



December 1, 1993

Dear Family and Friends,

Willis just finished learning to play The Twelve Days of Christmas on the piano. He's really proud of himself and we're proud of him, too! (We're just grateful that there are only twelve days!!) He turned eight on Nov. 16th and he is looking forward to his baptism this Saturday.

Hyrum's school class is studying mixtures and he had an assignment to find the saturation point of a cup of tea. Last night he put 7 teaspoons of sugar in some herb tea. He drank about a third of the tea (a budding scientist who isn't afraid to try out his own experiments) but decided it was too saturated! He is a violinist in the elementary orchestra and has signed up to play in a youth basketball league.

Hannah tried out and won a part in the play "Twelve Angry Men" that the Jr. High is putting on in January. She just started voice lessons and is going to sing "The Little Drummer Boy" as a solo at a recital in a couple of weeks. She's in high demand with her younger brothers and the young children in the neighborhood because she hasn't lost that sense of imagination. I hope she never does!

The sweet jingle of car keys is every present on Sarah's mind. She has her driving permit and is forever looking for an opportunity to drive. She is in the Portland Symphonic Girl's Choir, a school choir and takes voice lessons. Her next few weeks are filled with performance dates. She wants to take piano lessons again and is doing some composing. She played on the freshman soccer team.

Bryan and Charlotte both turned an unmentionable age this past year and we figure it is all down hill from here! We'd like to put it all in neutral and coast the rest of the way out but we know that the kids will help keep us in over drive!! (We really wouldn't want it any other way!)

We hope all is well with all of you and wish you the best during this holiday season!! Much love,

Bryan, Charlotte, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum and Willis Weight



December 10, 1993

Dear Family,

Hannah turned into a teenager yesterday. She's a delightful daughter and we really enjoy her in our family. She scored well on some tests and brought home an excellent report card. We received some materials in the mail this past month from the school and the SAT organization. They asked her to take the SAT exam in January. We told her to do it if she wanted to, but to just do it for fun and not worry about the score. After all, she's only in 7th grade!!

We've all been sick with the flu. It's been one of those mean bugs that hangs on. We're all doing better now and are on the mend. Sarah missed her Portland Girl's Choir performance last Sunday due to illness. The choir has 3 other performances this season so she'll be able to sing at those events. She participated in a school choir performance yesterday and has her voice recital on Sunday.

Willis was baptized last Saturday. He was so excited before the baptism that he couldn't hold still. He was jumping around and running in the halls at the church. I played the piano and was glad to be able to hide behind it as I kept crying every time I looked at my sweet son all dressed in white and so excited to be baptized. Hyrum gave a talk on baptism without any notes. Willis' former CTR-A teacher gave a sweet prayer and the Bishop spoke. Afterwards we went to McDonalds for dinner and out for ice cream too. It was a nice evening.

We purchased a GM Safari Mini Van. It seats eight and has 4 wheel drive. It's nice to have a dependable vehicle--our station wagon was requiring too frequent repairs. Hopefully it will last us a long time!

Bryan and I attended a Holiday dinner for the Oregon Home Inspectors organization. It was held in "The River Queen" on the Willamette River and they served prime rib. We were on the lower level and could see boats traveling on the river. Some of the boats were decorated with Christmas lights. It was a fun night and it was nice to meet some of the people Bryan has talked about. Bryan received a plaque for his service as treasurer. He was elected to the board again this year.

The children want a white Christmas. They are dying for snow. The weather report says there may be small amounts of snow this weekend.

Thanks for your support of the Hallmanac! Every family participated each month. It has been a wonderful experience for me to hear news from each of you this past four months and hope we all continue to share our news with each other.  
Love, Charlotte