Martha Farnsworth diary

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Martha Farnsworth, a Topeka, Kansas resident, kept a personal diary from 1882 through 1922 with only a few gaps. This particular volume covers the years 1910 through 1912. Martha's diary entries not only reveal her values and the activities in her life, but also provide a picture of Topeka at that time. Some of the notable aspects of Martha's life include her participation in social reform movements, membership in social clubs and activities, and her deep religious convictions.

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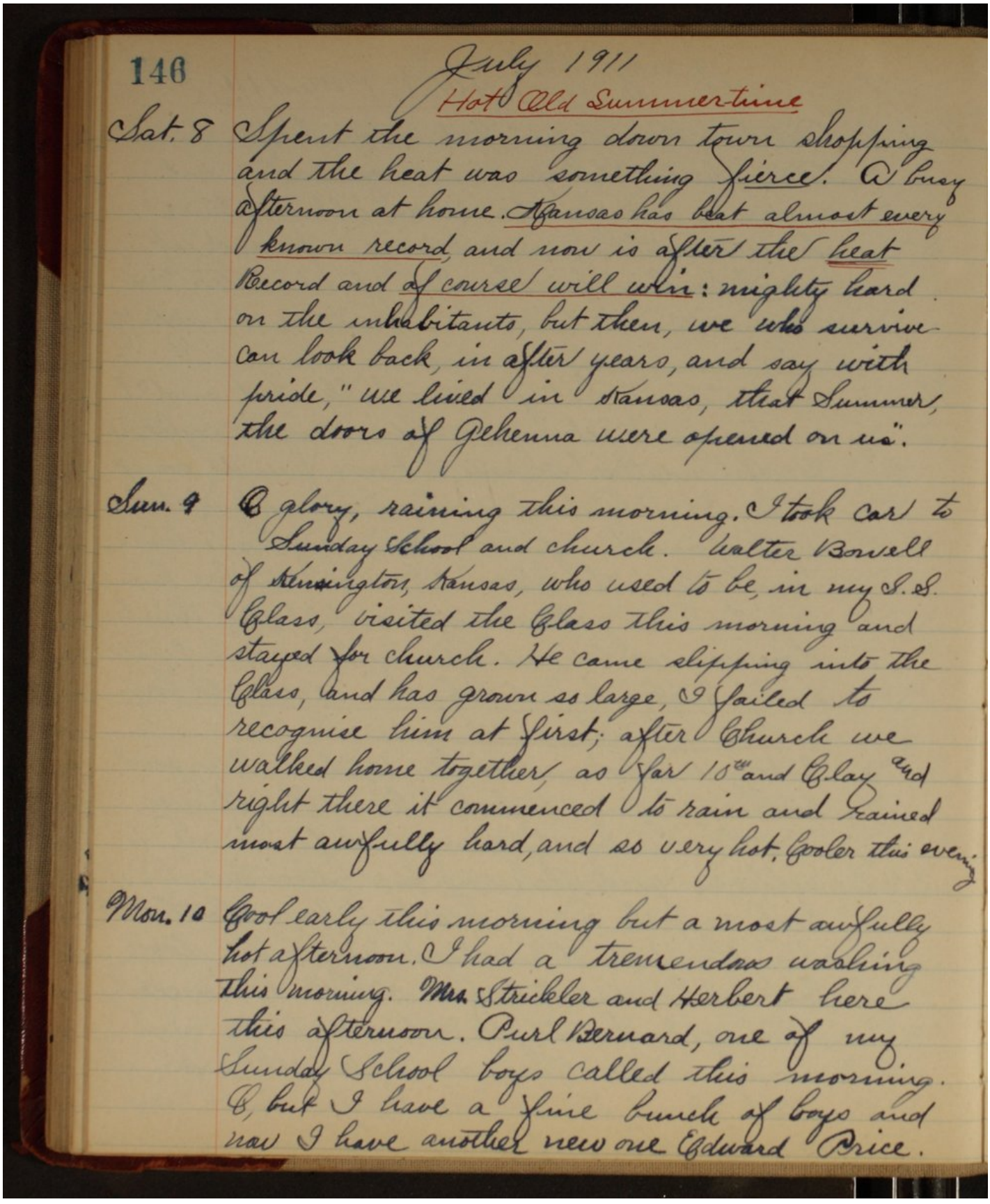
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Wed. 5 Another day at 116° but better breeze and Atmosphere. I keep a pan of water out under a tree for the Birds, all the time for all streams are drying up and it must be hard for them to find water and they come to the water, panting dreadfully.

Thurs. 6 And still its hot, just awfully hot and I am trying to get my correspondence "caught up" dreadful weather to write, but ones friends want letters. I see by the papers, an account of the death of an old acquaintance, in my home town. "Tony Barker, the Clown." I can remember him away back in girlhood days, and I don't think there was ever a more funny Clown - a little dwarf, hardly larger than a 12 year old boy.

Fri. 7 Hot, just so hot one can hardly live. My good husband, begins to look like a Shoe string and there is hardly enough left of me to make a good dish-rag and the terrible heat, compels one to wear so few clothes I'm afraid to step outside my own door, lest I be arrested for a Salome dancer.

O, well, it will get cool some-time and in the mean-time, we keep well, for which I am most thankful. But my work gets sadly neglected.



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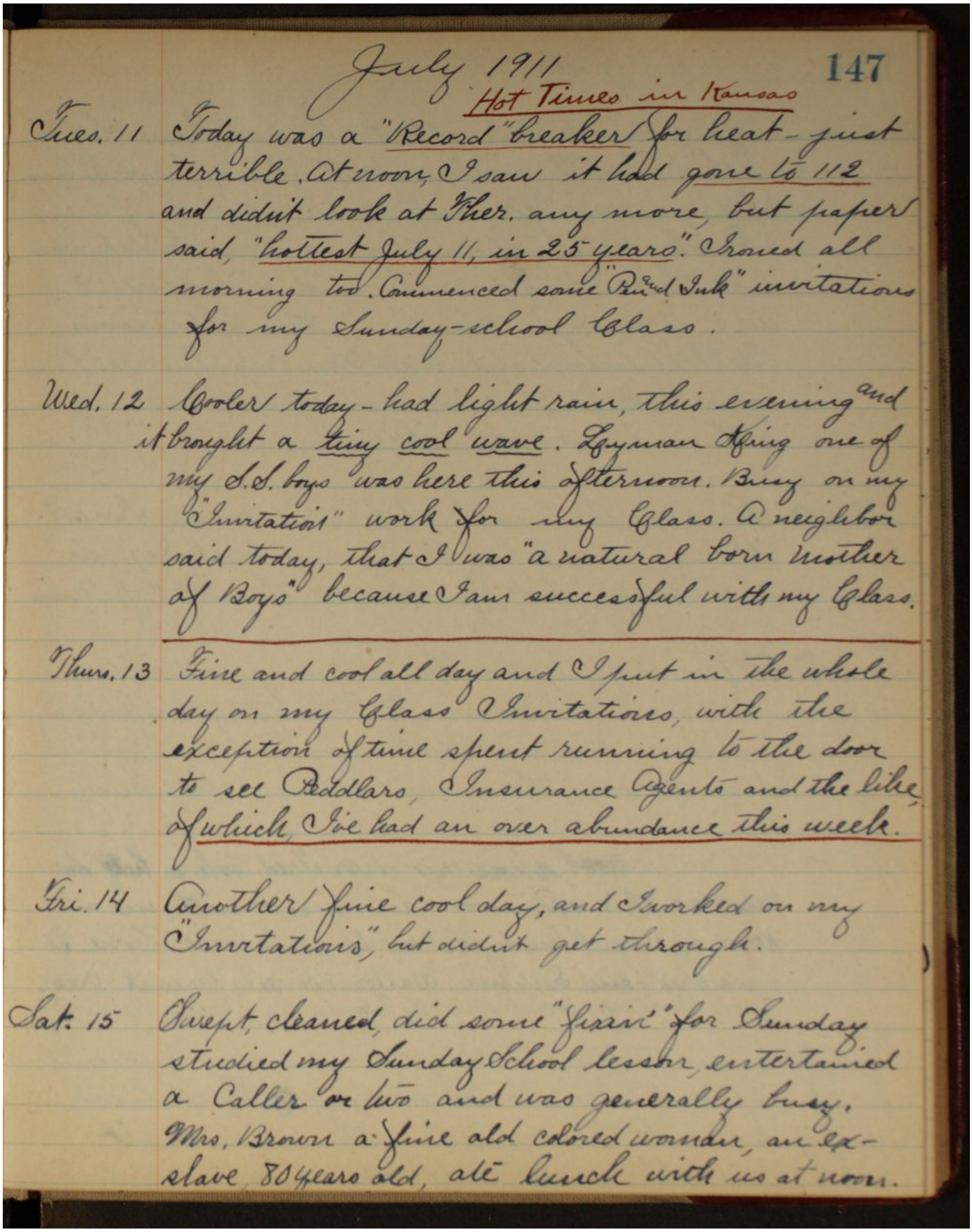
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Hot Old Summertime

Sat. 8 Spent the morning down town shopping and the heat was something fierce. A busy afternoon at home. Kansas has beat almost every known record, and now is after the heat Record and of course will win: mighty hard on the inhabitants, but then, we who survive can look back, in after years, and say with pride," we lived in Kansas, that Summer, the doors of Gehenna were opened on us".

Sun. 9 O glory, raining this morning. I took car to Sunday School and church. Walter Bonell of Kensington, Kansas, who used to be, in my S.S. Class, visited the Class this morning and stayed for church. He came slipping into the Class, and has grown so large, I failed to recognise him at first; after Church we walked home together, as far 15th and Clay and right there it commenced to rain and rained most awfully hard, and so very hot. Cooler this evening

Mon. 10 Cool early this morning but a most awfully hot afternoon. I had a tremendous washing this morning. Mrs. Strickler and Herbert here this afternoon. Purl Bernard, one of my Sunday School boys called this morning. O, but I have a fine bunch of boys and now I have another new one Edward Price.



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Hot Times in Kansas

Tues. 11 Today was a "Record" breaker for heat - just terrible. At noon, I saw it had gone to 112 and didn't look at Ther. any more, but paper said, "hottest July 11, in 25 years". Ironed all morning too. Commenced some "Red Ink" invitations for my Sunday-school Class.

Wed. 12 Cooler today - had light rain, this evening and it brought a tiny cool wave. Lyman Hing one of my S.S. boys was here this afternoon. Busy on my "Invitation" work for my Class. A neighbor said today, that I was "a natural born mother of Boys" because I am successful with my Class.

Thurs. 13 Fine and cool all day and I put in the whole day on my Class Invitations, with the exception of time spent running to the door to see Peddlars, Insurance Agents and the like, of which, I've had an over abundance this week.

Fri. 14 Another fine cool day, and I worked on my "Invitations", but didn't get through.

Sat. 15 Swept, cleaned, did some "fixin" for Sunday studied my Sunday School lesson, entertained a Caller or two and was generally busy. Mrs. Brown a fine old colored woman, an ex-slave, 80 years old, ate lunch with us at noon.

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Sun. 16 A fine day and I walked to, and from S.S. this morning: almost all of my large Class of Boys were present— a mighty fine bunch. Came home after S.S. as Bro. Finch was not there to preach and I knew I was to have company this afternoon. Will Lumbar, and Mr. + Mrs. Ray Spencer came out for Supper and spent evening. Will was out all afternoon.

Mon. 17 Rained the most splendid rain almost all day, so I had to dry my washing in the house— but B. we are thankful for rain.

Tues. 18 A fine day— ironed this morning and after dinner went down to Mrs. Staufflenburgs to call on sister Kate Akin, who is here from Chicago, then went to town shopping.

Wed. 19 Rather a cool, showery day. Fred took a half day vacation this afternoon and went with me and some of my Sunday School Boys, to Gage Lake for a swim and Supper. Walter Bovell, Ernest Greer Ralph Davidson, Horace McGroff, Raymond King and Warren Pennington.

Thurs. 20 Warm today but enjoying every moment of Kate's visit. Mr. + Mrs. E. E. Vondebrush spent the evening with us, to visit with sister Kate, who is Fred's half sister.

Kate came out this morning to stay several days.

