm things up. Louis knocked
 12:00 out Conn in the eighth round
 12:30 so I lost 50 cents to Rave.
 1:00 Managed to get through the
 1:30 garden last evening while
 2:00 Dennis, Gary & Suffer mowed
 2:30 parts of the lawn whenever
 3:00 they took a fancy. If this
 3:30 keeps up I mean the heavy
 4:00 rains, we will be in the
 4:30 same soup as flooded Kent
 5:00 county and Toronto - struck
 5:30 Windsor. Oh for some
 6:00 warm June suns! Yes, a good
 6:30 number owe me and plenty,
 7:00 so I might as well owe for the
 7:30 sunshine that is if we ever
 8:00 get any worth while.

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JUNE

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FRIDAY

8:30 Now, how the sun will can I
 9:00 write this entry with pest pattern
 9:30 sitting beside me. Guess we'll
 10:00 have to leave over till the morning.
 10:30 See you later - big choir party
 11:00 at Mabel's to night.
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8:30 Wonders! Clearing and
9:00 warmer. I shut off the
9:30 coal fire this morning - a
10:00 coal fire in June which has
10:30 been going since Wednesday and
11:00 the house has not been too
11:30 warm. But all is forgiven
12:00 now the blessed sun is out
12:30 and the rich verdure backs in it.
1:00 If it stays like this to-morrow
1:30 I will have a great session
2:00 in garden - in a garden,
2:30 do bin rich so ~~good~~ fern.
3:00 Well, it looks as if I've
3:30 got to kill myself making
4:00 plates before I can relax
4:30 and get some pleasure out of
5:00 life - so what's the use?
5:30 The blade I have used since
6:00 a year ago, last New Year's is
6:30 beginning to act up. It refuses
7:00 to struggle through my stubble ^{longer}
7:30 without a lot of trouble. - must be
8:00 nearly time for a new one - what?

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JUNE
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SUNDAY

Into real summer at last!
Dennis donned his summer
underwear. Dishes and beds
took most of my church hour.
Filled up potatoes, had corn
and tied up tomatoes right
after lunch. Kane and I
hiked to Paris during Sunday
school hour and did some
office cleaning & lab work. We
stopped ^{WEEKLY RECORDS} off at Camp Killjoy
on the way back and were
joined after an hour by Jack, Co.
& the kids. Had my first
swim of the season. The
little ones enjoyed the water
to such a degree that we could
hardly pull them out of it.
Lunch in the open was scrumptious
- chicken, a hot pie, salad -
everything. Oh, how I enjoyed that
lovely spot. I am very loath to
forgo Camp this summer.

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JUNE
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TUESDAY

8:30 Hat and bought. 90°
 9:00 this afternoon and I tried
 9:30 my new fan - a father's
 10:00 a gift from my dear
 10:30 wife. Was able to get a
 11:00 pair of coal pants from
 11:30 Jack Bradley - hot dog!
 12:00 Would like to jump in the
 12:30 river now. No such luck.
 1:00 - week days are slave days.
 1:30 If I want nostalgia all I
 2:00 need to do is think of "a
 2:30 calmed west and a new moon"
 3:00 Saturday night was memorable
 3:30 for a fine night as dusk fell.
 4:00 Venus in Cancer, Mercury
 4:30 close to Saturn near the Poyan
 5:00 and a little below the heavenly
 5:30 Twins. ~~Mars~~ is leaving Regulus
 6:00 behind and Jupiter is starting
 6:30 back to Spica. Oh planets, how
 7:00 I love you.
 7:30
 8:00

8:30 Near old Summer. I have
 9:00 everything to do with summer.
 9:30 Whirls of light, cool dresses, the
 10:00 tall grass, shoulder-high, on my
 10:30 way to the town pump, the luscious
 11:00 garden stuff growing an inch a day,
 11:30 the long, long evening, the
 12:00 star planets in a hazy sky, the
 12:30 dusty roads and the car singing
 1:00 along them, the dear river and
 1:30 the swimming hole at the bridge,
 2:00 - and that brings me to this
 2:30 morning when I stole ten minutes
 3:00 of my first appointment to
 3:30 plunge into the ^{deep} green depths for
 4:00 the second time this year. Everything
 4:30 was as lovely as at any time of year
 5:00 - The 5th bridge is my favorite
 5:30 spot - ever since the visit of 1915
 6:00 when I first visited it with Arthur
 6:30 Taylor. 87° this afternoon.
 7:00 Cloudless and a stiff S.W. breeze.
 7:30 A perfect June day.
 8:00

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JUNE
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THURSDAY

8:30 Hot and sultry. The
9:00 mosquitoes kept us awake
9:30 the second night in succession
10:00 so we slept in till 8:30.
10:30 Accordingly Waltie was late
11:00 for school even with a
11:30 hurry up breakfast of deer meat.
12:00 Stole time for another swim
12:30 at the 5th out to the diving
1:00 ladder under the "cool gloom of the
1:30 bridge" - only there was no cool
2:00 gloom, just lukewarm water
2:30 and lots of sunlight. A
3:00 couple showers this afternoon
3:30 but the air at 6:00 P.M. is no
4:00 cooler. 91° F.
4:30
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8:30 Missed my morning plunge
9:00 as Bill Schenker & I
9:30 taken possession of the bridge -
10:00 and, oh boy, the atmosphere was
10:30 perfect for it, but alas, I was
11:00 not alone and that seems to
11:30 be essential with me. "I strive
12:00 with none for none was worth
12:30 my strife, that one I loved, and vent
1:00 my nature, art I warmed both
1:30 hands before the fire of life."
2:00 I will not finish the magnificent
2:30 verse as it would not be
3:00 suitable, as I feel a long, long
3:30 way from departing this flesh
4:00 life grows more intense and
4:30 interesting for me every day, as
5:00 the past becomes a richer background
5:30 for the past seemingly unbounded
6:00 future. My physique seems
6:30 better than ever. A nice letter
7:00 from Edith at Cahoon. All about
7:30 a week from Monday!
8:00

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FRIDAY

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JUNE
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SATURDAY

8:30 Goodie! No, I should say "no
9:00 goodie". Muala and Blumish were
9:30 going to a morning tea party
10:00 I got 9.00 which precluded
10:30 breakfast with the exception
11:00 of orange juice. I ate door-
11:30 fruit and suffered -
12:00 accordingly. Still it was a
12:30 easy job, goodie, goodie I had
1:00 another of those priceless
1:30 plunges into the tepid tub.
2:00 Bill Johnson saw me and
2:30 hooked a ride to Paris.
3:00 90° all day. Lots of work
3:30 but really ate it up.
4:00 I'm full of drang and
4:30 joie de vivre. My office.
5:00 really busted as I fixed it
5:30 with a fence-wine tail gut.
6:00 Now try and break I will you.
6:30 A letter from Buggum but I
7:00 have not deciphered it yet.
7:30 Got Alph's letter off on Wednesday
8:00

8:30 "Hot! Oh my gosh!" Wasn't
9:00 expecting to be able to sneak
9:30 a swim but privacy prevailed
10:00 so I splashed in as usual
10:30 in the shade. Got home in
11:00 good time - 7.00 and ate,
11:30 washed & changed in record
12:00 time. Kane and I left for Paris
12:30 at 7.45 and arrived just in
1:00 time for the program of Welcome
1:30 for the Boy at the arena. Kane
2:00 played the Swedish Romance
2:30 beautifully. We stopped in at
3:00 zip's on the way home. Had
3:30 drinks - zip kicked on the
4:00 front veranda while watching the
4:30 party going on at Jim's.
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JULY
1
MONDAY

Not as sun hill. Picked a
 pea - sweet basket of peas
 from under the cherry tree.
 Also a box strawberries before
 lunch. Earl went to the Mall
 in Gogo car with Kay's battery.
 I took the kids - Dennis, Paula
 & Loretta down to the river late
 in the afternoon and I had a
 swim down at the camp while they

prodded up at the sand bar.

WEEKLY RECORDS

When we got home N. & Ev had
 dinner ready - roast beef,
 fresh green peas etc. and
 were we hungry! 90° all
 day. Upstairs hot as oven.

8:30 A shower at 2.00 A.M. Cooled
 9:00 the air and we slept better
 9:30 last night. I struggled with
 10:00 the furnace in the morning and
 10:30 got it clean by noon. Some of
 11:00 the smaller pipes fell to pieces.
 11:30 There was about a wheelbarrow
 12:00 load of soot and dirt. It was a
 12:30 hot cooler and rained for an
 1:00 hour in the mid afternoon. Took
 1:30 the kids and Loretta to Paris and
 2:00 cleaned their teeth. It cleared
 2:30 at 6-00 and was still cooler
 3:00 - even chilly. Went to Hamilton
 3:30 to the Mont Kemy broadcast and
 4:00 saw the centennial parade
 4:30 of floats afterwards. Got home
 5:00 at 1.30 A.M. after a big
 5:30 Chinese dinner. Dennis sat
 6:00 over with the checkfield on grand
 6:30 the sleeping anchors.
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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Very clear and cool. Venus
 9:00 and the moon in close
 9:30 conjunction were impressive
 10:00 Best evening abroad the crowded
 10:30 noisy, milling streets of Hamilton.
 11:00 Jupiter and Opus sank to
 11:30 rest as we journeyed home.
 12:00 Got gas at Peter's Garage.
 12:30 We were most lucky to get
 1:00 the man up as it was away
 1:30 after midnight and we went
 2:00 most dangerously low.
 2:30 Getting back to work this
 3:00 morning for a short, ~~agony~~
 3:30 - hell of a week.
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8:30 Very clear all day, and warmer.
 9:00 80° was high at 3.00 P.M.
 9:30 This makes a perfect summer
 10:00 day with plenty of moisture in
 10:30 the ground, abundant growth of
 11:00 vegetation, hay a good crop, and
 11:30 well under way, wheat turning
 12:00 yellow and a lovely stand of
 12:30 spring grain out in head.
 1:00 Took in Kay's watch to Collie's
 1:30 got her a summer girdle,
 2:00 also a supper-dress wedding
 2:30 gift for the Winter's. Kay ought
 3:00 to be pleased with my
 3:30 efforts! At least I didn't forget.
 4:00 The sweet crescent moon is
 4:30 on the meridian. It will be
 5:00 just east of Mars and below
 5:30 Pleiades to-night - last night
 6:00 it was equidistant between Regulus
 6:30 and Mars and made a pretty
 7:00 picture.
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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

8:30 Giles, the inevitable, came
 9:00 up at 6.00 P.M. as I had
 9:30 no privacy, or any opportunity
 10:00 to finish to-day's Journal
 10:30 entry. I made Drums by
 11:00 7.50 changed and rushed
 11:30 over to the church. Annie's
 12:00 recital was a great success,
 12:30 Mrs. Nareson started it off
 1:00 with a few well chosen
 1:30 words. Kvala played three
 2:00 times; once in a violin trio,
 2:30 one piano solo (the fairy's Day
 3:00 - without a mistake and very
 3:30 cute) and one violin solo (summer
 4:00 evening with some shifts,
 4:30 and well done for her first
 5:00 attempt at 3rd position. Kave
 5:30 played the Swedish Romance
 6:00 again which brought the
 6:30 evening to a brilliant close.
 7:00 Hot and bright, but cool
 7:30 in the evening.
 8:00

8:30 Notice - one of Kathleen's
 9:00 recitals that was comfortable
 9:30 as to temperature. The first one
 10:00 we didn't swelter, well and
 10:30 well. To-day was a
 11:00 continuation of the fine bright
 11:30 summer weather. Lightly a cloud
 12:00 and a moon temperature of 83°
 12:30 Dry and hot that for Friday
 1:00 weather. You can't do it.
 1:30 The cool evening air is
 2:00 burdened with the scent of
 2:30 the moon Day, and the vesper
 3:00 sparrows still pour out their flood
 3:30 of melody from the field back
 4:00 of the I-house.
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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

8:30 How! I guess we are still
 9:00 in the swim. Hot and
 9:30 sunny and everything was
 10:00 peaceful at the bridge so
 10:30 I stripped off and poured
 11:00 myself in the cool bath.
 11:30 The night having been cool
 12:00 this week, the water was a
 12:30 little too chilly for comfort, but
 1:00 I had a good glow and
 1:30 feeling of well-being which
 2:00 lasted all day. I am waiting
 2:30 for the day when I can
 3:00 swim there with a few more
 3:30 minutes to enjoy it and not
 4:00 be eternally rushed as now.
 4:30 Getting things in shape for
 5:00 the big week at Cobourg
 5:30 and Ottawa.
 6:00
 6:30
 7:00
 7:30
 8:00

Rime and warm. A day of great
 preparations for our holiday
 trip. Had to knock off and
 go swimming at Gilsbie's flats
 late in the afternoon, as the
 children were clamorous for the
 water. The water was like warm
 woman. A day like last Sunday.
 There was a lot I intended to
 get done in the garden that

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just didn't get done. Jack poured us
 some nice gin drinks in the late
 evening after there was peace and
 quietness.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Rather dull and not too hot.
 9:00 a perfect day for driving.
 9:30 It rained at Daybreak, ~~in fact~~
 10:00 it was still raining when I
 10:30 was getting the last bags in
 11:00 the car. Got away at 9.30 and
 11:30 with Kane driving we made
 12:00 Whitley by 12.30 where we
 12:30 ate a good dinner at the
 1:00 "Hotel Whitley". We were in
 1:30 Cobourg by 1.45 quarter to three
 2:00 and (straightway) went to the
 2:30 beach and for the water.
 3:00 Effie had the whole kaboodle
 3:30 water to a sumptuous repast
 4:00 at 6.30. Jellied veal, salads,
 4:30 angel cake in huge portions.
 5:00 Spent most of the evening
 5:30 at the Hoppers.
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8:30 We had the south-west room
 9:00 with two windows. It was cool
 9:30 and airy. Soon after breakfast
 10:00 I took the children to the beach
 10:30 walked to the end of the east
 11:00 pier. The morning was brilliant
 11:30 and the blue water and sky
 12:00 and the shining white sands were
 12:30 hard on the eyes. Dropped a can
 1:00 to Jack A. on the way by to dinner.
 1:30 The afternoon was spent entirely
 2:00 at the water as was the picnic
 2:30 supper. Dennis got lost and
 3:00 managed to get nearly to
 3:30 Aunt Evid's before ^{being} picked up by
 4:00 the folks. Aunt Evid was still
 4:30 to come to the picnic and we
 5:00 all had a marvellous time.
 5:30 A perfect holiday.
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THURSDAY

8:30 Still fine. The waning moon
9:00 low in the south west shed
9:30 salt beams on sun bed
10:00 Last night as we went to
10:30 sleep. This looks like a fine
11:00 day for motoring.
11:30
12:00 Yes, it was a very fine day.
12:30 Rather warm but not
1:00 unbearable. Got to Ottawa about
1:30 6.00 P.M. after eating a satisfying
2:00 dinner at the "Golden Apple" Pub
2:30 Gansuogne and a walk down to
3:00 the dock on the St. Lawrence.
3:30 ate dinner at the Chateau
4:00 Laurier caf.
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8:30 Fine and hot. Had a nice
9:00 excursion up the Gatineau about
9:30 25 miles to W. Chabfield. Dined on
10:00 the river and ate our picnic
10:30 lunch under the pine trees a
11:00 delightful spot.
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JULY

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SATURDAY

8:30 A thunder storm last night
 9:00 made the air quite fresh
 9:30 this morning. Went for
 10:00 a bike ride with Wade
 10:30 and Waltie taking Dennis on
 11:00 the cross-bar. Went a mile
 11:30 east Rideau Hall along the
 12:00 Ottawa river - a very scenic
 12:30 route. In the afternoon we
 1:00 visited Beechwood cemetery
 1:30 and saw Langemann's grave.
 2:00 It was quite inconspicuous
 2:30 and neglected. The headstone
 3:00 was sunken and leaning and
 3:30 I had to ~~dig~~ dig about 3" of
 4:00 dirt away to read the date
 4:30 of his death - Feb 10, 1899.
 5:00 The whole episode was rather
 5:30 depressing. Ate a cafeteria
 6:00 dinner again at the Chateau
 6:30 Laurier. Wade and I read poetry
 7:00 till midnight.
 7:30
 8:00

8:30 Got up to the Parliament buildings
 9:00 at 9:00 A.M. on this clear
 9:30 hot sunny morning and saw
 10:00 through the Peace Tower and
 10:30 still to the ledge below the great
 11:00 clock both east and west. The
 11:30 view was one for the Gods -
 12:00 - such clear air and horizon.
 12:30 Dave drove to Kingston on no. 15
 1:00 where we ate dinner. I drove
 1:30 to Cobourg and made a brief
 2:00 call at the house before
 2:30 streaking for the beach to
 3:00 sling the children in the water.
 3:30 Aunt Evid went down with us
 4:00 and sat on the chair under the
 4:30 willow tree. Norman, Alf. &
 5:00 Shirley & myself went in the
 5:30 water which was as usual
 6:00 rather chilly. Had a great
 6:30 supper and got at night.
 7:00 Effie & Art. came over.
 7:30
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SUNDAY

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JULY
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MONDAY

Hott and rather hazy, clouding over by noon. D. & I. went with us to Toronto, Kathy driving. Left Coburny 11.00 a.m. arrived Toronto 1.00 P.M. Maxine entertained us up in her nice apartment with a lovely dinner of steak cauliflower potatoes (presumably cooked), Red piano was fine and I enjoyed playing on it as the

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week was a starvation one for my music. I drove home leaving Toronto at 4.45 and going around by Glen Morris, arriving in Durbin by 6.10 P.M. It was dull and so made nice motoring. Ev. & Jack had us all for dinner of roast beef new peas, potatoes, beets, squash, etc. A rain set in at dusk. Fixed the front door handle and picked at few peas.

