

and so was I. Yesterday he had somewhat of a set-back, but rallied again today.

Day after Laura's came to see the greenhouse. Next day ~~she~~ something went wrong with the ventilating system in the greenhouse & we had a severe freeze. Lost $\frac{1}{3}$ of the orchids another $\frac{1}{3}$ ~~had~~ is a probable loss & $\frac{1}{3}$ will probably survive.

It took me a whole day to catalogue losses, trim off dead leaves & separate life from death.

I guess my outlook has changed.

When I was younger I would have cried over my losses. Now I was grateful for what was saved. It will be a year before I know what the losses really are.

Things have been tough at school. The 700 pg reading of History ~~test~~ became due & the test was last week. I had to neglect all my other studies to prepare for it. I got 90 which is 7. I flunked another test in humanities, however and I guess it will be the one I will drop.

I am thoroughly enjoying my classes. I think I can keep up now that history is behind me. (the worst part, at least.)

The house on the farm is coming along. They are through with the electrical wiring and now need to pay another \$14,000. When finished there will be another 20,000 due. I am going to loan it to Tracy until the after time certificates come due.

I am so thankful for the prayers of the good people of this ward. I am sure it was their prayers and the prayers of our children which restored Tracy to health. At a time like this we realize how fragile the thread of life and how precious to us those we love. And one thinks of the possibilities of years without that loved one and wonders if one will have the strength to bear it. Others have - I guess we can do it when & if we will have to.

Feb 28 - I must have thought we were out of the woods when I wrote the above. Tracy contracted a cold and has not been well since that time. (again). This weekend I have had a cold, too. One reason I haven't written in this journal is that it has been misplaced. I have been busy. Liz and Marty were up for the weekend - Sat Fri Sat-Sun. Best Birthday present I got. The children have been so good during