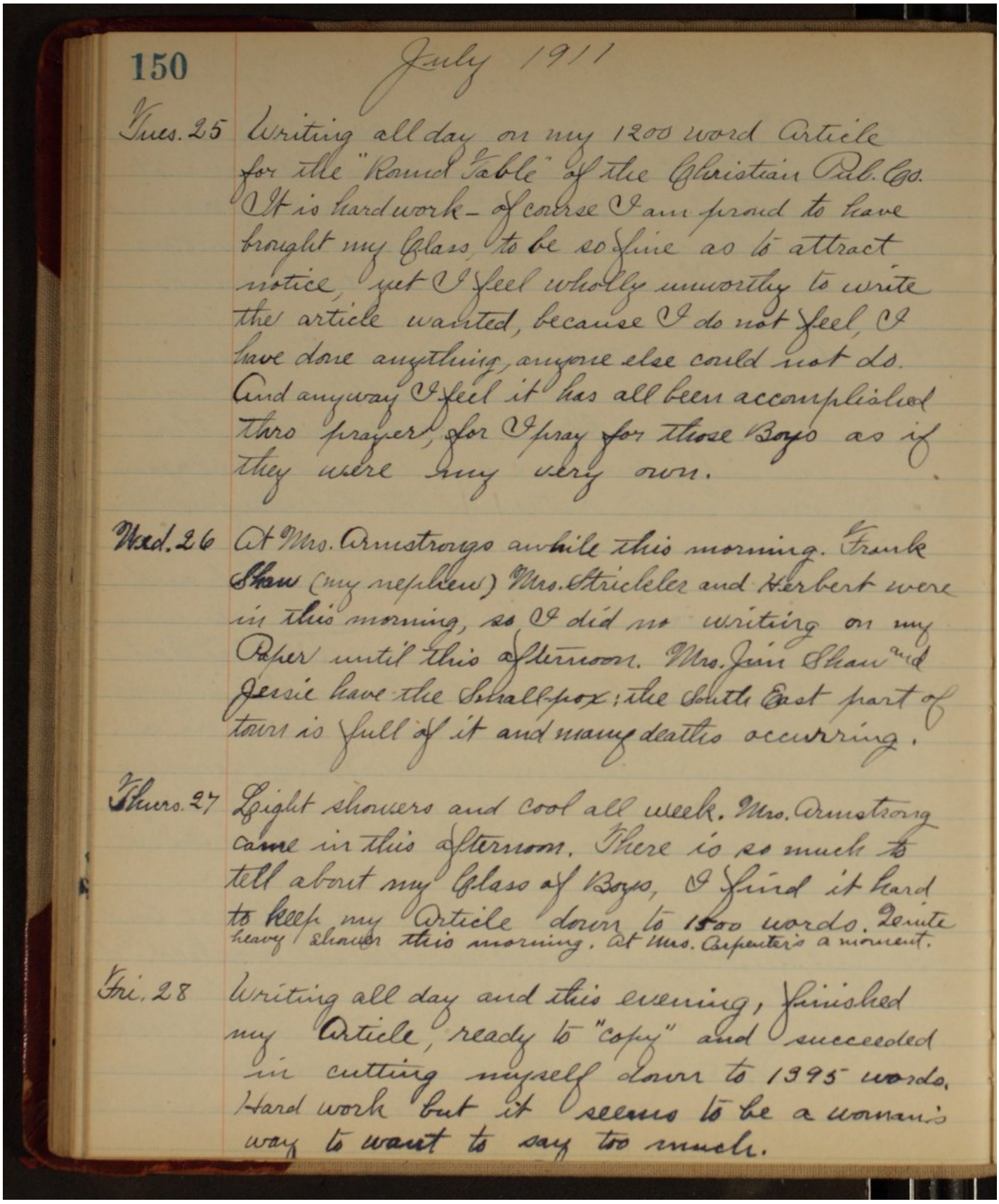
Fri. 21. 102° again today and while we feel hot, that's cool to what we have had, so we are not kicking. Nate and I went in to Mrs. Armstrong's this morning to Phone over Ind. Phone and stayed to "chat" awhile.

Sat. 22 Another pretty warm day, with every indication of rain. Nate went down to Stauffenburg's (1517 Harrison) this evening, but we are to have her again before she returns to Chicago.

Sun. 23 My, but we had a rain last night and this morning — the first real genuine rain in almost a year. I walked to Sunday School with Warren Remington (one of my Class) but came home on a car, not staying to preaching. Warren came over for an hour this evening. He's a dandy boy: Fred and I, like him immensely.

I have another new boy in my Class — John Gabling, who enrolled this morning.

Mon. 24 So cool today, one almost needed a fire, but I kept house closed instead. I washed and ironed, both, today. Got letter today from the Christian Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo. to write them a twelve or fifteen hundred word article, about my Sunday School Class, which is becoming quite famous as the "P. S. 9" or "Play Square Gang".



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Tues. 25 Writing all day on my 1200 word Article for the "Round Table" of the Christian Pub. Co. It is hard work - of course I am proud to have brought my Class to be so fine as to attract notice, yet I feel wholly unworthy to write the article wanted, because I do not feel, I have done anything, anyone else could not do. And anyway I feel it has all been accomplished thro prayer, for I pray for those Boys as if they were my very own.

Wed. 26 At Mrs. Armstrongs awhile this morning. Frank Shaw (my nephew) Mrs. Strickler and Herbert were in this morning, so I did no writing on my Paper until this afternoon. Mrs. Jim Shaw and Jessie have the Small-pox; the South East part of town is full of it and many deaths occurring.

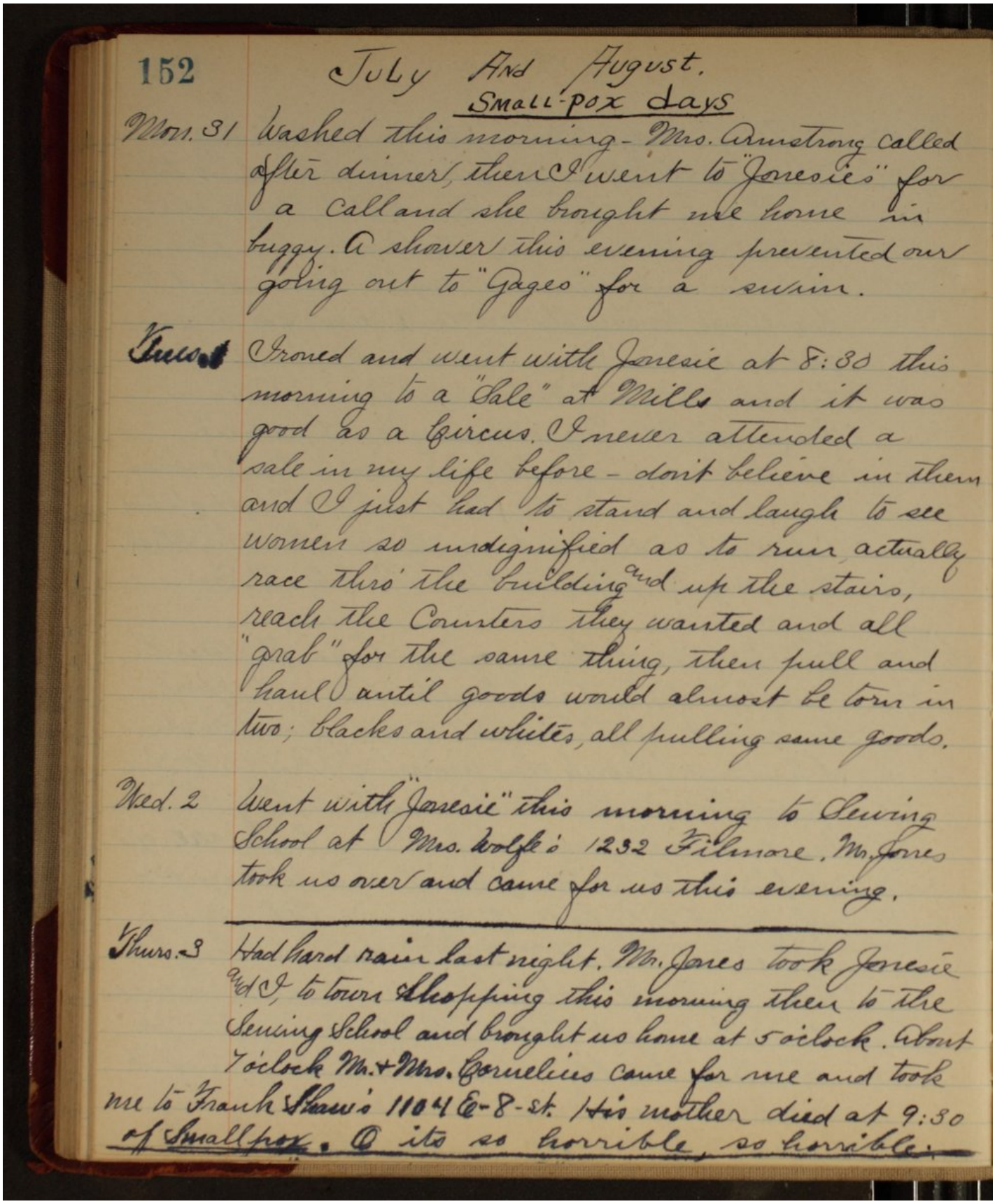
Thurs. 27 Light showers and cool all week. Mrs. Armstrong came in this afternoon. There is so much to tell about my Class of Boys, I find it hard to keep my Article down to 1500 words. Quite heavy shower this morning. At Mrs. Carpenter's a moment.

Fri. 28 Writing all day and this evening, finished my Article, ready to "copy" and succeeded in cutting myself down to 1395 words. Hard work but it seems to be a woman's way to want to say too much.

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Sat. 29 Awfully busy. Beside getting my Sunday dinner I fried chicken and baked for Fred to take a Lunch with him. He went to Maple Hill at 8 o'clock this evening to Camp with the Pollard's until tomorrow night. I am glad to have him, having the little "Outing" for he never goes away from home. And this' I am all alone tonight I haven't the least fear. "Grandma" Remington, Mrs. Lizzie Remington and Jennie spent the evening with me and the Joneses made a "gate" call. 10:30 now and I'm going to bed. I copied and mailed my Class "Sketch" this evening to the Christian Pub. Co. St. Louis.

Sun. 30 Cloudy and cool this morning - hope it doesn't rain while Fred's at Maple Hill and spoil his good time. I walked to and from Sunday School and Church this morning. Prof. Gillispie preached for Bro. Finch, who is having his vacation. A good many of my boys are off on vacation trips too. Out of an enrollment of 24, I only had 12 boys in Class. Fred returned at 8 o'clock this morning and brought home a lovely catfish and reported a nice time but "got homesick" for his "wifie." He is "plum" daffy about me, but I'm glad of it. I would have gone, only I could not leave my Sun. School Class: they are "daffy" too, bless their hearts.



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Small-pox days

Mon. 31 Washed this morning - Mrs. Armstrong called after dinner, then I went to "Jonesies" for a call and she brought me home in buggy. A shower this evening prevented our going out to "Gages" for a swim.

Tues. 1 Ironed and went with Jonesie at 8:30 this morning to a "Sale" at Mills and it was good as a Circus. I never attended a sale in my life before - don't believe in them and I just had to stand and laugh to see women so undignified as to run, actually race thro' the building and up the stairs, reach the Counters they wanted and all "grab" for the same thing, then pull and haul until goods would almost be torn in two; blacks and whites, all pulling same goods.

Wed. 2 Went with "Jonesie" this morning to Sewing School at Mrs. Wolfe's 1232 Fillmore. Mr. Jones took us over and came for us this evening.

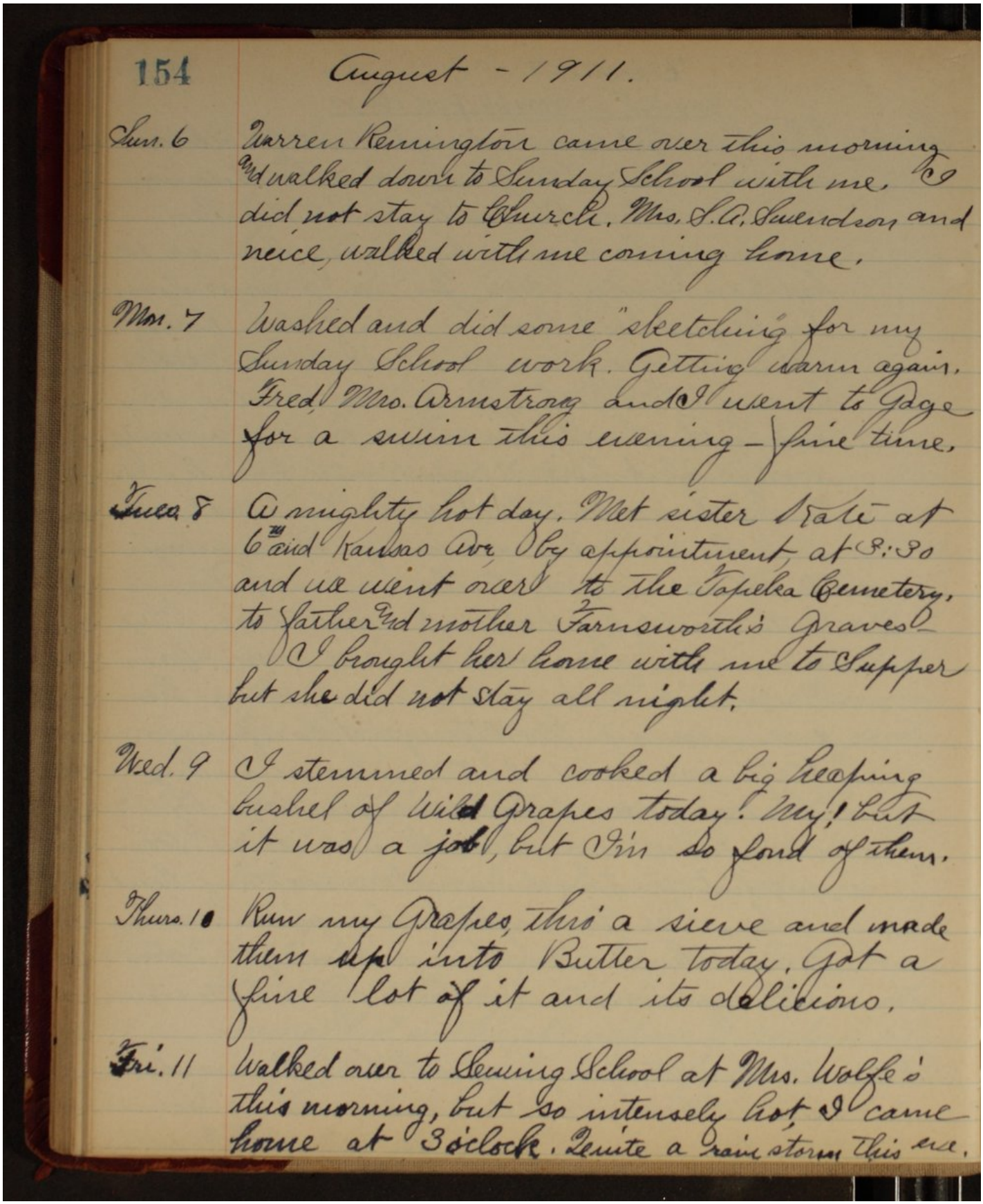
Thurs. 3 Had hard rain last night. Mr. Jones took Jonesie and I, to town shopping this morning then to the Sewing School and brought us home at 5 o'clock. About 7 o'clock Mr. + Mrs. Cornelius came for me and took me to Frank Shaw's 1104 E-8-st. His mother died at 9:30 of Smallpox. O its so horrible, so horrible.

