

Mon. Night Feb 26-1945  
Wentworth, MO.

My Dear Hub.

Well Hub we haven't started sowing oats yet. I haven't even started plowing yet. We just had one day that it was fit to plow and I ground feed that day. Of course it rained the next day. I guess I didn't use good judgment.

about the bull I have written you all about it but you probably never got the letter and never will so I will tell you again. Well the bull brought \$12.25 per 100 lbs he weighed 1400 lbs bringing \$170.00 only \$5 less than we gave for him that was a good deal don't you think. The steers brought -- two brought \$13.00 and two brought 12.00 the cow brought 10.50 they weighed around 900 lbs on an average. The check amounted to \$737.00. That was a pretty good load.

I haven't broken Jim yet but my intentions are good. I put the bridle on him the other day but then I decided to drag wood with him for the first time wouldn't be so good so I turned him loose again. We are trying to sell Daisy when we get her sold then I'll have to break him. There won't be no getting around the bush then ha ha.

The milk cows we have not sold any  
of them but I am letting three culls  
go dry and am going to sell them  
pretty soon. Old Riddle and The Red Bone  
cow should come fresh any time now  
I put them in the steer shed for the  
last few nights. But as cold as it is I  
don't care if they do wait a little longer.  
The sow also is to have pigs soon.

The shoats are really doing good now  
I believe I will have them ready for the  
Market by next Month if they keep on  
doing the way they are now.

Our chickens are doing better now  
they lay around 160 eggs per. day. I bet  
you wish you could get at least one a  
day. Or do you get plenty.

It won't be long till we have to think  
about little chickens again. What kind  
do you think we should get this time.  
We thinking about changing to Osterwhite  
they seem to lay very good. That is the  
kind Martin's decided to get.

I made Mike an offer the other day  
when I helped him gather corn that  
was on his birthday, one of his cows

had a heifer calf a guernsey he didn't think he wanted to raise it so I told him I would trade him a bull calf which I figured Old Reidle cow would have because she is bred the Harris Guernsey bull but she didn't come fresh yet. Or he said he would take \$5.00 for it do you thing I ought to buy it.

The Government is doing a new thing again they want to build any farmer a \$25.00 pond providing he has a suitable location. The idea is they say one can produce more pounds of fish in a 1 acre pond than you could with any other animals. They claim you can produce 300 of fish in one year per acre. They will build the pond free and furnish the fish to get a start. We have been thinking about making the pond bigger where that one is or make one by the big Elm tree you know along that ditch up south. By then when you get home and want to fish you can fish all you want to. I won't be a game ward ho ho. They say if the water runs through a certain amount of grass it will be clear as a creek. We are going to see about it if it is a suitable location they want it to have a clay bottom. Oh course it may be some time <sup>over</sup>

befor they would build it.

Today is the first time we had a letter from you since Feb-7 we really were glad to hear from you. we all hope and pray that the Lord will see fit to end the war soon so we can be together again that will be the grandest thing ever happened to me. So until I see you again God be with you. Well I don't know what to write.

Oh I do have the wood sawed and a quite a bit of it split. I think I will have plenty of hay for this year I am still bedding 5 argo. I hauled in a load Sat after noon. I still have some in the field. If it fair up so we can work outside tomorrow I think I will cut some ports. probably will cut some black locust. I \* takes lots of ports you know more about that than I do.

your Brother  
John