

Frank had been fishing all the afternoon with his usual luck. Toby walked home and I brought Hattie and the baby. It has been a beautiful day, mild and bright.

Wednesday April 7th

As soon as all the morning chores were done I sowed oats in the little orchard. Then I went over to Charlie Martins to telephone to Atkinson about putting up the head stone for Alice. They said they would put it up between 1 and 2 o'clock so I got ready and Hattie's gone as an early dinner and I started with Hattie and baby a little after 12, but they had the stone up and gone. Mrs Charlie Mansour said they left about 10-30. Toby started Frank on the disks and he worked up the little orchard in good shape and then harrowed it. Toby and I went back to see how the seed was over the gully and decided we would try and sow tomorrow. The boys as I said, before have gone down to Hubert's.

Thursday April 8th

Out of bed at five o'clock and on the hump ever since is a summary of to-days record. Dad & I got back to the back field about half past eight and Dad started to sow the oats broadcast right on the furrows and I followed with the disk. The ground except in one or two spots where it was a little wet was in beautiful shape to work as it is just as the frost left it without having had any big rain on it to pack it and it works up just like an ash heap. Some of the travellers on the side road thought Dad's method a queer one and didn't seem to approve of it. But Dad says they always used to do it and West & Charlie Batty was past and said they used to do it here with success. Dad thought it was better to get the seed in & covered before a rain than to work the larder all up and then run chances of getting a big soaker on it. We took back six bags of oats with us this morning and Dad sowed nearly all of it and although he couldn't tell exactly he wanted to sow bushels to the acre. Dad finished this afternoon and finished well he had sowed but couldn't cross mops very well on account of the piece in the center which he didn't get plowed last fall. Alvin Low was harrowing for a couple of hours this morning.