

I came home to tea and didn't go down again. Aunty & Aunty Alice want me to go down there and give them a whole day in the garden to-morrow if it doesn't rain. This was a lovely spring morning, and warm but wet the afternoon.

Monday April 17th

It rained hard during the night and was cold dark & windy this morning so I didn't go down to work in the garden, it has been a very nasty day, hasn't rained much but has looked like it and been cold and windy. Charles Martin came over this morning and was here for an hour or so visiting, he had three lambs he wanted a market but we took the meat out of our smoke house for us then last year. Cook and the baby went down to dinner and were down most of the afternoon. Bill Phillips came after Dad soon after dinner to go down and tend to Alfie Dell's cow which calved yesterday, so Dad went down and charged them two dollars she and Frank got home to get her a little before six. I didn't do much but put the collar on the colony house frames and husk a little corn. Bruce Dell came over after Dad again to night, the cow is worse and Dad has gone down with her.

Tuesday April 18th

Dad went down town again this morning to see the Dell's cow and was down most of the morning, he said she was better. I did chores most of the morning and just before dinner Dad put the saddle on Queen and I rode her down nearly to the corner, she didn't do so very badly. Dad said she looked fine. We spent most of the afternoon trimming her up. Dad cut the long hair off her legs & fetlocks with the scissors and singed most of it off under her jaw. About half past four when Frank got home we undertook to drive the eight pigs from the hog pen over to the bay on the old barn where Dad thinks they will do better, we got five of them in with out much trouble but three we had an awful time with and had to put tire them out and the last one we had to tire out and catch but we had Tige to help us with her and the others we did alone, it nearly killed us. Dad is anxious to get them finished for fear the price drops they were up to 10.75 percent yesterday. Frank has gone on a hunting, trapping and fishing expedition with the Ryer's to night. Mrs. M. Bude was here all day washing. It has been sunny but a very high wind all day. Mud has dried up a lot.