

Home 9-28-0

Dear Family,

April and I have recognized and do appreciate the love that exists with-in our large family. We love and cherish each of you. The visits we have with you and the special effort you make to communicate with us and each other, pleases us very much. Every little experience such as the chat with Dan at the airport when Shelly was leaving, John's receiving his patriarchal blessing, Glen's getting established in Montpelier with Karyn and Earl, Shelly's activity in the mission field, Connie's new job ect. mean so much to us and are of real interest to all.

After becoming aware that some of this information does not reach every one as soon as it should, April has suggested a family letter. Thanks to DeVon we had a family letter that served well when the family first became somewhat dispersed, it was sent in progression from one family to another, each adding their bit. With the now expanded family we feel it may serve better to have a family letter come from home each month, giving the same news to everyone at the same time.

We encourage all of you to write to each other on a personal basis even more than you now do. It is our intention at this time, as you communicate with us, to compile and mail the "family news" each month. We will not expect an input from you every month, although it would be nice to hear from each of you that often. If you wish to make remarks for the "news", it would be best that it be in your own words, brief and concise.

Any suggestions, special events or communication will be appreciated. The prophet has encouraged strengthening of families..Love and communication can help to do that. We love and appreciate each other. We love and appreciate each of you and pray for your well being.

Love,

Mom & Dad

9-28-80

Dear Family,

I didn't really get the chance to tell you all much about my trip, and since there is a chance now that we are doing the family letter, I want to finish.

When I first got to Hawaii, I was so depressed about the place that it got to me fast. I was very homesick about the first two weeks that I didn't know if I was going to make it. As I kept pushing forward and doing what was right, I overcame the situation and learned how to cope with it. Although it was hard it let me prepare for my mission, which was a main reason I went.

The hard work prepared me for a job in the future and taught me how to work.

I had the chance to go to church every Sunday, and I did. It gave me the urge to start a journal and to gain a stronger testimony. Well, it took me a while to catch on to it but I did and haven't missed a day in it yet.

I have started my Junior year in school now and in Seminary I have chosen to read the New Testament, and I haven't missed a day of that either. I'm doing good in school this year and have made some new friends also.

Well now that water skiing is officially over, I can get into hunting and snow skiing. As most of you know, I drew an Elk permit this year and Dad and I are going soon. It's going to be a good experience for me, especially if I get my elk.

I don't really have much more to say but I'm sure glad I have such a wonderful family.

With Love,

Dave

Copy of letter from Elder Gene R. Cook - dated October 27, 1980

Dear Brother and Sister Longhurst:

You probably know by now that I have called your daughter, Shelly, to work with us in the Area Offices in Lima, Peru. Her mission president, President Kenyon Wagner, and I have consulted very closely over the matter and feel that she will be of great service to the cause here in the Andes Area.

She will be dealing with a variety of challenges here in the offices. As you may be aware, there are approximately 115,000 members in the Area and 1,300 full-time missionaries serving. There are also 8 regional representatives and 11 mission presidents whom she will come to know rather well. We are serving five countries - Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

I'm sure that this new call that has come to Sister Longhurst will be a great blessing to the Area as well as to her personally. She is certainly one of the choice lady missionaries in all of the Area. Seeing the way she works, and the great spirit that she carries with her tells me much about her family.

May the Lord always bless you for your faithfulness and for having sent to us such a faithful daughter.

Sincerely,
s/ Gene R. Cook

Shelly's last letter - dated October 25, 1980

Dear Family,

More of what mission life provides -- changes and adjustments! This one is a big one. We made it here to Lima ok - with a few mishaps is all. I don't know where to begin to talk about all the things I've experienced this past week. First of all, Elder Gene R. Cook is a member of the Q. of 70, and his assignment is Executive Administrator for the Andes Area. He is a very understanding, thoughtful and patient man. I've already grown to appreciate him in a week and I'm sure I'll learn a lot from being here and working with him. The life of a General Authority is not to be coveted - I can't believe all that they have to do!!

I will be staying here for probably several months. It was different than how I understood it at first. I was just coming to have an interview and then could have gone back if I hadn't been called to this position. It's super hard to express how I felt - but I wanted to go back with President Wagner so bad !! All the Mission Presidents and Regional Reps for this area were here for a big council mtng. that weekend and just being in the office for 3 days (without knowing if I was staying or not) I realized how bad I wanted to be back in my old area of La Gasca. I had been feeling very good there and was happy and starting to make some good friends and it was hard to leave it all behind. Also, I remembered how tired of working in an office I had been before my mission. Elder Cook knew how I felt (an interview with a G.A. is pretty thorough!) but after praying about it, etc. the next day he called me to work in the office. The tears have been abundant ever since. I don't know why a seizure of homesickness has set in again, but it did very forcefully. I guess being in the office where people speak almost all English, (even the Latins) it's a nice bldg., etc. I feel like after work I should be able to go home to my roommates, etc. like before, or go home for the weekend, etc.

Some mornings I wake up and realize where I am and I wish I could go back to sleep and wake up at home and all of this was just a dream. * I am learning a lot about obedience, endurance, etc. but I still wonder sometimes how I'm going to make it through another year here. Then I have to look at all the people who are here for 5 years plus assignments for the church who have left jobs, their homes and moved their whole family here, etc. and realize I've still got a lot to learn

* Our pension is, well,
a nice life to live!

Shelly's letter continued ...

about sacrifice. It really scares me to think what lies ahead in my future. I feel like things I'm doing and learning now are preparing me for future callings, etc. and I wonder if I'll have the strength and faith necessary.

Feelings of inadequacy are plentiful - I had gotten pretty good at my job at the Y but this is a lot different - phone calls in Spanish, lots of forms, schedules etc. to learn, taking dictation - I hadn't hardly used my shorthand since LDS Bus. College and I'm scared to death to use it - my first letter he dictated was to Pres. Kimball!!

There's just a lot of work to do and I just hope (& Pray & Plead!) that I can do it all so I can help Elder Cook to fulfill his many assignments. The girl who has been his secretary for the last 10 months is really good and I feel very inferior. But somehow I'll make it. Right now there's 3 of us, but Sis Buchanan goes home in a month and Sis. Lynch and I will be here.

It's a totally different ball game than the "field" but I know it's not where you serve, but how that makes the difference and there are many ways to serve. We put in long hours at the office and are beat by night time. I won't have too much weird food, cuz all's I eat is breakfast here and a little something at night. We don't leave the office for lunch usually, so it's just sandwiches and fruit, etc.

It's kind of like starting my mission all over again - going to a different country. The Spanish, the money, food, etc. is all different. I'll just get used to all this and start feeling comfortable and I'll get sent back to Ecuador again.

One advantage (of many, I'm sure - I just haven't noticed them yet!) it's cheaper here. Peru costs less to live in than Ecuador. Warren won't like this, but Quito is much prettier than Lima, although Lima is more modern (some parts.) In many ways there are a lot the same, though.

He will like this - the first person he baptized, Romulo Casos, has brought many people into the church, and is a Bishop, and works for the church in the office here. He was excited to know we were related - said he'd write him and said he'd been to our house when he went to the states. Small world, huh?

You can start sending mail to me here. I hope I get it - There are lots of problems with the mail service (worse than Ecuador.) Casilla De Correo 11142 Lima 14, Peru.

Hope all is well with everyone there. Actually, I'm doing good, just have to remember what my setting apart blessing said - that the difficulties will be for my benefit.

Love to all,

p.s. my P-day is Sat. again!

s/ Shelly

There's 3 whole floors of a bldg which are our offices.

HOME - Nov. 3, 1980

Dear Family,

What a beautiful fall we are having here at home. Although a record snow fall came about 2 weeks ago and ruined some of our small fruit trees, most of the month of October has been nice. We even had several of the best water skiing days ever; mirror like water, no other boats and nice warm sunshine.

