

a week ago Saturday night. Monday we had to start at our early peas and we were two days getting them to the factory. I haven't all the returns for them yet but am afraid they were too thin on the ground to be much of a crop. Tuesday night just as they were starting a Garden party over here at the school house a terrific little hurricane swept through here for a few minutes and took the tops off all our hay cocks and then rained on them. However we got in three loads on Wednesday but a very heavy thunder storm set in Wednesday night and it rained nearly all day Thursday & Friday so we haven't done any haying since. Bert Lampkin started in shingling the stable & dining house over at Louisa on the 14th and as he had to work alone and when it was dry he only finished yesterday noon. Tom got his pig yard fence up during the wet spell so he can let the sows out now. Miss Martin came on Wednesday night for a couple of weeks and we went to Hageroville to meet her. There was to have been a monster picnic and barbecue here on Friday afternoon in honor

of John S. Martin. The band was out and also the Waterford band here. Ferguson, Price and several other Government Speakers as well as a 500 lb roast ox but as it rained all morning the crowd was comparatively small. A week ago last night Dick brought Auntie, Auntie Alice & Mrs. Millman out here for tea and the next day we had George & Adah & Mild & Essie out for dinner. The crowd at the garden party was spoiled on account of the weather but Billie Millman came and was very good about entertaining the crowd that was there so that I think they cleared some where around \$7.⁰⁰ The wind that night took out a good many trees and blew over several silos. Reg. Keatts man was hurt so badly while trying to shut the barn doors that they took him to the hospital and he died yesterday they say. The lightning Wednesday night killed 3 horses of Welch's.

Monday July 18th

I turned over the hay that was on the alfalfa this morning. It is utterly ruined but I thought I would