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THE INFORMANT

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PREFACE

The goal of this research effort has been to learn about the language and lifestyle of Michigan college students during the academic year 1902-1903, the year in which Western Michigan University was founded. The information presented here will allow for some immediate comparisons of contemporary college life with that of seventy-five years ago.

The data of the present study are comprised of the diary entries of Norton H. Pearl, from September 1902 to June 1903, and excerpts from the letters of four young women with whom he corresponded. They were all students at a Michigan Normal School during the time of Western Michigan University's founding. Many of the names and locations have been deleted or changed. Letters from the women were written either during the first year after they were graduated, in 1903, or while they were on vacation from the Normal School. The excerpts from the letters have been presented as a complement to the diary and are not in chronological order. Linguistic information has been added in brackets, when explanations of word meanings are needed. The original spelling and punctuation have not been changed. Slashes separate excerpts from different letters.

All of the data used are part of the Pearl letters, a collection of over eight thousand letters and documents spanning the years from the early 1800's to the middle of this century. They are housed in the Western Michigan University Archives, to which they were donated by the Pearl family.

PERSONAE

Norton H. Pearl. (Nicknamed Ike, Ikie, Pearl, Pearlie.) Norton was a student at the Normal School and the author of the diary.

Post. (Nicknamed Spike or Spikie.) Spike was Norton's best friend in school and for many years after. Spike and Ike managed the Post Club. Both were handsome and athletic.

Evalena. (Referred to as E., Ev., Eva, Eval. in the Diary.) A student at the Normal and companion of Ike. She and Norton spent much of their social time together until she left to teach in March 1903. She wrote many long letters to Pearl during the following year.

Jeanette. (Nicknamed Jimmy, and referred to as Miss S., S.) Jeanette had met Evalena only briefly before Evalena left to teach. After Evalena left, Jeanette became Pearl's social partner. (Although they didn't use the term "girlfriend," we would call Evalena and Jeanette "girlfriends" of Pearl.)

Harriet. Harriet was a girlfriend of Spike, Norton's best friend, and was acquainted with the other girls. By the end of the school year, Spike and Harriet were in some sort of trouble, and Harriet left "all broken up." Ike was her confidant and friend.

Gail. Gail, another student at the Normal, was a friend of all the other girls and of Norton and Spike. She was a lively and humorous letter writer.

INTRODUCTION

What was college life like seventy-five years ago? Most of the students arrived and left by train. They came as a party and left as a party, dropping off or picking up students as they rode through Michigan. They did not live in dormitories. (There were none.) They either boarded with Professors' families--which was expensive--or they lived in a boarding house such as the Post Club. The Post Club was run by Spike and Ike. It housed and fed over sixty residents, both men and women students. Spike and Ike "hustled" new members at the train, and drove students and baggage from the train to the club. They supplied all the food, three meals a day for the sixty boarders. The club had a cow, a pig, and a garden. They had no television, radio, movies, or automobiles. They memorized poetry and recited it to each other, sang, wrote before-dinner speeches or gave impromptu ones, and they discussed or formally debated many topics of interest. They had parties: sleighing parties, skating parties, dancing and dinner parties, stag parties, fraternity and sorority parties, tea parties, serenading parties, picnics, excursions, banquets, and marshmallow roasts. Men and women alike were active in such sports as gymnastics, boxing, running, basketball, and tennis. They seemed genuinely stimulated by learning.

DIARY AND LETTERS

Evalena. *I really don't believe a half an hour during any day passes without my wishing I were back at the Normal.*

Sun., Sept. 28, 1902. Fine day Sunny P.M. Leave for the Normal 10:46 tonight Not much time to square up "biz" Two other Pet. ites [Petoskyites] going to the Normal. Train late to Cadillac. Waited till 5:00 A.M. Normal 7:30. Post at train. Feel to good to sleep at all.

Evalena. . . .he would take me to Kal. so I could take the late train. It is certainly elegant on the inside. The dining room looked fine.

Mon., Sept. 29. Arrived at the Normal 7:30 AM no sleep last night. To work imme if not sooner. Post and I making the six trains a day. Also waiting on table and bought 9 bushel of peaches to peel and can. We peeled the most of them. to bed 12:00 M

Jeanette. You boys must be rushed with work, I know that you are hard at work settling your boarders and getting your own work fixed. How goes everything? What do the new people look like? How many? I had a letter from Gail, monday, she said that she was to have Jay's Roost [a room in Prof. Rowe's house]./ Am glad to know that you have fixed up your room it did look frightful last year, we could see it clear across the street. Wish I could take a peek in.

Gail. I dreamed of the Normal last night and was back there starting school again and hunting for rooms. I was having a dreadful time but finally met old B.B. and the last of my dream found me sitting on the Club steps in the moon-light with him talking about rooming places.

Tues., Sept. 30. Making trains and hustling for fruit and produce to lay in for the winter

Thurs., Oct. 2. Very cool evg. last. Day sunny mostly. Corn today only 5 bushel would like to get 25. Going to buy a cow

Fri., Oct. 3. Fine cool day Went to Chappel for the first time. and classified [registered for classes] also have 2 hr of physics 1 of Geom English Lit. Algebra II last ha

Sat., Oct. 11. Fine Sunny day. Busy busy busy Fine evg last night Over 60 at the Club for Breakfast. A very informal party last night. To make things count go twice in one evg. Adelphi Literary Society till 9:30 then the party till 1:00. Tonight $\Sigma A \Pi$ meeting. Also a very sociable time at Gommers Cafe from 12 till 1:30.

Wed., Oct. 22. Rainy A.M. foot ball with City team at 4:30 P.M. score 11 & 11 a good hot game

Evalena. You are certainly doing well to play everytime in football practice. Does it do you lots of good to get all banged up so?

Fri., Oct. 24. Weather couldn't be better Went to Adelphic Lit A debate on _____ foot ball foot ball won out. Went to call on Bennings at McB with Hays R. Theyre sweet galls ["gals"] Have many "comps" [compliments] for them.

Sat., Oct. 25. Cloudy day Foot ball with M City team today 3:45 P.M. Cleaned them up 10 to 0 It was a good clean game Talk about your excitement Prof G K K also M and B just threw their hats. when _____ made the last touch down Prin. G came up and hit me a slap on the back with his derby. Thats the fun to see the faculty get woke up. The big hit was holding them up for downs within the last five yard line of our goal and running them down the field for a touch down Slaytons Womans Symphony Orchestra was fine. Went with Evalena. Spike with Harriet

Jeanette. How did your football go off Friday afternoon? You must be eating, sleeping and studying with a football tucked under your arm. Don't get any bones broken or your head knocked off, hope you continue to be so successful the rest of the fall, if you get to be, pardon me, if you continue to be such an expert.

Sun., Oct. 26. Sunny morn. Cloudy M Hunting for our pig. Hes lost. Done a good stroke of cleaning up the back shed

Fri., Oct. 31. For Ypsi at 3:43 P.M. Saw Mayme at AA [Ann Arbor] and her room mate Miss E. They were at the train. Post and I walked home with them and caught the 10 oclock for yip [Ypsilanti].

Sat., Nov. 1. Fine warm sunny day Game called at 10:00 A.M. No Breakfast before the game Mayme and Miss E. came over and went up to the game. Went back to Ann Arbor and intended to stay over Sun. But Mr. T persuaded me to go. It was certainly a royal reception that we got when we got back. Bonfires, the band out & a little banquet awaiting us, & speeches called for. The town they say, has just been over flowing with excitement since the news of victory came about 3 P.M. Half the city has been on the move ever since. Everybody was certainly joyous. That will take Ypsi down a peg. They are rival Normals they could never condecnt to recognize or meet us in anything before.

