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 1919 and 1920. 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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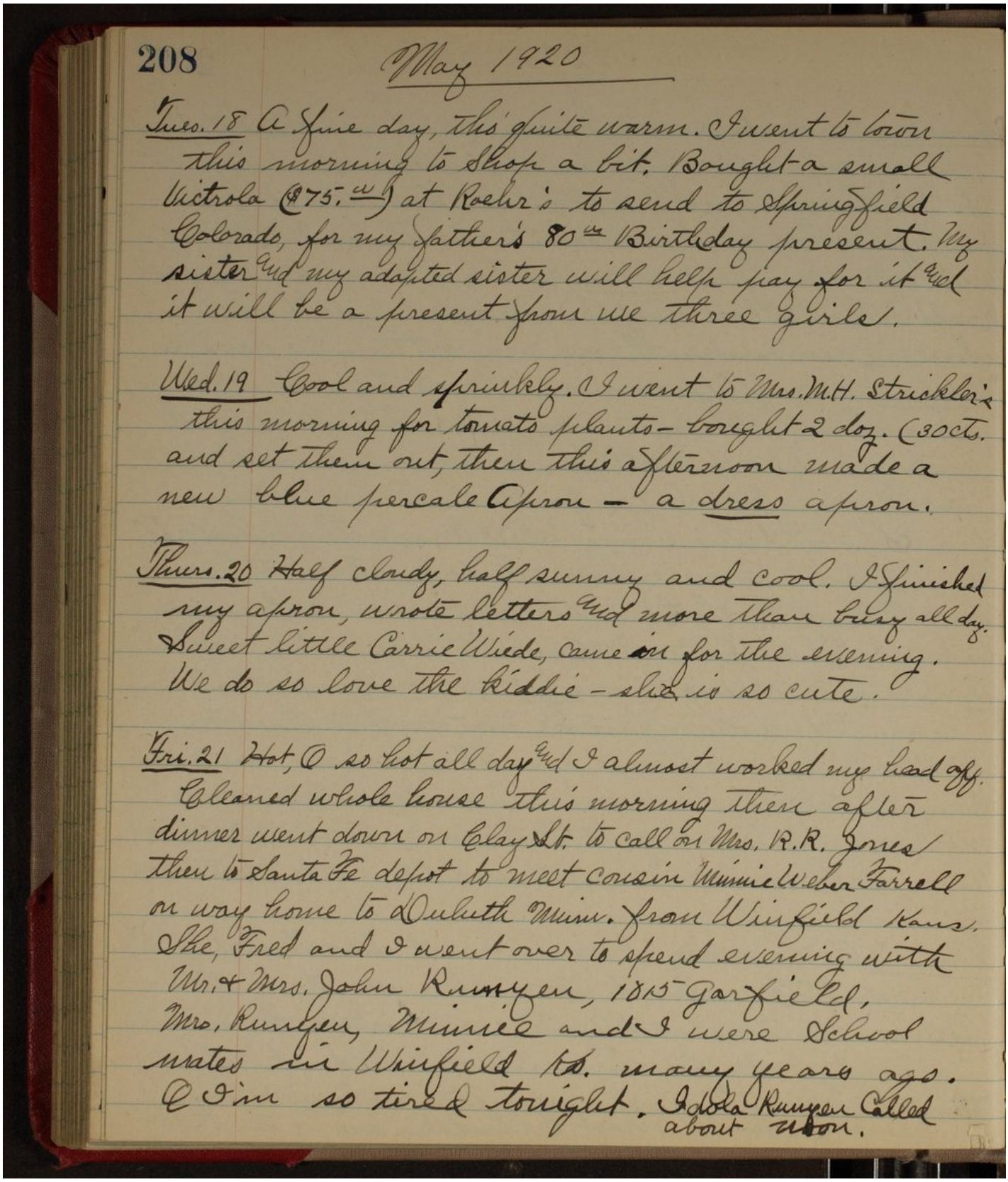
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Sun. 16 Dark, damp, misty, cloudy - most unpleasant day. So cool we built a fire in the grate. We went to S.S. & Church - small crowd - I had in Class, Edwin Jones, John Keating & Fred Brackett, and Thelma McComas and after the first closing-bell had rung, Bob Simpson Ronald McCord & Carl Duffy came, but I don't see where I can make things any better - we have a "Pepless" set of Officers, or at least they don't stir things. In our home this afternoon, were Fred & Nan Brackett Edwin Jones, Edith Barrett, John Keating, Nancy Boone Woods Bob Simpson & Mr. Duffy, Jay Banta Frances Holman Virgil Scholes & this evening Scott Brown Florence Fraser, Virgil Scholes Bernice Heath, Fred & Nan Brackett Ronald McCord Ruth Lemon, Robt. Simpson Katharine Albaugh, Edwin Jones & Jack Miller - they are a joy Bunch & I don't know what we would do without them. Nancy told me this afternoon, that she is to be grandma in Dec. She is to become a mother, and is very happy - Dear little girl, she seems so young to become a mother, yet it is God's greatest blessing to mankind & Nancy will make a sweet, sensible, little Mother.

Mon. 17 A fine day. I washed and ironed. Teddy home to Lunch at noon. We went to the Orpheum this evening to see Christine Bimmey in "Erstwhile Susan" and we liked it - also the the "Santa Fe Girls" Specialty - we knew Helen Campbell and May Eelbracker, two of the 12 girls.



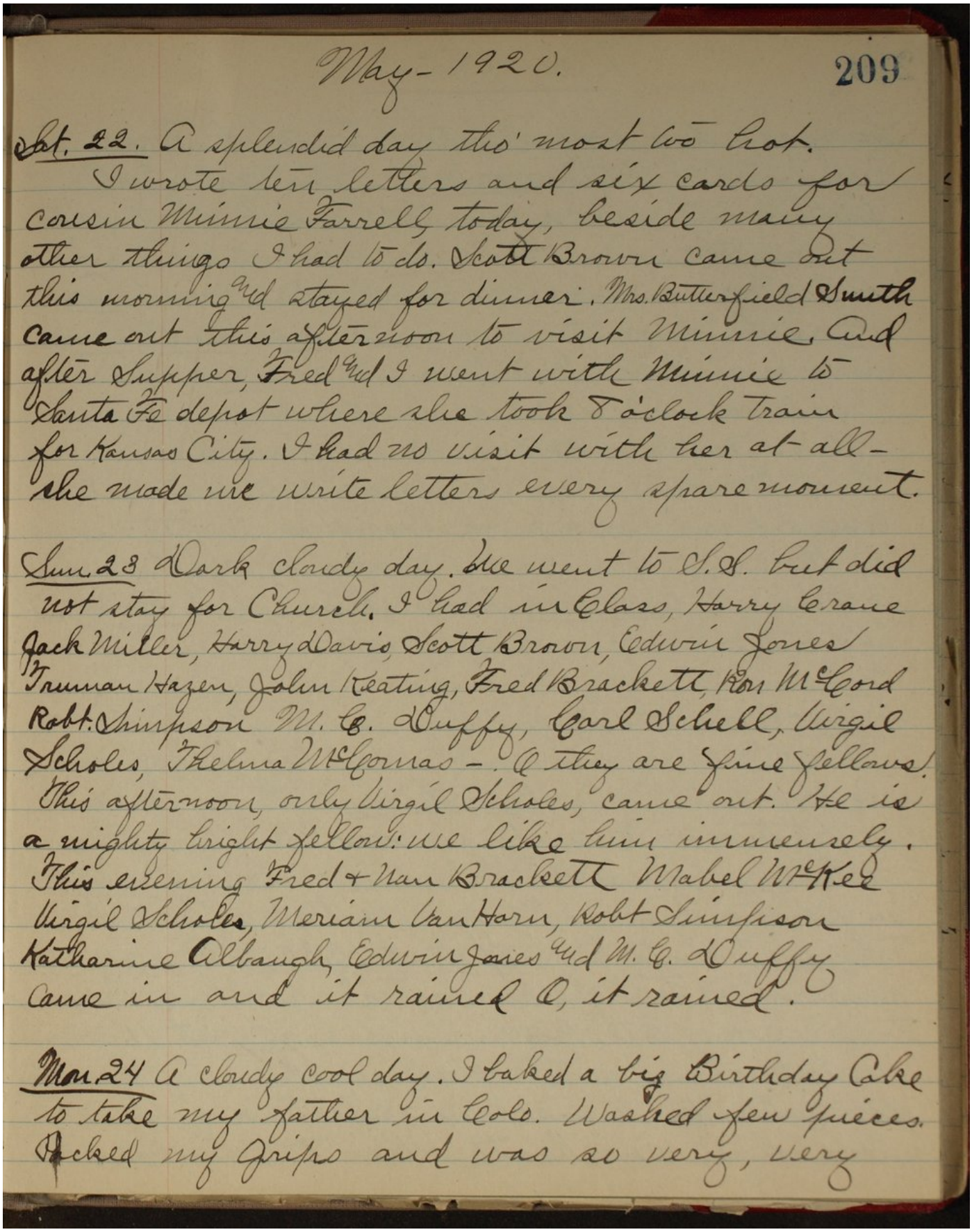
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Tues. 18 A fine day, this quite warm. I went to town this morning to shop a bit. Bought a small Victrola ($75.00) at Roehr's to send to Springfield Colorado, for my father's 80th Birthday present. My sister and my adopted sister will help pay for it and it will be a present from we three girls.

Wed. 19 Cool and sprinkly. I went to Mrs. M.H. Strickler's this morning for tomato plants - bought 2 doz. (30cts.) and set them out, then this afternoon made a new blue percale Apron - a dress apron.

Thurs. 20 Half cloudy, half sunny and cool. I finished my apron, wrote letters and more than busy all day. Sweet little Carrie Wiede, came in for the evening. We do so love the kiddie - she is so cute.

Fri. 21 Hot, O so hot all day and I almost worked my head off. Cleaned whole house this morning then after dinner went down on Clay St. to call on Mrs. R.R. Jones then to Santa Fe depot to meet cousin Minnie Weber Farrell on way home to Duluth Minn. from Winfield Kans. She, Fred and I went over to spend evening with Mr. & Mrs. John Runyen, 1815 Garfield. Mrs. Runyen, Minnie and I were School mates in Winfield Ks. many years ago. O I'm so tired tonight. Idola Runyen called about noon.

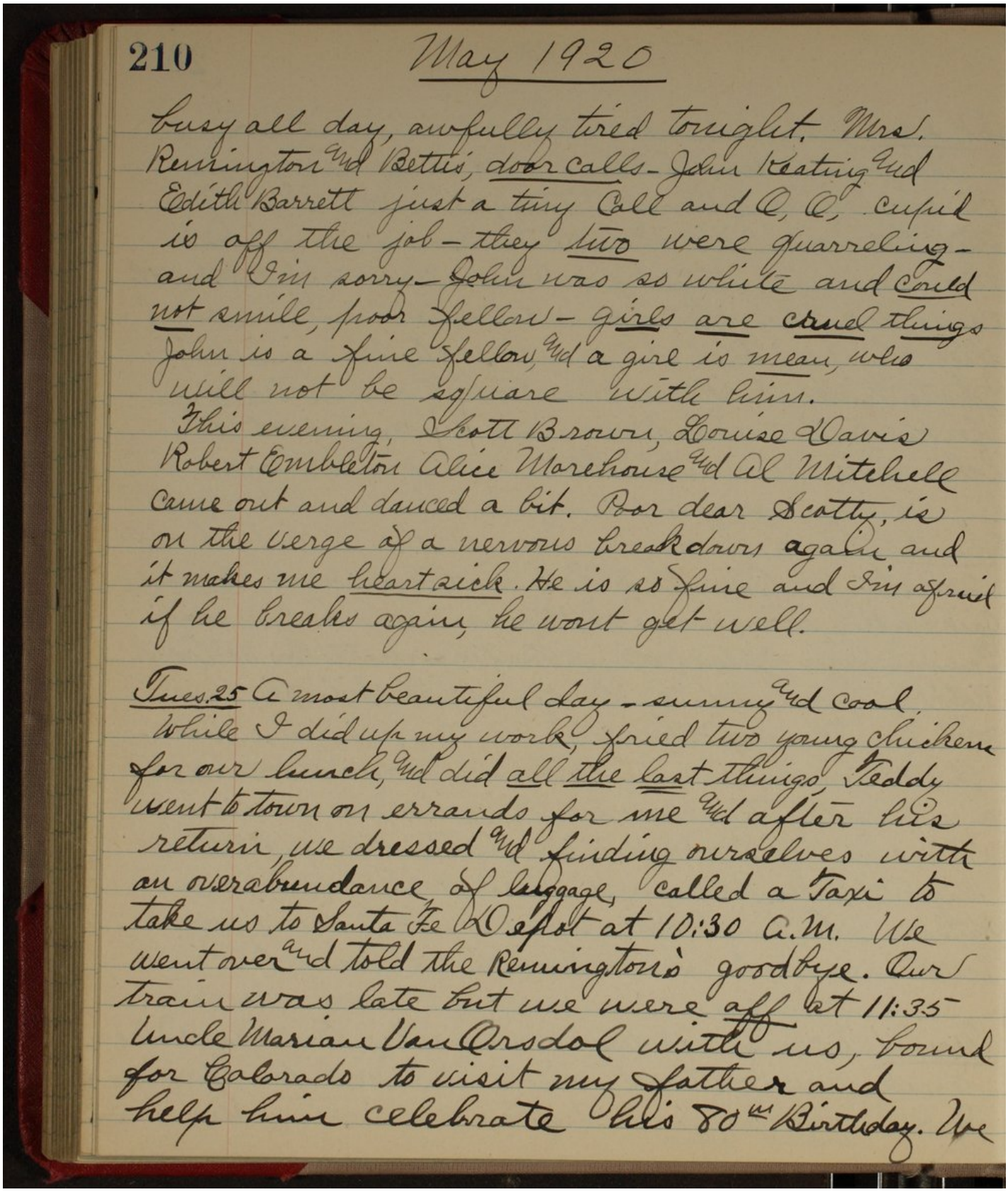


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Sat. 22. A splendid day tho' most too hot.
I wrote ten letters and six cards for cousin Minnie Farrell today, beside many other things I had to do. Scott Brown came out this morning and stayed for dinner. Mrs. Butterfield Smith came out this afternoon to visit Minnie. And after Supper, Fred and I went with Minnie to Santa Fe depot where she took 8 o'clock train for Kansas City. I had no visit with her at all - she made me write letters every spare moment.

