

so I left him over there. When I came back I started to rake up down under the old willow tree. Dad & Cuck worked at the stove and at last succeeded in getting the root which caused us so much vexation the other day, out by cutting the head off with a cold chisel. This afternoon Dad went back to work at John Wess' crew as John Wess came after him, he was over there quite awhile and then opened out some ditches in the field we have in. I continued to clean up down at the road and but to night have it looking pretty nice. I burned the grass all along the road so there will be some nice pasture there soon. Studly came over after six to night and borrowed the alarm clock as their time pieces are all broken down there and he needs his watch. He was giving us a very amusing account of his duties. He says the watering the chickens takes too much brain work, going the rounds with a pail and a dipper filling the little dewing cups and rinsing them out and hooking the myriads of doors and gates all gets on his nerves. Dad. saw than one of the England kids came in after school to night to John Wess' with a great big bunch of hepaticas for Mrs. M. Birds we didn't think they were put up. It has been a lousy day sunny & mild. They gave Bunnian a hearing down here to-day but will have to put the trial off till the District comes in with some witnesses.

Wednesday April 14th

Dad has been opening up ditches in the field and here where we intend to put the harley all morning, he says it is pretty wet. I cleaned out the roosts in the chicken pens this morning and raked up along the old fence bottom which divided the field from the yard in front of the big barn & horse stable. This afternoon I went back to see what the new piece of plowing on top of the hill looked but it was pretty wet so I got some earth along the creek and brought it up and planted tomato seed in it. Frank got home early, he has had a holiday all day as Mrs. Smith is sick in bed with La Grippe. Frank, Betty Miller & Paro Taylor were fishing up creek (and on the pier all morning. Betty Barlow was in to night for a short visit. Another lousy day.

Thursday April 15th

Dad. was back ditching again this morning, he thinks the back field will be dry enough to go on to-morrow if it doesn't rain. I went down to Dyes' and borrowed his post auger and he gave me a ride home on his way down Wood Street to sell machinery and as he thought he was going to feel cold and had come away with out his overcoat he borrowed mine. Dad. didn't seem to approve of being