Tues., Nov. 4. Rec as a birthday present a photo of my Dear Sis. Had she guessed a thousand times they would not have been half so good as the one Susie L. is going away to teach and there was a large gathering there tonight for a flash light picture [flash photo] Spike and Ike stayed for a short visit and Ike wrote in their birthday books, but they didn't know the day Rec an agate stamp box from Ida for a birthday present

Thurs., Nov. 6. Change my clothes 8 times a day. Biz at noon Walk to the Club 1/2 mile wait on table, there 60 at the club eat my dinner and get my english lit lesson

Gail. -you know I always did have a failing for biscuit shooters [waiters]... it isn't always the best thing to have nothing to do but wait table but when it is a means to an end, whats the dif?

Fri., Nov. 7. 9:25 P.M. Talk about hustling to catch a train with 2 grips and an overcoat. Over to Bennings before I went and up at Evalenas when the train whistled

Sat., Nov. 8. Fine cold day Played foot ball with BcB. A.M. Won 52 to 0 Home on the 1:40 arrived in time to see half of the H.S. game 16 to 0 M Iowa 107 to 0. AA H.S. & Benton Harbor H.S. in Interscholastic tie At Evas for a few minute and also over at Bennings till 9:20 before going to Richmond house where Miss D, B., & F have moved

Sun., Nov. 9. Fine sunny morn. A hot one on Post with "Aunt Jane" Every body in school is on to him & Aunt Jane. Written 6 letters today and am sending a photo to Prof.

Gail. Tell Post I think he must be getting very effectionate. I recieved the hug & kiss o.k. which he sent thru Susie's letter. I shut my eyes and didn't know anything about it but they lost none of their force after having traveled so far. Just pay him back in his own coin for me.

Thurs., Nov. 13. Lecture no. Elias Day Impersonator Went with Evalena

Evalena. We had some very fine lecturers here after you went; better than the ones before I think.

Sat., Nov. 15. Muggy morn. Game 9:30 am Oh what did we do to Big Rapids 11 to 5 and their referee gave them the touch down they got. He tried during the whole of the last half and succeeded in getting them one with 4 sec left to play. What a shame. Alma who will undoubtedly hold state championship only beat them 11 to 0 They had a couple apes showing them around. A party at Ellsworths tonight.

Thurs., Nov. 20. Evalena expects her sister tonight. Spike & Ike missed connections about going to the train girls got anxious and found some one's else. met them coming down. She came ok. and shes going to stay till Wed. 7:25 A.M. (much not to tell) Some troubles that might or might not come

Wed., Nov. 26. Spike & Ike went to Chapel this morning. All well jollied [entertained], also Mr. G. and no school PM. Several going away on the trains Spike dropped away on the 1:00 P.M. on the PM R.R. nobody knew where A jolly little spread at McC. and a flash light [flash photo] taken which was O.K. The lucky no. of "13" were there M M M M McA & McC, Harriet C.W. H Ruddy Evalena & Ikie Refer to two pictures for partie.

Gail. I have just come from Church and we had a most delightful sermon I imagine, I didn't hear much of it./ We have some dandy pictures, I will try and send you some later--there are some that I will reserve to show you when no one else is around, when nobodys lookin but de owl and de moon.

Thurs., Nov. 27. Its a poetical and artistical Thanksgiving Day all day The first snow came last night just enuf to cover the earth here about, anyway Several calls this A.M. as some of the girls did not come to breakfast. One was sick. Funny not to have something you must do Everything goes "fine and dandy" Party 8:00 P.M. It was worth the while, well Went with Vivian D. Evalena went with Dr. S "Nothin ter say daiter"

Gail. I had a glorious time at the party, every dance was taken and I had such nice partners--the orchestra was very good only played such short and fast pieces.

Thurs., Dec. 18. Students presented Mr & Mrs S. with a chair with a plate on back. "Given as a token of love by the students of the Normal." Down town with the Charles gang. after walking to ME church with Evalena then went home with McE & McI and came back to Ev It was a call and thats not all. Things may, grow either way Later and Spike & I had to settle about 4\$ extra for chair. but not a squeal

Gail. I have had a caller all afternoon--a dandy fellow (such a dear boy) his girl is away now so its all right./ She is clerking now in a bazaar [temporary market] here and likes it very much it makes a good place for the rest of the crowd to hang out too. I sometimes feel positively ashamed of myself for being down town so much but when it comes right down to it there isn't a blessed thing to do./ We girls wouldn't care either if it wasn't for the sport we lose--girls can't bum around at large the ways boys can without being talked over.

Jeanette. Of course you managed to get a partner, who was the victim this time? You must have fun if you try to get a new girl every time you go out for an evening. I hear Mr. P (Spike) has cut you out over at Jay's Roost. ha! ha!

Fri., Dec. 19. Some doings in the chappel this morning Speech SPEECH SPEECH Set down SET DOWN SET DOWN "We wont go to our classes until we have a speech" con: and we didn't. "Take the class"

Sat., Dec. 20. Up very late and up very early Up very early and up very late Spike & Ike waking people up for early trains. Some went on 5:50 ams & some more on 7:00 a.m.s This will be a long day this is a long day and this has been a long day but not too long. It wouldn't look well to write what I want. As I didn't see that it would to tell that I thot

Evalena. Thots unexpressed often fall back dead

Sun., Dec. 21. Went to presby church 11:00 a.m. Mr. S. Farwell sermon. It was very good. Went to Collins gallery and had some pictures taken afterwards. then went up where Spike was finishing S's signs in his Dental office.

Evalena. I came from the Dentist's office where I was having some teeth filled.

Mon., Dec. 22. Carried a sign down town Spike & Ike Wet up here The letter letter I expected came o.k. Had the ans. written ha! ha! A flying trip to train this morning to see Georgia away

Evalena. No, I don't know how anxious you are about getting letters that is true, and if I thot you were as anxious about it as I it would make me very happy indeed./ Don't be afraid of writing too often because you can't. I read them over at least a half a dozen times.

Tues., Dec. 23. Going home with Spike in the morning. Wet has been up here and weve pounded him around until he knows hes been some where. Said he wished he was hardened up like we are ha! ha! Mailed presents to Father "Bacons Essay's" to Myrtle "Hiawatha" to Mother "Sesame & Lilies" to Ethel to Evalena Ella W.W. "Poems of Passion"

Wed., Dec. 24. Snow this morning weather colder. Spike & Ike left on the 7 o'clock for Mundy Center or Rankin seven miles from Swartz creek & 12 miles from Flint where he used to live. We stayed at Hills They are fine folks. Essie Hill Spikes "lady" We arrived at noon Reading Corsens literary aims or "Aims of Lit Study" also read "The Tempest" Went to xmas ~~tree~~ at Presby church to cold for much of a crowd Not like the Eastport Xmas people

Thurs., Dec. 25. Snappy weather "A Merry Xmas" at "Tongs" for the evening Played Flinch [a card game] and Spike and Ike stepped out of the natural house in which they live

Evalena. We all played Flinch together./ Her two brothers came home at nine and we played carom [billiards] til nearly eleven.

Fri., Dec. 26. Spike and Ike running around the house etc to work off surplus energy. Pressed up clothes shaved and fixed up in general Going home in the morning Going to read Bacons Essays on the way home

Gail. O, I'm so glad you are coming I can't hardly sit still--I've been just awful lonesome without you, won't we have fun? I don't know whether I can go back with you or not mama says I have so many places here that I haven't been that I ought to visit them first--we'll see tho--only a week more and back we go, I'll be glad too--even if I have had a good time here I want to go back. Our New Year's party is

Thurs. night now you will go won't you? I do want a chance to introduce you to some of our girls and boys--they are A 1. I am going to tear the Roost all to smithereens and fix it all over want to help me?

Sat., Dec. 27. Sharp morning guess it must have been near zero last night Fred S. came up on train and came up to dinner at 2:30 went down to skate broke down called at Fanchers. Spike got 16 pages I didn't get any letter "don't think well of it" but a lot about it. Got a couple silk hand kerchiefs and an express from Traverse City a fine pillow from lilia a birch bark book from May and a brush from Ethel Stopped at Bennings at 5:30 Rose there could not go with their sleigh load tonight Blue lodge and Chapter instillation and banquet at Bennet house fine.

