

Sunday August 30th

It has been very hot and oppressive to-day and we have done very little but sit around. We just worked in two meals. I went out to the garden this morning and picked some cucumbers and dug some potatoes while Mary was busy in the house. Late this afternoon Harry B. and I walked over to see how poor old Mr. Tompkins was feeling. He is still very stiff and sore but thought he was better.

Monday August 31st

I spent the whole day cleaning up the strawberry patch and then got very little more than a row cleaned as it is a slow job. Gibson was in this morning to renew my fire insurance policy. Mahel & her aunt were in late this afternoon to see Mary. School starts again tomorrow. I have been working up a cold all day and feel like a boiled cabbage to-night.

Tuesday September 1st

I have done a great deal of nothing to-day as I felt so tough with my cold. I went out and started to hoe strawberries this morning but the bending over

seemed to make me sneeze, which I did to such an extent that I got dizzy. I lay around and slept most of the time but picked about a bushel or a half of each apple. The tree is loaded this year and they are excellent quality sound & clean, all the fruit seems to be this year. Frank came over with his tractor and tried to plough the side hill by the school house, but the summer grass hilled up so on his skinniness that he couldn't do it. He ploughed the garden strip south of the house. Ina's folks called for her to-night on their way home from brushing at Ina's and they told us that word had come this morning that the Colonial had hurried to the water edge at Crystal Beach and that there had been some fatalities. Beautiful day.

Wednesday September 2nd

I rode Juan over home this morning and brought Juan & Belle back with the wagon. I rolled down what Frank ploughed yesterday and disked what had been ploughed before, but it is so dry I hate to chance putting alfalfa seed on it. I went down to band concert to-night, the last one. It rained a little at intervals during the evening but it got home dry. Cloudy & cool all day. Flies are very bad.