8:30 56° - Clear and uncomfortable
9:00 cool. The archels were
9:30 sleeping at 9.00 A.M. as I drove
10:00 away to work. I had great
10:30 ambitions to get up early and
11:00 pick more peas but of course
11:30 I didn't - too much holiday
12:00 excitement. It warmed up to
12:30 70° this afternoon. Oh, if I
1:00 only had more time to read
1:30 and write. Ralph is hammering
2:00 at the door now, how can I spare
2:30 the time to talk to him? - dear old
3:00 Ralph. The work is bringing
3:30 me as under a steam shovel.
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Clear and warm in the
9:00 sun but cool both morning
9:30 and evening. Wonderful
10:00 weather for haying and
10:30 all other work. So went
11:00 to Hamilton last night and
11:30 John Martin spent the
12:00 night with us. A hard
12:30 day which nearly broke my
1:00 back. I would like to cut
1:30 the front lawn this evening
2:00 if I have gas enough
2:30 left in my tank. I doubt
3:00 it as I am very hungry and
3:30 tired and it is twenty to nine
4:00 of the present moment. and
4:30 I haven't touched my dear
5:00 cello. Wrote to Edlelee at
5:30 noon.
6:00
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8:30 Fine and warm. What could
9:00 be more ideal for finishing
9:30 up the hay. How many loads
10:00 did you say we had in
10:30 already? Dig some potatoes
11:00 this morning and they were
11:30 excellent. Probably this will
12:00 be the best crop yet. Wheat
12:30 is a golden yellow everywhere
1:00 and soon will be cut.
1:30 Oats are whitening and summer,
2:00 dear summer is racing along.
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8:30 Time and still warmer.
9:00 Earl H. took the truck with
9:30 myself and Jack as passengers
10:00 down to Moscow as the last
10:30 light faded, and the children
11:00 were all quiet in bed, and
11:30 Venus glowed low down and
12:00 was now a little higher up and
12:30 half way over to bright Jupiter
1:00 & Spica, and Scorpio with *Antares*
1:30 hung on the south meridian
2:00 in jewelled splendour - lovely
2:30 as the soft summer time. When
3:00 we got back I treated the gang
3:30 to a round of Black Horse.
4:00 2-day started to get sticky
4:30 as the therm rose to 88 and
5:00 humidity increased.
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19
FRIDAY

8:30 The rest all sweated a swim
9:00 in on me last night which
9:30 made me mad so this
10:00 morning I retaliated by sneaking
10:30 one myself at the old 5th
11:00 bridge. The water was never better.
11:30 It refreshed me all day. The
12:00 humidity and temperature soared
12:30 above yesterday's, namely to 91°
1:00 for the latter. I couldn't wear my
1:30 gown and beads of sweat stood
2:00 upon my wavy brow. On in
2:30 the afternoon it grew dark and
3:00 by 5:00 the storm broke in all
3:30 its pent up fury, with hail, lightning
4:00 torrents of water and strong wind.
4:30 It is now 7:30 and the sky is brightening
5:00 a little though it is still raining
5:30 gently and wind and thunder have
6:00 all been forgiven & forgotten in the
6:30 present heavenly peace, and cooler
7:00 air.
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JULY
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SATURDAY

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8:30 The great storm cooled the
9:00 air for sleeping last night
9:30 but it didn't stay cool. To-day
10:00 was as muggy and oppressive
10:30 as yesterday. Took HX down
11:00 to the Paris Motors for generator
11:30 brushes. George said the fellows
12:00 went out to fix the stoker this
12:30 morning - I hope they got there.
1:00 6.00 P.M. Guess I'll hurry home
1:30 and maybe take the gang
2:00 swimming. Edith sent the
2:30 forgotten bathing suits.
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JULY
21
SUNDAY

Collected the birds including Seaffrey
and we all with Ray and Jean went
to Silvan's flats for a swim at 7:30
yesterday. Consider memories of happy
camping days. Feasted on a
most glorious sunset on the way
back. After I had dinner and
did the dishes we went over to
Evi's and played rummy, drank
rum and generally carried on
like nuts. WEEKLY RECORDS Spent to-day
working around the place, clearing the
root bin, hoeing and pulling weeds.
The potatoes which we dig as we
need them are the best ever. We
are swamped with beans. Had
luncheon for dinner also Earl H. He
and I did dishes while the rest
went to evening service.

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MONDAY

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8:30 Hot and close. Rather foggy and
9:00 the faint half moon struggled
9:30 behind many bars of cloud.
10:00 It grew hotter and closer towards
10:30 noon when the sun hid his
11:00 festive face and a thunder storm
11:30 broke just before twelve. Again
12:00 at supper time another great
12:30 quantity of rain with plenty
1:00 of flashes and noise. Cobbie's
1:30 47 Stude (pea green or is it olive
2:00 green?) steals in and out below
2:30 my south window. It stays there
3:00 all through the working hours to
3:30 make me envious. I guess
4:00 I hurt poor old Ralph's feelings
4:30 by not letting him in. I must
5:00 make amends - but soon.
5:30 47 Stude? Nothing doing. I am
6:00 going to get HX fixed up to look
6:30 respectable. Good old HX - good
7:00 enough for me.
7:30 (Cobbie's 51 Chev does not look any
8:00 better than H12 - July 22/61)

Dear Cobbie - gone to the shade July 22, 1976

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JULY
23
TUESDAY

8:30 Wallie came up at 7.30 and
9:00 couldn't make an entry of
9:30 to-day's tremendous dosage
10:00 which consisted of a hurried
10:30 swim to ladder and back under
11:00 the 5th bridge, leaving my car
11:30 with Ralph Cooper and having
12:00 Kane call for me. She came
12:30 down early with Nuala and they
1:00 had a picnic supper over at the
1:30 Lion's park. Been later at our
2:00 place after walking down to
2:30 the shops and watching Ev. slave
3:00 for an hour.
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JULY

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WEDNESDAY

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8:30

Muggy, and showery. No
sun this morning as everything

9:00

was too wet. Drove merrily

9:30

to car. I can't get over our

10:00

bumper potato crop. One hill

10:30

does for dinner. The carrots are

11:00

thick and juicy; the beets like

11:30

mangled, the beans too proliferate

12:00

to keep up with.

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JULY

25

THURSDAY

8:30

Much cooler. Beer last night
over at Ei's with the Taylors.

9:00

"What the Ham" and "Glad."

10:00

"Are you tired, dear?" Yes, I'm

10:30

tired, setting up teeth till 8:00

11:00

P.U. - also repairs headaches -

11:30

multus, a, umf. Drove Pan's

12:00

Kon again, thanks to her unselfish

12:30

soul. I do not ever remember

1:00

a bunch of spots as spectacular

1:30

as are crossing the sun's disc

2:00

now. It must be the atomic

2:30

bomb, or perhaps the failure

3:00

of the U.N.O.

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FRIDAY

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8:30 Fair and cool. The slip
9:00 of a moon in the morning sky
9:30 was the same as I saw on
10:00 that 12 acre or "new moon" field
10:30 at Howard's old farm. The thrill
11:00 of that sight is as keen as
11:30 fever and will never lessen.
12:00 The huge sunspot is about
12:30 half way across the disc.
1:00 Mom is mad at me for neglecting
1:30 the strong arm of discipline at home
2:00 so I have tried to smooth
2:30 things over with a box of
3:00 Laura's (two months or so) and
3:30 a dress for Wallie. Poor Dennis
4:00 gets nothing - oh well, he
4:30 would immediately break it
5:00 anyway. My coat last night
5:30 - Mom shivered and admitted
6:00 an extra quilt.
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JULY
27
SATURDAY

8:30 Fair and warmer. I hope
9:00 this is the last day for taking
9:30 Mom's car as she's lost without
10:00 it, there being only one battery
10:30 between the old car and the truck.
11:00 "Dad says to Glad, what the ham."
11:30 "Dined dear?" Stopped at J. S.'s
12:00 on the way down to loan him a
12:30 dark glass to view the famous spot
1:00 on the sun. Morena was there, Sam
1:30 being at present prisoner in the
2:00 "Steel Co" strike-bound plant. The
2:30 Ray was of rare perfection,
3:00 a bright summer sun, not too
3:30 hot, and a few fleecy clouds to
4:00 bear light shade. The across
4:30 B last night dominated the sky
5:00 and made the whole night
5:30 like twilight. Venus is getting
6:00 brighter and lower at dusk and
6:30 is catching up to Mars below
7:00 Denebola. Jupiter is catching up to
7:30 Arica. Now I must catch up with
8:00 my work and soon time to eat
and wrestle with kids.

JULY
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SUNDAY

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JULY
29
MONDAY

Again and quite hot, but breezy. Great weeds at odd angles till the back yard looked fairly presentable. Took the children down to the river at 4:30 and went in with them. Had dinner over the road. Rave and I did dishes and put the little fellows to bed while the rest went to

WEEKLY RECORDS

evening worship. The four of us and Turner congregated in our living room. Later for a smoke and a glass of beer. Set up the Finch in the afternoon and showed them the great sun spot.

8:30 Gone and hot. The rest
9:00 were still sleeping when I finished
9:30 breakfast, which was just the time
10:00 to run to the station. Took
10:30 present and stood on back
11:00 vestibule where there was a cool
11:30 draft, inside the well-filled car
12:00 being insupportably hot. Got my
12:30 HI at the garage at noon. It
1:00 looked smart but oh gee,
1:30 why did you have to get brown
2:00 for. "Oh shit."
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TUESDAY

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JULY
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 "What did you get brown for?"
9:00 Dull and Close all day.
9:30 Tough luck we can't see the
10:00 big sun spot. It will be about
10:30 gone to-morrow. Also the
11:00 new moon. However all is
11:30 not lost - I saw the thread-like
12:00 fragment of the day-old moon last
12:30 evening while driving from
1:00 Princeton to Drumho following
1:30 Earl who had spent an hour
2:00 bumming around the office.
2:30 Kane, Ed, and the kids all admired
3:00 the car. They (the kids) pounced
3:30 on it like a bunch of wildcats
4:00 and rode from the bowtng green
4:30 home. It certainly looks better
5:00 than new. Wrote to Bernard
5:30 enclosing snaps. A letter from
6:00 Alfred - tough luck, we won't see
6:30 them.
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8:30 How! Last day of July. How I
9:00 love it. The kids were all agog
9:30 to eat breakfast and ride with
10:00 me down as far as Fred Hawk's
10:30 where a steam shovel is digging.
11:00 Ran around like a chicken with
11:30 its head off all morning. Made
12:00 Princeton or rather Dinty Moore's
12:30 garage by 12:30 where nummy
1:00 & Aunt Wee and kids were waiting
1:30 Made Burgessville by 1:00 and
2:00 were in lots of time for the Dennis
2:30 picnic dinner and program. Have
3:00 played three violin solos including
3:30 the haunting "Rondino". Left there
4:00 at Princeton at 4:30. They were
4:30 bound for Wolventon and the S. S.
5:00 picnic, I to Paris to work a few
5:30 hours. Sunny and breezy and
6:00 not too hot. A perfect day.
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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

8:30 Chilly east wind and
 9:00 overcast skies all day ending
 9:30 in a cold cheerless driving
 10:00 rain from 5:30 on. Roy M.
 10:30 bumped down with me. It
 11:00 seemed more like October 1st
 11:30 than August 1st. The Pennman
 12:00 employees on holiday will
 12:30 have a poor time of it and
 1:00 tomorrow is the best excursion.
 1:30 Wallie was in disgrace last night,
 2:00 she spilled the ink bottle all
 2:30 over the ^{living} newspapers and doilies.
 3:00 She was tired after two picnics
 3:30 in one day. I pulled out the
 4:00 several hundred nails the kids
 4:30 pounded in the cellar way.
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8:30 East wind all day and a little
 9:00 feeble sunshine. Not quite so
 9:30 chilly as yesterday: it rose
 10:00 a little above 70. Not warm
 10:30 enough to enjoy the great
 11:00 outdoors, and this was the day
 11:30 of the big Pennman excursion
 12:00 to Port Dalhousie. How am I
 12:30 going to satisfy all the tooth troubles
 1:00 between now and two weeks from
 1:30 tomorrow? I'd have to be
 2:00 superman, or superrabbit. A
 2:30 sick moon is barely visible in
 3:00 the south west.
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SUNDAY

8:30 The fog which enveloped
 9:00 everything like a cloak at sunrise
 9:30 dissipated and the day was bright
 10:00 and warm. A decided improvement
 10:30 on yesterday. The "dim and
 11:00 horned moon" in the blue to the
 11:30 south is still as true a friend
 12:00 as it was twenty-eight years
 12:30 ago.

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8:00

Wonder of wonders, the Taylors
 and Bills, actually had a
 game of bridge last night
 just for ages. Bridge is very
 rare this summer. Everybody
 is too busy and too tired
 at night. Also we all have
 social obligations and other diseases
 that seem to stand in the way.
 Dug a bag of potatoes during
 church.

WEEKLY RECORDS

Started the lunch and
 had it on the way when they came
 home. Washed and changed
 and got away to Orangeville by
 1:45. Had a lovely trip and time at
 Aunt Lottie's. Whole Harry et us were there
 Had lots of music, also a fine dinner
 of roast beef etc. Rev. Bob Wilson and
 the Liddy's came in after. We had
 a session of hot trios as Rev. played
 the violin with energy and gusto.
 Got home at 12:30, the dear kiddos
 sleeping all the way. Lots of
 fog and dim yellow half-moon.