The frost did hurry up the harvest and now that is done except for a few more apples. We had fun doing 37 gallons of cider yesterday and will do more in a few days. Loalynn and George were here and helped press them. As we began to get every available container filled with juice, April suggested we process some in fruit jars. We were not sure how it would taste, so she did a small amount for a test. It was very good, so we bottled 65 quarts. It really has a nice color and flavor, just like the canned apple juice you can buy.

Since Santa Claus took all the beef we raised, Dave and I went to the hills and brought back a 2 year old dry cow elk to add to the food supply of which we bottled 35 quarts and ground a good share of the rest to be used for mexican food, meat dishes, and hamburgers.

At our recent ward fair, which was a whopping success, we had entries of all of the canning, freezing and fresh fruit and vegetables from our garden. It even surprised us to see what we were able to show off. We made up a "Family Preparedness Display" which was really beautiful, even if we do say so.

This past month Bryan (Perry) was baptised and confirmed by his father. Brent (Done) competed with the B.Y.U. debate team in Denver, Colorado. Even though he did not place in that competition, he said it was a very beneficial experience for him. Dan (Lee) just passed his test for a commercial pilots licence. Congratulations Dan!

We pray daily for the welfare of each of our dear children and grandchildren and are always interested in the things you are accomplishing. Please let us know what you'd like included in the monthly letter. Most of you know that Shelly has been transferred to another mission. Elder Gene R. Cook need a top notch secretary, so they called Shelly to the Lima Peru Mission. See enclosed letters for details.

Important dates in November: B-days: Sharon - Nov. 4 (1943), Jered (DeVon) - Nov. 11 (1970), Wayne (DeVon) - Nov. 21 (1977), Glen - Nov. 27 (1962). We will be having Thanksgiving dinner here. Any who can come are invited, please let us know.

We are very thankful at this time of the year for our many blessings. The love and unity we feel with each other, and all of the family, makes us even more grateful. It is in that attitude that we are, at Thanksgiving time, going to dedicate the home. We desire that it be a symbol of love and unity, and that it serve to welcome our family and friends any time, where in each and every one will feel of our love and hospitality. Please join us.

Love to all,

Mom & Dad

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Late bulletin: President Calvin D. McComber Jr. died Tuesday, Nov. 4 heart attack. He was in California on church assignment.

Home
December 3, 1980

Dear Family,

So you can have time to plan for Christmas, we hope to get this off the press pronto. First we suggest each one write Shelly a letter soon. It must be air mailed by the 12th of December. Put "Open Dec. 25" on the outside of the envelope. Include family news, pictures and positive and uplifting memories that will cheer her at Christmas time. It might be good to include your testimony and appreciation for her missionary service at this time.

We don't think you should try to send her a package of any kind. We did send one (to Ecuador) which she never received. Shelly has adjusted well to her new calling and once again loves what she is doing. Much of her work is very confidential and the first dictation she took was a letter to President Kimball.

We hope to see all possible for our Christmas day family party. We will have dinner at 3:00 p.m. and plan to dedicate the home at approx. 5:00 p.m. What ever you would like to contribute toward an appropriate program will be made a part of the dedication and will be much appreciated.

Warren's family made the Pinata last year. I suggest we go down the line, that would be DeVon's family this year, if that's OK. Everyone bring a little something to put in it.

April & I had a nice Thanksgiving. We had a good visit in Provo with Catherine and Larry, Sue & Brent, Dan & John. We then went to St. George for dinner and visiting with brothers, sisters parents, nieces and nephews.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving we went to Montpelier to wish Glen a belated Happy Birthday and visit with the Mechams. Glen keeps very busy with his schooling, seminary, working at the grocery store, and providing the music for all the dances in town. In his "spare" time he is creating some beautiful ink drawings. A particularly nice one is of the Logan temple which he plans to have reproduced and framed for selling.

Sandra had made Glen a darling birthday cake. It looked like a large white flying saucer with little green space men. Written on it was, "Happy Birthday, Glen, You're out of this world."

Karyn has been busy making Earl a ski suit. She has done a very professional job. You couldn't buy anything any nicer anywhere and she saved many \$\$ by doing it herself. She even made fleece lined mittens to match and has the material to make her an outfit also. They plan a little ski vacation after Christmas.

David went to the COED dance with Markette. He wore a dark blue tuxedo with light blue trim. His boutonniere was a blue carnation with a white rosebud in the center. We are anxious to see the picture they had taken. Markette is a cute - nice girl and can only date in

a group situation until she's 18. It's kind of frustrating for Dave, but we sure approve.

Catherine has also been busy sewing. She's made shirts for Larry & John; several outfits for little Orrin; a reversible coat for Orrin and a beautiful nativity scene for Christmas.

We love you all so much and as we visit in your homes, we are impressed with the good jobs you are doing as parents and home-makers.

Love and Merry Christmas to all of you.

Mom & Dad

Granberry Christmas Punch

3 Oz. cherry jello	3 C. cold water
1 C. boiling water	1 qt gingerale
1 small can frozen lemonade	1 qt cranberry juice
1 cup sugar	

Dissolve cherry jello in hot water. Stir in sugar. Add lemonade, cold water and juice. Pour over ice. Add gingerale.

Coco Mix

One 20 quart size box of instant powder milk, one 2 lb. box of QUICK mix (for some reason other brands just don't work as well.) 1 lb. powdered sugar, 1 large jar coffeemate.

Mix this in a large, dry dish and store in airtight containers. When ready to use put 2 heaping tablespoons (I like 3) in a cup and add HOT water.

Turtle Cookies - Fun for little ones to make (maybe for family night)

4 envelopes bakers Redi-Blend Chocolate	2 C. Flour
1 C. butter	2 tsp. vanilla
4 eggs	1 1/2 C. sugar

Melt chocolate & butter. Beat in eggs and add sugar, flour & vanilla. Drop from a teaspoon for each cookie on a hot waffle iron. Bake for 1 minute. Remove from waffle iron and frost while hot. Makes 4 doz.

HOME-January 5, 1981

Dear Family,

We had almost decided to skip this issue because of our get-together for Christmas. We didn't announce that intention, so we just as well send the little news we have on to you.

By this time most all of us would hope to have been skiing a time or two. Only a lucky few have been so far. We know Warren's family had a nice time ice skating on a pond at Leslie. Karyn and Earl tried for a ski vacation right after Christmas, but we haven't heard if they got on the hill or not. Glen was also going to try for it in Utah.

After a fun Stake New Year's Eve dance and dinner party, we here at home, in desperation, went "far out" on New Year's Day, took advantage of the unusually warm weather, and went Water Skiing. Enclosed is a copy of a news clipping that appeared in the Idaho State Journal January 2, 1981. It sounds a "little" better than it actually was. Dave was the only one hardy enough to ski and it was for a short time, not a few hours.

The next day to make sure our blood would still circulate, we cut a year's supply of firewood. Saturday found us up on Jimmy Smith's lake trying very hard to catch our limit of rainbows through the ice, and wishing we had some ice skates with which to carve a turn or two. Evening came early there, as the sun goes behind the mountain about 2:30. After feeling the coolness of the shadows we left in time to get back to Arco and attend Norman's baptism.

We stayed overnight, went to their meetings with them where Norman was confirmed by his father and Sheldon ordained a Deacon, also by his father. After a delicious turkey dinner to celebrate Norman & Sheldon's birthdays we drove home.

Sounds like Dan and John are both going for it at the Y this semester. Brent, Sue and Larry are also there. That's quite a bunch. You have a loyal cheering section out here in the sticks. We all wish you great success.

It looks like the family is on the move again; Sandra and Paul' are moving to Washington, Karyn and Earl to Pocatello and George and Loalyn to Denver.

We thank all of you for coming for Christmas and for your contributions to the family party. Especially thanks to DeVon's family for making the Pinata. It really was too pretty to break - but break it they did, and with much GUSTO! The whole party and dedication was an enjoyable success. Did anyone leave or not get a present? We have a couple of extra things here. Let us know.

Much love and happiness to all of you in the new year.

