

Monday August 29th

Tom and I finished hauling hay to day in four good loads. We brought it all over here and have this barn crammed pretty full. It threatened rain most of the after noon and drizzled a little but didn't stop us. It was drizzly to night and I was tired so I didn't go to hand practice. Mary is pretty tired as she washed to-day in order to get some other jobs out of her to-morrow.

Tuesday August 30th

It was a little too wet this morning to haul oats so I took the team and rock and went down to Hubbs and got the doors that Cecil had made for the old shed where we keep the car. I saw Bob Smith down there and he told me that they had a royal row at hand practice last night. Harry called Ernie a liar and Ernie pulled off his coat to hit him but some of the others intervened and Harry turned in his horn. I was very sorry to hear it as Harry is too good a man to lose but he & Ernie couldn't get along. Things will probably go smoother now. This afternoon I went out to get in the spring wheat and oats

off the back field. There were only two loads of it all told. Charlie Martin came down to night and sold us a piano much to our amazement and the worst of it is it is a Steinwayman costing \$895. Mary is going to turn her Newfoundland bond in on it and I agreed to pay 25.00 quarterly for the next four or five years. I figured the dividends from my Hamilton Dairy stock would nearly cover the payments. Charlie claimed that a cheap piano such as I thought it best to get for a while would not last and would be far more liable to damage by the kids than a good one which will last a life time, so I bit like a sucker.

Wednesday August 31st

Tom and I hauled oats off Dave's place to-day and got four loads in our barn and ~~three~~ two in Dave's. Dave was out and objected to putting any in our barn as he wanted it all thrashed at his place but we didn't see much sense in thrashing there & then hauling straw & grain back to our place again. He was pretty crusty about it. Aunty & Aunty Alice came out for dinner & tea and I took them home this evening when I went to hand concert. They