Dear Family,

We are experimenting with the computer printer for the family letter and have retyped your letters for printing. If your letter (that you didn't write) does not appear here - don't blame the computer, OK? This is all we received! Thanks to those who sent $ to help with the mailing costs. Oh, yes - send letters to Warren this year. You know that if you read the last letter from Karyn.

Our holidays were great - hope everybody's were. We mostly relaxed. Enjoyed Lupi home from Wash. D.C. Her family says she's the best nanny they have had (out of 5). They like her so well they are paying more than the contract agreement. Great goin' Lupi! It was hard to leave home again & we choked up sayin goodbye. Her flight out of S.L.C. was overbooked, and they asked for volunteers (5 or 6) to deplane & take a later flight. Lupi didn't want to see families broken up so she volunteered. After that the airline gave her a free round trip ticket to anywhere in N. America Delta flies! Courtesy can pay well it seems. Her two little boys she cares for anxiously tried to stay awake to welcome her back but fell asleep as it was so late. She likes it there and enjoys the singles ward.

We enjoyed the German chocolate from Sheldon. Seems he's doing good. Spent first several weeks just a few miles from East Germany. Now is further south. It's a tough mission and rules are pretty strict. He couldn't call home and we couldn't call him for Christmas. No tapes either. But that's OK. He's shared in a baptism already. First in that ward in a year. Language is coming.

Colissa did call home for Christmas and I think it made for a little homesickness. All missionaries were called to the mission home for a Christmas Conference and festivities. They baptise almost weekly. Last letter said; "had 12 investigators out to church Sunday. Five were baptised." Another excerpt: "An elderly lady stopped us on the street the other day and asked if she could go to church with us next Sunday." I guess that lady is what some call a Golden Gater. Colissa is still the only white person for miles. Doin' a great job and has a great companionship with both a Philippine comp. and the Holy Ghost. Primitive living? -YES - But they have running water. Showers with a bucket & dipper. Lots of rice & fruit to eat. Transportation - man powered tricycles. Rains regularly. I envy the tropical climate.

Oh, yes, climate! Right now the wind is howling and the snow is drifting bad. The only road open into Arco is from the North - Mackay. School closed. Even the ball games cancelled! When they cancel the games you KNOW the weather is bad. Most site workers out on the desert are at home. No mail came today and probably won't tomorrow. We've had it mild for two years & draught. Now maybe all our prayers for moisture are being answered. We're getting reacquainted with real winter. I worked. It was a good day to go to the dentist (relatively speaking as many alternatives were shut out). We have about two feet of snow on level. A funeral in the ward today. Many of the family couldn't make it due to weather. It is exactly like it was for Mom's funeral 9 years ago.....We remember.....

I had the priviledge of ordaining Norman a Priest last Sunday. I am thankful for that and for many things. For all of our family - all ko you - for our health - for opportunity. It's all around, just think of it. Thankful for a New Year. I hope it is Happy & prosperous and bright for all. I'm excited for Earl in his new job, Ken & Connie's new chapter in life starting, for the new babies - Dave is a Dad! That's great. It was good to see many of you Christmas Eve, and to see Shalee growing! We barely made it back home as the road was unplowed & snowing but we did & had a good Christmas. 'Hope your year has started good. Would like to hear from everyone of you. God bless.

Love, Warren et. al.

Looking forward to the Women's Conference Feb. 4th and having you here. We ended up with your workshop entitled "Handling Stress & depression" if that's not okay let me know soon before the final printouts.

Hope you don't mind addressing these 3 envelopes I don't addresses for. Could you send me their addresses? Karyn sent Dan's and I have a letter in the mail for him. The copying on these was poorly done as they didn't center the front.

Skiing Big Sky sounds fun - we're anxious & hope we have good weather.

Love, Sharon

The Family Letter

From David & Susan Longhurst

January 25, 1989

Dear Family

We apologize for not writing last month, so we are taking the liberty of "Freedom of Press."

Every month our family looks forward to receiving the compiled family letters from *each* of you. This letter is not only appreciated by ourselves, but since over a year ago, we have "promised" aunt Della a visit once a month, so she can read the happenings in everyone's lives as well. It is hereby encouraged that "*all* y'all" contribute to the cause. And y'all know who you are.

A "Christy" Christmas

She brought joy to our world, as we celebrated the birth of Christ on his Sabbath day. After feeling the magnificent spirit of Christmas this last year, and realizing there are those who tend to leave Christ out of Christmas, we were blesses with our 6 Lb., 10 Oz. baby girl at 4:56pm the same day. And since we felt that Christ ought to be what we celebrate the day for, we took a lead from Warren to name her Christina Longhurst. Thanks Warren!

Christy will be blessed Sunday, February 5, 1989. Everyone is invited, and if you can make it, please let us know so we can plan on you for dinner at the Kendall's (Susan's parents) after church. Shelly & Bryan will be blessing there baby the same day, and the plan is as follows:

Shelly's Sac. Meeting starts at 9:00am and lets out at 10:15am. Our Sac. Meeting starts at 11:30am and lets out at 12:45pm. Our Chapel is located at 230 E. 1100 S. (One block behind us). Dinner will begin at the Kendall's home at 2:45pm. You are all invited to attend both blessings, and to continue your Sunday meetings here at our ward that day, then have Dinner with us. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

A Book is Born

For the past few weeks we have been gathering information for a prospective book. The little bits and pieces we have gathered has educated us on a lot of little "Secrets" which we feel people will enjoy knowing. The book, "101 Amazing Secrets To make your life better" will soon be ready for printing. It contains ideas, formulas, little tricks, and secrets of easier ways to do everyday things, with the subjects ranging from Automotive to Cleaning, to Home Repair, to Saving Energy, to Insect Repelling, to Yard Care, and a whole lot more. Most if not all the secrets are "little treasures" because they incorporate the use of common household products or items. Those who have read some of these secrets, find it hard to just read a few without wanting to learn more of them. If any household within this family would like a copy, just let us know.

TYPESETTING Done Here

Since we started playing with our book, and learned "Desk Top Publishing" a whole new world has been discovered. Before we knew it, people's interest to have some of their own things typeset started mushrooming. By talking to a good friend who works as a Pressman, it wasn't hard to see the demand for printers and printing techniques. This same person tells us that depending on the type of page to be typeset, the typesetting trade pays between $15 to $60 per hour. We are going to see if our $2,000.00 computer investment will pay for it's self, and possible but bread on the table too.

"Pooling" Our Efforts

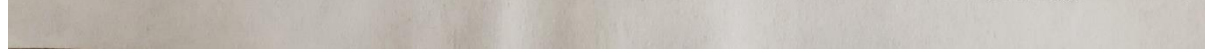
Those of you who were at our wedding reception(s) when we were married can probably remember Lou Erickson. He was one of the "Best Men" in the line. He's also the one who took me to the Orient in '86, while I was working for him. Now he has invited me to be an associate in business, selling portable pools.

After teaching me much of the trade of importing, he feels like he and I would be good business partners. The product is an inflatable portable swimming pool. It is a popular alternative to having a permanent swimming pool built in a back yard. It's round, stands about four feet high, and is about 18' in diameter. We are competing with another successful Co. whom we feel we can beat in quality and price. Although still in the initial stages of this ambition, we have somewhat settled on the name of "PLEASURE POOL."

This venture will only require our time and effort, and no capital on either of our parts. Lou is pretty handy about drumming up venture capital, so the financial obligation is on the investors he "pools" together. It's hoped that we all profit from this enterprise, it's a profit sharing setup and I feel a rather generous one at that. Just wish us luck...

With all our love,
David, Susan, Nicole, & Christy

Sample This



Jan. 27 89

Dear family

Sorry we didn't get in on the last letter. The month got away from us before we realized it. It is for sure there is not any outside activity around the place to take my time. It is even too cold to think about skiing. With longer days coming on now things should turn for the better soon.

We are sure happy to have a fair amount of snow. Just hope it continues. Water and sunshine are two mighty important things in my existence.

I have been spending some time up to the church, as it is coming close to completion. We are sure getting exited to get back in our own building. The people are anxious to see what it looks like, because every one that has been in it tells how pretty it is. There is already a noticeable increase in peoples willingness to be involved. Some who do not normally contribute were asked for contributions. Now they want, and do, feel to be part of it. The building in my estimation, will be the prettiest, most comfortable, and useable building in the church.

My undertaking of late is about as hard to do as anything I have ever tried. Since I have gotten by to this point in time, without learning to type, I guess I could still get by without it. Now that I've started though, I'll keep at it till I feel it is at least not a waste of time.

The sun is coming up bright this morning. I can already think of a few things to do in the greenhouse when it gets warm today.

Dad wants me to add a few lines in this letter. We both are having a hard time with the typing and computer. He is spending time on it almost every day, writing his life story so is learning more about the mechanics of it than I am. Several times he has had work erased by one wrong move. Kind of like life isn't it?

We are enjoying some quiet time since the holidays. I'm working about two full days a week now and average about 8-10 clients a week with the hopes of building a solid practice. It is nice not to have the pressure of school or a full time job.

It was a pleasure for us to have Glen and Shelly's families here for christmas. The little people were fun to watch and it was really fun to watch the big people watching the little people! Glen and Linette were excited about the gifts Santa brought Shaeli and Shaeli only cared about the wrappings. Marcelle was a big help to me before christmas as we made cookies and things. Aubrey was pretty sick and we hope she's feeling better now.

Ken and Connie came during some of the coldest weather we've had. I'm sure they must have been having second thoughts about leaving Florida. We'll be glad to have them closer and hope to get to see them more often. If we go to Canada again this summer, we will plan to go by way of Tacoma and spend some time with them.

I went to Orem a couple of weeks ago on an errand, and while there, saw some of you. You all seem to be doing good. And let me add, I have never seen a prettier baby than Susan and David's. Babies are truly wonderful. Nicole is a good little helper and very excited to have a sister. With Sue's and Brent's expected in April, we will have 44 grandchildren between us. That's a bunch and we love everyone of them a lot.

Love
Dad & Cyril

January 29, 1989

Dear Family:

We seem to have missed the January letter (if there was one). Everything has been in limbo for a while. We are in our new place now though, and it's good to be somewhere after a month of being nowhere and everywhere. Here's how it happened:

Christmas Eve day we had a lady call and want to see our house. She and her husband came over and Ken showed them through the house. They liked it and before they left we had a contract and a check for $1,000. It happened so fast! We got things moving and closed on the sale on Dec. 29th and hopped on a plane the next morning to find a place in Washington. We picked up a new company car in Orem, visited family there and headed north. We spent New Years day in Idaho and then continued on. We enjoyed our visits with those we did get to see.

We spent nearly a week looking for a place to live. Our first few days we spent looking in the Olympia area. We didn't find anything there that we thought would meet our needs. The town was a lot smaller than we had expected. On our last day we decided to look in Tacoma. We immediately took a better liking to it. There aren't a lot of rentals available other than real small apartments or large homes that rented for more than our mortgage payment had been. After a lot of hard work and frustration, we stumbled onto a condo for rent. It hadn't even been advertised yet. It has much more space than any of the apartments and the price was about the same. So we rented it and hurried back to Orlando to pack things up.

We arrived back in Orlando on the 10th and the moving van was scheduled to pick up our things on the morning of the 13th. We had to work fast! Everything was gone and no need to stay around, so we hit the road the next morning after a few short visits with friends. We spent the first night in Louisiana, the second in Texas and made it to Mesa late the third day. We spent a couple of days with Ken's mother in Mesa before we headed out again. We decided to go up through California to avoid any bad weather or roads. We got as far as Los Angeles the first day, Redding, California the second day, and made it the rest of the way the third day. By then I was tired of sitting in the car and was glad to be here.

Ken had to turn right around and go to San Francisco for Rep meetings for three days, so while he was gone I met the moving van and got things moved in. Even though we have boxes stacked in every room still, it really is good to have a place to "hang your hat" and call home.

We will miss Florida, but are liking it here. We couldn't see much the day we rented this place because it was cloudy and rainy. Now we can see we got a better deal than we thought. Our condo is on the third floor and from the living room and kitchen we can see the Puget Sound, the large bridge across the bay to the island out where Bremerton is, and in the background we can see the tops of the Olympic Mountains (when the weather is clear). From the bedrooms we can look the other direction and see Mount Rainier in the distance. It's fun to just sit and look out the window. We really enjoy the view. Even though it's a little colder than our Florida blood is used too, it's not so bad. We bought new sweat suits and went for a nice little walk after dinner today. Yesterday we popped some corn and headed down to the marina at the end of our street. There are ducks galore down there and we had a good time feeding them. Fishing must be good, we see a lot of boats out there. So when you're ready, come on up.

We're anxious to get back into a normal routine of things and I'm sure it won't take long. Our new address is: **1902 Bridgeport Way W. #306**
Tacoma, Washington 98466 phone (206) 566-0768

Much love to all of you,

Connie + Ken

February 1, 1989

Dear Family,

It's that time again! In fact I wonder about what it is time for: winter or spring. There must have been some January thaw where some of you are but here in Georgia the birds and bugs think it is spring. We are having 70 degree weather and it seems strange.

The kids are all doing pretty good and we have managed to escape any illnesses so far this season including colds, but the allergies seem to want to bother more of us occasionally. Lonnie and Greg have continued in the Young Mens basketball program and our ward is undefeated so far. Lonnie is one of the top scorers; Greg moves with a lot of finesse on the floor and gets his share of points and blocks. Wendy is moving along on the piano and Kami is getting right with it now. I may start Ashley soon. Lonnie has found himself a teacher and begins this week. I hope it works out for him. Kami made the all `A's honor roll and is going to be integrated into the gifted program soon if she qualifies after taking the tests. She is really pleased with herself and we are proud of all the kid's accomplishments. The debate team Lonnie is on at school has just finished their debating and he has now joined the academic bowl.

Earl seems to like his job--he says he is really busy and that's good. Next week he must travel to WA D.C. for training; then a regular scheduled three days to Southern Georgia to check on properties down there. They will use a gov. car. 36 miles one way is his commute each day, leaving at 6:00 and is home a little after 4:00. Our Buick is being advertised in hopes of selling it since Earl has already purchased a VW Dasher diesel to drive all those miles. It is not a wonderful car but is adequate.

I am also advertising for more students in music (by taking around flyers) to supplement the income. We decided that was the most profitable part time work between the two of us, so we'll see what happens. It is our ward's turn to be agent ward for our building so the scheduling for 3 wards and the stake has fallen upon me; plus Activities for the ward and organist. Things are going to be busier around here it looks like. Earl has taken a woodworking class (one of a series) and hopes to take that up as a hobby with him being home more.

He has had one of those golden missionary experiences here lately: a single girl was assigned to him and upon the first visit, (she being inactive and nobody knowing her) told of her marriage taking place three days later. Her fiance was present and they committed to coming to church on Sunday which they did, and have been since. He is getting baptized next week! I think it is wonderful because these people were ready for the gospel and what if he had not done his home teaching?

We love each of you and pray for you daily in your families. Please each of you try to keep in touch through this family letter. I look forward to it so much and miss hearing from you.

Love, Karyn's family

2/1/89

Dear family,

It was good to hear from the diligent few who wrote last month. We're not very consistent in this, but sure do enjoy hearing everyone's news.

Thank you Cathy + Larry for the Pictionary game you gave us for Christmas. We were able to play it with Shelly + Bryan, Glen + Linette, Connie + Ken, Dad + April, and several times with the kids. It has been fun. Thanx again.

Congradulations to Shelly + Bryan and David + Susan on your little ones. I wish we could be there to see them blessed, but do have prior obligations.

Good for you Earl on your job change - hope it proves to be all you want it to be.

For Family Home Evening this week Dad took us on a tour of our remodeled (sp) church building. It really is beautiful. Being the only ones in there + seeing the fancy decor - woodwork, wallpapers, etc, it seemed more like a temple than a meeting house. We should be back in it within the month + we're really anxious.

Love to all,

~~Sanders + family~~ The Perrys

Thought:

When you are 'average', you are just as close to the bottom as you are to the top.

WOODROW LONGHURST FAMILY LETTER
February 1989

Dear Family,

It is fun to receive your letters for us to organize and copy and send to you all; we appreciate the greater number of letters this month and also the $7. dues that have come in for expenses. We love hearing from each one of you about the things that are happening in your lives. Seems I spend a great deal of time composing letters with 3 letters every week to our 3 eldest children, so I got down to a system of putting all our family news through the computer on one letter side and making 3 copies of it on our printer then adding an individual back side letter to each one. The computer & printer have come in handy plus is legible. I'm enjoying the computer along with Kevin's tutoring.

In Arco we have had miserable cold weather with many road closures around us due to drifting snow. Idaho Falls had -16 temp. with wind chill -70. Our ward was the only one in our stake who held church today and yesterday we had to postphone a special Stake Women's Conference. April came up to do a workshop on Stress & Depression along with 3 other out-of-town workshop leaders who came separately and we had to send them all back to return in April hopefully. We were very disappointed to cancel but you can't argue with the weather and we did have a fun visit with Dad and April & Talina anyway. The 3-D slides and old movies Dad brought for us to look at were great.

Norman took 5th at District Wrestling from 13 in his weight class; he hopes to go to State next year. This is his first year of high school wrestling and has had to wrestle guys heavier than he so next year being an upper classman may make a difference on priority weight matching. Josh, Valina & Norm made the A-B Honor roll. Jolana made a 'cool' ice sculpture in the community ice sculpting contest creating a clown head & ruffle collar winning 'Best in Structural Detail' plus was paid $60 in cash & gift certificates by the business who hired her to do their sculpture.

Warren has been involved in missionary work and hoping for more progress. Our family has tasted the sweetness of helping several friends into the church in the past year & know we need to continue and not slack off.

I've decided to type some excerpts directly from Colissa, Sheldon, and Lupi's letters so you can appreciate more their happenings.

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Colissa is in Cabadbaran, Mindinao Philippines, she writes: " I've watched this ward grow in strength this last month. It's so exciting! Our baptism on Jan 1, Bro. Talesar was given a calling as the ward clerk & was sustained Sunday. Also Bro. Nocelo (bapt. 12/4) was called to be secretary of the Elders Quorum. There are some good strong priesthood holders now in this branch, so hopefully Cabadbaran will continue to grow; it will be made a ward in February. The District Presidency was present Sunday for Conference, we had seven investigators who attended from our area and I played the piano. I haven't felt the spirit this strong in a mtg. for quite some time, I really needed this boost in my life. Believe me I have come to realize how lucky I was before to have been able to live so close to the headquarters of the church. The people here still don't know what the conference talks in Oct '88 Gen. Conf. were about nor do they know the prophets latest council. I'm sure as the wards become more organized here they will receive more updated info. There are several couple missionaries who's assignment is to work with the wards helping organize & to help the different organizations function. They say it takes a lot of patience.

There are many Jehovahs Witnesses here who try to visit our contacts after we leave. The other two sisters especially are experiencing this in my former area. Sis. Baldonado and I went with them along with Bro. Talesar & Nocelo (former Pentecosts) so we could help them teach. It turned out

that 14 J.W. showed up including their head dood. We controlled the disc. & didn't let them get us off. 1/24: Part of missionary life is learning to accept that not everyone will accept baptism. Families are very important to each other here, so if one will accept the gospel and the others won't then that one is persecuted. The same with husband/wife. If the wife doesn't want the husband to be baptised then usually he won't to save his relationship. Cabadbaran has many strong religions here, some people aren't so friendly because they know we are Mormons. As we walked by the plaza today I heard whispers "Mormons" We just keep smiling and say hello so they know we are friendly. Imagine, some people think we are Satanic and that we are an occult. It's only because they don't understand. If only they all could have a chance to hear the gospel!

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Sheldon is in Karlsruhe in the Frankfurt West Germany Mission 1/23 -He writes: "Guess what came in the mail this past week, ya the letters for the last 3 weeks plus about 6 others. Guess what came in the mail today, another letter from ya, that makes 4 this week. I finally got my passport back today. They had computer problems so I've been running around the last 3 months without a passport while it was in getting the visa stamped. And guess when it runs out? Ya, the end of Feb.!! Mom, you'll have to resew my pants when I get home, I've had to let them all down about 1-1/2" and my little tack stitch with 3 or 4 pieces of thread holds up ok. I've already got grease all over the pant leg from the inside of my bike. I don't have a chain guard. This past week I've had a cold and been kinda sick and my comp. too.

Well, we have a baptism planned this weekend but the guy is starting to slack off and never came to the fireside or church, but he says he knows the Book of Mormon is true. We'll see if we can get him excited again.

Hey, you guys finding more room in the car now. Guess ya won't get a Van, huh? Sounds awesome with all the snow; you know it would come now that I can't ski. By the way I'm pretty close to the Alps, but that doesn't do me much good. As they say in German "Schonen Wolke", bis dan tchub. (trans.: Have a beautiful week, until then goodbye.

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Lupi writes from Wash D.C.-1/22: "The Tabernacle Choir was out here for Bush's Inaugural -which they performed at. This morning they were in our chapel for some special meeting. I hadn't heard anything about it. I did get to hear a song or two that they were singing. Friday I didn't have to work so some friends & I took the Metro into D.C. There were so many people, there's no way we could have driven. The Metro was even cram-packed & hard to get on & off. We fought our way through the crowd & got up as close to the Capitol as we could. But it wasn't close enough to see or hear anything. We waited around for a couple hours for the parade to start. It was a cold windy day so I have a cold again. We watched the parade across the street from the Canadian Embassy. I saw the helicopter that Pres. Reagan flew off to California in, and also at the first of the parade, the Bush's & Dukakis's were in their limo's. The Pres. & Vice Pres. were on the other side of the car, so I got a better look at their wives. I only watched part of the parade because it was getting colder & we were tired of standing around. I'm glad I was there for part of all the action.

