

Dick did not get home today to night we don't know whether he had to work or not. We think of getting up early in the morning and going fishing back in the gully. Ray Dell told Frank to night that Ess Fleming ought to pick above the culvert at our place yesterday or the day before. Mrs. M<sup>rs</sup> B. was here washing to-day. It was cloudy and inclined to snow this morning but turned sunny & muddy & mild this afternoon. Lonely night.

Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Dad finished building his hull stall to-day. I did not do much in the morning but this afternoon I pruned another apple tree. We got up about half past five this morning and started to the gully armed with a rifle and two pitchforks. We went down to the culvert and walked up but did not see a sign of aquatic life except a mud turtle who was too slow to resist my picking him out of the water on my fork and some sort of a fish about a foot long which I speared at but missed. I also saw two minnows. Auntie went down to the dentist's this morning and was successful in finding the door unlocked and Bill in working order. Dick had to work to-night and said when he got home that got nearly through he only made a mistake of 1800. Froze hard last night, sunny & breezy today.

Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>

This morning I started to clean up the lawn in front of the house and raked the grass across the ditch. Then Dick & I went back to the gully and burned some of the old grass on the flat. After dinner went back again we burned quite a lot of it but it is a little too wet to run. When we got back we bottled the pieces on the best pieces of the rack. To-night I went down with my horn to practice but found there was a public meeting on in the hall and consequently no practice so I went to the meeting, it was about the new school by law. Mr. Lucy was speaking when I was in and he was against it. Then Dr. Hicks & Mr. Robertson were for it had a little say when Old Mancee & D. Jolly the farmer for the latter argued against it. Old Mancee told us that as he had lived the hard way all his life he had no education so would like to see a good school and that if nobody else would build it for less than \$2500.00 he would take the contract himself. They spent a good part of the time arguing who was going to have the last word but Mr. Lucy left before it was over I think Dick & I did any way and got home after eleven. Auntie went down town this morning and stayed down all night as Auntie Mancee has not been at all well all day. It has been a nice day but with quite a cold wind.