



Dear Friends,

Every Christmas you've received a glowing documentary on life at 1711 No. Lambert Lane written by the mother of the brood living at same. Please disregard these. This year, we children have formed a tribunal to give you the facts. Brace yourselves.

Daddy Hall (who claims to be the head of the family), has taken a one-year sabbatical leave of B.Y.U. and has broken all precedents by staying home! He comforted his two sons by making them co-partners in Provo Pressure Products Co., your friendly Utah pipestone dealer. Utah pipestone makes excellent peace pipes, and is, incidentally, useful in high pressure-high temperature research. Perhaps it was better that he stayed home, because he's been made the second counselor in the Pleasant View Ward bishopric.

Thanks to Daddy Hall, Mommy Hall was released from the Relief Society presidency so she could be a Trekker teacher; then she was put in charge of the R.S. bazaar. As usual, she is up to her ears (and back many years) in genealogy. If you know the name of Walker Langford's father, please contact her immediately. (Walker Langford is not unknown; he was the first man to operate a still in Clay County, Indiana.)

Thanks (?) to Daddy and Mommy Hall, Children Hall are still slaving away at their instruments every morning at 5:00. (If you don't believe us, just ask our neighbors.) Despite our best efforts, our music is becoming bearable. (Please don't ask neighbors about preceeding statement.) Our orchestra includes two violinists, a cellist, violist, three pianists, and a sour-note-detector..... Mother. Nancy is exempt, but she plays percussion with the furniture.

We two boys, being strong of body but unsound of mind, have been forced to do more and more of the (groan) manual labor about the house, including digging, lifting, lawn mowing, sweeping, snow shoveling, etc. Those five !*#@!!!#* girls get away with dishwashing, dusting, and mattress-testing.

Activities of the girls include, in order of descending age: Mirror-looking, date-going, bathroom-hogging, day-dreaming, letter-writing, radio-listening, candy-eating, fast-talking, hut-building, skip-roping, fist-fighting, and last, but not least, brother-teasing.

Aside from four or five major epidemics, we've had excellent health, and wish you the same. Whoops!

Yours Truly,

P.S. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
P.P.S. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Shirley Hall
Tracy Jr.
David R. Hall
Elizabeth Hall

Virginia Hall
Charlotte Hall
Nancy Hall