Evalena. Monday and Tuesday nights I went skating. Wednesday night I'd decided I'd be good and stay at home but Mr. R. came up and wanted me to go to his house...music was the principle feature of the evening. Thursday evening I waited on a counter at a church fair. Fri. night I went to choir rehearsal. Saturday night I was invited to a surprise party...Sunday...Mr. C. came up after dinner and took me for a short drive. The sleighing was just fine./ Friday night I was invited to go on a sleigh ride to Warren a small town about seven miles from here. About thirty went and we had the best of times. Got home about three o'clock./...sleigh ride party with a crowd of about 20. Quite a few young people went in cutters [one-horse sleighs] to a big dam. Came home by way of Plainwell./ We went in a double rig and had a fine team. I drove part of the time and we just sailed. We reached home just one o'clock. It took us just one hour and the boys said it was nine miles.

Mon., Dec. 29. Cold weather for these parts. Spike & Ike havent ate since Sat. Party tonight at Rileys four loads went. Very large crowd a fine time. They passed around apples, nit for Spike & Ike Everybody says its cold Spike & Ike can't tell

Tues., Dec. 30. Not up early Spike & Ike feel hungry or rather gaunt at times. Guess we'll eat tomorrow for the first time since Sat.

Memoranda for 1902. Studying where there are all the wonderful spring things of nature to rubber at [to look at] is the greatest and best place to study any of the branches All seem to weave into the one as the ^{ce} meeting of many roads and weaving into one great thorough fare broad deep and endless but only to be the branch of a greater one made easy and easier by the many more.

Thurs., Jan. 1, 1903. Bright a.m. 12:15 wrote home to Father, Mother, Myrtle 1:00 a.m. wrote to Ethel, Spike finishes our signs. Came from a party at Bennings at 12 M. to bed at 2:30. Spike and Ike wrote to Evalena about a dog. We want a dog called Mike Wrote to Billey today. Helping Spike paint signs mostly Spike is making his first start at keeping a diary

Fri., Jan. 2. Finished up big cloth sign. Party tonight in "East Hall" A pleasant time. Clark A. & I went with Bennings. Marshmallow roast too. doings! Looking for some one to come back Spike rec. a severe contrast in the shape of a letter today, and for the worse too, ans. to 18pp 3000 words

Evalena. Hope you had a good time at the New Year's Party. I think probably you had no difficulty in securing partners.

Sat., Jan. 3. Snowed hard last night. Fine sleighing but going fast. Went to 1:05 train but no students. Gail & Ellsworth came on 3:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M. Spike and Ike are going to finish up there P.L.N B [Physical Lab note book] work tonight.

Sun., Jan. 4. Debating some this a.m. also punch bag & paint. Spike & Ike looking for a cow p.m. walked 6 mi & we walked and talked of our chances ha! ha! The true delight of conscience is in after effect instead of the participation.

Gail. I would truely tell you good-night in the old time style were you here but as it is you must be content with one sent by wireless telegraphy here it is _____ did you catch it?

Mon., Jan. 5. sunny. 11:30 P.M. Made all trains, not many new ones yet. But the old ones are coming some The train unloads its continued circus. McI--went to all trains etc Spikie ok and we had a chat.

Tues., Jan. 6. Made all trains today. Sent picture to Ruth D. and one to F. Harris & wife. Snowy and blustry tonight. Spike got a card from Evalena. viz: Spike & Ike On Tues. night Meet me & Mike Something like 9:30 strike and twill be all right 1/5/03 "me" A gang on the 6:55 PM and on the 9:30 PM. Eva. brot mike and guess she had a big time with him

Wed., Jan. 7. The real snow storm is here and lots more in sight 2:00 P.M. Of course went to Pts Nearly every place full for supper. Classified this A.M. did not go to school P.M.

Thurs., Jan. 8. Sharp morn. Went to classes viz. Physics 2 hrs Geom. 1 hr. lit E 1 hr Went to chappel this morn. Mr. G. made some emphatic statements of what the "principal" would do. The "prin" will say when classes shall convene not the students.

Fri., Jan. 9. School is busy today. "Pt" and I read 'Mcbeth' from 7 to 10:30 P.M. Home at 12 then Spike next "JA." Spike & Ike run out and take a snow bath at 12:30 Roll over etc. Snow does not feel cold except feet after its over. A fellow steams some in a room like ours where tem. is the same as outdoors

Sat., Jan. 10. Took a poke at the bag and got a fine sweat. People seem to think its cold. Studying physics and NB work with "penny" Shes a bright kid. To To at 8:00 P.M. & "LM" (Spike) too until 30p2. Fixing cot 3:00 P.M. comp. and quit finished job about 10:00. Talked much later.

Harriet. Suppose you and Post are working awfully hard but then I don't think you'll either of you ever injure yourselves working.

Jeanette. So at last you are down to study how does it seem? Isn't rather hard to fix one's mind on a lesson when anyone first begins to study.

Mon., Jan. 12. Our wash dish of water freezes solid Am going to classify in one more subject Reading. filling up the six class hours. O Ben started out today noon to buy us a cow

Tues., Jan. 13. Still it snows and drifts some on walks. "Old Ben" came with the cow just fresh. Bot her for 37 1/2 Have much milk now at Post Club

Wed., Jan. 14. The sidewalks have had to be plowed off every morning for several Gertrude D returned a letter without opening, "That'll be allright"

Fri., Jan. 16. Serious [about Evalena]. Never me before

Mon., Jan. 19. (Lost Mike) Some doings now Stayed not late last night must do my work thru the week and "live home" on Suns.

Evalena. It's the old normal story 'so rushed' don't yer know? Really this minute I should be writing two papers and copying up two notebooks none of which are started and all must be in by tomorrow night. Whew won't I have to work? I've been staying up at school lately and working all the noon... I'm going to a spread tonight over to Nellie's. Something my conscience doesn't approve of by the way. I'll have to get up early in the morning or else sit up late tonight and all the time from now on. Now I've got to sit up & write up a notebook for drawing. I worked till one last night on a paper for Masterpieces. The subject was 'Was Desdemona justified in marrying Othello?' I got my mark this p.m. and found it to be G+. I really don't think I deserved it. Miss L. entertained her classes last saturday night and she asked me to recite. That must have been what I got my mark on. ha ha. I wrote the exam in Geog. today and handed in a paper too.

Tues., Jan. 20. Went to chapel this morn but a little late. Manned Ballington Booth tonight. Went with Eva. It was fine. Her practical theories are bounded in by experience.

Evalena. Experience is probably a good teacher but she sometimes asks a higher price than one can well afford to pay.

Tues., Jan. 27. Studying Electricity in physics and some warm experiments made warm in talk by non proof Not so late the stay. 9:00 PM Dug hard at Geometry 9:00 to 10:00

Wed., Jan. 28. meeting 6:45 PM to pledge Hallock and Sorenson. Misty day. Slush is too deep for comfort for the feet E & I read "Measure for Measure"

Evalena. ...have you taken any new people into your frat. yet?

Fri., Jan. 30. Sudden change. Worst day for cold weather yet. Locked in algebra room at noon to work algebra from 11:30 till 1:00 PM first I knew it was 1:30 and consequently missed my first hour class at 1. We went to the Club dance and a very fair time

Gail. I don't believe there is anyone under the canopy who enjoys dancing any more than I do--with a good partner and a dandy dreamy waltz I could dance on and on./ It was a perfect moonlight night and we had a dandy time, stayed out until almost midnight and I had two men to bring me home--I just love to have 2 or 3 boys at a time its so much easier to entertain and besides makes you feel like "one of the fellows"

Sat., Jan. 31. Big part of day fine and sunny. Studying algebra some. Myrtle B. went home today at 1:25 PM. Many girls to bid her good bye. A fine $\Phi\Delta\Pi$ meeting. Sorenson & Hallock victims a fine banquet after Meade "T.M." [toastmaster] Toast on Wit.