My basketball team is doing pretty good. We've won 2 games & won one by forfeit. This Tuesday is Weslys birthday & so Sat. we're going to have a big party for him with a bunch of his friends. Wednesday our ward is doing baptisms for the dead up at the D.C. temple, so I'm really looking forward to that.

Love,

Warren & Shara

February 27, 1989

Dear Family,

I guess we've missed getting our letter in for quite a few times. We need to get back into the swing of things here. How exciting to see the promise of Spring with my bulbs coming up. That's one nice thing about living here in Utah is the definite 4 seasons. Just when you think you can't stand one any longer it suddenly moves on to the next one.

As with everyone else, we manage to fill all our time keeping busier than we'd really like to be. Bryan is still working with the Explorers and that takes at least two days of every week for him. His employment continues to be demanding but fulfilling. He is a very good father (when he's home) and the kids think he's the best and always look forward to any time they can spend with him.

I'm still involved in the Young Women's. With Bryan's help we just did a big printing job for our goals program that is similar to the boys earning their Eagle scout. I'm adjusting a little better now to being the mother of three. Most of my "spare" time and all my "regular" time is spent in that capacity. Seems like there's always a nose or a bottom or a table to wipe! No wonder I'm so "wiped out" at the end of every day (and usually at the beginning of the day, too!)

Marcelle continues to be our little "go-go girl". She loves going to Pre-school or church or to friends houses--anywhere there is activity and other kids. She's learning to recognize many letters of the alphabet and can write several of them. She likes being the "big girl" some of the time, yet is jealous of the two babies alot.

Aubrey is well into her "terrible two's" and likes to show it. However, instead of saying "NO" to everything like most kids, she emphatically says, "no way!". She's finally walking and doing quite well at it. She likes her little brother, or rather is intrigued with him, but doesn't like all the time he takes away from her mother. She enjoys going to the nursery--marches right in there on her own. Her vocabulary is increasing and becoming much more understandable. She's our big eather and I wish big sister would pick up on the habit.

Morgan is finally showing signs of growing out of his colic. Yea!!! He has been on a special pre-digested formula that has agreed with him much better, although it's rather expensive. He's gaining weight and looks pretty healthy and is starting to be a little more content so I can set him down for a while every day. He's sleeping pretty regular long stretches at night now, so that's been good for all of us. Despite his fussiness, we sure enjoy having him in our family. He's a real pretty baby and has dark hair. We finally are going to have him blessed this Sunday. Aubrey calls him "Mormon".

Well, I guess that's about all the news from here. We enjoyed seeing several of you at Christmas, and certainly enjoyed having Connie and Ken here on their way to Washington over New year's. By the time this letter arrives, I suppose we will have seen several of you again at the blessing of our baby and David & Susan's.

We love all of you and hope things are going well for each of your families.

Bryan, Shelly, & kids.

2/27/89

Dear Family,

February in Pocatello ends with weather warm enough to melt our snow, leaving puddles, mud, bare ground, & wind. Even at that, it's a welcome change from the bitter cold we had been having.

We are finally back in our own church. (2 weeks ago) It really is a beautiful building. The blues & the wallpaper make it extra nice.

Paul has been busy at work with their openhouse. Several days of preparation are involved for a long day featuring a pancake & sausage breakfast til 1:00 p.m., games, displays, & lots of good P.R. They had a good turnout. Now that that's over, it's inventory & audit time. It seems that even through the winter months he's busier than he sould be over there.

The kids are all holding their own when it comes to school work. We are proud of all their hard work and good grades. Shauna got all A's on her report card so she got to go out to dinner with Mom & Dad. Hopefully we'll take more than one next time.

* Bryan enjoyed a fancy evening at his high school Sweetheart Ball. Expensive - but fun.
* Mark is taking a hunter's safety course & is really enjoying it.
* Talina conducted our Stake Beehive Standard Night. That was an honor for her & she did a very good job.
* Shauna holds the record (29 sec.) for singing the McDonalds menu song over the radio. She won some free food & movie passes. My understanding is if no one breaks her record before the campaign is over she also wins $95.
* Tim & Joey are happy with warm enough weather to be out & about playing.

Love,
The Perrys

Feb. 27, 1989
Dear Family,

We got our last letter sent off too late - so it didn't make it in the letter. Sorry. We still enjoyed getting yours & look forward to them every month! It would be great to hear what's happening in ALL of our families - I'm not sure that those of you who don't write realize what a vital link in our family relationships your letters could be, especially to those of us who live so far away and don't get the privilege of seeing one another very often. I know I really miss you all and your letters help us feel like part of the family still. I get disappointed when we never hear anything from or about you. We are all BUSY, and should be, but its important to keep building our eternal families and we can't do that if we're strangers to one another. You may even think your life is dull and you have nothing to contribute - I feel that way sometimes too, but writing a letter anyway helps me reflect on the good & important things that really do happen! Just a "hello" would be great and a BIG boost in my day at least!

Yes, life here is pretty normal. Last week ALL the kids were sick at the same time - two with strep, two with ear infections & one with flu. The clinic thought it was crazy bringing in all 5 at once & it about did in the poor nurse who did the work-up & throat cultures - oh well, she needed something to talk about for a few days!

Ben''s primary class finally has a teacher - now he can be a Blazer Scout. He had the Blazer Briefing last night &^ it was very good. We've just joined an Attention Deficit Disorder Advocacy Group here & hope to learn how to help him more with his needs. I recently changed his doctor & he is helping us with him much more than the past one. We're hoping for positive results.

Stephanie & George enjoyed a Daughter/Daddy dinner this past week at Mutual. She brought home an excellent mid-term report. Melissa didn't learn to ride her bike last summer - she was too afraid to try, but now the weather is milder & she tries whenever she can. She's grown taller & that helps.

I'm getting a new calling this week - Homemaking Leader & will miss my Stake Nursery job. We love you all & think about you often. - Loalyn-

Feb. 5,1989
Dear Family

The weather has been cold here as of late, (-24 F this A.M. on the paper route) probably just like for most of you. Loalyn says we haven't had any ear infections for a month so we are keeping our fingers crossed. * Spencer has 2 new teeth (lower) & 4 upper on the way, so has been somewhat cross as of late. He has also learned to climb the stairs - oh joy! * Krystin is growing & talking like an adult (sometimes) and hates to go to bed. * Melissa is in Kindergarten & loves it & her piano lessons (twice weekly) * Ben is improving in school & really likes to design & build paper models of "micro-machine" race /road tracks. He's quite good at it - maybe a budding designer. * Stephanie is really blossoming into a young lady (soon to be 13) & got all but 1 A on her last report card. She & Ben (& mommie) run a 100+ paper route each A.M. & make about $100 each per month. They hate the hrs. & work, but seem to like the $. *Loalyn is busy busy with her Stake callings & having the flu & just trying to keep up with a mad-house of 7 people (but then some of you already understand that aspect all too well I'll bet). *Geo. is busy at work & as a Counselor to the Stake Miss. Pres. We're having a Book of Mormon marking project next Sunday. Hope you're all reading (better than us) the Book of M. as the prophet has counseled. He also got (had)to spend a week on the east coast - second week in Jan. where he picked up a good cold but got to see the National Acquarium in Baltimore - it was fantastic if you''re ever there.

We've started a check off system to be sure we have our family prayers regularly -it seems to help in remembering.

Did you all know that China may soon (if not already) open up to missionary work. How's your Mandarin?? How are the Missionaries?? I have 4 nephews and neices out on missions who all left within 3 mos. of each other - the work goes on with us or . . . . without us. Let's make it with us!

Love to all....George, Loalyn & Steph, Ben, Melissa, Krystin & Spencer (The Great)

P.S. The Ford still lives - but just barely.

March 6, 1989
Dear Family,

Warren & I would like to express appreciation to all of those supporting the family letter (both writing & paying on expenses); the greater support for this letter is gratifying. I think we all enjoy more hearing from everyone instead of just a few.

All of us (only 7 in # now) were up at 3:00 a.m. Sunday readying to be at Bryan & Shelly's Sac. Mtg. at 9:00 for the very special blessing of little Morgan Andrew and to hear their wonderful testimonies. We're glad the David Longhurst's & Crockett's coordinated so well the blessing date as we then headed to Orem & enjoyed the wonderful blessing of little Christina and also David's & Susan's & Nicoles testimonies. It truly was enjoyable (inspite of lack of sleep) to be with the family members & visit & see cousins enjoying one another.

We're all doing quite well after colds but Josh is scheduled for a tonsilectomy the end of the month. The winter weather has been unreal but signs of Spring (a robin on telephone wire at -25 F) look promising now with much melting snow. Warren & Norman & Kevin spent several days steelheading at Orifino, Id. only catching 2 natives that had to be turned back. Warren's hoping for success a little later as are many other fishermen.

The funeral for Dana Muir was a special one & we were able to spend some time with his family that day. Sad he didn't get to use his new boat that he spent time readying.

Jo, Norm & Kev have ridden the school bus to Kelly's skiing twice & hope for more. Stake Education Day under Warren's direction was great success this year with Randy Bird, Gerald Lund, & Donna Kinghorn; I enjoyed assisting him as Stake Relief Society Ed. Couns.

While Warren was gone fishing I enjoyed digging in our box files of mementos & organizing for the children's scrap books: Missionary letters from Glen & David & Shelly, times Shelly babysat our children while Warren & I snuck away, letters from home while we were in San Francisco & Alaska, missionary letters from Warren in Peru & even some courting letters from Warren (we all ought to keep a few of those around for later years), and many treasures of this children's from school & church, etc. Good memories are precious & helpfull to reflect upon as we progress through this life.

I had the special privilege of being escort through the temple to a sister in our ward who I fellowshipped starting 8 yrs ago & what a thrill to see her & her husband married & 2 married & endowed daughters sealed to them. I also received an exciting phone call from the wife of our newest Apostle Richard G. Scott telling us she & her husband had just returned from visiting 6 of the Philippine missions & organized a new stake in Colissa's area where they visited with Colissa. She gave us sweet words of praise about Colissa & had a hand carried message from her. Sister Scott said, "After visiting with the humble Philippinas & previously with the Latin, Central & South American people, there is no doubt that they are of the same blood." "They are truly a spiritual people". If any of you receive letters from Philippinas please write back to them. Colissa said they would cherish a letter the rest of their lives. They write in very broken English & I know it is quite amusing as we have received several letters - but their hearts are humble.

Love, Warren & Sharon

Excerpts from COLISSA: Pres. Sonntag (Qm of Seventy - Area Pres.) instructed the Philippine missionaries: "Your purpose is to find the elect and baptize them. Christ is coming so the time to Harvest is NOW. If investigators don't have the desire to want to know the truth and If they don't want to pray about it then don't teach them, but find those ELECT." Our mission is getting stiffer on the rules which is great! They have really cracked down within the last two weeks I can't believe it. There have been missionaries who have been sent home for breaking rules to set the law down for everyone else. I'm sure a higher baptismal count will be the outcome of all of this for our mission. Oh, another thing! This mission is now Bi-lingual which means that all the Americans must learn Tagalog and all of the Philippinos must learn to speak fluent English. We are to study one hour every day so within three months we can speak Tagalog. Imagine, we are now to learn Tagalog not so much Visayan. I can speak some, halo-halo most of the people can put together what I'm saying so they can understand but I still have a long way to go. Oy - oy! iT'LL COME. ALSO, our mission received our first hundred copies of the Book of Mormon translated into Tagalog! They are now starting to print them - yeah - now those who don't understand English can read the B of M in their own language. Not all of the book is translated yet, only parts of it; however some of each book of each prophet is translated - the most important ones. Some day the whole thing will be translated. With time we will receive more copies to hand out. I'm excited about this new advancement!

Thursday was Fiesta here in Cabadbaran. We were invited to four homes to eat, it's not just snacks it's a full meal. I was SO full by the end of the day that I thought I would DIE! We ate at 11 A.M., 12:30 P.M. had a baptism at 2 P.M., ate again at 4:30 P.M. and then at 7 P.M. If we don't eat a lot then the host is offended for they think we do not like the food! Many pigs were slaughtered this day - it's so gross. Every family serves pig cooked five different ways at least. At Fiesta it's a tradition for each home to prepare a feast for all of their friends, family or whomever may drop by. Tons of people were in town and there were balloons, a parade, booths & a ferris wheel. Many drunks too!

We are now receiving gamma immunizations every two months instead of three. I don't look forward to getting these, but it's better than being sick I guess.

Sis Barrientos and I get along well - we are working with reactivation in this Ward so hopefully by next Sunday we will see more people out to Church. There is no SNOW to blame for low attendance. We have also added some new people to our teaching pool. Just received a card from the office congratulating Sister Baldanado (past companion) and I for being Top Baptizers of the Mission for January, we had 14 baptisms I think!? I love you lots & I think of you all over there freezing your toes off when I'm standing here in front of the fan to cool off!

Love Colissa

Excerpts from SHELDON:

I got transferred to TRIER. It's the oldest city in Germany over 2,000 yrs old. Lots of old buildings and stuff. I'll get some pictures. Oh ya, and I've got a car again, pretty nice one of the newer ones. Looks like their trusting me to drive in Germany with all these other crazy drivers, guess I fit right in huh? Our apartment is pretty nice, it's all heated and we even have a stand up shower, it's awesome. My new companion is E. Reynolds and I've been with him for 4 days and he's a stud. He's the District Leader. We work with an American Air Force Ward and the German Ward (30 people). We have to drive 30 min. to Bitburg where the American ward is and they're great! The first Sunday we were there we went out to the Chaplin (LDS) and taught a 1st disc. to this guy named Dave. He's so GOOD! Total Stud. He had already read most of the book "Articles of Faith" by Talmage and his wife back in the States is an inactive Mormon. So he's been thinking on this stuff for a long time. He has so many questions it took us about 2-1/2 hrs to get through the 1st disc. He's just so cool! It's hard to write and explain how exciting it is unless you have experienced it yourself. Teaching the gospel is a lot of fun. I think he will get baptised. He wanted to take us skiing in the Alps and also give us his TV when he leaves so we had to explain a few of the rules. Things seem so awesome right now.

Today was Fa, it's kinda like Halloween where everyone dresses up and partys even the parents. They had a big parade down through the Flassganger Zone and it took about 2-1/2 hrs. for the whole thing to go by. I can't make any tapes to send home.

We had another teach tonight 1st disc. with our neighbors, they are super nice. It's awesome to understand what they're saying and tell them how you feel in German! I'm amazed myself. You wouldn't believe all the different nationalities there are here. We've taught Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Persian, African, German, Austrian, Chex, Danish, and about 7 others but I can't spell them. It's really kinda hard because their German is terrible and so is their English. A lot of them believe on the KORAN.

The members here are pretty discouraged about sharing the Gospel because the Germans seem to be a little more PROUD and think they have everything under control and they don't need anythingelse. Especially the older people. So we talk to more of the younger people; but they're out there just like the Book of Mormon says, There are a FEW humble followers of Christ that have been led away by the precepts of men. The counsel here is if you don't have a baptismal date set by the 2nd disc. you don't teach them anymore. You turn them over to the members, so we really go through a lot of people. Like the Pres. called it "the sifting process" looking for the elect - D&C 29:7 talks about it. The other big PUSH in the mission right now is being BOLD!! That one is a hard one for me. I have a hard time telling people that they are going to be dammed if they don't listen to us and be baptised, but that's what all the prophets in the B of M do and the D&C tells us to be bold and THRASH the nations so I guess I should start workin on it, huh?

It's been rainin over here almost every day, kinda nice if ya can't do all the fun stuff. The nice days tempt ya to get roudy and want to play, but the temptation is still

there. For the last 3 nights I keep having these ski dreams. We live next to the MOSEL River and the water is always so smooth and I keep thinkin how awesome the waterskiing would be. Two of the nights I've been doing some waterskiing, in bed of course. I had this other dream that I was testin my new K2's out and I wasn't doin too hot when I got down to the bottom of the hill I noticed my bindings weren't on. We were talking to these Germans on the train, they said they were coming back from Switzerland and they said all the snow was melted and it was raining. I know it's warm and all but I can't imagine all the snow off the tops of the alps. They were pretty toasted (drunk) so I don't really believe them.

I can't believe another month is gone by, I've been on a mission for a half of a year!!

Love ya all, see ya later.

Spater

Love, Sheldon

We thank you for the Birthday cards + Letters for Dad. Next year is another bygone (70!). This year we celebrated w/ the Perrys. They fixed the dinner + we made Ice Cream - Black Walnut of course. We sure like having the Perrys living close.

Susan's Doctor told her the heartbeat is that of a Girl. So we are thinking Pink. The baby is due on my B-day. Her Boys are wanting a sister.

We had short visits w/ the Jones + Coopers. They are all fine. Also Dad took some movies to show Della. She loves them. She is still recuping during room a knee replacement in January + would surely appreciate letters or cards from any of you. Her Address is: Della Mineer 650 W 1050 N # 227 Provo, Utah 84601 375-8812. She sold her trailer + is in a small Apt - just right for her

March 1989

Dear Family

The first of March is here, and that has sort of been, in my mind, a turning point in time for the coming of spring. Even though it has been a hard winter we accept it in that it brought the moisture we prayed for.

I usually start planting some seeds in the green house about the first of march. I hope some of you in Utah will have a place ready to plant some early tomatoes, because I already have some healthy little plants started. They will be ready before it is time to set them out here.

We have had at least one exciting thing lately, and that is we are back in our" new " building now. It is really nice. There is a real appreciation felt in the ward. We had our sweetheart ball the first week back, and the mood was so good. Our attendance has gone up, and a lot of people have accepted callings, wanting to be involved.

We are looking forward to this next sunday, and the blessing of the two new ones in the family. I don't think we have ever had two on the same day before.

Our skiing was short lived this year. We started out on opening day with intentions of going more this year. We found many things in our way, and just had to put it off. The last, and likely the final obstacle, for this year, was knee surgery two weeks ago. I recognized the problem about a month ago, and knew from experience with the other knee, that it would also need to have the cartilage removed. I reasoned that it may take as long to get over the soreness I was experiencing at the time, as it would to recover from surgery. The doctor confirmed the condition, and in three days it was done and on the way to recovery. I intend to ski yet this year.

While being restricted, I have been editing all the movie film I have taken over the years. A lot of the little single rolls, I had never spliced, or even seen since they were taken. Once I got started, I stayed with it for most of a week. I think you will all enjoy going over your childhood. I did a lot reminiscing. I don't think there is a family in the world that has had any more good experiences.

Dad has asked me to add something to this letter. However after reading it, I think he has about covered all the ground. We did have a few sunshiny days that gave us hope for spring. The snow has been very welcome, especially in the mountains and even if we don't get to ski this year the snow will be much appreciated the rest of the year.

We stopped in Brigham City on our way to Utah last Saturday and the Neilson's indicated that the fruit crop in Most of Utah and Idaho has been damaged by the extremely cold winter so canning may be sparse this year.

A couple of the grandkids have asked me to save stamps for them.Foreign or domestic are ok so if you any of you would cut them off letters you receive and send them to me, it would be much appreciated. We sure love all of you and enjoy getting to see and visit whenever there's a chance. It's been quite a while since we've had any company, so we look forward to summer and more visits.

We were amazed at how much Shelby & David's babies have grown in just 2 months. They are both smiling & showing their darling little personalities. Shaeli is walking! She looks too little to do that, but she does. She is darling.

March 1, 1989

Dear Family,

March has come in like a lamb this morning after some very stormy weather this past week. Our rain deficit is slowly decreasing but we have had some late-for-the-season cold temperatures after 80 degree weather and the kids had 2 days off from school after a little snow fell. It's still too wet to plant anything in the garden.

Not many changes to report this month. Our new stake center is scheduled to be ready for use by the end of April which will free up our building quite a bit. We have 3 wards in it plus the stake uses it for their activities. There has been no room for stake offices though, so since our stake was formed 1 1/2 yrs. ago they have had to rent office space in a building a couple of miles from the new site. People are getting excited now that it's in the final stages as your ward must be, Dad, for your building.

We had two tragedies occur back-to-back last week. Two teens were killed in separate car accidents on 2 consecutive days: a boy, 17 on Thursday and an 18 yr old girl on Friday. Both were in our stake and at one time or another we have been in the same ward with both of them, the girl attending the same Seminary as Lonnie until her graduation last year. I wonder if the invincible attitude some young people have was shaken at all. It sometimes takes an experience like this to help us realize what life is all about and that death is only a breath away and are we living as we should to be ready at any time to take our turn?

It looks like our family is going to dabble in the vending machine business and as things progress we will let you know how it goes. It's all new to me and I'm a little uncomfortable because of the risk factor but that is part of the business world.

Earl's new job is keeping him very busy by doing several things at once. He has had to be away a little more than anticipated after being put on the U.S. task force for the Homeless to help implement the programs outlined by the last congress before the new administration took over. He has had to go to training and then pass information on with presentations plus learn his basic duties at the office. He likes it and it is challenging and meaningful to him.

That's about all I can think of for now. We look forward to each of your letters and pray for you daily. Until next time.

Love,

Karen & family

March
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Dear April

Devon decided a little late that he wanted to send Valentines so we are a little late, again. He also drew you a picture. Actually I guess being late is good cause then you get Valentines day twice, that's means your loved twice as much.

We've all been down with the icky flu that's been going around actually I had pneumonia GPS but we are all feeling better.