Mom & Dad

MECHAM FAMILY RELOCATES

TO POCATELLO - Feb. 1981

After spending over a week at Grandma and Grandpa Longhurst's, we were able to move into our home which is located at the east end of Chubbuck road before you cross over the freeway to enter the fairgrounds from the back way. I as the homemaker was especially anxious to begin setting up! Just ask April! We are very pleased with our purchase, the ward, the opportunities, etc.

The home is a 3 bdrm, full finished basement, double garage, with deck and patio, garden area and good sized lot. We have all the room we need and it's so nice!

We had some exciting experiences in connection with our decision to move here; our home in Montpelier was sold within 2 days of putting it on the market and we secured the one here just a few days after that. Fully expecting that Earl would have to commute for awhile, the fast-moving pace of the transactions caught us a little off-guard and we moved in a hurry. The Lord certainly blessed us and we feel good about our decisions.

Earl's new office is a challenge for him and will provide new areas of development. ~~and~~ ^{and} Lonnie and Greg have adjusted very well to their new school, friends, etc. and Wendy & Kami are happy to have a room ^{where} they can play with their "girl stuff." It's been really satisfying to watch them begin playing and pretending together now as friends.

The kids have been able to spend some time with their cousins - the Perrys - before it's their turn to ship out. We have close contact now on both sides of the family which is a pleasure for us.

Earl plans to begin night school this fall to work toward his Masters degree. I have re-joined the Symphony and find it more of a challenge than before because of the long interval. Would you believe that I am "middle-aged" in that organization? Most members are young college kids, a few about my age and the rest are fixtures of the building. Mr. Quine wasted no time in ^{recruiting} ~~convincing~~ me! They have a new and exciting conductor I believe is younger than me, but very good. I'm looking forward to becoming "culturally refined" again.

There is something I feel that is very important for the family that has not been done - the submitting of the sheets for the four-generation program. As I understand it, these must be turned in by a FAMILY ORGANIZATION which we do not have.

I am willing to be spokeswoman to getting this accomplished. I will find out what is necessary in all areas, request needed information, etc., and see that it is all done correctly. Is everyone in agreement ^{if} this needs done? Good! We'll do it!

Sending all our love to all -

Karyn, Earl & Kids

FROM THE MECHAM'S: Dear Family, Pocatello is a much busier place than Montpelier! We feel very much at home because of it. Earl has found new challenges in his office and is beginning his work as the Priest's Quorum advisor in our ward. We've been asked to head the Gold and Green ball in April that the youth are sponsoring for the ward and have been involved in some successful programs so far. We of course had our turn speaking in Sacrament Meeting, then I participated the next Sunday in a special R.S. program with the following Sunday being the Primary Program in which I played a violin obbligato.

The R.S. also coaxed me to perform in a vocal trio for the annual party. It was fun! This ward has a shortage of people who play piano, lead music and sing soprano so I have a feeling that I will often be asked to help out. (I even have one of their quilts on in our basement.)

We are now taking advantage of the cannery. Last week we did chili and bought 2 cases. Tonight we will do stew and buy 2 cases. It has been a good way to get to know some of the people in the ward and build up our food storage. (I was called as Primary Secretary and don't get to mingle with the adults very much.)

The kids seem to be really anxious for summer and good weather since we've had a taste of it and our neighborhood has lots of kids in it. The boys have already signed up for baseball so I doubt our involvement will slacken as winter fades.

We enjoyed a fabulous Hungarian pianist the night of my birthday (using Warren's community concert tickets.) I've never witnessed such strength, endurance, precision and perfection in performing as this 27 yr. old fellow! The program said he was singing tunes at 7 months old, began lessons at 3, and performing at 5! What a refreshing experience! (Thanks Warren & Sharon.) We enjoy being able to see family members more often. All you we haven't seen, we wish you the best!

All our love, Karyn, Earl & Kids

Home February 8, 1981

Dear Family,

We are really excited here at home after the longest mid-winter warm spell (and dry spell) ever seen here. We finally have snow all over the Rocky mountain area. Everyone has been waiting for it, even though not too pleasant to drive in, it holds a promise for the future that is stimulating. Some of us follow that blessed moisture year round for garden and recreational activities.

We skied for the first time this season at Targhee on Saturday. John thought it was some of the BEST skiing he'd ever done. He and David thought it was super fun to get 30 feet of air while jumping off a cornice on sitting bull ridge. I (Mom) thought it was scary to watch!

Karyn, Earl and Children stayed with us for a week while their home they have purchased here in Pocatello (on the Chubbuck Bench) was being vacated. It is a lovely almost new, completely finished home, with a nice big yard. Lonnie and Greg ride the bus to the Lewis & Clark Elementary school. A new school is being constructed in their area.

Paul is commuting (by plane) to his job in Washington and house hunting while Sandra keeps the home fires burning here and is trying to sell their home.

While on an expense paid honeymoon trip to Denver, Loalynn & George were successful in finding a nice 3 bdrm, 5 yr. old, tri-level, 2 car garage home to rent. "It's in a nice looking neighborhood, close to a school, and not a bad distance from church (10 mi.). There's a new one being built just 2 mi. away." (from L's letter). They are in Larry's cousins ward (David Huber). He's the one who sent George the job referral. They have their Kent, Washington home on the market and when it sells, plan to buy or build. They send their love and hello's to everyone (and would love letters). Their new address is 9318 W. Lake Drive, Littleton, Colorado 80123.

John decided against school this semester and is living here with us until he goes on his mission. It will give him a chance to get a little acquainted with the Ward he'll be going from and for them to get to know him. Also we are enjoying his lively companionship. He hopes to find a job for that short time and earn a few \$ to help with his mission expenses.

Karyn & Earl's Bishop in Montpelier called and said he would like to see Glen stay in Montpelier and finish his Senior year, and if we approved, Dr. N.E. Wolff, Glen's Priest Quorum Advisor wanted Glen to stay with his family. It was very generous of them and we appreciate their willingness to help Glen.

Elder Gene R. Cook called us from S.L.C. to tell us Shelly is in good health & good spirits. Also that she is the best Secretary he has ever had. He will be going down to Peru every month for about 10 days each time. At that time Shelly and her companion will be working in the office with him and the rest of the time they will be out in the "Field" proselyting. Shelly had hoped to go back to her "own" mission in Equador, but is willing to serve how and where she is needed and called.

We finally heard from Shelly after no letters for almost 1 month, due to Postal strikes in that country. She said if the strikes go too long they just burn the mail because they would never get it delivered! She missed home at Christmas time but had a nice Peruvian style Christmas. Their Senora did everything she could to make their Christmas special for them. She finally received our Christmas letters and pictures. Also in her last letter she said had received Warren and Sandra's tapes which were enjoyed very much.

Our Stake President has issued a challenge for us to double our Temple attendance, so since Dad is the High Priest Group Leader and in charge of the Ward Temple work, we are going to try to go every Wednesday night and stay for 2 sessions. We hope all of you are attending the temple regularly as we know it will help strengthen your marriages, families and testimonies. Only about 500,000 people hold temple recommends out of nearly 4 billion people on the earth, so you can see it is surely a priveledge that only a few have.

In a recent church news article a family told of their success with a family news letter similiar to ours. We liked some of their suggestions and would like to incorporate them into our letter. Each family types their news - single spaced in a 4" column. It must be received here by the 25th of each Month. We will "paste" the copy together, add ours, have it copied and mailed. We ask the cooperation of each family and single to contribute on a regular basis in order for it to be more interesting. If you don't have access to a typewriter (they are available at libraries) you can write your message, but stick to the 4" columns. This could be a fun and productive Family Home Evening Activity.

Message from Dad: Life is full of changes, some are good and some questionable. Well, adversity is only such, if it affects us adversely. We will only take with us what we have learned here. One of Satans biggest tools is discouragement. Overcoming life's obstacles in the physical sense may seem impossible. Just don't let life's obstacles overcome you. The lofty goals we know and understand are often attained by overcoming our own feelings and giving hope and happiness to others.