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SMALL-POX days.

Fri. 4 I did not get home last night, until 1 o'clock and am tired with grief. Frank Shaw was not able to see his mother and took her death very hard - poor boy, I pity him so. He had Mrs. Wooley Phone for me to come down said he just had to have me - his father, brother and uncle were quarantined at home with his mother and brother Jesse, who is also very sick with Smallpox. We are having a dreadful scourge of it here. I went with Frank to his father's and talked with them all, out in the yard, but did not go close enough to expose myself to the disease. Poor Retta was dying when we went there. They said she was a solid scab all over. Dr. Munn said it was the worst thing he ever saw in his life - just horifying. Retta was buried at 7:30 this morning. She was a dear, good, woman loved by every one who knew her and it is too pitiful to think about - makes my heart ache. The Remingtons brought sister Kate Akin out this evening to stay all night with us. She is a fine little sister

Sat. 5 Busy with my usual Saturday work. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Remington, came for Kate this morning and took her to Mrs. J. M. Meade's.



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Sun. 6 Warren Remington came over this morning and walked down to Sunday School with me. I did not stay to Church. Mrs. S. A. Swenson and neice, walked with me coming home.

Mon. 7 Washed and did some "sketching" for my Sunday School work. Getting warm again. Fred, Mrs. Armstrong and I went to Gage for a swim this evening - fine time.

Tues. 8 A mighty hot day. Met sister Kate at 6th and Kansas Ave. by appointment, at 8:30 and we went over to the Topeka Cemetery, to Father and mother Farnsworth's Graves - I brought her home with me to Supper but she did not stay all night.

Wed. 9 I stemmed and cooked a big heaping bushel of Wild Grapes today! My! but it was a job, but I'm so fond of them.

Thurs. 10 Run my Grapes thro a sieve and made them up into Butter today. Got a fine lot of it and its delicious.

Fri. 11 Walked over to Sewing School at Mrs. Wolfe's this morning, but so intensely hot I came home at 3 o'clock. Quite a rain storm this eve.

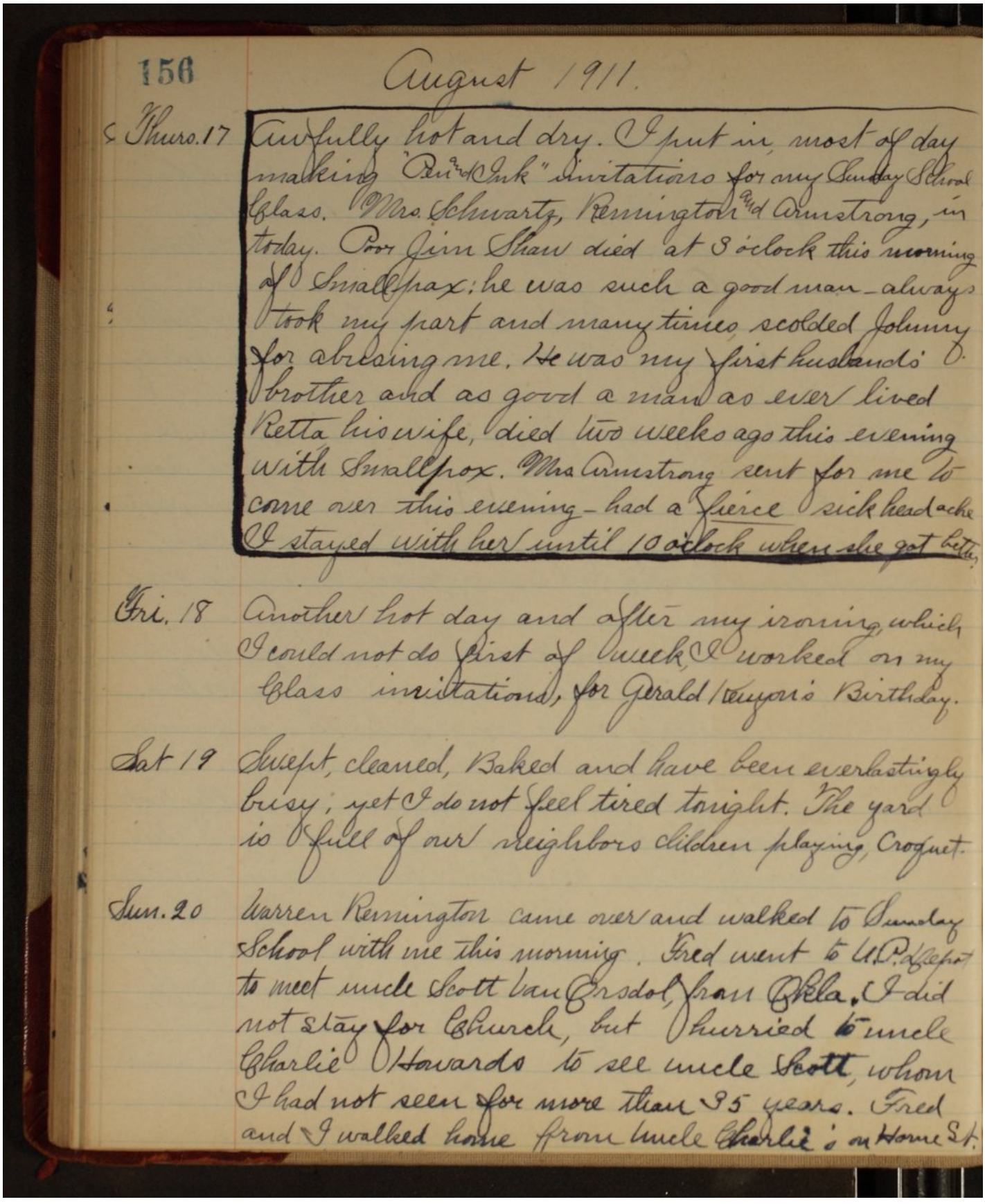
Sat. 12 Today has been a scorcher – didn't think we would have any more such dreadful days, but she run up to a 110° today. Mrs. Armstrong came over and took us to Gage's for a swim this evening, and we came home feeling like there never was any hot days. Got home early.

Sun. 13 Horace Lee Groff (care of my Class) came over this morning and walked down to Sunday School with me. Too warm to stay to Church – came home in car. Mrs. Strickler and "Sunny Jim", here this eve.

Mon. 14 Another warm day, but thank goodness October will be here in six weeks. Mrs. Armstrong came in awhile this morning.

Tues. 15 Canning corn today. Awfully, awfully hot and dry. Called in to Mrs. Armstrong's this evening to use her. Inv. Phone. Bernice Tulloch Warren and Jennie Remington, Laurent Elsby and Jeanette Schwartz, here to play Croquet this evening. Jim Shaw is very sick with smallpox.

Wed. 16 104° today and seems hotter. Aunt Kate Van Grodol and Cousin Minnie Van and Ruth, spent day with me. Will Lumbar, took dinner with us.



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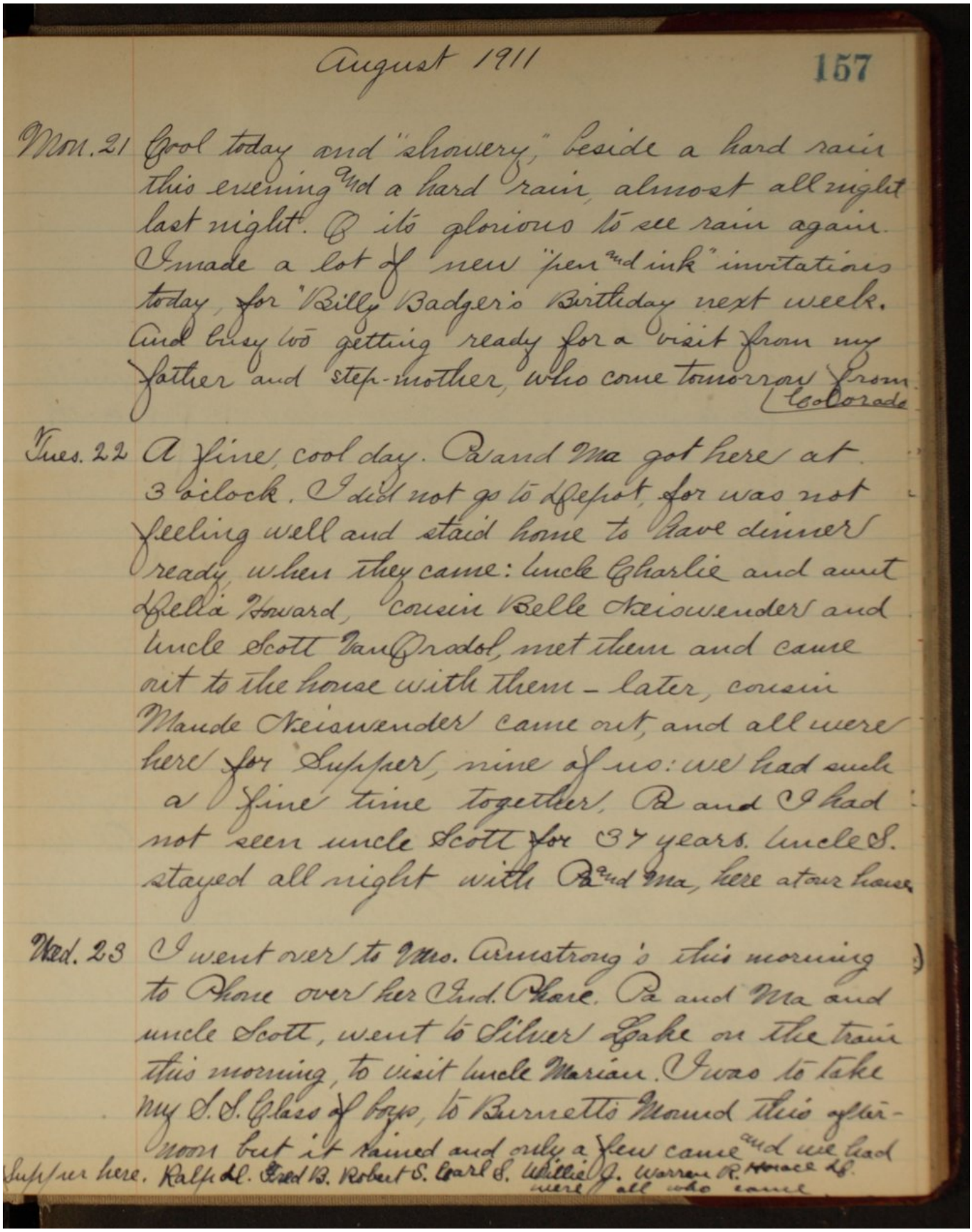
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Thurs. 17 Awfully hot and dry. I put in most of day making "Pen and Ink" invitations for my Sunday School Class. Mrs. Schwartz, Remington and Armstrong, in today. Poor Jim Shaw died at 3 o'clock this morning of Smallpox; he was such a good man - always took my part and many times scolded Johnny for abusing me. He was my first husband's brother and as good a man as ever lived. Retta his wife, died two weeks ago this evening with Smallpox. Mrs Armstrong sent for me to come over this evening - had a fierce sick headache I stayed with her until 10 o'clock when she got better.

Fri. 18 Another hot day and after my ironing which I could not do first of week, I worked on my Class invitations, for Gerald Weyer's Birthday.

Sat 19 Swept, cleaned, Baked and have been everlastingly busy; yet I do not feel tired tonight. The yard is full of our neighbors children playing Croquet.

Sun. 20 Warren Remington came over and walked to Sunday School with me this morning. Fred went to M.P. depot to meet uncle Scott Van Orsdol, from Okla. I did not stay for Church, but hurried to uncle Charlie Howards to see uncle Scott, whom I had not seen for more than 35 years. Fred and I walked home from uncle Charlie's on Home St.