George has a job in Nevada. He'll be down there for three months. Yuck! He'll be able to come home a few times though so maybe it won't be too bad.

Justin is sure growing up fast. He has made up a new language. I guess as long as he knows what he saying I'll just have to play along till he learns English. He really likes music. He dances all over. I guess we can blame that on his grandma. She takes him to aerobics with her. So his first experience with

music was a bunch a woman
Jumping around.

Dwan is really a big help around the house. He wants to help cook and clean all the time. His had some trouble in Preschool. His teacher says he has trouble cutting and designs and shapes and holding his pencil correct. I asked him about it. He says the sissors dont cut good so I bought him a pair and we have been working on it. He's getting Better. When I asked him about holding his pencil right he says. I know the right way but I dont like it Why dont you let me do it like I want to. I dont think I have a good answer for that. He's really an independent boy.

I still have Sahns Fly fishing Pole If Woody would like to have it. Or if you know someone else that would. You can stop by and get it when you down or I could take it to Kathys.

It is late and I'm sure the kids will be up early. I think of you often.

Love
Teresa.

P.S. Tell Woody Happy Belated Birthday



The DeVon Longhurst Family

March 4, 1989
Family Letter

DeVon –

Dad is doing fine, and so is the business. He has to go in for an X-Ray of his shoulder, and he might have to have it operated on. He has just recently been called as the Scoutmaster of our ward, and has accepted that calling. So he will be able to help Wayne and Roger as they work toward their Eagle. He wishes love to all of his relatives.



Bobby –



Mom says Hi! She just got over a fierce cold, but is fine now. She was recently released as the ward Blazer leader, and called to serve as the homemaking counselor in the Relief Society, and the Stake Music Chairman. She enjoys both new callings, and is looking forward to meeting many new people while getting very involved in both areas. She is still very active in singing, and is in the ward choir, as well as the stake madrigals choir.



Jered –

Jered is 18 years old now, and he has a well-paying job as a waiter at Ponderosa Steak-House. He is driving a '69 Chevrolet, and is fixing it up a great deal in his 3 auto-shop classes at school. He is a senior this year, and has received many brochures from different colleges. He knows the time is coming near, so he is starting to prepare for his mission. When he gets back from his mission, his plans are to attend a electronics college in Arizona, and then return back home, and fix up another car.

Cory –

Cory also works at Ponderosa Steak House, where he just received a promotion. He has been a dishwasher-cook until he became a waiter just a couple of days ago. Cory is very anxious to get his driver's liscense, but just barely missed the required G.P.A. He is also saving up for his mission. He has become very interested in snow-skiing, ever since the weather turned snowy, and he wants to own his own set of skis & equipment. We are "hitting the slopes" this month.



Keri –

Keri has recently been put in as the Mia-Maid president in the Young Women's program. She hopes to get a good job soon, and also wants a car to drive. She just went on her first date, and had lots of fun. She went to a district violin contest, and got a excellent rating. She is going to letter in music at her school, and also gets to go on a tour to Colorado with her orchestra class.



Nathan –



Nathan has just received his Eagle Scout Rank. He has 36 merit badges, and has already earned 3 palms. He plans on earning more scouting awards and serving in the scout troop as junior-assistant-scoutmaster. He is a teacher now, and is also in the Varsity Scout Team, where he exited to participate in many different activities.

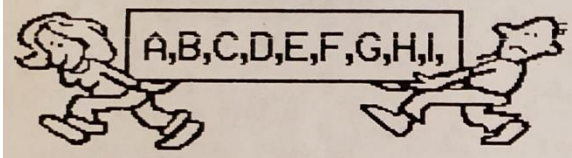


Roger –

Roger has just received the priesthood, and been ordained a deacon. He has also been put in the youth program. He enjoyes both, and looks forward to many different activities with his brothers and sister, and the other kids in the ward. He also has glasses now, and is progressing and showing improvment in school. He just aquired a new friend, Scott, and they are helping each other as they recieve the priesthood.

A.J. –

A.J. is 6 years old now, and is in kindergarten this year. He enjoys it very much, to be able to "go to school like the big kids." He can say the whole alphabet now, and is learning many new and different things. He is learning a different poem each month, and now has 7 memorized.



Wayne –



Wayne has just been put in the Blazer Scout program. He is working very hard, and has already achieved his tenderfoot. He will be a Second Class by the end of next week. He is improving in school, and getting better grades. He has just made a snowboard, that he is anxious to use this month on the slopes. He enjoys skateboarding, and hopes to become a pro at it some day. He hopes also to do better at water-skiing this year.

Feb. 27, 1989

-A note from the Coopers-

We have just a little bit of news to share:

Conner got his finger closed in the car door and ended up losing the nail. Andrea took a ballet class through community education and has been fun to watch. Orrin's glad the snow in the street has finally melted so he can play basketball again. We got a consolidated Dutchwest wood/coal burning stove installed in January. We've burned coal and have enjoyed the constant warmth. Larry has done lots of cross-country skiing and ice fishing.

We enjoy hearing others news.

Love,
Cathy Cooper

The Family Letter

From David & Susan Longhurst — March 30, 1989

DEAR FAMILY,

Just came in from outside were we have been busy getting the garden ready for planting. It seems as if the novelty of a garden has worn off for our neighbors, so we are taking over the whole plot. Last year when we plowed the soil, there were four families that got all excited about having a garden plot, so we divided it up four ways. I guess it has been a real process of "weeding out." We look forward to this summer, and hope it is as much fun as last year.

MORE BARRELS

This year didn't look as good for some reason as last year for selling barrels, but something made us decide to have another go at it. Now, that we have put our minds to it, we are feeling that it could be even a better year than last. A good friend of ours has been a sales coordinator for Living Scriptures, and is turned on with the idea of selling barrels the same way he has learned to sell scripture tapes. If it works out we'll do a lot better.

1000 WORDS

If you are at a loss for something to say in the family letter, add a few pictures to take up the room. Here are our latest photos, and they are worth more than just a thousand words to us. It's too bad Christy won't smile for photographers, but she sure does for Dad. In fact, we have lots of fun together. We love our children and are happy as ever being a family. The progress and growth in all of us never ceases to amaze me. Just a common day can sometimes turn into a miracle.

Love, Dave, Susan, & Kids.

CHRISTY AT 3 MONTHS



NICOLE AT 5 YEARS



March 31, 1989

Dear Family:

We very much enjoyed all of the letters from last month. It is nice to hear from so many (even though we missed getting one in ourselves). It looks like some of you are getting quite creative on the computer.

WOW! The sun is shining this morning. What a beautiful morning. It won't last all day but we'll enjoy it while it is here. Gradually we're getting more and more sun. Once in a while we'll have a full day without any rain. We left a lot of sun behind in Florida and we welcome any we get here. The crocus and daffodils are blooming. They are adding color and brightness to our neighborhood. People are beginning to mow their lawns, prune their trees and plant flowers in their yards. All signs of Spring.

(April 4, 1989)

Well, talk about getting side-tracked. It's taking days to get this letter out.

We enjoyed conference this past week-end. We were only able to get the first session on regular TV. The rest we had to go to the church for. Our chapel is about 15 minutes closer than our ward in Orlando (only five minutes away, if that). It's nicer to be close by when we end up spending so much of our time there.

I was going to tell you that Ken is now the executive secretary to our Bishop, but that just changed. He has just been called into the Bishopric again. He'll be the first councilor. He says he must not have done it right the first time so now he gets to do it over. I'm sure he'll do a good job at whatever he is given. I have been called to work with the Young Women again. (Maybe I didn't do it right either.) I will be working with the girls on their Personal Progress as the specialist. That will take some of the responsibility off of the advisors and give the girls a little more attention and encouragement. We've got a pretty good group of kids. We have been really impressed with them so far.

To help us get some much needed exercise and recreation we joined the YMCA. They have a very nice facility right next door to the ward building. It has everything any health spa has with two gyms, tennis, racquetball, indoor and outdoor walking tracks, weight rooms, sauna, steam room, pool, and jacuzzi. We've been trying to go everyday if possible. Some of my muscles have been a little sore from the workout but it will do us both a lot of good.

Since were closer now, we look forward to seeing some of you this summer, whether it be down there or up here. We're hoping this business with the oil up in Alaska isn't going to affect the fishing for those of you who might be tempted to reel in some of those salmon. There is getting to be quite a stink about it among the professional fishermen. I don't blame them. Anyway, we look forward to a nice summer.

Love to all,

Ken and Connie

P.S. Happy birthday to **all** of you that have birthdays this month!! I think there are more this month than any other the whole year.

March 31,1989

Dear Family,

It's that time again and past, actually. Marking time by a letter each month certainly seems to be faster than the daily version.

Thanks to you all for the phone calls and cards for my birthday; being remembered is really nice.

Have you ever seen a dogwood tree in bloom? Right now Atlanta is white everywhere with the 4-petaled large blooms and what a beautiful sight! Along with them are the Azaleas and Forsythias, and flowering crab apple trees. A menace to the sinuses and bronchial tubes, though, is the oak and pine pollen that is covering the cars and walkways each morning with a fine yellow film. When it rains it washes off the roof and down the gutters in a yellow stream. We have peas up in our garden and some Vidalia onions planted. Soon the rest will go in: within a week and hopefully we will get a good crop to can off of. Just a few days ago we used our last bottle of green beans and that is something we have never run out of for as long as I remember canning them. Dad, we miss your bean patch!

My string quartet has just finished the Easter Cantata they hired us to do and it was a pleasant experience, nothing offensive at all. We will have a wedding to do sometime this summer. Earl's job is keeping him really busy which he is pleased about most of the time. We've also been having car trouble again so he spends his available evenings under the hood with a mechanic friend plus being a scoutmaster and trying to start a business. Our vending machines have arrived and we are now awaiting the placement list which is being provided so we can get them out in the marketplace. They are small machines, holding up to nine items such as candy bars, chips, etc. We are hoping it will be a successful venture, of course, and will provide some contribution of work from the kids toward their future plans. It seems odd that it won't be hard physical work like we grew up doing but the business end will provide some beneficial training as they are involved in record keeping and charting.

Lonnie is interested in playing on the school basketball team next year and is trying to go to basketball camp this summer along with summer school. Greg hopes to get a summer job. Wendy and Kami are plugging along well in school enjoying the social aspects and giving away Books of Mormon. Ashley and her friend Andrea get together about twice a week being as they are the "babies" in their families and home alone with mom. All of us are happier and more contented when they are together. They are learning some social skills by interacting with each other and it frees Marge and I up one day a week to do some uninterrupted projects (if the phone is off the hook.) Plus all the other kids in their Primary class are boys.

Looks like I am nearly out of space. We sure enjoyed the last family letter with the increased contributions. Sheldon and Colissa, we pray for you both each day in a special way along with our prayers for each of you. Love to all,

Karyn & Family

P.S. How was the fishing, Dad & Warren? And the trip itself?

Dear Family 4-4-89

It has been nice to read the letters. It requires some effort on this end to make it happen, and that's the way most every good thing comes about.

We have really had our prayers answered in the moisture we have had. Almost four times the normal for March, and more than normal for the winter.

I guess the most exciting thing in my activity was to go steelhead fishing with Warren and Norman and catch a trophy fish. It is the first trophy of any thing in all my sports activity. Warren talked me into having it mounted. It will take about three months to do it. It is in Salt Lake now, not far from where Glen and Linett live.

Well I had one taker so far for tomato plants. David says he wants to raise some tomatoes behind the apartment where they had a small plot last year. I will grow a few more this year.

We will try to get some plants down about the first of May. I won't plant that early, but it should be safe in Utah by then.

April has really been on the go lately. Last week she was in S.L. for a convention, and before she arrived home, her sister Ann called to report that their grandma Frost passed away, and so she is now in Monticello for the funeral. On her way back she will attend the woman's conference at B.Y.U.,and if Sue is lucky enough to have her baby about the end of the week, Grandma will be there for that.

It doesn't look like there is any intention of me being released right away. I just got a new councilor two weeks ago. Oh well, this may be better than the alternative. At least I know what I'm doing, and some of that is going better than it sometimes has. Some of the problems have moved away recently. For a while it seemed they only moved in.

Just a thought of what trouble can come of drinking or drugs. The whole Alaska west coast is now an oil slick. Ten million gallons of tar like slime killing the sea and ruining many peoples lives, because one man drank. Bob Rowland sold the dairy because of drinking, and is now charged with man slaughter. A real nice guy down the tube. That part is never shown on the fancy adds that lead people step by step till their life and others is ruined.

Dad & April

Dear Family: April Fool's Day '89

It never ceases to amaze me how relentless, and how fast time marches on. I suppose it makes me realize that one day really matters after all. We have been quite impatient for Spring to arrive, and it seems to be having a hard time staying. The kids should be much happier when they can spend most of their time back in their own element. Morgan is growing & developing very well, and happily is content to even sit still for a stretch -- ... we live in a day of miracles! Ho! Aubrey turns 2 in May, and has a vibrant, fun-loving personality. Her spirit seems to have her body bursting at the seams. We're glad she's in our family. Marcelle thinks it's fun to learn, and loves to be able to play with her friends. Like Shelly, she has a memory like a trap, and is not easily fooled. We think they all have something good to offer the world. Shelly is antsy to get out and begin to get her thumb green. She's never bereft of ideas for another plant or bush or flower ... She gets up before the crack of dawn most days and walks a mile for a camel with some friends. Now, it's "Olympics or Bust!" We are doing a little renovating at work, and it looks as though I may get my own little office -- Oh happy day! I guess I like solitude. They seem to like me, but it's a constant struggle (one I hope I am winning bit by bit) to break away and spend the amount of time I want to and need to spend with my family. They tell me that time is one of the truest ways to measure where our heart really is ... Well, I hope all are learning from General Conf. messages .... Hope our paths cross again real soon! Love, Bryan, Shelly & the 3 Musketeers

Dear Family,

April 2, 1989

We spent two days so far in our yard doing "spring-cleaning". So much trash & leaves have blown into the bushes & shrubs. Already we've put out over 10 lawn bags of debris & were not even to the half-way mark! The last good wind storm we had was on trash day & we got several cans full of neighbors trash blown back into our yard - where we had cleaned once - we definately don't have a low-maintenance yard!

The past week the kids have enjoyed spring-break. Four out of the five days we tended other people's children, however. (Everyone got a break but mom!) Ben & Stephanie spent one whole day assembling a new swing-set for us, with the help of the college-age boy next door. (He had as much fun as they did!)

Two weeks ago Stephanie acquired a "bunny" - one that had gotten lost from somewhere - so she adopted it. We haven't yet bought or built a hutch for her so she stays in the house at night & in the back yard most of the day. She gets held, petted & played with alot & tolerates all of us but Krystin & Spencer. They're too little to guess, or too rough.

Recently the 3 oldest kids all had piano recitals. They're progressing quite well & enjoy having this budding talent. I'm glad for the recitals because they work harder at it at that time & improve more rapidly as well.

Ben brought his grades up substantially this quarter & Stephanie made the Honor Roll again. Melissa can now read <u>and</u> ride her bike, at last. She's very proud of herself & we're pleased with her success too. Krystin loves the new swing set, & Spencer now has 6 teeth & is still trying to figure out how to turn around to come down the stairs.

George & I are fine - he'll be in Hawaii this time next month. We love you all & love hearing from you all.

Love,
Barbara & Co.

April 1989

Hello Everybody,

Sheldon wrote home and said: "Well, did ya have a fun fishing trip? Did ya catch lots of steel heads? You ought to come over here and fish. There are lots of steel heads here!" He is referring to the hard-headed Germans. He has had two more baptisms and is very happy. Colissa and her comp. placed 115 Books of Mormon in one week. She was a bit sick (stomach) for a few days & they put her in the hospital. Sharon had been praying hard to know of her condition. Just a few days later a call came from one of the General Authorities informing her that Colissa was fine and not to worry. He had just come from the Philippines.

Jolana is campaigning for Student Body President. She's made lots of original posters. Josh had his tonsils out and is doing fine, infact he even made the front page splash of the Idaho Statesman (Boise Newspaper) this week with Dr. Barter examining his tonsils for an article on the serious lack of rural doctors in the U.S., with Idaho being the most critical.

Spring has sprung here too it looks like. Sharon has about 5,000 little plants growing & will soon repot them out in the greenhouse along with the appointment of organizing the Arco City Spring Cleanup for the year. Norman just started working at his summer job at the Feed & Fertilizer place that Sheldon used to work at.

I've been sick to hear & see the oil spill disaster at Valdez, Alaska. That was the place we spent one of the most memorable weeks of my life, when Dad, Mom, Glen, David, Sharon and I stayed in a little cabin and fished. We caught over 700 lbs. of salmon and a great variety of other things too. It is that same vicinity that I hunted grizzley bear and black bear. Sharon & I and other Air Force friends also fished for Silver Salmon. There was an abundance of sea mammals. Well, it is ruined now for many years and will never be the same again in my lifetime. It will ruin many peoples lives - those who live around there. Fresh King Salmon recently was at about $8.00 a lb. I wonder what it will go to now.

Well, Dad told you he caught a trophy. 24-1/4 lbs. I didn't know they got that big (in Idaho). The trip was worth the one fish. We did get a few others besides the big one. I enjoy using the boat in that way. For your information, a steelhead is a variety of rainbow trout that goes to the ocean and returns to fresh water in 2 or 3 years to spawn just like a salmon does. They are available in the rivers (some rivers) for only a short period of time each year. Where they go while in the ocean is more of a mystery than what is known of salmon.

We hope this finds all of you well and happy.

Our Love,

Warren & Family

April 30, 1989

Dear Family:

The last day of the month means it's family letter time again. April sure went by in a hurry. It seems like we just celebrated the new year and now we're closing in on the mid-year.

Spring has finally sprung and we are really enjoying it. The days have been warm (70's) and are longer now. The sun is up before six and doesn't go down until about 8:30. (And oh, what some sunsets we've had!) Being this far north we will probably see the days lengthen out quite a bit more yet. From our third story view we've watched the glorious changes that spring brings. The grasses are beautiful green, the trees are all colors and just full of blossoms. The wind is starting to blow the blossoms a bit and the ground across the street is covered with a pink blanket. It's like pink snow. I gathered some of it up and hope it will dry satisfactorily so I can make some potpourri.

Ken and I were discussing at dinner today what a shame it is that the earth will one day burn. And we wondered what it will then look like when it is celestialized. Is it possible that it can be more beautiful than it now is?

Speaking of blossoms, I answered an ad in the newspaper and am working temporarily for a flower shop in preparation for Mother's Day. They said experience wasn't necessary so I decided I could learn how to do flower arranging. Yesterday was our first day and we put green ferns in pots for eight hours. Last night I kept seeing sprigs of ferns when I closed my eyes to sleep. We did thousands of them and there are more to do. We'll add the flowers later as it get's closer to Mother's Day. The headquarters are here and I don't know how many outlets they have. We must be mass producing for deliveries all over. The flower business is a big business.

As a member of the bishopric, Ken is again involved with the scouts. He admits he's looking forward to camping with them. I think he will enjoy it much more here than in Florida. Camping in Florida was kind of miserable (hot and buggy). The mountains make it much more desireable. I will be camping also this summer. They've asked me to go with the Young Women to girl's camp. I hope it will be as much fun as it used to be when I was their age.



Happy Mother's Day
to all the mothers.

Love,

Connie & Ken

May 1, 1989

Dear family,

Can you believe that this year is 1/3 over already?! It seems to me that time flies faster & faster all the time. Spring is trying hard to make it's appearance here. We've had some beautiful, warm days; but they're still interspersed with cold, frosty ones. Trees are budding & blossoming & some of the spring flowers are popping up all over town. It's a refreshing feeling.

The lives of the Perrys seem to be trucking in the same, ever-so-constant routine. The kids are getting anxious for school to be out & some are scrounging for some summertime employment. Paul has tilled our garden spot & has fixed a place & planted strawberry plants. They are all planning a garage sale in a couple of weeks – with me being pretty much out of the picture this time. I'm going to school six days a week now until I'm through (June 15th)

I did have a nice diversion from regular schooling. We had a State Cosmetology Convention last weekend. I won a second place trophy in a student competition for a cut & style on a mannequin – I was beat out of first place with a tiebreaker vote. Our school's student chapter also took ~~place~~ first place with our "Wild Kingdom Fantasy" entry. We used make-up, hairpieces & costume to turn one of the girls into a Cobra Snake. We competed against professiona on that & did such a good job that they want us to take it to the National Cosmetology Convention in July. That would be in San Fransisco. It was an interesting experience & should give me an edge on some job interviews.

We hope everyone is enjoying their spring – & congradulations to Sue & Brent on their new baby boy.

Love, Sandra & All

The Family Letter

From David & Susan Longhurst — May 1, 1989

DEAR FAMILY

Now that we just had one last cough of snow from old man winter we hope that spring is finally here to stay. We are hoping the garden is ready to be planted, because we will soon be finished planting it. Thanks to Dad who supplied all the tomatoes we could handle, we are taking on a neighborhood nick name of "The Farmers." We decided to plant about 200 tomato plants this year and see if we couldn't make a family project of producing and selling tomatoes this summer.

Nicole has been a big help in getting the garden prepared, she has picked up buckets and buckets of rocks each time the ground was tilled and now looks forward to keeping the weeds out. Responsibility is something she is learning well now, so the Easter Bunny rewarded her with two Gold Fish. She has to remember to feed them every day, but not to feed them too much. We are still learning "all about Gold Fish" now that we found one of the fish floating on it's side, leavng us with just one more chance to keep enjoying.

