

groups, we set the table three times. First it was set for the men, then for the children and then finally the women could eat. The men went to the parlor to smoke cigars and talk. The children went off to play. One warm Christmas while playing "Hide-and-Go-Seek," Agnes fell in the cistern and had to be rescued by Aunt Laura.

While speaking of setting the table, I remembered one of "Gra'ma Klute's" sets of dishes. It had bluebirds on it. I wonder which family inherited it?

In the summer, we always looked forward to cousins staying with us while they attended Confirmation

classes at church.

separator was kept in the basement of the house. There was also a small shed where small calves were kept and bucket fed.

The basement of the house had bins for winter fuel. In the winters that I remember, we mostly used a heating stove in the dining room. The bedrooms were cold. We would grab our clothes and run to change behind the stove. At night we took a cloth covered brick that had been heated in the oven to bed with us so we could keep our feet warm. Ice formed on the covers from our breath.

There were several machine sheds. One held a threshing machine and Fred and I loved to climb all over it.

horseback when roads were impassable.

Today, we hear a lot about the 30s depression. I was young but remember talk of the Westboro bank closing and the suicide of the banker. Also, I remember men coming to beg for money from "Gra'ma" for groceries. I think she still held some notes that were due when she died in 1936.

"Gra'ma" held on to her cream and egg money. She would keep it in old purses in her closet under the

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