Sun., Feb. 1. Misty and rainy. Went to Catholic church and M.E. S.S. with Billy B. A jolly good family for dinner. Worked a little Algebra and wrote home. PM and went. (To the bottom of views thots etc to whom it may concern)

Mon., Feb. 2. Weather growing colder Algebra, I can't get lately must have a revalation soon The air runs to smoothly from some and several

Tues., Feb. 3. Study noons and don't come to dinner. Take run down town before chapel to get glasses for lyden jars for physics class. A small revalation in algebra today noon

Wed., Feb. 4. Exam in Algebra Handed in essa on Hamlets character or char sketch of Hamlet for first act. Mailed letter home tonigh. Got foot ball picture framed. Snow has drifted much today. Reading the Choire Invisible and a little late 9:15

Evalena. How did exams go off? and how much did you get on that paper you handed in to L.? Are you going to take teaching? If so, for what grade?

Thurs., Feb. 5. Prof called for note books in physics today to be handed in the morning The last time the gang worked was the night before he called for the books before. Its a good nights job but we never ask for "quarter."

Fri., Feb. 6. Post did not go to bed at all. I slept 2 1/2 hours Scollay did not sleep but Ruddy did. We made him get up at 2:30 A.M. to refreshments

Sun., Feb. 8. Went to M.E. S.S. Spike and Ike. Took several dinners to the sick. Went down at 4:00 PM and logical if not temporarily pleasant was her drift. More within than without and much without. Snowed much last night.

Mon., Feb. 9. Much wrot twixt Spike & Friend. Which would be more even as much but for interpretation and of which, much he gets wrong

Wed., Feb. 11. And it snowed large flakes at 7:30 AM. Normal runs fairly. "Comps" amount to much and little. Went to S.C.A. 4 PM. Long talk twixt Spike & Ike

Thurs., Feb. 12. Raring around the room this morning. too much surplus energy. A fine chat with Prof. T at 8:00 to 9 PM about school matters & individuals.

Fri., Feb. 13. Legislative committee visiting Normal today All gather in chapel at 2:00 PM and finish the PM in a jolly time

Sat., Feb. 14. General cleaning out in the gang quaters [sic--probably "common rooms"]. Dance from 9:00 PM till 11:40 Not a large crowd but a fine time.

Sun., Feb. 15. Stay till 11 & serious talk Warm discussions as to Spikes actions. He quits bad actions and does worse. He depends on other people for information (even people he has turned cold) but don't give a dam for any bodys advice He'll go again with H. maybe

Evalena. Who does Post go with this year?

Tues., Feb. 17. No classes after 2:00 o'clock. Prof. M. babys funeral. baby of a few day old Stayed at Normal till 5:25

Wed., Feb. 18. Big hot times in physics these times Every body trying to tell me of a comp from Geom. teacher given in class. True comps make us wish we knew more. Could be more do more and were more

Thurs., Feb. 19. Cold is the weather yet Several sick folks these days. The trays are out all the time. Prof K said he show the class a good time in Physics. Scully & I prepare to meet him with his = by studying till 4 AM Fri morn

Fri., Feb. 20. Biz Bizy at school Shes been a little on the sick list today. Went to N.P. Saunders Musical. Music fine but the would be natural make ups horridly painful. Fine 22nd hop [dance] but sickness cause one absence

Sat., Feb. 21. We & co besides Spike have some fine chats won a day Went to hop for a few min at 10:00 PM. Came home for why? Told Evalena much. Stayed a little late some carried four suppers to the sick Quite a many sick these days & some with the itch

Evalena. The small pox is getting pretty bad in Otsego. School has been closed there for about two weeks./ ...the cause of his death was what the doctors called tuberculosis of the brain.

Sun., Feb. 22. Went to S.S. "L" gave a fine speech. Delivered a couple of dinners besides going down town for oranges for lunches. Ate dinner and went home with her. Much public, private secrets in air now a days.

Mon., Feb. 23. Everything runs that don't move faster except some classes. Post has twisted things awful and keeps twisting. Theres much I think of this doing.

Tues., Feb. 24. "10 O'CLOCK RULE" sent to all Room renters Talk about comotion. Faculty ears must burn today The rooms [roomers] I know don't take orders ha! ha!. Eva--went as a kid to a party. She looked too fine to ----

Thurs., Feb. 26. Things run fine today. A hot time in Physics, Geom fine and Lit. finer than silk. Under a strain for five hours on account of class interest. Felt several class hours very strongly. (If every body should do as they feel we would not go upward and onward. If we can only think the best we can observe first, twill take some time for it to become a part of me)

Fri., Feb. 27. Fine clean up A.M. from--till 'M' Institute PM and Art display which is grand. Imitations of some of the great authors from Europe. Rural school life lecture by "magic lantern" [slide projector] well put, but a little pessimistic. I ran the lantern. An oyster "sup" for two afterward

Sat., Feb. 28. Institute AM and Kelloggs solo fine. To train PM with Mason girls. Came home pressed clothes. ~~EAT~~ a big jolly up here. Gave the Faculty several strong original songs by phone went to Vowels for a fine surprise and jolly up. Toast, "The ships that pass in the night"

Gail. There is to be a party on Tuesday night, one thurs. and another Friday so I am sure of having my evenings filled and I have invitations to two already--oh I am so popular--this society life will kill me./ The bunch of Lansing boys came home yesterday afternoon and they had to have something doing so got up a little party after 7 o'clock and it was more fun--oh I tell you it nice to be popular. I didn't

have less than 3 dances ahead the whole evening and twice I had 6. Wasn't that fun? And it was so informal that we acted like regular kids and I guess I was the worst of all.

Tues., Mar. 3. Things are extra busy in physics these days the biz gets hot. hotter than the electricity. We put the "Boy Fred" up the tree quite a several. Wished I had a dozen or so more reasoning qual. a few # of logic more & a few ounces of tumble [lovemaking]

Wed., Mar. 4. Think of many sayings that O₂ be good. Physics class go to the electric plant tonight. More fun than lea___ came back and stopped etc, to Evalena O, how much is little

that there to others seem

but if they could see exactly all

How much would they try to redeem

Fri., Mar. 6. Muggy day. Snow goes fast. No physical class today Mike just able to jump on the bed See his importance. He cuts a figure in the library often. A fine H.S. party over between 1 & 2. Very fine time.

Sat., Mar. 7. Rain all forenoon The Normal looked like a floating city. History class entertained at Larzies & Phyc C. at Rows. Mike & I went around the town after 8. settling up etc. Came home to try and write a sketch of Ford and less. The Broken Heart. The two great elements of true life: mind and character

Mon., Mar. 9. Not so sunny but so fine. Throw the ball around a little. Ruddy and I tacking algebra for a turn. Went toward the Normal after chorus practice etc. A swell evening and several bands out filled with good feeling. Classes went fine today.

Jeanette. So you have joined the warblers Did Prof. M. put you on the front seat? Presume you will have a picnic keeping track of what is going on, I know I did, thought I would never be able to keep up with them...

Tues., Mar. 10. foggy & rainy A HOT time in physics an extra electrical time. Rain hard P.M. at 5:30. Much argument now-a-days. One such as Darwins love of music.

Wed., Mar. 11. Spike having an awful time Fine evenings these All kinds of serenading parties out these nights Studying "M" Paradise Lost Fine present from Ida. A laundry bag, with initials on it.

Thurs., Mar. 12. Exams in physics Geom. fine now a days Stayed only till 7:30 at it_____. Spike (an Axiom) He can be depended upon for any thing for no specified time but not even something for some specified time.

Fri., Mar. 13. Written "exam" in physics finding the 8 side with radi $1/2$ It makes one think several Technical talk tonight Don't know just what the result of this kind of talk will be, its very personal

Sat., Mar. 14. Getting accounts straightened p.m. till 4 o'clock pressed 6 pair pants, 2 coats & a job. (It feels there must be a change goodnight and so = is all) A frat. meeting pledged Mansfield and a banquet & impromptu speeches. just o.k.

