

Dear Family:

Sunday, April 19, 1992

We had a pleasant Easter. We took an idea from a talk that Elder Hanks gave at conference and had the children go outside with an empty plastic egg. They each found something that reminded them of Jesus and put it in their egg and shared it with the family. It was nice to hear their ideas and thoughts. Willis pulled a leaf off one of our Hasta plants in the front of our house. He said it reminded him of the things the people waved in front of Jesus when all the people were happy that he came on the donkey. Hyrum found the whitest flower he could. He said it was white like Jesus' spirit when it came out of His body. Hannah had found a "wishy wand" (dandelion). She said that everything on earth doesn't last, but will die. Jesus made it possible for us to be resurrected. Sarah's egg had a stone in it. The stone reminded her of the stone covering the sepulchre which was rolled away.

We read Matt 25-27 during the week as our family scripture study to remind us of the events preceding the Savior's death and resurrection. Today we read Matt 28, Luke 24 and parts of third Nephi. We're trying to read every night after dinner but only make it about half of the time due to track, soccer and baseball games and practices. We also have interruptions with violin lessons for Hannah, piano lessons for both girls and Sarah's MIA.

Hannah had a bad case of the flu this past week. She wasn't getting any better so I took her to the doctor. The doctor prescribed medication for a bronchial infection. She's finally getting some strength back. Hannah has been to one soccer game.

Sarah had her first track meet. She ran the 1500 meter race, the 100 meter dash and the first leg of the 400 meter relay. Sarah did not place in her individual events, but enjoys the social element. The meet features both boys & girls and 7th & 8th graders at the same meet.

Hyrum is into baseball. He is much improved over last year, but so are the other boys. He was fortunate to get two hits in his game yesterday. He likes being part of the team.

Bryan had two moles taken off his face last week. He did some engineering work for a friend of ours in the ward who is a plastic surgeon. The friend offered to barter services, (look in our kids ears etc.) and Bryan pointed to two bumps on his face and said, "Well, how about removing these?" Bryan will be wearing tape over the stitches for about two weeks. While we were in a store yesterday the checker saw the stitches and said, "What happened? Did your wife scratch you?"

I got fired from my job. I surveyed about 30 resumes for secretarial applicants and interviewed three. I had Bryan do a second interview with the three and we both agreed on the final candidate. She graduated with a BA in English last year. She works from 7am-12 noon. Bryan and Dean (the new engineer) send their reports to her in the morning over the phone. She has them proofread, printed and ready sign by 8:00 a.m. This has taken a big load off of Bryan's back. I'm relieved of phone duties.

Congratulations to Zina on her mission call! We're very excited for you. Welcome home Daniel!

Bryan, Charlotte & Kids

Dear Family:

June 23, 1992

Memorial day weekend our family went to Beverly Beach which is near Newport, Oregon. There were about 20 families from our ward who went on this "non-ward" camp out. This was the fourth year in a row we've gone. This camp out was the first time we haven't been rained out. We enjoyed sunshine and blue skies. The wind wasn't too bad in the afternoons. Willis (6 years now) is old enough that we didn't have to watch him all the time. Sarah (13 years) is getting old enough that she doesn't want us to watch her at all. Sarah and the other teenagers liked going down to the beach and having their own bonfire. We gave her an 11:00 p.m. curfew, but I checked out the company each night. Hannah, Hyrum and Willis all had friends to play with.

The kids closed out the school year with good grades. Sarah also won first place in the long jump in a track meet in May. She jumped just over 12 feet. Hannah (5th grade) was in a couple of school plays last spring. Hyrum had a great year in baseball. This year he finished the season batting just over a .400. (This includes base hits because of errors.) Last year he batted only .136. Willis learned how to ride a bike.

My business did exceptionally well in April and May. I had a manufacturing plant job. The plant had a major explosion. The damage was extensive and severe. The reconstruction is almost complete now. Business has slowed way down. I checked with some of my competitor friends and they say that work is very slow for them also. The engineer I hired in February of this year is concerned. I'm not ready to let him go. I am giving him all the work I can. We are accepting a lot of small jobs that involve engineering design. Hopefully, this coming week will be better.

Charlotte and I decided that we will not be attending the Young Family reunion. We have been married almost 15 years and have never taken a vacation that did not include a reunion. We are going to the San Juan Islands in July. The San Juan Islands are in Washington just south of Canada. Charlotte and I are going up this weekend to check it out and finalize our plans.

Charlotte is considering a master's degree program in education. She attended one of the local college's seminars. She found out that a masters program would be quite expensive and require a lot of time. She will wait until Willis is in the 2nd grade before making any final decisions. He starts 1st grade in the fall.

Hyrum took fourth place in the Pinewood derby. He did much better this year than last year. He had fun winning a few races.

Willis, Hyrum and Hannah are signed up for four weeks of swimming lessons. Sarah doesn't need any lessons. Hannah needs to work on her swimming technique. The boys like the water, but they lack confidence. Practice, practice, practice.

Love: Bryan, Charlotte, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum and Willis.

*We hope dad is feeling better after his
hernia operation. Bryan & Charlotte*