Nicole has also just learned to ride her bicycle without the training wheels, but now has two flat tires to contend with.

NEW KITCHEN

After over 200 kitchen and bathroom vinyl floors installed in the last two years, we get one of our own to enjoy. It took some persuasion, even after the deal was in favor with our Land Lords, but our kitchen has a new look to it. Along with our new floor, we will be installing new counter tops, new sink faucet and a garbage disposer. It really shouldn't be anything to get excited about but, since we get to install it and count towards our rent, it, worth getting excited about to us.

Now since our neighbors moved out from below us, we will be doing that set of floors too. You see, last time we went through and fixed up, painted up, etc. next door, we spent two weeks working for six month's rent. At least we like it.

SCOUT MASTER ?

When the Bishop called two weeks ago to set up an appointment, it was all we could do to think of what positions were on the move within the ward. The interview wasn't your basic how-ya-doing, we'd-like-to-call-you-to-a-new-position interview, instead it was designed to get a feel and understanding about my health situation, and see if it would be good enough to serve as Scout-Master. I must admit I was flattered to be the person they selected for the call, but after all was said and done, and I had excepted the challenge, they told me they would get back with me if they were going let me do it at the risk of my health. Well, I wasn't called for the job, but if it sounds like a mean thing to do, it really wasn't. For some reason, after my anxiety level had risen, I found my worry level was on the rise as well. When the call came, telling me that they would keep me where I was, I felt so much at ease that I knew it was inspiration to not call me to the position, even though it was supposedly the "logical thing" to do. That is the first time I have seen inspiration work in the other direction as it involved me.

PIPELINE

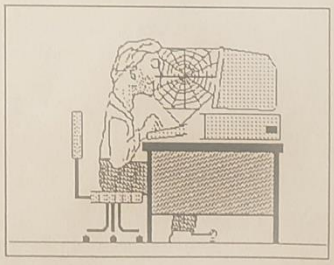
For the past couple of months, a construction crew has been digging up and laying a pipeline down Orem Blvd. Although we are not sure what it's for, it sure is a big production. It was kind of a novelty to watch all the big machinery moving the dirt from one place to another for a while, but that novelty has worn off. The road is torn up from south to north along the busy blvd. and has been a dirty, noisy, and messy project, leaving us hearing machinery in our dreams, as well as during the day, and wiping dust off of everything. I hope there's something in the benefits of the pipeline for us, because it seems like we've certainly paid our dues for it.

WATER PARK

The Famous EXCELSIOR HOTEL in Down-Town Provo, has just completed construction of "The Largest Water Park In The State of Utah." According to a flier we received in the mail last week, it will be open for business this summer starting Memorial Day Weekend. We will not be the first to try it out, because of the expected crowds that will be present, but we plan to check it out soon after the "ball is rolling" and the initial crowds are gone. We invite anyone who would like to try the Park out to come visit some time during the summer, and we will make it a PARTY.

With Love to all,
DAVID, SUSAN, & KIDS

HAZARD



May 1989

Dear Family,

Spring has truly sprung in Arco as we can witness from our home looking over the valley with greening fields and trees leafing out. Our apricot tree bloomed & froze earlier but now our little plum tree is a gorgeous ball of perfumey delicate white blossoms. Warren & I took a walk up on the mountain before sundown tonight & enjoyed the view. We are so grateful for this beautiful world that we live in & Spring definately brings that to mind. We continue to fast & pray for moisture to follow the dry winds we've had.

It's a great relief to have all 8,000 bedding plants,I started from seed, getting ready to sell out of my greenhouse in two weeks. Josh and I planted the garden and radishes are up now. My Arco City Cleanup turned up 300 large bags of garbage thanks to the help of the school system (600 students), scout & Church groups & others, and a few interested individuals. It was quite a project to organize with a free weiner roast at the park afterwards. I'm happy to see the city looking better and now look forward to getting the big planter boxes all over town filled with flowers and then hanging colorful banners from the light poles. I hope all of you are conscientious about not littering the least little bit and being willing to help with beautification projects in your communities. This is something we really stress with our children.

Our Stake Relief Society Women's Conference, 4-15 was marvelous. so many women thanked us for putting it on -they were very impressed with all the workshops including April's workshop on Stress & Depression and I want to thank her again for doing that for us. It was a great help to many.

Warren took the children to the Mackay Reservoir Saturday to boat & fish - fishing was no good but they sure got burned from the sun. Josh is home today with a rash all over his body -apparently allergic to the sun block he used. Water ski buffs are enjoying the water & hoping it will last.

We enjoyed visiting with the Perry and Longhurst kids who came up for dental work on their own. They are all growing up so much and so fun to talk to.

Valina performed clogging in the recent dance recital with over 100 kids and lovely costuming. The Ricks Ballroom Dancers performed here on their tour - they are fantastic and have won many honors in competitions.

The children are beginning to wind up research papers, etc. that comes with the end of school. Kevin graduates from 8th grade May 22nd. Jolana did not make Student Body Pres. but she sure put on a good campaign with much, much effort.

Our recent Stake Conference was on missionary work and we so enjoyed the visiting Qm of 70 speakers who have been past mission Pres's. Warren & I gave talks on missionary work the following Sunday in our Ward Sac. Mtg. but are now saddened to have our full time missionaries pulled out of the valley. Guess we all need to be more diligent in our missionary efforts.

Norman just got a new weight set from his hard earned money this spring and plans to develop more muscle. The boys are getting the recreational vehicles running and planning for some fun along with the work. Jo is applying for a new waitress job that should pay more than the Deli.

Colissa & Sheldon continue to send letters each week and tell of many special experiences and continue to have baptisms that bring so much joy to them as they see converts come into the church and progress. Colissa is still doing well physically and is now back in the big city, Cagayan where she first started. This is the hot summer season for her and she says the city is especially hot. She really liked working out in the country side - both the people and the area was more enjoyable; but as missionaries say they go where they are needed. As for Sheldon he has baptised some African people recently and since East Germany has opened up some of the missionaries from his mission have been sent there. Lupi is getting a little bored with being a Nanny like most of her nanny friends, and she is getting anxious to move on but still has about 4 more months to go before she enters Ricks College.

We are all doing fine outside of backaches and minor aches and pains and hope the same for you. We love to hear about the many things that are happening in your lives and your special feelings and spiritual advice. Hope this Mother's Day is extra special for all you mothers too.

Love,

Warren, Sharon & all

Dear Family,

May day in Denver is bringing us a glimpse of sunshine after almost a week of cloudy and sometimes rainy weather. Yesterday it turned cold and dumped 5 inches of snow however. We've needed the moisture though and I'm sure everything will be beautiful because of it. I still don't know if any of our fruit trees are going to blossom this year. My strawberries are blooming already though - so there's hope.

George has been in Pearl Harbor for a week now doing Naval active duty. We both wish I were there too. (I'm not suited to this single parent business very well). Next year we plan for me to go over toward the end of George's stint and then into the following week when he'll have some time for fun and sight seeing and laying in the sun! I'm so looking forward to some R&R - we've never had a vacation together alone! (since we've had kids, anyway!).

I've tried to do some sewing lately and have been involved in my new Homemaking Leader calling. It's fun I think and tomorrow night is my second month's Homemaking night. The reward I seek is good participation and enjoyment on everyones part. So far so good. If any of you have any ideas to share I welcome them.

Stephanie is anxious for the last 5 weeks of school to be over. She's earned all the needed money for camp and the Stake BYU Youth Conference trip. Now she just wants it to hurry and happen! She's sure a good self-motivator, we're real proud of her.

Ben is anxious for the end of school too. He'll go to Blazer camp. Last weekend he helped me build a roof for the little kids playhouse and is pretty handy with hammer and nails, most other tools too. The good job he did with the swing set back in March is proof.

Melissa, Krystin and Spencer all want to be outside as much as possible. Spencer chases the rabbit around on the grass and it lets him touch her which is very exciting to him. He has also discovered rocks and thinks they were made for mouths! His last ear infection has been a bear to get rid of. He's on his 4th different antibiotic with little or no help. If it doesn't clear up soon, we're afraid he'll need tubes in his ears. I had him administered to last Saturday after he started getting another fever. He could use everyone's prayers in this, if you would please.

We love you all and hope things are well with each of you.

Love,

Loalyn

NOTE: Loalyn's letter was the first to come & I missed it. SL

Dear Family, May 1, 1989

It has been suggested that I make my contribution to the family letter by adding a few of my life experiences. It is true there are a few that some have not heard. My last little story mentioned Horace Done, my cousin. There are other stories that include him. We were very close until I was farmed out in the summers, then at age ten for good, to not see Horace more than twice there-after. Those stories later.

This may not be much of a story, but as I was cleaning up around the back yard yesterday, burning the leaves etc., in an old barrel, I noticed the barrel had a hole in it near the top. What an insignificant thing to cause all the reminiscing, but go with me back to 1964. Our family dairy had grown to a point that we had decided to open a formal store, and sell other things along with the milk that people came out from town to pick up on a self serve basis.

This required an addition to the garage area, which was begun the day before Thanksgiving, and completed well after Christmas, and the ice skating in the front yard was over with. The addition included the large walk-in cooler, which of late is only half it's original size.

What does this have to do with a barrel with a hole in the side? Well the refrigeration unit I installed was water cooled. We were on a flat-rate water service, and I had planned to utilize the warm water coming off, to water the yard. Well it was evident as the warm water began to run on the lawn, that the heat should be used some way to our benefit. Ideas came to my imagination, and later to reality, such as pre-heating our culinary hot water, and later warming the greenhouse. But for the immediate need, to take off some of the heat before the water ran out and killed spots of lawn, I quickly devised a barrel to run the water in, giving the water a chance to cool off a bit before it ran out on the lawn. The hole in the side was for a hose fitting from which a hose drained the overflow for the irrigating. The temperature in the barrel was just right as some of you remember. It was placed out in back where we could keep an eye on it in case little ones were taking a dip. This was before the day of the hot tub. That barrel had kids, and some adults in it almost every day. some times two or three at a time if they were small. I'll have to admit to a quick dip myself many times after a late evening in the garden.

A hole in an old barrel? No. A day in the life of the Longhursts.

Love, Dad

The Hood nine visits w/ Bobby + Flo Don (4 fam) Shelly + children, and Dennis' family. She stopped at Ethel but no one was home. All seemed good + to be enjoying the sunshine. We love you all.
Q.

April has been a very busy month for us. Sue been to Letab five times - I went for 2 consultations, Grandma's funeral, Beth & Sue + Brent's 4th boy (Jacob Barton) born on Shelley + Catherine's B-day, and for Jacob's blessing on April 30th + for Della's 80th B-day party.

Thanks to all who sent cards + calls for my B-day - Sue's boys came here so we made a cake + they had great fun putting 52 candles on it - I had great fun watching them - Also Sandra's family came for cake + ice cream

The apple blossoms are out + beautiful - I think Dad got a little Enfield putting some flowers out already. Some got nipped.

May 1, 1989

Dear Family,

Despite the typical April weather of cold and sunshine we're enjoying a pretty Spring this year. I enjoy taking lots of walks around the yard seeing the little surprises that pop out in bursts of color. Some of the previous hard work seems to be paying off this year. Same with the kids, I guess as I watch them grow and develop & show signs of our efforts. Marcelle is becoming quite responsible & does her job chart pretty well. Aubrey says darling little prayers & is learning manners. Morgan is learning to grab & hold onto a toy. Bryan & I are continuing to learn that life is demanding & requires planning & prioritizing.

Last Sunday Bryan was called to be the 2nd Counselor in the Bishopric, so it'll be a new definition of busy at our household. I'm proud of his willingness to serve even though it will be a real challenge for all of us. It'll certainly be required to draw on all our resources to make it a good, growing experience.

Congratulations to Sue & Brent on their new addition - we're happy for you.

We sure enjoy hearing the family news each month as it helps us all feel closer despite the geographical distances.

Have a great May!

Love, The Crockett's

Dear Family

In the past few weeks I have had opportunity to reviewed much of the past, from childhood to retirement. Visiting people from all eras of my life, renewing friendships, comparing life events and looking at the results of life endevors and decisions.

How greatfull I am for all that life has afforded me, I see very little that I would do differently, or would wish for different results. Yes of course experience would now add effectiveness in many circumstances, but unfortunately, or fortunately, that is part of our purpose here in life.

With all of that, I am very thankful for all of you, as I know your mother and April are also. It is my heartfelt wish that you accept not only this token of remembrance in the spirit in which it is given, but in the spirit of the lifelong endeavor of saving a noble posterity. I can truthfully say, and speak for my companion also, that we have done our best.

In my life long experience I have found none other to have provided a better home and environment in which to raise a family.

I say that in all thankfulness to the Lord for the guidance and inspiration provided, which in reading our patriarchal blessings was promised if we were faithful in keeping the commandments.

I now commend each of you in your accomplishments, in your faithfullness, and in your desires to fulfill Lifes purposes. May the coming years be fruitfull and rewarding. May you also realize the rewards of a noble posterity.

Joy in

Love to all of you

Dad

TO ALL DECENDANTS AND FRIENDS OF THE ARMSTEAD MOFFETT FAMILY

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My name is Cory S. Moffett and Armstead Moffett (1814-1891) is my great great grandfather. I am the son of Max William Moffett and V. Elaine Sohm, the grandson of David Sylvester Moffett and Vera Waite, the great grandson of William Armstead Moffett and Alice Ann Wood, the 2nd great grandson of Armstead Moffett and Mary Jane Emmett.

I have been researching the life of this great man, Armstead, for several years now and I am still finding alot of fascinating information. I have come across a great concern and would like to resolve it. But I will need the help of all who are willing.

Armstead Moffett dedicated a small family cemetery where members of his family and close friends were buried. It was on a little knole in the meadow near his homestead in Eden Valley, Utah. In 1936, the Pine View Dam was built and water now covers this valley. Friends of the Moffett family moved the graves from this small cemetery to the Huntsville Cemetery on higher ground. Only a few of these graves are still marked and others, including Armstead's, are not.

What we would like to do is place a stone marker by these graves in the Huntsville Cemetery to briefly explain the above story and, if possible, list the names of those buried there. This project will cost several hundred dollars to finish. We are asking all family members and friends, who feel this is a worthwhile project, to make a donation. Our goal is to finish by this coming september, 1989. I feel our ancestors deserve this recognition and it would benefit generations to come.

A suggested donation is $20.00 per family, but please feel free to go up or down from there. Make donation check payable to <u>The Moffett Cemetery Fund</u> and send to:

The Moffett Cemetery Fund
c/o Cory S. Moffett
3696 West 8800 South
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Please feel free to write or call with questions (801) 569-8451.

Please enclose a note of how you are related to Armstead Moffett - I am interested in knowing how we all fit in. I will try to keep those who contribute informed about the finances and progress of the project.

Thank you,

Cory S. Moffett

P.S. I am hoping, someday, to write a book on the life of Armstead Moffett. I still have alot of research to do. If you have any bit of information about his life or the lives of his children, please sent it to me or contact me. Don't forget photographs and pictures! Even small bits of information can lead to priceless records and wonderful stories.

Thanks again

17 May, 1989

MOFFETT CEMETERY FUND UPDATE

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We are grateful to all who have contributed to the Moffett Cemetery Fund. Your donations have been very much appreciated. This letter is to let you know how the project is coming along.

We had hoped to finish by Memorial Day this year, but not quite enough money has been collected. The project will cost around $1000.00, and the donations as of May 17, 1989 total $460.00. We are about half way there. September 1989 is our new goal to complete the project. We are mailing our notice to other decendants of Armstead Moffett to raise the balance.

Since the graves were moved, the new location in the Huntsville Cemetery has probably not been dedicated. We will be planning a specific day to gather at the cemetery, when the stone is erected, to have a brief dedication service. We will notify everyone of a specific date and time.

Thank you again for your contributions and support.

Sincerely,

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May 30, 1989

Dear Family,

It's my turn to write this month. It seems that the more things change, the more they remain the same. We've had two birthdays this last month; Spencer turned one and Krystin three. Spencer isn't walking just yet but sure cruses the furniture well! He is learning some words and really likes his family (and the out of doors - thank heaven for summer weather). Krystin has decided to be 3 (she didn't want to be the a.m. of her birthday) and enjoys visiting the neighbors (on all sides). Melissa enjoys kindergarten, piano (recital next week) and is looking forward to her birthday next month (6), summer weather and 1st grade this fall. Ben is finishing 5th grade, is playing paino better and has been improving in his school work. He wants to participate in soccor this fall after school. Ben to attend Scout Day Camp in June. He and Stephanie still run an early a.m. paper route for spending money (although they've cut it back by 50% to 40-50 papers per day). They pay their tithing & then split between savings & spending 50/50 the remainder. It's amazing how much more one thinks of spending when its ones own effort involved in the $! Stephanie has worked hard on the paper route, babysitting & fund raisers at church to provide 100% of the $ needed for this summer and girls camp and super activity - about 4 days & nights at BYU for a youth conference. She is doing great in 7th grade (all A's last reporting period) & got a bit part in this years stake play "Music Man", plays the piano well and played the flute in a recent concert.

Loalyn is desirous of selling the house and getting something a little larger (our dream home is out of the question due to deflation in home values around here of approx. 10% in the last few years) so we aren't so cramped. Time will tell if we can. There are certainly a lot of "bargains" to be had around here, but whatever one "gets" on the buy end seems to be wiped out on the sell end so as only to result in a <u>larger</u> payment to go along with the slightly larger house. Oh well we'll just have to be creative I guess. One needs to plan for the future but not wait til then to live either. She also has been busy doing the yard, garden, RS Homemaking, running kids to piano lessons and, it seems, always babysitting for someone. I'm just busy with work, yard work, military committment, family, etc. Busy always seems the operative word. Organization and schedule should be the tamers, but sometimes I wonder. I got back from 2 wks in Hawaii the 1st wk of the month. It was nice, but only had a day or 2 to see anything. Loalyn wants to go next year. Hope all are well & happy. Life is too short not to live now, but also too short to get done anything of value without planning. Do It Now!

The best to all & Happy Pa's Day!
George, Loalyn Hellewell & Kids.

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Happy Birthday Connie

I tried to call Warren on his birthday but he was out of town, so that goes for him too. I can't even keep up with my own birthdays, so for all who have birthdays, " HAPPY BIRTHDAY ".

It seems a good time to write the family letter. April and I were up to I.F. this morning, to check up on some of our ailments. The doctor gave us instructions to do the things we don't want to do, and not to do the things we need to do. Isn't that the way doctors usually do? Anyway April has to do some critical therapy for her shoulder, and I, after having an arthogram this morning, will be back in surgery in the morning for complications in my knee. This time open surgery. We decided to take care of our own problems for a while.

It is fortunate I just got everything irrigated yesterday, and the planting done that needed to be. Other things can wait for a while. Lets hope the weather cooperates. I mean I have plowed the corn under twice to avoid the frost, then uncovered it. The last time it was half of the patch.

It looks like we will have apples this year. Even tho we had bad frost at times, the apples were not in the damaging stage at the time. The prospects are good for farmers in Idaho this year.

There are good signs of our bad economy getting a boost. The bad news of a month ago, that Kraft Cheese is closing up the big plant in Pocatello, is now getting signals of a turn around in that Orida Foods has taken an option on the plant, to process spuds and other vegies for Weight Watchers. Also there are good signs of other industry comming in to the old ordanance plant. An industrialist recently bought the place and is fixing it up for other industry to use. The big hopefull is a car assembly plant.

Opening day of fishing was the pits. Cold, windy, wet. Caught one fish and came home. I'll try again another day!

We look for ward to visits from any who can come this summer. We did enjoy a short visit from Catherine & Children over Memorial Day weekend. Hope all is going well for all of you. Much Love, Dad & Esprit

June 2, 1989

Dear Family,

School is out today, it's 95°, so summer has officially arrived. We're picking peas, (what the mealy bugs and slugs didn't eat) having the air-conditioner serviced, and gearing up for summer activities and 24 hours all together for a few months. Lonnie will probably be attending summer school, Greg & Wendy doing some baby sitting, Earl still leaving for work at 6:00 A.M.; the rest is in the planning stages to make good use of the extra time and still have some fun.

We are still waiting for our stake center to be completely finished (it's a month behind now) so we can go to church at 1:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. when the 3rd ward moves over there. There are rumors again that the stake will be realigned — only when they do it do I believe it.

The vending machines aren't working out too well so far; we may not keep them. Earl still really likes his job — he's very busy and he does a variety of things working with the homeless programs & the multi-family housing units. He's waiting now to regain his 12 status ~~from~~ he had at his previous job.

Guess there's not much news. We enjoyed your little story, dad, about the "water barrel"! Maybe we should all try to share some memories in this letter as we think of them. Remember "STREAK" — hunting dog?

Till next time — Karyn & Jon

June 2, 1989

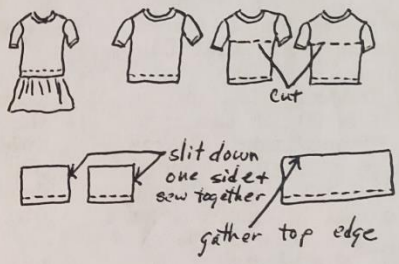
Dear Family:

We're finally getting some Florida (summer) weather this week. I put summer clothes on yesterday for the first time. It sure feels good. I was beginning to think I was going to have to wear winter clothes all summer too.

The warm weather has brought a little problem, though. I opened up the windows yesterday for some fresh air. Along with the fresh air comes a lot of traffic noise. We are on the corner of a busy street with a convenience store across the street. I can handle the noise during the day but we are not going to be able to sleep with the windows open at night. And this place has no air conditioning. We are holding off on buying a house just now, so it could be a little uncomfortable for a while.