Sun., Mar. 15. Verily verily so as it seems so may it not be. A very pleasant walk in N.E. part of city. Went to church A.M. Post laid gold leaf at Collings. Post composing poetry ha! ha!

Mon., Mar. 16. Had a fine gynastic [workout] in the shape of tossing B.ball. **ΔΔT** deck in green tomorrow. Classes & I are off today. How many foundations of great literature are built on superstition to work on imagination to make them great

Tues., Mar. 17. St Patricks Day in the morning. Frats green collars ties cuffs and a carnation. Some comotion tonight and working physics

Wed., Mar. 18. spring is here Fine evening. Lots of fine strollers this fine evg. Can't get into studying for "exams"

Thurs., Mar. 19. Warm day Warm fine rain, lots of frogs keep up their song, and O, its fine music. "PLEASE UNLOAD FROM THIS SIDE" and I did just stacked it up a little for a couple galls

Fri., Mar. 20. Exam in physics A.M. (snap) Evalena not at school A.M. Took her her dinner. Stayed with her P.M. Harriet brot her supper. Went for "warm sugar" Eva. bound to go to party at Vowels. Fine little time.

Evalena. No, I never could forget if I live to be one hundred the time just before I came home when you were such a good nurse.

Sat., Mar. 21. Worked to day but can hardly see what Ive done. Copied up Eng. Lit Note Book. Evalena has three chances [for a teaching position]. Kaula-kaska is the principal one, but tuf grades

Mon., Mar. 23. Cloudy trying to rain. Exams are inevitable. Went to "chorus" The wind blew coming home whew. Evalena says she is going Fri. morn on account of her Kalakaska job

Tues., Mar. 24. Not going to Kalakaska going home. Will stay till Sat morn

Wed., Mar. 25. Physics this morn, no Geom "exam" P.M. Let off for us to complete note books to hand in. Packard the cartoonist tonight. He was a joker every word.

Thurs., Mar. 26. "Exams" "Geom" 8 to 10 am G+. English Lit 10 to 12 G. Algebra at diff. times G. Show tonight "Resurrection" Russian play "We 4" went.

Jeanette. Poor students, I can imagine just how they feel, but tell them to cheer up as the worst is yet to come, when they start out as teachers.

Fri., Mar. 27. Fine day & no "exams" All of my time engage today. Went to trains to see them go, yes all went to high school party for a while and a fine time. Came home and stayed some late. Mike picture taken this PM also 4 of us.

Sat., Mar. 28. Evalena & Mike gone at 7:00 AM went as far as Alma. It will never be less, the aim is high. Came back at 1:40. Seems quite a time. Went to Rows on an inv.

Mon., Mar. 30. Fine sunny and hot Spike & Ike did a stunt in the backyard. Cleaning up rubbish Prof. T. suggested burying tin cans & offered to pitch 'em up if I would dig the hole. Now there were more cans than he expected. exit ha! ha! "Wet" struck town. 6 of us at McI.s.

Jeanette. You and Spike seem to be clever along the line of inventions which always save labor and cost a lot more. Now I spect you think that a cruel blow, never mind.

Thurs., Apr. 2. Thundered hard early this morn. Started out to do fence work but looked rainy, came back to work on glass signs for inside. Leap Year Dance Girls do the whole thing. A fine time and every dance had about 15 more boys than girls

Gail. The same crowd, with about fifteen besides are to have a stag party Saturday night and I don't know but very likely some will appear as men. The boys cut us dead at the last party didn't any of them take girls--wasn't that cheap? Now we are going to have parties of our own, be gorrah!

Fri., Apr. 3. Spike and Ike working on signs. some fancy jobs. People have been gone I should say about 3 to 4 weeks. Wrote to Evalena tonight so that she would get it sat. night before she goes to her school mon. Spike and Ike drove "Wet" to S. or rather home tonight. Cut out the engagements which well well

Jeanette. What are you doing at present? it must seem rather lonesome around town without the students. doesn't school begin next week?/ then I suppose a lot of new students will take our places and the students of last year will be relics of the past.

Sat., Apr. 4. Sign work at the house. Went to a train no students. Dates by the peck. Always have a good time your self if your "co" is wanted, by seeing others enjoy themselves. Have many thots of the Normalites that take place and often

Sun., Apr. 5. Cleaning up right today. Spike went to Barber Shop for bath, extra shave, and all around clean up. Called at Mrs. F.s. Vivian not home. Came home and wrote a long letter to Myrtle. Would like to have her to come here for 1 term. Spike and Ike went to bed early

Mon., Apr. 6. Made AM trains but no students. Had a ride in B. Gonners "automowbilly" unloading students this PM tho. Everybody jolly you bet! Rain just before 9:30 PM train. S & I got there just as they were coming away. It was a big tired and jolly gang

Evalena. Are there many normalites there?/ I hope the crowd at the Normal will improve in your estimation on further acquaintance. Does Gail room there this year? Are you going to take any languages while at the Normal? Yes, it will be alright for you to let Ethel look around for a room first if you think she'd be better suited. The profs must be coming down on the price of their rooms considerably. How many students have you located already? Couldn't help but think about you flying around all day yesterday. You don't know how much I wish I were going back. But I'm not going to mourn, for I haven't finished school not by any means./ There are two automobiles owned here one by the banker and one by a Dr.--the president of the school board. I think I'll try and get on the right side of him and p'raps he'll give me a ride. Martin is booming I tell you. A fine new hotel is going up on that corner that was vacant, you know..It is being made of cement...and the new telephone exchange is nearly ready to be put into operation. All we need now is an electric road [streetcar] and the prospects are bright for that./ We are going to the postum Cereal factory. I saw most of the food factories in the city.

Tues., Apr. 7. Got classified all hours full. Making some trains. Ruddy not here. Looking hard at box 1010 & often. Fill it, that Spike seems to grow worse. He will have a hard row to hoe to prove himself a man in any sense of the word when _____ is and he could not transact legal biz with her if she half knew him.

Wed., Apr. 8. No letter. Fixing up sign biz. Going to buy a couple suits. Sp & Ike fence signs p.m. till 4. Then tried to play base ball with city team. Sent black suit to father and extra pair of black pants

Thurs., Apr. 9. Beat 5 am. this morning. Early on the pike painting fence signs 59.25¢ signs today, and we furnished our own paint. Wound up at dark 2 miles from home. Took us not time to cover that. Run mostly. The trains Ive watched so closely and the right one came at last

Fri., Apr. 10. Spike & I got tanned painting. We wore no hats & how many times we were cautioned ha! ha! Up sometime before 5 am. to finish our fence sign jobs. finished about 4:30 and spent sometime trying to get some of the paint off. Called Ruddy up for a talk about his acts theres much wrong with the club and more with with him. if he knew it, we could have him exp. very quickly if we wished. We are in touch with faculty proceedings as regards to him. The tables are turned on us now and maybe we can stand it and let him off. Sat. and things dont grow better fast theres much concerned. He's a long way from what he ought to be.

Evalena. I'm awfully sorry you are having such a time. I wish I knew what to say to cheer you up but just remember "What is, is best", Mable was always so dignified herself it really is a wonder how she could stand it at the club as long as she has. It will be a sorry day for her I'm afraid when things are proven against R. but it might better come now than later. Maybe she isn't to blame for his actions, yet it doesn't seem as she's been all she ought to have been to him.

Sun., Apr. 12. A gloomy cold Easter day the hat show was not good. Went to Pennys P.M. & evg. Dr. S. & W. there to tea and a jolly social time then and after. Gloomy before and music which sent me wandering. Wrote to Eval today and came home and wrote more. It seems as if I want to write much of the time and ie of getting letters

Evalena. I can't tell you just how I feel when I get letters from the Normal. It makes me feel good of course, and I couldn't wish them fewer--but I have a terribly homesick feeling when I read them and--well, I'd rather be alone at such times.