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MONDAY

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AUGUST

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TUESDAY

8:30 A fine warm day. Started
 9:00 off by digging a bag of
 9:30 potatoes. Buzzed off to
 10:00 Paris after lunch in daddy's
 10:30 "brown car" with Bessie, Ray and
 11:00 kids, leaving them at the show
 11:30 and walking around the block
 12:00 to the old millstone to plane
 12:30 and sweat. Worked on uncle
 1:00 Jack and Auntie Evelyn. Got
 1:30 home about 6:30 and dug
 2:00 another bag of spuds
 2:30 before dark. The Taylors
 3:00 and Mary in the gas
 3:30 at night. Rye for Highballs.
 4:00 Highballs to you!
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8:30 Dull and cool all morning
 9:00 clearing about middle afternoon
 9:30 and warming up to 80°
 10:00 The old grindstone again all
 10:30 day - slowly grinding widows,
 11:00 and orphans. Also the occasional
 11:30 clergyman. A nice letter from
 12:00 Edily enclosing four picnic
 12:30 snaps of the Bells and their
 1:00 Colby Cousins.
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8:30 Cool nights and warm days
 9:00 85° high. You wouldn't want
 9:30 better summer weather for
 10:00 working. My B.O. is bad but
 10:30 of course it is always bad
 11:00 of all seasons and temperatures.
 11:30 Jack came home at 11:30
 12:00 Last night and caught us
 12:30 snitching his beer. He joined
 1:00 us in a bottle, telling us
 1:30 meanwhile of his days experience
 2:00 re the fixing of the broken
 2:30 pole at Waterloo. It has
 3:00 to be spliced, but alcohol
 3:30 is necessary to make the
 4:00 splice hold.
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THURSDAY

8:30 Hotten - 88° but not like 1918
 9:00 Got my August quota of
 9:30 Lager Beer yesterday and
 10:00 topped it last evening - just a
 10:30 private little guggle between the
 11:00 Taylors and Bells without Mary
 11:30 or Turner or Earl (what the hell)
 12:00 Must not forget to mention my
 12:30 hour's work in the garden
 1:00 after dinner yesterday for which
 1:30 I was on time, and even a little
 2:00 ahead of time (-work this on the
 2:30 calendar). Dug another bog of
 3:00 overgrown spruce which makes
 3:30 the fourth in the fruit cellar.
 4:00 This morning was just right
 4:30 for a swim but I was too
 5:00 busy - a frantic rush that will
 5:30 continue unabated till Saturday
 6:00 Aug. 17th
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SATURDAY

8:30 The August heat wave is
 9:00 here. State a swim at the
 9:30 bridge. Swam to the ladder
 10:00 swimming in the tepid depths of
 10:30 green water, swam back to the
 11:00 diving board to get my shirt
 11:30 and so to Paris some 15 minutes
 12:00 late for my first aperitif.
 12:30 Very sticky day. 86° and a
 1:00 nice stiff sou-wester.
 1:30 How quiet and peaceful are these
 2:00 few minutes to myself here in
 2:30 the office after a busy day.
 3:00 I am getting the debris
 3:30 fixed up by the Piccadilly for
 4:00 tomorrow's Bell Delphic
 4:30 ceremonies - the 70th anniversary
 5:00 of the first telephone call from
 5:30 Paris to Branford.
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8:30 The August heat wave busted
 9:00 last night in a nice 100,000
 9:30 volt thunder storm. To-day is
 10:00 cool breezy and showery. A
 10:30 shower set two even sprinkled
 11:00 the big crowd at the unveiling
 11:30 of the plaque. I did not get
 12:00 but to see the proceedings but
 12:30 heard the rise and fall of voices the
 1:00 band and the applause like
 1:30 on V. E. day on V. J. day.
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MONDAY

Cool and partly fair. Hard to get up in time for church. Just Walter and Mummy went as it was in the United and Dennis isn't any too good in church. So I watched Ben and John Martin till they came back. Tomer came over and sat on the bank while I dug potatoes. Got two more bags in

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the cellar in the afternoon. Tomer stayed for dinner at night and we ended up over at Ev's with beer, crackas and cheese. Rene and I did some fixing up to the photograph album at night.

8:30	Very chilly and mostly cloudy.
9:00	My light-weight blue pants
9:30	don't feel adequate for this
10:00	pre-fall weather. Dennis
10:30	was feeling rocky in the
11:00	morning and did not eat
11:30	any breakfast. I left him on
12:00	the Chesterfield. It would be
12:30	very appropriate to have a good
1:00	round of flu for next
1:30	weekend. Cleaned out my clubbox
2:00	(black Maria) and polished it with
2:30	shoeblack.
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WEDNESDAY

8:00 Partly fair and cool. How
 9:00 lovely was the dusk as I
 9:30 drove home along the 4th
 10:00 last evening. Venus with wan
 10:30 Mars about four degrees to the
 11:00 right were ~~strikingly~~ in front of
 11:30 the, while behind ^{over} the full
 12:00 moon through covered with clouds
 12:30 was gilding the edges of them
 1:00 with a soft pearly luminescence.
 1:30 Arrived home to find dear little
 2:00 Dennis asleep on the sitting at
 2:30 Gog's. Carried him home to bed.
 3:00 He was off his feed and just
 3:30 lay around all day. This
 4:00 morning he seemed more peppy
 4:30 after a good long night's sleep
 5:00 and ate his breakfast. They
 5:30 both rode up to the Shop corner.
 6:00 I took J. D. to Richmond, he
 6:30 having left Boanerges for repairs
 7:00 at Otisville. Big Eileen C. was in
 7:30 this afternoon getting some talk out.
 8:00 What land! what B.O.!

8:30 The morning was cool and
 9:00 perfectly clear. At the first
 9:30 flush of dawn I was up to
 10:00 the bathroom and saw Saturn
 10:30 very faint and quite a piece
 11:00 below Castor and Pollux, they
 11:30 and the stars of Orion were fading
 12:00 fast in the growing light. I saw
 12:30 the last of flush at night and
 1:00 usually the first in the morning.
 1:30 I love the first flush of evening
 2:00 with the Pleiades low in the west
 2:30 also the first flush of the morning
 3:00 with the winter constellations appearing
 3:30 which, alas, I often miss.
 4:00 I guess I am too late after
 4:30 this orgy of lab. work to finish
 5:00 the potatoes to-night, but I'll
 5:30 take a crack at it, begot.
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FRIDAY

8:30 Yes, we got the potatoes dug
 9:00 Muala and Glenn did a little
 9:30 picking up, but it ended in
 10:00 the inevitable squabble. Got
 10:30 another bag and a basket over.
 11:00 Seven bags clutter up our little
 11:30 fruit cellar. The Taylors slunk
 12:00 away to Bunford so Lane and
 12:30 I were alone. We had a bottle
 1:00 of beer by ourselves and went
 1:30 to bed early for a change. The
 2:00 waning moon cast a "dim
 2:30 silver twilight" on our bed.
 3:00 To-day was warmer - 82° but
 3:30 mostly dull. A little sprinkle
 4:00 at noon. I hope it did not
 4:30 dampen our living-room rug
 5:00 which we dragged out on the
 5:30 lawn this morning. The warm
 6:00 night falls dull and calm.
 6:30
 7:00
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8:30 Heat wave on the way.
 9:00 84 this afternoon after a
 9:30 nice shower this morning -
 10:00 good the rug wasn't out to-day.
 10:30 We hauled it in after supper
 11:00 last night. Poor Glenn's
 11:30 hasn't anything to ride, all
 12:00 the vehicles are broken. The
 12:30 big bicycle is in the repair shop
 1:00 waiting for spokes, just another
 1:30 repercussion of the steel strike.
 2:00 Wallie's birthday bicycle is
 2:30 promised, but when will it
 3:00 come? next year? Probably in
 3:30 the winter when she can't ride it.
 4:00 In the meantime mine will be
 4:30 knocked to pieces and ruined.
 5:00 Actually wrote to Uncle Albert -
 5:30 my wings may be sprouting.
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SUNDAY

8:30 Dark and mild Rain came down
 9:00 in bucketfuls from 10.00 till noon.
 9:30 Jesus Christ almighty! Helen and
 10:00 a friend barge in at noon they
 10:30 are out in my waiting room now
 11:00 at 6.15. I have a million things
 11:30 to do and cant do them. O hell
 12:00 O gess!
 12:30 Well, we got the old maids to
 1:00 Drums and entertained them in
 1:30 the bald and dismantled house.
 2:00 Kathleen was wonderfully good
 2:30 natured I mowed the back
 3:00 lawn while the pork chops were
 3:30 cooking. Went over to the big
 4:00 house as the Taylors were
 4:30 away to a dance and Bertha safely
 5:00 headed toward Springfield.
 5:30 Turner was over and we
 6:00 sat around till 2.00 A.M.
 6:30 the old maids had to sleep
 7:00 in separate beds & we were
 7:30 obliged to bunk on the
 8:00 stables coach.

Partly fair and warm. Got the
 old maids off on the 1.000'clock
 train which left only half a day
 to get ready. Worked like a
 "Trooper" the rest of the day
 cutting the grass, pulling weeds
 and trimming the weedy
 wildflowers which was a garden.
 We had a nice feed of corn
 but will miss some. The

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tomatoes are just at their
 best. I had to miss so many
 of them. Carl and Glad drove
 me to the station. Quite a crowd
 there - Butcher, Wolffs, Mary
 etc. Don McKnight was on
 the train, also Stolt, Zinken
 and Howard Nelson. Changed
 from 22 to 3 at the Union
 station, I lugging two heavy
 bags, and everybody else
 likewise burdened with effects

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8:30 The last lap was the most trying. The peanut special from Moosejaw to Kincaid crept along at thirty miles per hour and stopped at every crossroad. Whenever we were prepared for it had a good foundation of rum in Jack's room at the hotel last night. The sad part of the whole thing is that I left $\frac{2}{3}$ of a bottle of eye mow palatial rooms on the tenth floor. Got out at Assiniboia and ate egg sandwiches and ice cream in a nearby ~~beverage~~. The kids just got blacked and blacked - both faces and clothes so small they were scarce recognizable. Bill was on hand with a car to meet us. He took them all up first then came back for Jack and me and the dozen bags and trunks. Had a big dinner at 5:00 P. or there another lunch later with Uncle Bill.

The more you loaded the morning.

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THURSDAY

8:30 Bill left at noon for Moosejaw on a combined trip of business and pleasure. The weather was sunny and warm and the morning seemed to pass quickly enough with numerous little chores cropping up. Jack and I pitched the Entebup's large tent out on the lawn for a playhouse. (This may not have been such a small idea as will be proven later.) In the afternoon I went down to Uncle Will's store and made some rare purchases. Got a white granite pail for our kitchen, a spex fire for Evelyn, and other items of less importance such as a hammer and screwdriver for Dennis (watch out for the demolition squad. Manning and I have the south-east bedroom with Dennis on a cot beside us. Nuala is alone out in another cot at the west end of the porch. All aboard for a perfect holiday week. Jack and I were left with

The children in the afternoon so Jack joined me a heavy eye and one for the night.

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FRIDAY

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8:30 Hot and bright. The temperature
 9:00 soared in the high eighties but
 9:30 one does not feel the heat here.
 10:00 In fact there are no discomforts—
 10:30 just gnawing appetites, grand meals,
 11:00 long unbroken slumbers and
 11:30 limitless fresh air. We got a
 12:00 piece of ice for Aunt Annie (Jack and
 12:30 I and the helpful children) at a
 1:00 private icehouse down town. We
 1:30 borrowed a wagon from two chubby
 2:00 little boys belonging to a garage man
 2:30 nearby. Two bright nickels secured
 3:00 an adequate rental. We cut the
 3:30 block in two and Jack chopped up one
 4:00 piece for the ice cream freezer and I
 4:30 put the other in the icebox. At 3:00
 5:00 P.M. six pretty little girls assembled
 5:30 for Nuala's birthday party.
 6:00 They played many games, ate pink
 6:30 iced cream and had a lovely time. Nuala
 7:00 got a number of little gifts. We took
 7:30 several ^{of the party} snaps after the children were
 8:00 in bed we goings all went to the show.
 There were notable gas in sound track and
 one or two in the pictures—always at interesting places

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SATURDAY

8:30 Hats, close and rather cloudy in
 9:00 the morning. Spent most of the
 9:30 day in Uncle Will's store.
 10:00 Young Bill landed in with
 10:30 old man Phillips (drunk) at 4.30
 11:00 and we helped him unload the
 11:30 hardware which he was able to
 12:00 get in Mousejaw. Jack and I
 12:30 beat it for the house as the
 1:00 first drops of rain began to fall.
 1:30 All through the supper hour and
 2:00 later evening it rained at first
 2:30 violently then a quiet steady downpour
 3:00 It made everything a sea of mud
 3:30 and I was thankful I brought
 4:00 my rubbers. Aunt Annie and I
 4:30 stood Jack and Kay in a rubber
 5:00 of bridge, which broke up at 11.30
 5:30 after that Jack and I slithered
 6:00 down town by the aid of a flashlight
 6:30 to meet Bill and had a sandwich
 7:00 and coffee. It turned uncomfortably
 7:30 cool at bedtime and the prairie
 8:00 wind whistled mournfully.
 Nuala went to another party this afternoon

The storm blew down the tent and everything was a solid mess. P.S.

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MONDAY

A dull, gray, cool day. It is now 2:50 P.M. and a great peace has descended upon the house of Entekrap. Aunt Annie, Uncle Bill, William Jr., Kathleen, Nuala, Uncle Jack and Annie Evelyn have just left for church across the field where we were sailing old can dogs this morning. I am left in charge of Dennis and John who are asleep. Dennis's sleep is the result of being in disgrace after lunch. Nuala pushed him out the hall table and great was the crash thereof. The saddest part of the accident was that Uncle Will's glasses were broken. Walter had to stay in her room an hour. The big thing this morning consisted of going for the ice, borrowing the Redpath King's wagon, digging the cake out of the sidewalk and bringing it home. Dennis, Nuala, and John accompanied me and assisted by getting their shoes covered with Kivessid Clay, the result of last night's rain. Aunt Annie and I made a freezer full of delicious ice cream in honor of Ravi's approaching birthday.

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8:30	Cool and dull. The day past
9:00	as usual with much preparation
9:30	of meals and dishes washing.
10:00	The Drumho vegetables are spinning
10:30	out marvellously well, there being
11:00	still a few carrots, beets and onions
11:30	left. Do-dogs menu included a
12:00	big roast of beef. There was quite
12:30	a lineup for the bathroom after
1:00	supper to prepare for the evening
1:30	at the minister's. I couldn't wait
2:00	and beat it across the road
2:30	with the "Globe and Mail". So
3:00	great was the merriment that
3:30	Aunt Annie departed later with the
4:00	pair. The bare bald parsonage-
4:30	was like a refrigerator and our
5:00	teeth were all chattering before the
5:30	exciting meeting broke up at 11:30.
6:00	We were entertained by an energetic
6:30	pianist and later by poetic selections
7:00	from various members. For once
7:30	I was unable to warm Ravi up as she
8:00	was as cold as ice.

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Our last day at Kincaid is
 9:00 a decided improvement with some
 9:30 sun and patches of blue sky
 10:00 and a tendency to warmer temp.
 10:30 The sad process of packing has
 11:00 recommenced. I went down to the
 11:30 shop for some wine and bread
 12:00 up the hat box, now full of dirty
 12:30 clothes instead of vegetables. The
 1:00 kids all got horns and started
 1:30 the graceful settlement with their
 2:00 ear-splitting chorus. Dropped cards
 2:30 to Ernie and Alfred. To-day's dinner
 3:00 was carrots, mashed potatoes, fried chicken
 3:30 fruit salad with whipped cream. Dose
 4:00 Christian took Jack and me
 4:30 nine miles out in the country
 5:00 to get a couple of cattle. It
 5:30 was an exciting ride starting
 6:00 out with a squeeze play on a
 6:30 narrow bridge, with another
 7:00 truck, six bottles of beer, and
 7:30 plenty of crossing. Young Bell
 8:00 came home nearly 10:30
 for the last evening of gabbing
 and giggling

8:30 Fine and warmer. The last
 9:00 day brought a decided improvement
 9:30 in the weather. Busted around
 10:00 all morning finishing the
 10:30 packing. Bill got Roy's
 11:00 truck at 11:00 A.M. to take
 11:30 down the trunk and bags.
 12:00 An early dinner - and what a meal!
 12:30 It was great. Luce went to us
 1:00 and if trouble to feed us - roasts, and
 1:30 salad, thick whipped cream, loads
 2:00 of butter. We just stuffed ourselves
 2:30 and always a lunch before bed.
 3:00 Down at the station in the clear, warm
 3:30 sun, waiting for the noon train,
 4:00 the fond farewell that came so quickly,
 4:30 lunch too soon, the of Luce's
 5:00 slow pull across the barren steppes
 5:30 to Moose Jaw, arriving there in time
 6:00 for our 10 minute connection with the
 6:30 Regime train, the Hotel Saskatchewan again
 7:00 - just too late for dinner so we
 7:30 went to a cafe. The party in Jack's
 8:00 room, the rye, rum, and Kerry
 the somewhat woozy walk to the other cafe

steaks and coffee
 11:30 A.M.

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FRIDAY

8:30 We all had a good soaking
 9:00 bath in room 1039 on the
 9:30 10th floor right at the north-west
 10:00 corner. Last week it was the
 10:30 south-east - so we have seen
 11:00 the beautiful city of Regina in
 11:30 all directions - a neat panorama
 12:00 of colored roofs surrounded on
 12:30 all sides by the golden prairie
 1:00 We had ample time to eat
 1:30 breakfast in the coffee room and
 2:00 be taxis to the station to
 2:30 catch no 4 at 8:45. Had
 3:00 two delicious fish meals today.
 3:30 Got into Winnipeg at 10:15
 4:00 at 6:45. The Bell had a
 4:30 taxi ride around Winnipeg.
 5:00 The sun was low in the sky
 5:30 and cast a ruddy light on the avenues
 6:00 of great green trees and the fine houses
 6:30 The parliament buildings and other
 7:00 noble edifices stood in bold relief
 7:30 in this enchanting light. It was
 8:00 quite dark when the train pulled out
 for the east.

