

All no mention made of Bedford so suppose Roy & his family were not so near the devastated area which seems to have been a very narrow strip. I didn't do much but chores this forenoon and went over to the Luamp River for a little while this afternoon. I drove down town quite late in the afternoon and went to see Maxj. for a short time and then went over to Billy Lang's shop and got a bag of oat chaf from Jack who is at the shop every night after fires.

Friday March 20th

As it was frozen this morning I thought I could get out a few more loads of manure but the sun soon got up strong and although I got two loads out the ground was too soft and the waggon cut in badly so I quit. I heard an engine going over in Willie Shand's woods so walked over to investigate and found Willie Shand, Will Cruise, Tom Ripken & Tom Stone doing a great business sawing wood with the saw frame out fit that Willie Shand & Will Cruise bought from Frank Shearer for fifty dollars. The two Willies were running the machines and the Tom's were skidding the logs. Willie was as delighted as a

kid with a new toy and thinks the machine will soon pay for itself in the time it will save. Possibly so, but it appears to me that if he and Tom had spent the time it has taken to get the thing hauled into place and rigged up. Sawing wood they would have their wood all cut by now, how ever Willie is getting a lot of fun out of it so I suppose it is all right. I cleaned out the colony house this afternoon and timbered around, but didn't go down town. The last two Fridays seem to testify to the truth of the proverb "Friday fairest or foulest." Last Friday was the worst day of the week and today has been a beautiful day and I think easily the finest day.

Saturday March 21st

It was very cloudy this morning and looked so threatening that I decided to go down town before dinner and then although I would have more time to see Maxj. I got down about eleven and took the eggs up town and got what groceries we needed. I went into the bank to see about borrowing enough money to pay Mrs. Lawson but Mr. Freeman was busy so I didn't see him, later I saw Dad. and he said he could