

up from the farm to spend the day and take us back home.

They made plans for Phyllis, Richard and Kenneth to visit us on the farm. Two weeks later, Uncle Chris and Aunt Jennette drove down with their kids and suitcases. We were happy about that. We had fun showing each cousin where they would sleep, and then took them all on a tour of the farm.

All three wanted to ride the horses that day. Dad promised they could ride Daisy while they were on the farm. Phyllis wanted to pet the baby lambs and piglets. She was excited when Dad told her that she could feed the baby piglet later. We all went to the henhouse where they gathered the eggs. One old hen squawked and pecked Kenneth when he took her egg.

After good-bye hugs to all of us, Uncle Chris and Aunt Jennette left for the city. Our cousins were eager to be “farmers” and we all trooped to the pasture to bring in the cows. Our dog Spot helped herd the cows into the barn. Milking lessons would soon begin. Kenneth became quite a good milker. A wonderful week followed.

Every summer we enjoyed Phyllis and her brothers visiting. On the farm, Phyllis found an apple tree that had a crotch just right for her to sit comfortably and read on hot summer days. Her tree climbing skills were further sharpened when the apples ripened. She was ready to try any farm duty, and kept trying until she mastered it. This trait was evident all her life. She was no quitter. I hope you will cherish these memories of your Mother, as I have for so many years. She will be sorely missed.

Affectionately, Dorothy Gonick

## **NO TV IN THE 1930'S - WHAT TO DO!**

### **WAYS TO ENTERTAIN YOURSELF!**

#### **Memories of Alice Adair Johnson**

1. Take the brace and bit and bore holes in the ground.
2. Pound nails into the ground or boards.
3. Peddle the corn sheller or the blade sharpener.
4. Ride a shovel down a hill on the snow.
5. Make and try to fly a kite.
6. Braid white clover stems into flower leis.

*A Kaleidoscope of Memories*

7. Make colorful hollyhock dolls.
8. Make mud pies.
9. Count the cars that drive past the house.
10. Sit and watch the cats scare and chase each other in the horse barn.
11. Sit and watch the baby lambs as they jump and frolic.
12. Bottle feed the baby lambs.
13. Put wallpaper and new pictures on the walls of the outhouse.
14. Play "Ten Steps Around the Corner."
15. Listen to Cousin Ruth sing "A Frog Who Went a Wooing Go."
16. Play "Fox and Geese" in the snow.
17. Play Chinese Checkers (especially with Grandpa Adair).
18. Play dominoes and checkers. (especially with Dad).
19. Play the game of Authors.
20. Play Rook or Solitaire.
21. Play "Mother May I?"
22. Play Hide and Seek.
23. Read a book.
24. Make Go-carts and ride to the bottom of the hill.
25. Cut out and paste pictures into a cloth scrapbook—
26. —then tear out pictures, have Mom wash the scrapbook, and do it all over again.
27. Cut out paper dolls and clothes from the Des Moines Sunday paper we'd get on Monday from Elbert Edwards.
28. Color in the coloring books.
29. Make chains of paper and popcorn for Christmas tree decorations.
30. Cut out and bake cookies.
31. Eat the cookies.
32. Special treat—pull taffy.
33. Have a spelldown.
34. Play Hide the Thimble.
35. Play "I'm thinking of something that begins with\_\_\_\_."
36. Listen in on the PARTY Line.
37. Take a blanket, go outside, count the stars and try to find constellations.
38. Play Tic, Tac`, Toe.