We love all of you so very much. Mom & Dad

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HOME
March 2, 1981

Dear Family,

February has been an exciting and busy month. We have skied a few times at Targhee. Dan, a cousin and a friend of his came and skied with us once and liked it as much as the rest of us.

Our Ward had a 2 evening Family Preparedness Seminar and Dad gave lessons on garden preparation, planting and harvesting. It was an excellent presentation and he had many compliments.

The following week Dad and Mom were in charge of a regional church dinner. 200 people were served a delicious Prime Rib dinner and listened to a program explaining the Church Lamanite Cultural Center in S.L.C. We had a lot of capable and willing help. It was well organized and lovely evening for all.

We have had good response from several family members. We'd like to hear from others next month.

Glen is really a busy guy. He has been working hard to graduate, also is now one of the senior stock men at the store where he works evenings and Saturdays. Of course he tries to get in some skiing with the ski club, of which he is one of the officers. He had an article in the local paper showing his art work - Logan temple. (All the family would do well to procure a copy of that picture.) He is considering a job with a local helmet factory after school is out this summer, doing design work on fancy motor cycle and snowmobile helmets. He is organist for ward priesthood and lives with Dr. Wolff's family- his priest quorum advisor.

PERRY'S NEWS Nothing much new at the Perry's. Paul is still commuting to Washington, we are still in Pocatello, and our house is still standing with its "For Sale" sign on it. Hopefully, soon we'll have better news for ourselves.

Our new insurance benefits are super. We're taking advantage of our dental plan and Warren has given us each our share of sore mouths (with the exception of Paul - they can't coordinate schedules).

Paul enjoys his new job very much and is anxious for us to get settled in our new area. I am planning on going up the third week in March to spend some time with him and see the area. It sure would be nice to be able to house hunt at that time, but it doesn't look too promising. Oh well - - -

I am taking a tole painting class on Wednesday evenings - a nice break in the middle of the week. I have learned many fun and interesting things and have painted some rather enjoyable projects.

Bryan is involved in cub scouts and seems to enjoy his individuality. All the children (& Mom) have aquired spring fever and as a result we have almost a constant layer of mud on our floor from our nice brown yard.

Love to all till next time, Sandra and family.

We haven't heard from the Hellewell's since they first moved to Denver so assume they are so busy and happy there's little time to write. We do see Warren every week when he comes to work in his office here. He says the family is fine except for the normal colds and flu this time of year. Also we hope everything is fine with DeVon's family. Mom and John saw Connie while in S.L.C. She's still busy, happy and pretty as ever.

Dear Family,

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The past month has seen a few changes with some. Connie reports she will now manage the Ogden store for her company, THE GAP, located at the Mall just south of the temple, also she gets a salary boost, but will have to commute as the position is temporary because she wants to manage a store in S.L. when others open.

We had a call from Elder Cook Saturday between conference sessions with a good report on Shelly. He said Shelly is a real special person, hard working and is having a lot proselyting success.

John's mission appointment is in the mill (and we hope in the Mail soon). He says he's getting butterflies now. He's been fixing up his jeep to sell, helping out here at home and trying to round up a few girl friends to write him letters and send cookies. One way or the other they will all say "dear John".

After skiing for a week at Targhee and staying at Jackson, we feel like the winter was not all lost for recreation, but suddenly it is gardening time, and it seems like we had a very short and mild winter. We are trying to get things caught up around the place as we will be taking off next week for Mesa to visit and will see the Easter Pageant there. Our other vacation weeks will hopefully see us on the Friendship Cruise the last of May, Salmon fishing in either July or August.

We would like to make a request to all of Rachel's family. As you know she did not write much of herself, and as time goes by your recollections may not be as available and accurate. Will each of you take some time and put in writing, your personal story of her life. Your feelings will be more expressive than her own statements. I know how she felt toward all spouses and have heard and read some expressions by all of you, and of older grandchildren.

Karyn has offered to work on the four generation records; if some one would like to compile this history you may let us know. There could be a lot of letters and information put together.

Dan and Sandy Porter (cousin) spent conference weekend with us. It was so good to see them. They will spend the summer in the Alaska gold fields working for Mountain West and making big \$. Susan is getting along fine in her 4th month of pregnancy. She and Brent plan to work this summer in the North East and return to B.Y.U. in the fall. Haven't heard much from Catherine and Larry. The baby has been sick again - guess it will just take a long time for him to heal completely, but he is walking, running and whistles! He brings much joy to them and to Aunt Susan who baby sits often.

David got good grades this term. He and John seem to enjoy each other and have a good time planning activities for us to do on Family Home Evening like bowling, Lava Hot Springs, Pizza etc.

We love each one of you so much and appreciate the things you are doing.

Much Love, Mom and Dad

FROM THE PERRY'S: The Perry's are still in Pocatello. We're wondering how much longer this will have to go on. We changed realtors - the house has been shown more, but still no offers.

Sandra had a very enjoyable week in Washington with Paul. It was nice to relax, sleep in, eat out, etc. We were able to do some house hunting, but still don't know for sure if we want to rent or buy.

Flying into the Tri-Cities area presents an interesting sight: It is in a desert area, but has much water with three rivers joining there. Most of the agricultural watering is done with those self propelled pivoting sprinklers systems. In flying in there, instead of the fields looking like a big patchwork quilt (as one usually sees in this area) you see huge circles all over with brown dirt in outlining areas. It really looks quite different.

May we please have some news from Devon's family and from Glen for the next letter? SLX

The weather up there was warm, grass was green, and flowers and gardens were up. In Pocatello it was still snowing so it was a welcome change. Paul is finished with his tractor schools and is back on his territory. Soon they will be putting on a school to train men on hillside combines. He really likes his job and is doing very well.

After parent - teacher conferences this week, Bryan and Mark are both doing well in school. Bryan's teacher says she finds it a real challenge to keep one step ahead of him in his work and Mark is in the top group in his class also. I hope they can be this way all through their schooling.

Talina has a dance review coming up on April 4th and is looking forward to that. She hopes her Grandma's and Grandpa's can come to see her dance. Shauna's newest point of pride is coloring inside the lines. She thinks that is very smart. Timmy is continually healing from one bump or another. His current one is a purple goose egg on his forehead and a near "stitch stage" gash at the outside corner of his eye: both caused from smashing into the spindle of Shauna's bed.

At Relief Society last night we had a lesson on coping with stress. We checked off items that pertained to us and added up points assigned to each one. Below 150 pts. was mild to moderate stress, 150-300 was more severe stress, and above 300 was severe stress conditions. Mine was 480! No wonder I feel tied in knots! I would get copies for anyone who wants to see how well they're holding up under what amount of stress. It was an interesting survey.

Our house has a little different face. We have a sidewalk and car pad out front and gravel in the driveway. We now have windows in the basement and window wells. The house is partially painted white with a salmonish-red trim. It will look really nice when it's done. (Snow and rain have kept us from having it finished.) Our grass out front isn't very thick yet, but looks very green.

Hope everyone is doing well. Let us know if we can be of help to anyone.

Love, Sandra and Paul

FROM SHELLY: It's not positive but very probable that I will be going back to Ecuador soon. Last Friday Elder Cook called another sister and I'm supposed to train her before he comes down in April...at which time she will take over and if he thinks she can do it, and all is ok, I'll be leaving. I was so full of mixed feelings that day - it just hurt to realize that this extra special opportunity to work with a chosen servant of the Lord is almost coming to an end. It hit me quite hard that it's probably the exact feelings I'll have at the end of my mission -- only a little excited to return and feeling like your heart is being torn and you are leaving a big part of your life behind - never to return again.