Loalyn asked for some homemaking ideas. We did a couple last summer that were fun. We had one night with mothers and daughters. We planned several little classes that the girls would enjoy too. We had friendship bracelets, making hair bows, cookie decorating for the little ones, and T-shirt (or tennis shoes) painting. The T-shirt painting was the favorite. Each supplied their own item to be painted. The young girls had fun doing things with their mothers.

Another one that was fun and easy was T-shirt dresses. You will need three T-shirts to make one dress. Men's T-shirts and boy's T-shirts come in packages of three. If you want colored ones shop around. I found some at K-Mart last year for $2.50 each. Hanes brand are a little better shirt, but you'll pay a little more for them. Use one shirt as is for the bodice of the dress. The other two will be the ruffle. Cut them just under the arm hole across to the other arm hole. Slit down one side and sew the two strips together. Gather along the cut edge. If you zig zag over a piece of string or candle wicking yarn, holding the yarn with a little bit of tension, the gathering is much easier. It will almost gather itself if you have the right amount of tension. Sew the ruffle to the bottom of the whole shirt. I like to put the ruffle on the inside of the shirt and stitch along the hemline on the outside. This leaves the finished edge of the shirt out for some added detail. The project should take about an hour or less. The shirts can be painted or decorated with scarves if you want. They are fun and very comfortable. Note: I would suggest washing the shirts before you begin so that any shrinkage will be taken care of. If the dress is too long, adjust the ruffle up higher.



before gathering, fold in quarters and mark for matching sides + front + back. Mark shirt also. Match seams of ruffle to sides of shirt.

Happy sewing!

Yesterday Ken came home and said we had been invited to go out on the Nimitz (a Navy aircraft carrier that is in port right now at Bremerton) and take a one day trip out with them and watch the fighter jets take off and land. That is just right up Ken's alley and a once-in-a lifetime opportunity. However, it will be the week he is to be in Utah for Rep meetings. He almost called WordPerfect and asked them to re-schedule the Rep meetings. What a byte, huh? We do look forward to our trip and the chance to see some of you again.

All our Love,

Connie + Ken

The Family Letter

From David & Susan Longhurst — June 4, 1989

DEAR FAMILY,

Since the last letter, the bishop was determined to find a spot for me to serve with the Scouts. They finally settled with putting me where I wasn't obligated, but could participate in the activities as I felt up to it. I was called as the Ward Scout Committee Chairman to serve a minimum of 2-3 years if possible. They are keeping me in as Sunday School Pres. for the time being, but when they called me as Chairman, they said "you can put into it as much as you wish"... now it isn't hard to see that every thing, and every available hour could be spent at it.

There was the fourth annual Neighborhood Scout Yard Sale Sat. June 3rd that was expected to bring in (on the average) $435.00 for the scout funds. Things were already progressing with that when I was called, but something happened that brought in over $900.00, and every one is holding the advertising responsible for it. In other words, they're commending me for the increase, but all I did was except the last of all the divided jobs (signs), and use common sense. I still can't figure out how I am supposed to know more on my first yard sale ever, than others who have been putting it on for four years now.

PRODUCTION

The garden is looking good and green, but still too green with the weeds that are just coming up. The people that had the garden space, and let it go to weeds (grass) are the real culprit for our grass infested grow space. Half of the plot is easy to maintain, put the expanded area is getting to be a challenge. Next year should be easier gardening for us, or whoever uses it. Nevertheless It's coming along very well.

Barrel season is back in swing, but the signs we had out are slowly disappearing. It must be time for more. We've learned a lot about how people shop by power polls. This year will be different in that we are going to be displaying the barrels. We just hope that the competition doesn't catch on.

FAMILY REUNION?

Because Connie & Ken will be down from Washington the end of this month, ideas have come to mind to have an "unofficial" Family Reunion. The plan has been proposed and put together, and Susan and I will head the project (See Flier for details).

Although it is said we shouldn't assume, I think we will go ahead and do it on this occasion. We are assuming that Loalyn's and Karyn's families will be the only ones who will not be coming. We ask that, if there are changes to this assumption, please notify us as soon as possible so we can know how many to plan for in putting together the food assignments. Food assignments will be given a week before the party to make it easier to remember.

The new Water Park is still under construction, but they are open for business with the majority of the facilities up and running. They say that by June 15th the whole park will be finished, so there shouldn't be any problems as far as the Park it's self is concerned. People are able to bring there picnics in the park and set up for whatever accommodations they wish to have.

GLEN'S ADDRESS

For those who haven't heard, Glen has a new address, but still no phone. I'm sure he wouldn't mind me giving it to the family so he can at least get mail from you. While visiting him for the first time at his new location, he was glad to see someone pay him a visit. If you want his new address, it is:

GLEN LONGHURST
398 W. 500 S.
TOOELE, UTAH 84074

Glen, I hope you pay us a visit too.

HEY COLISSA & SHELDON

You have both sent letters and/or post cards to us but we haven't responded directly to you yet. I know that a few words sent directly to you would be better than seeing them in the family letter, but we don't want you to feel that we don't want to write. It just seems that when we sit down to write you, we want to write the rest of the family too, so consequently, we end up putting everything in this letter, knowing that it will reach you. To tell you the same info. twice, would seem like a waste of your time.

We care about you and pray for your success, and we know that it isn't an easy thing you are performing for our Heavenly Father. So our hearts go out to you both, and we cheer you on! Just keep in mind that you WILL receive at least ten fold, everything you put into your missions. I know it is still working for me.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MOST OF YOU HERE FOR THE FAMILY REUNION!!!!

Until then...we send our Love!
David, Susan & Family

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June 8 1989

Dear woody and April,

We were glad to get your letter a couple of weeks ago. We are glad that youhx are in your new remodeled chaple it takes lots of work and organizat ion to get a job like that done in a ward, there is always some that can but but do note , we have them here . The stake ask Marvin (our son) to put in a TV T V. station (satilite) for a missionary project so we could getgeneral conferance and other Church brodcastit was expencive to do and Marvin is out $ 23,000. Dlls. The station works good and we get good reseption.

We are stell taking care of missionarys, on week endes we bed 3 pairs and feed meny times 5 pairs. We have problems that is the missionarys have from time to time problems and some time have to help salve them, we have 20 missionarys serving in our region. the leaderes stay with us, at the time of thier tranferse Ruth has to take them too the buss and pick them up when others come in, we are busssy all the time with them in one way ore another.

We are having a fairwell for Chato and Ora Bluth how have bee called as mission preseden VALLE BLANCO ARGENTINA. They well make 4 mission presedens surving from our stake at the same time. This well make fifty four mission preseden called as mission presedens sensed it became a stake. For the past 10 years we have had a hundred persent of our youg men who reach the mission age go on there mission, and some of the youge ladys.

I have been working as I could for 20 years on the mesa ground on the bench west of San Jose farms, on part of it on the 4 year old peach trees I have a good crop of peahhes, i expect to harves a thausand tons of peaches this year, men are very hard to get well have to get men from the south Torreon or Zacatecas. When I get through plantingI well have one hundred thousand peach trees and 50,000 pear trees.

We well have ripe peaches (clings) all during July and Ago. come any time and bottle all you wont. We well be more than glad to hx have you. Both Marvin and Terry are doing very well on the large orchards I sold to them, they are ver goo managers

I hope you can figure my words out it is me and my style writin that misspell and leave out letters.

June 11, 1989

Dear Family,

With summer finally here (after lots of frosty, wet & windy weather) and the children out of school, it is time for vacations; and we look forward to seeing all of you who can come the end of the month to Provo for the reunion. We thank Dave for getting the info. together on the site & activity and thank Connie & Ken for being in the area so we can have an added excuse for a family reunion this summer. We wish everybody were close enough to come but know that distance creates a problem.

Now being into summer, it's a good feeling to have all the garden in and doing well and also to be on the tail end of selling my bedding plants. They have sold real well & it has been rewarding to have so many satisfied customers who remark about what lovely plants I have for the lowest prices around.

Our lilacs & the wild flowers were perfect for Memorial Day for the annual Goff get-together in Mackay; and the salmon (17-23#) Warren & Drew caught were delicious for the barbeque afterwards.

In May we got Kevin graduated from 8th grade to be a Freshman next year. Josh advances to the 5th grade into the Middle School. Valina to 8th grade, Norman to a Junior & Jolana to a Senior. Jolana was awarded as the top High School Art Student for the year & Norman as the Top Industrial Art Student receiving the 'Gold Hammer Award'. He also pulled an A+ in Seminary for his semester grade.

We congratulate Jared for his graduation and future mission plans. I have a niece and nephew on my side of the family who graduated this year also.

We were happy to enjoy having my Mother for Mother's Day & taking her with me to a Single Adult Fireside I presented on missionary work and the happenings of our two missionaries.

Our missionaries & Lupi are still doing very well with the work rolling forth. They are happy to be a part of this great work & see the fruits of their labors as their converts take on special callings in their wards.

Lupi is active with the Young Singles in her ward and also plans to go to DisneyWorld, etc. the end of the month to use her free plane ticket.

We pray for the Lords blessings to be upon each one of you in your various needs and problems that life tends to inflict upon us in mortality and pray that we will all be able to overcome them in this life. You are always in our prayers.

With love,
Warren & Sharon & Family

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Dear Family

Well with our reunion past, and time marching on, it will be back to school for some before long. Why is summertime so short?

We sure did enjoy our get-together, visiting with all and having fun and food. Thanks to David and Susan and all who helped make it a success.

April is gone for a few days for her class reunion. She is co- chairman for the event, and has really put out a grand effort to make the event a success. It is held in Montecello. She will also see a few of her relatives including her mother.

We are having a good summer, things are growing good and the prospects of having good crops are very bright. Our apples are about half size, and the corn is higher than my head. The big application of compost I hauled on the garden a year ago last spring from the fair grounds, is now showing results.

We haven't done much outdoor activity yet, but as usual we hope to get out more. We took the ward youth to twin lakes water skiing on a Saturday. We went up the night before with the camper, did a little fishing and enjoyed getting away.

There is still no positive word on my being released, just a lot of speculation. All I can say is, now that I know that they are working on it, the sooner the better. There are things that need to be changed but I'd rather not muddy up the water for the next bishop. I can see when the change is made, it will uproot most every thing in the ward anyway.

I finally got paid for the remodeling work I did before Christmas, so I did what I should have done years ago. I put in a swamp cooler. I have studied it out for years. I have a spare refrigeration unit that would do the job, but didn't want to put in air duct system to accommodate that. I have never wanted to cut a hole in the roof and ceiling, for a swamp cooler. I've never liked the looks of a cooler stuck in a window, nor the accompanying noise. Despite the nice afternoon shade on the west, we have always had some hot days to contend with, last year a lot of them.
But alas, the objections vanished in coming up with an idea that really avoids the problems, does a nice job, and at minimum cost.

It looks more like I will be stuck with the store this season. People are calling for fruit now. It would be as bad not to be open, as it is to run the place. THe fruit is scarce this year, so I look for a lot of problems.

Love Dad & April

July 31, 1989

Dear Family,

Hello from soggy Georgia! What a contrast from the previous two summers we have spent here when there was a drought! We have yet to water our garden or yard at all, but things are rotting from the ground up and the food production effort is nearly defunct. I believe we are going to be putting out cash instead of fertilizer to build our storage back up.

We have had some interesting things going on because of all the rain we have had. Going out to the lake to swim was a joke for awhile because the parking lots, picnic tables, Bar-B-Q grills, and sandy beach were all under water. At one beach a family had driven their boat right up to a picnic table where boats cannot go usually (shallow swimming area). In our sub-division a drainage stream flows through the middle of it with concrete pipes the size of those under dad's driveway going under all the connecting roads. There has been so much water flowing through that the soil underneath and around the pipes has been washed away leaving the pavement suspended with no support. So they are now in the process of fixing all of those with the detour going past our house, increasing the traffic immensely yet temporarily, thank goodness. One storm put eight inches of water down in 3 hours while we were gone and the gutters plugged up from all the debris blowing on the roof which in turn caused them to overflow. Between that and the force of the rain being driven against the house we had our basement flooded. We were able to salvage most everything, but the damage to the walls is significant, and trying to dry out a wet basement with 85% humidity is well.....We used wet-vacs, towels, and fans to clean up the water with, but within a week EVERYTHING had a layer of mildew on it. Clorox kills mold so we had quite a time of it washing what could be washed and wiping what could be wiped and the rest sprayed with Lysol and after drying put in plastic bags with baby powder to absorb any more moisture and odors. Time will tell if our tactics worked! We sure have a clean basement now!

Earl had an occasion to work for a couple of days in north Georgia last week so we farmed the kids out and I went with him which was a badly-needed diversion. We sure owe a lot of people some kid-trading now; we were gone 3 days. When he was done with his work at noon on the second day we headed up to North Carolina to a Cherokee Indian Reservation turned tourist which we enjoyed very much. But on the way we followed a river which has level 3 whitewater rafting, canoeing, and kayaking on it. (Level 3 means novices can navigate it without a guide, I think.) We decided it would be a lot of fun so we are going to try and do it this coming week when Earl has a few vacation days off. We'll let you know about that next time!

Everyone is healthy and doing pretty good. The Lord has blessed us and always does his part if we do ours. We pray for each of you in our family prayer each night and can feel the strength from your prayers in our behalf. We love each of you.

Till next time,

Karyn & family

July 4, 1776

Dear Family,

A fun reunion indeed! we missed having the Mecham's & Hellewell's, but there will be other chances of course. While Ken & Connie were here, Ken helped me install a real closet in our bedroom, & it actually looks nice - - more useable space too.... We are taking it easy today (4th) instead of going to our yearly Cannon Stake Carnival and then to Provo for fireworks. It gives Mom & Dad a rest, and the kids have more fun in the sprinkler and swimming pool anyway.

Today it is supposed to hit 103 degrees - - not exactly traveling weather with a car that has no air conditioner. We'll stick by the swamp cooler, thanks.

With my new church duties, making it through Sundays is a minor miracle for Shelly. She does well for having to carry the major burden of taking care of the kids - not only on Sunday but of course druing the week too....

This is the first summer since we put in a sprinkler system, and it's nice for Shelly to be doing something besides moving hoses every hour. Shelly has really put together a pretty yard, and has probably more than 100 varities of plants and flowers she keeps up around the house. It's alot of work, but she says she enjoys it...

Nothing new at my work - we just repainted and casrpeted, and I actukally get my own room....now I can get something done, I hope! Hope you all have a great July!

Love,

The Crockett's

August 1, 1989

Dear Family:

We sure enjoyed seeing as many of you as we did during our trip to Utah and Idaho. We thank everyone who put us up for a night or two, and more. It was so nice to visit and be with family that it was hard to break away and come home. We took some scenic detours on our way back. We saw the craters of the moon (we left from Arco), and then when we got to Yakima, instead of continuing on I-90 to Seattle, we took the highway through Chinook Pass. The road is usually closed in the winter, but what a spectacular drive. The road comes out through Mt. Rainier Park, right at the base of Mt. Rainier. Those of you who are at all familiar with this area know what a hugh mountain that is. You can see it from almost anywhere in western Washington. From the top of the pass it was some sight.

I went to girl's camp the Monday after we got back, but ended up coming home the next day. I picked up an intestinal virus on our trip. It's a mean one. Shelly's had it too. I hope no one else got it 'cause I'll tell ya, it's no fun. It hangs on and on. I'm still having some trouble, although I'm doing a lot better than I was. I ended up losing ten pounds in the process. Ken said maybe he should get the bug so he could lose ten pounds. I told him he didn't want it!

Remember the Nimitz? The guy who invited us got the date wrong. He later called Ken and said it was taking place in July and not June as he previously thought. So, we got to go. We spent all day on the carrier. That thing is so hugh. It's like a large floating city, although there is no glamour to it. They launched and retrieved several different aircraft and then had an air show with demonstrations of several of the military aircraft. They have some power. Even with earplugs in it was loud and you could feel the rumble going right through you. We cruised from Port Townsend down past Seattle and into Bremerton where the ship will now go into dry dock for a year for repairs. Seattle is pretty from the water. While we were cruising, we were watching the water and saw a baby killer whale swim right under us. He took a couple of dips in the water and then swam away. Occasionally in the distance we could see porpoises swimming around, but they never got real close. We really enjoyed the day.

We're starting to look again for a house. We gave up looking for a while, but are back into it . We are toying with the idea of building. We know that would be a lot of work, but we'll have to do some more research and see if it would be worth it, or if it would just be too much of a hassle. People up here must think they have something unique to sell because they sure want a lot of money for homes and property. They want to compare themselves with California. When we comment on how high the real estate is here, theysay, Well, it's not nearly as bad as it is in California. So, I think the high prices there are affecting the market here.

Ken is going to Alaska at the end of the month. Since it will probably be the only time, I'm going to join him part way through, and we'll do some sight seeing. If any of you know of some things that we "shouldn't miss", let us know. I'll join him in Anchorage and then we'll go to Fairbanks. So anything in between or near those two locations. I'd love to make the whole trip and see Juneau too, but that would about double my price. Alaska is like Hawaii, no budget prices. Anytime you go, it's tourist season. We will enjoy it though.

Well, we hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It's just about over. It's going too fast. A lady in the ward is letting me share her garden. We didn't get quit enough beans to can, so I froze them. I'm hoping that we will have enough tomatoes and corn to bottle some. Blackberries are just starting to come on. I'm excited to get some of those. Peaches will be in a few weeks. I don't know where we're going to put all this stuff, but we really want to add some to our food storage.

Love, Connie + Ken

August 2, 1989

Dear Family,

We heard everyone had a great time at the little reunion. We celebrated the 4th of July at Denver's water park (Water World) with what seemed like a million other people. The lines were too long on a lot of slides so we spent most of our day riding the big wave in Tunder Bay. It really was a lot of fun.

The kids have been busy having their fill of summer free-time, playing with friends & swimming. Last weekend was "The Music Man" that Stephanie had a small part in. It really was a very well done production & she enjoyed being involved somewhat. She says she wants a bigger part in the next musical we do.

Girls camp was a lot of fun & Stephanie even said she liked having me go. She was worried about having me be there & I guess she thought it would ruin her fun. (I guess I needed the break!)

School starts in 1½ weeks. The weekend before is jam-packed with events - Father's & Son's camping trip; Mother & Daughter sleepover at a member's home; TRW's day at Elitch Gardens (amusement park) - the kids can hardly wait; Stephanie's cast party, and our block party (B-B-Q). If we time it all right we'll be able to take advantage of it all. (But we'll probably be burned-out afterward.)

Melissa started piano this week with a new teacher - close & in our ward. She'll be able to go on her way home from school; a big switch from shuttling & car pooling twice a week with the Paa class. Stephanie & Ben start up again after school starts.

Stephanie has a friend that is interested in having the missionaries. She's been attending Mutual off & on with her for a year now. Cheri is a sweet kid, & does

Sure hope some of you make it to the Quinn reunion. Tell everyone hello!

Spencer is walking now + climbs like a monkey. His favorite place to play is the bathroom: the toilet, sink + drawers – what a little stinker!

things with us often.

Last night we had a fun Mom/Daughter Homemaking Round-robin. Stephanie took Krystin + I took Melissa. The classes were: Making Hair Accessories, Fun Hair Fashions, Party Treats for little hands, Decorated T-shirts, Counted Cross-stitch, + Braided Bandanas. We had them choose 3 classes to rotate through. The girls had lots of fun, + the moms were just as excited as the girls! I'm really had fun as Homemaking Leader. Thanks for your cute ideas, Connie. I've made me one of those T-shirt dresses!

George is taking a new Computer Language class at Aurora Community College. His company pays for it because the government is requesting that all their contractors learn this language for future security operations. He's gone 2-3 nights a week again because of the class + all the lab work involved.

We've not tried to market the house during the summer – which is good I guess. With everyone home most the time the mess-level gets higher + I'd be a super-nag or worn out trying to stay ahead. I've gone ≠ ahead + redecorated the Bathroom – slowly, but it's almost done now, just in time to start canning. Peaches will be hard to come by this year – wish I had done 2-years worth last year. I have nice looking corn stalks that are tassling – but there are very few ears on them. What did I do wrong Dad? (It's the seed you gave me last fall.) Our whole garden is quite the jungle right now. It's the rabbits' favorite hiding place when it's time to get back in her cage.

Hope things are well with you all – + Paul, hope your recovery is speedy + complete.

Love to all, The Hellewells

Hi Everyone, August 5, 1989

We certainly enjoyed meeting and visiting with many of you at the reunion too. Thank you David & Susan. We were impressed with the miracle evidenced in little Shalee.

We continue to be blessed by having two missionaries in the field at this time. We are proud of both of them in their efforts and in sharing the Gospel. The older I get, the more wisdom I see in its teachings and how it helps to make the world a better place by making better people.

This summer has provided hot, dry but enjoyable weather. Our little valley is still very much in the drought. I've never seen it look so dried up as it does now. Nevertheless, we have had continuous water here at our place. Sharon does much to make our place look nice. She also spends a lot of time serving as Arco's Beautification Committee Chairman. Because of her efforts for the last two years she was awarded the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce! Congratulations to her!!

Norman has saved his hard earned money (working 10 or 11 hours a day) and bought a little used pick up. It needs quite a bit of work. Ae & Kevin are anxious to tear into that project. They also spend some time practicing welding with a borrowed welder. Both are now starting football.

