

and did a few odd jobs and I disked on the pea stubble all morning. I would have gone thrashing instead of Dad. but I had promised to go up creek with Mary. This afternoon and Dad said as it was such a nice day I had better not postpone it so he went instead. They got through soon after dinner. I quit a little before noon and got down town fairly early but we had to go and hunt Jake Cyers up to get a host as he was up digging potatoes and Mary had to stop to express a basket of plums home which she picked at Mrs. M. Queen's the morning so it was about half past two when we left. We went up as far as we could row and had a dandy time getting back about half past five. I took a couple of pictures of Mary. It wasn't at all hot in fact some times when the sun went under a cloud or the breeze caught us it was rather chilly. I stayed to tea and all night at Aunty Alice's. I was up town for a half an hour or so after tea and saw Brierly. Mrs. Barwell, Cousin Clara and Cousin Foll were down at Aunty Alice's for a rubber of bridge. Cold east wind this morning but sunny and warmer later.

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I went home this morning right after breakfast and changed my clothes and then Dad & Sid drove me down

again to church. Dad had to go over to Kolbe pig pens in the marsh to see a sick pig. He says the place over there is a fright. Ducks and chickens are so dirty they can't grow and the ducks won't go into the creek. The pigs with their mothers have had nothing to eat but fish and are not growing a bit. When I got home from church Frank informed me that all the rest of the family had gone to Caledonia with Sam & Thompson to see Douglas. After dinner Frank went back to the gully and got some butter nuts and I sat around and read and wrote in this. Mr. & Mrs. John Shand come to call but didn't stay when they found the folks away and Winnie was over for a little while, she wanted an impression of the crest & put on a signet ring. Frank and I did up all the chores and Frank went down to church. I went down a little later and got home about eleven. Dad, Ernie and Sid got home about eight after having had a fine time down at Douglas's. I saw Hugh Bannister this morning for a few minutes. He has just got back from France having been on an American transport taking supplies to the U.S. troops. He has been pretty much all over the world since he left here 2 1/2 years ago. Lovely day.

Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>

I disked all day on the wheat ground today and had the dirt