

Dear John + Ella,

Well winter held off pretty well and even now a couple of days of sunshine would settle the snow so it wouldn't be much of a problem.

I understand a lot of deer were shot around here. Ray Showman told me yesterday he got one the first morning across the road from Delma's house + Clarence Chase, Frank Windsor, one of Vere Wood's boys, somebody they call Rakki Rutkowski and a lot more all shot them the first day. Clarence is going to give us his rack of horns.

Ge Gletten was here this week-end. He's going to Florida but hasn't found anybody to go with him.

I have 10 head of stock now. One fresh heifer, one to freshen the 30th of this month + three in March + April. I have three heifer calves from 4 to 7 weeks old and one little bull I'm weaning. I sold a weal calf two weeks ago which weighed 215 pounds and cost 39¢ a pound.

I understand the Trume Kline place is to be sold at the court House some time this week. Somebody

brake into the house a couple of weeks ago and stole the antiques and made a 'shambles' of the other things left inside. I hear there are at least 6 people after the place.

We have a very pretty hanging lamp that Elsie McWilliams found in Don Cornell's old barn. I suppose it was Don's mother's — anyway we had it polished as it was brass and Glen Klapp is going to put it up in the living room. Now we'll have one in the kitchen, the living room & the parlor.

We'll go out back of the barn and cut a spruce tree for our Christmas tree. I hope it snows & blows all day Christmas for that's the kind of day we love.

~~It takes about 3 1/2 to 4 hours to~~
do the chores in the forenoon and an hour in the evening. I never had little calves do as well as these have done — no scours or any other problems and they've got the best appetites you ever said.

I hope you folks are keeping well and having a good winter. Maybe if the snow goes you & Wilma can drive out. Merry Christmas from Dainie & Margaret