Sun. 23 Dark cloudy day. We went to S.S. but did not stay for Church. I had in Class, Harry Crane Jack Miller, Harry Davis, Scott Brown, Edwin Jones Truman Hazen, John Keating, Fred Brackett, Ros McCord Robt. Simpson M. C. Duffy, Carl Schell, Virgil Scholes, Thelma McComas - & they are fine fellows. This afternoon, only Virgil Scholes, came out. He is a mighty bright fellow: we like him immensely. This evening Fred & Nan Brackett Mabel McKee Virgil Scholes, Meriam VanHorn, Robt Simpson Katharine Albaugh, Edwin Jones and M. C. Duffy came in and it rained & it rained.

Mon. 24 A cloudy cool day. I baked a big Birthday Cake to take my father in Colo. Washed few pieces. Packed my grips and was so very, very

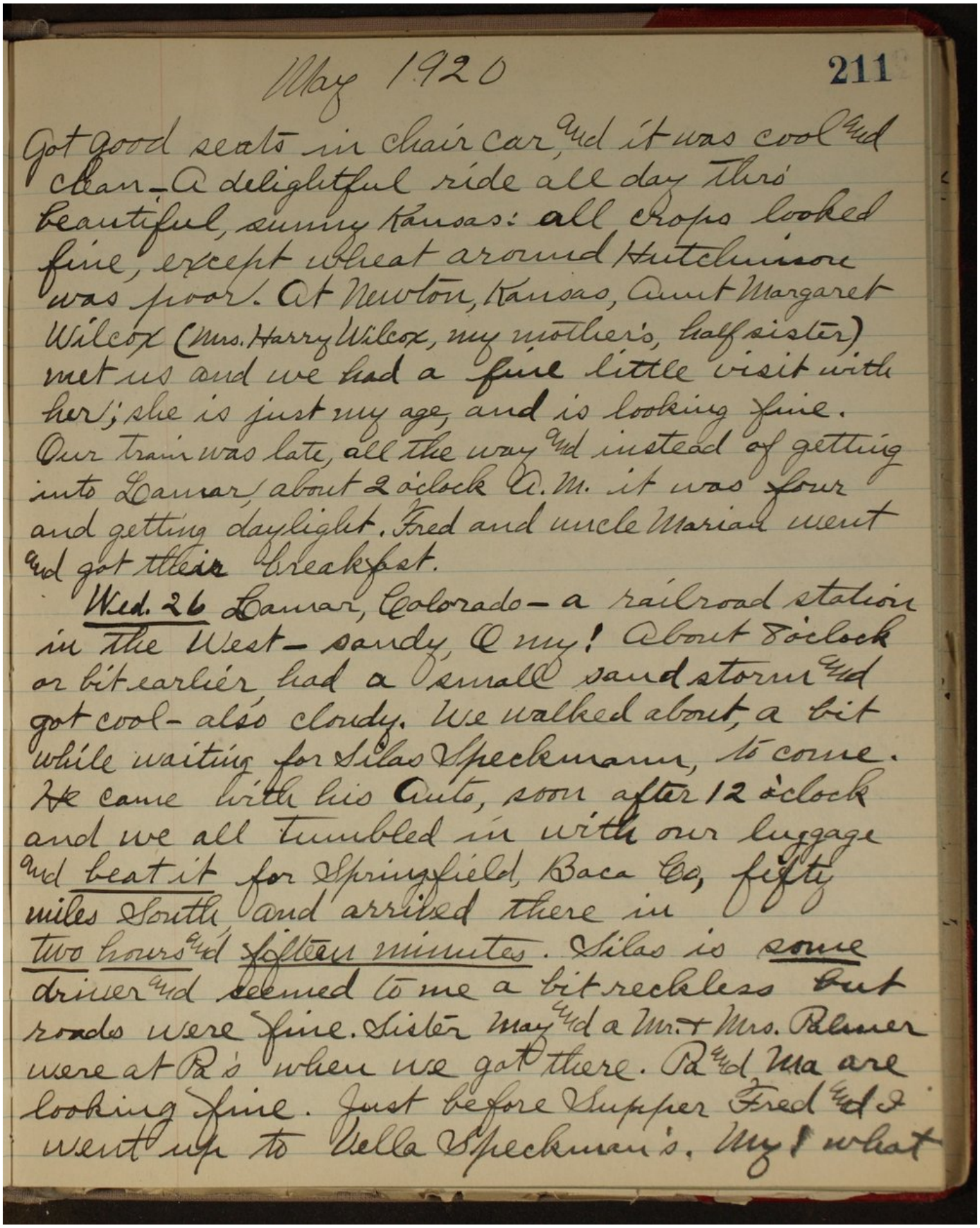


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busy all day, awfully tired tonight. Mrs. Remington and Bettis, door calls - John Keating and Edith Barrett just a tiny call and C. C. cupid is off the job - they two were quarreling - and I'm sorry - John was so white and could not smile, poor fellow - girls are cruel things John is a fine fellow and a girl is mean, who will not be square with him.

This evening Scott Brown, Louise Davis Robert Embleton Alice Morehouse and Al Mitchell came out and danced a bit. Poor dear Scotty, is on the verge of a nervous breakdown again and it makes me heartsick. He is so fine and I'm afraid if he breaks again, he wont get well.

Tues. 25 A most beautiful day - sunny and cool, while I did up my work, fried two young chickens for our lunch, and did all the last things. Teddy went to town on errands for me and after his return, we dressed and finding ourselves with an overabundance of baggage, called a Taxi to take us to Santa Fe R. R. depot at 10:30 A.M. We went over and told the Remingtons goodbye. Our train was late but we were off at 11:35 - Uncle Marian VanArsdol with us, bound for Colorado to visit my father and help him celebrate his 80th Birthday. We



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Got good seats in chair car, and it was cool and clean. A delightful ride all day thru beautiful, sunny Kansas: all crops looked fine, except wheat around Hutchinson was poor. At Newton, Kansas, Aunt Margaret Wilcox (Mrs. Harry Wilcox, my mother's, half sister) met us and we had a fine little visit with her; she is just my age, and is looking fine. Our train was late, all the way and instead of getting into Lamar, about 2 o'clock A. M. it was four and getting daylight. Fred and uncle Marian went and got their breakfast.

Wed. 26 Lamar, Colorado – a railroad station in the West – sandy, O my! About 8 o'clock or bit earlier had a small sand storm and got cool – also cloudy. We walked about a bit while waiting for Silas Speckmann, to come. He came with his Auto, soon after 12 o'clock and we all tumbled in with our luggage and beat it for Springfield, Baca Co, fifty miles South and arrived there in two hours and fifteen minutes. Silas is some driver and seemed to me a bit reckless but roads were fine. Sister May and a Mr. & Mrs. Palmer were at Pa's when we got there. Pa and Ma are looking fine. Just before Supper Fred and I went up to Della Speckman's. My! what

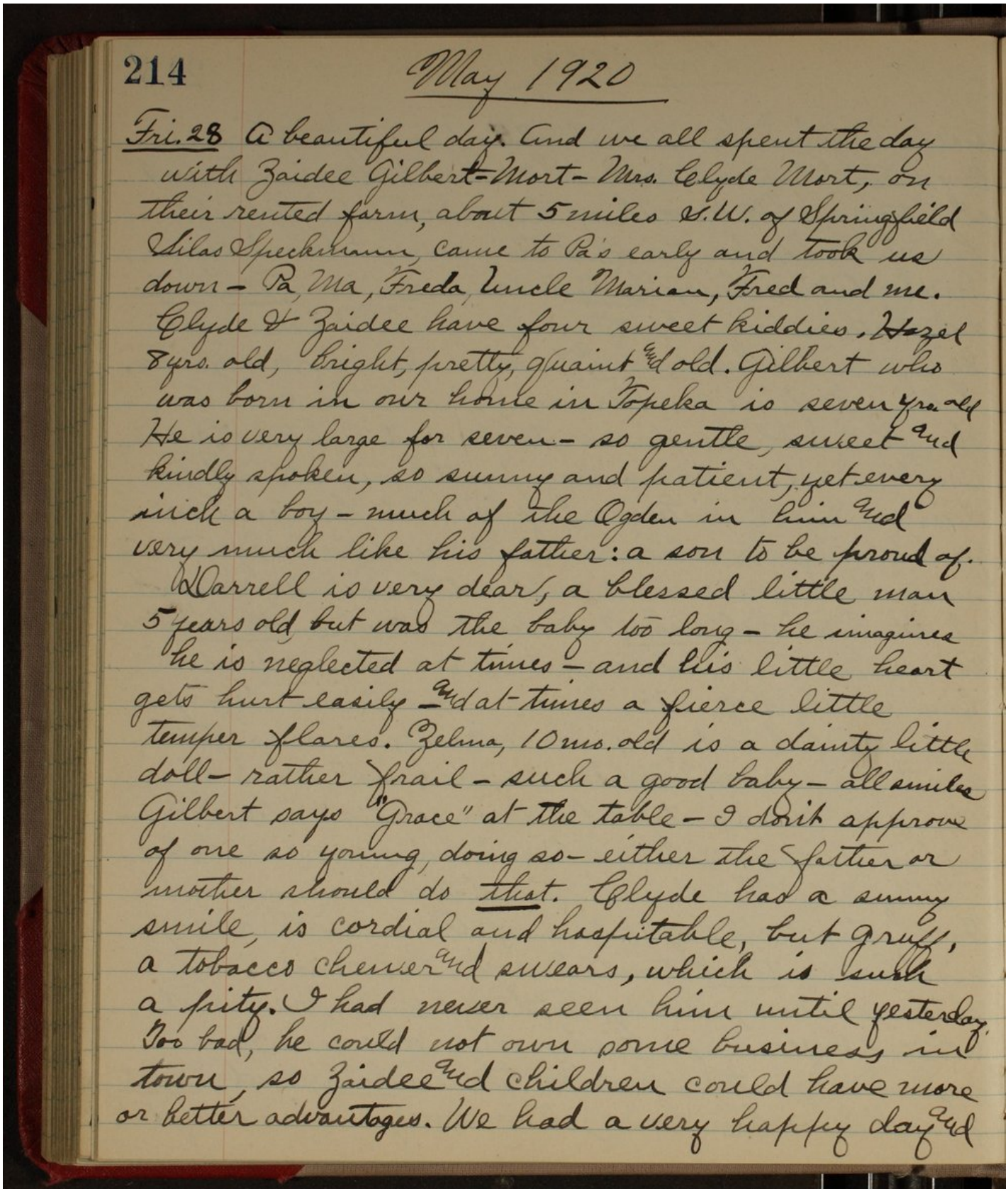
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a dear little flock of "Kiddies" she has. Nine children and oldest not yet 15 yrs. old. We are so glad to see every body, even tho' an expensive trip for such High C.L. times. Fred must lose his time too. Well, tonight Uncle Marian, Fred and I stay all night with Pa; May and Parmer's go to Zaidee Mort's.

Thurs. 27 After a good night's sleep, on a soft, downey, roly poly feather bed, in the home of my beloved father we awaken this morning, my Teddy and me, in the little village of Springfield, Baca Co., Colorado, instead of Topeka Kansas - and the morning is chill with a fine mist. Cold and cloudy all day, tho' the sun peeped out a few times! And what a happy day - for all the family gathered to help my father celebrate his 80th Birthday. He is 80 years young today. Snow white, his hair and beard, but he's very erect, alert, active, as a man of 50's. He is a dear, good, father and I'm so thankful he keeps young, but he insists on working too hard. All the Speckmann family (11 of them) were here to dinner. Nella (Mrs. Speckmann) is my cousin also my adopted sister. And all the Mort's came - Zaidee (Mrs. Mort) is my niece - 6 in family. Sister May came and Mr. + Mrs. Parmer; Freda Baker - my niece - came from Denver and

uncle Marian VanOrsdol - 26 of us for dinner. May, Vella and I, presented Pa at $75.00 Victrola - Fred + I also took out $18.00 worth of Records. And I brought him from Topeka the Birthday cake, I baked before leaving. A delicious, Lady Baltimore - an extra large one, with snowy white icing upon which were 80 English Walnut, halves, and 80 pink, candy rose-buds, holding 80 pink candles - we placed the cake in the centre of the dinner table and lighted all the candles and it was a very pretty sight. After dinner, I took pictures of Pa and his great Grandchildren, also Vella's 9 children. By getting in a "lick" whenever I could catch Pa unawares I got him "half licked" on his Birthday - 40 licks and no more - too sly and too quick for any of us. Cousin Lulu Rogers + Burt, came in this evening for a call - I had not seen her since we were girls about 35 years ago, and of course, did not know her. Her son Henry stopped a moment at the gate - a fine looking fellow, whom I had never seen before.

May went home with Zaidee this evening and Freda stayed all night here at Pa's with rest of us. This is third time, I have been in my father's home, since Fred + I were married over 26 years ago. Fred's salary has not been large enough to live on, and take us both, and I won't go and leave him home, to be lonely - it is not right.