The Lord is really blessing us abundantly. I often wonder how he can trust us so much to give us such wonderful people to teach. I feel very inadequate to do His great work. The Spirit works miracles every day - more so than we realize. I don't see how any missionaries can take credit for successes. It's not the missionary that converts, it's the Spirit. We are just the weak instruments it has to work through. Things are going good and we're still working hard. There's just not enough time to get everything done! We need about 5 more hours in the evenings when it's prime teaching time. Testimony is really an interesting thing...the more you share it, the stronger it grows. I'm so grateful for the things I'm learning about the gospel...so much every day. I feel so blessed to be a part of this great work and pray I'll be able to always have the desire to share it. Sure hope all of the family has been working on their food storage, getting out of debt, etc. like the prophets are counselling. For some reason I feel a strong sense of urgency in their pleadings. Please do all you can to prepare for the inevitable hard times ahead. Sure hope things are well with everyone. I love you all and am grateful for all your support. I think Moroni 8:3 expresses my feelings for you exactly.

Love, Shelly

FROM THE WARREN' LONGHURSTS: As we continue our effort to "get ahead" (and I am not even sure anymore what that means) I am working still a couple of days a week in Pocatello as well as the usual in Arco. Sharon is busy as ever as a devoted wife, mother, primary president and a visiting teacher with much compassionate service to give. In addition to that, it is now turning gardening time again, and we're struggling to get the green house in order to use. Some plants are already started, and now it seems that any other home improvements (indoors) will have to wait. We did get in a short ski trip but the winter nearly passed without one.

The children all are busy with numerous activities and responsibilities. Colissa (13) made high honor roll second time straight and is working for the third quarter so she will get to go to BYU as her Dad promised, for a seek's youth camp this summer. She baby sits for many people, takes dancing & piano lessons, sits 1st chair flute in advanced band. She also does the janitorial work at the Dental Office.

Sheldon (12) is a deacon, just earded his tenderfoot in Scouting, is the Sr. Patro 1 leader already and was the only one in his troop to brave a spring snow storm and attend the district camporee. He plays tenor saxophone in advanced band and is striving for better grades. He takes piano lessons, was in intramural basketball and to earn money, he runs the Arco Car Wash practically by himself.

Lupi recently turned 11 and has again placed on the honor roll. She likes to cook and does an excellent job at it-follows most any recipe. She is excelling in dance and piano lessons as well. She's a real big help at home and looks forward to 4-H this summer.

Jolana (9) is doing well in school, piano and dance. She has learned to take care of her baby brother and help a lot at home. She has a private tutor in art and is rapidly gaining talent with charcoal and colored chalk. Her goal is to do a por-

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trait of each of her brothers and sisters before Christmas.

Norman (8) recently had his birthday and was baptised into the true Church. He became a Cub Scout and earned his wolf rank. We're still waiting for his albino cockatiel (bird) to learn to talk. He got that for Christmas. Norman is our wrestler - at the last meet he took 2nd place in the 60 lb. class.

Kevin (5) is in kindergarten this year, and does very well at what he puts his mind to. He loves to play cars, helps Norman fill the wood box, empties the waste baskets most every day and is learning to be a big helper.

Valina (4) likes to play with her baby brother and help mom in the kitchen. She takes dancing and likes to dress up in her costume.

Warren - now 21 months runs most everywhere, likes to go outside, hands his own coat up, can say practically anything and is starting to form sentences. Though very loving he doesn't like to go to bed for Mom but will quite readily for Dad, (or else).

Love to all, Warren & Sharon

May & June 1981

Dear Family,

We (Mom & Dad) enjoyed a trip to Mesa about the middle of April. A main reason for going was to see the Easter Pageant (which was surely worth the long trip) and to visit with Grandpa and Grandma Barton.

We also visited with Bessie, Myra, Brandon & Betty Jean (Brothers & Sisters of Dad's). We had a nice visit with Elmer Reed Done, a cousin of Dad's who is also Brent's grandfather. On the way home we stopped to visit with a niece of Dad's, then stopp'd in Blanding to visit Mom's sister, Nancy. A quick tour of Monticello (where Mom grew up) and then to Price where we stayed overnight with another sister, Anne Mitchell. On Thursday we skied Snowbird with Larry, then back to Pocatello so we could paint apartments on Friday and Saturday.

With a lot of help from David and John we got the two vacant apartments in ship shape and rented so it was worth cutting our Arizona trip short.

The BIG news this month is that John got his call to the California-Oakland Mission. He will enter the MTC on June 18, which gives him a short time to get his jeep sold, cloths ready and discussions memorized. We are planning to have a family and friend dinner this coming Sunday, May 24th for all who can come for his farewell. Sacrament Meeting begins at 10:50 a.m.. Our first meetings (Priesthood & Relief Society) begin at 9:00 a.m. Any who wish to come on Saturday and stay overnight are welcome. We have extra beds, plus the camper and also friends and relatives who have offered rooms.

We had a nice visit with DeVon and Children enroute to Arizona. Bobbie was attending a seminar with Connie. DeVon is selling insulation full time now and is doing quite well.

Glen came for a short overnight visit a couple of weeks ago. He looks like he's grown a foot and is as handsome as ever. He will graduate from Montpelier High School May 29 and then plans to move to Paris (a short distance from Montpelier) and work in a helmet factory.

Catherine and Larry spent the semester break in Arizona with his parents and other relatives. Brent and Susan left April 27 for Nashville, Tenn. where Brent attended sales training meetings for a week before going to Lebanon, Ohio for the summer. Their summer Address is: 3½ Stillwell Place, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 Phone: (513) 932-7414.

Sharon and Warren are having great success (or at least a lot of fun) with their green house. They have brought some plants to Pocatello to market through the store.

Thanks to you dear children for the lovely flowers, food, & cards you gave us for Mother's Day and for our anniversary. I surely appreciate my own Mother as time goes on and I realize more and more how much she has done for me. May we please have your memories of your mother (Rachel) by July 30 so we can get them compiled as soon as possible.

Shelly has been transferred again, back to her Quito, Ecuador Mission. She'll be working in Pasto, Colombia for a while. This is the 3rd monetary system and culture she has learned. Once again she is excited about a new companion, a new area and all the challenges it brings.

Love again to all of you, Mom & Dad

Dad had knee surgery on May 21. The procedure is much simpler than it used to be. He was in the hospital 2 days and is still recuperating at home. Back to work June 1.

Dear Family,

September 13, 1981

In one way or another we have heard from all of you since the last family letter. It is good to have that info at hand from which to draw. That makes it much easier to edit the letter.

Summer has come and almost gone. The plans and intentions have relegated to reality, and given way to a lot of hard work. (The moral of that is - enjoy every thing you do and every day of your life.)

Here at home we have enjoyed a week's visit from April's parents, which was a delight. Also her sister and bro-in-law Anne & Ralph Mitchell came for Labor Day Weekend for a short visit.

John left for the MTC and the California Oakland Mission June 15. He's working in an all black ghetto area... says the people are receptive and he's enjoying it very much. We think he should write shorter letters to the "girls" so he has time to write longer ones home!

Glen surprised us all when he announced that he was joining the Marines. He left July 28 for Boot Camp Training in San Diego. He is extremely busy, but needs our love and support (in the form of letters from family.) He called last night telling us that his company won a big trophy in the rifle training and competition. Even though it's hard work he says he's enjoying it and learning a lot.

Sandra and Paul finally were able to lease their home here, with an option to buy and moved the whole family to Washington the first part of June. They have kept busy picking raspberries every other day, canning fruit etc. Here's part of Sandra's last letter: I took all five kids yesterday for their very first immunization shots. (I only procrastinated nearly nine years.) The shots were free, but I've sure paid for it since! This morning we are taking a walk down the school to register Bryan, Mark, and Talina. They start Aug. 31.

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We still don't know what Lamanite child we're getting for sure, but the social worker in our ward assures us we'll still have one. We've asked for an 8 yr. old girl. Paul has been asked to teach course 16 in Sunday School and I have been called to be Young Women's President. They said they tried for 3½ weeks to find someone else (mostly because of our involvement and adjustments due to the Placement Program) but they kept coming back with my name. Perhaps the Lord is giving me an endurance test. As you know, this is a busy time of year for the YW Program and not knowing but a couple of girls, I'm really at a loss and very dependent upon my Heavenly Father for guidance. (Sounds like she'll succeed, doesn't it?)