Mon., Apr. 13. Started S. don't seem to know anything. Everything seems to be gone wrong. Rain Rain evg. Had to go to party with hack. fine time Hudson & Miss Cox & Janet [Jeanette] & I went. Some one there who looked like Evalena and how many told me so.

Evalena. You must have looked fine in your Easter gowns and millery. I wish I could have seen you. Hope you managed to keep your mind on the sermon among the difficulties. Hope you had a nice time at the Easter Ball. Tho you did without a doubt. Wouldn't have supposed a Sorority girl would have accepted your company.

Tues., Apr. 14. Easter party people are dead today those that managed to get to school. Zoo is commencing pretty fair. By goll we take by goll o gee, by gol o gee we do

Wed., Apr. 15. Every body getting ready for the chorus. Class out at three. Doesn't look as if the weather would ever clear up and warm up. Moon came up about 10:30 Concert fine. the Creation The base and tenor tipped they say. S + I with M B. & J. Smith went to Points for lunch after concert.

Thurs., Apr. 16. A fine sunny morn. Atheletics start today. The ground muddy but a good jolly up exercise, and cold shower bath. Some people are not capable of knowing a real individual McM

Evalena. Tell post I'm getting lots of practice in gymnastics and think I could manage most anything now. I play basketball nearly every night with the girls./ We played basket ball every night this week./ I'm just home from school and have just been having quite a boxing contest in the gym with one of the Sr. boys. There were quite a few of us up there practicing.

Gail. I ran all the way home in the regulation gym style. I am losing lots of my good muscle this summer and I'm awfully sorry but I don't have any place to practice and no one to run with--you ought to be here to jig with me--nicht wahr?

Fri., Apr. 17. Fine got lessons in woods Ball practice P.M. 4:00 A little lame We are short on pitchers. A short talk & walk with Janet S. tonight

Sat., Apr. 18. Spike and Ike fixing up our 12:00 job for Kane this A.M. They have new suit hat shirts ties shoes sox sweater etc. Frat meeting O.K. tonight a fine time Mansfield finished. Spread at B.s Annual Ban. May 15--Brice & I fixed up a warm jolly on Eunings & Marford at prof Rows. Decorated their room with a variety of stuff, a big "[?] Sex" box full

Sun., Apr. 19. S. & I have board bed fixed pat just quilts on boards its fine. Commenced a letter to Evalena. Toward evening went up the "Jays Roost" at Prof R.s. Went for a walk with Miss J. S. a very pleasant one. They served a fine tea.

Jeanette. I would like to step in Jay's Roost once again. M.J. and I spoke of it many times this fall./ Would like to see 'Jay's Roost' after Gail gets thru decorating. You look out that you don't get your head tangled up in her net when she gets it up, and beware of your propensity to throw pillows, they are dangerous to the well being of a net./ Thank you and Spike so much for numbering 'Jay's Roost'. I was afraid that important residence might be overlooked. M.J. & I will be so glad to have our mail delivered at the old 'roost'. I suppose you are about thru with that work and will begin your schoolwork in good earnest in a few days, it looks as tho you were intending to dig good and hard, don't do as some do, over work. I know you will poo at that, but you are not made of cast iron.

Gail. No, Ike, read my one letter forty times a day if you wish and if it does please you for I did mean it, every single word and someday I'll write you another perhaps--I could write just that way in every letter but I don't think it is exactly proper you know not just the right thing for me to do, don't you understand, dear? I could make you see it just as I do if I had you in the Roost a few minutes while E and S. were saying good-night in the hall.

Mon., Apr. 20. Studied lessons in the woods this morn Prof K not here till late all skipped. Can get more lessons in 15 min in woods than four hours inside

Tues., Apr. 21. Sunny A.M. Cool P.M. and cloudy A fine long letter from Evalena Studied in the woods or walking and studying out loud the only way and place Geom. is coming fine.

Thurs., Apr. 23. Hot time is heat today Physics, Geom. going O.K. Going to hit her some this term. Ball at 4:00 P.M. Learning one of Drydens from 3 to 4 1st & 2nd & last vers of Song for St Cecelias Day.

Sun., Apr. 26. Sorry to say I worked today and also started a letter to Evalena. Spike & Ike went to the "Jays Roost" for tea and had a very pleasant evening. Came home at 10:00 PM as it must be

Tues., Apr. 28. Fine Sunny morn and no letters which dissapoints me It came at noon and a good one

Evalena. I'm just home from school after going to the P.O....I've been drawn there a good many times of late but always felt worse when I came away than when I went in. I dreaded to look in the box tonight I had been disappointed so many times but at last!!

Wed., Apr. 29. Good base ball practice Can't do any thing on third A stroll in the pasture with J.S. and a fine visit by the pond of the invisible choir.

Gail. I haven't a date for to day--wish you would come up and see me--wouldn't we have fun down by the lake and under the trees? We are going over to the park. The sunday afternoon sights are always rich--couples spooning under every tree and behind every rock...

Sat., May 2. Cool weather yet. Second team played Indian S & beaten Working at Note Books. English & Zoo & letters. Was taken just after nine. The frat gang came up to the "Jays Roost to capture me but locked the doors on them. let them in later and went Janet S. was somewhat surprised.

Sun., May 3. Wrote to Harry M. This has been a pretty fair day, Have been at home all day. Spike and I were having a specially good time changing our clothes and repeating "Paradise Lost" Windows were up and teachers pass for supper

Tues., May 5. A letter from Evalena saying she would not come to the banquet, but may be for the best if it can't be seen that way. Asked Jeanete S. today noon to be my right hand partner and she consented

Evalena. I don't know what to say about going up to the banquet...but I wouldn't be willing for you to pay all my expenses. I don't know what folks would think about it up there. I want to go just awfully of course, but don't know what I ought to do, I wish you'd tell me just what you think about it and everything else that ought to be taken into consideration--everything and honestly...but much as I want to I fear I could not without a feeling of hesitation which I cannot overcome./ It's pretty lonesome here sometimes. I think it's usually something internal rather than external that causes that feeling./ However, I should enjoy myself more if I stayed right here and felt you missed me rather than to go and have anyone sorry./ Of course it was all right for you to ask Miss S. when you did. I'm very sorry I kept you waiting so long, it was very thoughtless in me and I beg your pardon. I'm not at all apt to change my mind about it so you needn't worry on that score. I'm glad now I decided as I did. I'm afraid someone else would have been expecting an invitation and it would have been rather embarrassing all around, to say the least.

Fri., May 8. A fine day and warm. studies OK. A grand Evg. last night and tonight. Marshmallow roast tonight of Frat boys only inv. by galls. A jolly time you bet

Evalena. You must have initiated some new members into your "frat" at least I've heard quite a few that attended that I never knew were members before.

Sat., May 9. For Alma at 7:05 A.M. to play BBall. loafed the A.M. away in a little reading and looking over the town Beaten 6 to 11. Hard lines, rotten umpire Went haywire after the game. Ruddy & I Supper at Dormitory at table with Miss C and several introductions & a jolly time ha! ha!

Sun., May 10. A fine rosy day and somewhat sleepy but no reason of course Spike out all day. punk punk PM from 5 with "Jimmy" and had a pleasant time till ten. We listened to the "Choir invisible" [frogs] motly

Mon., May 11. A Hot day. jolliers today for R & I A good ball practice all fun Harriet read a letter from E [Evalena] to me it was fine, a head of mine. When will I see her again, those--thats ere

Evalena. Your letters never have bored me I could not have prized anything higher unless it might be your spoken words rather than written ones.

Thurs., May 14. Fine everything fresh after rain Large pictures of Moses & David at Normal. Getting up early these mornings from 4 to 5 & studying. Helped the "Pi Delta Sigma" girls to trim the hall for their annual party tommorrow night. Stroll with "Jimmy"

Fri., May 15. Practice with H.S. tonight but did not go down. The Surority party tonight will be finer than silk. It was. Drank a glass of punch with every girl I danced with and that was about twenty one dances and six with the same one

Evalena. Tonight I suppose you go to the "Pi Kappa Sigma" banquet--persume you'll have a lovely. You must write me all about it. Won't you? What other young gentlemen attend etc? Who is Post going to take to the banquet? Are you going to summer school?/ The only thing I don't like about this town is that it has two saloons quite pretentious ones for the size of the place, and they seem to be well patronized.