8:30 Talk about standing in line for
 9:00 dinner, it was bad enough last
 9:30 night but worse to night when
 10:00 we lunched together in the narrow
 10:30 passageway for a full hour or more.
 11:00 The train getting caught on the fat man's
 11:30 vest button was one of the pleasing
 12:00 divisions of this interlude. One good
 12:30 feature of waiting was that you enjoyed
 1:00 the meal more when your turn came.
 1:30 I invariably took fish and had my
 2:00 fill of it - sweet and tender to the last
 2:30 mouthful. The children were restless
 3:00 to day and getting a little more out
 3:30 of hand so the thoughts of Drumbe
 4:00 and home food and beds were anything
 4:30 bright anti-climatic or unpleasant.
 5:00 We woke up at St. William and spent
 5:30 the day crawling around Lake Superior -
 6:00 the air was chilly and rain was spitting
 6:30 at intervals and we shivered when but for a
 7:00 breather at White River and Chapleau.
 7:30 Sudbury was so cold and wet that a dash
 8:00 to the station platform was almost immediately
 followed by a dash back to our compartments

Albedo left a note saying they were through Paris at 7:30 P.M. yesterday!
 on the docks!

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SUNDAY

8:30 Mummy climbed up with Walter in
 9:00 the upper berth last night so I
 9:30 kicked Dennis around in the lower.
 10:00 Was awake with the first gray light of
 10:30 dawn to peek out the window and
 11:00 get some bent shoes from dear old Southern
 11:30 Outano once more. Bolton brought back
 12:00 the days of my childhood. At the inn
 12:30 all buses crush, push, and bustle. Got
 1:00 our bags on the first section of 21 and went
 1:30 back through the milling crowds to get some
 2:00 breakfast at the union lunch. Just
 2:30 timed it nicely. The ride out
 3:00 to Drumbo was great agitate.
 3:30 the rain clouds of the early morning
 4:00 cleared away and lovely warm
 4:30 sunshine welcomed us home. Glad
 5:00 and Carl were at the station also Ganga.
 5:30 They had lunch all ready and we
 6:00 were ready for lunch. Spent most of
 6:30 the afternoon unpacking. I went down to
 7:00 Paris at 4. or to get my mail some groceries
 7:30 and get a present for Kane. Managed
 8:00 to pick up a brown plastic bag.
 Glad as Earl drove the coach down to the garage

31 and rode home with me. Dinner was at our
 place for tout le monde. From ten till two
 we had a beer session at Ev's in
 honor of Kane's birthday.
 Sunday Slept out and on till 10.15
 I faintly remember Dennis rummaging around
 downstairs for an hour before also busening
 the door for the station agent with mummy's
 music case. It was a record sleep broken
 only once at daybreak by Dennis raising
 a howl because he was wet - just
 like a two-year-old. or worse.

WEEKLY RECORDS

The day ~~starts~~ fair and warm before
 church time in the morning but soon
 changed to windy, dull and cooler.
 Dear old September here again - the
 post's month - but not my month. Mummy's
 car was dead so she had to drive
 faithful old H & down to Will Cowan's.
 Had dinner across the road - thanks to
 Evelyn - the most delicious ham I ever ate
 with cranberry and glad we had a table full
 - then two ^{half} eating in the front veranda at the
 card table. Earl was working on tents at
 Elvira all day.

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8:30 Very cool and very little
 9:00 sunshine, lots of black clouds
 9:30 and an occasional shower. Slept in
 10:00 till 9.00, then up with a baby to
 10:30 get breakfast over and get
 11:00 the kids down to the parade by
 11:30 10.00. It was 10.30 when we
 12:00 arrived but of course the parade
 12:30 was late as usual. I'd like
 1:00 had Jacqueline Walker for company
 1:30 a cold shower descended on
 2:00 the parade and crowds of onlookers,
 2:30 but most of them stood their ground
 3:00 despite the dampness and the hills.
 3:30 Got home at 1.30 P.M. after Kana
 4:00 graciously cleaned my office and
 4:30 got lunch in a hurry as we all
 5:00 were hungry. I cut and trimmed
 5:30 the lawn in the afternoon. Mummy
 6:00 car was dead so I pulled it out and
 6:30 pushed it down the hill. Then we drove
 7:00 it around by Wolverton to pack the
 7:30 battery up after dinner. Beer over at Ev's
 8:00 at night to bring the holidays officially
 to a close.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Very cool. It was reported in some
 9:00 localities it was 44 at 10.30 last night
 9:30 the stars were eager and diamond bright
 10:00 at bedtime yesterday last night.
 10:30 Sagittarius seemed away up in the
 11:00 sky after my impressions flat out
 11:30 in Spatchewam. Dennis woke me
 12:00 up at daybreak and I saw Saturn
 12:30 changing like another Procyon
 1:00 far below lefty Gemini. Best
 1:30 cross game up at six to have
 2:00 a ride home so my calm
 2:30 contemplation at the end of a long
 3:00 hard day's work will be
 3:30 shattered bits of yore. However
 4:00 it will remind me some of those
 4:30 war years when my children were
 5:00 babies. They are growing up too
 5:30 fast. Dennis started to school this
 6:00 morning - I took Wela and him
 6:30 to the dinner. The old miserable
 7:00 town hall again. The day ends
 7:30 clear and cool with a half moon
 8:00 behind the walnut trees.

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

8:30 Quite a frost last night
 9:00 which was the coup de grace
 9:30 to a lot of the local Stobacco.
 10:00 Clear and cool - highest at
 10:30 noon - 62°F. Took an
 11:00 anniversary card down to the
 11:30 post office at Richwood and
 12:00 met J. S. right at the door.
 12:30 There must be some scotch
 1:00 in me for I could not resist
 1:30 giving it to him in person and
 2:00 paying 3 cents. It is now
 2:30 7.05 & my chores are about
 3:00 finished and home is calling
 3:30 Hope to see Jack Jr. as well
 4:00 as Sr. and have some fun.
 4:30
 5:00
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8:30 Milder this morning. No frost
 9:00 last night. Sunny and hazy - a
 9:30 beautiful September day. 72°F at
 10:00 2-00 P.M. Yes, we had some fun
 10:30 last night. Had my dinner all
 11:00 but dessert at home then went
 11:30 across to Ev's for ice-cream and
 12:00 cake. She was entertaining J. S.
 12:30 and Nava for their 51st. After
 1:00 Jack took the folks back, Ray,
 1:30 Earl, Turner and I had a rubber
 2:00 of bridge. Ev. is pretty well
 2:30 hard up with a sore arm.
 3:00 Took a thermos of soup again
 3:30 to-day and have just consumed
 4:00 same. It gives zip, pep and
 4:30 gumph. 9:00 P.M. has struck.
 5:00 Woe is me. alack. No
 5:30 'cells yet - no nothing.
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8:30 Both my 'cells and my diary
 9:00 are suffering from neglect. I
 9:30 spend too much precious spare
 10:00 time writing screeds. Got home
 10:30 at 10.10 last night. Ev. was
 11:00 already alarmed about Jack's
 11:30 whereabouts, soon Ray became
 12:00 alarmed, finally I became
 12:30 alarmed. About 12.30 A.M. Earl
 1:00 and I drove the 38 coach out by
 1:30 Black Horse and Ayr. Spotted
 2:00 the delinquent Jack speeding
 2:30 through the main street of Ayr - in
 3:00 his Dodge. Dodged after him
 3:30 and arrived home a few minutes
 4:00 later. We all stood a round of
 4:30 rye to steady our nerves after
 5:00 such a pandy evening. Today
 5:30 was warm and sunny with a
 6:00 real September haze - highest 80°
 6:30 Got my oil changed and flat
 7:00 fixed. Guess I'll have to chop my
 7:30 ground grips as the last of my
 8:00 original tires is shot.

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SATURDAY

8:30 Wrote another screed to-day. The
 9:00 time to Uncle Harry. I must be
 9:30 nearly caught up on my screeds.
 10:00 Dennis seems to love school
 10:30 and wanted to go today. Mula
 11:00 spent yesterday in bed with a fever
 11:30 - flu I guess. This morning she
 12:00 is "rain" to go. It is 8.20 now.
 12:30 Hope the Bicycle is ready. She
 1:00 Ahy was hot and sticky. Rain
 1:30 clouds have gathered several
 2:00 times but no rain. Crickets are loud
 2:30 and the warm darkness has descended
 3:00 Dear little Dennis! what a thrill of
 3:30 pride I got when I saw his "ones"
 4:00 and "twos" and his neat colored
 4:30 dots - the result of his first two days
 5:00 at school. My breast is swelling
 5:30 with pride. He seems to be talented
 6:00 with a pencil like his uncle Alfred.
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SUNDAY

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Had a nice little gin party when the dishes were done. Jacks were entertaining Don and Helen Beechley and I always snuggs around when there are any drinks coming up. We had a very enjoyable time as they were especially nice people. To-day was cold - 50° after 55° yesterday so I had to light the furnace. Read to Nuala in bed while Mom and Dennis were at church.

WEEKLY RECORDS

Nuala's glands are her neck are still swollen and she runs a little fever yet. In the afternoon she got down on the Chesterfield to see Don & Helen. Helen proved a very lovely nurse when John cut his thumb rather badly while playing in the sand pan.

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MONDAY

8:30 Cool at first but turning warm and sticky. Rather cloudy all day and through the day is completely overcast with a muggy stifling air. The big event of the day was getting Waldo's new bicycle just before six. She went to school this A.M. but looked pretty washed out. I wonder if she stuck the day out. It is 9:00 P.M. Hefty is to play now on the telephone hour and Grey can radio is busted - Curses.

3:30
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8:30 I left Wallie's bike in the garage
 9:00 and told Rex about it (at
 9:30 the school door this morning.
 10:00 I would have liked to have
 10:30 seen her face when she
 11:00 inspected it at noon. I'm
 11:30 going to be home before she is
 12:00 asleep to night to get a report
 12:30 on it. Poor Denny was left out
 1:00 of it, but his truck is finished
 1:30 and I have it in the back
 2:00 deck now. Had to pull now's
 2:30 eye out and push it down the
 3:00 hill. Drove it to Paris and
 3:30 had a new battery and new oil
 4:00 etc - another twenty bucks goes
 4:30 bang. However I have no
 5:00 financial worries - got a cheque
 5:30 for 132.00 from Ottawa. The P.V.A.
 6:00 have about cleaned up now - too
 6:30 bad; they were a gold mine.
 7:00 Fuzzy, shivery and windy from
 7:30 the boggy south-west.
 8:00

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Partly fair and warm. Wallie
 9:00 rode her new bike to school.
 9:30 It was difficult to get her in
 10:00 before breakfast in time to get
 10:30 her hair done. I produced
 11:00 the big triycle all gassed
 11:30 so Denny's is not forgotten.
 12:00 He read me some of "Dick and
 12:30 Jane" in the car as I took him
 1:00 to school. It touched me nearly
 1:30 to tears, he was so cute (for want
 2:00 of a better word) and all I could
 2:30 think of was my dear little
 3:00 boy growing up, and growing away.
 3:30 Manage to get a basket for
 4:00 the new bike also a bell and
 4:30 reflector. It is 6.40, my work
 5:00 is done - now for dinner!
 5:30 (Paid for mummy's car - battery, oil
 6:00 etc - it knocked 20 bucks gone!)
 6:30 Now, Percy, doesn't that hurt?
 7:00
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THURSDAY

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8:30 Yes, Percy, it hurts. Also \$16.95
 9:00 for car insurance. Everyday
 9:30 it gives some dod rattles till
 10:00 to day. Now Bertha just
 10:30 clothes for a ride from
 11:00 Princeton and B.O. Plenty wants
 11:30 me to take a wringer up to his
 12:00 place. Was even war in such
 12:30 a predicament. I wring my hands
 1:00 in despair. I should have been
 1:30 twins. I got a peace offering
 2:00 for Kay & a box of Laramie.
 2:30 Had some fun over the road
 3:00 last night. I was referee in
 3:30 family disputes. Brought over
 4:00 some beer which we gorged.
 4:30 Very clear and cool at night, also
 5:00 this morning. Tit fundace just
 5:30 thing. Cool all day - highest 55°
 6:00 It is in the low for his snow and
 6:30 the windows are steamed over. Night
 7:00 falls clear, calm and cold.
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8:30 A little hoar frost on the bridge
 9:00 and track. Perfectly clear
 9:30 and the round white moon was
 10:00 low in the west when I went
 10:30 for water. Jack and Ev. left
 11:00 early for Owen Sound leaving
 11:30 John with us. He ate his
 12:00 breakfast like a man and
 12:30 was very well behaved. ab. me!
 1:00 at 11. 9.00 P.M. and I have
 1:30 tons of work left undone.
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8:30 Neenah! 8-oed.M Saturday
 9:00 evening. Another week shot
 9:30 Have just been down to
 10:00 Stickleland's and Lewis's. Got a
 10:30 basket of plums. It is so hard
 11:00 to pull away. Everybody is
 11:30 so nice to me. I went to the
 12:00 post office for the paper. I am
 12:30 mobbed again. I just can't
 1:00 get away from people. They
 1:30 all love me so. Oh yes, who
 2:00 loves a dentist - except maybe
 2:30 his wife. I hope she does.
 3:00 It was a lovely sunny warm
 3:30 day - 70° for high. But now
 4:00 the sun is down it is chilly
 4:30 and I am shivering. John was
 5:00 very cute this morning - but
 5:30 the kids get on mummy's nerves
 6:00 and she is almost wacky.
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70° at noon. No furnace fire.
 Kame and I had a nice little
 late jaunt down to Paris after
 dinner and dishes last night. I did
 some lab work while the ever
 energetic and ambitious wife dusted.
 dug up couch grass in the old
 strawberry bed for which diversion
 I paid full dear with an old
 time attack of coryzema hayfever -
 rinitis.
 WEEKLY RECORDS

I had to come to it so I smoked
 my pipe while the rest including
 Earl had cigarettes and beer at night.
 Late this afternoon we motored
 up to Gnarfwe's. Jack's came a
 few minutes later. We had a
 nice supper and found Mary
 quite bright and active. Kame
 and I had a little bike ride out
 past the hydro station during S.S.
 Kame fell in some gravel and took
 some of the bone out of her stocking
 as well as skin.