I just returned from a salmon fishing trip to Northern B.C. Two of my classmates from dental school went with me. They paid expenses and I furnished the boat & camper. We hit it right this year. We caught 4 or 5 over 50# and most were 40# or more! We could only bring back two apiece. We worked real hard but were rewarded. One of these fellows joined the Church while we were in school together.

We are mindful of many of your trials and hardships, I guess none of us escape. Our prayers are with each of you that you will be strong and overcome.

Our love,

Warren, Sharon & Family

August 31, 1989

Dear Family,

I'ts hard to believe the summer is about gone. The kids have been back in school for two weeks now, and the time has gone so quickly. I'm enjoying having some peace and quiet around here during the day. I feel like I finally have time to do things, so I don't mind the schedule.

I've had a challenging month health ways. Somewhere I picked up the parasite called giardia and suffered for two and a half weeks before I got some relief from constant diareah and abdominal cramping and bloating, then to top it off I got bronchitis. I hafdly went anywhere or did anything but the bare mimimum. I'M feeling much better now and have my strength back and can finally look at food again.

I've discovered that my typing skills have really gone downhill the past 15 years. We just recently purchased a used electronic typewriter that is so completely different from anything I've ever used before that I'm still experimenting with it's functions. It is fun and would be self-correcting if I would go get the tape to go in it. Stephanie thinks it's the greatest thing to do her homework assignments on. I believe she has used it more than I have. Looks like it will pay off.

We've decided to go down to Mesa Verde over Labor Day weekend and get in a bit of camping and sight-seeing before the nice weather is gone. The kids are raring to geet going. (I'm not so sure all the work and planning involved will be worth it, but I guess the memories are what do count most of all.) It is a beautiful place, and very interesting. Your imagination can take a great trip trying to make it all come to life in your mind. (I'ts the Indian cliff dwellings.)

George has had a couple interesting things happen this month as well. First of all he has been selected to be a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserves which is like a Captain in other military branches. It moves his level to 03. He's seeing some monitary pay-off thatgis finally worth his time and effort. Even though he has been selected, it will probably be months before he is actually upgraded due to the red-tape. The other thing was that he climbed another one of Colorado's "Fourteeners". This time it was Mount Massive, and he says it was excruciating. Instead of the 6 miles to the peak like the guide book said, it was 8. His military combat boots wore huge blisters on his feet, plus he forgot to take any sunblocks so his ears and neck were blistered from the sun. He was one sore, miserable mess when he got home, and is still limping, almost a week later. He does this every year with a buddy he met while working at Martin, and they do it in the name of fun!

I sure enjoyed a lenghty phone visit with Karyn this month too, as well as a note from Shelly. I'm sure we all enjoy keeping in touch with each other, but one thing Karyn mentioned, that is true, is that we don't know much about what goes on in each other's lives below the surface. I'm sure we all have the same concerns, and sometimes difficulties with various areas of our lives that are especially challenging and hard to bear. Letters just don't convey too many of those things —— I know mine would be terribly depressing even to me if I were to express "all" that we do go through. I just hope you all know that we are mindful of your sorrows and difficulties, and support you in prayer and spirit. The Lord is an incredible teacher, and He alone knows what we each must gain to be able to return to him. I'm trying hard to understand that and apply it to our own situations.

Stephanie has a success story this month...her friend Cheri Pankow received the missionary discussions here in our home, and was baptized on the 20th. We're so glad she has had this experience so early in her life. I have yet to really be a tool in bringing someone into the church other than our own children. We all hope Cheri is sincere and gains a testimony that will strengthen and fortify her through her teen years.

I was able to get peaches to can afterall this year. They weren't the greatest, but at least it was something. We also finally got a dehydrator that has been fun to use. The kids really like taking dried fruit or fruit leather (roll-ups) in their lunches. They brag at how cleaver their Mom is to make our own, and Ben gets offers to buy his. (Which he has done foremoney to play a video game with on the way home from school!)

Well, I must sign off. I hear the a mailmal coming down the road. May the LOrd bless you each throughout September!

Love, Loalyn & family

Woody + April

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Dear Family, Sept. '89

I guess this summer has been a good growing season for the kids - they've all sprouted so the past few weeks. Ive been frantically sorting, sewing, letting out, taking in, etc. all their clothes. I guess wearing shorts doesn't allow that growth to be noticeable but when we brought out the long pants I was surprised! If only our veg. garden had fared as well! We did, however enjoy our 2 meals of peas and beans and our "$6 a piece cucumbers"! I'm most disappointed in the tomatos - had hoped to can some & make more salsa. I think the strawberries did well for this being their first year, but I can't be sure - Aubrey always beat us to them & then come in with them all down her face & arms (& clothes), shake her finger & say, "strawbies - no no no!" The couple I did taste were great, so maybe next year.

Life continues to be busy for us. Bryan is constantly trying to juggle church, work & squeeze in home.

We spent this labor day starting on a "face-life" for part of the house -- painting over the dark brown in the hall & frontroom & the pink in our bedroom. It's an awful mess now, but it'll be much nicer when finished.

Love to all,
Shelly, Bryan & family

Dear Family, Sept. 2, 1989

August has been an enjoyable month for us for the most part as we "took a vacation" in day trips close to home. We spent a day at 6-Flags over Georgia - a major amusement park (no one became motion sick); another day was spent at White Water - (much like the one the family reunion was at I believe), then another day we all saw a movie together. Another exciting activity we engaged in was white water rafting on the Nantahala River in N. Carolina - it was a first and not the last! Ashley was too light weight to go and Lonnie was working but the rest of us had a great time.

Earl could take no more work time off this month with the deadlines he had to meet but Greg, Wendy, Kami, Ashley & I went with a friend & her 2 boys in their van camping at Myrtle Beach on the coast of N. Carolina for 4 days total - one day up, one back, & 2 there. We had a great time playing in the ocean waves, meeting new people, etc. We were at a nice campground which only allows families and couples to camp there; plus it had it's own entrance to the beach - no cars allowed on it.

So we have had an eventful month. Other tidbits: Greg has contacts. Earl is now Finance Clerk; I am Homemaking Leader; Ashley's getting her 1st perm; school begins Sept. 5; I am gaining more private students. Hope all are healthy and happy. Till next time.

Love,
The Meachams

September 10, 1989

Dear Family.

Like the rest of you, August and early Sept. have been busily spent processing peas, beans, cucumbers and berries from the garden into our storage. We are also grateful for the 80 qts of peaches and 30 qts of pears a neighbor brought for us to can. Warren had a very special time fishing with Dad in B.C. and also having Connie & Ken for a short while. They managed to bring home more nice salmon for our storage; and today we had the most delicious dinner of grilled salmon steaks and beautiful big green globe artichokes and fresh strawberries and red potatos from the garden. There truly is much satisfaction in putting a meal on the table that you have produced yourselves. Many gardens in the area are frozen but ours is still growing.

I was delighted to find that we had won a beautiful lead crystal bowl for top entries in the Butte County Fair (squash and cabbage) in the gardening section. I was in D.C. with Lupi when Jolana and the other children took it upon themselves and got busy and entered many things (cooking, sewing, art, vegetables) in the fair as we usually do.

Speaking of D.C. - I had a marvelous time with Lupi during her last week in D.C. I was very fortunate flying 1st class on a stand-by round trip free ticket Lupi received at Christmas time and to manage to fly with her instead of waiting for hours for a flight to get back home. With Lupi at the wheel of her employers car I got in lots of sight seeing (wow, there was lots to see!), visiting many famous land-marks, attending a wedding reception, eating out at unusual restuarants (Lebanese food is good), going to church in the fine Langley Singles Ward, going thru a session at the D.C. temple and visiting and living in with her non-LDS nanny family, the Marshalls. The family was very sad to see her go, expressing their great loss in the best nanny they have had so far. Lupi planted many seeds about the Church & they had already hired another LDS nanny to arrive from Utah in one week.

Lupi is now at Ricks in the Nursing program and living in Heritage Manor with 5 other girls in her apartment. We now have 5 in school here at home with 2 in middle school and 3 in high school. Norm as a Junior has a heavy schedule this year along with playing defensive tackle on the Varsity 1st string football team and they have won both games played. Kevin a Freshman plays kick & receive, wide man & safety on the J.V. team and is taking drivers ed. and enjoying his computer class.

We enjoyed the Quinn Family Reunion earlier this month.

Quotes from our Missionaries:

COLISSA - "The people here are a lot of fun to joke around with. They have a sense of humor and just plain enjoy life. Without too many pressures to meet time deadlines, they sit back and relax. Yes, there is always the need of survival and everyone wishes that they had a job, so each day they must search for food and try to find a way to sustain their family. One thing that I really admire the Philippino people for is that they stay optimistic through all of their challenges. They realize that they can only do so much on their own, then they rely on God to help with the rest. As I sat at the piano yesterday in Sac. Mtg. I thought how nice it is to be here in Oroquieta in a branch where the leadership is so strong and organized. It's a good feeling to do my work, knowing that the

members will welcome our new investigators. After the service we had a Big Baptism. The ELders had 5 candidates, the other two sisters had a family of 5, and we had 7 (the Mondoy family of 6). Lots of members stayed to support us making this special baptism a big success. We had brought snacks for everyone so they wouldn't starve by the time the baptism was over. The fans were on high as we watched each person be baptised. I took a picture of all the Angels in White. It looked like the Second Coming! Wednesday was brown-out (the power off) at 8 p.m., so we headed for home with our fellowshipper when it suddenly began to rain. We took shelter beneath a bamboo nipa shelter which had holes in the roof. The rain began to pour, we were getting wet and there were no more trikes, so we stepped out in the pouring tropical rain and got soaked! I guess I must be turning Filippina because I got cold. We hitched a ride part way in the back of a truck so we wouldn't have to walk the whole way. When I got home I took a warm dipper bath by candlelight - no currente------Love Colissa

SHELDON- "We have been keeping pretty busy here in BadKreuznach, infact since last week we had a baptism, Reiner Weckman. He is a German too. We just got over a 2 day fast -man I thought I was going to die riding my bike around and not eating anything. We have another person coming up on the 30th for baptism and he is American. The other German man likes his moking a little too much and now that things are a little better in his life he isn't too serious about the baptism. So it's not going through with him. He sure could have it so much much better if he would follow the commandments. But he has his agency and there is nothing you can do when they make the choice. One of the great thing that happened was the new mission president changed some rules, we can exercise now and read our mail on every day of the week! My favorite way of contacting people is down at this little park where they have these Big chess boards. I find that the Germans really lighten up if I ask them to play a game of chess. Even if they don't play they are open and we give them a Book of Mormon and some times we sit down and teach a first discussion. The biggest secret about missionary work is talking to everybody about the church, and being creative enough to create some interest in them about it. Religion over here turns people off faster than anything else in the whole world. When they hear stuff about religion they turn into very cold and hard-hearted people. If you can get through they are great. Chess helps a lot, and I'm probably about 10 times better at the game now too. We give out about 13 B of M a week on the average.

Love, Sheldon

We want you all to know that we love each one of you and pray for you in our prayers daily as we all know that each one has many challenges in their life and it is comforting to know that we all have one anothers support. The love and prayers of family are powerful.

With Love,

Warren, Sharon & Family

QUOTE: Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering what one receives.

P.S. also to inform you that Jared's Farewell for the Tempe, Arizona (spanish speaking) Mission will be Nov. 26th

The Family Letter

From David & Susan Longhurst — October 2, 1989

Dear Family,

It's been two months now since we last wrote in the letter. Due to our being up in Idaho for a month we found it difficult to put thins together. Now we are back home and back to the "grind".

For those who didn't know of our absence, we spent the time up home taking care of the traditional fruit business which Dad invited us to do. It was a learning experience for all of us, especially Susan and Nicole. We enjoyed the time there, and Nicole wants be sure that we "tell grandma and grandpa we miss them."

Nicole had a lot of fun with the cousins that she was able to play and work with, and wants them to know that she appreciates them for their companionship. Now that she is in school, and having fun learning things, she looks forward for each days class. She was excited to go on a field trip with her class to the fire station located only a block away from us. We have taken her there before, and so she felt like she had one up on her class.

KEEP ON WRITING

We sure enjoy communicating with the family and keeping up with the latest news. Those who sacrifice the few minutes in putting together a letter, are doing a favor for our family for sure. Thank you for the letters.

NEW NEWS

Now for the latest news from us.

It seems as though the growing pains of a family are always keeping us on the edge of anxiety, and constantly reminding us of the things that matter most in life. Susan has those "swelling motions" in her again and is pleased to announce another arrival in mid. March of 1990. Yes it means three kids and two parents in a two bedroom apt., but we have faith that things will work out with the space and money that it will take.

Speaking of the edge of anxiety, we realize that every one of you are experiencing your own challenging moments with life, but we wish to let you know that you are always in our prayers.

TEMPLE WORK

A call came to our ward to find two priesthood holders who would be willing to serve as Veil workers in the Provo Temple not too long ago. I was willing, but the ward coordinator told me that he had already found two individuals when I volunteered a few days later. He had me call another gentleman who seemed glad to see more interest in the assignment. Evidently there ended up being a shortage of people in the general area call for workers, and I was accepted. This assignment is for three months serving one night a week. I am looking forward to the opportunity.

CONFERENCE

Another enjoyed conference weekend has passed, and we certainly were inspired with it's contents again. It seems to have most of the answers that are currently needed every time it comes around. My tradition of tapping it for personal use is always a challenge, but always a blessing between it's coming.

I realize our family has a need to communicate better, and sometimes it shows, but aside of this family letter, I would like to express my appreciation to all who take the extra time in communicating through a visit or telephone call. I know I am not the only one who has appreciated it, but it is appreciated by those who live at greater distances away as well as those who are struggling with something in their life. After all, there are some things that we wish to say to close family members, that a letter will not suffice.

"NO NO"

Christina is a ball of fun these days, she is crawling around on the floor and getting into every interesting thing in sight, as she climes up to the couch, she tries to stand there without holding on to something. She knows how to wave to people, how to give kisses (the wet sponge type), and she jabbers when she's in a good mood. Not to mention she could break a crystal glass with her screeching loud (for fun) scream. The other day Nicole was popping those plastic packing bubbles that come in a sheet... Christy got to laughing harder than she has ever done, and we all just had a hoot watching her.

Well we had better get serious about getting this in the mail, so I'll sign off.

With Love,
David, Susan, & Kids

October 12, 1989

Dear Family,

Each month of days marches by like a troop of soldiers in a parade at a fast pace; and the change of season into Fall reminds me that 1989 is fast on its way out. Our truly greatest joy has come through the letters of our missionaries and the good feeling knowing of their accomplishments in the greatest work on the face of the earth. This season in their lives and ours is the choicest so far - one that you somehow don't want to end; but like all seasons they do end and change into another refreshing one. We have recently been informed that Colissa has been offered an honorable few weeks early release from her mission for a temple wedding that will probably take place during the Christmas holidays in the Idaho Falls Temple. We will inform you of details when we get them. We are very happy to look forward to this event and we may be asking favors of you in preparation as there won't be much time leeway. Our missionaries are doing well and working hard. Sheldon was recently transferred to Dortmund, West Germany as a senior companion; and Colissa & her comp. working double time, again received the honor of top baptising missionaries.

Lupi visited last weekend for a break from cracking the college books and work in the poster room where she found a job. She helped us all on the house in Poky that we're fixing for sale. Warren & I have spent many hours painting & fixing to get it off our backs - hope it works.

Norm's football team just lost their chance for State. He & Warren went elk hunting Wed. a.m. but never even saw one so are going again Saturday.

I finished harvesting the garden (70# pumpkin-thanks Bobbi for the seeds-people we give pumpkins to are delighted) & doing lots more canning; so with some wild game we're hoping for, we should be ready for winter - 'come what may'. Valina fixed a dummy sitting by a big pumpkin on the front step with his head resting on his chest, which is the way we must all feel, (exhausted!) after harvest.

Josh was well satisfied with the $20 plus other prizes he won in the St. Judes Bikethon I coordinated for our valley.

The Women's Conference broadcast from Salt Lake was a shot in the arm plus General Conf. was so uplifting. We are very fortunate to partake of these spiritual feasts throughout each year & feel of our Savior's love.

We are grateful for each one of you and the joy & understanding we gain from you. May your lives be blessed.

With our love,

Warren & Sharon & Family

October 2, 1989

Dear Family,

Another month has passed! Where does it go? September has brought more interesting things to our lives causing us to focus on new things for a time as I know you all do also.

It was thoughtful of Loalyn to call and check on us after the hurricane hit the east coast a couple weeks ago. We hardly noticed any effects at all here in our area except for what we saw on the news. But this state has banded together sending relief supplies to S. Carolina and the kids have been able to donate and feel like they helped in some small way. We are more aware than ever of our vulnerability and unpreparedness for an act of nature of this magnitude.

Our storage (or more aptly put our lack of it) has become a priority and our bishop has been very instrumental in making things available for the ward members: water containers free from COKE factories, (high quality) the soon-to-be organized storage shelf building marathon, and recently he borrowed the dry canner from the cannery and we put sugar, rice and wheat in them and no longer have to worry about them getting wet or soaking up humidity. We used one-gallon cans at a very reasonable price.

Our new stake center now has the family history center opened and I have enjoyed checking on our genealogy. Some of our ancestors for whom the work had not been done has now been done, thanks to the extraction program, only a short few years ago. I am now updating all the sheets I have (that Shelly typed up a few years ago and everyone has a copy of) and will prepare a list of corrections if anyone is interested in having it. Then I am going to venture into unknown and new territory by trying to take some of the lines back further. There are some very helpful people available to me. Right now this is a little hobby for me to do with everyone in school.

My string quartet is beginning to function again after our violist moved to Florida this summer and we gained another. We will be hired again by a big Baptist church to play in their cantata this Christmas. I have received many more piano students by word of mouth and have a string of 14 now which keeps me working 3 days a week after school for 2 1/2 hours or so. I enjoy it. I don't have as much time to spend with the girls on their piano lessons much to all our disappointment. But it's always been harder to put the time in for my own kids on music. How come?

Everyone seems to be doing fine here. Earl keeps busy with his job and likes it. He just completed a week of more training in D.C. and enjoyed the change of pace. He is the financial clerk and scout committee chairman in our ward and still helps as assistant to the scoutmaster each week and goes on campouts. He is a LIFER in scouting there is no doubt! Too bad it doesn't pay 'cause he'd do it for a living in a heartbeat if it did! Greg is blooming as weeds do in the spring and is now 5'8" or 9". He turns 15 in a few days and is needing to find a little weekend work to support his habit of growing out of his clothes. He faithfully is up early in the mornings on his own to attend

seminary and gets his homework done. In fact the girls are good at getting theirs done for the most part too. They all seem to take their schooling seriously as they should. Ashley is enjoying kindergarten! It was a long wait for her this last year.

We have experienced a solid week of rain here with sometimes being very heavy. As we left the house for each session of conference yesterday and Saturday we all had umbrellas, but it seems they did little good as the rain drove so hard. It isn't much fun to be out in; especially driving. And we have now discovered the hard way that our roof needs new shingles. We were planning to replace them fairly soon, maybe next spring because they were looking worn. But as I stood at the kitchen sink drinking a glass of water and noticed while it was raining outside that it was also raining INSIDE in front of my face, we knew the time had come. And after a quick attic survey, the time had come last year and we didn't know it. So..... it won't be the first shingling party in the family; too bad it can't be a REAL family get-together. We would enjoy the help and the camaraderie!

Looks like I'm getting lengthy here. A couple of quick additions before I sign off: the vending machine business is defunct for one, and Earl's parents received a mission call to work in the London temple-- leaving in November. And by the way, Jared, congratulations on your call to Arizona. You WILL FEEL as if you are in a foreign land!

We pray for each of you every day. Including and especially you, Colissa and Sheldon. May the Lord continue to bless you all and uphold you in your trials. Till next time.....

All our love,

Karlyn, Earl & Kids

October 2, 1989

Dear Family;

We enjoy all the letters that come. We missed getting one in last month because it was at the time we were in Alaska. We enjoyed our trip. I think I got to know more of Alaska than Ken did because he had work to do. I'd done some reading and research before we went so I'd know what to see and do. It paid off. We saw some of the sights that the "tourists" do on the regular cruises and tours. We saw the glaciers (which I think are fascinating), went to Denali (Mt. McKinley) park, (we didn't get to see the mountain in full view because it was clouded over, which it is about 70% of the time), but we got to see moose, bear, caribou, Dall sheep and even a wolf in the park. We went to the famous Salmon Bake in Fairbanks, saw the pipeline, visited museums and, of course, a lot of souvenir shops. We had two or three nice visits with Dan and his roommate, Bill. It was nice to get better acquainted with Dan. We found out he is an excellent cook.

Just before we left for Alaska Dad and Warren came by on their way to Canada to fish. We decided to join them for a day. Fishing wasn't great but at least we didn't come home empty handed. Apparently it got better from what they reported last month. We cut up and froze my 20 pound King salmon. We think it is a special occasion when we fix some of it. It tastes so good. Thanks to Dad and Warren for including us in the adventure.

Ken is now converted to home-grown vegetables. We had a great deal more success with gardening here than we could encourage out of the sandy soil of Florida. Even the corn did good, Dad. It just started coming on about two weeks ago 'cause I got it in so late, but my is it good. I have harvested over a bushel of tomatoes. It looks like I will have to buy more bottles. All of mine are now full. We have tomatoes, salsa, corn (which Dad surprised us with), peaches, pears, blackberries and cherries. It feels so good to have these things for our storage. We will really enjoy consuming them. One of our requisites now for a home is that it have room for a good sized garden. (We're still looking.)

