

Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>

This morning I went down to Auntie's and took Sid with me to help work in the garden and incidentally to remove him from the impending operations to be carried on here as Mr. McBride arrived just as we left and they have been papering the kitchen ceiling all day and generally house cleaning and they thought his presence would not be required. I spent the day digging the cellar banks and got them pretty well dug the house side of the drains but not the wood shed side, however they were well pressed they said with what I did and it certainly did make quite an improvement. I came home about four o'clock, and did chores but didn't get through in time to get up to the barn for tea but left soon after to give Geitha a riding lesson she got on fine. She had been reading up on it in the encyclopedic and tried to put the theory to practice and didn't lose her head or lose control of her so had a few good canter up and down the road. I didn't stay late. Winnie was over here to tea and Frank went down with her after tea and I guess they went to the picture show. Dad says Ham Chapman was into night, feeling pretty blue as another cow aborts just gone a few months and is afraid it is contagious abortion. Finis put a sultry

Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>

Frank went over at seven this morning to help Jack Martin's gang set out straw berry plants and was there all day. Dad drove Enah down to the dentist's this morning and she was down all day too. Minnie Quamby come over at noon to say Enah had telephoned over that she wouldn't be home. She got her feet filled and one out so feels rather sore in the mouth. Dad and I have not done anything to speak of. A few chores and I slept and read. Dad of course had to watch the baby. He has been reading up on contagious abortion, and feels very worried for if Ham's bull is infected we have brought it into this herd by breeding Daisy May & Elzitha to him and we have to wait now anyway before we can find out as the only way to tell seems to be to see if other cows abort, as we won't dare breed Elzitha when she comes around again. Dad had a letter from Darcy and he thought she must have aborted and said he would breed her at once but Yupper who has had experience with it says not to breed them till after the time they would have had their calf if they had not aborted. But anyway we don't dare breed her to another bull till we know for sure about Ham or the thing will get spread all over. Daisy hunt & Miltie's Thursday