

Wilcheta Falls, Texas

Oct 13, 1941

Dear Mama:

Just a few lines in answer
to your letter of which I was very glad
to get a few days ago also; your and
Dennerd's letter which I was glad to get
to-day; I was proud to learn that you
all were well. I trust this will find you
all O.K.; As for me I am about the same
as usual. I still have my bad Cold,
they wont give you anything here for a
Cold except pills and salts and
Castor oil, I almost as soon be sick.

I was very sorry to learn that
Dorthey lost her Cow; wonder what
was wrong with the Cow? did she
sum much sick? who did you get to drag
the Cow off? I guess the Cream and

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milk is short now. Is the other cows doing pretty good in their milk? don't guess the milking is as big a job now.

Oh yes; I got off to Dallas Saturday after-noon and got back here last night about 11 O'clock. I didn't get to stay long but it helps me to get away from here that long and I got to see Ellis & Lillie and Everett and some more folks that I knew.

I sure was surprised that Dennerd was driving the Car to town, I did not know he could drive that good, I think it is pretty dangerous for him to drive that Car; you all be very careful. I told Ellis about it, he said you should not let Dennerd drive as it was too dangerous.

How is Howard and his mother and

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Dad? O.K I hope. Do they has not sent me the pictures yet. Oh yes where did you see Mrs Chapman? she ^{always} ~~at all~~ seem to love me, I would like to see her. I sure did enjoy reading those papers you sent me. I Guess Viola (Honeycutte) Brook's mother and Dad are hurt over her getting married to that Brooke boy.

I am very glad that you got the money and paid those tapes, Altho I hated for you to sell that Cow. Can we pay so much a month at the Bank if we want too? did they just Charge you (6%) six per-cent interest? I hope you can get to lease the land to an oil Co, but I would not lease unless they paid Cash. I see in the News-papers where they are trying to get an oil field in Shelby County; sure hope they do.

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How is that cane? some of it is pretty good isn't it. Ellis said it would make better syrup to let the frost fall on it before it is cut.

How much cotton have you got picked? have you all picked any dry peases? I sure wish I could be there to help you. I want to come down there about Nov 5th if I can get off then as I can not come untill I get a payday. I think Ellis intends to come then, but he needs to stay up there and make ever nickel he can as long as you all can do without him. I must go as I don't have any news. I had began to think you was not going to get the money I sent as it was (10) ten days after I sent it until you wrote me that you had got it. Trusting that I will hear from you soon.

Lots Love,
Lenard.

Tell Emma I will
write her soon.

"Monday Night"

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Dear Dennerd:

I must say I was very glad to get your letter today; was proud to learn that you was O.K.; as for me I don't feel so good as I have a bad Cold. I hope this will find you ^{OK}. Sure was bad about you all and Dorothy loosing her Cow, I was sorry to hear about it. I wonder what was the matter with her. Did you all get Benny to move the Cow? don't guess the milking is a very big job now as you all sold the spotted Cow.

I was glad that you all got to go to the Fair as I know you wanted to go and that you had a good time, sure wish I could have been with you all. I was glad I had the dollar to send you

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and Emma. I would have sent you more if I had it to spare. Dennerd; I have not mailed you those funny books yet as I did not think you would have time to read them as you would have to study your lessons. I will send them pretty soon or bring them when I come home. I don't know just when I will get to come home but I will try to come about Nov 5th as I can not come untill after payday; so you see that is not long altho it will seem like a long time to me. Oh yes; I went to Dallas Saturday afternoon, I got there about (6) six o'clock. and left there Sunday eve about 6¹⁵ o'clock and got up here about 11 o'clock Sunday night. Ellis and Lillie & Everette were all O.K. Ellis said he might come home if I got to come

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About Nov 5. as he has got to gather the
Corn and see after that cane. Have
you been Chewing any Cane? I wish I
had some of it to Chew; I Guess it is
pretty good isn't it.

I am glad you beat the rest of
your Class on the grad. I will see
about a Cap when I go to town, they
may not have any as small as you wear.
Oh yes; I got a letter from Zella today;
she said they were O.K. she said Robert
was in Louisiana.

Have you all picked much Cotton?
Guess you are eating parch peanuts by
now. I will have to get me some when I
come home. Do you still pet the Salt?
You be Careful and don't let it hurt you.
I bet it is pretty by now. You all be good
and take Care of yourself, trusting I will hear
from you soon. Lots of Love, Lenard.

Man's Best Friend

We received last week some very interesting letters from the pupils of the **Seventh Grade of Mesquite**, in which we were told how they celebrated **National Dog Week**. Like thousands of other Texas boys and girls, the Mesquite Seventh Graders reviewed in their class some of the many great dog stories. One of the class, **Gwendolyn Jo Herndon**, sent her poem, which speaks for itself.



MAN'S BEST FRIEND.

Most dogs are awful friendly,
 If they are only given a chance.
 You can teach them how to shake your hands,
 And even how to dance.

Of all the dog stories
 That I have ever read,
 Balto was one of the dogs
 Who always used his head.

Old Scotch found the mitten,
 Which his master wished to save;
 While faithful Greyfriars Bobby
 Watched over his master's grave.

When a fellow's tired and lonely,
 And the day is at an end,
 A dog is mighty handy,
 When a fellow needs a friend.

Be sure to see

*This is a
 pretty good
 dog verse*