check Carstensen's "Land of Plenty" essay for reference he mentioned--big dust storm of early 30's was said to have started in Montana--dimmed lights in Twin Cities, Chicago--reached NY, want over Washington DC as Congress held ag hearings.
Jick and Stanley light a lamp in the cabin?
Two fire is short-handed because crews are on so many other fires; Mac's ass't ranger is on Chinese Wall fire in Old Agency district.
Had I worked on the matter a bit, I could have wished the day into perfection by Alec being with us. Last year he was; instead of Leona he was sparkling...
Weather:

In Montana you pretty much spend the day watching other people's weather.
insert:
Jick's supper at WW: mention that W's sons also own Diamond W down in the Highwood Mtns.
Ladies' club: without the men cluttering up the landscape
ch. 2—at picnic, Mac's comment about "gourmet" is probably too fancy; make it something like delicacy?
ch. 4, Pete to Jick: You are only an inadvertent nephew, but I'll give you honorary son-in-law terms on the payments.
You know how... When you open a book for the first time, they pages linger against each other, come apart with a little rustling sound. They never do that again, the linger or the sound...
dialogue just before the end: Jick and Beth
on behind. (the rearmost rider in riding double, as in "Sam in the saddle, Walter on behind." Use with Hebner boys?)
I lead the world in... (respect for food, for ex)
add: ladies' club has chance to visit "without males cluttering up the scene."
Don't get radical on me here now.
I deemed that...
For crying out loud.
Damn thin shelter against the universe, the skin is.
Skin is thin shelter against the universe.
Nobody's asking you to do it for him, I yelled. Do it because the goddamn country's burning up!
mention other Williamson ranch, in the Highwoods, in ch. 3, during Jick's visit to Double W.
all go and no whoa

- use in ch. 4 - to desc successor to Ed Van Babber; "Maybe there
was a thing in water at me place."
...Clayton had little to say for himself.

...Good Help evidently had most of the volume for the whole family.
Dell Stark diary, April 21

sheep "scattered like the tribes of Israel."

- have to talk soon, about bear hunting sheep herder.
Dode Withrow: carrying around a cast
repeat Mac looking businesslike, from p. 22?
ch. 3 (or 4)--some reference back to Jick dancing with his mother?
Kirkwood — lingo

47— of the fire crew: "They were drift picked up in Spokane..."
Ted Fosse in his letter refers to the \#2 "CC boys"; use this as slang, instead of "CCC"?
Phantom Woman forest fire
WW2 poster:
THEY'LL DELIVER THE GOODS (at top in 1\4", blue letters)
LET'S DELIVER THE WOODS (at bottom in same size letters, white)
SHARPEN YOUR AX TO DOWN THE AXIS
pic between is charging rifleman on 1 side, sailor with shell on other, and huger figure of l'jack between.
colors: dark blue bottom , most of the rest pinkish red

2nd poster: RIP INTO 'EM! (at top in 2" block letters) (black)
WOOD BUILDS AXIS-BEATING STRENGTH (3/4" letters, brown)
UNCLE SAM NEEDS EVERY FOOT YOU CAN PRODUCE (3/4" white letters)
pic between: cartoon of Mussolini, Tojo, Hitler, bound to a log, being run through standing saw by heroic sawmiller.
--You ain't just woofin'.
He knows A to Why about all that.

any of that.

read
So that is the sheep's-eye view of Gros Ventre. Although one last jot of description does need to be added. A glance over the shoulder from there by the Sedgwick House and the Medicine Lodge and the Lunchery would readily provide it. The passage of a thousand ewes and their lambs through a town cannot happen without evidence being left on the street, and occasionally the sidewalks. Sheep are nervous enough as it is and being routed through a canyon of buildings does not improve their bathroom manners any. Once Carnelia Muntz, wife of the First National banker, showed up in the bank and said something about all the sheep muss on the streets. Ed Van Bebber happened to be in there cashing a check and, I give him full due, he looked her up and down and advised: "Don't think of them as sheep turds, Carnelia. Think of them as berries off the money tree."
north of the ears, a lot of strangers goes on.
Maybe I had better describe (how haying is done; how o'what stacker works)
Tony Hunolt (74 on Shline rec'r) -- Jackpots: everybody put in a dollar, est. weight of lambs or calves, closest guess took all. "$4-8, maybe 10"

Mac enters: jackpots

Cue in "reasons" description
p.2--possible change: "FS did lay off some of its people..."
"his salary as a ranger..."
Jick fishing, or at camp with Mac: daydream of spending a summer as fire lookout?

