

Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup>

We hooked up Joe & Queen to the hook slights this morning and drove down town with Aunty Alice's cream and butter. Queen went fine considering it was the first time she has been hooked up to anything. Frank got home at noon and his Christmas holidays have begun. He and I husked some corn this afternoon and about five o'clock Dad, I & the baby drove Joe and Ginger down to the cutter. Tonight I went down town and stayed down at Aunty Alice's all night. Aunty left for Garretts this morning to stay with Ray for Christmas week. Walter & Elsie are coming there tomorrow. Snowed most of day <sup>but sleighing not good.</sup>

Thursday December 23<sup>rd</sup>

I went down to the train this morning to wish Marjorie a Merry Christmas before she left for home. Essie was down to see her off. Aunty Alice got up and had breakfast ready for me when I got back. I walked home in time to find Dick down as it was raining hard. It has rained most of the day and the snow is nearly all gone. I husked corn and did chores most of the day. Dad has cut up pigs and has them all cut up and Enah has most of the lard rendered out. Frank has been making a knife drawer for Enah. Last night Frank went down to the Mud Street school show (Bertha Englands) with the Ryersons, they went in looks <sup>this time.</sup>

Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>

I spent most of the morning cleaning out the chicken houses and tacking cotton in the windows. Tom Abbat came in and got a rooster. This afternoon Dad went down town to get his hair cut and Frank and I to do some Christmas shopping. Dad and I came home together. The town seems to have quite a few soldiers home for Christmas. I saw Billy Loan in uniform didn't know he had enlisted. Frank is going to try and catch some pigeons for Sec. Bendersen's shooting match, to night. Very mild but cloudy all day.

Christmas Day.

I drove Enah and Frank down to church in the cutter this morning with Joe and Ginger but as all the chores had to be done up this morning and one of us had to look after the baby so I came back home again. Dad and I then dressed up and drove Joe down in the buggy to the farm where the whole family of us partook of Christmas dinner we took the baby down with us, the M. J. Person family were all there too. We had a dandy time especially Frank who had a cigar after dinner and spent the remainder of the afternoon in the Catholic Church school. We came home about four and then I drove Harry & Belle down and got Aunty Alice and Aunt Ida and