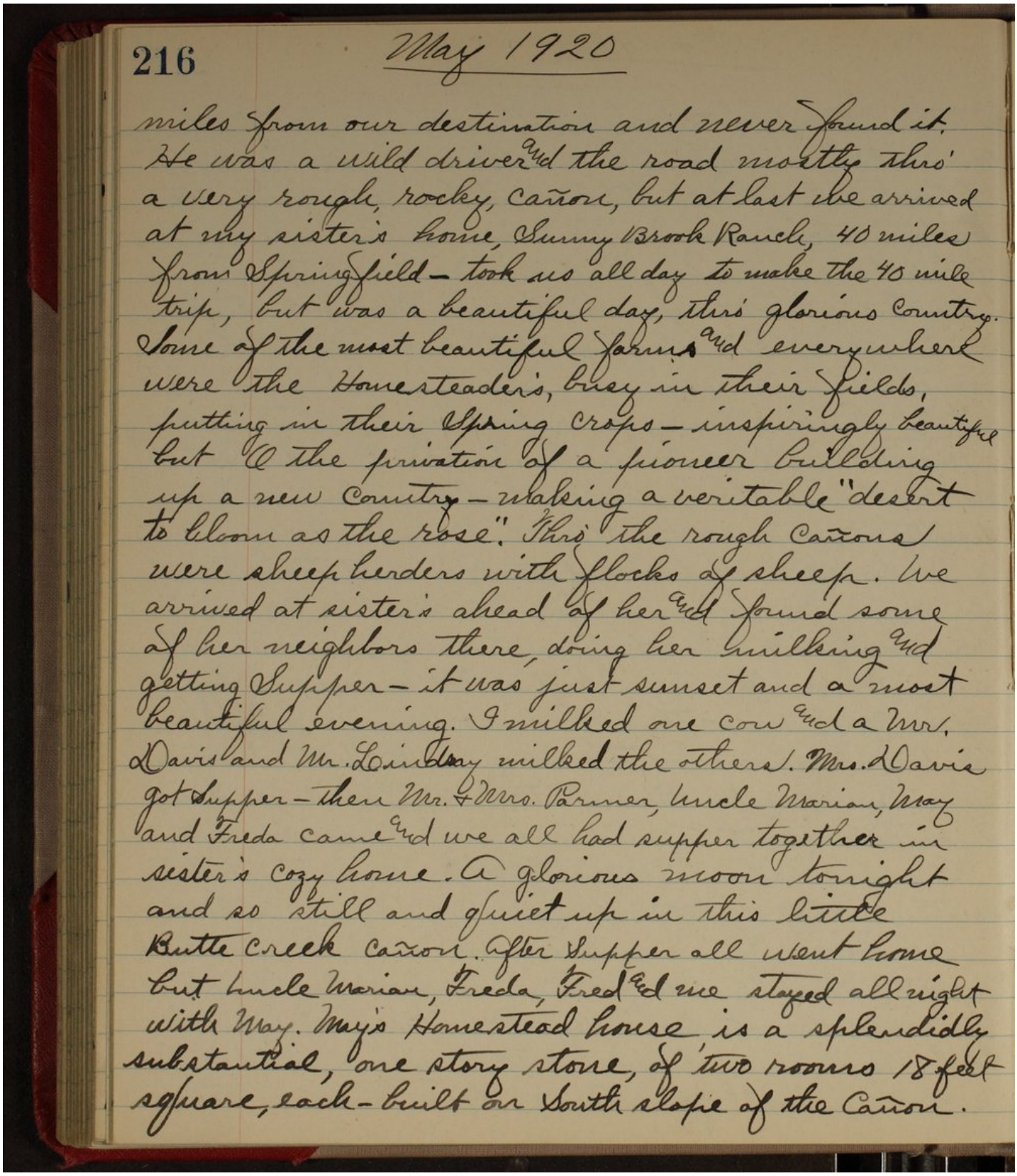
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Fri. 28 A beautiful day. And we all spent the day with Zaidee Gilbert-Mort- Mrs. Clyde Mort, on their rented farm, about 5 miles S.W. of Springfield Silas Speckhamm came to Pa's early and took us down - Pa, Ma, Freda, Uncle Marion, Fred and me. Clyde & Zaidee have four sweet kiddies. Hazel 8 yrs. old, bright, pretty, quaint & old. Gilbert who was born in our home in Topeka is seven yrs. old He is very large for seven - so gentle, sweet & kindly spoken, so sunny and patient, yet every inch a boy - much of the Ogden in him & very much like his father: a son to be proud of. Darrell is very dear, a blessed little man 5 years old but was the baby too long - he imagines he is neglected at times - and his little heart gets hurt easily - & at times a fierce little temper flares. Zelma, 10 mos. old is a dainty little doll - rather frail - such a good baby - all smiles Gilbert says "Grace" at the table - I don't approve of one so young, doing so - either the father or mother should do that. Clyde had a sunny smile, is cordial and hospitable, but gruff, a tobacco chewer & swears, which is such a pity. I had never seen him until yesterday. Too bad, he could not own some business in town, so Zaidee & children could have more or better advantages. We had a very happy day &

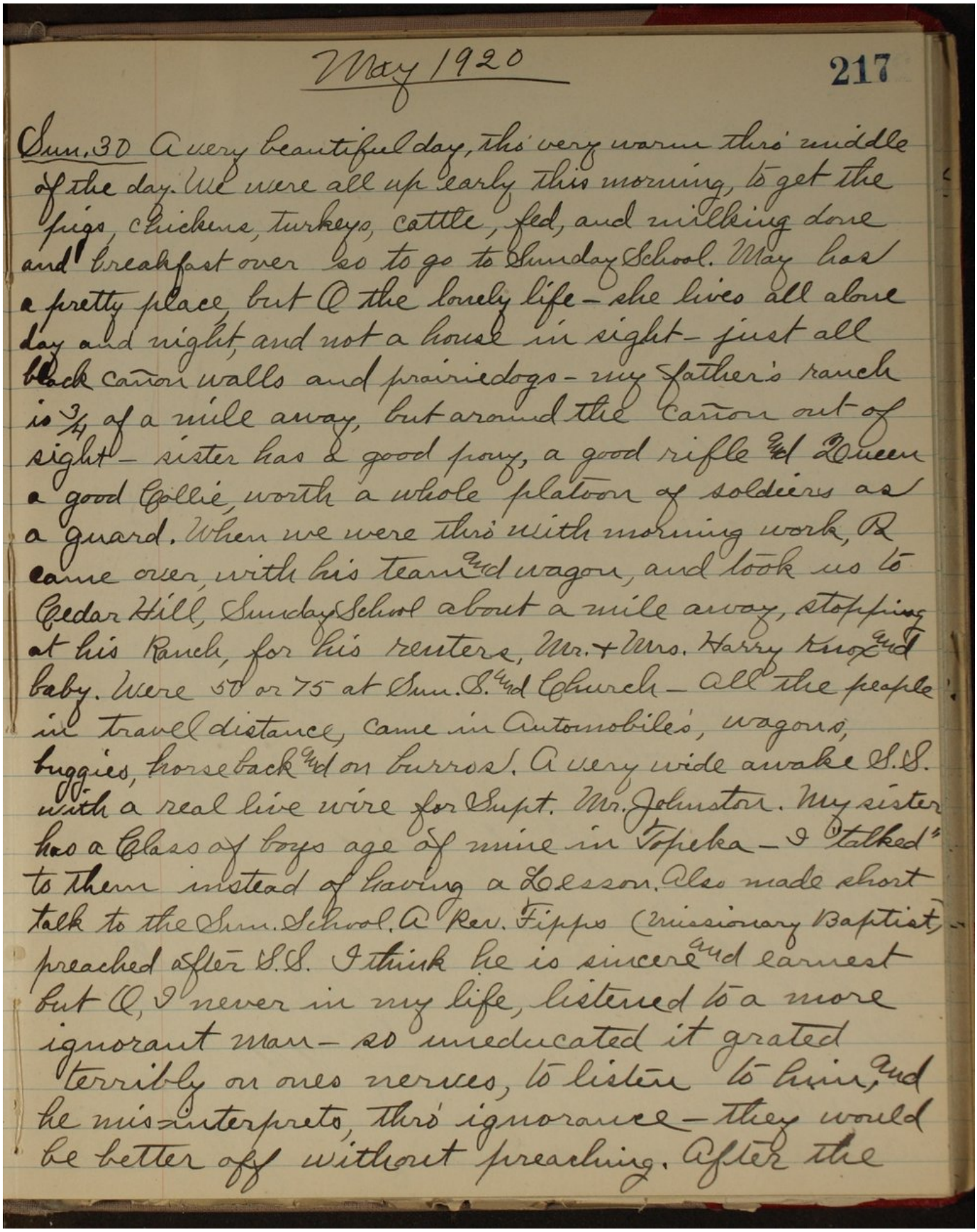
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I took lots of pictures, today – this evening Silas came and took us back to Pa's and we all went up to Silas + Della's for Supper and to spend the evening – Pa, Ma Freda, Uncle Marian, May, Mrs. Parmer, Fred and me. We had a very happy day and evening together. May, Freda, Mrs. Parmer, Uncle Marian, Fred + I stayed all night at Pa's. Another night on a feather bed.

Sat. 29 A fine morning but a hot day. Early this morning I went to call on Cousin Lulu Burt and she took me over to see their new Baptist church – such a pretty and convenient little chapel – Fred + Uncle Marian came for me and we hurried to Pa's and took Auto's for May's Ranch, "Sunny Brook" 40 miles S. W. Pa, Ma, Fred + I with Gerald Kemper – we had a "grub box", Pa's new Victrola and a dozen baby chicks (white Wyandotte) I brought May from Topeka. Mr. Parmer came in and took May, Freda, Uncle Marian and Mrs. Parmer – Mr. Parmer took the lead and we left town about 9:15 A. M. About 18 miles out Parmer's had a "blow out." Six minutes later another – 20 miles out, near Joy-Coy – we had three "blowouts" in succession and Parmer had "Magneto" trouble – We got Nichols from Joy Coy to take us on out to May's and Kemper went back to Springfield on the rim. And Nichols lost a whole tire some ten

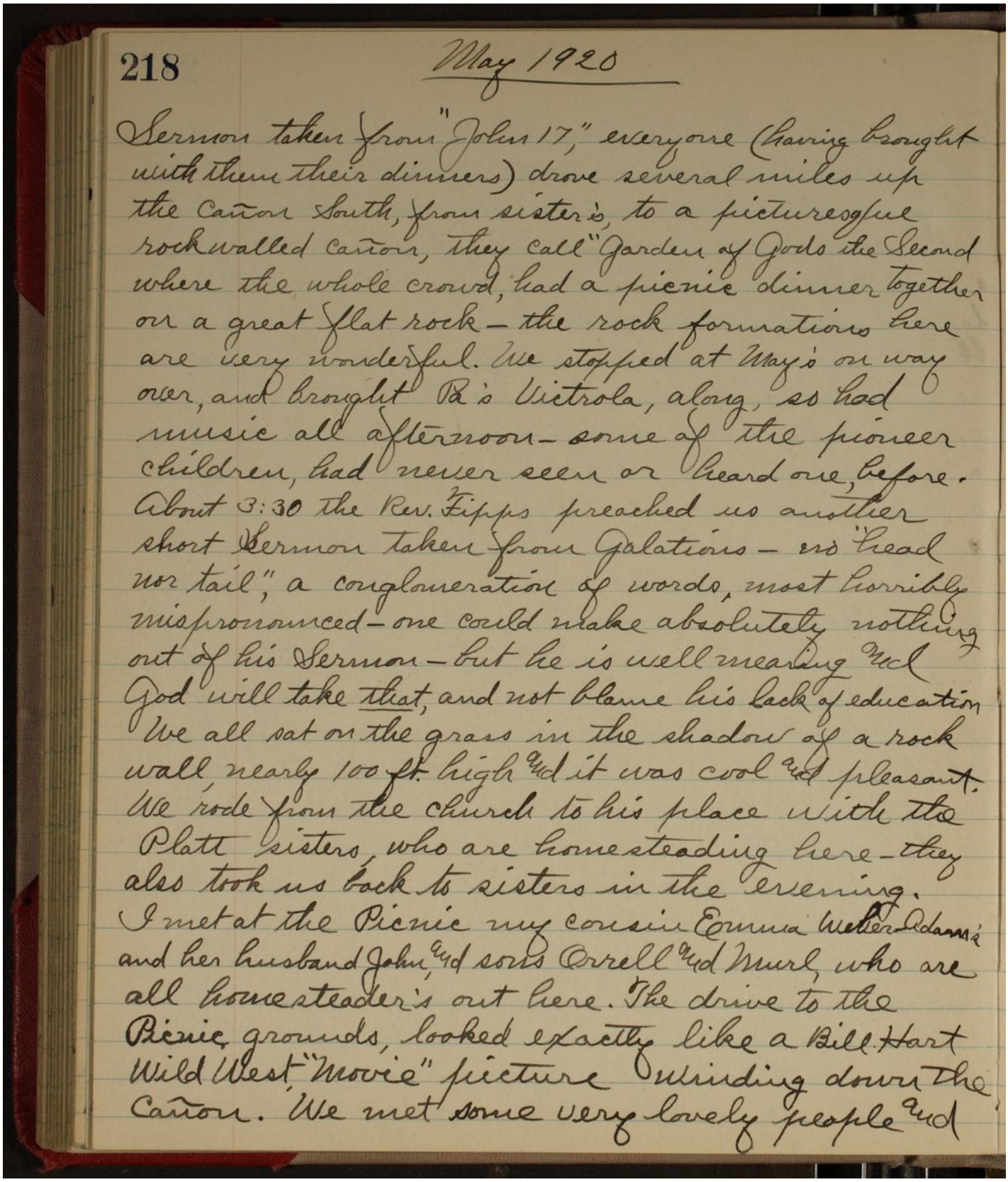


miles from our destination and never found it. He was a wild driver and the road mostly thro' a very rough, rocky, cañon, but at last we arrived at my sister's home, Sunny Brook Ranch, 40 miles from Springfield – took us all day to make the 40 mile trip, but was a beautiful day, thro' glorious country. Some of the most beautiful farms and everywhere were the Homesteaders, busy in their fields, putting in their Spring crops – inspiringly beautiful but O the privation of a pioneer building up a new country – making a veritable "desert to bloom as the rose". Thro' the rough cañons were sheep herders with flocks of sheep. We arrived at sister's ahead of her and found some of her neighbors there, doing her milking and getting Supper – it was just sunset and a most beautiful evening. I milked one cow and a Mrs. Davis and Mr. Lindsay milked the others. Mrs. Davis got Supper – then Mr. & Mrs. Parmer, Uncle Marian, May and Freda came and we all had supper together in sister's cozy home. A glorious moon tonight and so still and quiet up in this little Butte Creek cañon. After Supper all went home but Uncle Marian, Freda, Fred and me stayed all night with May. May's Homestead house is a splendidly substantial, one story stone, of two rooms 18 feet square, each – built on South slope of the Cañon.