Gail. As to the beer--well it's pretty fair stuff in hot weather, when one doesn't have too much. I hope you don't empty all the bottles. Now don't be shocked but I had some Silver Foam myself last monday...I'm mighty glad I wasn't at the Normal wouldn't I have been fired? Do you think that is wicked?

Jeanette. F. and I made some of those marguerites you like so well--well I guess they liked them too several dozen dissappeared amazingly fast. We had some of that punch which brings memories of the past talk about drinking to anyone's health, must be I shall have glorious health for years to come.

Sat., May 16. Buisy buisy buisy and a little sleepy. Up at 6:00 a.m. The **TKS** party was the swellest the town has seen. The girls did a "stunt". The punch bowl was an important feature

Evalena. I'm glad you had such a good time at the banquet. Next fri. night have a good time for me too and I'll try and appreciate it just as much. Is Miss S. a jr. or Sr? Where is her home? I think she told me once but I've forgotten. I just began to get acquainted with her when I left, but thot she was just a fine girl and as sweet as she could be. Yes to be sure I did know you did intend to come down this summer, once anyway. But, I did not know but what your intentions might have changed since then. Think you have changed somehow, but I can feel it better than I could explain it. What boys didn't take girls? Am glad Myrtle B. is better. Who does she go with now? Anyone besides Post? How did it happen that he didn't take her?

Sun., May 17. Buisy today. Went to "Jays Roost" at 4:30 A special invitation to lunch over on the "Point" Prof R & Mrs. R. "Cruik" "Cook" "Cuip" Kellogg & Simmons Jimmy & I. and a fine lunch it was Stayed by the pondy part of the river till after 8:00 PM. (The grand Chorus of birds just at dark)

Mon., May 18. Fine hot day. up 5:20 AM. BB practice after school. Talk about buisy Sent out "Frat" invitations today Settled up tonight we are behind

Tues., May 19. Fine hot sunny day. Went to office this morn, no letter _____ Ruddy had it gave it to me in Physics Class

Wed., May 20. Music in the air 3:20 AM. Never heard such a vigorous bird chorus It seemed they would burst their throats Went to Chappel. Mr S. there. Miss S, Kellogg Miss R, & B sang Affected me much. could not keep the tears back. Can not exactly account for it

Thurs., May 21. Commenced raining about 12:00 and rained all afternoon hard and all evg. Spike & Ike thru their night shirts out in a tree and paraded in rain. Went to bed then at 8:30 P.M.

Thurs., May 28. Fine day. Alma College lost to City _____ by 0 to 11. Pretty buisy these days. Heard from Ypsi. in a way. and the pres. gives us all kinds of comps. Had an extra special one or two or three for me

Fri., May 29. Fine sunny day, but not hot. Physics "Exam" Spike and I wrote em by the second, and "Prof" was on his ear cause we wanted to get excused to fix athletic ground but we went. "Field Day" PM Spike could have won all races from 100 yds up. He won all he went in. (Went in 4 events & won 5 points A banquet given by Prof. K. to "Frats". just OK

Sat., May 30. Note book AM Ball PM started at 12:00 went in bus. Beaten 12 to 13. Ruddy bows to people from seat back of Prof T. Prof thinks its him. People of of all shades kinds & colors A good laf. Much telephoning to get rig to go to C. W. Lake. Got it. Post, Stevens, Brice, T. Smith, & I go in 3 seated. Argie & Youngs, Cliff & Snyder, Smith & I, Duzenbury & Copt, Young & Buff

Sun., May 31. Sunny but windy. Started about nine. a foxy team & its quite a "heap" If its 10 m they must have measured with a _____ sleigh & threw in the tong. A fine row boat ride a grand dinner a charming launch ride around the lake, gathered birch bark, swung, wheel borrow rides, snapshots, supper and boys did every thing & more. For hom about nine

Gail. It is evening now and such a beautiful evening too, such glorious moon-light and not a breath of air--the lake is glorious and it seems to me every-one is out on it there are so many boats out.

Mon., June 1. Windy day and not warm. Classes are ploding along. All the Lakers feel as if they had been somewhere this morning. If they had had much more of a time they would not have been able to get out this morn.

Tues., June 2. Windy but warmer. A letter from Evalena. She was some what dissappointed in not getting her letter Sat as usual. She teaches six days this week. Staying in nighs now-a-nights. Lessons up fair

Evalena. Have been some place every night but one for three weeks. Went to the Opera House tonight to see "Tennessee's Partner"./ Miss R. wanted me to go while Belle Isle was still in it's beauty and when I found that that there was to be a matinee of E.H. Southern's popular play 'The Proud Prince' I was still more anxious to go. We got off at Woodward Ave. and took the car to the water works first. We took the car then to the Belle Isle Park waiting room and at 10 o'clock to phaeton to the isle. We went to the Delmont restaurant for supper./ Mr. R. and Mr. C. came up and asked if we wouldn't like to drive over to Mt. Clemens. We went in a double rig. It is about 9 miles there. We drove around the city and saw all the fine hotels and bath houses for which the city is noted. "A Sign of the Cross" was being played in the lyceum./ The banquet must have been just fine, know I would have enjoyed it but am not sorry or haven't been that I didn't go, only selfishly and I try not to think of that side. I think the toasts must have been excellent, at least some of the subjects were. Wish I might have heard yours. Recieved your letter or rather note Sat. pm and also the program for the banquet. They were very swell I'm sure and if everything was as much in proportion it must have been entirely "out o' sight."

Wed., June 3. High School supper from five to seven. A big crowd. They always have a good crowd. The clubs went in a body. The "P.C.S." in there. Came home and changed my ball suit & went back with J.S. and danced twice & she went to Sorority Initiation. Kate R. The victim. Went again for 2 dances. Miss S. engaged the first one. It seems as if I must be sensitive to extremeness.

Thurs., June 4. Warm day. Geom not just clear these days. A stroll to night over to the river and a fine conversation with Miss S. Have learned the Song to St Cecilias day by Dryden. Had a the real fun of swinging the blade to fell three trees for a road back of the Normal. Prof K runs a foot race and falls in the dust.

Fri., June 5. Dead Hot all day. The P.C.S. have their challenge read in Chappel this morning. They challenge the school for a track meet. Stay home tonight.

Sun., June 7. Cloudy P.M. and sprinkled some. Writing to Evalena P.M. Went to Jays Roost for lunch. Mr & Mrs Rowe, Harold & Miss Simmons & S. & I. Mrs. R, H, & I did a stunt eating & all was fine. Spike & Sims & S. & I went for a boat ride. a couple mi up river and came down by moonlight.

Mon., June 8. Ball practice and swim in the river. Frat Meeting, and Brown voted in. Fine moonlight evg. and many strollers. Captured Hay & Brice from girls ha! ha! Another gang came in and took possession ate all they could find and drunk up milk.

Tues., June 9. Rain last night. coller today and breezy. Had garden plowed. All moving fair.

Harriet. Am glad you and Post have fixed up the house and kept up that wonderful garden. Does it still take but one night for everythin to grow or have you perfected it so it does even better?

Wed., June 10. Miss Ida C entertains at her home tonight in honor of Miss Iris B. who has been teaching at Charlevoix. Time OK. Called at the "Js Roost" before going up. News came just before noon that the Gov. had signed the Life certificate bill. Miss Sl. got a couple of the boys to steal our "horn" and "Famous Red window curtain" for her and she started for school with it. Mr. G. ordered a big sign painted for the Parade. All was noise this PM. Lent money for ball game to mostly girls five of them.