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8:30 "Oh howed moon!" I'll have
 9:00 to wait a week for it. At
 9:30 this rate I'll be in pretty
 10:00 good shape to spend the night
 10:30 watching for it. Warm, misty
 11:00 and fair. Still no furnace
 11:30 fire. "Still, still she smiles
 12:00 though from her careless feet
 12:30 the beauty and the fruitful strength
 1:00 we gave - and through the soft
 1:30 long wondering days goes on the
 2:00 subtle serene decadence, sad and
 2:30 sweet." The pink waning moon
 3:00 was high on Taurus this morning.
 3:30 The kids had a holiday and
 4:00 Miss Halman was sick.
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TUESDAY

8:30 Rain and summer temperature
 9:00 79° F at noon. Wade
 9:30 called at 6:30 and stayed
 10:00 till I was finished my work.
 10:30 We had ample time for a little
 11:00 visit but as I could not
 11:30 leave my work bench my
 12:00 end of the conversation was
 12:30 most desultory and no doubt
 1:00 quite unsatisfactory to him.
 1:30 The time of course went like a
 2:00 flash but I greatly appreciated
 2:30 his calling as ~~these~~ associations
 3:00 are redolent of my youth and
 3:30 put the clock back twenty-five
 4:00 years. Dropped him off at
 4:30 Ruth's. After dinner there was
 5:00 a congregation at our living room -
 5:30 first Jim & Harold whom we took to
 6:00 Wolverton, then Earl and Jimmie. About
 6:30 half an hour later. Ev and Jack,
 7:00 beer, crackers and cheese were
 7:30 served.
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8:30 As clear all day as yesterday
 9:00 and the day before and as clear
 9:30 as that half moon up in
 10:00 saurus this morning. Dennis
 10:30 went on to school a little ahead
 11:00 of time - maybe to see his
 11:30 girl friend. Muala consented to
 12:00 ride with me. 82° this
 12:30 afternoon. I would take a
 1:00 swim if it weren't for the
 1:30 hay fever-asthma cloud that
 2:00 hangs over. This cloud is
 2:30 strangely thin and full of holes
 3:00 and seems to bode a brighter
 3:30 future.
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8:30 The magic spell of summer
 9:00 weather still prevails. This is
 9:30 Cannon's "Warm September" The
 10:00 "horned moon" rose at midnight
 10:30 but on much happier circumstances
 11:00 than five years ago. In fact
 11:30 last night was made more than
 12:00 usually happy with ale supplied
 12:30 by the generous uncle Jack. Cousin
 1:00 Hudson Taylor was being entertained
 1:30 and the Bells horned in on it.
 2:00 The ubiquitous Bells - a general
 2:30 nuisance. 80° this afternoon.
 3:00 The barometer is falling so
 3:30 maybe this storm will soon be
 4:00 broken.
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8:30 Still still she equaled! 78
 9:00 this afternoon with the same
 9:30 golden September sun and
 10:00 a little snow breeze. Pebbled
 10:30 clouds hung around at times
 11:00 and the barometer fell sharply.
 11:30 This likely is the end of
 12:00 our fine warm weather. If it
 12:30 could only last another week
 1:00 for the fall fairs. Was all
 1:30 set for the peanut this A.M.
 2:00 when Jack backed out his
 2:30 Dodge and I rode down with
 3:00 him. I have just received the
 3:30 nosegays from Dickerson's
 4:00 and mummy will be along
 4:30 seen in white car bound
 5:00 for Sibbick's and supper and
 5:30 salutations. Good old Mame, she's
 6:00 just as young and fresh as when
 6:30 I married her nine short years
 7:00 ago.
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SATURDAY

8:30 Dull with sprinkles of rain
 9:00 quite close and warm. Crawled
 9:30 around the office all day like
 10:00 a quondumped - too much party
 10:30 last night I guess. Had a big
 11:00 dinner rich in cake and sweets
 11:30 at Myrtle's, sat around till eleven
 12:00 o'clock, hopped to drums and into
 12:30 Ev's where Jack served us beer
 1:00 etc. I fancy the combination was
 1:30 too rich - I really had a tummy
 2:00 ache ^{today night} ~~that~~ just finished a
 2:30 quiet evening bathed and were
 3:00 settling down in our cool clean
 3:30 sheets when Jack came in the front
 4:00 door and set up a howl and cry
 4:30 so we were obliged to slip on our
 5:00 potato and sit in on another
 5:30 round of Taylor hospitality. This
 6:00 time Jim Collins's I finally got
 6:30 to bed about two.
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TUESDAY

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8:30 It cleared during the night
 9:00 and contrary to custom
 9:30 remained clear all day. The
 10:00 thermometer rose from 55 to 65
 10:30 during the afternoon and it was
 11:00 not too cool without a fire.
 11:30 I have been comfortable down
 12:00 here - maybe mom had to
 12:30 light the stove. Jazz me -
 1:00 I should have done it this
 1:30 morning but you know what a
 2:00 rush it is to get the bare
 2:30 essentials done and get the
 3:00 scholars to school before 9:00
 3:30 o'clock, and pretty Margaret
 4:00 closes the door. Hurrah for
 4:30 Drumb's Fair - it is fair so
 5:00 far - may it remain so.
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Wonders! It has stayed clear
 9:00 for Drumb's Fair. I'll bet
 9:30 the kids had a great time.
 10:00 So bad I'm such a failure
 10:30 as a father, and can't take
 11:00 them anywhere. So bad I'm
 11:30 so ridiculous all the time.
 12:00 Read an article on the evils of
 12:30 alcohol to the gang last night
 1:00 while they guzzled beer. Jack
 1:30 was on the wagon and went
 2:00 to sleep before the party was over.
 2:30 Mom is mad at me most of the
 3:00 time so I guess I'm a failure
 3:30 as a husband too. I better
 4:00 take arsenic, or corrosive
 4:30 sublimate, or what have you.
 5:00 The leaves have not changed
 5:30 any for the last two weeks. This
 6:00 has been the best bit of summer
 6:30 since July.
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8:30 Fair and warmer. A superb
 9:00 day. Sorry I could not take
 9:30 note of it. One thing I did see
 10:00 was the day old snow between
 10:30 two strips of pink cloud low in
 11:00 the west just off the library roof.
 11:30 Such a thin, pale, rose-amber
 12:00 thing, I eyed it ^{with} ~~and~~ disappeared behind
 12:30 the ridge of the roof. Venus was
 1:00 poised above a maple on Broadway
 1:30 from my south window - so I
 2:00 saw these rare sights without
 2:30 moving but a few feet from
 3:00 my work bench. Near old
 3:30 work bench - how I love it.
 4:00 Prettily Margaret & George, Turner
 4:30 and Earl played Rummole with
 5:00 us till 2:30 A.M. George suggested
 5:30 the eye and Kave and Turner the
 6:00 lunch. Had a lot of fun.
 6:30 Margaret is lovely. She is most
 7:00 welcome at our place. I hope Dennis
 7:30 doesn't give her too much trouble.
 8:00 I'd hate to think he gave her any
 trouble, the same - she is too nice to
 be worn out with young devils of kids.

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FRIDAY

8:30 The weather is too good to be
 9:00 true. 76° all afternoon and fair as
 9:30 the fairest day in June. The Paris
 10:00 fair grounds buzzed with activity
 10:30 all day and night from the time
 11:00 I brought Mr. Parnell to the gate
 11:30 at 9:15 this morning. The whole
 12:00 town is like a hive of bees. If
 12:30 this only lasts through tomorrow
 1:00 what a record fair it will be!
 1:30 Seems to be quite a job to get
 2:00 slow-poke Dennis to school on
 2:30 time. Wallie strains at the leash
 3:00 while Blenny lags behind.
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8:30 Came home last night to find
 9:00 Wallie sick with a flu bug -
 9:30 just terrible sick at both ends.
 10:00 El's John was in her room
 10:30 wide awake, I first of all took
 11:00 him across to his other crib.
 11:30 Later Geoffrey raised a howl
 12:00 and plane had to go up town and
 12:30 rout out Jim at ~~Bay~~ Bay's. Jack
 1:00 & Er came home at 12:30 with
 1:30 the Deisons. I rode out to the farm
 2:00 with them. Jack poured me a rum
 2:30 to quiet my nerves. It didn't quiet
 3:00 them as Wallie whined all night
 3:30 and made many trips to the
 4:00 bathroom. The morning was
 4:30 clear and warm but I took bath
 5:00 to get up. Picked up pretty little
 5:30 Donna also lazy Thompson on the
 6:00 way down.
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SUNDAY

Was there ever such a perfect fair
 day as yesterday - 78° all afternoon
 The town was a hive of bees and
 cars and people. Wish I had had
 time to go up to the grounds. Got
 home at 7:30 and cut a few rounds
 of grass before the call came from
 over the way for dinner. Bentha's
 birthday party. Lamb, ice cream etc.
 Had another dinner there in
 honor of Bentha to-day. This time
 we had bacon and eggs and Turner
 sat in in place of the Taylors who
 were in Beauford. It was coal and
 raining all day. I used Wallie's
 front tire which constituted my
 pale effort for the day outside of
 some grass and cells. I turned
 the clocks back an hour last
 night. Wallie and I had a little
 muddle up to the hydro station just
 before supper.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Very cool and fair again.
 9:00 Kane was sick last night -
 9:30 better by the same bug that
 10:00 hit Wallie on Friday. Guess
 10:30 Dennis and I are next.
 11:00 Enjoyed the birds yesterday.
 11:30 They seemed so interesting.
 12:00 I love reading to them at night.
 12:30 Standard Time made no
 1:00 difference to my arrival at
 1:30 Paris it was 9.25 as usual.
 2:00 How slowly and quick the
 2:30 darkness fell. The crescent
 3:00 moon was far east of Venus
 3:30 and low in the southwest at
 4:00 dusk.
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8:30 Cold with a lot of bright sun
 9:00 but there was no warmth in it.
 9:30 Highest at noon was 46 and
 10:00 the wind blew strong from the
 10:30 west all day. Took Murray's
 11:00 white car for a brake job &
 11:30 master cylinder and fluid trouble.
 12:00 Dennis sick all that night with
 12:30 the same bug. Took out G.W.B.
 1:00 your nest on the list. He looked
 1:30 better this morning but was not
 2:00 able to go to school.
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THURSDAY

8:30 Oh, inferno of purpose! Oh, slotted
 9:00 Here it is, nearly 6.00 P.M. and
 9:30 the sun is about set. Where is
 10:00 all the time you were going to
 10:30 put in up at the house. How
 11:00 about the lawn, the garden,
 11:30 awnings to come off - a hundred
 12:00 odd things to do and here
 12:30 you are, apparently in no hurry
 1:00 to get going. Have went to
 1:30 Toronto to-day with Ev. and
 2:00 Jimmy. In the and some
 2:30 women - a lot women, in
 3:00 fact - a golden October day with
 3:30 no nasty wind like yesterday.
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8:30 Summer again with 77° F
 9:00 at 2.00 P.M. cloudless and
 9:30 windless making a rare summer
 10:00 day especially as the trees
 10:30 still mostly green and the country
 11:00 like late summer. Lydia just
 11:30 phoned so I must stop for
 12:00 Bertha at Princeton; hope I
 12:30 don't have to go in and play
 1:00 star of the East and eat sweet
 1:30 lemon pie. Earl helped me
 2:00 get my spare off (heavy Imperial)
 2:30 and put on new tractor grips.
 3:00 It was some job. I put the
 3:30 children to bed last night and
 4:00 accordingly am in disgrace to-day
 4:30 as I did not wash them. I
 5:00 am a complete failure. Mummy
 5:30 brought us all presents - me a
 6:00 lovely blue tie and steams for
 6:30 N. and D. including bubble bath
 7:00 and a capo gun.
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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

8:30 More summery. 74° and a
 9:00 tranquil air with the golden
 9:30 sunlight stepping everything a
 10:00 few winey red leaves showed
 10:30 warmly. I just about late for
 11:00 school because Dennis was
 11:30 a naughty boy. I had a
 12:00 bad day because mimmy
 12:30 was cross at me. Staw at
 1:00 but no salt. I will take my
 1:30 lunch home intact. The
 2:00 bug finally caught up with
 2:30 me. Wanted three a galley
 3:00 slave. not cancelling any
 3:30 appointments. The waxing moon
 4:00 low in the south is bright
 4:30 behind the walnut trees.
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8:30 72° to-day. Just as tranquil
 9:00 as yesterday, just as lovely,
 9:30 perhaps more misty and golden.
 10:00 The scarlet maple opposite my
 10:30 window by the garage may have
 11:00 a trifle more color but it is
 11:30 not nearly at its best yet. Soon
 12:00 the scintils of color from the
 12:30 fourth ^{corner} Spring Hill will be
 1:00 in their glory. They are coming
 1:30 along fine but need a few more
 2:00 days & maybe a week. 6:00 P.M.
 2:30 and dusk now, so I won't get
 3:00 my work done outside tonight.
 3:30 I wish we stayed on fast time
 4:00 for ever - I grew to love it.
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MONDAY

82° and not a cloud on a zephyr to disturb perhaps the calmest Oct. 6 to be recorded.

Took down the awnings while church was in progress.

Went over to Howard's after Sunday School. Picked apples, pumpkins and sat out on the veranda. Called on Alice for a few minutes after dinner.

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We were all stuffed with tender chicken, vegetables, pie and ice cream. The children were late getting to bed - 9.45 Bertha, of course had to be taken to Princeton and called for. Out over at Eric's till nearly one o'clock.

8:30	75° with the same bright
9:00	sunshine, colored leaves and
9:30	rich azure. We are getting our
10:00	fill of the sun and soon will
10:30	hear complaints about water
11:00	shortage. What be! pretty
11:30	Margaret waiting for a ride out
12:00	to Richwood. Given, yes, I
12:30	don't think. The mellow moon
1:00	is sleeping the autumn countryside
1:30	with its milder misty radiance.
2:00	Promised to do better and be home
2:30	by 9:00 so here goes nothing.
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8:30 Of course you won't believe it
 9:00 but Chuck has actually
 9:30 started painting the house.
 10:00 Now I'll have a great time
 10:30 hammering my storm windows
 11:00 to place. We went over to
 11:30 say hello to Earl and Glad
 12:00 Last night. He brought a
 12:30 stoker with him in the back of
 1:00 the car. The wind was up
 1:30 last night and broke the
 2:00 warm spell; this morning was
 2:30 42 with gray driving clouds -
 3:00 what a change! Missin
 3:30 come to night so I must go
 4:00 home to a lovely supper - also
 4:30 Brookside Club to I-morrow, bridge
 5:00 club Thursday, mothers guild
 5:30 Friday choir practice. Saturday
 6:00 etc. etc. Why men leave home!
 6:30 or shoot themselves.
 7:00
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Dull and cool. Chuck
 9:00 and his man busy painting.
 9:30 Last night the front entrance
 10:00 was barred, its right I suppose
 10:30 it will be the back. It was
 11:00 very fresh upstairs last night
 11:30 with all the fresh painted windows
 12:00 up a little. It did not feel as
 12:30 if the stoker was working at all
 1:00 but work she did all night.
 1:30 The downstairs of course was
 2:00 more comfortable. Intended to
 2:30 get some vegetables in but it
 3:00 is almost dark now so I
 3:30 am stymied again.
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FRIDAY

8:30 "Yes, I think so" - Edell Taylor -
 9:00 Good old Erle, I paid him for
 9:30 the plaster yesterday morning.
 10:00 I got quite a kick out of him and
 10:30 George. Last night the moon
 11:00 was bright but the sky mottled
 11:30 with high cirrus clouds. Consequently
 12:00 the Giacobini meteors were
 12:30 not too impressive. I think
 1:00 they would have been - had
 1:30 conditions been more favourable.
 2:00 And then I didn't take enough
 2:30 time off from digging carrots
 3:00 to really water them as I
 3:30 should. Just got two baskets
 4:00 - what was left of two rows.
 4:30 It won't take us too long to
 5:00 consume them. To-day it is
 5:30 mild and partly fair. The
 6:00 full moon is obscured and streaked
 6:30 with haze and thin clouds.
 7:00 My scarlet maple is coming into
 7:30 its glory.
 8:00

8:30 To lose and mild, a sun
 9:00 shower on the way to work, at
 9:30 Canning in fact so that pretty
 10:00 Barbara got off her wheel and
 10:30 rode with me into town. No more
 11:00 rain fell till dusk when it
 11:30 came on heavy and fairly
 12:00 steady. It is going to it now
 12:30 as I write. My car is getting
 1:00 a nice cheap wash and how
 1:30 it needed it! 8:30 - I'll
 2:00 never be home by nine. It is
 2:30 Chai's prochie and probably will
 3:00 overlap the nine o'clock deadline
 3:30 so I will be saved to some
 4:00 extent. My, how the rain is
 4:30 hissing. - I won't get dry sand
 5:00 this weekend for my carrots.
 5:30 Glad I got them in though
 6:00 a nice letter from Ned with
 6:30 pictures of the argus get-together
 7:00 at St. Hy.
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SUNDAY

8:30 This is something quite
 9:00 new - i.e. going for the
 9:30 water and mail in the
 10:00 pouring rain. It scarcely
 10:30 stopped all day and was
 11:00 very dark and dismal.
 11:30 I worked on spirits none
 12:00 theless, after leaving poor Kane
 12:30 struggling with the refractory
 1:00 offspring. It is 7.45. a.m.
 1:30 I am weary and far from
 2:00 home - less than me on.
 2:30 Must call at Williamson's
 3:00 for turkey - turkey. Ev. got a
 3:30 duck - turkey. We have
 4:00 just conquered a lovely berry
 4:30 penny this week (gift of Ev. from
 5:00 Hamilton - what the Ham!)
 5:30 and counting the prize chicken
 6:00 dinner last Sunday (cockey - turkey)
 6:30 - I mean cockerel - turkey) we
 7:00 are doing all right for fowl.
 7:30 It's been a fowl week.
 8:00 Maybe a fowl weekend.