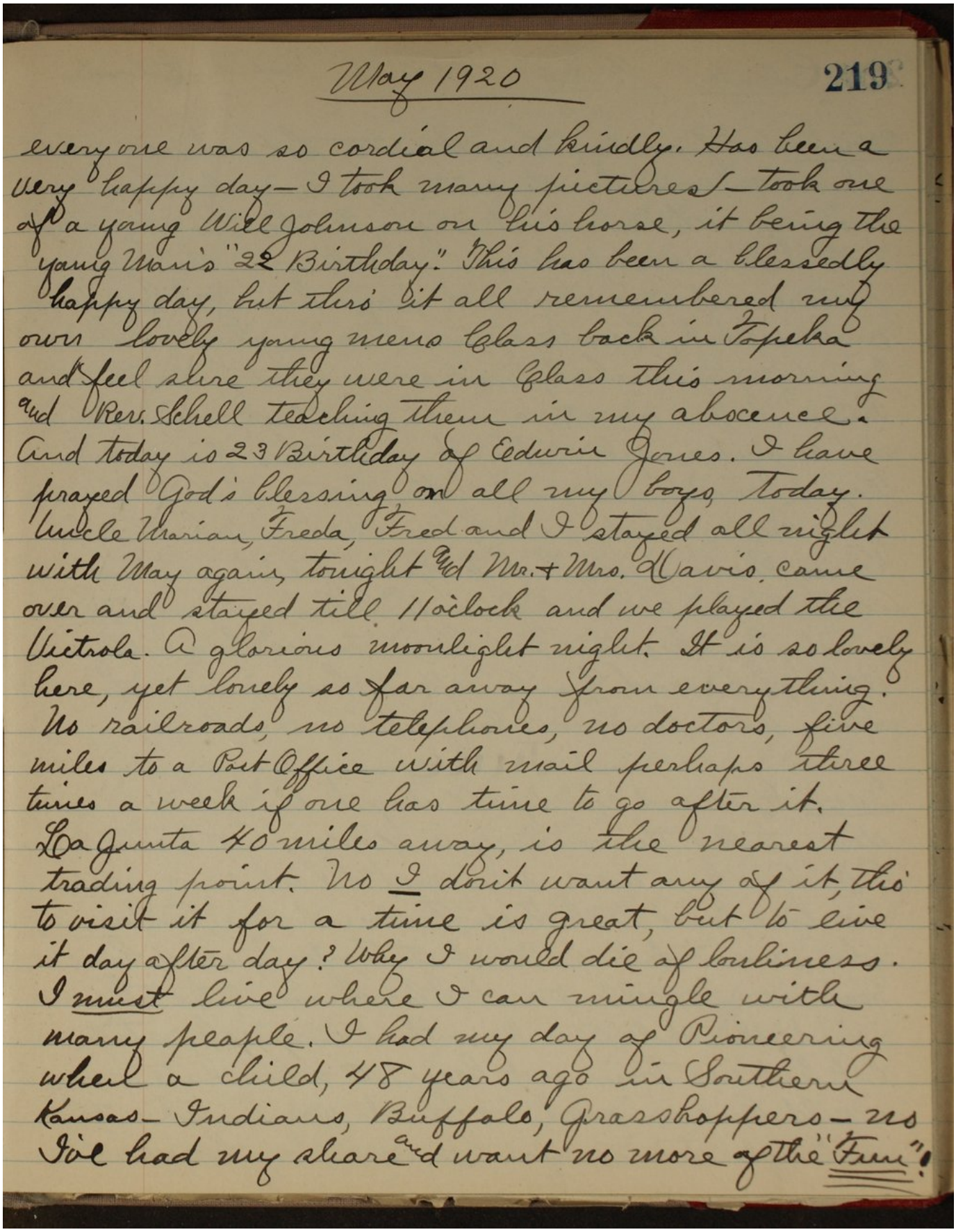
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Sun. 30 A very beautiful day, this very warm this middle of the day. We were all up early this morning, to get the pigs, Chickens, turkeys, cattle, fed, and milking done and breakfast over so to go to Sunday School. May has a pretty place but O the lonely life – she lives all alone day and night, and not a house in sight – just all black canon walls and prairiedogs – my father's ranch is 3/4 of a mile away, but around the canon out of sight – sister has a good pony, a good rifle and Queen a good Collie, worth a whole platoon of soldiers as a guard. When we were thro with morning work, R came over with his team and wagon, and took us to Cedar Hill, Sunday School about a mile away, stopping at his Ranch, for his renters, Mr. + Mrs. Harry Knox and baby. Were 50 or 75 at Sun. S. and Church – all the people in travel distance, came in Automobiles, wagons, buggies, horseback and on burros. A very wide awake S.S. with a real live wire for Supt. Mr. Johnston. My sister has a Class of boys age of mine in Topeka – I talked to them instead of having a Lesson. Also made short talk to the Sun. School. A Rev. Fipps (missionary Baptist) preached after S.S. I think he is sincere and earnest but O, I never in my life, listened to a more ignorant man – so uneducated it grated terribly on ones nerves, to listen to him, and he mis-interpreto, thro ignorance – they would be better off without preaching. After the

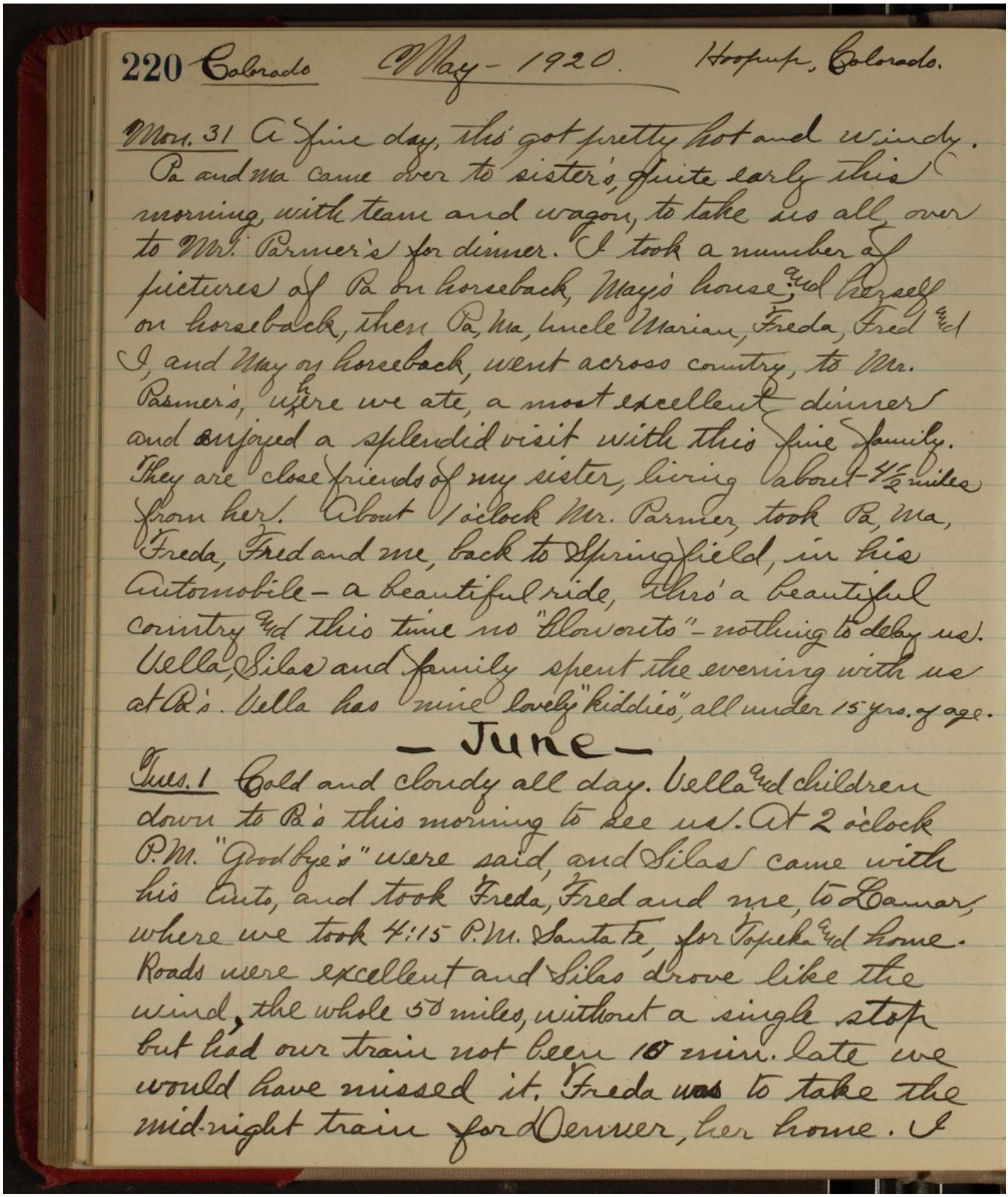


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Sermon taken from "John 17," everyone (having brought with them their dinners) drove several miles up the Canon South, from sister's, to a picturesque rock walled canon, they call "Garden of Gods the Second where the whole crowd, had a picnic dinner together on a great flat rock – the rock formations here are very wonderful. We stopped at May's on way over, and brought Pa's Victrola, along, so had music all afternoon – some of the pioneer children, had never seen or heard one, before. About 3:30 the Rev. Fipps preached us another short Sermon taken from Galations – ers "Head nor tail", a conglomeration of words, most horribly mispronounced – one could make absolutely nothing out of his Sermon – but he is well meaning and God will take that, and not blame his lack of education We all sat on the grass in the shadow of a rock wall, nearly 100 ft. high and it was cool and pleasant. We rode from the church to his place with the Platt sisters, who are homesteading here – they also took us back to sisters in the evening. I met at the Picnic my cousin Emma Weber Adams and her husband John, and sons Orrell and Murl, who are all homesteader's out here. The drive to the Picnic grounds, looked exactly like a Bill Hart Wild West "Movie" picture winding down the Canon. We met some very lovely people and



every one was so cordial and kindly. Has been a very happy day— I took many pictures— took one of a young Will Johnson on his horse, it being the young Man's "22 Birthday". This has been a blessedly happy day, but this it all remembered my own lovely young mens Class back in Topeka and feel sure they were in Class this morning and Rev. Schell teaching them in my absence. And today is 23 Birthday of Edwin Jones. I have prayed God's blessing on all my boys today. Uncle Marian, Freda, Fred and I stayed all night with May again, tonight and Mr. + Mrs. Davis came over and stayed till 11 o'clock and we played the Victrola. A glorious moonlight night. It is so lovely here, yet lonely as far away from everything. No railroads, no telephones, no doctors, five miles to a Post Office with mail perhaps three times a week if one has time to go after it. La Junta 40 miles away, is the nearest trading point. No I don't want any of it, tho' to visit it for a time is great, but to live it day after day? Why I would die of loneliness. I must live where I can mingle with many people. I had my day of Pioneering when a child, 48 years ago in Southern Kansas— Indians, Buffalo, Grasshoppers— no I've had my share and want no more of the "Fun"!



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Mon. 31 A fine day, this got pretty hot and windy. Pa and Ma came over to sister's, quite early this morning, with team and wagon, to take us all over to Mr. Parmer's for dinner. I took a number of pictures of Pa on horseback, May's horse and herself on horseback, then Pa, Ma, Uncle Marian, Freda, Fred and I, and May on horseback, went across country, to Mr. Parmer's, where we ate, a most excellent dinner and enjoyed a splendid visit with this fine family. They are close friends of my sister, living about 4½ miles from her. About 1 o'clock Mr. Parmer took Pa, Ma, Freda, Fred and me, back to Springfield, in his automobile - a beautiful ride, thro' a beautiful country and this time no "Blowouts" - nothing to delay us. Vella, Silas and family spent the evening with us at Pa's. Vella has nine lovely "kiddies", all under 15 yrs. of age.

