


*Tracy &
Ida-Rose
Hall's Brief
Christmas Time
Report of 1989 Activities*

Dear Friends and Relatives:

We were going to say that it's been a quiet year around the household, but find, on reflection, that Old Rockin' chair has not yet "got us." We are still weighted down by what seem to be "unfinished", "important" projects that still need to be done.

We also want our friends to know that Tracy, Sr. is not deceased, contrary to an article that appeared in "21st Century", Nov-Dec, 1989 issue: The article was headed: Cold Fusion Maverick: H Tracy Hall, Jr. Quoting Briefly: (to let you know that the Halls are still in there in Science and Technology trying to do the impossible.)

"Utah and Salt Lake City in particular, have become a hot bed for cold fusion research since the Fleischmann-Pons announcement. Although most of this research work is confined to university laboratories, there is at least one privately operated lab in Provo.

This lab is part of Novatek [Tracy Jr.'s brother David's business] and the individual who runs the show (in cold

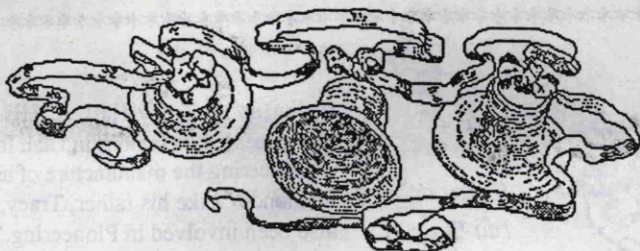
fusion) is H. Tracy Hall, Jr. His father, now deceased, is famous in Utah for work in pioneering the manufacture of artificial diamonds. Like his father, Tracy, Jr. has also been involved in Pioneering."

David is also president of Central Utah Tool, a precision machine shop specializing in complex EDM cutting and precision grinding. Tracy Jr. and David are both consultants in the applications of industrial diamond to such fields as oil well drilling, tunneling, cutting tools, nozzles, and other applications.

Tracy Sr., himself, still has an office at the BYU (retired since 1980) and is working in his own machine shop (H. Tracy Hall, Inc.) which is on Columbia Lane in Provo. He is currently building a new type of 200 ton cubic research press. He is also doing research to improve industrial diamond manufacturing. In general he spends his summers on his tree farm in Payson (20 miles south of Provo on I-15 exit 252), and winters doing science. He also spends about 10 hours a week doing the ward newspaper on his latest computer.

Tracy falls into the category: *The only difference between men and boys is the cost of their toys.* On the farm it's tractors and farm machinery, and at home it's computers of which we have four including the new top of the line Macintosh IICI.

Ida-Rose is still involved in the "Tulip Cottage", a hand-made gift shop located at 346 South, 100 West in Payson. It is still in the "hobby" category, but



threatens to make some money if she isn't careful. Does anyone want to retire and buy a thriving craft business in a nice country community, in a cute, old house on a busy street? She is home-making leader in the ward and feels guilty because she thinks that she is slighting her church duties and genealogical research on account of the store.

Nancy H. Mecham, our youngest, still has her Ceramic business at which she is very good. Her artistic ceramic creations are in demand.

Our traveling this year has been confined to a delightful visit to see our Charlotte H. & Bryan Weight family in Lake Oswego, Oregon, near the new Mormon Temple. While in the area, Tracy attended a horticultural show in Portland to learn more about growing Christmas trees. We will also travel to Arlington, Va. to spend the Christmas holidays with our Virginia H. & Barry Wood family in Arlington, VA and our Sherlene H. & Daniel Bartholomew family in Basking Ridge, NJ. Our Elizabeth and Martin Neil family, who live in Los Altos Hills, survived the San Francisco earthquake with little more than some shaking-up and fright, and we

are grateful for that. Even so, Liz's daughter, Emily, said that an actual wave rippled across the floor of their house.

Our older grandchildren are getting to College/Missionary age. We have a grandson, Huntington Tracy Hall, who left the Provo Missionary Training Center this morning (December 12th), to spend two years in Haiti. He is the first missionary from our children's children. Following closely on his heels is our grandson Daniel H. Bartholomew who will enter the Provo Missionary Training Center January 31st 1990. Following his training, he will spend two years in Guatemala. Zina (Tracy & Betsy's daughter) will be attending the BYU next semester and, before 1990 has passed, four additional grandchildren will pass the age of 18 years. The generations march on! We like the way our grandchildren are growing up. A tribute to the parenting of our children and their spouses!

We wish you all of the Season's choicest blessings, and may your new Year be a joyous one !

Tracy and Ida-Rose Hall
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