

Merle, Texas.

4/23/05

Miss Esther Pennington
Himpson, Tex.

Dear little friend
yours of recent date
recd & contents duly
noted. This Sunday,
but has been a dull
day. it looks very much
like rain. which is
needed to some extent,
Yes to be sure
I would like to come
up there. but don't
know as I could get
off. so you see you must
be sure and come down here

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the next fishing
excursion you have
just phone down and
let me know for I
won't come fish a
little the worst.

Merle is quite
lead except dances & domino
parties. every one is
wishing their work.

I am tired
of farming and think
I will ring off after
this year. What do you
all do for a lively hoed.

Love you
ever hear from Ernie.

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it rained all night last
 night everything is
 flooded this morning
 people is still behind
 with their work,

I have my corn
 all plowed that about
 half my cotton.

I will be
 glad to see this year
 pass, tho one might
 not be glad to get
 old,

27/05

Well Esther I guess
 I will finish your
 letter by & by

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I started to chopping
cotton to day but it looks
like rain again.

I have three
hands chopping. if it
will stay dry for a
few days I will get
up with my
work. Well its
mail time.

Goodby for the present
write soon

yours till
Death

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