From Loalynn: Hello to all. Here it is September already. Stephanie has been in school almost a month already! (and certainly doing well and loving it!) George and I both have new callings in our "newly divided" ward. He is 2nd couns. for Elders Quorum & I'm serving as Primary Secretary. We both are enjoying our callings and for me the change was welcome. I needed a rest from teaching kids every week, although I've always had fun in my classes. (Loalynn's baby sitting some) It's been kinda fun. Ben is really good to "little Stephanie" and really likes being his own boss while big sister is at school. We are still planning a Christmas trip. It's not possible to come any time between now and then. We are still open for visitors here however!

DeVon and Bobby sold their home in Sandy and moved to the West side of S.L.C. where they are busy painting and fixing up the home they bought there. All the children are in school, including Roger and Wayne. Bobby said, "Roger is learning a lot and doing real well. Wayne goes to a private pre-school, just a few blocks away. And even though I cried when they all left for school, I will enjoy doing other things." Already she has painted Keri's room, their room, and a bedroom set for Keri.

Brent and Susan returned from a summer of hard work in Ohio just in time. Their tiny baby boy was born September 5 and will be named Stephen Reed. Grandma Longhurst went down for a few days to help Susan and to get acquainted with the little one. Even though he's small, he's healthy and doing well.

Congratulations to Larry Cooper on his graduation from B.Y.U. He has been accepted at Utah Valley Hospital for study and an internship as a Cardiovascular Pulmonary Physiotherapist. The study portion begins in September with his internship beginning in January, finishing in June of 1982.

Dan and his cousin, Sandy Porter, have been working in the gold fields of Alaska this summer. Mostly they operate heavy duty equipment, (front end loaders.) When the company's pilot quit and went home, Dan became their official "Bush" pilot. They are 70 miles by air from the nearest town, with only a dirt air strip. Dan says even though he misses people, music, junk food, night time, etc. he has enjoyed the solitude and getting better acquainted with himself. They should be home before long as it is beginning to freeze every night there. Brrr...

Connie is still living in Salt Lake and commuting to Ogden where she manages THE GAP, a clothing store. She hopes they will transfer her back to SLC soon. She works many overtime hours and it's been a long time since she has been home. We did meet her and some of her friends at Bear Lake a few weeks ago for a day of skiing.

We received a special letter from Shelly's District Leader and felt we should share it with all of you as it expresses our own feelings about her "specialness."

Dear Brother and Sister Longhurst, I wanted to tell you what a pleasure it has been to be your daughter's district leader. She has set an excellent standard of obedience, diligence, and spirituality. It would be almost impossible for me to describe the high opinion I have of your daughter. She is definitely one of the most outstanding sisters in the mission. The family that your daughter and her companion baptized this past month was one of the finest families that have been baptized into the church down here. I had the privilege of interviewing them and can honestly say that they were excellently prepared. Your daughter has also been doing wonders for her companion, Sister Vail was called to be a welfare-service missionary, but was changed to proselyting, when the church changed some policies and guidelines. Needless to say, the sister has been quite resentful over her change, and it has taken a missionary like your daughter to bring her out of it and to help her enjoy proselyting. Your daughter has worked wonders. When Elder L. Tom Perry came down for a special Mission Conference, your daughter was called upon, without warning, to bear her testimony in front of the congregation. With composure and poise, your daughter offered a beautiful testimony that was one of the best moments in the meeting. Listening to Sister Longhurst talk about her parents and family, I can understand where she received her outstanding qualities and talents. It's been a pleasure working with your daughter in the same district. Sincerely,
s/ Elder Christian A. Johnson.

Love to all of you,

Mom & Dad

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Dad & April,

9/22/81

After reading thru some of these letters let me know that we really ought to commemorate more, if ever by letter. Don't know how its possible having not done so regularly - but I can see a need there anyway.

Sitting here in this spot I can see (visualize) the cream separator in the corner, the tank on the sink board, bottles in the garage, the cows, especially "Dody", Red & Blackie. The big hay stack, manger with nails, cows with magnets and my favorite pitch fork. Heavy five gallon & 10 gallon cans full of fresh & sour milk. Willie & Pete & three Automatic milking machines. Jared Winber. - These were the days.

Alone, and looking about the house from this spot brings peace & quiet for reflection of the past. April's clean and tidy personality exhibited all about. The garden (the Winber) with corn stalks cleared brings to mind Dad's life of efficiency & timing as it relates vividly to all phases of his life.

Having "this place" to call "home" is worth more than all other places combined. Many trials have passed this place and the blessings far out-weigh the trials that have visited here. If not already so, we should all be very grateful.

Love,
Dad

November 9, 1981

Dear Family,

It is a pleasure to write to all of you, our, our most precious possessions on this earth. Grateful are we, to feel there is love and harmony in our large family. The Thanksgiving theme in our hearts is our feeling of love and thankfulness that each of you is learning to meet and cope with the challenges of ~~their~~ life, to the strengthening of yourselves and your families, staying in tune with the gospel and keeping the commandments.

We took a week off and went to San Diego to witness Glen's ^{graduation} from Boot Camp in the Marines and to bring him home for his leave before returning to 29 Palms, Calif., where he will go to electronic school. It was a very satisfying experience for us and very important to Glen and to us. We were amazed at the rigorous training and for Glen's accomplishments. He is one of "The Few, The Proud, The Marines".

Glen is proud of the Marines, his country, his church and himself--rightly so. He was one of the outstanding recruits and made a good start. His example as a clean cut young man had an influence in two of his friends being converted to and baptized into the church. One was baptized in the ocean, the other in the base swimming pool. Glen has expressed a desire to be ordained an elder. Service men are sometimes as effective in missionary work as those working full time in the mission field. An Eagle Scout, working for "God & Country", Glen, we are proud of you.

Here at home the harvest is nearly over. When we got home there had been a real windstorm and the apples were on the ground like a blanket. We will do cider and hope for the best.

David has been using the big truck to haul wood for \$ and experience. He and John got the first load for home, then he and friends have hauled 5 more loads. The last one has snow on the logs, so it will have to be the last. He usually goes Friday after school, camps out, cuts and loads on Saturday then drives back that night.

Dave is also going to wrestle this season at school. Both he and Glen have worked out a lot and have built some good muscles.

As for our little trip, again, we did get to see some of you. A quick stop at Bobby & DeVons on the way. We stayed with Catherine & Larry on our way home. Sue, Brent (& Stephen), Dan & Sandy came the next morning for breakfast. Dan, Sandy & Glen did the town (from the air), saw a movie and sacked out at Dan's. After a short visit with Lawrence and Della we toured the Jordan River Temple.

We got in San Diego on Thursday Afternoon and got oriented so we would be on time the next morning. The M.P. at the Marine Base gate told us graduation was at eight (Glen had told us 10). We gave ourselves an extra hour and were there by 7:00 a.m. There was a slight hitch tho, we found out, as we were the only ones there. The M.P. was in error, the graduation time was at 9:00 a.m. (That's one hour early), we were there an hour early (that's 2 hours) and (after waiting around those two hours) we remembered we had forgotten to change our time to Pacific, so we were 3 hours early! Have any of you ever been three hours early to a meeting?

After graduation and a full dress military review we ate at the base mess hall, went to Old Town, San Diego and visited the visitors center built in honor of the Mormon Battalion (the longest military march in history). We visited Tijuana for a Mexican dinner that evening. Saturday we went to Sea World, then drove to Mesa and stayed with Mom & Dad Barton for a couple of days.

While there we visited with Grandma Frost (90 yrs old), Dad's sister, Bessie and his sister-in-law Betty Jean and her daughter and daughter's children.

Well, it's a long way to San Diego and back. At one point we (Dad) saw our opportunity to make a little time coming down off a pass, you know, saving a little gas with the force of gravity. One of those nice fellows in California even gave me a certificate for saving gas. It says I will even receive recognition from the state. It's nice to be recognized by the big State of California.

Hunting season has been successful. Dave got a nice big 4 point buck and a doe at Mom's insistence. Sounds like Dan has one coming up.

