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I ash down at Hubby's then I thought might do for the barn but it is pretty badly smashed. Hubby came home with me and he worked all day opening up ditches in the corn stubble. Dad plowed all day and except for it being a little sticky on the surface and a frog old here and there, the ground is drier and in better shape than before it froze up. He got on fairly well but has part of a day to put in yet. I just did chores this after noon except for a little while I was out in the field. Cousin Clare came over this morning while I was down town and is staying all night. Aunt went down with Dick this morning. Very mild but cloudy. Dad & Aunt are gone a night for a while.

Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>

Hubby was over before day light this morning and shovelled ditches all morning, this afternoon he cleaned out all the horse stables and strikes out of the old barn between the granary and the cow stable. so as we can lay the floor for the stall open. Dad plowed all day and finished up the corn stubble all but the head land. He couldn't get a long very fast and it froze a little last night to make it sticky on top. I did chores most of the day and helped Hubby a little this afternoon besides cleaning off the dropping boards in the hen house. Cousin Clare went home this afternoon, she is going to Hamilton to morning to stay till after New Year's. We heard the dog that Mrs. M. B. B. house caught on fire last night and some ones who just happened along the road got it out. Aleta went down town and left the two little kids napped in the house and they got playing with a stick which was part way out of the stove. It didn't do much damage. Another nice day, ~~clear~~ and inclined to be cloudy.

Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>

I got up a little after five this morning and wrote a letter to Aunt before daylight. Hubby put down the floor over in the barn for the calf pen this fore noon and I was over there with him all morning but didn't do very much except clean out the cow stable. Dad plowed the head land on the corn field and finished up some bits in the rear field and plowed out the ditch from the water hole to the gully where Hubby is going to put the in. This afternoon Dad and Hubby

cleaned out the ditch for me we were over on our own way so I think it is going to wash all right. I put in the snails after noon during chores. Last night Hubby stayed to tea and helped us catch the turkeys as we have to take them down to morning. Dad caught them out of the tree and gave them to Hubby who handed them over the orchard fence to Frank and me and we put them up over the hog pen, there were nine then but one was roasting so he put that to bed. I couldn't get it, it was a hen and as they were to keep their old hens and one young one it didn't matter. One gobbler got away and struck off into the orchard. We followed him up with the lantern and after quite a search found him way up at the northeast corner of the orchard we took him in the house and weighed him he weighed 20 lbs. so we marked him as Henry. Dad was over to night and wanted to buy one of Mr. Martin's men are going to give him one for a Christmas present. Jim and Miss Ethel Phipps will over this afternoon. Snowed a little this morning and has kept growing colder all day, west wind.

Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>

We didn't get started very early this morning to get the turkeys loaded and it took us quite awhile to load them as we weighed each one. The heaviest was 20 lbs and the lightest about 12 lbs. Mr. Martin's shunk about a pound during the night. We kept 3 old hens for next year, 2 gobblers for Hubby and me for Christmas and 2 young hens one for Cousin Tom and one for James so we just took eleven down to Barb. We just tied their feet and put them in the wagon and covered it over with the bin der canvas. We got down town about noon and were down about an hour. Barb's weight came to 16 1/2 pounds and we made it 17 1/2 but with the old Spring Scales where the pans aren't marked likely we made a mistake, as we got 3 or 52 from Bagby and Miller, and Jack Martin's came to 3.50. It was about 1 o'clock when we got home, we went around by Hubby's and got the little high chair and crib for Liddums, and a couple harness on our way down and he finished putting down the floor in the barn. This afternoon Dad and he went down town to get ground to build the posts for the wind mill foundation. Dad had to go around by the mill with some oats to be chuffed, so Hubby went right down to the beach to locate soil good ground.