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There's no other way, I guess. I never will get my Christmas cards out if I continue to write little personal notes, which I prefer to do.

We are still looking for those long lazy days that are supposed to accompany retirement. Ha! We seem to be getting busier and busier. It may just seem that way because we are slowing down physically and it takes us longer to do what we used to do expeditiously.

Tracy is teaching the High Priest class and loving it. I am the Genealogical consultant and do not seem to be good at setting fires under people to get their genealogy done.

I traveled to Arlington when Virginia had son #4, child #6 August 1, 1987. It was good to get reacquainted with her children. She has moved into a larger house and is doing extensive remodeling to get it as large as she wants it. It is incredible how much work Virginia can turn out, be Primary President, and take care of six kids. She must have some of my mother in her.

Liz in California has been doing much the same thing except not on such an extensive scale. They moved into a larger house, and she has been doing a lot of repapering, etc. Liz teaches part time--music--in a private school. They like what she is doing. She is also doing community and church music productions.

Charlotte and Bryan took off to Washington State (Snowhomish) and love it up there. They haven't settled down into a home yet as they are not quite sure what they will end up doing as far as Bryan's professional life is concerned. He is a Civil Engineer.

David has launched his own business and is working harder than ever. We are looking forward to him being the family millionaire. Karen, who finished her CPA a little over a year ago, is also involved in his business. She is a quite a gal. Not many women have the stick-to-it-iveness to get a CPA from the BYU business school at the same time she is raising five children, the oldest presently 14.

Sherlene and Dan are in the process of selling their White Plains home and finding another in New Jersey where Dan has been transferred. The kids are not quite sure they like the idea of moving.

Nancy is involved with Ida-Rose in a craft business (No, Ida-Rose isn't crafty just Nancy--with about six other craft-persons in a business in Payson, Utah. Why Payson, everyone asks us. Because Ida-Rose owns a little old house in Payson, that's why. We hope to break even next year.

Tracy Jr., with the blessing of his wife has quit Mega Diamond and is working towards having a business of his own. You can't say we are short on entrepreneurs. Maybe it will be Tracy who becomes a millionaire. Who knows.

This year marked the year when all the Halls left Mega Diamond. David still does some consulting, but that is the extent of Hall involvement there.

We mourn with those of you who mourn for loved ones at this time of year who have passed on. We know that it is hard even with the assurance the gospel brings of eternal happiness with them in the future.

May the Lord bless you all in the coming year, and may your Christmas be happy.

Love,