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Tues. 1 Cold and cloudy all day. Vella and children down to Pa's this morning to see us. At 2 o'clock P.M. "Good bye's" were said, and Silas came with his Auto, and took Freda, Fred and me, to Lamar, where we took 4:15 P.M. Santa Fe, for Topeka and home. Roads were excellent and Silas drove like the wind, the whole 50 miles, without a single stop but had our train not been 10 min. late we would have missed it. Freda was to take the mid-night train for Denver, her home. I

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hated to leave my good father, for I cannot have him many years more, he being now past 80 – but is more like a man of 50, than 80. Fred & I, both, would have loved to stayed a year, its so nice to be with home folks and the country so beautiful – and such a wealth of wild flowers everywhere; very beautiful. But tonight we are speeding home, very happy and thankful, we could have even a weeks visit with loved ones. At Syracuse, Ks. we bought some Bannanas and a pint of milk, to eat with the sandwiches Ma gave us. And now we will curl up for a good night's rest. Dear "little Wiede" (Carrie) spent the evening with us.

Wed. 2 Cool and fine – Arrived home, about 6:45 and found our good neighbor at the house, doing morning work for us – (Mr. Grundy Thompson, colored) Had a big rain here last night – say it has rained ever since we left – everything looks fine. We ate breakfast then I cleaned up the house and Fred mowed weeds and the lawn – we both worked hard all day.

Thurs. 3 Cool – Fred went to work this morning and I had oceans to do. My Class, have been calling me up today, to know how we were and if we got home alright – they are a blessed "Bunch."

Fri. 4 A lovely day – a beautiful night and the young folks met here this evening and we

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went to Children's Park, for a "Wienie Roast" we enjoyed it so much and so happy to be with our "Kiddies" again. Bob Sympson has a new girl-Miss Buhrmaster and we all "fell" for her - looks like our lovely Thelma Huston who recently moved to Los Angeles. Bob and his pretty new girl, took Teddy + I, to the "Roast" and home again, in her Automobile. Those who went, were Bob Simpson Miss Buhrmaster, John Keating Edith Barrett, Fred + Nan Brackett, Blanch and Geo Schock, Harry Davis Ruth Pittenger, Edwin Jones Carrie Wiedie, Carl Duffie Katharine Albaugh, Scott Brown Florence Fraser, Jay Banta Frances Holman After the "Roast" all came up to our home and spent the evening, singing, dancing and a general good time.

Sat. 5 Raining, cold - Glad the kiddies had their Wienie Roast last night, so not to be disappointed. So busy all day with my usual, Saturday, cleaning and Baking.

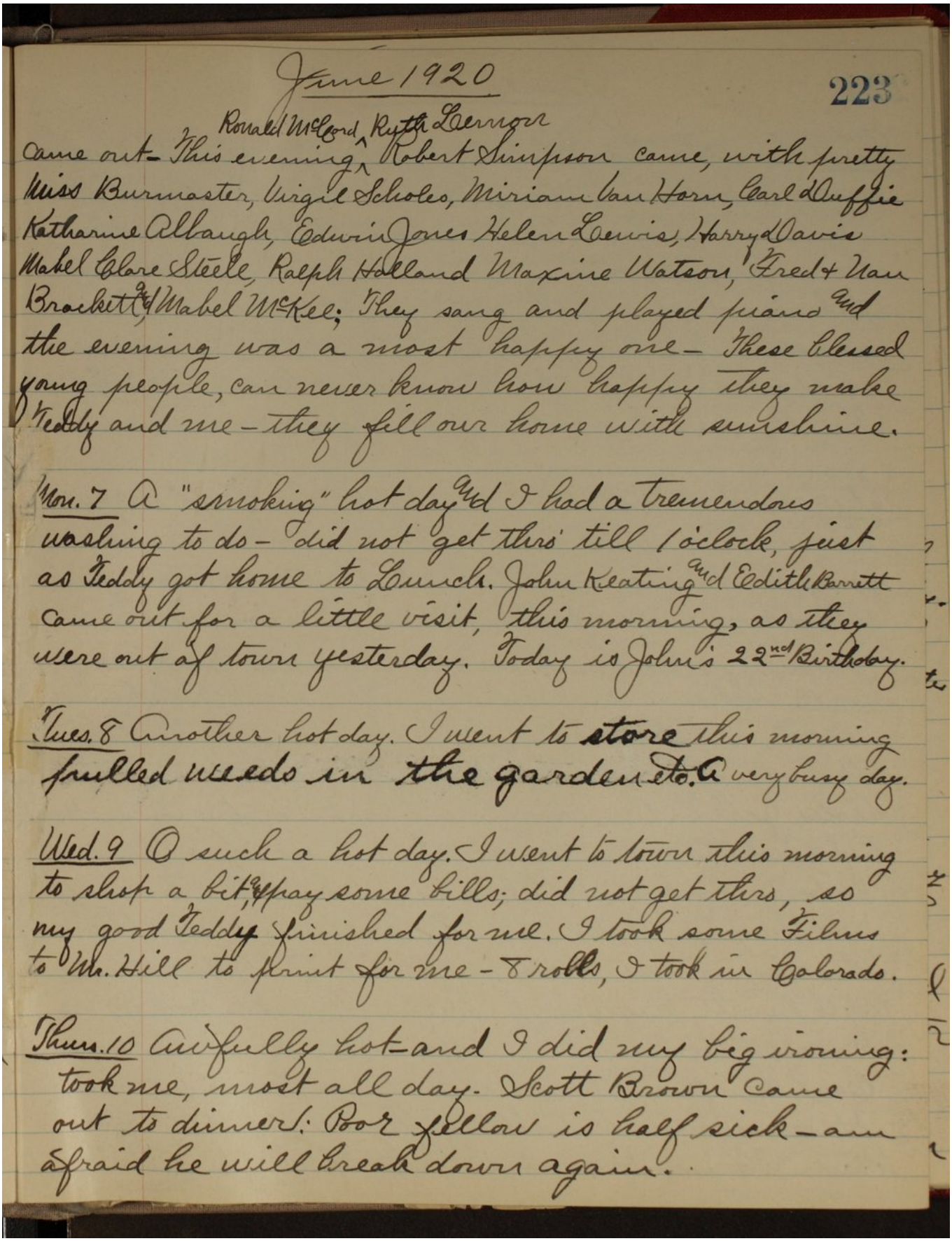
Sun. 6 Hot, sticky day - We went to S.S. M.E. Church - Glad to be with my Class again. Rev Clemmer preached this morning - such a long, drawn out Sermon and I slept thru' half of it - just could not stay awake. I had in Class, Harry Davis, Edwin Jones, Bob Simpson Carl Schell, Carl Duffie, Truman Hazen, Ron McCord, Scott Brown and Thelma McComas. This afternoon Scholes, Duffie, Simpson, McCord, Jones and Keating

Ronald McLeod, Ruth Leenor came out- This evening, Robert Simpson came, with pretty Miss Burmaster, Virgil Scholes, Miriam Van Horn, Carl Duffie Katharine Albaugh, Edwin Jones Helen Lewis, Harry Davis Mabel Clare Steele, Ralph Holland Maxine Watson, Fred & Nan Brackett, Mabel McKee; They sang and played piano and the evening was a most happy one- These blessed young people, can never know how happy they make [illegible] to me- they [illegible]

Tues. 8 Another warm day- I worked in the garden all day, except going to store. This evening Teddy and I walked over to Christ Hospital to the Graduation of Nurses- Mr. Ellis (Insurance) called just before we left, so made us too late to see the Grand March, but the girls were sweet and pretty; music good, the grounds very pretty, refreshments fine and we spent a very happy evening, meeting many friends. Two of our own dear friends, Mona Wiede and Frances Scott were among the graduates- the others of the class, have often been in our home too, and we like them very much, but are not so well acquainted with, Miss Madderen, Miss Herock

Mr. J. G. Bauer brought us home in his Auto. A lovely evening.

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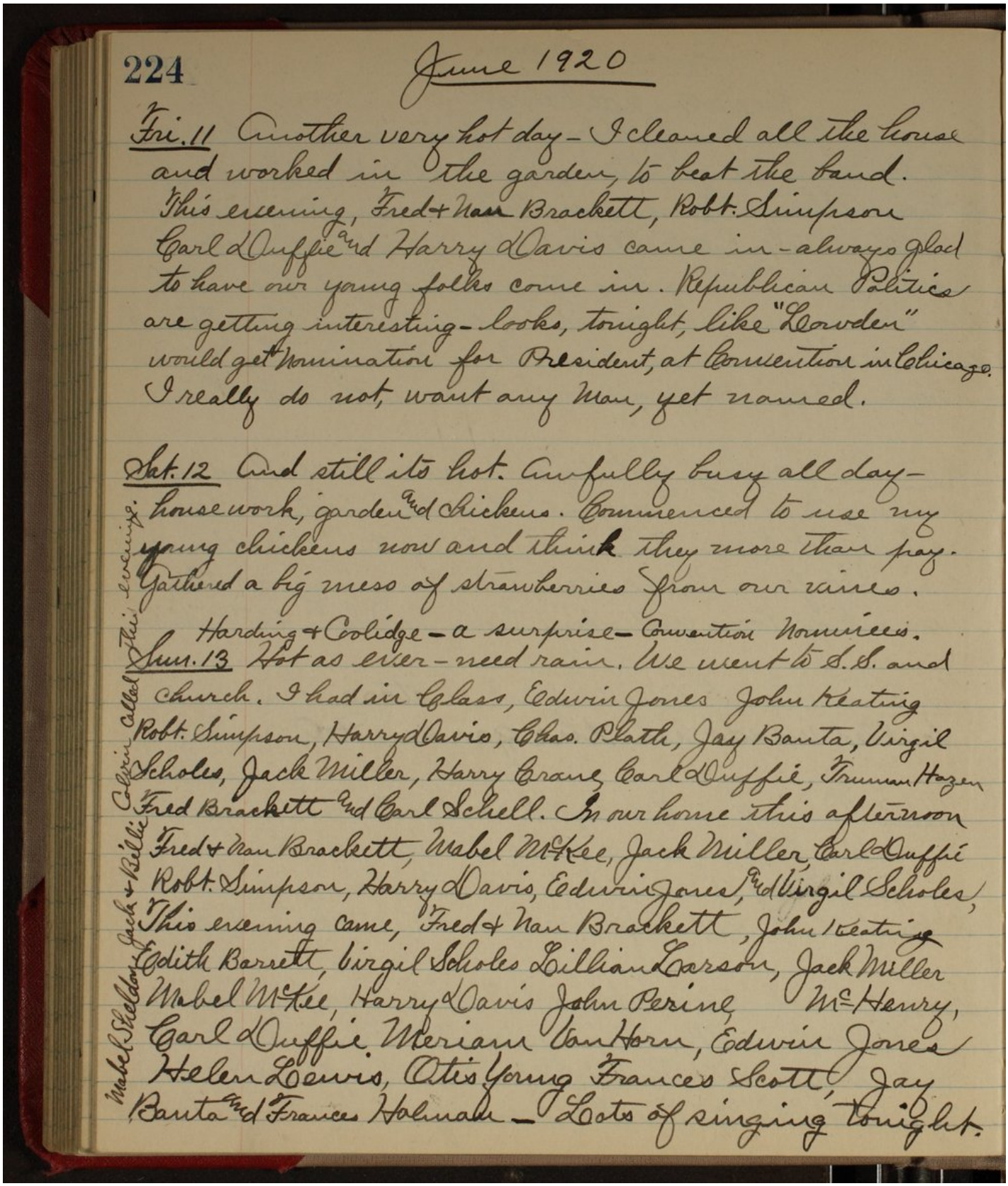
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Mon. 7 A "smoking" hot day and I had a tremendous washing to do- did not get thro' till 1 o'clock, just as Teddy got home to Lunch. John Keating and Edith Barrett came out for a little visit, this morning, as they were out of town yesterday. Today is John's 22nd Birthday.

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Wed. 9 O such a hot day. I went to town this morning to shop a bit, pay some bills; did not get thro, so my good Teddy finished for me. I took some Films to Mr. Hill to print for me- 8 rolls, I took in Colorado.

Thurs. 10 Awfully hot- and I did my big ironing: took me, most all day. Scott Brown came out to dinner: Poor fellow is half sick- am afraid he will break down again.



