Oct. 23, 1933:

Construction commenced with brush clearing at the dam site.
1 March '94

--begin revision of Ft. Peck employment, Day One, w/ reviewing Mont. Mag. of His. article
Something like an earthquake of expectations had long been at work here (Ft. Peck), induced by (hooves of Sitting Bull's warriors on the way to Little Big Horn)...

--Granville Stuart's brother died at Ft. Peck

--steamboats?

--engineers/surveyors in 20's?
JOHNSON, HARVEY L., Box 3347, Butte MT 59702. "I went to work Nov. 3, 1933. I had holes in the oxfords I wore and there was snow on the ground. Everyone was poor. I was 17 years old and had to cheat on my age to go to work..." Landed in an airplane where the Fort Peck town is now, before the town was built."
James Montfort--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

1st work at dam was cutting down "diamond willow" w/axe; then pulling cottonwood stumps. Then worked on building of highway between Glasgow and Fort Peck. Then worked at "stripping base of dam" as truck driver; "little dump trucks without cabs or floor boards or windshields." Then worked in rock and gravel section, laying quarry stones.

--seems good on details, might be worth listening to.
Walter Luse--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

1st job on dam, shoveled snow and cut brush "so think a rabbit couldn't get through it."
Used all the axes in town. Piled and burned brush.

Then worked on building of rr track, winter of '33-4(?). Then as powder monkey on
stump-blasting crew. Story of scaring a doctor who was looking over their handling of
dynamite. Job of burning "poisonous" paper in contact w/ dynamite.

Likely worth listening to for work details and his story of running from the slide.

Story of flushing a worker out of dredge pipe, curing him of sleeping in there.
Lloyd Carlson—1st folder MHS oral history summaries

p. 2--work details: injury, "They'd just paint you in merthiolate and go back to work."

p. 3--found a man trying to hang himself

p. 3--"Everybody was shooting for a buck twenty." ($1.20/hr, highest pay)

p. 4--caught in storm and had to spend night in truck

p. 4--gravediggers moving all graves in dam area

p. 4--"little ceremony" before throwing 1st match to burn down abandoned houses.
Orville Sheffelbine--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

p. 1--work details: bucket boy for brush-clearing crew

p. 2--"20-holer" latrine

p. 2--worked at "tying steel"
Erick Olson, 1st folder MHS oral history summaries

1930's: "Oh, God, it was terrible dry."
But "I never went in want."

work force: "first thing (the hiring office) did was clean the streets of Glasgow"
Bruce and Neil see movies at the Fort Peck theater (check Ft. Peck or Glasgow papers for what was playing?) and use taglines for days afterward.

For days after seeing George Arliss and Reid Beddow in *Squadron in the Clouds*, they chirped "Pilots, to your machines!" whenever they grabbed their wheelbarrows.

They speculated about (Jean Harlow?)...
My eyebrows flew up to the top of my head.
good rainfall in Montana, 1914-18: if that had proved to be normal, Montana wd be Iowa.
Hugh, to Bruce?

I don't want to hear any bow-wow out of you, either.

listening to any more of R's bow-wow
about damn:

Like like it's gonna be hell for strong (i.e., strongly built)

At better less or whole bunch of us will find ourselves swimming
to St. Louis.
Leila & John Maxness--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

L and her 1st husband had ranch at what became McCona City; remembers surveyors coming.

Her husband and John both worked at clearing dam site, trees sawed up to stove length
Bill Whisenhand—1st folder MHS oral history summaries

His parents homesteaded next to site of original Fort Peck; details of raising beans, cutting cottonwood for dam site. May be worth hearing the tape, and following up with Wh. if he's still alive and in Nashua.

p. 5--taxi dancing and prostitution

p. 5--"we'd all been hungry before, we'd all been short of clothes..."

p. 1--prunes from Red Cross (in Depression relief?)
Perhaps complicate Hugh and Meg's initial try at Scotch Heaven:

--Meg hates it, the forest fire smoke, the gray wall of mountains, and most of all, patriarchal Ninian. (remindful of her own growing up as a preacher's kid?)

--Ninian tells Hugh to straighten up his marriage, i.e. bring Meg into line.

--When Hugh can't or won't do this, Darius is both scornful and helpful: he lends money for the Roy homestead, but along with it sends the telegram Matthew: 36--"A man’s foes shall be they of his own household." (check this)
Hugh said "I pens..."

a beating

It was no worse than...

But it wasn't a goddamn bit better, either.
Hugh still thought o Siderius ... 

"the judicious use of a 30-30"

--Eric Ford, 2/12/79 p. 16
"You're getting resourceful now."

—One character says to another, approving of some offbeat idea, perhaps pertaining
to a woman; possibly they've been drinking. Possible to use in scene of laying the
floor in the Ft. Peck saloon?

- brushwork?
- finding a place to live @ Ft. P?
bleed (as a noun, the long bleed of their endurance...)

bled away (the homesteaders bled away)

simply

- win Hugh DeC. Dru’s legend?
- a in descript of 30’s drought?
Hugh says of the Missouri bottomland: cd raise whatever they had nerve enough to plant.
saddle-warped cowboy: see The Big North photocopies in Shoestring livestock file

someone on damn crew?
Hughes Dorn, told by Ninian at N. Fork

--A country that touches up to heaven and across to sunrise, they told me...