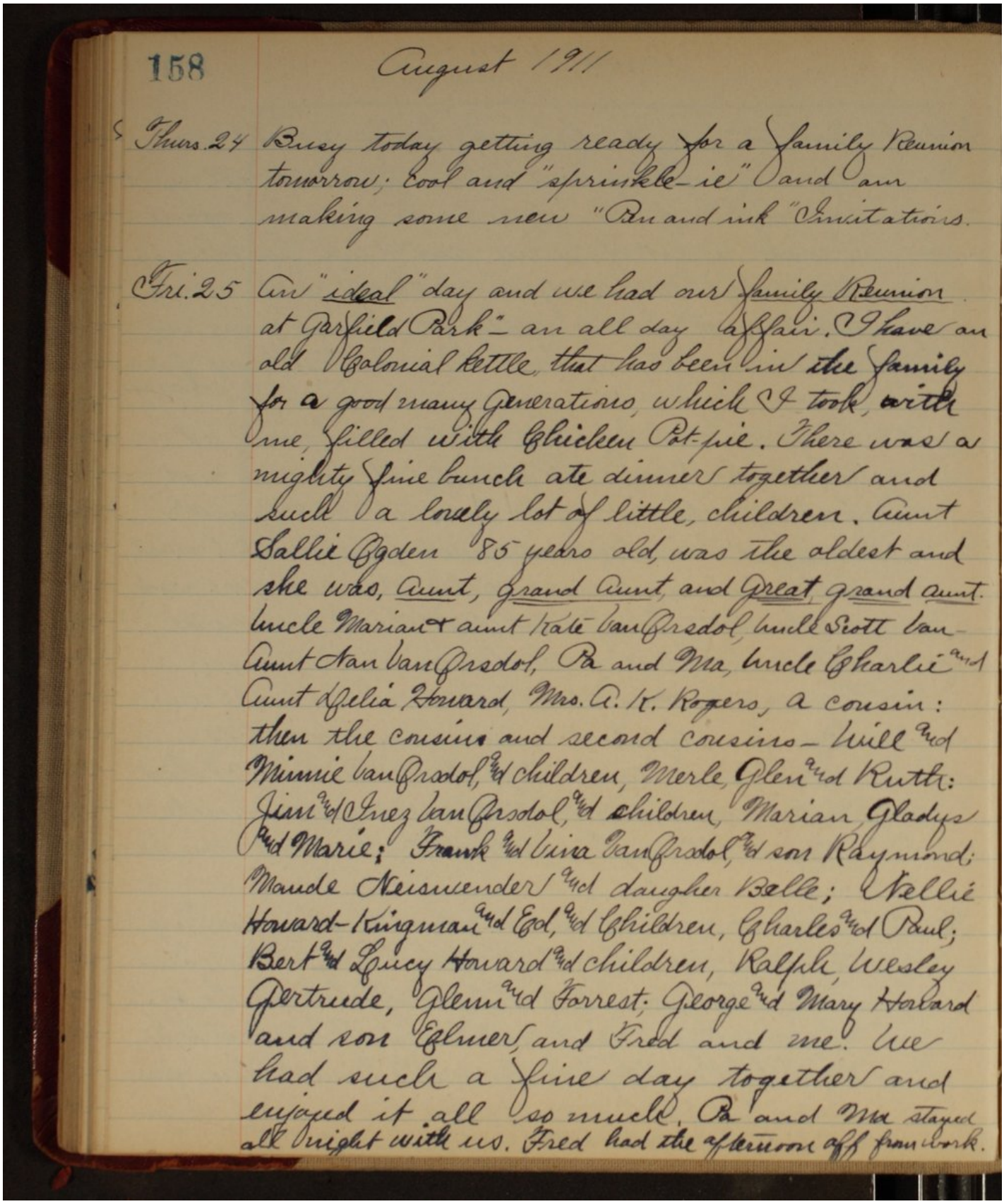


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Mon. 21 Cool today and "showery," beside a hard rain this evening and a hard rain almost all night last night. & its glorious to see rain again. I made a lot of new "pen and ink" invitations today, for "Billy" Badger's Birthday next week. And busy too getting ready for a visit from my father and step-mother, who come tomorrow from Colorado

Tues. 22 A fine, cool day. Pa and Ma got here at 3 o'clock. I did not go to Depot, for was not feeling well and staid home to have dinner ready when they came: Uncle Charlie and aunt Della Howard, cousin Belle Steinwender and Uncle Scott VanDorsdol, met them and came out to the house with them - later, cousin Maude Steinwender came out, and all were here for Supper, nine of us: we had such a fine time together, Pa and I had not seen uncle Scott for 37 years. Uncle S. stayed all night with Pa and Ma, here at our house.

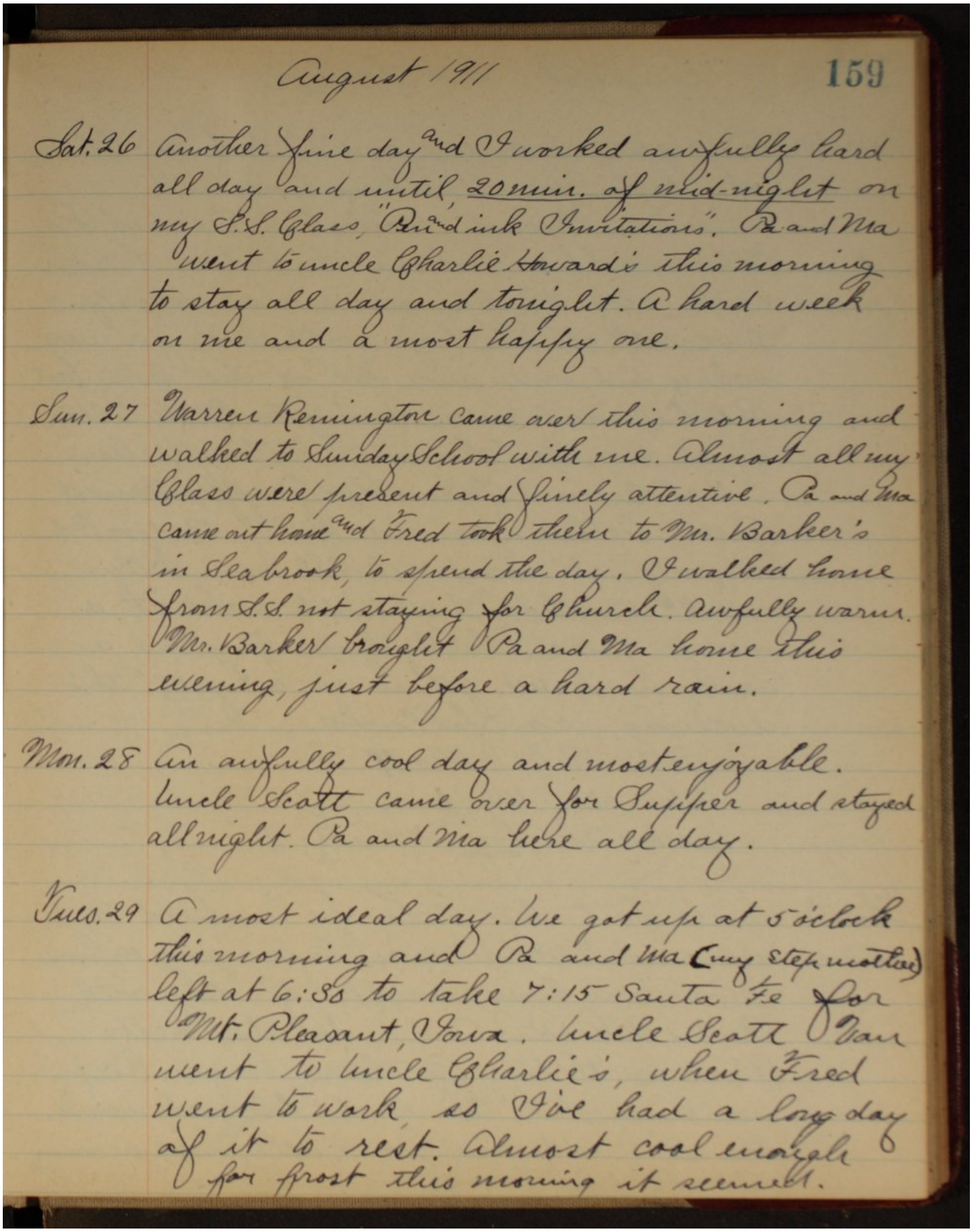
Wed. 23 I went over to Mrs. Armstrong's this morning to phone over her 2nd. Phone. Pa and Ma and uncle Scott, went to Silver Lake on the train this morning, to visit Uncle Marion. I was to take my S. S. Class of boys, to Burnetts Mound this afternoon but it rained and only a few came and we had Supper here. Ralph L. Fred B. Robert S. Earl S. Willie J. Warren R. Horace L. were all who came.



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Thurs. 24 Busy today getting ready for a family Reunion tomorrow; cool and "sprinkle-ie" and am making some new "Pen and ink" Invitations.

Fri. 25 An "ideal" day and we had our family Reunion at Garfield Park – an all day affair. I have an old Colonial kettle that has been in the family for a good many generations, which I took with me, filled with Chicken Pot-pie. There was a mighty fine bunch ate dinner together and such a lovely lot of little children. Aunt Sallie Ogden 85 years old, was the oldest and she was, Aunt, grand Aunt and Great grand Aunt. Uncle Marian & aunt Kate VanArsdol, Uncle Scott VanAunt Nan VanArsdol, Pa and Ma, Uncle Charlie and Aunt Celia Howard, Mrs. A. K. Rogers, a cousin: then the cousins and second cousins – Will and Minnie VanArsdol, and children, Merle, Glen and Ruth: Jim and Inez VanArsdol, and children, Marian Gladys and Marie; Frank and Vina VanArsdol, and son Raymond: Maude Meisnender and daughter Belle; Nellie Howard-Kingman and Ed, and Children, Charles and Paul; Bert and Lucy Howard and children, Ralph, Wesley Gertrude, Glenn and Forrest: George and Mary Howard and son Elmer, and Fred and me. We had such a fine day together and enjoyed it all so much. Pa and Ma stayed all night with us. Fred had the afternoon off from work.



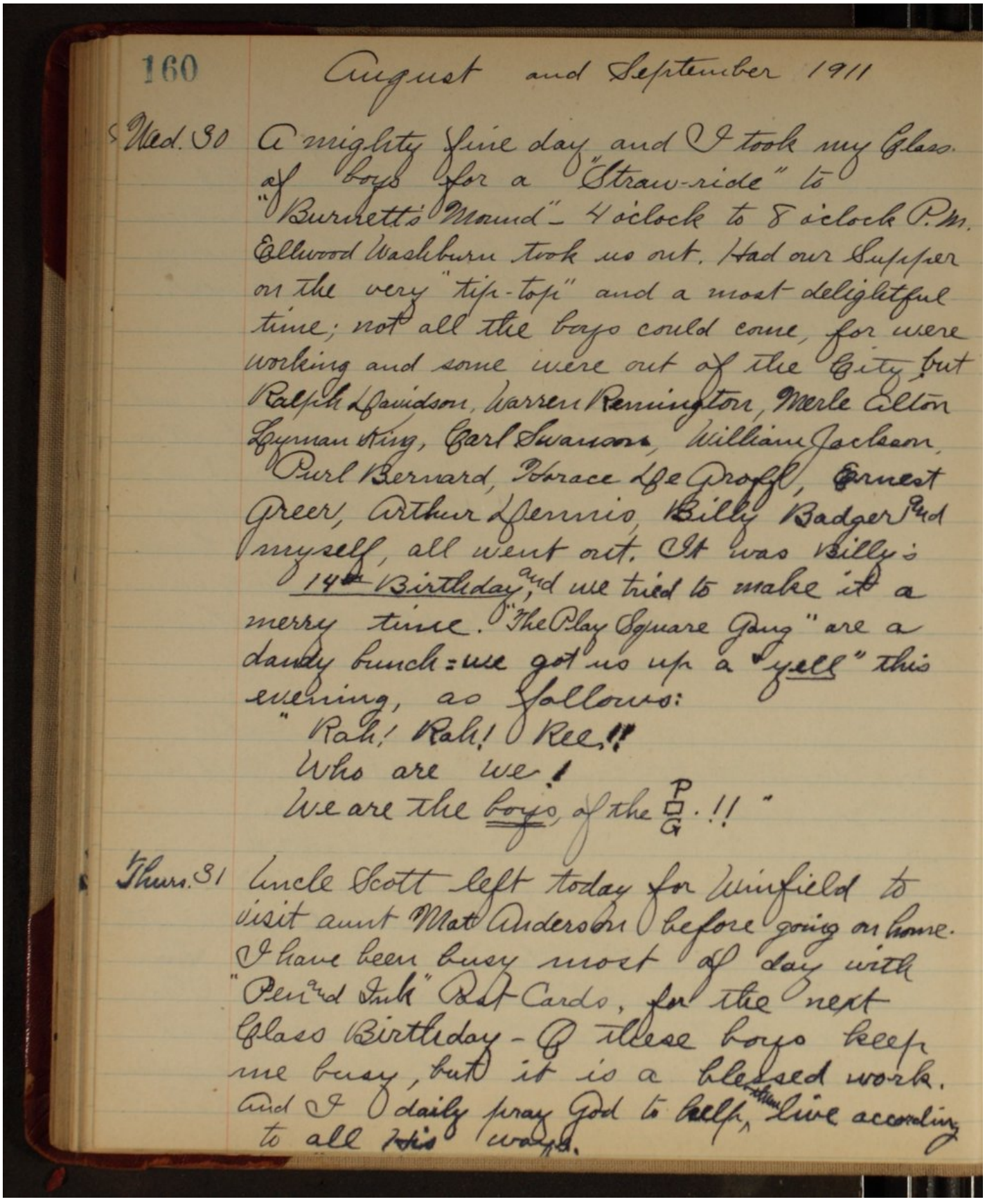
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Sat. 26 Another fine day and I worked awfully hard all day and until 20 min. of mid-night on my S.S. Class, "Red ink Invitations". Pa and Ma went to uncle Charlie Howard's this morning to stay all day and tonight. A hard week on me and a most happy one.