Yes, a fowl Sunday as we were
 over to Gage's place for chicken
 and duck dinner at 6.00 P.M.
 which was top notch. Kane
 had a sore throat so went to bed
 early while I wandered across
 the road again and listened in on
 a grand and futile religious
 discussion, with wine and beer
 for Chasers. Harvested my
 beets so am stuffed up with
 asthma to-night.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Cold and rainy. Earl did
 9:00 not have a very nice
 9:30 time at Rockton or so I
 10:00 argued as I watch the dully
 10:30 main heat against the pane.
 11:00 It stopped for the afternoon so I
 11:30 took a load of pipes and lines to
 12:00 the dump in the baby car which
 12:30 needed much persuasion and
 1:00 wiping to start. Took the
 1:30 children to Paris to sweep and
 2:00 dust and cleaned their belt
 2:30 much to their enjoyment, also
 3:00 mine. It's nice to see good
 3:30 teeth once in a while. Big
 4:00 turkey dinner at the Bells with
 4:30 Beris. The Laytons got away
 5:00 after the dishes and some last
 5:30 minute packing, and a little
 6:00 hoisting around of furniture by
 6:30 Jack and me. Got rotten
 7:00 fat night so smoked my
 7:30 figgley pipe.
 8:00

8:30 Fair and warmer. The old
 9:00 gravestone ground away all
 9:30 my aspirations, hopes and
 10:00 plans so here I am at 9:00 P.M.
 10:30 tired, ravenously hungry, and with
 11:00 an athermic mount disarray
 11:30 waiting for H X to join me home.
 12:00 The sun was misty, warm and
 12:30 autumnal and the day a perfection
 1:00 of colour and scent.
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THURSDAY

8:30 Warm again. 66° this
 9:00 afternoon and sunshine with
 9:30 some light clouds and a strong
 10:00 S.W. wind. Kave, bless her
 10:30 heart, came in at 1.59 and
 11:00 we went together to Mr.
 11:30 Littlejohn's office and there
 12:00 drew up our wills in fine
 12:30 style. We will have proper
 1:00 wills, and nobody can willfully
 1:30 will it otherwise. Kave was at
 2:00 a convention in the Paris Baptist
 2:30 Church and so killed two birds.
 3:00 My cases are in the vulcanizer
 3:30 and chores all done so off I
 4:00 go to the little village up
 4:30 country.
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8:30 Oh gall stones, oh bitterness,
 9:00 oh Hell. Oh wormwood, oh
 9:30 brimstone and everlasting punishment
 10:00 when Kave is mad at me
 10:30 all the world is wrong. Didn't
 11:00 get home till twenty to ten so
 11:30 I promptly got dumped in the
 12:00 dog house and stayed there.
 12:30 Cool and dull. Chuck was taken
 1:00 away for an emergency operation
 1:30 so beer house stands unfinished.
 2:00 Guess I'll start in with the
 2:30 storm windows. There seems little
 3:00 chance of him being on the job
 3:30 again this fall I poor old
 4:00 Chuck - such a good fellow.
 4:30 The ten Nazi babies were all
 5:00 hanged on Monday, also Mrs.
 5:30 Dick is to swing. The thanksgiving
 6:00 turkey is all thing, drawn, gibetted,
 6:30 torn to bits and sweetly eaten.
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SATURDAY

8:30 Arouse 40° all day. Very
 9:00 dark. Cold turkey last
 9:30 night for dinner also to-
 10:00 night. Kane will talk cold
 10:30 turkey to me while I am eating
 11:00 it. A cold east rain
 11:30 blew all night against our
 12:00 bedroom window. D-day the
 12:30 rain increased in volume and
 1:00 violence and at noon quite
 1:30 a bit of lightning lit up my
 2:00 dim office. A few minutes
 2:30 sunshin at 2:00 P.M. then
 3:00 darkness for the rest of the hour.
 3:30 It is cold th- night. You can
 4:00 bet your boots the heater in
 4:30 old HX will be turned on
 5:00 for the homeward trip around
 5:30 by Princeton on the smooth
 6:00 highway to pick up Bersie.
 6:30
 7:00
 7:30
 8:00

8:30 A frosty clear morning and a
 9:00 bright colorful day with slightly
 9:30 higher temperature. Coming down
 10:00 in the car I feasted my eyes
 10:30 on the ruddy autumn woods behind
 11:00 the emerald fields of wheat.
 11:30 I enjoyed the days work and
 12:00 when I shut up shop I called
 12:30 over to Dan's and got measured
 1:00 up for a brown suit (why did you
 1:30 I get brown for) The second trip
 2:00 up there and I had bought a 2 1/2 pint
 2:30 case of beer from the L.C.B.O.
 3:00 store at noon. The Taylors will
 3:30 be at Drumboe - 14 1/2 hrs. trip for
 4:00 some high jinks!
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MONDAY

Fair and rather mild. This was a big day for Kane - anniversary services morning and night with extra choir practice at 3.30 P.M. The Taylors drove back to Hamilton after the evening service and a bottle of beer at our place. Kane was of course too tired to play music so I had to sadly make pig squeaks by myself. Got

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my flat tire patched and put the other Goodyear ground grips on the rim, which means it is running entirely on its second set of tires. Still got two original ones in the back deck. 48350. Was stuffed up so came down stairs at 2:00 A.M. and saw Leo's side risen clear of the horizon. Did not stay down to see the "horrified moon" rise but slept the rest of the night undisturbed. Went up to Collins' Hill for some sand at dusk with the hyenas.

8:30 Fair and milder. A lovely fall day. A lot of the trees in town are bare now but the country woods are still colourful. Came down by the 7th for a change. Found Kane bashed at night from flying around clearing windows ahead of the painter. Chuck's assistant is finishing the house and has about another half day.

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8:30 Lovely as yesterday. maybe
 9:00 more so. The afternoon mist
 9:30 was golden in the morning.
 10:00 The sky overhead deep October
 10:30 blue, the sun warm and
 11:00 mellow with age. My
 11:30 studded tires give out foam
 12:00 over the pavement. Got a
 12:30 quart of oil at Cub's. Ev.
 1:00 wants us to get gas from
 1:30 her so I will have to give
 2:00 good old Cubbie the go-by -
 2:30 at least for my weekly truck.
 3:00 62° this afternoon - had the
 3:30 fire off. The Stevens' were in
 4:00 and we had a good gas about
 4:30 Norwich. Mrs. S. left me
 5:00 a smoked herring - bless her
 5:30 heart. Got my first three
 6:00 storm windows on this A.M.
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 64° and the golden sun shone
 9:00 all day. The mist assumed
 9:30 the proportions of a fog and
 10:00 I wound down across the river
 10:30 by Canning very carefully.
 11:00 Got home at 5:45 and
 11:30 straightway put on the pers
 12:00 duststains & best storm windows.
 12:30 Kane Laving diligently washed
 1:00 them. Edna helped me lift
 1:30 up the big living room one. It
 2:00 being Ed's birthday we had
 2:30 them over to dinner. Lovely
 3:00 roast beef, squash, baked
 3:30 potatoes, ice cream. After the
 4:00 posts were silenced in bed and
 4:30 Bertie wheeled safely home we
 5:00 played Rummoli and drank
 5:30 scotch till midnight
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8:30 64' once more. As the fire was
 9:00 off all day yesterday and
 9:30 last night I had to build
 10:00 one this morning but I
 10:30 presume it would soon be
 11:00 superfluous. The fog was thick
 11:30 going to Paris but the sun
 12:00 came out warm by 11:00 A.M.
 12:30 and the rest of the day warm
 1:00 and bright like our summers.
 1:30 Is my heart full like 29 yrs
 2:00 ago? I do not know, but I
 2:30 know my feed and chest are
 3:00 full. I urinate and back and
 3:30 blow out spit. What a life!
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FRIDAY

8:30 Ev & Jack called for about an
 9:00 hour last night while John M.
 9:30 slept in the car. Ruth and
 10:00 Jack smoked at me while I
 10:30 ate, the smoked herring Mrs. Stevens
 11:00 gave me. It was lovely so was
 11:30 the squash - too bad I couldn't
 12:00 taste anything. It started to
 12:30 sprinkle at 8. Post on the day and
 1:00 turned into a real rain which
 1:30 lasted till dusk. Quite mild.
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8:30 Over sixty all day, and summer
 9:00 sunshines. Got nine gals. from
 9:30 Auntie W's tank as I was a
 10:00 little late for my first apartment
 10:30 and as usual kept getting
 11:00 further behind all day. It was
 11:30 not in vain that I walked
 12:00 up to the High road past Stone Hill
 12:30 for I saw just peered on the
 1:00 horizon the orange-yellow plume of
 1:30 a moon which promptly disappeared
 2:00 just in time. I got a can of
 2:30 Lubex and busoned my sterilizer
 3:00 table also bought a brown hat
 3:30 and shoes in anticipation of my
 4:00 new brown suit, if and when
 4:30 it comes. Got a picture for
 5:00 Waltie and some transfers for Penny.
 5:30 Over to Earl's after our Saturday
 6:00 night shopping
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SUNDAY

A record warm Oct 27th 65°
 Kane washed and I put up the
 remaining three upstairs storm
 windows. Just the bathroom left.
 And how we need it for air! If
 the summer continues maybe we
 will take them off again. As the
 services were in Wolverton Kane
 didn't have to go in the morning.
 As soon as the children were shocked

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off to Sunday School we went
 off down to Paris to practice trios
 with Edie. Had lots of fun and
 she gave us a tasty lunch and
 cup of tea. Just before dinner we
 cycled up to the track - I and
 the kids on the two wheels. The
 stars were dim and no Venus
 was visible. Earl's and Junior were
 in for a little govt after church
 - which was rather late. Waltie
 went to sing in the junior choir.

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TUESDAY

8:30 Foggy at first but brightens
 9:00 up & many with pale sun
 9:30 sunshine for the remainder of the
 10:00 short day and a dim red horizon
 10:30 moon after sundown. Still
 11:00 mild and summery. A little
 11:30 gas on for about an hour in the
 12:00 morning is all I need.
 12:30 Oh boy if I only had arranged
 1:00 to take the Nebuta at Massey
 1:30 full to-night! Well, better
 2:00 try something else soon - we
 2:30 ought to be starting in the odd
 3:00 recital or symphony now - and
 3:30 how! You're not kiddin',
 4:00 you can say that again. What
 4:30 the Law!
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8:30 Mostly dull and warmer
 9:00 - 71° at noon: an all-time record
 9:30 high very likely. Bridge club
 10:00 to-night as I must wheel
 10:30 Persie home and muck about
 11:00 by myself for supper. - oh hum!
 11:30 I guess I'll practice on the old
 12:00 dog-house against our appearance
 12:30 at the old Pades United Church
 1:00 anniversary supper - 'twas ever
 1:30 the seat of my undoing.
 2:00 Wanted! - some zippers to repair
 2:30 our undoing.
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THURSDAY

8:30 Still more temperature records.
 9:00 68° all day with a strong
 9:30 S.W. wind and light swift
 10:00 clouds. Auntie Oa and John
 10:30 dropped in just before breakfast
 11:00 and cheered Kame up as she
 11:30 was getting down in the dumps.
 12:00 Hope to see Uncle Jack also
 12:30 this evening. Earl plastered
 1:00 the ceiling of the big house
 1:30 with tar. I guess it was a
 2:00 tarmination job.
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8:30 John Martin stayed with us
 9:00 last night and this ~~morning~~
 9:30 ~~day~~ came over for breakfast!
 10:00 After which I drove the kids to
 10:30 school. Jack went to Ketchikan
 11:00 and Paul drove Auntie wee and
 11:30 son to Hamilton. It was a
 12:00 rather big table for dinner
 12:30 last evening with Lumen, Bertha
 1:00 and the three Taylors. Of course I
 1:30 was late and had to eat after
 2:00 the rest. We had a rubber of bridge
 2:30 with ale after the final conflagration
 3:00 went to bed.
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SATURDAY

8:30 November first brings more
 9:00 seasonable weather, namely
 9:30 cold winds ~~with~~ with
 10:00 slate gray sky ending in
 10:30 a drizzle at night. A
 11:00 typical November day - dark
 11:30 and melancholy mood that the
 12:00 October color has gone - just
 12:30 the brown plowed fields and the
 1:00 bare woods.
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8:30 Dark and mild. Lights on all
 9:00 day. Rain most of the time.
 9:30 I have labored and wrought and
 0:00 it is 6:30 and I am all for HX.
 0:30 and home. maybe the Hay bus will
 1:00 be there so we can have some fun.
 1:30 Taking my taxi home for our
 2:00 practice to-morrow.
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MONDAY

Very dark damp, mild and foggy. Raked up all the leaves and piled them in the back. As James and Co. didn't make them I'll probably have some more to clean up later. Ted Buckley drove Edie, Julia & Marie up in the afternoon and we had an hour's practice during S.S. when the Byenas were away.

WEEKLY RECORDS

The ceiling ran over this week and the second time lately. The country is soaked and ready for the freeze-up.

Stream over today - also! Nov. 3, 1966

8:30	Cooler and cleaning. Mumsey
9:00	came down on her way to
9:30	Brantford and had her teeth
10:00	cleaned at 1.30. She called
10:30	again at 6.45 and we
11:00	grabbed up by Edie's spouse
11:30	tyres and from there went to
12:00	the United S.S. room where we
12:30	ate a delicious chicken dinner.
1:00	We were twice on the program
1:30	for tires and have played a
2:00	variety solo - Roudins and Cradle
2:30	song for an encore. I followed
3:00	the white car home along the
3:30	4 th
4:00	on Methodist church - oh
4:30	seat of my undoing - kindly refer
5:00	to old diaries.
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Very clean and cold - frost
 9:00 in the air. "The breath of
 9:30 winter comes from far away"
 10:00 The white upon was in
 10:30 last night and I watched it
 11:00 as the pouding clouds passed
 11:30 over it. A cloudless frosty
 12:00 night is setting in. It is now
 12:30 8:30. The old Steam shovel
 1:00 has dumped a pile of wack
 1:30 right on top of me and I
 2:00 can scarcely breathe - more
 2:30 air - if I had only half
 3:00 an hour per diem to practice
 3:30 my playing would not be so
 4:00 rotten.
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8:30 The same old story. It is six
 9:00 o'clock and I have at least
 9:30 an hour's work I should do and
 10:00 I am due home at 6:30 to eat
 10:30 with the family and maybe the
 11:00 pretty school teacher, a fine
 11:30 mild day starting out with
 12:00 a little white frost which
 12:30 vanished like magic with the first
 1:00 beams of the warm sun.
 1:30 Oh hades! forgot in my rush
 2:00 to look at chin spots.
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FRIDAY

8:30 Muck oh absolute! Went
 9:00 by the 5th for a change and
 9:30 picked up J.S. We had
 10:00 dinner in the Arlington - not
 10:30 bad. I had sausage and never
 11:00 a bump after. Took him up
 11:30 to the C.N.R. for no. 6. He will
 12:00 take in the P.A.S.C. meeting to-
 12:30 night. Tremendously busy all
 1:00 day so am tired and grouchy
 1:30 most especially as I'm
 2:00 going to bridge club and I
 2:30 have to eat alone. Muck oh
 3:00 absolute. Oh well (Mrs. Cannon)
 3:30 things could be a lot worse
 4:00 and still be good.
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8:30 Mostly Cloudy and dark with
 9:00 a strong west wind and colder
 9:30 a few (spits) of rain snow and
 10:00 then. Ate my yesterday's
 10:30 lunch to-day. It was augmented
 11:00 by a fresh raspberry tart - I mean
 11:30 fresh tart - it hasn't been quite
 12:00 warm enough to give us fresh raspberries
 12:30 The tart was scrumptious - a masterpiece
 1:00 Our apples from Howard's were on
 1:30 the back porch when I came home
 2:00 last night - 2 bushels of lovely
 2:30 spies which I lugged down
 3:00 cellar. Had a practice on the
 3:30 dog house till I woke up Walter.
 4:00 Then I decided to quit. Go - night
 4:30 mummy will be on the welcoming
 5:00 committee - I hope - or is
 5:30 there chair practice? - ye gods -
 6:00 always something.
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8:30 Took white car down in
 9:00 the fog and cold rain with
 9:30 Roy & M. for company. No time
 10:00 to practice as business delays
 10:30 have kept me an hour behind
 11:00 time and I must be in
 11:30 Hamilton at 7.00 - J.H.C.
 12:00 Even so, notwithstanding, moreover
 12:30 I arrived at 35 Dromore at 7.10 -
 1:00 a full ten minutes before Jack
 1:30 the Joint Killer showed up. We
 2:00 immediately set down to a
 2:30 sumptuous repast of roast lamb,
 3:00 squash, cauliflower, ice cream
 3:30 etc. etc. The Dixons came
 4:00 in later and we played
 4:30 bridge. Annie was relaxed
 5:00 meanwhile and Jack stood
 5:30 by to pour drinks & deliveries
 6:00 Punch ended the evening.
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SUNDAY

