

after breakfast and after doing chores went down town with some eggs and to get my chicks at Chins. By the time I got everything I needed in town it was noon when I got over after my chicks, and Chins was home. We filled the two egg crates with chicks putting about 100 in one & 50 in the other and Chins lent me a regular chick box which held 100 and that was all I could get in the buggy so I came home with them and Mary helped me grease all their heads with lard and put them in the brooder. Harry B. & Gay were out with us and greatly interested in the "burdys" as Gay called them. As soon as we had dinner I went back after the rest and got about 150 more so that as near as we can count there were 409 chicks and I killed a cripple out of those. They are a healthy looking lot although there are a few weaklings. I walked up to the Shands about six to call up the Co. Operative to see if they had any hay for sale but they had not. I swept the school house on my way back. As I had to milk Mary to-night and give the calf a lesson in pail feeding which he refused to take it was late when I got them up to night.

and Mary & I were both pretty tired. Mary raked up the lawn in front & north of the house this afternoon. I went out a couple of times before I went to bed to look at the chicks, as they were screeching loudly and I am a little afraid they aren't quite warm enough, and since I loosened the nut on the regulator, it hasn't been hot warm enough to raise the top damper, and I don't know what else to do. It has been an ideal day for moving them. Sunny & very warm, cooler to night.

Sunday May 2nd

I woke up at five this morning wondering how my chicks were so got up and went to look fearful lest I should find them all chilled as they screeched so badly last night, my fears increased when I went out and didn't hear them this morning so it was a great relief to find them running around and contented. After breakfast I took out seven dead ones from under the hover evidently the weaklings. It has been unseasonably hot all day to-day so they have been plenty warm enough. I tinkered around all forenoon with the chickens and other chores ably assisted - from their point of view - by Gay & Harry B.