As usual, we enjoyed general conference. We sat in awe listening to Elder Haight speak of his experience in being shown some of the events of Christ's life. I thought, this sounds like something out of the Book of Mormon, but it actually happened now. What a powerful testimony he bore in his quiet, unpretentious manner. Those who weren't paying attention really missed something. Ken said he looked down the row we were sitting on (at the chapel) and noticed three people sleeping through this great event. I don't recall ever hearing one of the general authorities come close to saying they have seen the Savior or have witnessed anything such as this. These things do a lot to strengthen our testimonies and help us through our rough times. We hope you all got a chance to participate in the conference.

Except for a few rainy days last week, we have had beautiful fall weather. I like the change of seasons. I missed the changes in Florida with its year round summer. We do miss some things about Florida but like what we have here.

We hope everyone is well and doing fine. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

Love,

Connie and Ken

October 5, 1989

Dear Family,

I'm dusting off the typewriter, and actually am going to use it for what it was meant. I'm too accustomed to using my MacIntosh at work I suppose. Well, we have pretty much prepared the outside of our house for the winter, and can now wait for the snow to cover the last of Shelly's surviving flowers- which are still abundant. Shelly has been invited to participate in the season's Dickens' Festival, and so she finds herself at practices a couple of nights a week, but she will be the first to admit that it's a kick. Next month she said she would include the times they are performing at the Fair Grounds in case any are interested... Morgan started to crawl (well, scoot) the day before Marcelle's birhtday last week, and hasn't stopped since. He's a tough kid--stronger than the girls too I think, and will give them both a run for their money. We went up the canyon for family night last week to collect different colors of leaves; Marcelle actually did collect some leaves, but Aubrey was more interested in eating the grapes Shelly brought than anything else. The colors were just right, and the kids wanted to walk in the river like two other older boys were doing... of course we let them. ha. Sunday I told Marcelle that we had something fun planned to do for our family activity on Monday. She asked me if it was going to be at Disneyland. Of course it was! Aubrey is nothing short of a comic--she will look you right in the eye and have a straight face, right after she has done some weird or funny thing. They get you coming and going. Well we hope that you are all healthy, and getting ready in some fashion for the holiday season. B'dee, B'dee, B'dee--that's all folks!

Love,
Bryan, Shelly, et. al.

Dear Family, Oct. 1, 1989

Here it is October and Pocatello shows definite signs of fall. We've had some very pretty Indian Summer days, but the chill in the air spells fall as do the colors.

Life keeps throwing different things our way, & we keep dealing with them one at a time. When school started this Sept. Tim & Joe were temporarily put in a split session (7:45-11:45) to accommodate bussing Chubbuck School over to our school for the afternoon due to some structural ceiling damage at their school. That has left them home alone for many afternoons. They like the half day school session, but don't like having to stay in the house alone for several hours. One more week & that should take care of that.

I was in an accident about 3 wks ago. I was riding my bike home from work & was hit by a car. The bike is totalled, I had a couple stitches in my elbow, & what I thought was minor scrapes and bruises on my left leg. But it hasn't healed like it should & I will go this Tues. (Oct 3) to an Orthopedic Dr. to see if he can tell why.

Bryan is joining the National Guard (as soon as he can gain 3 or 4 pounds) & is excited about that.

Love to all,
Sandra & Family

Hello Everyone, OCT 29, 1989 - Sunday

Time seems to pass by so quickly. Jered has been called to the Arizona Tempe Mission. He will enter the MTC Nov. 29th. His "farewell" Sacrament Service will be Nov. 26, 9:00 AM, Sunday School follows at 10, then Priesthood Mtg. at 11. The Chapel is just South of our home on 1300 West (Temple Drive). Following the block at about 12:30 or so we will host a lunch for family members. All are invited. JERED will learn the discussions in Spanish and will be at the MTC 8 weeks. I have had the honor of ordaining him an Elder, Conferring the Melquesedek Priesthood upon him and escorting him through the temple. The feelings of Joy associated with these experiences cannot be adequately described by words. The feelings are peaceful, sure, uplifting and rewarding. We are pleased with the direction he has chosen.

As we play the game of life, the principles of the gospel ring "true". The longer we play, the clearer the sound. Even if we ignore the "ringing" it doesn't change the frequency. I am so thankful for my blessings - they seem to be easier to count as time ticks by. Even though perfection is in the future, I feel blessed by the path we trod each day. I am thankful for my family - immediate and extended. I can sense the blessings we enjoy having had parents and grandparents (generation to generation) who have sought, lived, and taught the gospel in the family. I can think of no greater blessing that can come to a parent than to see their children perpetuate and improve upon this heritage. Love to all, DeVon & Family

Dear famlily Oct. 30, 1989

After the wonderful fall we have had, and the bounteous harvest over, we have now been gifted with a foot of snow to top off the season. It is really beautiful. It is one of the best storms we have had in the last three years.

As usual when we have a good apple crop there is no sale for them, so once again we made a lot of cider. It was two years ago that we had the last apples and made cider. It is a lot of work, but we hope to have you all here some time to enjoy it with us.

We have also done more canning this year than usual. It seems we just got started and made use of everything we could. We still have tomatoes. We picked the last of them on the 27th of Oct., just before it started to snow.

April drew on a special deer hunt this year. We went out on opening day, but were not as successful as we had hoped for. We did have a nice day out in the hills though. It was a beautiful fall day, much in contrast to our previous hunts, which were in snow.

Ever since Bill and Yvonne Nielsen moved back to Cody Wyoming, they have wanted us to come over and visit them. We have talked about going over there, and have even planned the trip several times. We finally did it. It was a very nice trip; we thoroughly enjoyed our visit and their hospitality. We visited the Bill Cody museum and other historical attractions. We also toured Nielsen Industries Inc. which was very interesting.

Since being released, I have found time to go fishing several times, and have had a bit of good luck. My hopes are to share the good luck with all of you that I can, while they are fresh.

We have planned to go to Mesa for thanksgiving, then be back for Jered's farewell, and Colissa's wedding. April has a suggestion for a family party, so I'll let her tell you what she has in mind.

Since Loalyn and possibly Connie (and maybe others) will be here for Christmas we thought Dec. 26 would be a good time to have the family party. Colissa's wedding will be the following day so it would work out good for those who are coming for that also.

I have lost, misplaced or loaned a book. Anyway, I can't find it and am anxious to locate it. Will you all please look in your libraries and see if you might have it? It is by Max Skousen, **HOW TO PRAY AND STAY AWAKE.** The book is no longer in print, and there is some information in it that I would like to read again. Also someone left the book **THE ALLIANCE** by Gerald Lund here a year or so ago. If any of you know who it belongs to let us know.

We are trying to go through all the drawers, closets and cupboards around here and eliminate the "stuff" that we no longer use. It's been very interesting. I watch **everything** Dad carts out and he watches **everything** I cart out, so it will be interesting to see if we really get rid of anything!

We are looking forward to the holidays and seeing all of you. Much Love till then. Dad & April

1989 Christmas Gift Exchange List: Warren has Dan; Devon-Sandra; Catherine-Loalyn; Karyn-Susan; Connie-Shelly; Dan-Glen; Sandra-Devon; Loalyn-David; Susan-Warren; Shelly-Catherine; Glen-Karyn; David-Connie.

October 31, 1989

Dear Family,

We've had a sudden change of weather this week. It started snowing Firday night and by the time it quit Saturday evening, we had 8 inches on the ground here in Pocatello. It was really unbelievable - it was one of those pretty snowfalls that flocked the trees, fences, etc. We kept thinking it would melt off (and it did a little Sun. & Mon.) but here it is Tues. Halloween - and it's snowing again! It looks like it will be cold and miserable for little spooks tonight!

I've pretty well recovered from my leg injury now and am functioning almost normal (whatever normal is).

We've received grades from the 4 older ones. They all did very well. We're proud of them. This time it was Talina who got straight A's - with the others not far behind her. Hopefully Timmy and Joey are doing as well.

Bryan had his first weekend with the National Guard. He came home Sunday night pretty stiff and sore from their workouts. He was over in Rupert on a tanker crew. He seemed to enjoy it.

Probably our biggest undertaking as a family this month was our apples. Dad had kept them sprayed for us all spring and summer. We watched and anticipated as they grew and ripened. When it was time to pick them, Paul got the kids started and gave them all the instructions. When he got back from Joey's soccer game he found them raking them off the tree and letting them fall to the ground! Well, they got their own raking over and the project eneded a week later with 22 gallons of apple cider on our shelves (thanks to Dad's cider press). The kids helped all the way and we really did spend some good quality time together. We even still have 5 or 6 good boxes of apples stored.

We're looking forward to spending time with many of you as we attend Jared's farewell, Colissa's wedding, and hopefully a Christmas party in between. (We're trying to put something together for Dec. 26th since the wedding will be Dec. 27th)

Love to all and Happy Holidays!

Sandra & Family

The Family Letter

From David & Susan Longhurst — November 1, 1989

Dear Family,

Since the San Francisco Earthquake hit, we have seen quite an interest for water barrels. Business is at a slow pace overall, but we still continue to move them.

The tomato patch we worked so hard on this summer is now finished. We picked off 14 bushel this last picking of which 2/3 of were green. The patch of vines is finally accursed from the weather, and will be good for nothing but a bon fire. We estimate that we harvested about 30 bushel of tomatoes total from the 190 plants that dad raised for us.

As for the rest of the garden, it did pretty well too. We are enjoying potatoes, carrots, onions, beans, relish, salsa, zucchini bread, and even bottled apricots, frozen cherries, and english walnuts from the orchard trees out back.

The temple calling is a wonderful experience thus far. The knowledge, blessings, and association that comes with it is not a bit undesirable either. The other Temple workers tell us at the end of the day the names of some famous people who's work was just done, and they seem to all carry a few sacred yet personal experiences around with them. The atmosphere there is truly not of this world.

Have you ever watched, or even seen a "Praying Mantis?" around here they seem to be common in the fall, and we caught a couple as "Pets", and have watched them as they devour every household bug we have been able to catch and put into there jars. From spiders, to house flies, to moths, and even beatles, these four inch long walking sticks can really put on a show when they snatch & eat unwanted pests.

They come in two pastel colors of your choice; dead branch Brown, and tomato vine Green. Nicole took one of our favorites with her to school, and I understand that her classmates were intrigued immensely. I should mention too that it's the only bug I have ever seen that can turn it's whole head 180 degrees. In other words it could "look both ways" before crossing a street.

After talking it over with Susan, we have agreed to make ourselves available for compiling this family letter for 1990. Since we are not sure who else has been thinking about taking there turn for the new year, we will ask that you give us a call before Thanksgiving, and we'll fight it out.

Well, the computer is willing but the brain is empty, so until next time...Love
David, Susan, & the kids

November 3, 1989

Dear Family,

Not much new to report this time around. We do want to say congratulations to Jered. What a special time this is for him. It would be nice to be able to be there for your farewell, Jered,but I don't think we'll make it. We are proud of you and know that you will have a great mission and some very special experiences. Work hard and you will be well rewarded for it.

I've been working hard and fast preparing some craft items again for a Christmas Craft Fair. Our Bishop's wife and her sisters put one on every year. So, for the last few weeks I've been sewing, gluing, creating, etc. to have some items ready to enter. I delivered them last night and we'll see how well they go. There were many more things I would have liked to have ready, but didn't make it.

Ken's been busy with work. Micro Soft's headquarters are here in Seattle and they have a half-dozen or so reps that cover the same area Ken does, so he has a challenge to stay ahead of them. He gets upset with them when he finds out they are spreading lies about WordPerfect to try and win out. It's hard to combat dishonesty.

Of course, church also keeps him busy. The Bishop is out of town this week-end so Ken gets to conduct his first funeral. Not only conduct, but plan the program and find people to participate. The family is LDS but have not been active and so they don't know anybody and nobody knows them. He's had quite a time trying to arrange the service.

November brings Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Holidays. We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. Don't pig out too much!



Who is in charge of the Family Christmas party this year? I think we are planning to come and would be happy to help out if we can. It would be nice to know the date and place so we could make travel and schedule plans. It seems those who are in the Utah and Idaho area always have the responsibility of putting it together. Let us know what we can do to assist.

Our love to all,

Connie and Ken

November 2, 1989

Dear Family,

These letters each month are a great reminder of just how fast time flies! Seems like it was just a week ago that I wrote last. I guess that also means life is moving along at a fast pace--sometimes it seems like it is passing us by as we struggle to keep up.

I guess our house is getting old enough that appliances, etc. are all starting to go. I'd heard that they tend to all die about the same time--when you least expect it. This month we've had the washer, the vacuum, the furnace, doors, etc. all screaming for attention. Some have received it and some are "patiently"waiting their turn.

Marcelle is continuing her growth spurt--all the new clothes I made her are already too short! Aubrey is busy trying to keep up with everything going on and working on her vocabulary and long sentences. Morgan has the army crawl down to an art now and would put any G.I.Joe to shame. He's trying to figure out what else he can do with his knees. He keeps busy--with no time for diaper changes, etc. He's loved having all the closet doors off while we've been hoping to get the painting finished. However, he's tired of exploring things down low and is getting anxious to get on to bigger and better things. He does manage to let himself be contained long enough to eat and "fill up his tank".

Bryan has mentioned a couple of times that I'm involved in the Dickens Christmas Festival this year--here's the scoop: We're doing a shortened version of the musical "Oliver" and a shortened version of the musical "Scrooge" as well as several other songs, dances, street scenes, etc. We all play multiple parts. This year it will be held at the Fairgrounds. It is an actual Old English style Christmas Fair (indoor) with little shops, food booths, and lots of other entertaining groups performing. (Bobby was in a singing group that performed in it a couple of years ago). It runs from the Friday after Thanksgiving through the following Saturday. We will be doing matinees the opening day, and both Saturdays, as well as performing each night of the Festival. Anyone planning to come down for Jered's farewell on the 26th may want to take in the Festival, as well as seeing the lights on Temple Square, which also begin the Friday after Thanksgiving. Nov. 24 - Dec. 2

It's been a little hectic with rehearsals, etc. and this month will really be a challenge to keep up with it all, but it is a good experience. I think, however, that I won't participate in another one for awhile. Our Stake is doing another play at Promised Valley, tryouts are next month. I've had several people ask me if I'm going to participate, but I think probably not. Enough is enough for awhile.

This is always a very busy time of year ~~from~~ for Bryan, as people are trying to get their books on the Christmas market, so he's gritting his teeth and has promised me that this year he won't miss Thanksgiving by being sick and worn down from all the stress.

Well, the clock and the noise in the background tell me that it's time to take care of my little "Gerber guy" and get dinner going for the rest of us.

We hope all of you are doing well. We think about you often, and are in our prayers, as well. We do enjoy hearing from those of you who write.

Love,
Shelly, Bryan and Family

November 2, 1989

Dear Family,

Last month's letter had so many surprizes that it took me several times reading through it to digest all the information and news, without it bring- tears to my eyes. Congratulations to Dave and Susan on their upcoming addition to their family, and to Colissa on her wedding plans! We're plan- ning a trip to Idaho over the Christmas holidays and will look forward to helping and participating in this joyous event!

The kid's enjoyed Halloween night even though it was snowing and cold. We've now had three good snowfalls so far this fall, one demolished our little peach tree that we'd babied from a tiny sprout. Oh well. It's quite a touchy climate here for fruit anyway.

Our garden yeilded quite well this year; enough for what we needed to can. I'm real happy to see the Bishop's Storehouse's making storage commodities available to the general membership of the Church. (They are here anyway, along with the availability of the cannery for personal use.)

Just this past summer George's mother moved from her home in Aptos, CA, just 10 miles from Santa Cruz to Fresno. She kept her home though, and it did receive some damage in the earthquake there. Broken water pipes, and cracked walls mostly. She is letting a family from her old ward live there who lost their home totally. George is in Santa Cruz right now for some business meetings and he says the traffic down there is bad because of so many damaged roads. His brother Les lives in Newark, at the south end of Oakland Bay. Their home escaped any damage, but their next door neighbor's cracked all over.

Along with my letter I'm sending some items of interest concerning religious and moral issues that have been brought to my attention. I think we can each do a little to help combat the evil world around us and that our children are growing up in. Warren and Sharon, I hope you wont't mind making copies for everyone.

The only change around here is that Spencer is now 18 months and starts into the nursery this next Sunday. He still seems so little and "babyish", but is a handful in Church, nonetheless! He'll really enjoy the freedom to play with toys and other kids, I'm sure.

I've been playing volleyball with our women, and having fun. We have regional playoffs coming up. Saturday we play to find out which teams will go.

Hope things are well with each of you. Keep your chins up and smile!

Love, Loalyn, George and kids

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Madalyn Murry O'Hair, an atheist, whose efforts successfully eliminated the use of Bible reading and prayer from all public schools fifteen years ago, has been granted a Federal hearing in Washington, D.C. on the subject of (F.C.C.). The petition, R.H. 2493, would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the Gospel on the air waves of America. She took her petition, with 27,000 signatures, to back her stand.

If her attempt is successful, all Sunday worship services being broadcast, either by radio or television will stop. Many elderly people and shut-ins, as well as those recuperating from hospitalization or illness, depend on radio and television to fill their worship needs every week.

Madalyn is also campaigning to remove all CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS from public schools. You can help this time! We need 1,000,000 (one million) signed letters. This should defeat Mrs. O'Hair and show that there are many CHRISTIANS ALIVE AND WELL AND CONCERNED in our country. This petition is No. 2493. Sign, cut off and mail the form below.

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN AS MR. AND MRS. Let each adult sign one separately and mail it in. BE SURE TO PUT PETITION NUMBER 2493 ON THE OUTSIDE LOWER LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE ENVELOPE WHEN MAILING YOUR LETTER.

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I am an American and proud of my heritage. I am also very much aware of the place religious faith has played in the freedom we, as Americans, now enjoy. Therefore, I protest any human effort to remove from our radio or television any program designed to show faith, GOD or a SUPREME BEING, or to remove CHRISTMAS SONGS, PROGRAMS, OR CAROLS from Public Schools.

Sincerely: _____

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November 13, 1989

ALOHA!

Sharon and I just got back from Hawaii where I attended the largest dental convention ever (27,000). We were offered some cancelled reservation tickets at a good discount and couldn't pass it up. That is why the family letter is later than usual this month. Sharon had most of the fun and relaxation but I got in two days worth after the meetings. We were gone 8 days. The kids did well for themselves while we were gone. Norman & Kevin processed the two deer by themselves (Norm & I each got a deer the week before). Jolana was the chief cook and even dipped chocolates and made pies, etc. Valina was the chief bottlewasher and house keeper while Josh stayed with a friend and got off real easy. It is now catch-up time for being gone for Sharon and I.

This month we've seen Darrin (Colissa's fiancee') home from his mission in London and yesterday was his report. They live in Almo, Idaho just south of Pomerell Ski Area. It was an excellent report - he worked really hard and had a very successful mission. We're proud of him - he will be a great addition to the family.

Colissa will probably get home Dec. 16th. Her wedding will be Dec. 27th at 8:30 a.m. in the Idaho Falls Temple. The reception will be held in Arco that evening. More details later. Darrin will go to Ricks in January.

David & Susan, thanks for volunteering to do the family letter next year. We were about to ask for a volunteer. So, in January send them to David.

Sheldon has not said anything yet about the Iron Curtain coming down but we're anxious to see what he experiences as a result.

We look forward to seeing many of you at DeVon's in a couple of weeks and around Christmas time too.

Our Love,

Warren & Family

Late Flash: Ken was ordained Bishop last Sunday.
Connie will learn the role of Mrs. Bishop.
Congratulations to both of you!

LONGHURST
Family Letter

December 1989

Dave & Susan

Dear Family,

As she approaches her first Birthday, Christina and all of us wish you a Very Merry Christmas. We hope your preparations for Christmas are fun and exciting and not so much routine and mundane.

It was good seeing most of you at Jered's Farewell on the 26th of Nov. As usual we didn't get time to visit with everyone, but we look forward to seeing you at the Family Christmas Party, and at Colissa's wedding.



As you remember, we volunteered to do the family letter for 1990, and we will do our best to make it a good one. With three of the "Best" programs available on computer; WordPerfect for word processing, Logitech's Paint Show Plus for graphics, and Ventura Publisher for desk-top publishing; we will be able to compile all the letters together, and take advantage of our new four inch Logitech scanner for putting whatever picture or graphic you might want to show along with your monthly letter (limit of one photo or graphic per month please). This is going to be a bit of work for us, but we want to do it for a better understanding of these programs.

If you send photos, please remember that they need to have good contrast, and be no wider than 4 inches. The graphics you send to us will be returned with the Family letter. Also, we can speed things up if we have your letters by the 5th day of each month. This means that they need to be in the mail no latter than the 1st day of the month; better put it in earlier if the 1st falls on a weekend, holiday, or your bad day. If your letter is received late, it may not show up until the following month's letter. If you could find it in your heart to write every month, the distent family members will have BIG SMILES, and if you could TYPE your letters, WE will process them with a BIG SMILE. Let's keep everyone SMILING...

With Love,

Dave, Susan & Kids

PS. The cost of the letter is **$9.00** per subscription. To renew a subscription for 1990 send **(1) Your Letter (2) Your Money (3) Your Address,** if it has changed, or does change.