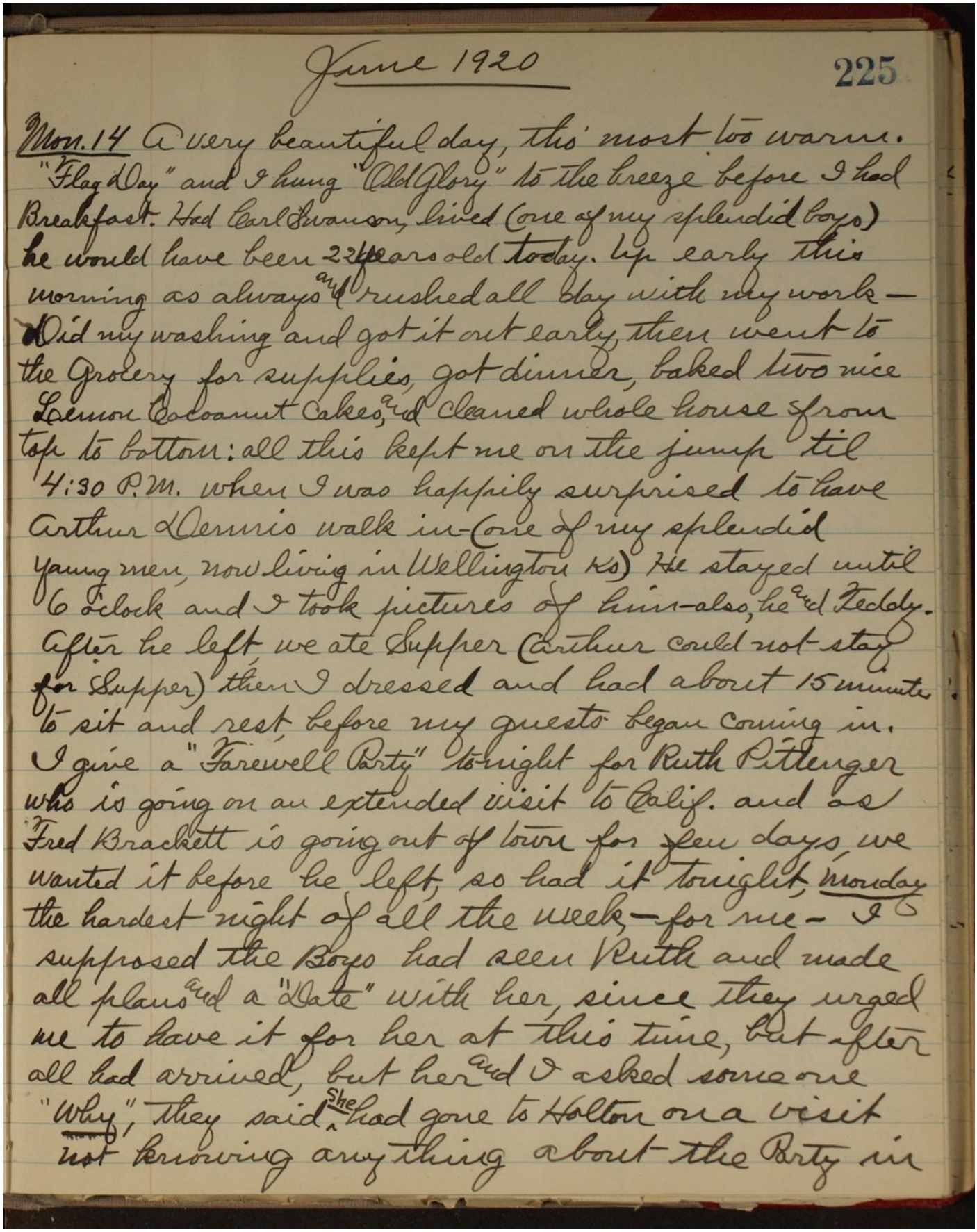
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Fri. 11 Another very hot day - I cleaned all the house and worked in the garden, to beat the band. This evening, Fred + Nan Brackett, Robt. Simpson Carl Duffie and Harry Davis came in - always glad to have our young folks come in. Republican Politics are getting interesting - looks, tonight, like "Lowden" would get nomination for President, at Convention in Chicago. I really do not want any Man, yet named.

Sat. 12 And still its hot. Awfully busy all day - housework, garden and Chickens. Commenced to use my young chickens now and think they more than pay. Gathered a big mess of strawberries from our vines. This evening Alvin called Harding + Coolidge - a surprise - Convention Nominees.

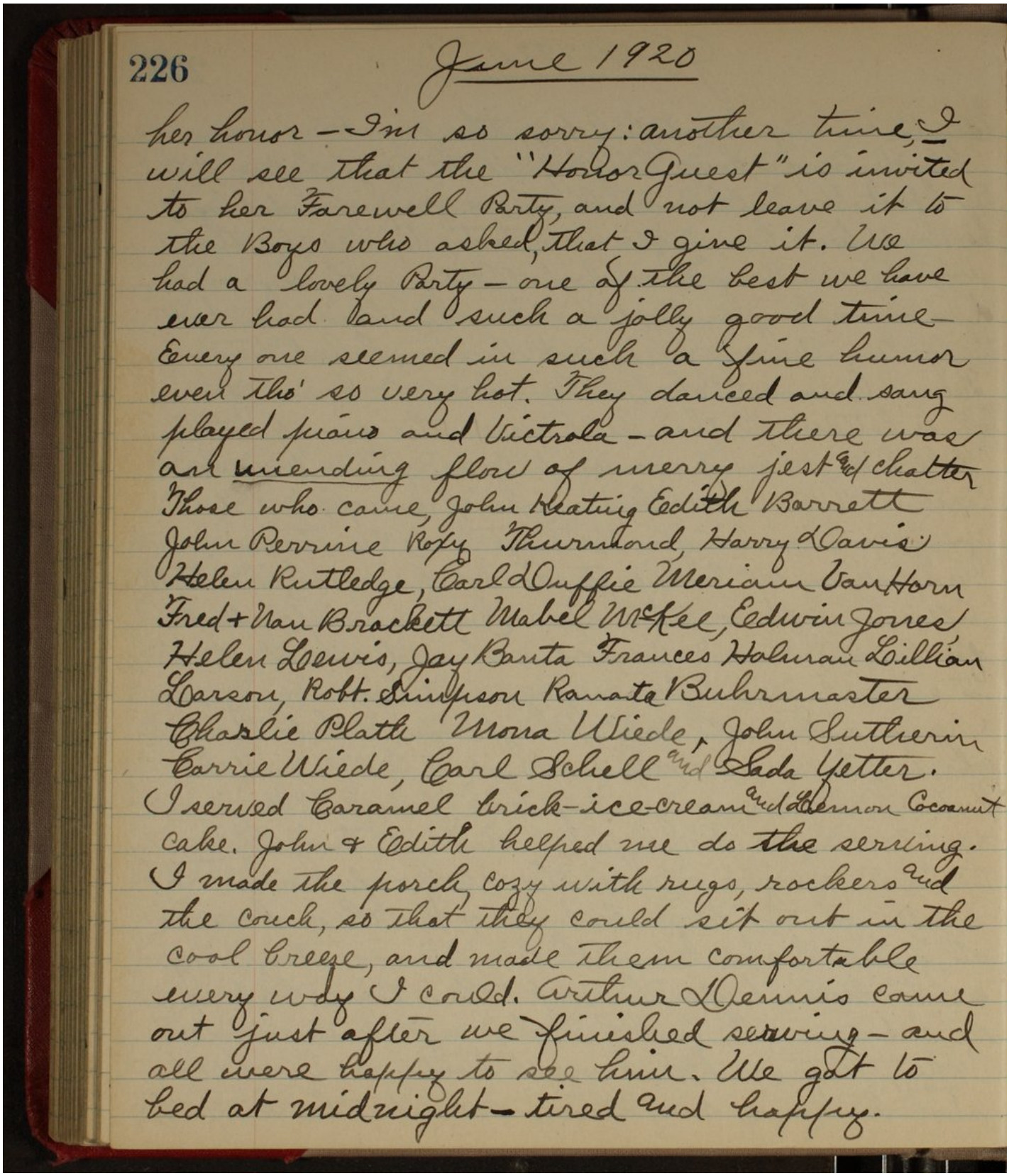
Sun. 13 Hot as ever - need rain. We went to S.S. and church. I had in Class, Edwin Jones John Keating Robt. Simpson, Harry Davis, Chas. Plath, Jay Banta, Virgil Scholes, Jack Miller, Harry Crane, Carl Duffie, Truman Hazen Fred Brackett and Carl Schell. In our home this afternoon Fred + Nan Brackett, Mabel McKee, Jack Miller, Carl Duffie Robt. Simpson, Harry Davis, Edwin Jones and Virgil Scholes, This evening came, Fred + Nan Brackett, John Keating Edith Barrett, Virgil Scholes Lillian Larson, Jack Miller Mabel McKee, Harry Davis John Perine Mc Henry, Carl Duffie Meriam Van Horn, Edwin Jones Helen Lewis, Otis Young Frances Scott, Jay Banta and Frances Halmark - Lots of singing tonight.

Mabel Stelder Jack + Billie



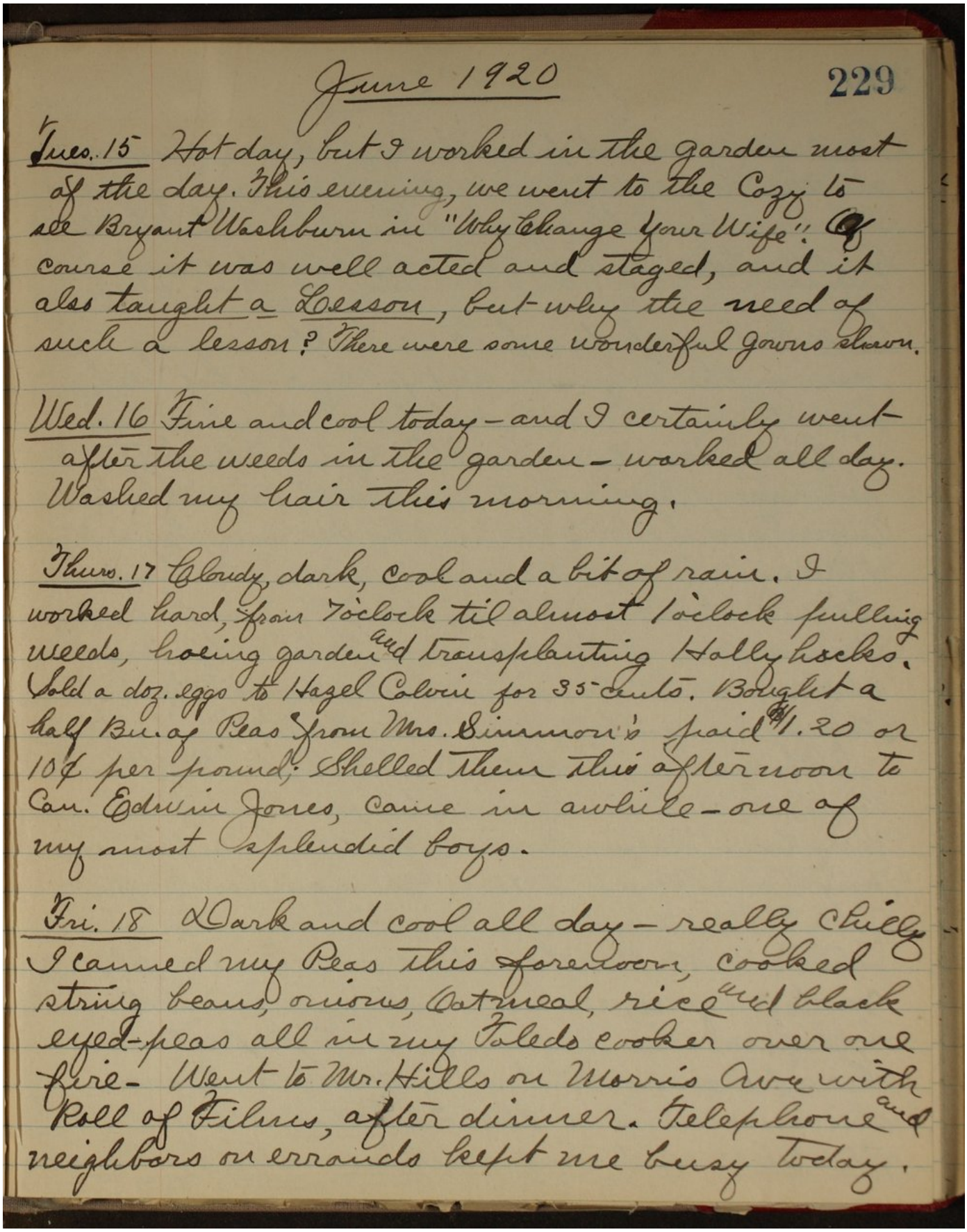
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Mon. 14 A very beautiful day, this most too warm. "Flag Day" and I hung "Old Glory" to the breeze before I had Breakfast. Had Carl Swanson lived (one of my splendid boys) he would have been 22 years old today. Up early this morning as always and rushed all day with my work— Did my washing and got it out early, then went to the Grocery for supplies, got dinner, baked two nice Lemon Cocoanut Cakes, and cleaned whole house from top to bottom: all this kept me on the jump 'til 4:30 P.M. when I was happily surprised to have Arthur Dennis walk in-(one of my splendid young men, now living in Wellington Ks) He stayed until 6 o'clock and I took pictures of him-also, he and Teddy. After he left we ate Supper (Arthur could not stay for Supper) then I dressed and had about 15 minutes to sit and rest before my guests began coming in. I give a "Farewell Party" tonight for Ruth Pittenger who is going on an extended visit to Calif. and as Fred Brackett is going out of town for few days, we wanted it before he left, so had it tonight, Monday the hardest night of all the week—for me— I supposed the Boys had seen Ruth and made all plans and a "Date" with her, since they urged me to have it for her at this time, but after all had arrived, but her and I asked some one "Why", they said, She had gone to Halton on a visit not knowing anything about the Party in



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her honor – I'm so sorry: another time, I will see that the "Honor Guest" is invited to her Farewell Party, and not leave it to the Boys who asked, that I give it. We had a lovely Party – one of the best we have ever had and such a jolly good time – Every one seemed in such a fine humor even tho' so very hot. They danced and sang played piano and Victrola – and there was an unending flow of merry jest & chatter Those who came, John Keating Edith Barrett John Perrine Roxy Thurmond, Harry Davis Helen Rutledge, Carl Duffie Meriam VanHorn Fred + Nan Brackett Mabel McKee, Edwin Jones Helen Lewis, Jay Banta Frances Holman Lillian Larson, Robt. Simpson Renata Buhrmaster Charlie Plath Mona Wiede, John Sutherin Carrie Wiede, Carl Schell and Lada Yetter. I served Caramel brick-ice-cream and Lemon Cocoanut cake. John & Edith helped me do the serving. I made the porch cozy with rugs, rockers and the couch, so that they could sit out in the cool breeze, and made them comfortable every way I could. Arthur Dennis came out just after we finished serving – and all were happy to see him. We got to bed at midnight – tired and happy.



