

Willow Springs, Mo.

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Dear old Sister.

I hear you are safely moved. Thank goodness! Elsie said she had been a witness to the fact so I have to accept it. and now I hope you will like your new location and be able to defy all comers. bless you! I think you will, when you get used to it for Elsie says it is a pretty location I should think you can have a real garden now and grow lots of things and perhaps Chickens. Oh no, dont do that, for Chickens do not pay. I never think they do. I just keep 50 or 100 to pick up after the stock so nothing is wasted. but if I had to buy their feed they would fade

away. I counted the Roosters a few days ago and found 16. I thought it looked like we had a surplus. so I cut the heads off eleven and canned them. had 13 quart cans of solid meat without any bones also two cans packed in joints with bones in, just to try how we liked that way, and 10 quart cans of soup. I helped Mama to dress them one day and canned them the next. days are short now and we only get 3 or 4 hrs in the middle of the day for work as the rest is taken up in milking & feeding and other chores. for me.

We had a good Christmas you all remembered us with letters and cards think we had 23 letters on morning but no one here. Cyril couldn't get off, for more than the day and he could not get home in that time so he

went to Kansas City and got there in
time for dinner at Lillian's and went
back on Sunday afternoon. so Harold
and Cyril were together for a day.
with Lil + Dorothy + their husbands so
they all had a good time together. Mama
sent a box from the farm. a dressed
fowl + plum pudding. Fruit cake Mince
pies. Apples + @ - We invited three
neighbors and waited dinner a little
while but the weather was too inclement
for them so we spent the day alone
Mama trimmed a small Christmas
tree and we had lots of packages to
open and had a good time.

Hope Hubert got home O.K. so as to
insure you a happy day together
He sent me a Holly leaf which was
the center of our decorations. had
to show Tom Pringle it and the
Punch Almanac. he has now got

the alumnae, he dropped in last night to borrow it.

Hope you are having as good a winter as we are. just a nasty kick at Christmas, snow and zero. but generally mild but Jan & Feb are our bad months.

We are having hard times here. many of the large employers of labor are closing their factories. Ford shut down putting 50,000 employes out of work and many more works are closing down. I am thinking the boys may get out of a job and be glad to come to farm. H.C. of L. is coming down but wages are being reduced also, farm produce is cut in half i.e. the price of it.

Will write more next time have so letters to write today and this is the first so good bye dear old sis o'mine and a good hug & kiss for the New Year wishing you may have it full of prosperity and happiness. Love
Bro Dan