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Wednesday October 8th

We separated the ewe lambs from the rams this morning and put them with the old ewes. Midget who has not been well for a day or two died this morning and Frank skinned her. I started to shingle the chicken shed roof this morning and worked at it most of the day but didn't make much showing as it is a long roof. This was Vernon's birthday and they all came over here for dinner. Dad looked for up to Mexico's cart and brought Aunt Ida, Vernon and the two children over and Auntie & Auntie Alice walked. After dinner we went out and picked up hickory nuts for awhile. Frank went to the Simcoe Fair this afternoon and got home at six. There wasn't much stock there. I went down town to see if it froze quite hard last night. Only third white frost yet.

Thursday October 9th

It turned much milder and rained all morning and has been cloudy all day. Frank and I husked hickory nuts most of the morning and this afternoon went down and got a load of stone coal as Ruby sent word over that it

was in. In night the "Moonlight Riding Club" to which Frank belongs spent their monthly meeting here. There were about a dozen of them and they seemed to have a pretty good time playing cards and with music.

Friday October 10th

Dad, Frank and I put the rails across the west bent in the old barn in tending to move the alkali straw in and leave room for the calves underneath but by the time we got the rails in place the wind was so strong that we didn't attempt to move the straw. Dad and Frank went out to clean out ditches in the wheat and I tried to pick the apple. There is only one tree in the orchard that has any number at all on and a there are a few basketfuls on the other trees. This afternoon Frank took the old drill back which he has rigged up as a spring tooth cultivator and gave the potato ground a good rooting up. Auntie and Aunt Ella & Rebecca came over this afternoon. Aunt Ella was attending a W.A. conference in Hamilton and came up here on her way home for a very short visit. She is quite a wonderful old lady, over seventy