April was called as the Homemaking counselor in Relief Society. She misses working with the young women of the ward, but is excited about her new calling.

There's lots of early snow in the Mountains, over 4' at the Bird last week. We heard that it is the wettest October on record for Utah. Sounds like a good ski season coming up.

Glen will be home on recruit duty till the day before Thanksgiving. We'll celebrate his birthday and Thanksgiving before he leaves.

John is having a lot of success working with the blacks and with some Cambodians in Oakland. He says he's loving every minute of it. His letters are short, not like his conversations, but very regular. Shelly is very busy trying to get everything accomplished before she comes home about the first week in December. We will stay here for Thanksgiving and are expecting a big crowd for Christmas. Loalynn and Sandra will both be coming for Christmas.

Love to All of You. Mom & Dad

Warren's Family: Since we missed getting in on the last family letter, we probably should recap the summer as well as the current. Colissa spent a week at Ricks College for a youth camp that she earned by making the honor roll 3 times out of the year. She is a busy girl (her Freshman year) - now in Seminary, Pep Band, Dancing and piano, plus other activities.

Sheldon has his 1st Class Scout Rank and is working on Star. He's in Pep Band and got to go to the Mini-Dome for a game, along with Colissa. He's active in Deacon's Quorum. Lupi is doing well in music and is now learning to play the flute. She also is a dependable babysitter. Jolana has excelled in art and took several nice prizes at the fair. Norman is doing a lot in Cub Scouts and can split firewood real well.

Kevin helps with that too, and is learning a lot in school. Valina is in kindergarten, and working hard and having fun. That leaves baby Warren home alone $\frac{1}{2}$ day. He entertains himself very well, has an incredible vocabulary and memory for his age and is very good natured. The children all won ribbons at the fair from garden produce and their 4-H sewing and macramae.

Sharon, as Primary President has a good organization going and has helped activate several sisters. We have a younger couple that we've been fellowshipping for several months now, and have done a lot of fun things together. They were sealed in the temple a while back. We're grateful for their association and progress in the Gospel. Warren got a nice bull elk-7 points on one side and 8 on the other, and a lot of good eating in the freezer.

Warren still goes to Pocatello part of every week to work, but would like to find someone else to take it over. We're grateful for all of our family every where and pray the Lord's blessings to be with all of you. We're healthy and are thankful for that too.

Love, Warren, Sharon and Children

March 8, ~~1981~~

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Dear Family,

Is anyone else getting excited with the prospects of spring? We are having some mixed feelings. We want to get some good spring skiing in before we get too involved with the outside work. The pleasure of seeing things grow and produce is always rewarding. The effort to cause that great miracle of life is not always fully calculated and seldom fully committed as spring arrives.

Each year seems to bring new beginnings. We here at home have big ideas and plans. More yard work, a better garden, green house in operation, a new roof on the house, build a woodshed, repairs, painting, more fishing, more water skiing, and more family letters! The list is endless, but never-the-less exciting.

April was recently called as Education Councilor in the Stake Relief Society. It was a surprise, since she had been in the Ward R.S. such a short time. She has already been very involved as you might suspect. Board Mtngs., Leadership Mtng., Ward Conferences, Regional Mtngs., socials, etc.

We were in Utah last week and had a nice visit with Susan & Brent, Catherine & Larry and their little boys. What proud parents they are and rightly so. Brent is still going to BYU and working at the MTC. Susan is working part time at Marie Calanders. Larry is very involved in his training and work at Utah Valley Hospital and enjoying it immensely. Catherine's Doctor says their little "girl" will not wait until the end of April to arrive but will probably come the first week of April. She's feeling good most of the time.

Two weeks ago when we were in Utah, we visited with April's parents. They were in Bountiful babysitting her brothers family. There was lots and lots of snow on the ground and they were anxious to get back to sunny Arizona.

Warren and Sharon have been to Hawaii for a two weeks vacation. We haven't talked to Warren much. He still comes down for two or three days a week, but we were gone last week when he was here. He did say they had a very nice trip and will be showing and telling for some time.

DeVon is into his new work as financial planner and says he likes it. Bobby has been working as a dental assistant but tells us that will have to come to an end soon. Loalyn and George had a real nice trip to California after Christmas and did more on that trip than you could imagine. They used to be concerned if their car would stay together. Now that it has proven itself, they seem to trust it to go anywhere.

Karyn still plays in the Civic Symphony and we will be attending another of her concerts Monday night. We don't see nearly as much of her, now that she is the Primary President.

Paul and Sandra moved back to Pocatello at Christmas time. He has a larger territory to cover and since they already had a house here, this seemed as good a place to live as Boise. They have almost decided to stay where they are and utilize the acreage they have for home production and "child rearing".

Glen has most likely started in communications school by now. He has been puttering for several months doing some art work for his captain. We don't hear from him very often.

John is expecting a transfer soon, but won't be going far as his mission is only about 10 miles X 40 miles. Dan had flown Howard Ruff to California the day we were in Provo, so we didn't get to see him this time, but he came over and visited with us when we were visiting in Bountiful. He has been going to University of Utah this winter.

Shelly came up for a week end. We sure enjoyed her visit and while here we all skied at Targhee. David got under the wire and qualified for his Eagle Scout Award before he turned 18. He received his Duty To God Award last Sunday during Sacrament Meeting. He is planning to haul wood this summer for \$ to help pay some of his college and mission expenses.

Della and Lawrence are not doing well, health-wise. Della had knee surgery last week and Lawrence has been very ill with a serious blood disease. He had 5 pints of blood last week to help build up his strength. They are almost confined to home, but have hopes of things improving for them this summer.

* We attended the funeral of Larry Parkin yesterday. It was a fine tribute to a very good neighbor and friend.

Hope you are all WELL & HAPPY! We are.

Love,

Mom & Dad

P.S. We were in SLC on Dad's B-Day and saw Ballet West's Premiere of SWAN LAKE on opening night. It was beautiful. I thought Dad would fall asleep - his first Ballet - but he liked it, and has promised to go again sometime. ..

* ACCORDING TO FAMILY SEARCH RECORDS, LARRY PARKIN
DIED 3 MARCH 1982

November 8, 1962

Dear Family,

A lot has been happening around here since the Family Reunion, but most of you are aware of that.

Dave finally got his cast off. He's been working in the store 3 shifts a week, has resumed running the milk route 2 mornings a week, is a dishwasher at the Holiday Inn 2 nights a week and is anxious to finish his first semester at I.S.U.

Dad went back to work after being off with his leg injury for 3 months. He feels good, but doubts the leg will ever be the same. However he assures us all the injured muscle is not one used in snow skiing and he's anxious to get on the slopes as the resorts in Utah and some in Idaho (Targhee) have opened.

We are looking forward to new additions in the family soon. Sandra (Perry) and Susan (Done) are both expecting in the spring. DeVon and Bobby's new baby is a darling, good natured little tyke who will probably be very spoiled with so many siblings anxious to hold him. They have to take turns and set the timer so everyone gets his chance at being "mama".

John came home and reported his mission the last week in September. Many family members came for the occasion. We really appreciated your support and enjoyed the family dinner and visiting afterwards.

A couple of weeks later Dad, April & John spent a Sunday in Arco with Warren's family and to honor Sheldon as he received his Life Scouting Award.

April & John will leave Nov 13th for California. John enters the hospital Nov. 15th for tests and intensive Chemotherapy. The bone marrow transplant will be Tuesday, Nov. 23rd. We will be fasting that day and ask any who can and want, to participate with us. It is a very serious procedure, where many complications can occur, but we feel Heavenly Father will help and sustain us through this ordeal. John has been promised great and very specific blessings in his patriarchal blessing and we have faith that he will live to receive them. John will have to stay in California until about the end of February. His address will be: John B. Lee, City of Hope, 1500 E Duarte Rd., Duarte Calif 91010 April's will be the same except add: "Hope Village" after "City of Hope".
Km 4954

We are not planning on much for Thanksgiving as April will be gone. Shelly and probably Connie will be coming home. Glen's Birthday is November 27. Karyn and Earl (also Dave) have his current address. We hear from him occasionally via letters and phone calls. He is enjoying life, playing in a band and working for a graphics arts company.

