

to invite Vernon as she wanted her to so I don't know now it will pan out. I sat around and read and wrote to Aunty till it was time to do chores and fooled with the guitar all evening. It has been another lovely day. Gunt come home last night and isn't going back right away to pick

Monday October 5th

Frank and I cut corn again all day and by to-night only had twenty one more shocks to cut. Harry and Dad. hauled manure all the afternoon. Harry didn't get dues till late and they had to fix the spreader a little this morning. The axle had slipped out of place. Misner the livery stable man was over this morning to get his horses teeth filed. and Gupper came over after dinner to get Dad. to go over and look at his Clyde mare but as Dad. was all hunkered up he said he would wait till morning. Gupper was telling us a great way to cut short clover seed like ours is this year. He says if we cut it with the mower we can never gather it up with the rake but he says if we take the table canvas off the binder and set the reel low we can just take the heads off and when we get the table full we can rake them off. He was also talkin about tile drains. Bill told us there was no use trying to drain clay land with tile as the water won't go through it. but Gupper says

that is only blue clay. The red clay he says is the best land for tile as they don't fill up like they do in the sand. but it takes a year or two to get all the little pores and channels in the soil running to the tile established. The longer they are in the better they work. It has been much milder to-day and looks as if it might rain soon. Eunah and Giddums went downtown this afternoon.

Tuesday October 6th

Frank and I finished cutting the corn about eleven o'clock amidst great rejoicings on our part. Gunt came over this morning and told us Harry was doing insurance work for Ed Moon. He was to have come at noon but didn't appear. Dad. had to go over and see. Gupper was so Gunt rode over with him. When they got back Gunt helped him pitch on three or four loads of manure. This afternoon Dad. & I hauled manure and made quite a hole in the pile but neglected to keep track. Between loads I swept off the floor of the loft above the hog pen and moved all the old horse scroofs that I had here with chickens under, up there and to-night Dad. helped me get the brooder up. Giddums was out with us and would get right where if the brooder ever slipped it would fall on him. and Dad. stepped on a hen that was roostin up there and when it squawked it scared poor Giddums and he more than howled. The latest addition to his vocabulary is hammer pronounced