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Tuesday - two weeks ago today was my surgery. Maybe in another 2 weeks I will be back at work. I sure will be glad. I just hope I can make it till June without going broke or having to borrow any money!

I called work + told them I might can go back to work Tuesday May 1. It will be 4 weeks since my surgery - so maybe I will be strong.

Mrs Crow said I can wear dresses when I go back. It will be more comfortable than britches.

We had a storm come in by midnight and it rained + rained. By 4 AM it sounded like hail hitting the tank. But it may have just been heavy raindrops.

Dad was talking about when he lived on the creek it came up a big rain. So Dad got up + got a horse saddled + rode off to get the cows. Out on the "prairie" not far from the house Dad saw a big rattler stretched out so he got off his horse + got a big shumac tree limb + teased that rattler till he tired of playing with it. Then he killed it. He said when the rattler would strike the shumac stick it sounded like a hammer hitting rock.

These stories - I wish I could really talk to people and get their stories written down while they can tell them. * Daddy says you can use telephone somehow to call up the fish (cats). There are electronic devices, Hand grenades, dynamite which have been used to kill off catfish around here. This is why no one lets anyone ~~that~~ hunt or fish on their places anymore.

The skies are clear now. But there is a slight nother here now. So maybe we can get some more rain in a few days.

Shirley says she took James + Tonya to clean my yard + check my house. She said everything was fine. James mowed the grass + Shirley had Tonya help in the house. I paid 2.50 to each of the kids. She said things looked fine.

Daddy mentioned the freezer to David the renter. He may think about buying it for \$150.00 -

The wind is getting up out of the north. The front porch is cold now but I am cold different from the cold I felt this afternoon. I guess I was just let down because of James's letter. I don't know. Probably.

I had counted too much on James coming back this weekend. In his letter he mentioned Aunt Alma - the day he called to check on me + my surgery, she said something to him about being a minister + having a church. Anyway it upset him.

Then on Easter Sunday Bob Jackson cornered him at church about why he no longer preached + that upset James. He must think everybody is looking down on him because he doesn't preach. He is hurt, I know. He said he thought everybody knew down here. So he won't be back till in October. But really he wants me to go up there.

There are clouds coming in again from the south - maybe more rain. It would be nice. Especially while I can't get to town + water anything.

Maybe if Shirley comes in over tomorrow then maybe I can go to the pasture + look the pasture over.

I saw Butch + Geneva today. ... at a distance. They went up the rode road to the cemetery + then were gone a long time. Then they came back down.

Mama worked all day on the chicken house. She has 2 more panels to go to have it pinned in.

I just hope it won't be too hot in the summer + too cold in the winter.

I talked to Shirley this evening. She might look up some National Geographic magazines & bring them to me tomorrow. I know I have some at home but I've read all these here.

There are some notes I want to take from a few of the stories I have read in several magazines.

Tomorrow is Christopher's birthday. He will be 1 year old! Maybe they will be down this weekend.

Well my day is just about done. It's 7³⁰. Lights go out here at 8⁰⁰. That isn't long. I have written about 10 letters or more today, & sent for some enlargements of my house. The Before & After pictures.

Maybe Shirley will be out tomorrow to pick up some things. I miss Rex Ann & Brandy. Rex Ann is such a good nurse to me.

It's late & I've wrote enough for 1 day.

There are still so many things to write about. But they will have to wait another day.