Dull, cold and grey from dawn
 dawn till dinner. Gubb. Didn't
 get up too early, although the
 boys were taking the house down
 from 7.30 on. Had a big
 heavy stick - to the Brits (breakfast
 of fruit juice, goodie, pastiches
 with eggs, sausages and toast with
 coffee. Jack and I did up the
 mess of dishes while the three
 women went to morning service
 WEEKLY RECORDS

at James St. Baptist. After lunch
 the three men set out for Iovate
 in white car while the three
 women and John M. rested. Got
 Bencie at 189 Mac Pherson and then
 back to Hamilton to another
 lovely dinner of steamed chicken
 and dumplings. To Dromore
 (Bell's & Benthall) by 9.45.
 Wallie has a nasty cough.
 Now Dennis is starting.
 "now you commence"

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TUESDAY

8:30 A fine amniestic day. The same
 9:00 web grey sky as yesterday only
 9:30 the rain is harder and steadier.
 10:00 Poor mummies left with the two
 10:30 hyenas and their hacking coughs
 11:00 Wally has to stay in bed
 11:30 to-day. I hear the veterans guard
 12:00 band playing but it sounds
 12:30 sort of woeful and muffled with
 1:00 the rain.
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8:30 Cleaning and colder. Mummy
 9:00 bundled the two larking
 9:30 children up in long stockings
 10:00 and sweaters and sent them to
 10:30 school in spite of persistent
 11:00 hacks. Mummy has a lot
 11:30 to put up with. Obe built a
 12:00 fire across the way yesterday
 12:30 as Earl didn't come back - he
 1:00 having left the blower on and
 1:30 not enough coal in the pot to
 2:00 "shake a stick at". I replenished
 2:30 it both last night and this
 3:00 morning as Bertie wouldn't
 3:30 freeze. Well I guess I'll have
 4:00 company home - both lazy
 4:30 limping Thompson and B.B.
 5:00 plenty want a ride. Here's to
 5:30 good old HX.
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8:30 Partly fair and windy. Highest
 9:00 was 44° so it was not exactly
 9:30 balmy nor was it seasonably
 10:00 cold. Still water in the
 10:30 "rod" but it surely won't be
 11:00 long now. Got the children
 11:30 to school on time in spite
 12:00 of their hacks and temperamental
 12:30 delays at breakfast. Mummy
 1:00 is very sweet and good
 1:30 natured though all the
 2:00 bronchial colds and Ben's not
 2:30 too good either. To-night is
 3:00 book club. Stop, look, listen,
 3:30 watch out! Be home on
 4:00 time! or else!
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THURSDAY

8:30 8.35. and I promised to be home
 9:00 at 9.00 and I'm waiting for
 9:30 my martin's mix to "stiffen up"
 10:00 so I can sew my flask together
 10:30 throw it in the acrylizer and
 11:00 collect my bag and baggage for
 11:30 Drumbo. Very clean to-night and
 12:00 frosty after a day of some sun
 12:30 and dying wind. Watch that rod,
 1:00 or those rods, boy; don't let the
 1:30 first big freeze up catch you
 2:00 napping. Archie Wee and John
 2:30 were last night.
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SATURDAY

8:30 Dennis's early dawn excursion
 9:00 to the bathroom got me roused
 9:30 and I observed dear old Jupiter
 10:00 in the growing light above Polaris
 10:30 beam. It was faint and hard to
 11:00 see. Everything was ghostly
 11:30 white and glistening and the
 12:00 moon was high up on the
 12:30 meridian near Saturne.
 1:00 Stopped on my way in to
 1:30 give my cheque in to C. Ward
 2:00 Butcher's office. Commencement
 2:30 to night. It has been a
 3:00 clear day, not a cloud, no dimming
 3:30 of the bright southern sun but
 4:00 there was little warmth in it.
 4:30 Last night was our first real
 5:00 frost. It finished the flowers
 5:30 and froze the ground hard.
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8:30 We all got up at 6:30 and
 9:00 prepared for the big trip to
 9:30 Bronte I got breakfast and
 10:00 serviced Jimmy's car, then after
 10:30 the three adventurers left at 7:30
 11:00 did the dishes and made the bed
 11:30 as a gesture of good will to
 12:00 pretty Irene who was to work
 12:30 solo at the house later. The
 1:00 day was fair to begin but clouded
 1:30 and grew steadily darker till
 2:00 a rain set in from the east at
 2:30 dusk. I must wear kowee and
 3:00 through the sad wet autumn night
 3:30 I know that the rain call not the
 4:00 flowers forth nor does anything except
 4:30 make things wet and miserable
 5:00 — and (oh I forgot) keep our custom
 5:30 at top level. Now for home. I
 6:00 got some lovely rubus for mum
 6:30 and Bessie.
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MONDAY

8:30 Hand frost. Drove white car
 9:00 down for garage work. They
 9:30 couldn't fix the motor but
 10:00 greased & oiled it. The car was
 10:30 bright all day but the highest
 11:00 by my mouth thermometer was 35°
 11:30 Mummy gave me Gogo's
 12:00 gold watch which I am carrying
 12:30 paper - I am very proud of it and
 1:00 hope it will prove a lasting time-
 1:30 piece. It has great sentimental
 2:00 value. We have Bencie's Waltham
 2:30 for Dennis and a wrist watch for
 3:00 Anala which we will give
 3:30 till they are old enough for them.
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I got in wrong for letting
 the trucking children up before
 noon. Their colds were bad
 but they went to S.S. We heard
 the Beethoven concerto played
 by Elman. It was an emotional
 experience. The Taylors came
 in at 5:00 and left John with
 us till later. He had supper
 with the Bells and was a

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very good boy - a lot better than
 Dennis. I put on the last two
 storm windows - Bathroom & Kitchen
 door - also put alcohol in HX.
 It froze last night and was
 cold all day. I drained mummy's
 car last thing before going to
 bed. Dennis kept us tripping
 upstairs all evening with his
 yodelling and bellowing.

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Mummy nearly went whacky
 9:00 getting the pyemas breakfast
 9:30 and off to school in time.
 10:00 Mums had a tear streaked
 10:30 face and Dennis seemed
 11:00 quite concerned. He acted
 11:30 almost kind to her. at
 12:00 least he let her have one of
 12:30 his pleasures without a fight.
 1:00 Down in faithful H.V. Gray
 1:30 remember ability of plates is
 2:00 keeping me on the lumps. Very
 2:30 little time for Back or Hayden.
 3:00 about 5 minutes per dish.
 3:30 Hair and a little milder after
 4:00 a clear frosty night. The
 4:30 narrow morning moon was
 5:00 in Virgo.
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8:30 Misty and rather mild.
 9:00 The 6 pesky, poky kids were
 9:30 late for school - after all
 10:00 mummy's effort. Took Bertha
 10:30 down to the nursing home
 11:00 where I have been known to
 11:30 frequent on more occasions when
 12:00 the famous Harry Goldie was
 12:30 alive. Dennis's birthday party
 1:00 to night at our place and I
 1:30 met Jim late and in the
 2:00 doghouse. A very ~~thin~~ ^{thin} moon
 2:30 shamed the first faint
 3:00 light of day low in the south-
 3:30 east.
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FRIDAY

8:30 a very pleasant birthday party last night. I wasn't very late - only ten minutes in fact I was there before the 10:00 holidays. Played Rummikub with her. It was rather mild to-day and the sun shone feebly for an hour or so around noon, the fog morning and late afternoon being disagreeable and obscuring everything.

2:00 Mamma was at bridge club when I got home. Had to warm up my supper - oh how!

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8:30 Much colder with fine snow in the air. The same high blood pressure scene to get the children off to school on time.

10:00 Dank and slippy all day.

11:00 Took Berta down a plant this AM but haven't seen her yet. It is away after eight and visiting looks now I expect.

1:00 me. I should have been triplets.

1:30 20° now and the wind howls.

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SUNDAY

8:30 Harnak! The cloud thinned
 9:00 out enough at noon to give
 9:30 us a glimpse of the partial
 10:00 eclipse. a large
 10:30 sun spot was
 11:00 pointed on the
 11:30 edge of the
 12:00 earth's shadow.
 12:30 moon's limb and the effect was
 1:00 quite odd. The rest of the
 1:30 day was dull windy and
 2:00 squally. Have made a
 2:30 delightful evening by inviting
 3:00 the Butchers for bridge.
 3:30 Pally Lou came and slept in
 4:00 our bed.
 4:30 (twenty five years ago, dear old
 5:00 W. N. B.)
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Dull, windy and mild. I used
 the front door while the family
 were at Church also made an
 attempt at cleaning some of the
 boards and litter from the garden.
 It was a sea of sticks and
 and I kept losing my rubbers
 at every other step. We went to
 Grandma's for tea and found
 her quite bright. She has been
 talking a lot and preparing for Christmas

WEEKLY RECORDS

Went from Lee place to Paris and
 called on Bertha in the nursing
 home. Home at 8:30 and the
 children went to bed pronto. A
 practice, then some screech and
 here over at Earl's. He installed
 the stove to-day and made a
 fine job of it.

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8:30 Dull still and a little
9:00 cooler. Got water in
9:30 the white car and drove it
10:00 down to Paris for radiator
10:30 repairs. Mauda is very
11:00 proud of her wrist watch and
11:30 wishes it much in evidence.
12:00 Dennis makes a great fuss
12:30 when he can't carry his gold
1:00 pocket watch. Yesterday he
1:30 succeeded in smuggling it
2:00 to Woodstock.

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8:30 Oh hum! The children were
9:00 late again for school. Grouch-
9:30 grouch-grouch. The ground
10:00 was white for the first time this
10:30 season. Dennis was very excited.
11:00 It snowed nearly all day - now
11:30 big flakes, now fine flakes, now
12:00 straight down now sideways. It
12:30 was beautiful to watch. It is
1:00 melting and the streets are
1:30 full of slush. Oh dear,
2:00 grouch, grouch, grouch.
2:30 Hey dad! Paris's car is
3:00 back with radiator fixed but I
3:30 have my own so it stays in
4:00 Paris motors over night. Great
4:30 will be the bill thereof

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8:30 Got up ten minutes earlier
 9:00 and managed to get the
 9:30 procrastinating children to school
 10:00 on time. Kane accompanied
 10:30 me in HX to Paris where
 11:00 she got her car at the
 11:30 garage and I paid the big
 12:00 radiator bill. Dull windy and
 12:30 cool turning real cold at
 1:00 dusk. Ten night is Bartlett
 1:30 and Robertson at Woodstock so
 2:00 I am obliged to be at Drumbo
 2:30 by 6.15 at the latest.
 3:00 Watch out, shoals ahead,
 3:30 grouch, grouch grouch.
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THURSDAY

8:30 Guess I navigated around the
 9:00 shoals all right. Thanks to
 9:30 Kane's efforts we heard the
 10:00 impeccable piano duo team The
 10:30 Robertsons. It was an evening of
 11:00 tensions and packed with thrills.
 11:30 I never enjoyed piano playing
 12:00 more - especially that glamorous
 12:30 Schumann - what delectable, what
 1:00 feeling. They seemed to be thoroughly
 1:30 enjoying themselves which radiated
 2:00 added enjoyment to us. The Tsygl
 2:30 2nd was a tour de force - a ne
 3:00 plus ultra. Cold and dull
 3:30 to day. Went around by the town
 4:00 live to pick up Mrs. Parnell
 4:30 but got Larry Thompson instead.
 5:00 Barmesles seem to collect in
 5:30 spite of my antipathy for them.
 6:00
 6:30 Wish I could hear them play
 7:00 that Schumann music. I have
 7:30 the music! November 29, 1946
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SATURDAY

8:30 Just a year ago to night
 9:00 we played at the Presbyterian
 9:30 church and Gage took sick
 10:00 - poor Gage. It is 8:30 P.M.
 10:30 and I am not done work
 11:00 yet - oh gee, oh gosh. Guess
 11:30 I'll be away late again
 12:00 Home. Rejoice in to renew old
 12:30 acquaintances. Just freezing
 1:00 and rather dull.
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8:30 Not cold - just freezing, a little
 9:00 sun in the morning but by
 9:30 noon the clouds gathered and
 10:00 the rest of the short day was
 10:30 dark and threatening with a
 11:00 falling barometer. How thrilled
 11:30 the little ones would be with
 12:00 a big snow storm! How
 12:30 thrilled wouldn't I be! This
 1:00 is written on WIF going to
 1:30 Dunstons - I have no more
 2:00 privacy or rest than a goldfish.
 2:30 I am very weary after the
 3:00 usual hard week's grind. Oh
 3:30 by the way I leisurely walked to
 4:00 the station this morning via
 4:30 the main street - talked to
 5:00 Marshall bought my ticket from
 5:30 Charlie and talked some more
 6:00 with Louie - think of it - I had
 6:30 loads of time.
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MONDAY

Stuffed myself last night on pork chops, beans, squash etc. Then drank rye and played bridge. I felt bloated and useless. Got up at 10:00. It was dull and mild. Uncle Jack went to church alone. We shells went home at 1:10 P.M. getting to Pruncho in time for Sunday School. "Faith" Luke 8: 48. And Jesus said unto her, daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace. - dear little Wally but not little - she is growing up so fast. Much colder, ^{windy} in the afternoon. Enjoyed our supper of cold tongue, ^{warm} over vegetables. Was very hungry. Ed & Glad came over and we sat around the fireplace drinking scrubs. 8 done at bed time.

8:30	4 above, clear and not so windy.			
9:00	but what breeze there was was			
9:30	most bitter. Got the children			
10:00	to school on time. wonder of			
10:30	wonders. It was bright and			
11:00	real cold all day. It is 12			
11:30	now and the white half moon			
12:00	is beset with light clouds from the			
12:30	south-west.			
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Hamburg night. No time to
 9:00 write. I will dash home and
 9:30 surprise Kave. Tell you all
 10:00 later.
 10:30
 11:00 Talix - I've programmed for
 11:30 a nice talk with Boris
 12:00 at the reception. As usual
 12:30 to walk a little dinner before
 1:00 returning in white car with
 1:30 Kave to pick up Eddy on
 2:00 Charlotte street. Irene stayed
 2:30 with the children.
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8:30 Rain and milder. It thinned
 9:00 and all the snow disappeared.
 9:30 The sun was misty like Indian
 10:00 summer. Boris surprises me
 10:30 to practice Lunden. Oh if I only
 11:00 had time for an hour a day - but
 11:30 that may not be for a long while
 12:00 yet.
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FRIDAY

8:30	Misty fair and rather mild! R.W and Butcher kept me talking on the Commerce corner and I am chilled to the bone. "Pluggie" adjusted my clutch yesterday while greasing and oiling H X.
9:00	
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12:00	It is working like a charm and should be good for
12:30	
1:00	many more miles - maybe
1:30	100,000 - dew potent.
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8:30	Dull and colder - a nasty raw penetrating day ending in an opaque freezing fog. 100 HX -
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10:00	dealt by myself with my post on
10:30	benches on the way home!
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8

SUNDAY

8:30 Fair and very mild. Just
 9:00 like an April day - Late
 9:30 April at that. 50° this afternoon.
 10:00 Did a little Santa Claus
 10:30 shopping for the anchors
 11:00 between 5.00 and 6.00 (also
 11:30 procured my own present for
 12:00 myself - two bottles of Hermit
 12:30 cherry. Oh hell have to call
 1:00 on Bertha before going
 1:30 home - oh those bananas.
 2:00 Puff!
 2:30 Venus and Jupiter were close
 3:00 to gether this morning at
 3:30 7.20. The growing
 4:00 light was strong but Jupiter
 4:30 was very faint, but it was
 5:00 worth getting out of our
 5:30 window bed to see.
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Very mild. Found the Taylors
 visiting the Bells. We were
 invited to the Butchers for an
 evening of bridge so we couldn't
 enjoy our evening at home.
 They got away just after 11 and
 the children came home from
 church. I fixed the catch on the
 cupboard door. During Sunday
 school I moved the book-shelves

WEEKLY RECORDS
 in the sunroom and the Chestfilds
 over on the south wall, then
 uncrated Ray's two new Christmas
 tables. Luncheon was over to dinner.
 Had a very short practice then
 finished off at Edul's with wine,
 tea & Christmas cake.

