

Friday P.M.

May 26

Happy Birthday - even if we don't like to count them!

How's the weather up there? We can always talk about that. We are getting very dry - hot & windy - ponds evaporating and we hope for rain soon. Unusual weather everywhere. Our garden is coming up & corn fields can be "rowed" already. I have been fighting a cold or virus or something and today feel best I have for 10 days - hope it continues. We washed & ironed yesterday - clothes dried as rapidly & Dad painted a little more in bedroom & we took off that foam rubber pad from the bed as it was so warm and I slept better last night. It was 99° yesterday but only 90° today on the porch. Dad has gone uptown to mow the yard, then ~~she~~ will go to Duick's & mow theirs before sundown. Stuart was down last evening - said Helen lies down most of the time. I know she doesn't look very well. He thinks she had a stroke last year but doctors never said so. We haven't been up since a week ago Tuesday - Garden Club Sale - when I thought I caught my cold.

Tidy is having Harmony Song today and asked me but I'm staying at home till we go to Duick's.

Haven't heard any more from John - we wrote him & Dad asked him if he would fly to D.C. if we didn't go. I'm trying to have things ready if we do go but I sort of dread it. Dad would like to go and it seems to go an opportunity to miss - June 8-16 with 4 days out there to visit Arthur & Madeline. I'd like to take Jennette along but haven't written her as I'll wait till I'm sure.

Letter from Slawey today. They aren't coming, as nothing in particular to plan for weekend.

Dad just came home & isn't going to Duick's & Carl doesn't want



his moved yet. They had Emory & Hazel Boyles with them & went to Grant City for dinner & never stopped here at all!

I should plant some flowers but its so dry. One big white iris 3 large yellow & a clump of lavender ones have bloomed but they all need water & we are afraid to use it from the pond for fear it will go dry for the toilet. The peonies aren't out yet, although most of those in cemetery are about out & may be in a few days. Mock orange are such small flowers & little roses extra small. Spirea just coming out well. I have two geraniums & 1 white double petunia & 3 blue alyssum plants but I'll not leave them in cemetery as they would soon dry up unless we get rain & often.

Luce will scrub the porch with suds I left from washing some curtains. Scrubbed the back bathroom & tub so we can take a soak occasionally instead of a shower. Its warm enough now not to need a heater!

Martha cut my hair again & set it on Wed. as its in good shape. Dad got a haircut!

They said Northern Lights were so beautiful last night but we didn't see them. Maybe tonight & next Mon. night. Ready to scrub the porch & Dad will mail this & cards for Linda & Richard.

Nancy's turn will come soon enough. Anxious to know what Tommy's plans are - I know how busy you all are & so hot. Love & best wishes

Mom & Dad