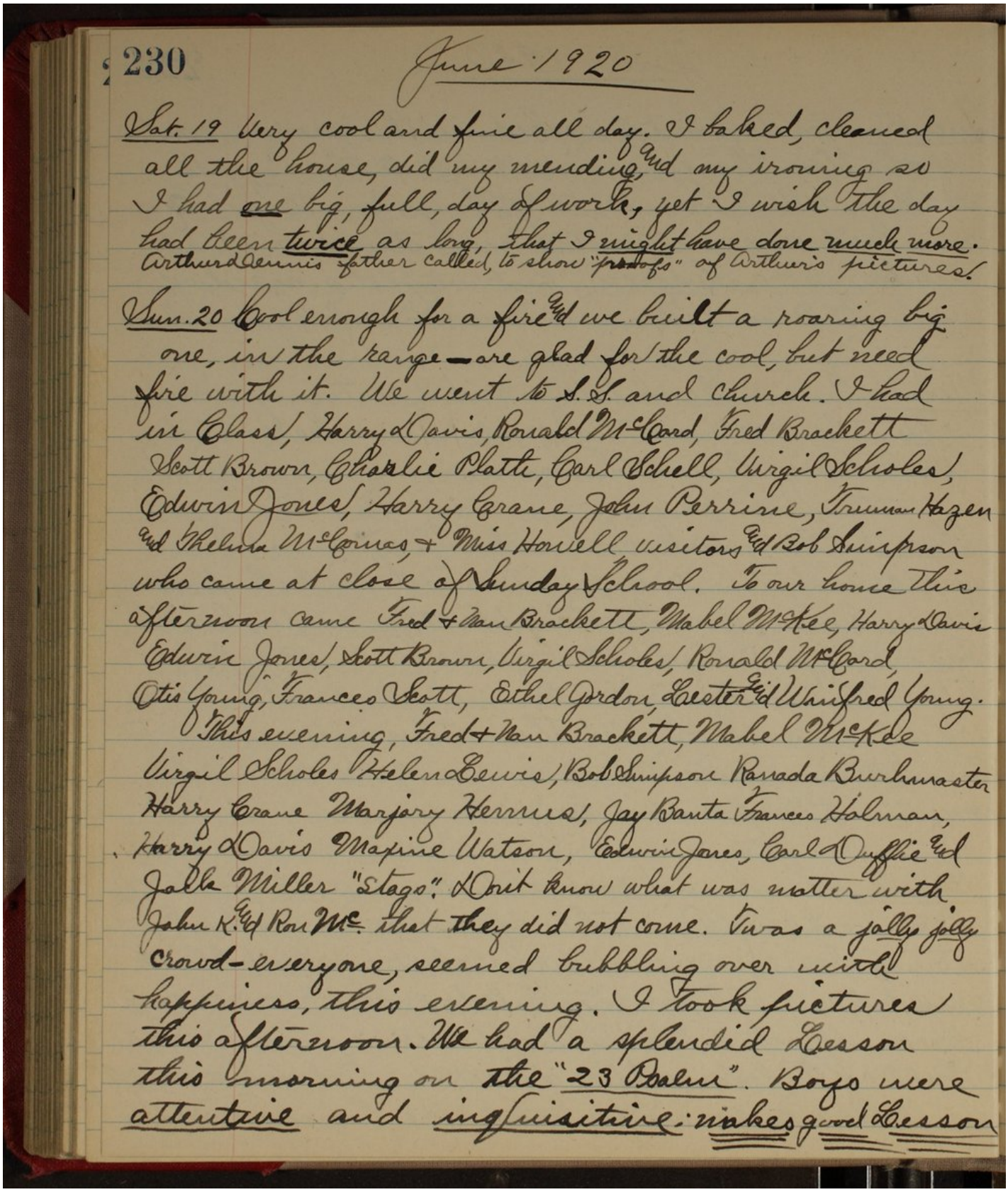
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Tues. 15 Hot day, but I worked in the garden most of the day. This evening, we went to the Cozy to see Bryant Washburn in "Why Change Your Wife". Of course it was well acted and staged, and it also taught a Lesson, but why the need of such a lesson? There were some wonderful gowns shown.

Wed. 16 Fine and cool today – and I certainly went after the weeds in the garden – worked all day. Washed my hair this morning.

Thurs. 17 Cloudy, dark, cool and a bit of rain. I worked hard, from 7 o'clock til almost 1 o'clock pulling weeds, hoeing garden and transplanting Hollyhocks. Sold a doz. eggs to Hazel Calvin for 35¢ cents. Bought a half Bu. of Peas from Mrs. Simmon's paid $1.20 or 10¢ per pound. Shelled them this afternoon to Can. Edwin Jones, came in awhile – one of my most splendid boys.

Fri. 18 Dark and cool all day – really chilly – I canned my Peas this forenoon, cooked string beans, onions, oatmeal, rice and black eyed-peas all in my Toledo cooker over one fire – Went to Mr. Hills on Morris Ave with Roll of Films, after dinner. Telephone and neighbors on errands kept me busy today.



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Sat. 19 Very cool and fine all day. I baked, cleaned all the house, did my mending, and my ironing so I had one big, full, day of work, yet I wish the day had been twice as long, that I might have done much more. Arthur Dennis father called, to show "proofs" of Arthur's pictures.

Sun. 20 Cool enough for a fire and we built a roaring big one, in the range — are glad for the cool, but need fire with it. We went to S.S. and church. I had my Class, Harry Davis, Ronald McCord, Fred Brackett Scott Brown, Charlie Platt, Carl Schell, Virgil Scholes, Edwin Jones, Harry Crane, John Perrine, Truman Hazen and Thelma McComas, + Miss Howell visitors and Bob Simpson who came at close of Sunday School. To our house this afternoon came Fred + Nan Brackett, Mabel McKee, Harry Davis Edwin Jones, Scott Brown, Virgil Scholes, Ronald McCord, Otis Young, Frances Scott, Ethel Gordon, Lester and Winfred Young.

This evening, Fred + Nan Brackett, Mabel McKee Virgil Scholes Helen Dennis, Bob Simpson Ranada Burkmaster Harry Crane Marjory Herrnes, Jay Banta Frances Halman, Harry Davis Maxine Watson, Edwin Jones, Carl Duffie and Jake Miller "Stags". Don't know what was matter with John K. and Ron Mc. that they did not come. Twas a jolly jolly crowd - everyone, seemed bubbling over with happiness, this evening. I took pictures this afternoon. We had a splendid Lesson this morning on the "23 Psalm". Boys were attentive and inquisitive: makes good Lesson

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Mon. 21 Very cool and a bit sprinkle, or rather a real dashing shower, in afternoon. I both washed and ironed, beside much other work today. Teddy home to dinner at noon. Harry Davis came in awhile this evening - one of my splendid boys.

Tues. 22 A fine June day - cool, this pretty warm thurs' middle of day. This morning as I was going to town to see Dr. Entsinger about my eyes, Jay Banta came along, and turned about and took me to the Doctor's Office, going by way of "Scott Bros" Ice Cream Factory where I stopped to pay a Bill. Jay was most accomadating - it helped me a mighty lot, too. These boys of mine, do so many nice things for me. I wrote most of afternoon. Dr. says my left eye is strong and good - the other has a Cataract. Jay B. and Frances Holman, came in awhile this evening.

Wed. 23 A fine day, but warming up. I worked all afternoon in the garden, and wrote letters this P.M. John Keating and Edith Barrett came in a moment this evening. Edith looked so sweet and pretty in a soft pink dress. They have reached the stage, where "more than two are a crowd" so they did not stop long this evening - my spooniest couple but I'm for them, strong.

Thurs. 24 Hot - Worked in garden, wrote letters and most awfully busy all day - "Chiggers" eating me alive. Called Mrs. John Bunyers this P.M. to see Winfield and Bride - sweet.

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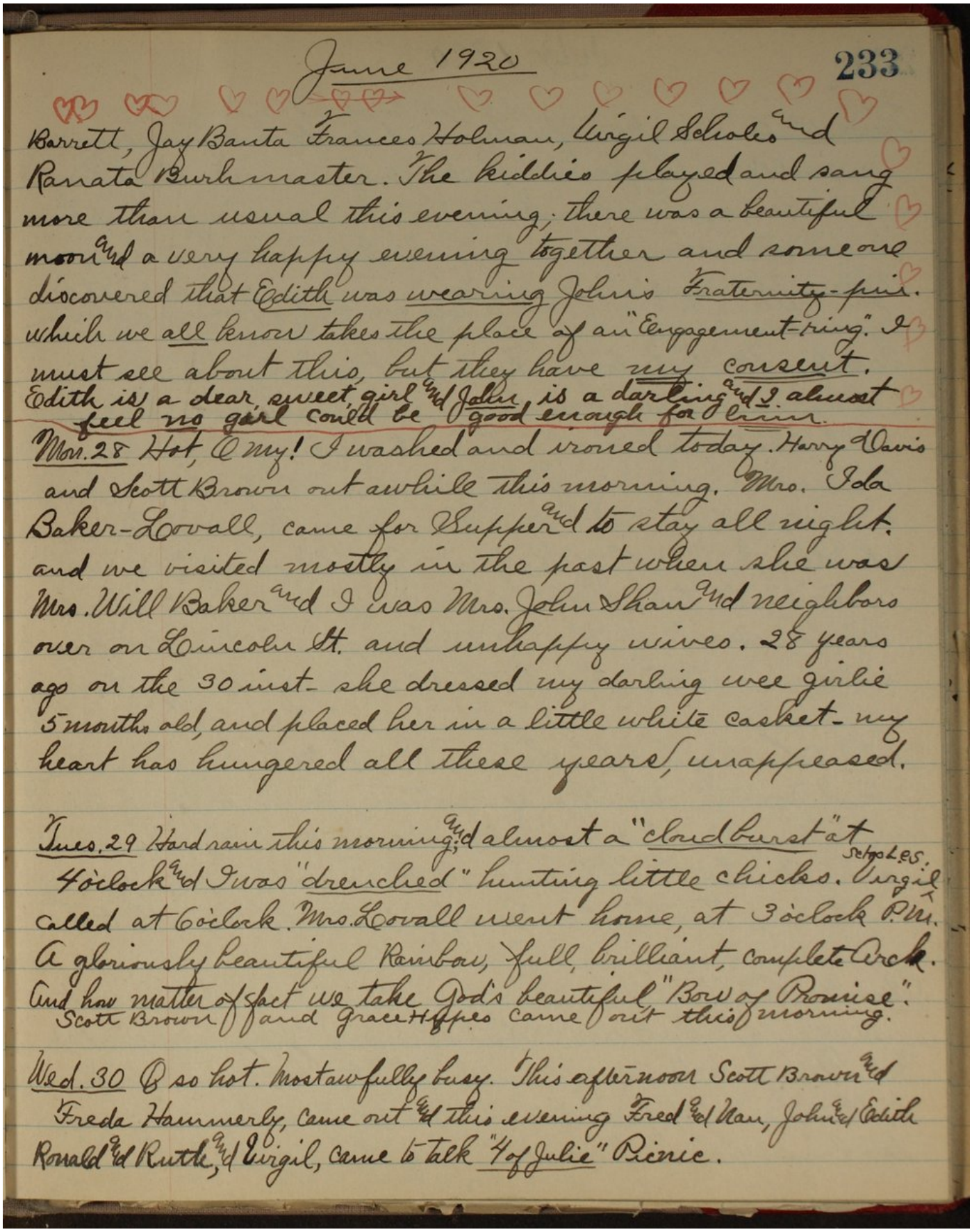
Fri. 25 Rained hard this morning and we sure need it. I printed over 100 Kodak pictures this afternoon. Jay Banta, came in awhile this afternoon – he has a "date" tonight with pretty, Renata Buhrmaster.

Sat. 26 Hot. I cleaned, baked and ironed so was more than busy, all day. Our good neighbors, the Bettie's have sold, and are moving out – really moved, yesterday – and Dr. Steward's are moving in. A good bath and to bed early tonight.

Sun. 27 Most awfully hot, tho' cool on our own front Porch. We went to Sun. School and church. I had my Class, Carl Duffie, and friend Mr. Holliday, Virgil Scholes, Carl Schell, Scott Brown John Perine, Fred Brackett, Bob Simpson Velma Howell, Thelma McComas. And while the Lesson was a "Review" almost all our time was given to a discussion of "Predestination" in which I do not believe and in which Virgil says most of the "World War Soldiers" do believe.

This after we had a jolly Bunch out – Carl Duffie, Bob Simpson, Harry Davis, Fred & Nan Brackett, Carl Schell Sada Yetter, Grace Hypes Mr. Holliday, Velma Howell, Thelma McComas and John Keating – I took pictures, groups and singles Renata Buhrmaster and Maxine Watson and Mr. & Mrs. Buhrmaster also, were here and I hope I got a good picture of pretty Renata.

This evening, Carl Duffie, Harry Davis, Jack Miller, Otis Young Frances Scott, Fred & Nan Brackett, Marjory Petro, Mabel McKee, Bob Simpson Anna Horning, John Keating Edith



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Barrett, Jay Banta & Frances Holman, Virgil Scholes and Ranata Burkmaster. The kiddies played and sang more than usual this evening, there was a beautiful moon and a very happy evening together and someone discovered that Edith was wearing John's Fraternity-pin. which we all know takes the place of an "Engagement-ring". I must see about this, but they have my consent. Edith is a dear sweet girl and John is a darling and I almost feel no girl could be good enough for him.

Mon. 28 Hot, O my! I washed and ironed today. Harry Davis and Scott Brown out awhile this morning. Mrs. Ida Baker-Lovall, came for Supper and to stay all night. and we visited mostly in the past when she was Mrs. Will Baker and I was Mrs. John Shaw and neighbors over on Lincoln St. and unhappy wives. 28 years ago on the 30 inst- she dressed my darling wee girlie 5 months old, and placed her in a little white casket- my heart has hungered all these years, unappeased.

