

Letter From Zana Jobe

January 14, 1923

My Dear Aunt Anna,

I am not at S. School as I should be this fine winters morn, but am sitting alone by the fire. About 2 or 3 weeks since D&J went down to Johns for a couple of hours and the house was so hot I took cold and last night I sweat so much I feared if I went out my cold would get worse. I have been busy this New Year. J. T. killed 3 hogs and a beef, he sold nearly all the beef, I rendered 20 gal lard on and in the stove, canned 14 qt. fried sausage and 13 qt roast ham, run off a lot of soap grease, made 2 cakes of soap, I felt I had all I could do, we sold 10 gal. lard at 15 and you pay 18 at store, meeting is to begin today last 3 weeks there the Presbyterians begins a series of meetings. I made a gallon of mince me at yesterday made 2 pies wish I could run over with one, we are having our last mess of celery we raised, I hope to put out more this year. I cooked beef and made noodles yesterday so won't have to do much for dinner.

Your good letter arrived and Dorothy has started her bank account, she was so surprised she has been wishing she could earn some money this summer to make it swell. I am glad you liked your cap and went you to wear it often. A friend sent me a cap from Calif. But I can't wear it so it falls to Dorothy.

I haven't had anything from Ella save a card saying she was boarding, it seems she hasn't many relations left in Aledo. They are either dead or moved away, I should think she would sell her place and buy or build a neat cottage, but I suppose she thinks it's nobody's business.

J. T. talks of renting the farm, if he does I suppose we won run back and forth so much. D. sent and got some stamping patterns, she has worked a flower in the one corner of a Kerchief. Dear Aunt if you are thinking of selling the farm. I don't suppose you will have a bit of trouble in doing it is such a lovely place and on such a nice road and not far from town.

I suppose you go over to your sisters at Hill-Town, I used to hear of mother talking of them.

I had a letter from D. Green, he was asking if I knew anything about Uncle Jasper, well I don't. Ella tells me all I know about him and she didn't mention him in her last letter, I wish you could have been here to have seen the municipal Christmas tree in court-yard all decorated with colored lights and a star and tinsel and evenings they gave a short program. Sat. eve we attended a pageant given at M. E. Church a __ followed for the primary scholars.

We haven't had a good inch of snow this winter – they say the roads are good. I haven't been out of town since Sept. 1, John Jobes daughter has a little girl 3 months old the mother nearly died but is fleshier than she was. The children are in school next week is examination. I hope they pass, a lot of folks are tring to rent and buy houses here in town, one sold recently for \$10,000 to a Jew, we have 100 Jews here and a lot of Jew stores. I expect you are tired but will speak of my lovely Kectus, lantana and fern. They are lots of company.

I hope this finds you well and many tanks for your good letter and hope when you have time write me another.

Lovingly your niece,
Zana Jobe

P.S. We have 22 or more cases of small pox here, 2 on our S.D. Do you have it there?

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