Sun. 27 Warren Remington came over this morning and walked to Sunday School with me. Almost all my Class were present and finely attentive. Pa and Ma came out home and Fred took them to Mr. Barker's in Seabrook, to spend the day. I walked home from S.S. not staying for Church. Awfully warm. Mr. Barker brought Pa and Ma home this evening, just before a hard rain.

Mon. 28 An awfully cool day and most enjoyable. Uncle Scott came over for Supper and stayed all night. Pa and Ma here all day.

Tues. 29 A most ideal day. We got up at 5 o'clock this morning and Pa and Ma (my step mother) left at 6:30 to take 7:15 Santa Fe for Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Uncle Scott & Fan went to uncle Charlie's, when Fred went to work, as I've had a long day of it to rest. Almost cool enough for frost this morning it seemed.



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Wed. 30 A mighty fine day and I took my Class of boys for a "Straw-ride" to "Burnett's Mound" - 4 o'clock to 8 o'clock P.M. Ellwood Washburn took us out. Had our Supper on the very "tip-top" and a most delightful time; not all the boys could come, for were working and some were out of the City, but Ralph Davidson, Warren Remington, Merle Elton Lyman King, Carl Swanson, William Jackson, Purl Bernard, Horace LeGroff, Ernest Greer, Arthur Dennis, Billy Badger and myself, all went out. It was Billy's 14th Birthday, and we tried to make it a merry time. "The Play Square Gang" are a dandy bunch: we got us up a "yell" this evening, as follows:

"Rah! Rah! Ree!!
Who are we!
We are the boys of the P □ G.!!"

Thurs. 31 Uncle Scott left today for Winfield to visit aunt Mat Anderson before going on home. I have been busy most of day with "Pen and Ink" B'd Cards, for the next Class Birthday - O these boys keep me busy, but it is a blessed work. And I daily pray God to help, live according to all His words.

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Fri. 1 Fairly warm, and getting warmer. Still working on my "Pen and ink" Past Cards.

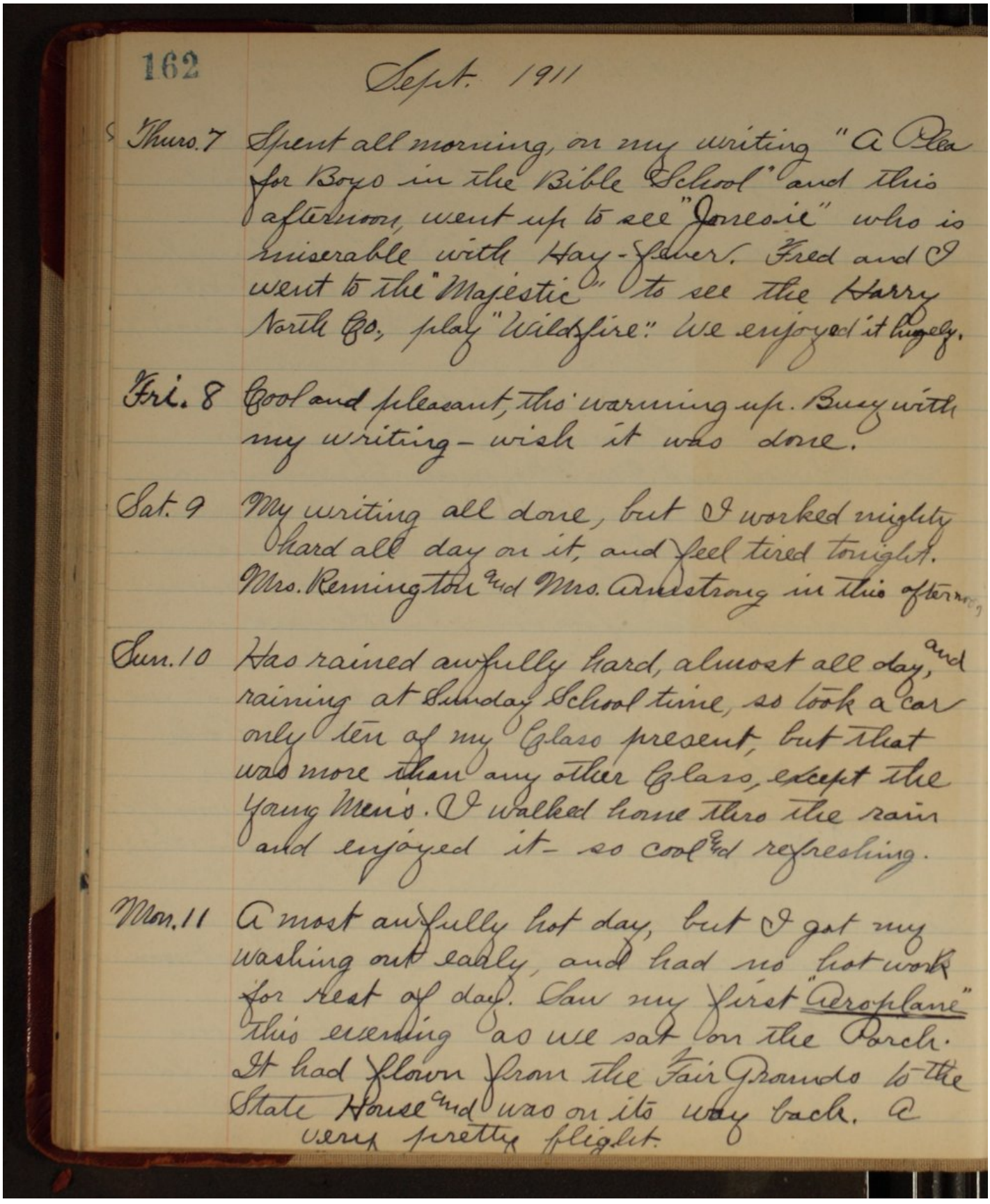
Sat. 2 Beside all my household duties, I finished my Past Cards. Q, but this has been a hot old day. I'll be glad to see the Smart fly.

Sun. 3 Warren Remington, walked to Sunday School with me, this morning. I stayed for Church, and Mrs. McDaniels gave us a grand Sermon - Isaiah 6-9. One woman united with the Church, by "confession"
Will Lumbar and his friend Mr. Morris spent the afternoon with us.

Mon. 4 "Labor Day" and Fred had half Holiday, so we spent the afternoon at Skene's Park with the Post Office crowd, and their families. Had a dandy Ballgame, won by the Carriers, against mailing Division 17-12

Tues. 5 Went to town, to shop, this morning, while cool: scorching hot, when I got home at noon.

Wed, 6 Writing all day. Getting out a 2000 word article, on Sunday School work, for the "Round Table", Christian Pub. Co. St. Louis by request of R. P. Shepherd, one of the Editors.



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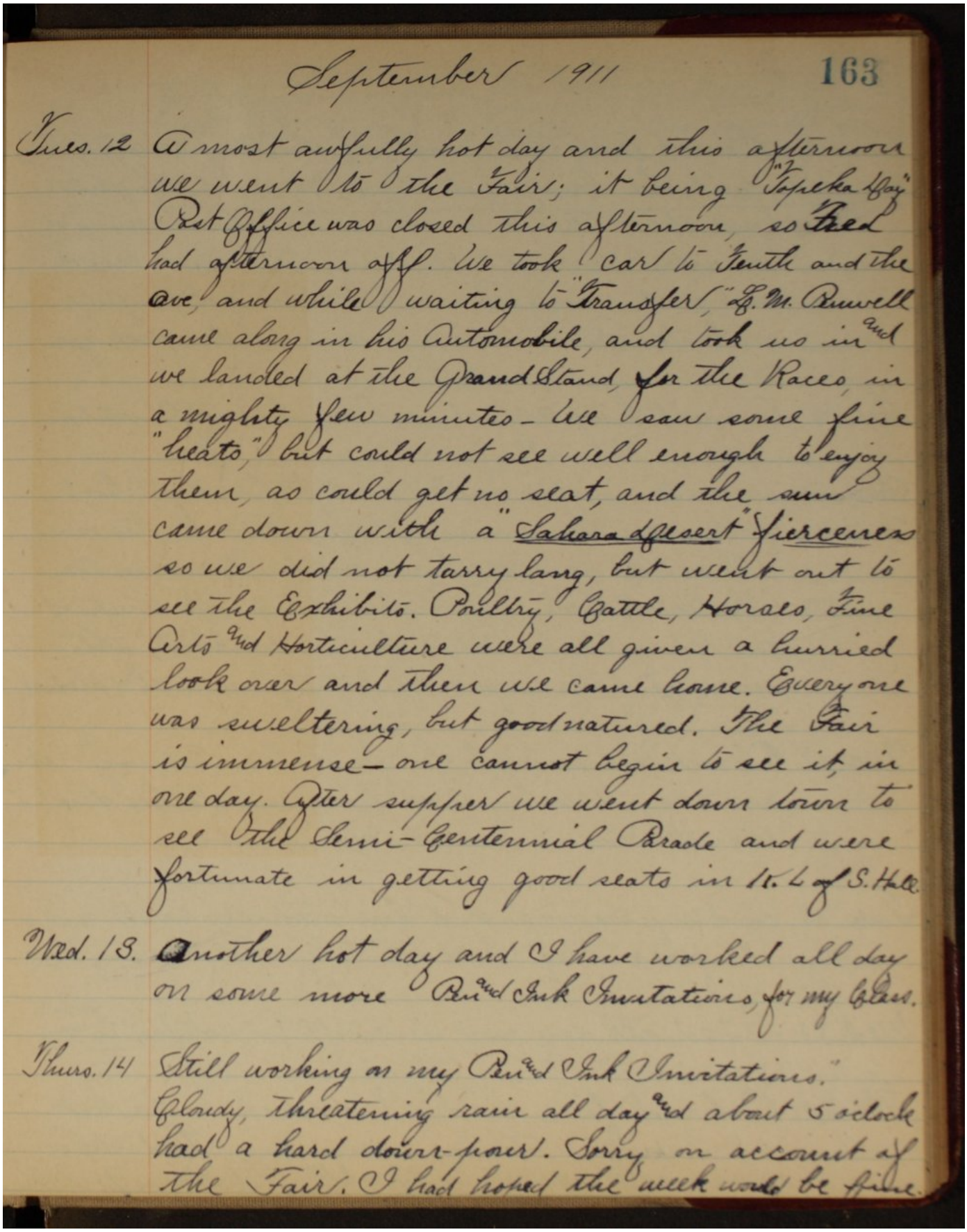
Thurs. 7 Spent all morning, on my writing "A Plea for Boys in the Bible School" and this afternoon, went up to see "Jonesie" who is miserable with Hay-fever. Fred and I went to the "Majestic" to see the Harry North Co. play "Wildfire". We enjoyed it hugely.

Fri. 8 Cool and pleasant, this warming up. Busy with my writing - wish it was done.

Sat. 9 My writing all done, but I worked mighty hard all day on it, and feel tired tonight. Mrs. Remington and Mrs. Armstrong in this afternoon

Sun. 10 Has rained awfully hard, almost all day, and raining at Sunday School time, so took a car only ten of my Class present, but that was more than any other Class, except the Young Men's. I walked home thro the rain and enjoyed it - so cool and refreshing.

Mon. 11 A most awfully hot day, but I got my washing out early, and had no hot work for rest of day. Saw my first "Aeroplane" this evening as we sat on the Porch. It had flown from the Fair Grounds to the State House and was on its way back. A very pretty flight.