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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

8:30 Still milder - 54° all day.
 9:00 Did a little Christmas
 9:30 shopping at noon - but I
 10:00 have more to do. As fast
 10:30 as I take my money in
 11:00 December, out it goes.
 11:30 But such is life. Everything
 12:00 points to a top notch
 12:30 Christmas.
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8:30 Dark and rainy. 52°. Had
 9:00 to turn off my gas at noon.
 9:30 The office was like summer.
 10:00 Each day I do little drudges
 10:30 of Christmas shopping. To-day
 11:00 I got a diary for Mabel and
 11:30 one for myself. Windy and
 12:00 a little cooler at night.
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12

THURSDAY

8:30 Fair and colder. Froze
 9:00 up in the clear blue morning.
 9:30 At 5:05 (A.M.) I had the good
 10:00 luck to see Venus and Jupiter
 10:30 come into view over the south
 11:00 east horizon. They appeared
 11:30 like a great and lesser search
 12:00 light at Paris. The whole
 12:30 sky was marvelously beautiful
 1:00 bathed in the light of the
 1:30 bright waning moon in Gemini
 2:00 in the west. Called for Mrs.
 2:30 Powell and she very kindly
 3:00 gave me a basket of eggs.
 3:30 Had great luck to-day with
 4:00 shopping got two records for
 4:30 Mr Taylor anniversary and
 5:00 the Newwood blanket for Uncle
 5:30 also (shop don't pass) a
 6:00 lovely winter to go with Hane's
 6:30 black skirt.
 7:00
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 8:00

8:30 28.74 ?! did I ever record
 9:00 as low a barometer? Just called
 9:30 up Eleanor and she verified
 10:00 my reading. Strong winds and rain
 10:30 all day - and oh so dark.
 11:00
 11:30 Got home to find mummy ^(absent)
 12:00 (better spirits) I think her thing,
 12:30 though cold is better, even though
 1:00 she runs out a lot at night!
 1:30 In night it was mission circle
 2:00 at Hansford. The children were
 2:30 in bed reading fables etc.
 3:00 I had to subside them while
 3:30 warming up my dinner. Hane
 4:00 arrived at 11:00 - dear, good
 4:30 old Hane - I'm sure she is
 5:00 better.
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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

8:30 Just can hardly wait
9:00 till Christmas. Woud have
9:30 get a surprise! when she
10:00 views that wait & about. 164
10:30 dog! She wind howled all
11:00 last night bringing the
11:30 barometer up from 28.74 to 29.40.
12:00 you could hear it doing it.
12:30 The thermometer was at 20° so
1:00 the morning was exactly
1:30 balmy. I think the children
2:00 were late again - oh those
2:30 poky pests. Those procrastinating
3:00 brats - murder it too good
3:30 for them.
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8:30 Earl very kindly offered to
9:00 drive me down as he and Glad
9:30 were going to Brantford to finish
10:00 their Christmas shopping. I gladly
10:30 embraced the opportunity and was
11:00 in Paris by 9.10 - Sage car sailed
11:30 along as peppy as ever. Kane
12:00 and the children arrived at
12:30 the office at 6.00 after having
1:00 spent an hour with Bertha at
1:30 the Nursing Home. I hear big
2:00 Bertha was in sour mood and wept
2:30 copious tears. Ted Sparks held up
3:00 the works for half an hour and
3:30 we finally landed at the Kerby
4:00 house, Brantford, at 7.00. Stuck
4:30 five coppers in a parking meter
5:00 and all had lamb chops and pudding
5:30 - a good dinner. Earl Smith & his
6:00 wife were at the next table. Got
6:30 in Hamilton at 8.35 and had
7:00 a lovely evening with the Miss Jones
7:30 and Gylans. We played ^{read the paper} ~~for a while~~
8:00 while the new record ~~was~~ ^{played} and played Beethoven and Strauss.

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MONDAY

Got around betimes and
breakfasted on grape fruit, cereal,
omelette, with toast and coffee.

Got away about five to ten and
were at the Drumsby Baptist
Church at five to eleven - in
better time than if we had
been home. Earl had us over
to meet his wife's folks in
the afternoon. We were entertained
by Glad's mother Gard. on the young

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and Mrs. Sumner hammered
some piano selections in a very
percussive style. Earl and Sumner
were over in the evening -
beer, wine and gas.

8:30 Cold wind from the east ending
9:00 at night in a driving snow
9:30 Dawn of gifts the drifted roof
10:00 and maybe the peanut.
10:30 Saboring food trying to
11:00 get all the Christmas plates
11:30 made for the turkey and
12:00 goose - hope they are not all
12:30 Christmas presents. By the way
1:00 - the children were on time for
1:30 school this morning
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WEDNESDAY

8:30 Bright and cold. After
 9:00 a great effort I managed
 9:30 to get home at 9:00 P.M.
 10:00 in order to write Christmas
 10:30 cards - a job I enjoy well
 11:00 enough but hate to take
 11:30 the time. My music (too
 12:00 bad about it) is so neglected.
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8:30 Clear and colder. Venus was
 9:00 brilliant by Jupiter and alpha
 9:30 Librae all morning. It was
 10:00 exceedingly distinct all morning
 10:30 with the Horns old man well
 11:00 to the west. So right is the
 11:30 Christmas concert I wonder if
 12:00 I can make it? Two years
 12:30 ago the stake went in. It was
 1:00 almost as cold to-day. Got
 1:30 my Christmas case of beer.
 2:00 Now I am all set for liquid
 2:30 refreshment.
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FRIDAY

8:30 J. S. L. down and back
 9:00 on his annual pre-Christmas
 9:30 spree. The best he could
 10:00 get was Walker's Imperial
 10:30 Dull and rather cold.
 11:00 Well - I got there last night
 11:30 and did I ever enjoy
 12:00 that concert! The best I ever.
 12:30 Cute little Dennis with his
 1:00 scared small voice, Nuala's
 1:30 singing both on and off the
 2:00 stage delightfully naive,
 2:30 childish and true to pitch.
 3:00 Kana's violin pupils and
 3:30 her own excellent accompaniment,
 4:00 Blanche's fine monologue,
 4:30 Geoffrey's remarkable recitation
 5:00 of "The night before Christmas" ~~from~~
 5:30 - a perfect master of ceremonies.
 6:00 - everything top class - and
 6:30 lastly the most impressive
 7:00 pageant - showing how much
 7:30 could be done with so little.
 8:00 -

Witnessed
 never have so many ~~things~~
 so much done with so little.

8:30 East wind, raw and chilly
 9:00 - turning to a fine snow late
 9:30 in the afternoon. Did a
 10:00 little more drubbing of shopping
 10:30 - I felt quite satisfied that
 11:00 this will be the best Christmas
 11:30 yet. Earl in last night and
 12:00 later Jim and Blanche. We sat
 12:30 around drinking wine and discussing
 1:00 Christmas concerts etc.
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SUNDAY

8:30 Room inches of lovely
 9:00 snow-making slippery roads
 9:30 However by Dorothy's story
 10:00 at 35 we can stay put
 10:30 Earl came in at 5:30
 11:00 and I cut my lab work
 11:30 short and rounded up my
 12:00 few chores, then we drove
 12:30 over to the greenhouse to
 1:00 get mummy's plant for
 1:30 church to-morrow. Next on
 2:00 the program was to collect
 2:30 Bertha and all her bags and
 3:00 baggage. This was performed
 3:30 with dispatch. Bertha was
 4:00 glad to leave the nursing home
 4:30 and Bertha was glad to have
 5:00 her leave. Got her installed
 5:30 at home. (Goya's) then went
 6:00 across to help mummy wrestle
 6:30 with the hyenas - i.e. baths
 7:00 and bed. Earl came over to say
 7:30 good-bye and we had a couple
 8:00 rounds of wine. I ate dinner
 at the usual time - 9.45

Mild and dull. I looked
 after little Janet with the
 assistance of Dennis during
 the morning church hour. We
 had a candle practice at the
 United Church just before S.D.
 after which I scooted home and
 cut down our big front cedar,
 trimmed it and set it up in
 the sun room. Walter and mummy

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decorated it. It looks fine. An
 early dinner just before which I
 scooted down to Norm Gibson's for
 some music. Over to the church shortly
 after seven and got tuned up.
 The candles went off fine but the
 candle light service was too draggy
 and long - too many candles.
 Dinner over before bed and we
 three had a stiff eye.

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8:30 Milder and dark. Most
 9:00 of the snow gone. The
 9:30 Chevies were slow getting
 10:00 up and I was almost ready
 10:30 to go before there was much
 11:00 star. Dr. Gould died on
 11:30 Saturday. A dark Christmas for
 12:00 the family. Ever nearer
 12:30 the great day - it won't
 1:00 be long now.
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TUESDAY

8:30 Cold with wind and snow.
 9:00 This is the one day of the year
 9:30 I try to finish early and be on
 10:00 time for dinner. But alas I
 10:30 was late. Stopped in at Richmond
 11:00 and had a rye with J. S. He
 11:30 was all alone. I tried to persuade
 12:00 him to come to Dumbo but no go.
 12:30 The turkey dinner with Bertha
 1:00 Jenner and the Taylors was a grand
 1:30 success and then we had the
 2:00 Christmas tree. Muala distributed
 2:30 the presents and did it so fast
 3:00 that we were nearly choked off and
 3:30 smothered with them. It was
 4:00 indeed a record Christmas. I got
 4:30 Jack the Rachmanoff concerto and
 5:00 it bounced back like a rubber
 5:30 a ball as Ed. had got him the
 6:00 same, but in plastic. Greatest
 6:30 surprise of all was the lovely
 7:00 record player from the Taylors.
 7:30 Jack had it all looked up before
 8:00 dinner. We sat around till 2:00
 A.M. listening to Rachmanoff, Schtaubouff,
 Chopin, etc.

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THURSDAY

8:30 Cold and blustery. Got up at
 9:00 9.00 - just an hour after the
 9:30 younger generation. They loved
 10:00 the stockings filled by Santa
 10:30 It would take too much time
 11:00 and space to enumerate all the
 11:30 presents. Wally got a lovely
 12:00 Kenwood blanket and Dennis' skis.
 12:30 Er. accompanied us to Woodstock
 1:00 where we found Grandma very
 1:30 poorly. She was dressed but was
 2:00 only out of her room long enough
 2:30 to see the presents unwrapped.
 3:00 Al was in good form. We got
 3:30 home at 4:15 and had supper
 4:00 at Auntie Wee's. They all came
 4:30 over to sing later and
 5:00 listened to more records.
 5:30 Some gave me Ischaikowski's 5th
 6:00 & 6th also the violin concerto played
 6:30 by Heifetz. Dinner brought their
 7:00 gifts over at night and that
 7:30 brought on another round of drinks.
 8:00 - Boomp! boomp! boomp! scratch
 scrape! - more and deleted - time to
 change the record.

8:30 Colder and partly fair. Oh Lays
 9:00 Bells. I didn't get up till 9:30.
 9:30 Jack had been gone hours.
 10:00 I got the mail, water and a
 10:30 tank of gas and made Paris
 11:00 by 11:20. A nice Christmas letter
 11:30 from Alfred. Paris very quiet
 12:00 on Boxing Day.
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SATURDAY

8:30 Cold and raw. Got two
 9:00 gails of water this morning
 9:30 like old times when Gags
 10:00 and his several housekeepers
 10:30 were there. Sumner stayed
 11:00 with Auntie Wee last night
 11:30 after we had intended murder
 12:00 upon them for bridge and wine
 12:30 till a late hour. An east
 1:00 wind has brought freezing
 1:30 rain which will shatter
 2:00 my homeward trail. Jack
 2:30 expected home to-night -
 3:00 more records and dog -
 3:30 fogged tranquillium.
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8:30 Rained all last evening and
 9:00 night. This morning the temperature
 9:30 was 19 with a little east wind and
 10:00 some sleet. Jack came home
 10:30 last night and we sat over
 11:00 at his place after the dishes.
 11:30 He is all against coming to the
 12:00 party to-night. I wonder what Dave
 12:30 will do - who will substitute at the
 1:00 last minute? Going down by the
 1:30 highway this morning was slow
 2:00 crawling. The road was a sheet
 2:30 of ice and the trees and fences
 3:00 coated thick. This afternoon the
 3:30 sun came out just before it set and
 4:00 made a wonderland of the
 4:30 ice-encased landscape. The 4 day
 5:00 old moon was bright above the
 5:30 walnut trees. The nights in
 6:00 very cold and clear. All aboard
 6:30 for Drunks and the big party
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MONDAY

Great Ice Storm. Temperature was never above 20 but yet it rained all night and sleeted all day. Didn't get up very early after Blanchie's big birthday party so just had time to drive Sunday to church, leaving her there. She followed in a few minutes on foot as the bad weather wetted

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Church and S. J. Went out to the dump just before lunch in my car with a pregnant-looking boy full of ~~times~~ and broken dishes. Then called on Jummer for the chicken. Dinner was at the Belk - stewed chicken and fat biscuits - yum-yum. I helped Jack get his car home from Hank's house and locate a mechanic in the person of Murray Dayman to blow it out and put in new alcho. Had a gin confab over at Ed's to end the day.

8:30 Clearing and cold. 8° above
 9:00 so wore my kitty coat and mitts
 9:30 Went down by Canning and found
 10:00 the roads fine provided you kept
 10:30 to 30 miles per hour or under.
 11:00 I must tell you about the party on
 11:30 Saturday evening. Blanch and Jim came
 12:00 first. Next came Jummer and George H
 12:30 Lastly Jack and E. Mabel and
 1:00 Ted were conspicuous by their
 1:30 absence. Had a lot of fun with
 2:00 rummage, bridge and the record-
 2:30 player. Jack and Ed very kindly
 3:00 filled me in spite of a strong
 3:30 desire to be away from it all.
 4:00 The half moon I was well above
 4:30 the walnut trees and clear in
 5:00 the frosty afternoon sky.
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NOTIFICATION
FOR
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Name	Notation
	<p>And by the gentle faints of being moved, hath gone the way of all he dreamed and loved Soft fall the February snows and lost This gentle spirit gone with scarce a tear One loosened from the dungeons of the frost Wakened with yearnings new the enfranchised Late winter-widened gloomed and tempest-torn And Peasens gentle, delicate veils appear When dream anew the days of hope and fear And mother nature, she whose heart is fair She who grieves not, neither faints nor fails, Building the seasons, she will build again, March with rindering madness of wild gales April and her wreaths of tender rain And all he loved, this soul when memory veils Beyond the burden off our strife and pain Not his to wake the strident note of song nor pierce the deep recesses of the heart Those tragic wells remote of night and</p>

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Name	Notation
	<p>But rather with those gentler souls apart He dreamed like his own summer days along Filled with the beauty looms of his own heart Sufficient in the sweetness of his song. Outside this prison house of all our tears Enfranchised from our sorrow and our wrong Beyond the failure of our days and years Beyond the burden of our saddest song He moves with those music-filled his ears And claimed his gentle spirit from the theory Wordsworth, Arnold, Keats, high masters of his song Like some rare Pan of those old Grecian days Here in our hours of deeper stress reborn Unfortunate thrown upon life's evil ways His inward ear heard ever that satyr form From nature's lips reverberate night and morn And fled from man and all that troubled maze • Staring apart with sad incurious gaze</p>



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<p>And now untimely cut like some sweet flower Plucked in the early summer of its prime Before it reached the fullness of its flower He withers in the morning of our time Leaving behind him like a summer show A fragrance of earth's beauty and the down Of gentle and imperishable rhyme</p>	
<p>Songs in our ears of birds and flowers and And gentle loves and tender memories Of Nature's sweetest aspects, for pure moods, Wrought from the inward truth of intimate eyes And delicate ears of him who harbors words And, rightly gardening, daily grows more wise And dreams and sees in mighty solitudes</p>	
<p>Soft fall the February snows, and soft He sleeps in peace upon the breast of her He loved the truest, where, by wood and craft The wintry silence folds its fleecy wings About his silence, while in glooms afloat The mighty forest fathers, without stir</p>	
<p>Guard well the nest of him their rare Sweet worshippers</p>	

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