—possibly show that for all his good intentions, J's concern about Alec and the family situation is intruded on by daydreams, etc.
GV new post office, with murals of L & C?

- people surprised by York?
- "...were expecting a pink-blue sunset over range..."
at rodeo: get the sound of lariat swishing as roper warms up
possible add to rodeo: Jick hangs back from crowd around Dode--

Exactly what was not needed was anybody else in the way.

--town hearse used as ambulance?
will get you one hell of a

half a century grows a damn big cottonwood
(Harold Chad planted the big one beside the house in Dupuyer
maybe 45 years ago)
FDR pic in one of the Gros Ventre cafes
insert?--

beside the last of the six bucking chutes.
Gleaner excerpts at head of each chapter: (from late 1930's)
in Mont., photocopy examples of "25 years ago" columns for typeface; also get
copies of mastheads for typeface of the Gleaner credit line.
for WWII induction stories, please try these papers for 1942:

--Cut Bank Pioneer Press

--Shelby Promoter

--Meagher County News (check this one first; also look over for masthead and 25 yrs ago column)
rodeo/ec  38-4

how much is up? (how much prize money)
rodeo--

as Alec readies to rope, Jick checks to see whether he is wearing fancy bandanna; he is not, Mac's gibe of previous year having persuaded him.
pumpkin rolling—small town doings (ex., rodeo)
Bill Reinking asks prop'r of Moderne Beauty Shoppe if she didn't leave an e off Beauty. (was sure she)
use centennial year mocking onation—"will be filled with gunpowder and touched off"—for GV 4th of July picnic?
turd bird

--use with Jick-Ray scene, "booger eater" etc?
An old cottonwood with enormous trunk; biggest, oldest of GV's trees; in somebody's yecsanri yard; was growing before the town was founded, so is greatly bigger than the street-planted trees.

--Big as an elm?
in hotel, waitress or cook tells Jick and Mac:

Watch out for oysterberries in that stew... (pearls)
have a scene from 1st great dust storm, abt 1930?
vantage point of sitting on a horse: people see mostly the horse, not you.
the chute society is leery of Coffee Nerves before he comes out the chute...
guff

—I was not in any mood to take guff from 00...
"Sheep don't eat with their feet, so running will never fatten them."

- use a Canada Doe
  "it is a supplement to me."
Arlee?
—00 was a big pink boy...

"Arlee thinks he's hot stuff," Ray observed.
The way a young king might ride going home from his crowning ceremony.
Ray nearly fell off the corral from cackling when I squirmed on the pole wood and speculated whether the crack in our behinds wouldn't run crosswise instead of up and down by the time this was over.
Mac goes to Missoula, he has on his monkey suit—uniform, green hat, pine tree badge.
Is a dollar bill too much spending money for Jick, in the context of the times?

—yes, change to $0.50
wearing calluses on their elbows (drinkers in Medicine Lodge)
Gros Ventre:

--not big enough to support a dentist, but still rural enough for a saddler

--the Medicine Lodge and Lunchery, side by side, provide a thrifty, 2-bldg skid road
p. 20, possible change in next to last line: invert to "And Alec and I would agree Not one thing..."
bright as a butterfly
- Jeck, abt Lemen?
dance add:

Alec has taken Leona for dinner for 2 at Sedgwick House; Jick asks him

"How was it?"
as happy as if I had good sense
(he)
Rodeo day: in bar, yet again names in his mind all he will like to ask Stanley.
Men take turns churning the ice cream freezers at the park.

--food, such as watermelons, cooling in creek?
All go and no whoa.
moccasin telegraph
You could hang your hat on his habits.
I was singing a tune of Stanley's...about the gal known as Lu and what she was able to do with her wingwangwoo...
I had half a hunch you'd show up.
real deal
joke has whiskers and a cane.
He would push along, though. (persevere)
They are not the same mountains on any two days (in a row). It's as if hundreds of copies of the mountains existed and each dawn brings a new fresh one, of new color, new prominence of one feature over the others, some different wrapping of cloud behind and over them this day's version.
I could offer all the alibis this side of Halifax, but...
We been pawing over old times
I tell you something, though.
--That ride took the jingle out of all of us.
We've got it to do.

- I had it to do.
Oh sweet daughters of the Lord/grant me more than I can afford.