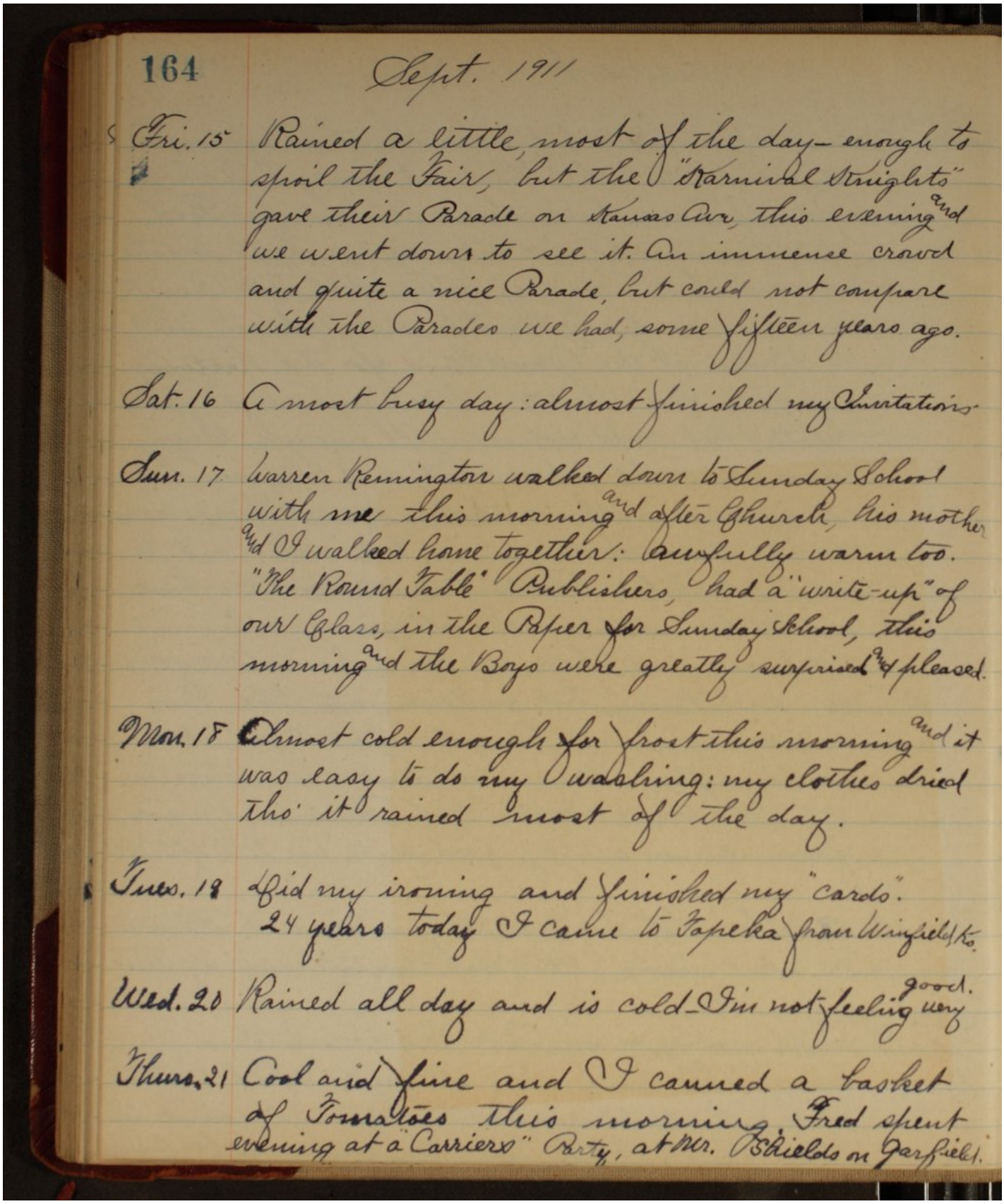


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Tues. 12 A most awfully hot day and this afternoon we went to the Fair; it being "Topeka Day" Post Office was closed this afternoon, so Fred had afternoon off. We took car to Tenth and the Ave, and while waiting to "Transfer," L. M. Powell came along in his Automobile, and took us in and we landed at the Grand Stand, for the Races, in a mighty few minutes - We saw some fine "heats," but could not see well enough to enjoy them, as could get no seat, and the sun came down with a "Sahara Desert" fierceness so we did not tarry long, but went out to see the Exhibits. Poultry, Cattle, Horses, Fine Arts and Horticulture were all given a hurried look over and then we came home. Everyone was sweltering, but good natured. The Fair is immense - one cannot begin to see it, in one day. After supper we went down town to see the Semi-Centennial Parade and were fortunate in getting good seats in N. L of S. Hall.

Wed. 13. Another hot day and I have worked all day on some more Red and Ink Invitations, for my Class.

Thurs. 14 Still working on my Red and Ink Invitations. Cloudy, threatening rain all day and about 5 o'clock had a hard down-pour. Sorry on account of the Fair. I had hoped the week would be fine.



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Fri. 15 Rained a little, most of the day— enough to spoil the Fair, but the "Karnival Knights" gave their Parade on Kansas Ave, this evening and we went down to see it. An immense crowd and quite a nice Parade, but could not compare with the Parades we had, some fifteen years ago.

Sat. 16 A most busy day: almost finished my Invitations.

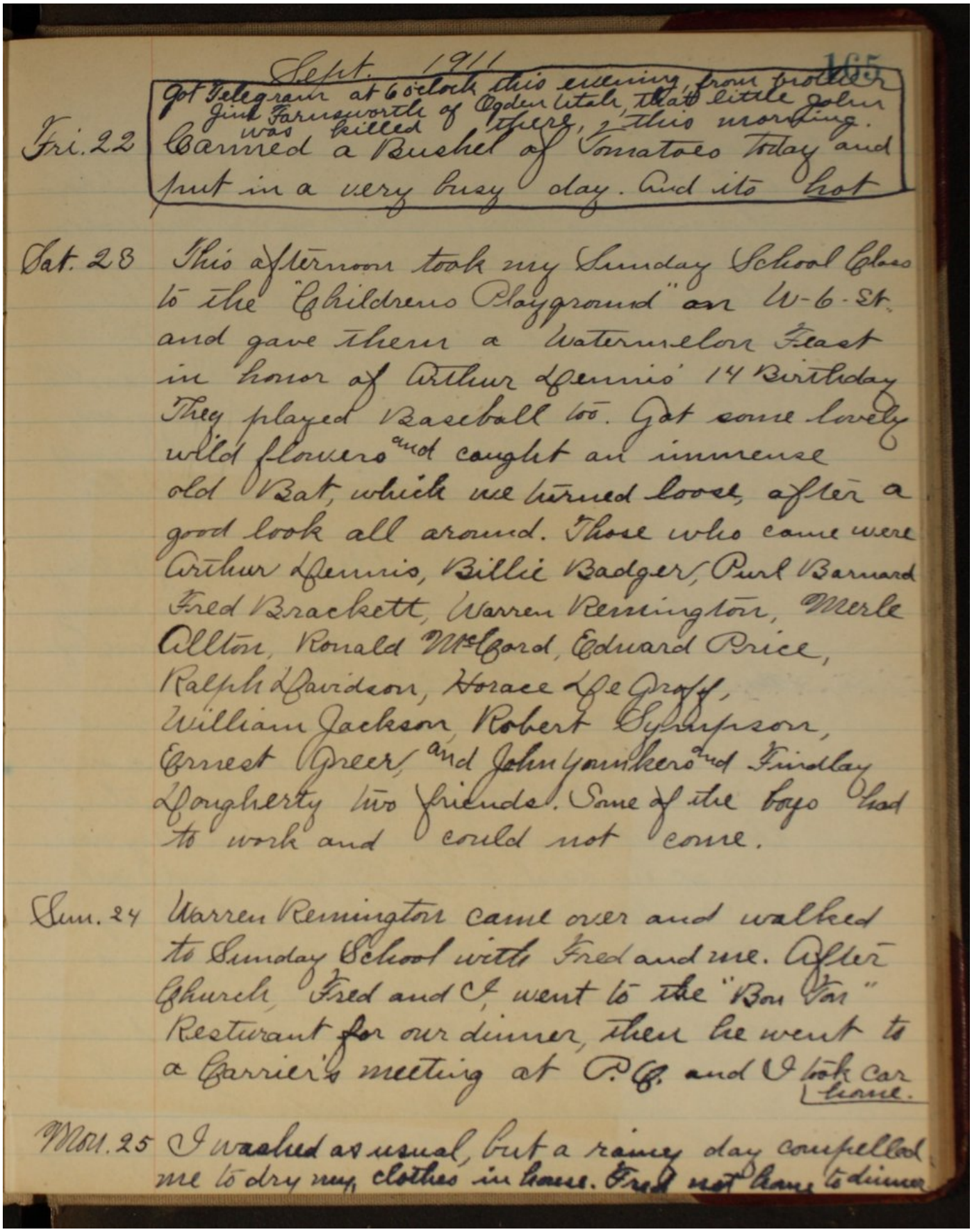
Sun. 17 Warren Remington walked down to Sunday School with me this morning and after Church, his mother and I walked home together: awfully warm too. "The Round Table" Publishers, had a "write-up" of our Class, in the Paper for Sunday School, this morning and the Boys were greatly surprised and pleased.

Mon. 18 Almost cold enough for frost this morning and it was easy to do my washing: my clothes dried tho' it rained most of the day.

Tues. 19 Did my ironing and finished my "cards". 24 years today I came to Topeka from Winfield Ks.

Wed. 20 Rained all day and is cold— I'm not feeling very good.

Thurs. 21 Cool and fine and I canned a basket of Tomatoes this morning. Fred spent evening at a "Carriers" Party, at Mr. Fields on Garfield.



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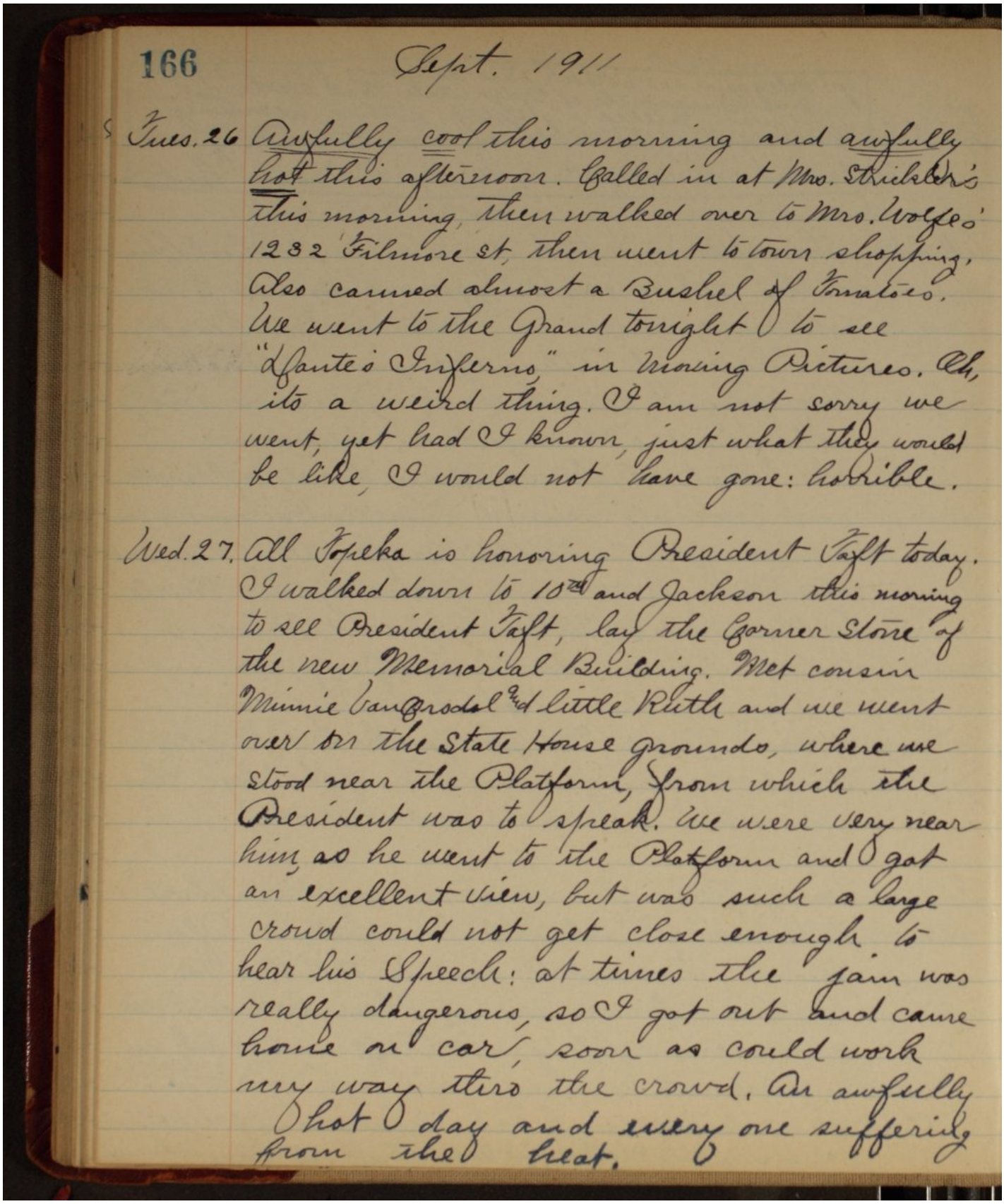
Got Telegram at 6 o'clock this evening from brother Jim Farnsworth of Ogden Utah, that little John was killed there, 2 this morning.

Fri. 22 Canned a Bushel of Tomatoes today and put in a very busy day. And its hot

Sat. 23 This afternoon took my Sunday School Class to the "Childrens Playground" on W-6-St. and gave them a Watermelon Feast in honor of Arthur Dennis' 14 Birthday They played Baseball too. Got some lovely wild flowers and caught an immense old Bat, which we turned loose, after a good look all around. Those who came were Arthur Dennis, Billie Badger, Purl Barnard Fred Brackett, Warren Remington, Merle Allton, Ronald McCord, Edward Price, Ralph Davidson, Horace LeGroff, William Jackson Robert Sympson, Ernest Greer, and John Youmkers and Findlay Dougherty two friends. Some of the boys had to work and could not come.

Sun. 24 Warren Remington came over and walked to Sunday School with Fred and me. After Church, Fred and I went to the "Bon Ton" Resturant for our dinner, then he went to a Carrier's meeting at P.O. and I took Car home.

