

of hens out to night they were tickled to death - and soon explored the whole plum orchard and most of them got out through the fence where there is now poultry netting. They didn't all find the way back to roost - and we found one on a fence post way back the lane. John Wess M^r Bride came over to night about sun before we had had our tea, and got Dad to go over and look at one of his mares which was sick. I went back with them and we didn't get back to supper till about half past nine. Dad didn't know what was the matter with the mare. She didn't seem very sick but was breathing very hard when we got there and was a little stiff in the right fore leg. Before we left her breathing got better and Dad said he hadn't the slightest idea what ailed her. John Wess was up all night last night with Ray Lampton who died about ten o'clock this morning. Beautiful day, hot, windy.

Sunday April 19th

Frank went to church and Sunday school this morning and Dick got up at noon had dinner and went down town with the intention of attending church to night but the rest of the family stayed home. I didn't like the idea of going to church and coughing or blowing my nose all through service so we just did chores and sat around. Ed. came over this afternoon with Marion. He brought over a couple of candy plans for the pig pen, the side elevation and ground floor plan.

Frank stayed at Shely's to dinner. Shely said that Charlie M^r Zuen told him he had seen our hen turkey over in Prestor's woods. Frank went to look for her but didn't see her. It rained most of the morning but not hard. Cloudy most of the day but very mild. The wheat and grass has got very green to day.

Monday April 20th

Shely spent the whole morning clearing the brush off the lawn and we got it all nicely raked and the brush piled in the plum orchard. Dad put in the forenoon receiving visitors. Dick Faulm she was the first caller. Billy Galoon then came in for a long time. He has a sick horse and Bruce wanted him to get Dad's advice. He said Bruce was just about healed, he had been practicing night and day and every thing he has been doctoring this spring has died. Charlie Martin then "dropped in on us" for awhile and the purport of his mission was to ascertain whether it would be convenient to smoke his meat in our smoke house. As Dad has our meat just about ready to smoke, he told Charlie to bring his over any time so he came over with five pieces after dinner. This afternoon we put the fence up against the posts in the barn yard. We braced one anchor post well by putting wire around it and around the corner post in the barn but we couldn't stretch the wire tight although we had