--insert into Jick's scene with Velma?
squaw and looked soused, but...
Stanley: among his 30's wanderings, worked in wheat harvests?
the whole works
I suppose I flubbed the dub on that.
I could have bitten sticks in two

— me a Stanley episode?
three main strength & awkwardness
Ellis Kinder
Ell
(if used, check to see if ex-Red Sox pitcher is alive)
add "dry years" reference to first few pp. of ms?
Words, I could always remember like nobody's business. (Jick, in comparing his memory with Alec's skill with numbers.)
more texture needed in 2nd 40 pp. of ch. 1 ms
insert description/definition of Roman Reef?
irate message from Evan Kelley: Kelleygram
--Jick and Alec's schooling
--Alec as a (reluctant) whiz at numbers
--ch. 2, have Alec instantly calculate, when asked by Jick, amt of dirt
Jick has shoveled for outhouse hole.
Gleaner was always 8 pp., Jick always began with p. 5, the At Random page.
Maybe so, maybe no.
shoot the hooey
00 raiding into a High Line town in 1918 when the false armistice was signed, saw the flags of celebration, figured water had been struck. (McTaggart tape)
In the skull vault of each of us is everything we have ever taken or been given.
Maybe I have reached the age of sentiment.
cargodier: man who makes up packs for pack strings (Fullerton, p. 8)

—possible use: Jick as cargodier for Stanley
Canada Dan scene: change "former animals" to something like "heretofore animals".
Hebners: check whether I've used "forelock" too close to "forehead"; if so, change back to "hank" or "swatch" or something.
I don't know about rather. Just might have been, is all.

Rather doesn't get you anywhere, as to know what skin you wear in life.
You may know a section is a square mile.
C's thumb: rapidity with which a cut heals in dry summer air along Sheep Creek.

- use c Stanley
each day is a room of time.
People. A pain you can't do without.
When it got too much for me, I...
Mamie Gulch fire:

"In side of one steep cliff I saw a lone tree explode —
far from any other foliage."
- FS pilot, in Helena T-R, Aug 6, '49
  (in Neil Fullarton, 2-7, MonH Soc archives)
But then, life is wide.
Stanley:

By now I been every place else, and they're no better.
I have always thought that horseback is an ideal way to travel, if you just didn't have to deal with the damn horse.
ewe-nosed: horse with long thin neck like a swan
— use with Helen scene? or to describe Bubbles?
ms p. 27, Withrow's sheep: line 3, change "reluctant" to something like "pokey."
change tarantula brand to scorpion
The level of swiggage was pretty constant in the Medicine Lodge...
woman's hand rests lightly on man's rump, fingers just touching the inseam of his levis

- A saw once, in recent years,
Oh, to be young and fuckin' twice a day again.
--Slobberguts.

--Booger eater.

- me a jick of Ray Heaney
places with elbow room, for that matter, shining of cranium and all else other said.
Don't just stand there in your tracks, boy. Help me skin out these pelters.
I am at the time now where

I try to think what my life might have been like had I not been born

Two Medicine country

in this tall country of northmost Montana and into the McCaskill family.
Alec Knox to me: "D'ye ever take a drink?"

I guessed and said yes. Which was the right answer.

"We'll have one now then."

(A rancher to the ranger-father)
"I hear that."

"Giddy up, hell, you'd better giddy off."

you giddy off & giddy down that road to town.
Nailed together at the hip, those two. (Of a lovey-dovey young couple)
Better there than face to face.
5 June '81: One character might sing: My name, she is Pancho,

I work on a rancho,

I make a dollar a day.

I go to see Lucy,

To play with her poosy,

She take my dollar away.
from John Gruar: ...still able to sit up and take nourishment.
--Bell him.
--Do what? *(Excuse me?)*
--Put a bell on him...

(advice from veteran ranger wife to younger one fretting about how to keep track of her toddler: see SatEvePost article in forest service file.)
It was said he liked his eggs and his venison the same way—poached.

Ed Hlop Nebr
jelly sandwiches
-me a mac 'n' cheese?
change Frank Dant to Canada Dan?

last name Canada?
FWP--Pondera County

Winter of 1919 "evaporated most of his stock."
Brooklyn Tidenråde

Nordiske

- weekly paper for Andy Gwatolson

Union List of N. paper, p. 444
Ass high to a tall Indian (length of grass?)

Mae when Stanley meets Jack & Mac?
from Dene Reber, letter in Mont. sources (general) file:
when she was a 4-5 yr old on homestead, she'd get on a horse by watching until it put its head down to graze, then straddle its neck, be lifted up and scramble down into place on its back.

—nec c. alec
--Your Adam's apple cold? (Mac to Alec, razzing him about neckerchief)
Mac or Stanley: would rather be around sheepherders than cowboys because
"you might find a herder who's crazy now and again, but at least they aren't
apt to be such self-inflated sonsabitches."
Bygone Days

67 - horse named Chuckhead

- have I got cues Bubbles will this?
Great grand goddamn work, Camp Tender McC. (Jick after Bubbles' accident)
-- Workin' hard?
Well, sure, Dad.
-- Ever see me do anything different?
-- Times I've seen you hardly workin'.