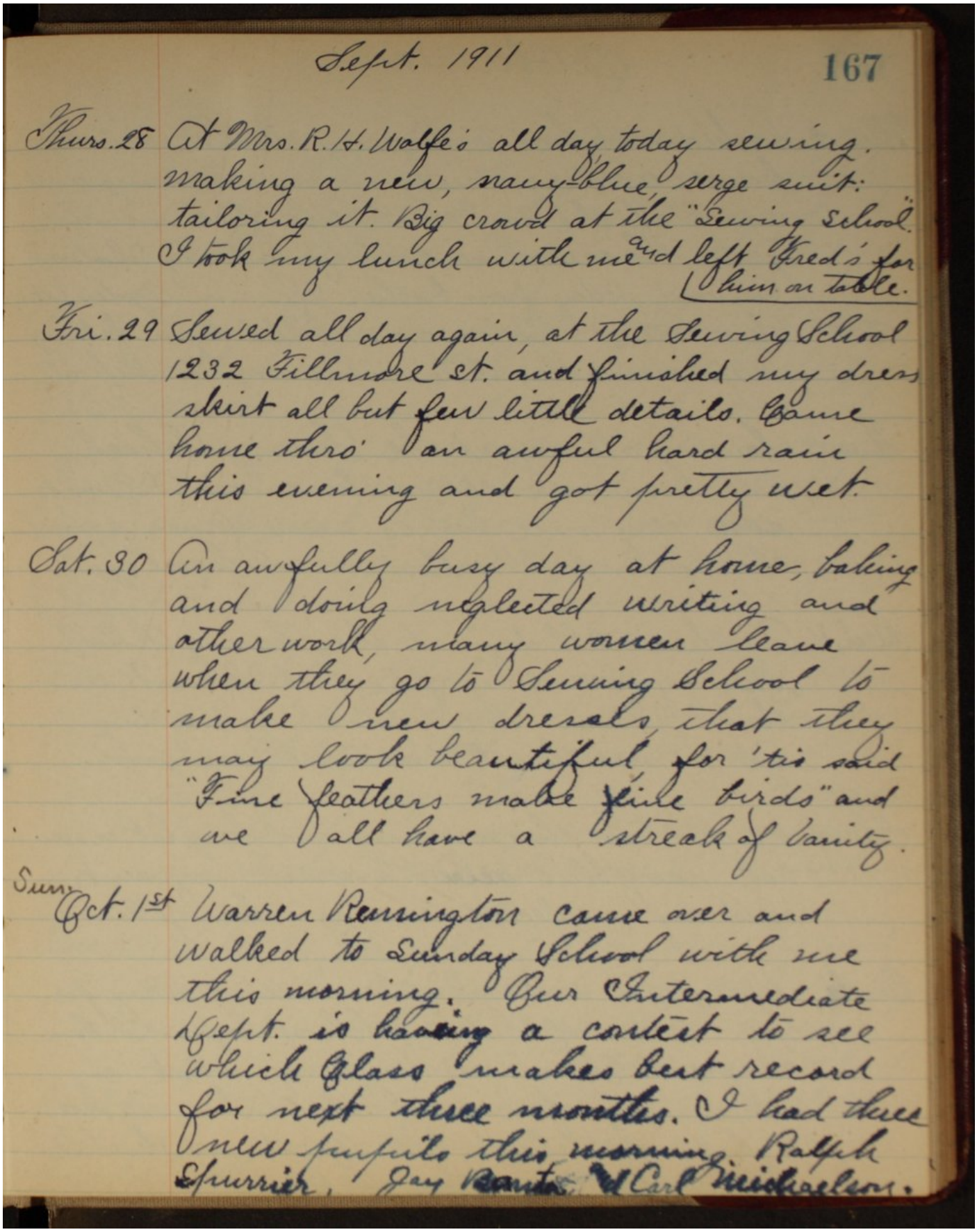
Mon. 25 I washed as usual, but a rainy day compelled me to dry my clothes in house. Fred not home to dinner



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Tues. 26 Awfully cool this morning and awfully hot this afternoon. Called in at Mrs. Stricklers this morning, then walked over to Mrs. Wolfes' 1282 Fillmore st, then went to town shopping. Also canned almost a Bushel of Tomatoes. We went to the Grand tonight to see "Dante's Inferno" in Moving Pictures. Oh, its a weird thing. I am not sorry we went, yet had I known just what they would be like, I would not have gone: horrible.

Wed. 27. All Topeka is honoring President Taft today. I walked down to 10th and Jackson this morning to see President Taft, lay the Corner Stone of the new Memorial Building. Met cousin Minnie VanBrodal and little Ruth and we went over on the State House grounds, where we stood near the Platform, from which the President was to speak. We were very near him, so he went to the Platform and I got an excellent view, but was such a large crowd could not get close enough to hear his Speech: at times the jam was really dangerous, so I got out and came home on car, soon as could work my way thro the crowd. An awfully hot day and every one suffering from the heat.



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Thurs. 28 At Mrs. R. H. Wolfe's all day today sewing. making a new, navy-blue, serge suit: tailoring it. Big crowd at the "Sewing School." I took my lunch with me and left Fred's for him on table.

Fri. 29 Sewed all day again, at the Sewing School 1232 Fillmore St. and finished my dress skirt all but few little details. Came home thro' an awful hard rain this evening and got pretty wet.

Sat. 30 An awfully busy day at home, baking and doing neglected writing and other work, many women leave when they go to Sewing School to make new dresses, that they may look beautiful, for 'tis said "Fine feathers make fine birds" and we all have a streak of vanity.

Sun. Oct. 1st Warren Remington came over and walked to Sunday School with me this morning. Our Intermediate Dept. is having a contest to see which Class makes best record for next three months. I had three new pupils this morning. Ralph Spurrier, Jay Bantz & Carl Michaelson.

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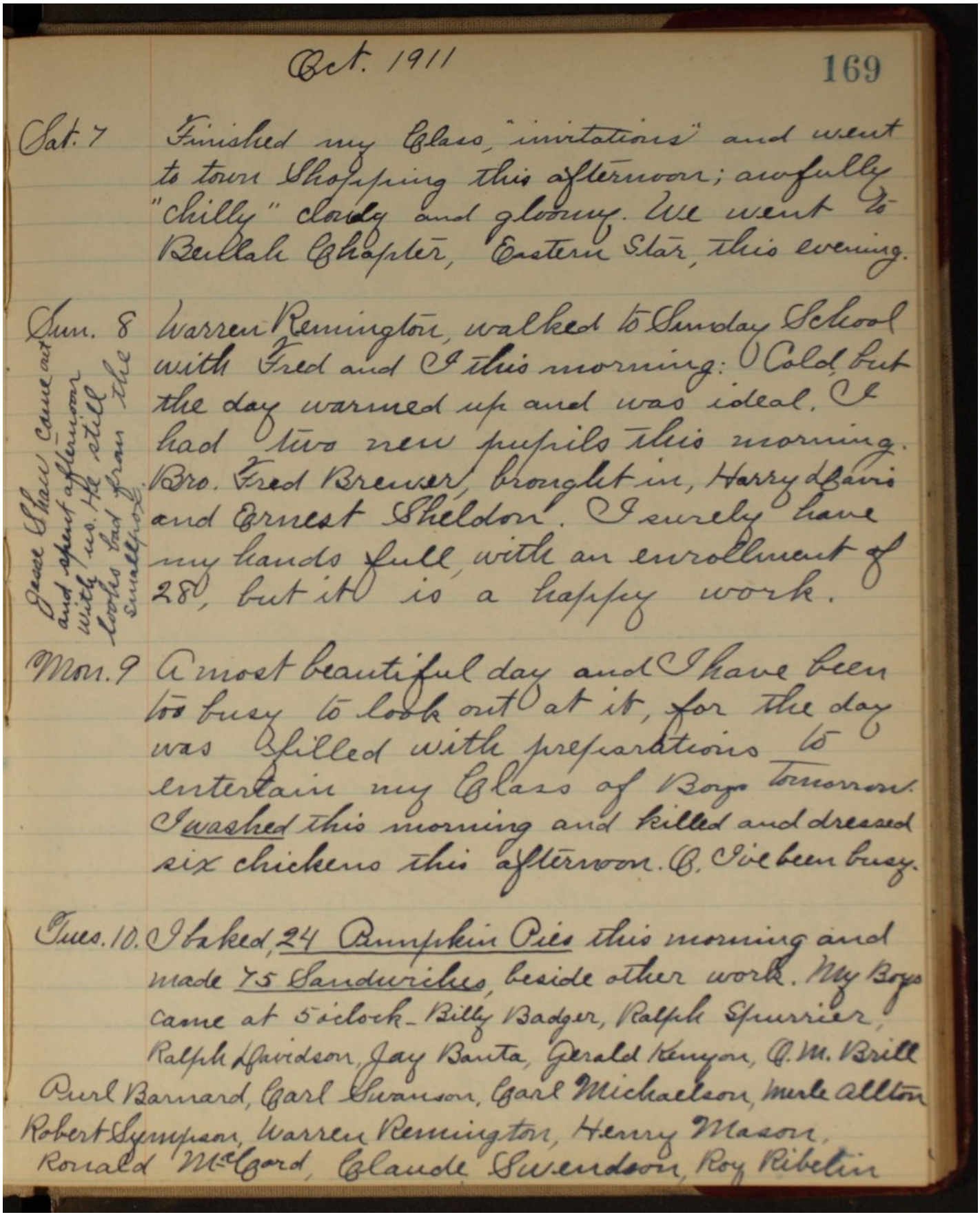
Mon. 2 Washed and had to dry my clothes in the house again; misty rainy morning and most of the day and I kept fire in the grate because so cool. Did my Sunday School work. Got word today from brother Jim in Ogden Utah that little John was killed by a falling Telephone-pole, while on his way to School.

Tues. 3 Sewing all day at the Sewing School. An immense crowd there, and I met some very nice ladies, aside from some old friends. I walked over and home again.

Wed. 4 Another "all day" at the Sewing School. They say I'm doing fine, but I can't see that I am accomplishing anything. Got a sore throat and don't feel very good.

Thurs. 5 Went to town this morning and bought a new hat, navy-blue velvet to match my suit. Did my neglected ironing this afternoon.

Fri. 6 Doing "pen and ink" Invitations today for my Class of Sunday School boys. I have a great Class and my, my, what an out-pouring of oneself it takes, to keep a hold on them, but O, its worthwhile. One lives, when they do for boys.



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Sat. 7 Finished my Class "invitations" and went to town Shopping this afternoon; awfully "chilly" cloudy and gloomy. We went to Beulah Chapter, Eastern Star, this evening.

Sun. 8 Warren Remington, walked to Sunday School with Fred and I this morning. Cold, but the day warmed up and was ideal. I had two new pupils this morning. Bro. Fred Brewer, brought in, Harry Davis and Ernest Sheldon. I surely have my hands full, with an enrollment of 28, but it is a happy work.

Jesse Shaw came out and spent afternoon with us. He still looks sad from the smallpox

Mon. 9 A most beautiful day and I have been too busy to look out at it, for the day was filled with preparations to entertain my Class of Boys tomorrow. I washed this morning and killed and dressed six chickens this afternoon. O. I've been busy.

Tues. 10. I baked, 24 Pumpkin Pies this morning and made 75 Sandwiches, beside other work. My Boys came at 5 o'clock - Billy Badger, Ralph Spurrier, Ralph Davidson, Jay Banta, Gerald Kenyon, O. M. Brill Purl Barnard, Carl Swanson, Carl Michaelson, Merle Allton Robert Sympson, Warren Remington, Henry Mason, Ronald McCord, Claude Swendson, Roy Ribelin

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Arthur D. Ennis, Horace Le Groff, Edward Price, William Jackson, Lyman King and Fred Brackett. 22 Boys and they were the noisiest ever. They elected Officers. Lyman K., President, Ralph L., Vice-President Ronald M., Secretary and Merle A., Treasurer. B. M. Bill, Carl Swanson and Fred Brackett were especially, rude and discourteous tonight. I hardly know how to go about it, to help them overcome such objectionable trait. We had a most happy evening however, in spite of these 3 boys, who acted naughty. We saw the new Comet in the West this evening, but it was quite dim. Our Party tonight was to celebrate, Fred Brackett's 14 Birthday, which was yesterday and William Jackson's 15 Birthday, which will be Thurs. I had it the time to give two Parties, so gave all in one evening.

Wed. 11 A busy, "cleaning up" day and doing some more Cards for another Party next week. "Jonesie" called this morning and brought me a lovely loaf of Salt Rising bread.

(want to state would this afternoon and Thurs. I got me a new waist)

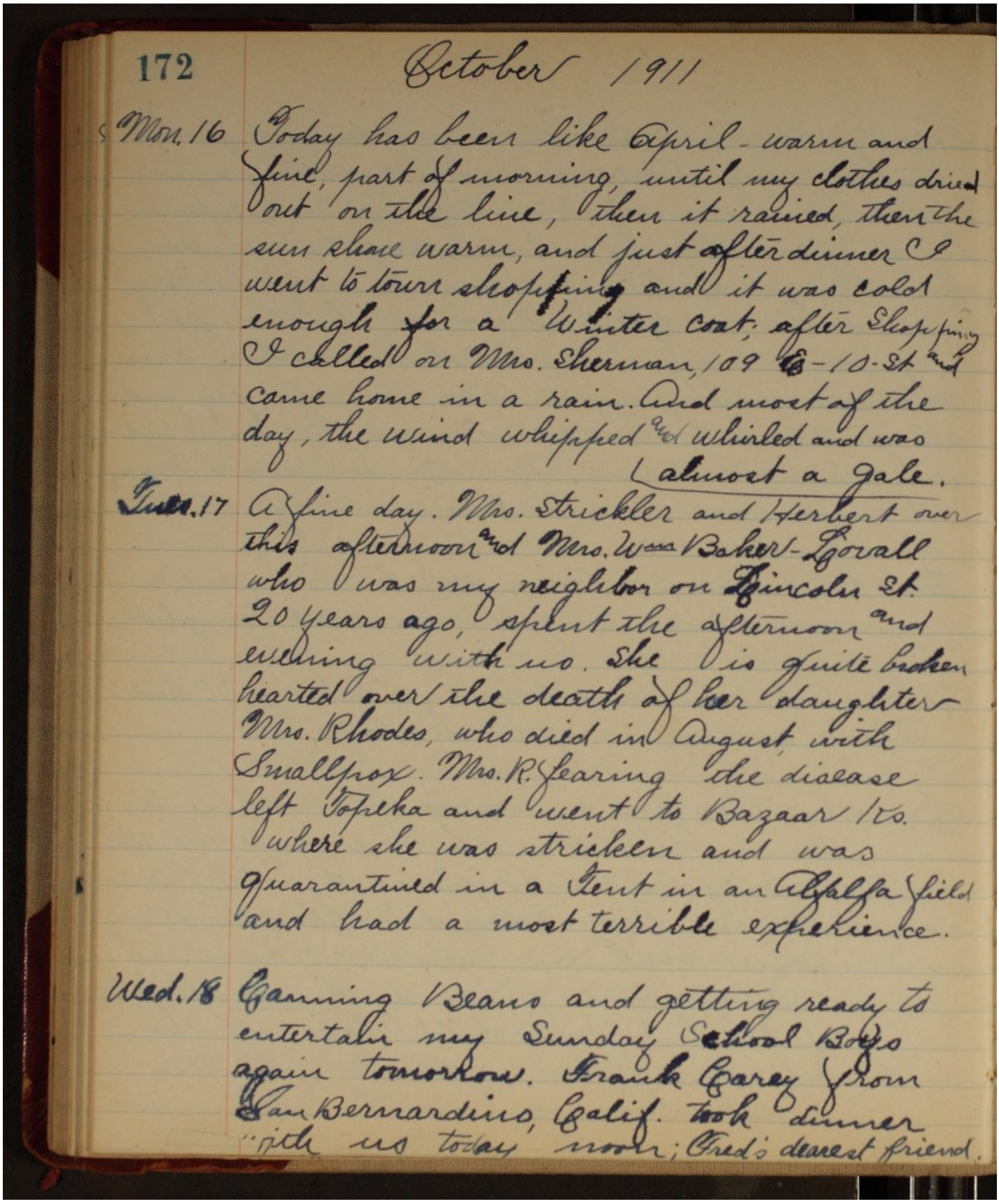
Thurs. 12 Went with Jonesie this afternoon to Good Government Club at Miss Kline's 103 Western Ave. A fine meeting. I was on Program for