ROTATING CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

(FAMILY GIFT)

Family	1989	1990	1991
Warren	Dan	Sandra	Loalyn
DeVon	Sandra	Loalyn	Sue
Catherine	Loalyn	Sue	Shelly
Karyn	Sue	Shelly	Glen
Connie	Shelly	Glen	DeVon
Dan	Glen	DeVon	David
Sandra	DeVon	David	Warren
Loalyn	David	Warren	Catherine
Sue	Warren	Catherine	Karyn
Shelly	Catherine	Karyn	Connie
Glen	Karyn	Connie	Dan
David	Connie	Dan	Sandra

Dear Family,

This is the last letter until the next decade begins! David has detailed 1990's letters very well. We too enjoyed seeing many of you at Jared's farewell which all was very nice. We made a little family outing of it, stayed over night in a motel, visited Temple Square and the festival and performance that Shelly was in. It is apparent that you enjoy it Shelley - thats good.

We succeeded in selling the house on Homer St. in Poc. but not without considerable loss. However, we are glad to have that overwith and out of the way.

Sheldon seems to be doing well, hasn't seen too many E. Germans where he is at, so the fall of the Iron Curtain really hasn't impacted him very much. He and his comp. both lost their bikes. Lock & chains were cut & bikes stolen. The death of communisim has really come on amazingly fast. With all the news coverage on it lately and the Revolt in Manila I've been listening carefully to the news since our missionaries are near both of these. Colissa is scheduled to have a 48hr lay over in Manilla on her way home and we are glad to now hear that things are quieter there.

Everyone is invited to all or any part of the following events regarding Colissa.

Sat Dec 16	4:25 PM	I.F. Airport scheduled arrival.
Sun Dec 17	10:00 AM	Sac. Mtg Missionary Report, Dinner after Meetings (at Home).
Wed Dec 27	8:30 AM	Wedding I.F. Temple. All-white, be there by 8:00. Brunch following for wedding party.
Wed Dec 27	7:00-10:00PM	Reception in Arco.

Anyone desiring sleeping accomodations in Arco, please let us know. We have willing friends in the ward with plenty of space available for all.

We appreciate all of you and your support to us. Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you. Since this will be our holiday greetings this year and some of you we will not see, may you know of our love to you and we wish you a Merry Christmas and joyfull holiday time, as well as health and success. Also thank you for supporting the family letter this last year.

LOVE, WARREN & FAMILY

December 1, 1989

Dear Family:

Just when I say there is nothing new, look what happens. Ken's new calling came as somewhat of a surprise. It will be a challenge, but it will also be a great growing experience for both of us. We are definitely becoming more involved with the ward. We will have to get used to being referred to as Bishop. It sounds so strange. We have already learned we will have to watch ourselves everywhere we go. We went to the movies with some friends last week. The theater was crowded and we were having a hard time finding four seats together. We finally found a side row with just four seats left. We asked the couple sitting on the isle seats if they were taken. They replied no, so we asked if we might sit there. The man said "Sure, we don't mind sitting by a bishop". We were stunned because neither of us knew who they were. They were from another ward in our stake and we had never met them. But somehow they knew who we were. I suppose we are in for a lot of new experiences.

It's December already! Can't believe it. Time to plan and get things in order for the big day(s). Shelly called me after the get-together at Jared's farewell. It seems everyone thought I could assist, since I volunteered. So I have come up with a menu and assignments for the Christmas party.

I tried to think of something that could be prepared with as little effort as possible, yet still be a nice dinner. I decided on lasagna. Every family will bring a pan of lasagna plus the other items listed below. The lasagna can be made ahead of time and frozen if you want. Then we will just warm it up. The church in Pocatello has been reserved from noon to 6:00 on Dec. 26th. We plan to eat at 1:00 ~~2:00~~. If your food needs to be warmed, have it there by ~~1:00~~ 12:00. The rest of the assignments are as follows:

Warren -	Lasagna, green salad, jello salad
DeVon -	Lasagna, vegetable plate, butter
Connie -	Lasagna, vegetable plate, jello salad
Sandra -	Lasagna, green salad, 2 loaves french bread
Loalyn -	Lasagna, cooked vegetable, paper plates
Shelly -	Lasagna, cooked vegetable, 2 loaves french bread
Glen -	Lasagna, jello salad, paper napkins
David -	Lasagna, green salad, 2 loaves french bread
Dad & April -	Lasagna, cooked vegetable, paper cups

For dessert, everyone bring some of your Holiday goodies.

If you didn't get an assignment it's because I didn't know if you would be coming. Please, everyone is welcome and invited. If you are not on the list, but can come, just bring something that will fit in. We will be glad to have you. Also, I was thinking it might be nice to have the children bring games that they can play with their cousins while the adults visit. I'm not sure who has the pinata, but whoever does will be in charge of that. We're looking forward to a nice time with all of you. For any who don't make it, you will be missed. (We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to be there. Ken will be doing tithing settlement and our plans will depend on how cooperative the ward members are in settling their affairs before Christmas.)

As Thanksgiving comes and goes and Christmas is on it's way, we reflect on all the things we have to be thankful for. Family is certainly high on the list. We are greatfull for what each of you contribute to our lives. We love you all.

Congratulations to the bride and groom to be. It will be nice to share in that. We send our greetings to the missionaries and to all of you. Have a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

Love, Connie + Ken

P.S. Would be fun to have a little program so if you wish come Prepared to Participate + Share anything you would like to.

Sharon

December 2, 1989

Dear Family,

We enjoyed the very newsy letters from each of you in November and apologize for ours not being there. I now can't even account for the time that seemed too busy to get one written.

David and Susan, we were impressed with the production level of your garden and must say a slight bit jealous because of our continued failures! Also, congratulations on baby #3! Thanks for volunteering to do the letter next year, also.

Shelly and Bryan, we are thinking of you this week with rehearsals and performances and juggling of schedules and the pressures that comes with it all. I wish we could be there to see you perform. In fact we have been feeling some sadness with all the things we will be missing this month.

Loalyn and George, sounds like things are going quite well for you; I often picture you and your house and the time we stayed with you, and how you must feel so closed in sometimes with need of more space! It's amazing what we can adjust to when we have to. Thanks for sending the items on morality, etc. I know it is such a source of frustration to see all the things that are out there tempting us and especially our kids and not knowing how to combat it other than in our own homes. One voice can have an effect.

Perrys--it's good to hear of your kids successes in school and your apple project that is funny now but probably not while it was going on! Wish our kids could spend some "cousin" time. We may have to arrange some swaps in the near future.

Connie and Ken, you didn't have much news until "press time" and then the front page story came out! Congratulations and condolences all at once. The Parkers were not surprised to hear the news and were very supportive in their comments. Do you still plan to go to Idaho for the holidays?

It was good to hear from you, Devon, and feel your spirit. We are very proud of Jered and wish we could have been to his farewell. Hopefully his example and Colissa and Sheldon's will help the other cousins in their goals.

Warren and Sharon, you probably needed very much your trip to Hawaii and it is neat you were able to go! After all the events coming up in the next month are over you will probably need to go again! How much we wish we could be there. Thanks for doing the letter this year - it has blessed us all.

Dad and April: sounds as though you are getting to do some things that you've wanted to do, of course along with the "have tos". It's hard to imagine all that snow so early in the season! It is getting down to freezing at night here and it is early for that too. April, as for your book you are missing, we have never borrowed it but I understand it is very good. The other book, THE ALLIANCE is Lonnie's which Lelah gave him while we were out there last summer. You may keep it on your shelf till we see you next or whatever is convenient.

Looks like I've used the whole page so I will have to spill over on to the next one to give an update on us. Earl has been

performing a double job at work since they detailed him to the Georgia Homeless program, and now that project is being transferred to the Community Programs dept. which is another gov. agency on another floor in the bldg. The people up there want him to come work for them since he is the expert in that area but have to create a position for him which is in the works now. His present bosses are fighting it and want him to stay, so they are fighting it out with gov. hoopla and red tape. He should know before Christmas what is happening to him.

Many of you know that Lonnie isn't living with us right now so here is his address if you would like to write to him. I believe some contact and encouragement from some extended family may ignite a spark in him some day. At the least it can't hurt. 1774 Halbro Dr. NE, Marietta, GA. 30062 c/o Derrick Foster. Greg is in the final phases of preparation to turn in his Eagle project for approval and is working hard and diligently at his grades, attending early-morning seminary, and generally being a good kid. Of course driving is a big incentive. Wendy is taking an interest in sewing and cross-stitching, is very creative in skits, etc. and has a lot of fun. Kami and Ashley are buddies with them in school together and on the same schedule. The girls are all very good school students and we are proud of them.

I received another calling this past month of Stake YW Sec. which will be a real change for me having never worked in this auxiliary. I figure it will be a good way to ease into the program since more than likely with 3 girls it will not be my only opportunity. It's Christmas concert season already so I've been involved on the music end with various programs. The Noonday Baptist Church has hired us again to perform with them so that will help financially a little.

As for basic things, we still have car trouble off and on and try to keep the old things alive. Earl gets quite tired of spending his Saturdays next to a jack. Now my 16+ yr. old dryer is refusing to heat except for when the door is open so he is fixing that today! It's always something, isn't it? We've had some bouts with colds, sore throats the past 2 weeks but everyone seems fine now. We are full into the Christmas season and mood with our tree up, carols playing, shopping, and making things; our hope is to take some of the last minute pressures off and relax a little more and contemplate and emphasize the true spirit of Christmas as a family by taking care of the material things early. This is my favorite time of year and enjoy everything about it. Thanksgiving: we had 23 people here (total) for dinner with 2 other families who helped with the food. It was very pleasant and rewarding. We will be having an elderly man who is all alone in our home for Christmas.

We will be thinking about each of you as you gather for the family events and hope you will know that we would like very much to be there. May you all have a joyous season and success in your endeavors. We will miss you all.

Love,
Karyn, Earl & family

December 25, 1989

Dear Family,

In the past few weeks I have had opportunity to reminisce much of the past, from childhood to retirement. Visiting people from all eras of my life, renewing friendships, comparing life's events and looking at the results of life's endeavors and decisions.

How greatful I am for all that life has afforded me. I see very little that I would do differently, or would wish for different results. Yes, of course experience would now add effectiveness in many circumstances, but unfortunately, or fortunately, part of our purpose here in life is to gain experience.

With all of that, I am very thankful for all of you, as I know your mother and April are also. It is my heartfelt wish that you accept not only this token of remembrance in the spirit in which it is given, but in the spirit of the lifelong endeavor of raising a noble posterity. I can truthfully say, and speak for my companions also, that we have done our best.

In my life long experience, I have found none other to have provided a better home and environment in which to raise a family. I say that in all thankfulness to the Lord for the guidance and inspiration provided, which in reading our patriarchal blessings find that promised, if we were faithful in keeping the commandments.

I now commend each of you in your accomplishments, in your faithfulness, and in your desires to fulfill life's purposes. May the coming years be fruitful and rewarding. May you also realize the rewards of joy in a noble posterity.

Love to all of you,

Another bit of my life story
Dear Family

In my childhood, I cannot remember any prompting for me to accomplish anything of significance, or be anyone of importance. I do not recall the mention of a mission, going to college, or even any importance placed on finishing high school.

As I look back, I can see that for those who were involved in my welfare, were not involved by choice, but as victims of circumstances. At best, it was only with hard work and their tolerance, that I was fed and clothed till I was old enough to go it on my own.

My first solo endeavor was at age 16. I joined the C.C.C., something similar to the Job Corps of today. It was required that one be 18 years old to join, but without any proof of my age in this country, I was able, by hook and crook, to get in . It was hard work ; pick and shovel, and lifting. Most other guys were two or three years older than I, but my attitude was, that I could do any thing that I had seen others do, and as things were, in that day, I felt I could make my way in the world.

After the 3 C's, I got experience truck gardening and trucking with my half brother Preston, cooking in a mining camp boarding house, and then working in the mine. From there in Colorado, my direction was to Utah and Idaho where I had more hard work experience in the beet and spud harvest,(which was then all done by hand).

It was then in 1938 after the harvest, that I was offered a job operating a milk plant for McOmber dairy. The McOmbers were a large family of mostly boys. They were mission and college oriented. I ran the milk plant ; they delivered milk and went to school. I worked for board and room, and a small wage.

Only a short time past till they suggested I get acquainted with the " Quinn girls". The youngest was my age. I had seen them and a lot of other girls at church. Well as I began going to mutual and ward dances etc., and enjoying being " the new kid in town", I did get acquainted with the bishops daughter, Rachel Quinn. That I guess was the first time anyone had prompted me toward a goal in life. At least it was the first I remember of.

Since that time I have enjoyed the promptings of the spirit in all I have been involved in. I have recognized the power of the holy ghost as I have made decisions, especially those of eternal consequence. I acknowledge the Lords hand in the being of our posterity, and in the direction received in raising and providing for them.

Now as further testament to this little part of my life story, and because some of you have expressed a desire for same, I am including copies of your mothers, and my patriarchal blessings.

As an interesting side note, your mother, having been called as a scribe for the patriarch, performed her first duty as such taking shorthand and transcribing my blessing.

You will note too, the patriarch was also my employer, the man who suggested I get acquainted with the " Quinn girls " one of them (then my wife) Rachel.

Love Dad



WILLIAM ALONZO HYDE

PATRIARCH

POCATELLO STAKE

Pocatello, Idaho March 27, 1931

A blessing given by Patriarch William Alonzo Hyde upon the head of

Rachael Irene Quinn,

daughter of James Alfred Quinn and Elizabeth (Inglestrom) Quinn, born September 9, 1921, at Pocatello, Idaho.

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Rachael Irene Quinn, it is a pleasure to bless thee and I pray that the Lord may indite this blessing so that it may be authoritative and binding and written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Thou art of the house and tribe of Ephraim and thou hast descended through a noble lineage, and as thou dost trace it back in future years thou shalt with pride discover that there are many noble names of people to whom thou art related. And in a way that we at present do not understand these names will be given to thee and thou shalt have the privilege of doing work for them in the Temple of the Lord, and thou shalt do work for thyself. There thou shalt make covenants and shall have blessings pronounced upon thee of which we may not now speak. And these shall be the means of sealing thee up to eternal life.

Thou shalt be blessed with a husband, and thou and he shall prosper and thou shalt establish a home that shall be a pride to thee, and many people shall come in at your door and sit by your table and partake of your bounty and their hearts shall be glad because of thy generosity.

I seal thee up against the power of the Tempter. He may coax and persuade but thou shalt always have the power within thee to say no, and he shall turn and flee from thee because thou dost stand firm in righteousness.

Generations after thee shall call thee blessed and thy name shall be remembered because of thy good works, and among the multitudes who come up before the throne of their Father to sing praises to Him thou shalt be found and thou shalt be glorified in the presence of the Father. Which I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Wm A Hyde

Approved



CALVIN DELOS McOMBER

PATRIARCH

POCATELLO STAKE

Pocatello, Idaho February 11, 1940

A blessing given by Patriarch Calvin Delos McOmber upon the head of Woodrow Wilson Longhurst
son of Warren Longhurst and Lavenia Moffett, born February 16, 1920, at Colonia Dublan, Chih. Mexico.

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Brother Woodrow Wilson Longhurst, by virtue of the Priesthood I bear, I place my hands upon your head and give unto you a Patriarchal Blessing that may be a comfort and a guide and an encouragement to you throughout your life.

I bless you that you may have health and strength in your body, that your mind may be alert and quick to percieve truth and right, and that you will be able to decern evil and error and that the Spirit of the Lord will be with you to guide and direct your footsteps; that you may order your lifes course in the way of righteousness and truth. Seek wisdom and knowledge out of books and heed the words of those who teach the Gospel truths, that they may become a part of your life and that you will not be led away from the straight and narrow path by the teachings of men that are in error and are seeking to thwart the purposes of the Lord, but that you may be able to understand the principles of the Gospel and the doctrines thereof; that they may become a part of your life; that each day you may be guided and directed by your understanding and knowledge of the truth.

The Lord has granted a choice spirit to you and if you are humble He will guide and direct you in the proper course, that you will be able to fulfill your lifes mission pleasing unto Him and to your own joy and happiness from righteous doing; that it will be a joy and a source of strength and power to you in all that you do. And I bless you that you may have wisdom, judgement, and understanding in your temperal affairs as well as your spiritual affairs; that you may be led and guided to do the things that shall be to your good and for the good of those who are dependant upon you; that when problems arise you shall have the proper understanding, that those problems may be overcome, that your attitude may be right and that in humility the Lord will bless and guide you through the various changes and scenes of your life.

And in as much as you expect soon to go to the Temple to recieve of the blessings therein, I blessyou that your mind may be keen and alert so that you may understand the Gospel truths that you will see and hear explained; that you may realize and appreciate your relationship to the Lord and His work; and that the beauties of the ordinances of His Holy House will be understood by you and that you will see and feel the importance of the work therein performed and that you will be led to appreciate the priviledge you have of going into the House of the Lord and entering into the Holy bonds of matrimony in the proper way and that your heart will be filled with joy in realizing that the Lord has priviledged you this great blessing, and that together with your companion, your home may be one of joy and harmony and love, that you may travel lifes road together successfully and that in your home may come blessings to you that will fill your heart with joy and that you will appreciate the priviledge of starting out in your lifes course in such a splended manner

...your life course in such a splendid manner.

I bless you that those spirits that our Father in Heaven may send to your home may be choice and that you may have wisdom and understanding in the performance of your duties and responsibilities in leading and directing them in their activities in life; and that as they develope into manhood and womanhood they may have a fervent and firm testimony of the truths of the Gospel; that they may bring honor and respect to your name and bring joy and happiness to your household, that through your teachings, word, and example, you may be a leader to them and to your associates here on earth.

Keep your life clean and pure in the sight of the Lord. Always uphold and sustain those who preside over you in the church, and through your testimony and sustaining efforts, the Lord will bless and strengthen you that your faith of the divinity of this work will be made manifest to you, that you will have a testimony that may be an encouragement to you and a stay throughout your life; and as each trial may come, your faith will not be wavered; that through your faith and humility He will strengthen you to rise above the things that may otherwise be a burden to you.

Lift your life onto the higher levels, and through faith and prayer live above the temptations of the evil power that you may enjoy a full life of the spirit of the Gospel so that the Lord will strengthen you and make you equal to your duties and responsibilities from day to day; and that as you journey through life, your faith and testimony will grow stronger and the Lord will manifest unto you His kindness and He will bless you abundantly with your companion and your children in your home, that it may be a place of righteousness and a sanctuary; that people entering into your home may rest in that spirit and rejoice in it with you.

And when you have finished your work on this life, you may recieve your reward in Heaven, that you may rise higher and higher in the kingdom of the Lord, and to this end I bless you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Calvin D. McEuber

Approved.

At this time of my life as I contemplate release as bishop, there are many thoughts go through my mind, not only of the good experiences of the last six years, but of all the choices I have made in life and the consequences of those decisions.

It is even frightening to think how narrow the line is that directs ones life. What would life have been like for me and my posterity had any one of those many decisions been different? In those reflections, I find much satisfaction. Although a long way from perfection in performance, I can honestly say, I followed the inspiration of the spirit every day of my life. Nothing has brought more joy and peace of mind, than having confirmation of what I felt to do. Not always did I fully realize how powerful that guidance was, nor how sensitive and reliant I was to it. At this point in time I do acknowledge and give thanks to my father in heaven for the companionship of that spirit.

Several times in my life even though I was very much in compliance with the spirit, I was inspired to make a complete change of direction. Yes even the small decisions in life make a difference, but those of which I speak were complete course changes. They made the difference of where I would locate, what I would do in life, who I would meet and marry and what we would accomplish in raising a family. Those directions are much easier to recognize as time goes on, especially in retrospect. I read my life like many examples in the scriptures, and marvel at the workings of the lord." In mysterious ways, his wonders to perform".

In my callling as Bishop, I have realized how difficult it is for we as mortals to travel lifes path in non compliance.

How great and obvious it is when an individual makes the decision to keep at first, mabe only one particular commandment. Then to see transformation to higher levels just as people of the scriptures did.

My what a fulfillment it has been in this time of my life to have served the past six years as bishop.

I have felt the joy with others, the true spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have watched the development of strong youth in the church, and the growth of individuals as they caught the vision of service.

I have witnessed the effects in the lives of those who have diligently strived to live the two great commandments to "love the Lord ", and to " love thy neighbor ".

I have seen the windows of heaven open to those who have resolved to live the law of tithing, and the blessings of health pronounced upon those who observe the " word of wisdom."

I have sorrowed with those who have erred, and mourned with those in the loss of loved ones.

I have prayed with many in times of need, and given thanks with all who rejoiced in the blessings of a kind and loving heavenly Father, especially in the advent of the new-borne.

I have renewed my covenants in the Lords house as I have joined with those to receive their own endowments, and have had the spirit bear witness there in, to the concerns of my stewardship for which I had petitioned.

I have truly felt the sustaining support of good and faithful people.

In this service, seldom have I wept for my own sadness, but constantly feel the tears of joy in the happiness of others.

Whether by a hand shake, in a smile, with a hug, or by the laying on of hands, I feel I have come to " know my flock".

No! We are not perfect, but I have had glimpses of what Enock must have felt, as I have served the good people in this ward.

Yes! my heart is full," my cup runeth over."

Of course with those feelings, it is with mixed emotions that I now feel I should spend time ministering with my posterity, who are now in great numbers, and look to me as patriarch of the family.

It is eminent there would be a change before long. The time seems to be right as for the status of the ward, and a particular urgency I feel towards my family.

My heartfelt thanks to all who I have had the privilege of serving under in the stake, but with special gratitude to you president Carlyle, for your inspiring leadership; for your council, understanding, and listening ear. The measure of your leadership is in the desire I have always had to," follow the council."