Dan is taking some training in Houston, Tx. to be a flight attendant for Texas International. T.I. interviewed 50 people for every one they hired, so Dan feels very good to have been hired. He loves the work, people etc. Already he's flown to Washington, D.C. and plans to go to Denver and Phoenix soon. As yet he doesn't know where hell be living, Denver or Houston, but wants to come home for Christmas.

(213) 359-8111 Ext 4954
John - Same --- Ext 3247
Next week his will change

Monday Dec 27th
2:00 pm.

Sandra, Karyn and April have been planning the Family Christmas party. It will be held ~~Saturday~~, Dec. 29th, 2:00 p.m. to.....in the L.D.S. Institute at Idaho State University. Any who want to come early or stay over are welcome. We will have stories, games, food, visiting, a program, a visit from SANTA, and of course the traditional PINATA, which Shelly and Connie are making.

We are making some assignments. If for any reason you can't fill yours, please let us know.

ASSIGNMENTS: EACH FAMILY

1. Something for the program - dancing, singing, stories, etc., individually or as a family. Will Warren's family please portray the Nativity Scene with the scriptural reading from the Bible?
2. Some things, toys-candies, etc. for the pinatas. We will have 2 pinatas. One for the older children and one for the younger children.
3. Gifts for the names you have drawn.
4. Food (see below).
5. Bring a ⁱⁱ, your funny bones, and an appetite. (Also a lot of time and patience will help!)
6. One batch of your favorite Christmas goodies - in addition to your other assigned food.
7. A table game - puzzle etc. that can be set up, to be played any time during the afternoon.
8. Names you have drawn:
9. Food assignment:

Menu

Cold Skied ham + beef

Fruit Salads

Jello salads

Relish plate

Rolls

Cookies brownies etc

Punch

Much Love to All - Have a happy Thanksgiving
+ Merry Christmas -

Mom + Dad

Dear Family,

January 8, 1985

With the new year comes reminders of some of the things we want to accomplish and also a few things we did not accomplish in the year past.

Being from the "Land of Manaña", I can justify my procrastination, because I have always had good intentions. What I'm saying is, you didn't need to worry, the family letter was on the tip of my pen all the time.

It was good to see so many of you at one time again. What a grand thing to see all the cousins strenghtening their friendships and giving each other that in-valuable support. We sure missed those of you who could not make it, but it is less likely each year that everyone will be able to make it. We were thinking of you Teresa & John, Loalyn & George & families, Dan and Glen.

Just heard today that Garrett's will move the General office (what's left of it) to Salt Lake. Things look rather sick here in Poky even tho' the company, A.N.R. is growing nation wide. Garrett's is almost lost as for identity. There are even rumors that the shops won't be here much longer. The local freight, the prestige, the payroll are all a thing of the past. The endeavor seems to be to destroy all of the Garrett image. With the best of my years building to the best of Garretts years, it kind of makes me feel bad. I still have pride in my work, and am thankful for the experience. The security here has helped raise an honorable family for which I am very proud. After Glen gets home, I'll try life without Garrett's.

Things are almost back to normal (whatever that is) after holiday activity in the ward, stake, family and work.

Paul and Sandra are in the move crisis, having traded homes for one in our neighborhood. Dave is trying to make a move to "green pastures" in the Provo area, Shelly & Bryan are also in the process of moving to American Fork, to try out the Salt Lake area for work opportunity. Loalyn & George moved back to Denver just a few days before Christmas. Glen wrote as soon as the extended missions was announced to ask if we would support him another 6 months in the mission field. We are so thankful he decided to serve the extra time.

We just got a letter from Glen telling us of great pain one night and rushing to the hospital just in time to have his appendix out before it ruptured. We hope he's up and about by now.

Teresa & Jonn are back in the Provo area where he is working as much as he can. He's been in and out of the hospital a couple of times and we hope he's out to stay this time. Teresa is also working for S.S.I.

We love all of you very much.

Mom & Dad

New Addresses:

Elder Glen Longhurst
14 Soi Intramara 42
Samsen Nai
Bangkok, Thailand 10310

Sandra & Paul
3749 Flamingo
Pocatello Id 83201

Loalyn & George
6380 Jellison Dr.
Littleton, CO. 80123
(303) 978-9644

Dear Family

Nov 1986

After we get April thru school we will be more reliable in getting our bit to the editor. I have agreed to take care of it for now.

School is really hard this semester but did pass the mid-term exam in Stats, that gives some hope for passing the course.

The harvest is over. I wish we were closer to more of you, as we sure have some good apples this year.

We are keeping them in the cooler so as to get more of them around to all of you. There isn't much sale for them, as every one who has an apple tree is giving them to their neighbors.

I didn't go hunting this year even tho eligible for special drawing. Its hard to think deer hunting in June and get applications in.

I'm becoming a funeral expert. We had three last month; two in one week. Lavana Butterfield (Bennett's brother and sister-in-law), Zina Hatch and Don Young.

Berman Longhurst has had brain surgery malignant tumor, and has been to Japan for that.

What a beautiful long summer and fall. I've never seen such beautiful autumn colors.

We are going to Pice for Thanksgiving. Epiph's family is getting together at

her sister Ann's. Then if all goes well we are going to Kays & Seals for Christmas, hoping to see Helwells and Masons in the journey.

We are excited about David & Susan's upcoming wedding & the prospects of seeing many of you again. They are getting married Nov 13 in the Jordan River Temple with a reception in Orem that night and a reception here in Pocatello the following night.

We are having the Packy reception ⁱⁿ our Ward building, 7 to 9, and will host a light supper prior to that for out of town travelers ^{& family}. This will also be at the Church. Anyone wanting to eat will need to be there at 5 so we can get the meal over up & ready for the reception at 7.

I would suggest you come to the supper dressed & ready for the reception. We tried it the other way at Glen's & we just didn't have enough time or space to all change & be ready for the recep.

We surely appreciate the great effort Shelley has put forth in getting the family letter out. It's something we have getting each month & apologize for not writing each month.

Brent & Sue are moving back to Orem. He will be over all the field reps for Word Perfect Corp. It was a hard decision for them because they love Arizona so much & had such a nice home. They sold their home to the first people that looked at it, - so will be in Orem by Dec. 1.

The love all of you - Read & Cepel

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Dec. 11 1966

Dear Woody and April,

It is good that we have season of the year that we think of family and friends, not that we don't have you in mind all the time but this time of the year we devote ourselves to remembering our families.

Ruth and I have been fine in health and are kept very busy in church doings, school and civic projects. We are building a new hospital here in Dublan 130 beds, it's a very large one for this area and expensive for those of us who are doing it. We have some very good doctors here.

Our fruit business 9 coop0 is doing very well we have to build a new controlled atmosphere storage every year to keep up with the production. On the mesa west of the San Jose farm where you used to hunt jack rabbit I have cleared and put P V C piping under ground, 6 kilometers of 10 and 8 in. pipe for irrigation. By Feb. this year I will complete planting 80,000 peach trees 15,000 pear trees, plus another 20,000 apple trees on the farm at the base of the mesa. All this planting is for some young couple, 2 or 3 of them to establish themselves.

I have our son Terry on the Tenaja doing very well. Our son Marvin on the San Isidro with 100,000 trees doing very well. We have Ernest Call on the farm doing very well. We have Tracy Bowman on the curva orchard by the highway doing very well. We have Ken Farnsworth on the farm next to the river how is doing fair. I am taking care of the nursery and the new plantings doing the best I can. Ruth is doing extremely well in the home with her spirits and love and joy we share.

We have 5 of our children in S.L.C. who are having a hard time, some of their wives don't like Mico

Something went wrong with my type writer.

*We Love and Appreciate you
Ruth + Ashton*