Just
"Double W sees against that. I know what they say—nobody o' us ever gets a wurk wun, because they de' have time."
This is what I (you) have to put up with all the time.
--Flighty as a chicken looking in a mirror.
doesn't know his elbow from his other
—a poorboy cap, and less under it.

— have Beth say?
Leona took the shine in any crowd.
WWI--have embittered character call it Wilson's War.

"I went to Wilson's war."
5 June '81: Wally/Joyce's story of Johnny McAfee deliberately talking horses all the evening Wally came to ask to marry Joyce.
It's time we weren't here.
write Jack Hayne about Ben English history?
To me then, marriage seemed about as distant as death.
Mac to Leona: why not give it a year? Bozeman isn't the moon, Alec'll be back and forth...
Tryin' to stay level in an uneven world.
Feels like it's gonna frost.
Yeah, about a foot.
Possible name for bucking horse: Coffee Nerves
Dode at the rodeo is trigged out in new shirt and jeans.

(gabardine)
"I quit, goshdammit, I quit." (Earl Perkins, note 2, 12)
If it's Havre, you can have 'er.

possible use: quote of people driven out by Depression (in area such as east of Grain Belt; Elmer Gwynn tape.)
molasses: long-tailed sugar  (Fur Trade Qly piece, in RUNNERS Sitka file)
Capt. Roy Robeck's story, told me on Alpha Helix, of peeing off the stern of a boat once; captain saw him, called out: "Roy, I hope you've got a good foot hold (or good footing) there, because you sure don't have much of a hand hold."

adapt to someone on ledge, or lookout tower? use with Les Withrow when he's visiting with Mac and Jick after the sheep counting?
change names to:

Dode Withrow

Les Spencer

have Tollie Zane as rodeo announcer? use that name, or Brainerd Musgrove?

Sons, Earl Zane and Arlee Zane
As Jick leaves a sheep camp, maybe Gustafson's, a lamb and then several follow him, as they do with whatever moving object catches their eye.
White Horse with spots on his nose (called Tiger) -- use for Bubbles?

(JB Keith, 175 on Sh'line rec'r)
He looked like Abraham Lincoln *sanded down.*

Signed: Florence Habner
The sky cracked white. I counted for the thunder: one, one-thousand, two, one-thousand...

--The quick hand of God, my ma used to say, said Stanley.
Put on your mountain clothes in the morning. (Mac to Jick)
That'll take some thinking about.
explain the English Creek panhandle of the Two.
seaman, warning of 7. Pack wages: "I won't pay any man 50¢ an hr. No man is worth that!"
egg money
The Selway was the Alamo of Region One (except that it got obliterated more than once.)
To go with the "I hate a man who skins the land" theme:

The Dust Bowl was topic in McC household, Mac and Beth both horrified by notion of it. And sometime in early or mid-thirties, some "government thinker" arranged that rangers and county agents, and maybe other govt workers on the land, would go see the worst-hit portion of Mont--maybe around Plentywood? Mac and others groused beforehand, figuring they knew all about Mont., but Mac came back shaken by the devastation, erosion, drought, he'd just seen. Maybe have him recount having met with someone such as the author of the Antioch Review piece on hardship around Plentywood.

--refce to "govt"thinker": some say the idea came down from Tugwell or one of those.

--Jick: I remember it because when he got back he didn't say anything for about two days.
from Sam Gilluly: Depression farmers said of clouds in drought, "those are empties from Seattle goin' over."
give Leona something to say— if only thanking Beth for the meal— in flashback.

have Jick realized that she said almost nothing but that, yet it somehow seemed a lot.
rename: Sheep Creek to Metis Creek
Scoffin Butte to Metis Butte

No: make it Breed Butte

- Hebrard W. Craig's
insert material about Montanans running either cattle or sheep, in section
abt Mac as ass'n rider: have him as ass'n rider in summers, working in lambing
in spring?
Alec had been with us last summer...
Mazoola (Missoula)

--emphasis on the "zoo"
soupa da bol-yon, two potatoes and one on-yon

(Adapted from Colcord, Sea Language... UW 427 C672S, p. 173:
soupa de bool-yon, 3 buckets of water and one on-yon, meaning thin soup)

- have Bath say?
- or this camp cook?
Montana, summer '83: check p. 28, going thru barbwire fence: which strands?
- top + second
possible Indian name for Toussaint's wife: Mary Rides Proud
(check Browning phone book)

- none listed