Tues. 29 Hard rain this morning and almost a "cloud burst" at Scholes. 4 o'clock and I was "drenched" hunting little chicks. Virgil called at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Lovall went home, at 3 o'clock P.M. A gloriously beautiful Rainbow, full, brilliant, complete Arch. And how matter of fact we take God's beautiful "Bow of Promise". Scott Brown and Grace Hipps came out this morning.

Wed. 30 O so hot. Most awfully busy. This afternoon Scott Brown and Freda Hammerly, came out and this evening Fred and Mary, John and Edith Ronald and Ruth, and Virgil, came to talk "4 of July" Picnic.

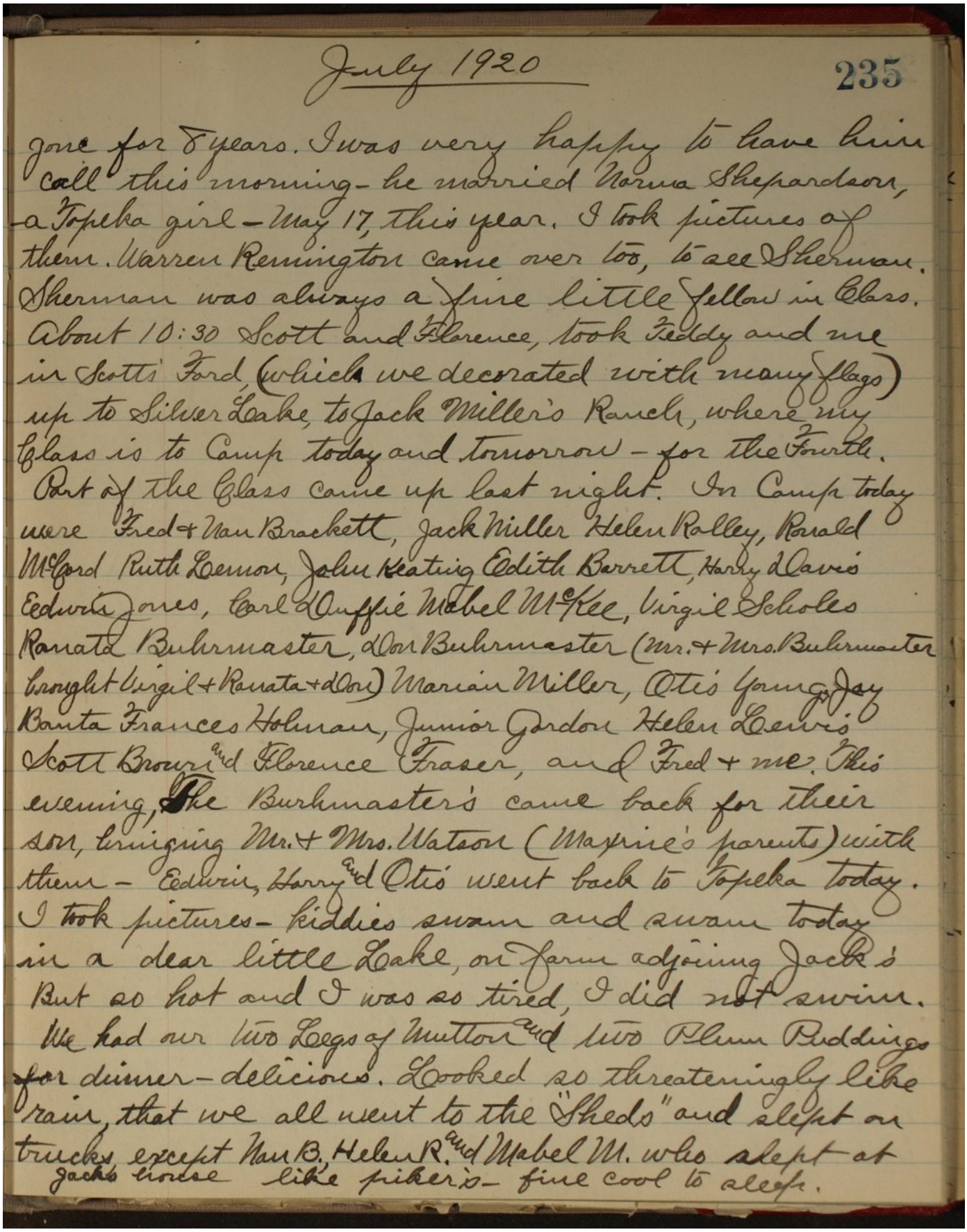
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Thurs. 1st A "Scorcher" of a day. Fred not home at noon. And to add to my misery a million "Chiggers" are chewing on me - O, m-e-r-c-y! John Keating, Fred Brackett, in this evening to plan some more about Fourth of July Picnic. Gathered my Beans this evening to can Tomorrow. Called at Mrs. John Keller's this afternoon to talk over meeting of Ladies Aux. Letter Carriers.

Fri. 2 94° hot today - Did a lot of "door step" visiting today, among the neighbors. Mrs. Strickler here for Call this afternoon. I canned seven qts. of Beans did some mending and otherwise, "dilly dallied" away a most awfully hot day. This evening, Fred and Nan, John and Edith, Carl Duffie, Edwin Jones and Harry Crane came in to talk "more Picnic" and make out "Menu". The hen I set on the 10 turkey eggs, I brought from sister's in Colo. had hatched nine, of the egg this morning.

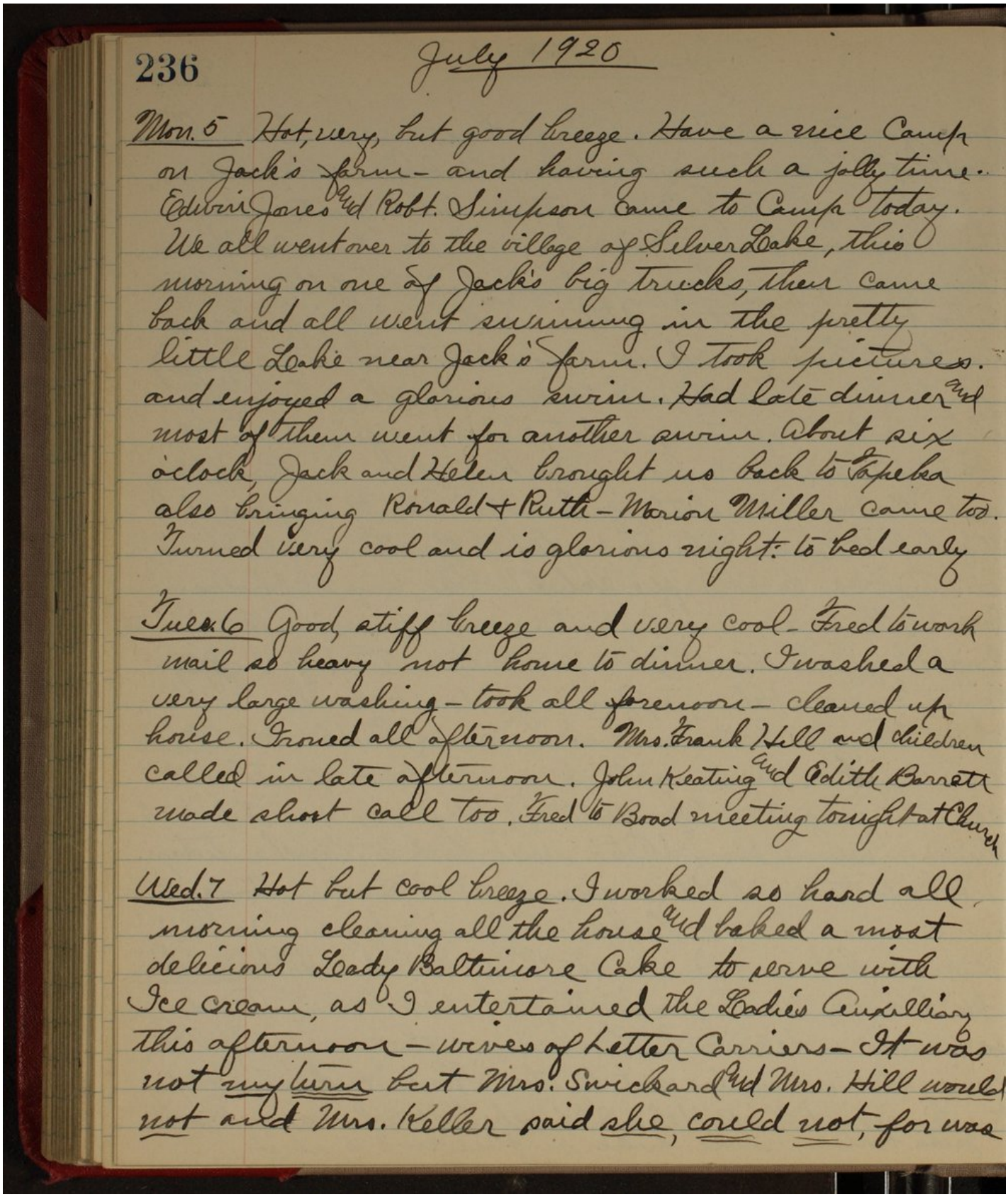
Sat. 3 Scorching hot day - buried in work. Made two Plum Puddings And roasted two legs of Mutton, for Fourth of July Picnic. Carl Duffie came out afternoon, to talk "Picnic" as did Scott and Florence; we are all anticipating a happy Fourth, tho' I'm afraid it will be a hot one.

Sun. 4 At last the Fourth of July and a most awfully hot one. Scott Brown, Junior Gordon and Florence Fraser came about 9:30 as did Sherman Wilson and Bride - Sherman used to live here and was in my Class, but has been



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gone for 5 years. I was very happy to have him call this morning - he married Norma Shepardson, a Topeka girl - May 17, this year. I took pictures of them. Warren Remington came over too, to see Sherman. Sherman was always a fine little fellow in Class. About 10:30 Scott and Florence, took Teddy and me in Scott's Ford, (which we decorated with many flags) up to Silver Lake, to Jack Miller's Ranch, where my Class is to Camp today and tomorrow - for the Fourth. Part of the Class came up last night. In Camp today were Fred + Nan Brackett, Jack Miller Helen Ralley, Ronald McCord Ruth Lemon, John Keating Edith Barrett, Harry Davis Edwin Jones, Carl Duffie Mabel McKee, Virgil Scholes Ronata Burhmaster, Don Burhmaster (Mr. + Mrs. Burhmaster brought Virgil + Ronata + Don) Marian Miller, Otis Young Jay Bonta Frances Holman, Junior Gordon Helen Lewis Scott Brown and Florence Fraser, and Fred + me. This evening, the Burhmaster's came back for their son, bringing Mr. + Mrs. Watson (Maxine's parents) with them - Edwin, Harry and Otis went back to Topeka today. I took pictures - kiddies swam and swam today in a dear little Lake, on farm adjoining Jack's But so hot and I was so tired, I did not swim. We had our two Legs of Mutton and two Plum Puddings for dinner - delicious. Looked so threateningly like rain, that we all went to the "Sheds" and slept on trucks, except Nan B. Helen R. and Mabel M. who slept at Jacks house like pikers - fine cool to sleep.



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Mon. 5 Hot, very, but good breeze. Have a nice Camp on Jack's farm - and having such a jolly time. Edbert Jones and Robt. Simpson came to Camp today. We all went over to the village of Silver Lake, this morning on one of Jack's big trucks, then came back and all went swimming in the pretty little Lake near Jack's farm. I took pictures. and enjoyed a glorious swim. Had late dinner and most of them went for another swim. About six o'clock, Jack and Helen brought us back to Topeka also bringing Ronald + Ruth - Marion Miller came too. Turned very cool and is glorious night to sleep early

Tues. 6 Good, stiff breeze and very cool - Fred to work mail so heavy not home to dinner. I washed a very large washing - took all forenoon - cleaned up house. Ironed all afternoon. Mrs. Frank Hill and children called in late afternoon. John Keating and Edith Barrett made short call too. Fred to Board meeting tonight at Church

Wed. 7 Hot but cool breeze. I worked so hard all morning cleaning all the house and baked a most delicious Lady Baltimore Cake to serve with Ice cream, as I entertained the Ladies Auxiliary this afternoon - wives of Letter Carriers - It was not my turn but Mrs. Swickard and Mrs. Hill would not and Mrs. Keller said she could not, for was

clerking in Store. I entertained them in June, but I wont be a "shirk", so did all the hard work and took them again – Mrs. Kime, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Hill Mrs. Hileman, Mrs. Lommason and little son Richard, Mrs. Brayman and little son, Marian, Mrs. Molz, Mrs. Harris Mrs. Hilmer, Mrs. Swickard and Mrs. Biddy, were the only ones, who came, but we had a very pleasant time.

Ronald McLeod and his sweetheart, Ruth Lemon came out for awhile this evening, then I staid up til Midnight, developing films.

Thurs. 8 Fine day, but dry, and warming up – need rain. I went to town this morning to shop a bit and pay some Bills. Jay Banta Frances Holman, Edwin Jones and Bob Simpson came out this evening. All talk now, is our big, Class Camp, in Aug. & Sept. Our happy time.

Fri. 9 Very hot – very dry. Mrs. Strickler, came in with her sewing this afternoon, to sit awhile. I walked over to Mrs. W. H. Bombgardner's 1295 Kansas this evening, to a Board Meeting of the Good Government Club. Mrs. Enail with her husband and daughter brought me home in their Car, at 10 o'clock. We had a most pleasant evening together

Sat. 10 Still very hot and dry. Very busy all day and am weak as a cat. Cleaned all the house and baked.