"Sufferage Notes" and all said my notes were good. A number congratulated me warmly. The papers had announced the defeat of Sufferage in California but just at close of our meeting, Mrs. W. A. Johnston got a Telegram, announcing "Victory for Women in California". We all shouted for joy, some hugged and kissed one another, some cried and some jumped "up and down" for joy and all joined most heartily in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We were a happy lot. Had hard rain this evening.

Fri. 13 I made 27 "Pen and Ink" Post card invitations today, and am tired tonight.

Sat. 14 A fine day and beside my baking, I had "a mountain of work todo."

Sun. 15 Another fine day. Warren R. walked to Sunday School with Fred and me, this morning. I had 27 present in Class. Two new boys, Edward Webber and Robert Roth. An enrollment now of 30 boys and find my hands almost full, but it would take all the Boys in the world to fill my heart. They are so worth working for.

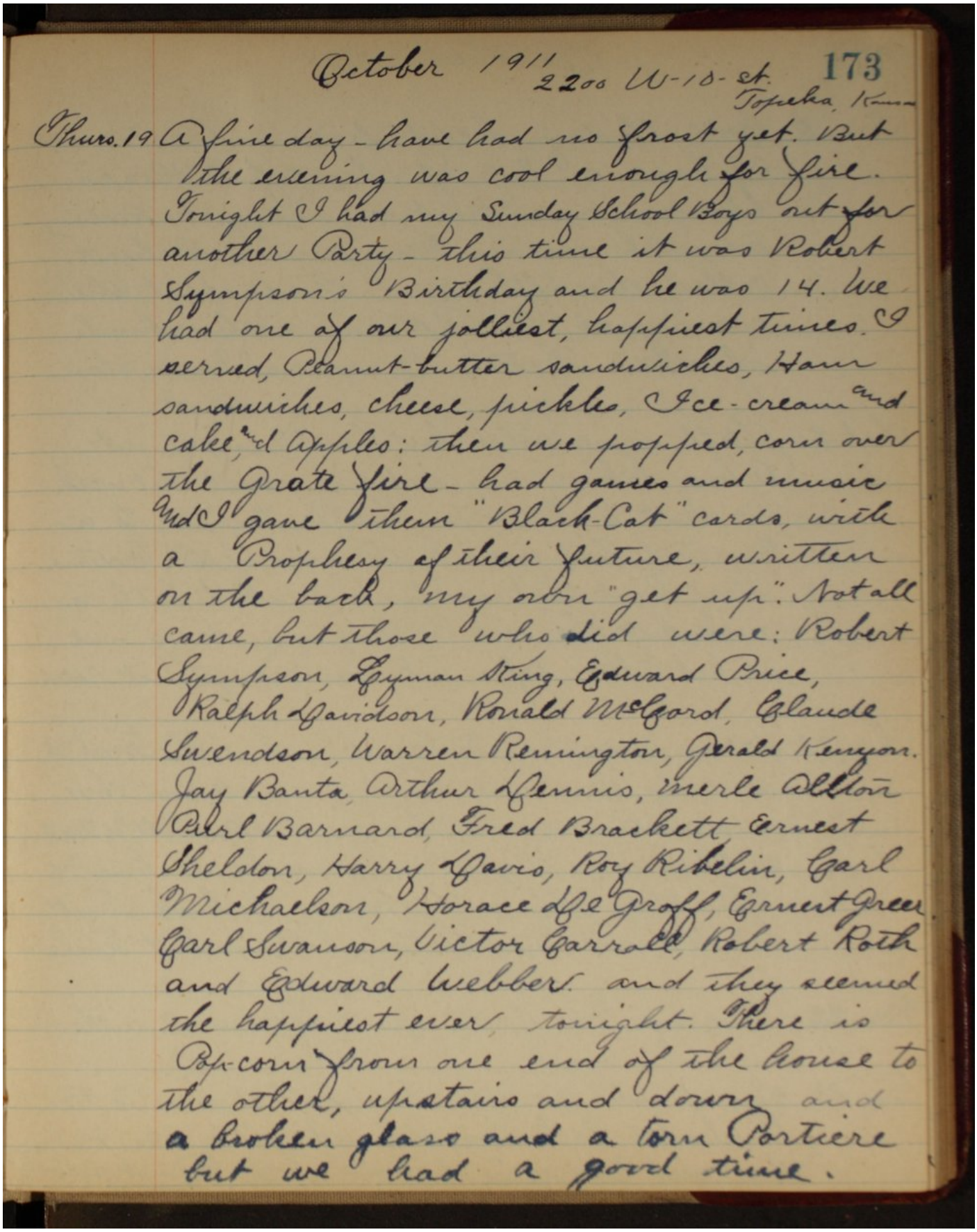


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Mon. 16 Today has been like April - warm and fine, part of morning, until my clothes dried out on the line, then it rained, then the sun shone warm, and just after dinner I went to town shopping and it was cold enough for a Winter coat; after shopping I called on Mrs. Sherman, 109 E - 10 - St and came home in a rain. And most of the day, the wind whipped and whirled and was almost a gale.

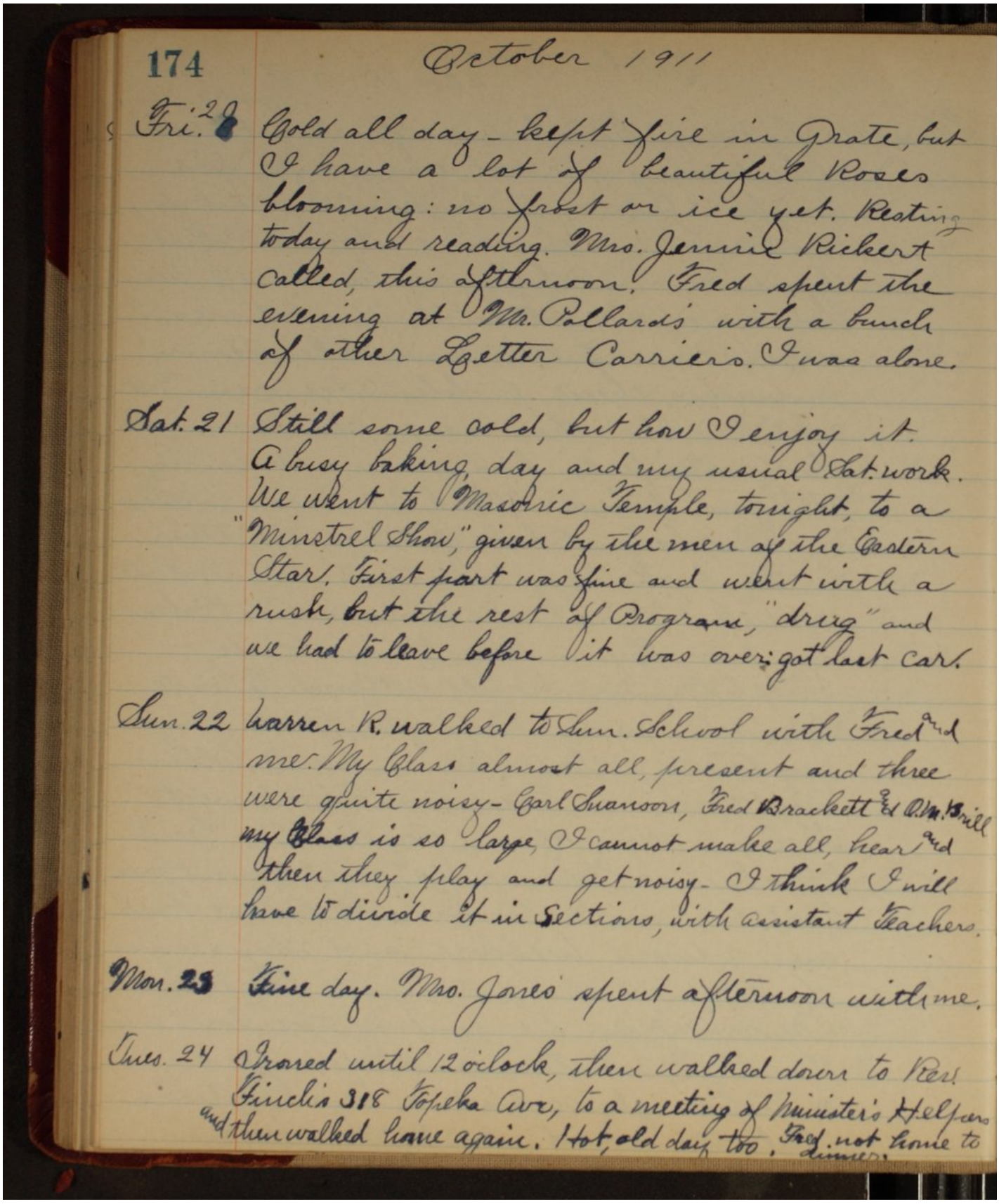
Tues. 17 A fine day. Mrs. Strickler and Herbert over this afternoon and Mrs. Wm Baker - Lovell who was my neighbor on Lincoln St. 20 years ago, spent the afternoon and evening with us. She is quite broken hearted over the death of her daughter Mrs. Rhodes, who died in August with Smallpox. Mrs. R. fearing the disease left Topeka and went to Bazaar Ks. where she was stricken and was quarantined in a Tent in an Alfalfa field and had a most terrible experience.

Wed. 18 Canning Beans and getting ready to entertain my Sunday School Boys again tomorrow. Frank Carey from San Bernardino, Calif. took dinner with us today noon; Fred's dearest friend.



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Thurs. 19 A fine day - have had no frost yet. But the evening was cool enough for fire. Tonight I had my Sunday School Boys out for another Party - this time it was Robert Sympson's Birthday and he was 14. We had one of our jolliest, happiest times. I served, Peanut-butter sandwiches, Ham sandwiches, cheese, pickles, Ice-cream and cake, and Apples: then we popped, corn over the Grate fire - had games and music and I gave them "Black-Cat" cards, with a Prophesy of their future, written on the back, my own "get up": Not all came, but those who did were: Robert Sympson, Lyman King, Edward Price, Ralph Davidson, Ronald McCord, Claude Swendson, Warren Remington, Gerald Kenyon. Jay Banta, Arthur Dennis, Merle Allton Earl Barnard, Fred Brackett, Ernest Sheldon, Harry Davis, Roy Ribelin, Carl Michaelson, Horace McGroff, Ernest Green Carl Swanson, Victor Carroll, Robert Roth and Edward Webber. and they seemed the happiest ever tonight. There is Pop-corn from one end of the house to the other, upstairs and down and a broken glass and a torn Portiere but we had a good time.



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Fri. 20 Cold all day - kept fire in Grate, but I have a lot of beautiful Roses blooming: no frost or ice yet. Resting today and reading. Mrs. Jennie Rickert called, this afternoon. Fred spent the evening at Mr. Pollard's with a bunch of other Letter Carriers. I was alone.

Sat. 21 Still some cold, but how I enjoy it. A busy baking day and my usual Sat. work. We went to Masonic Temple, tonight, to a "Minstrel Show," given by the men of the Eastern Star. First part was fine and went with a rush, but the rest of Program, "drug" and we had to leave before it was over; got last car.

Sun. 22 Warren R. walked to Sun. School with Fred and me. My Class almost all present and three were quite noisy - Carl Swanson, Fred Brackett & Wm. Bill my Class is so large, I cannot make all hear and then they play and get noisy. I think I will have to divide it in Sections, with assistant Teachers.

Mon. 23 Fine day. Mrs. Jones spent afternoon with me.

Tues. 24 Ironed until 12 o'clock, then walked down to Rev. Finch's 318 Topeka Ave, to a meeting of Minister's Helpers and then walked home again. Hot, old day too. Fred not home to dinner.