(use a dawn scene)

- "wherever I read mo in sch, it come back to mind now"
In cold light it may not seem so great an issue, whether Alec was going to choose college or a wedding band. But I suppose we all believed we had a lot riding on him, especially given all that we and the Two country and even the nation had been through in the years just past.
FHS

Phrasing—loggers' lingo sheet in 'loggers' file

alibi day—payday

cougar milk—moonshine

grouse ladder—limby tree

monthly insult—paycheck

school marm—forked tree

⇒ slush—coffee (in engineers' office at Ft. Peck)

⇒ scenery inspector—engineer (said of Owen)
He was pretty mad, but that's all the good it did him.

- Queen of Hugh?
"I guess I can give it a year of my time."

Hugh, out 7/5?  
Bruce?
"We all came from no job to a job."
"I'm up to my crupper in idiots around here."

Hugh?
Lloyd Larson, 1st folder MHS oral history summaries

--once lived near Naxon: "It was beautiful country if you liked the mountains, but all we could see was straight up."

--cd be used for Duffs on homestead n. of Lewistown; or their reaction to Scotch Heaven when staying w/ Ninian?
get a few dollars together
as soon as we can get...
Bruce mockingly to Owen: "At least it's cheaper to be poor."
It's getting so you can't...
Dora's gang?

could peel a man
The person who invented sleep really had an idea.
Angus and Anna about to leave schoolhouse after dance:

The morning would guide us home.

Daybreak
So soon was Hurgh's Dona had come to... 
America... where all land left in world waited.
Don't worry. I thought it should be on his mind, and now put the topic there...
He hit the flat of his hand on (off) ...
This was one of those days when I felt dilapidated.
Dana?
We none of us...
Dora--We need rain.
Hug--Serious.

(dialogue overheard at sheepdog trials, Scotland '84)
vee of thumb and hand, to have grass pass through as Jick walks
Hugh: I knew I was getting long in the tooth; but then it is a way to grow tusks, isn't it.
Hugh

I paused to gauge how far I had convinced myself of this. Not that far.
One of those mornings when the world is all possibilities.
"You can expect all you want. What you'll get is something else again."

"What lass did you hear that from?"

"Lady Life, I think her name was."
Nor did they.
Don't forget, I knew you when. And ever since, too.
The homestead boom rollicked along.
Before the rooster could screech the day, we were up and at.

possible Lucas line: Before the rooster can screech the day, you're up and at.

I like that in a lad.

use verse form of this?
Beginnings of a Mortal—Max Miller

115—1910 smoke description: sun seemed green, everything else yellow; antelope came up to boy.

17 Aug '82—Returning from Vancouver trip, we passed a slash fire, or possibly one that had got out of control, at L. Samish; pall of smoke between us and sun turned the light to an amber* tone.
- July 21, 1910: a number of fires on L & C; smoke rising in vicinity of Earl Hyam & Sun R. canyon
  - "For several days past, air has been hazy & also redolent of smoke of pine which are wiping out woods. Weather seems_alt cloudy, but it is smoke, not clouds, which dims sun."

- July 28, 1910: 100 men on fire at Badger Creek; ten's 7 Ranger E. A. Wooters, "who is leading fight in northern part of forest; well up to border 7. Black-foot forest reserve."
  - Report fire broke out on m. Dept. Sun R.

- Aug. 4, 1910: no improvement in fire condition

- Aug. 10, 1910: some rains, fires subsiding: Deep Creek fire out, no reports of fires on Badger Ck & south; big fire on W. Port & Teton only serious L & C fire.
1910 fire

- Aug 18, 1910: n. fork Teton fire still burning; survey report
  7 14-mi. wide fire on Buck Creek
  - fires from Glacier Pk to Wad'lin; troops called from summer
    camp at Winn Lake

- Aug 25, 1910: fires still raging; new fire in Sun R country, near
  hot springs; Teton, Badger still out 7 control. Fall 7 yellowish
  smoke; Sat - Mon, camp lit at 4pm in Chateau; sun "dein
  real dusk": 1/2 mi. visibility. Snow & rain Tues might helped
  check fires.
  - Snow was very wet, "almost rain." Not heavy enough to break
  dry grain

- Sept. 1, 1910: less smoke; snow & rain checked fires

- Sept. 8, 1910: more rain; post week
the wind bickering against the back of the house
trying to plaid ourselves into this land.
I try to think myself back into that other boyhood, to feel from the skin inward what it would have been like to grow up within the far mountain basin, in a large fatherless family, with...

What had they been thinking of?

...with winter holding the country five months of a year and bankers in wait for it most of the rest of the time. My growing up had its own odd skews, but my father's boyhood crooked off along angles almost beyond my imagining.
used in trilogy? (1st scan, cdn't find it in Eng Crk)

"A country big as this, you'd think everybody could get a living out of it somehow."
"We've done it before." (Dora, abt moving)

"Doing a thing once doesn't mean we have a habit of it." (Hugh)

"It's a start on it."
check whether used in R Fair:

Scot and Belgian, Norwegian and German, Slovak(?) and Dane, they were trying
to plaid themselves into this American land.
(use w/ descptn of early 20th c. homesteading boom?)
Deal payment for strip farming “just like finding money.”
(Sibley, B 631)
Nov. 13, 1933:

Army Corps of Engineers established Fort Peck district office to supervise onsite construction. Major Thomas E. Larkin assigned as District Engineer.