

to take him the big wooden cross puzzle, which he seemed very pleased to get. We went down his lane & some dry way of the gully. When we got home we sat around awhile before doing the night chores. Aunt & Dick came over about six as Dick wanted to get on a clean shirt or something and we went down with them to tea, or rather turkey dinner. I took my skates down but it was too dark to go. Dick went up to a surprise party at Fatty Furness, and told us he would not be home to night. Aunt stayed down too. Dad, Sam & I came home about eleven. It has been very mild & sunny

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

I got up very late this morning. Dad & I did chores and Glen & Wilbur Ryerse came along for a half morning's visit. Wilbur wanted Dad to buy a pure bred Durham bull-calf for fifty dollars, but Dad told him he would go over & look at it before investing. At eleven Dad went down to Fred's and brought Aunt home. This afternoon he went down again and saw Lyle up town who solicited his vote for his re-election but Dad told him that though he had nothing against him as a neighbor, he was out of place as a receiver for he thought he had acted very unfairly in everything last year. I cleaned up some of the old rubbish heap in

the barnyard while Dad was gone. Frank put in the afternoon building a dandy job crane with his Meccano outfit. It has been very soft to day & looks like a storm.

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

This was Aunt's birthday and, although we did our best we could not think of anything to give her so she says that she doesn't know any thing either, but Win sent her over a couple of aprons. Aunt remembers they are just what she wants. Dad, Aunt and I drove down town in the lumber wagon this afternoon morning. Aunt went in to see Cook who was up walking around and then down to Hobbs to get Dad's old medicine cupboard and the contents there of ready for removal to the farm. Dad & I went down to the beach and got all the sand we thought we had better haul. The waves down there were great as the sand was frozen enough to hold the wheels up and get out too much to shovel. The ice banks are very high down there. We came up around by Hobbs and got Aunt and the old cupboard which we are going to use as a store house for Frank's & my belongings. We are preparing in time against young Hobbs' development. Dad & I did chores this afternoon and then sorted Dad's medicine. It started to rain this morning which turned to an all day snow storm. Colder to night but not freezing.