Fri., June 12. Fine warm day. Mr G. gives reception to Seniors, and am asked to help serve "8 jrs." All seemed to enjoy themselves. Prof. T. and some of the Jays worked a jolly on me. Prof wanted to speak to me, and one of the apes took my seat. Have thot much about the cheapness of the "fun".

Evalena. I suppose this is the evening you are trolling around with a server by the side of Miss Sl. How are you enjoying yourself? A year ago at this time I was discharging the duties of your office tonight and Mr. E. carried the tray for me. It was very fine but I was glad when it was over. No. I didn't know about Mr. G.'s reception to the Sr's last year.

Sat., June 13. Helping "Jrs" some this AM also a little gardening & track team picture taken. Frats rounding up. Mitchell dropped in also McM. Finish Cox tonight. Brown comes in. OK. Long talk with Fay this PM on physics. A talk with Harriet. She has a hard position.

Sun., June 14. Childrens Day Exercises. A note from Harriet at noon. Went down for an hour. She is certainly broken up. If Post was only a man or could be one. Went again at 5:30. She is going in the morning at 7:05 will lend her four dollars to go with.

Evalena. Got a letter from Harriet last night. She said Ruddy & Mable were married. Do you think it's possible? Harriet wrote a lovely, long letter. How is she behaving now anyway, Pearl? I'll tell you why I asked in particular. In closing she said, "I am trying to be better, and I want you to pray for me every night."

Gail. He heard in Grand Rapids that I was going to be married next year, isn't that jolly? He didn't know who to but to someone I met at school. I told him I was mighty glad to hear about it so it would not be quite such a shock to me.

Mon., June 15. Went to train with H. Told Post that I'd telephone him if she wanted to tell him good bye. He came down anyway and worse, he went to A. He could have done nothing that would have hurt my feelings more. Nobody can tell or know how much. It doesn't seem possible that he could it. A long talk with Miss S. [Jeanette]

Evalena. I'm sorry about Harriet & Post. I was afraid it would turn out that way. I know how you must feel about Post. It certainly does seem like a very tragic ending for you to an unusually pleasant term. If H. has to suffer tho it's no more than right that he should---It does seem to bad after Post had spent all these years there and then just as he is about to graduate. It seems to me that girls should think quite a while before saying all they had against a fellow was going with a certain girl. It would be bad enough for anyone to say, but from girls its worse.

Harriet. I suppose you were provoked to think Post went to A with me thinking it would do no good perhaps it didn't I don't know but--what's been done can't be undone. I don't know how to thank you Pearl for what you have done for me and the interest you took in me but you know that for every good deed you do you get a reward the same for every bad one. I've thot so much of what you said to me "it's not what you can be but what you are" & I tell you Pearl it's done me lots of good. I've always thot more of what you can be & let the what you are go. Evalena I suppose will be there next week my how I'd like to see her suppose when M & G finish telling her she won't even have as good an opinion of me as she has. I am very sorry for I care an awfully lot for Evalena & more for her love & respect.

Gail. One of the boys intended to ask me I hear but one very dear friend of mine (outwardly) took the pains to say I had an invitation isn't that a mean trick--oh I'm lying in wait with claws all sharp for him--he won't have enough wool left to cover one inch of his little head--oh I can endure anything but a two faced person.

Tues., June 16. Rainy AM Cold PM Went to office this AM but no letter. Post brot it at noon. Not a long one. Evalena think of coming next week. How much I want to see her, but truly would rather she would not come. At night and by Posts actions he will never prove to me. He never can do it by words

Evalena. I wish awfully I could go up for commencement. I could stay for the whole week if I did. I didn't stay for it last year and would like to be there this year--O, I can't tell you how much. I haven't quite decided about commencement yet. But, Pearl, if I should go up there please don't consider yourself under any obligation to me in the least or do not let it make the smallest difference in any of your arrangements. If I thot it would I'm sure I would not feel like going.

Wed., June 17. Called at Hazel S. to make or get up a plan of decoration for our table "Zoo" looks viscious. Handed in my book and slip contrary to rule "I did not write any of my description in the class room, You caught me this time try the fish & others"

Thurs., June 18. "Exam" in Physics this morn. Did it up in a few minutes. Rain PM At M. Club for supper. Comps "Exam" in English Lit 1:00 to 2:00 PM Hurried thru should have taken the hr

Fri., June 19. "Exam" in physics this morn. moved along alright. Thru before nine. Hustled for flowers to decorate table with till about 2:30. Alls ready and things are moving at 8:00 Table decorations fine. Hazle and I had many "comps" on our table. Gale [Gail] toast fine Evalena coming. told Miss S. It will be hard

Sat., June 20. Cleared away decorations early this morn Gave Mrs K. a fine boquet of roses for lending us her dish. Delivered one to Miss S. at noon. Called at the "J's Roost" for a little while before "frat" went with her to Sorority meeting Went to train 9:25 PM as Evalena might come Gave Brown the pledge and retired to Gruners for lunch

Sun., June 21. Called at "Jays Roost" and went for walk after 3:00 PM Went over to the "Point" Came back early. going to usher for all doings Miss S don't understand me just. Hope I may be completely honest. Believe shes a woman for every inch of her. She think more of me that I reconed

Mon., June 22. Rural exercises fine and decoration fine. Left at nine. Rain all the time went to train. Evalena came. It was hard to leave her so unnaturally.

Tues., June 23. Went with Miss S. to Sr doings. It was fine. Brice did fine. Hays & Y. made marks. Too many and too serious things happen to tell I am certainly being tested. Miss S has given way to her feelings. Arzie is going to take her sister. She came on the 1:38 pm. She is a fine looking girl. It's hard enough I feel as if I might drop into air just air.

Wed., June 24. Went to musical recital with Evalena & Helen. A walk and talk with Miss S. told her I could not be hers at the party I like, often. They must take me for more than I mean, it seems. Came home with Evalena from the "Rose Maiden" O I can't tell how she feels. There's no danger of her giving way to her feelings, though they are deeper than the sea.

Evalena. The conversation at one time was about ideals as that subject was discussed in one of my classes today. Then one of the girls wanted to know what some of the characteristics of my ideal man were. So I told them a few. I said I thought everyone should have an ideal in their own mind for everything which should be held quite sacred and never for any reason lowered. They all said they did not believe I would ever realize mine. But I told them it would never cease to be quite real to me, and I believed that the person existed who had not only the good qualities I had enumerated but many more beyond my appreciation. Of course no one that I don't suppose that I was talking from anything but theory or that I had ever met such a person.

Thurs., June 25 & Fri., June 26. Presentation of diplomas at ten this morning. J. Boyntons address to the students was grand. The Alumni dinner immediately following and the toasts were fine. Boynton was a joker also. Miss S. did not speak this morn, twice she passed. Do not call her as I feel. Eva & I ate dinner. Delivered some pictures to Jays this PM. It was quiet at the reception and party there seemed to be no remarks. She asked me to the train am going. Danced twice with her and three times with her sister about 8 with Evalena, and once with Miss Sl. Left just before two. Evalena stayed with Mable came home later. Eva & I on Fri strolled and called and traded pictures. Called on Miss Vowels who has been sick for 5 weeks.

Jeanette. A while ago I recieved a letter which hinted at something I couldn't understand and later recieved another which had something in it that took my breath away, it is something that probably you know perfectly well. Did you think I had backed out coming Thanksgiving so asked somebody else? or are you going to try to handle two again, if you are please count me out.

Sat., June 27. Evalena went this morning at 7:05 and the rem. of Normal faces. The Kalediscope with its moving pictures has gone. Planting garden tomatoes & cabbage, radish lettuce beans etc. to bed with the birds. Post in shop.

Evalena. I tell you I know what it means now to have a great big lump come up in my throat and one that I can't possibly swallow. It is when I think of all the good, good times I've had at the Normal and then to think they're all gone forever. It makes me think I did not half appreciate them at the time. It comes back to me with increasing strength once in a while and it requires all my powers to find any charm in the present.

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