

through with his chores so didn't come up. I didn't get home till about twelve o'clock but got quite a few pointers on judging fruit which I knew very little about. Meff also announced that he was going to award prizes for general proficiency and best kept notes at last year's winter school course and I was very agreeably surprised to learn that I had won first prize for general proficiency and by Mr. Birds second. Leo Challand won first prize for best kept note and Frank second. The prizes were all books mine was "Principles of Breeding" by Davenport and Frank's was "The Breeds of Farm Animals" by Gay. This afternoon Frank and Dick burned some of the old swail grass that was in windows out by the side road and Dad, Emb and Sid went down town and got some salt. Fine, cool & breezy.

Wednesday August 28th

It rained hard early this morning and all the afternoon. We didn't do much but sit around and read. Dad did a little ditching this morning and took Sam Thompson's old red hen home about noon. Just at dinner time an automobile party ran in

here out of the rain to put chains on their wheels. The three women of the crowd came into the house and told us they were from Gibsonburg and on their way to Bridgeburg. About the middle of the afternoon Hurvey they came over well protected from the weather by rubber coat and boots. He was after cream

Thursday August 29th

First thing this morning Dad, Dick and I went down and started to tear down. Lew Brooks's old stable. Frank came down later with the team. We got more than half of it down and the nails out of the boards by noon and took one load home. This afternoon Dad and Dick got most of the rest of it down and Frank and I went down town and got a load of soft coal and took the wheels of the old wagon down to Pullman to have the tires set. We came back to Lewis and got another load of boards after we had put the coal off. Mr. Jones and Mr. Johnson were over here this afternoon and Deas and Win come over to tea. Dick went down with them to the dance this evening. I felt rather tough to-day, think I had a touch of the colic. Fine day cool and breezy.