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The Hallmanack

Dear Family,

There have been changes for both Mark & Stephen in the missionfield this past month. Stephen has been transferred to a new town, Kurashiki (I think) and has a new companion. We got a fax from him last week with his new address. Mark wrote to tell us that he has a new greenie companion, Elder Hoffman. They have been teaching a man by the name of Bob Croft, former base guitarist with the Allman Brothers, and currently music producer for the Derrick Trucks band. I have no idea who these people are, but some teenagers seem to recognize those names. Mark says that there several music people living in his area i.e. Tom Petty and Leonard Skinnard.

Well this is the end of the term and report cards just came out. Would you believe that Michael had a 3.89 GPA for the term? Emily came in at about a 3.32, and Barbara received a good report from her teacher at parent teacher conference last week. Emily is in the middle of basketball tryouts this week. After the first tryout session, the coach asked Emily and another freshman to try out with the junior varsity and varsity teams the next day. Emily didn't like that experience. She found herself playing against girls much bigger and experienced than she is. The coach has told her that she has a spot on the sophomore team for sure. Today she should find out more.

At Novatek, they are still changing the press and doing runs. Yesterday, Nam was fixing the press along with Robert Gross, another employee. Something came loose and a large heavy part fell down and trapped Nam's arm. The injury seemed serious enough that Dad called the ambulance, and he was taken to the hospital. Nam called last night to tell us that his arm isn't broken, and he's going to be OK. Dad reports that the diamond he has made in the new press is getting rave reviews. Hycalog called to tell him that their tests show that it is twice as good as anything he has made at US Synthetic.

Yesterday I attended an all day seminar in Salt Lake about changes in the tax laws, the best seminar I have attended yet. It's good to rub shoulders with other tax preparers and fill up on good information in preparation for the new tax season.

Love from us all,

David & Karen & Family

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Bryan Weight Family--November, 1993
Dear Family,

It was great to hear from all of you!! Thanks for the packet of your writings Sherlene. It was fun to read the memories from Vly Road.

We celebrated Willis' eighth birthday this week. He had a group of 7 friends over. We had nice weather so Bryan took them all outside and played soccer, flag tag, etc. We ended with a outside treasure hunt. It was dark by that point so we had the hunt with flashlights and the boys thought that was great!! Willis will be baptized on Dec 4th. It's his month to be in charge of the lessons for home evening so he is giving them all on baptism.

I've been sewing a lot lately. I made a Gor-Tex coat for Bryan's dad for Christmas. Bryan's brothers and sisters chipped in to pay for the fabric (\$11/yard) and the supplies. I used a pattern that has a seamless sleeve design. I used seam sealer on all the seams and it should (better!!) be waterproof. He needed something waterproof to take with him backpacking in the Uintas.

I made a top and pants for Willis for his birthday out of a flannel backed, twill cotton fabric. It turned out really nicely and people say it looks store bought.

The Relief Society had D.I. dolls that needed to be cleaned up and dressed to be given out at Christmas time. I took one 14" doll and made three outfits and a quilt for her. It made me wish I had a little girl to sew doll clothes for!!

This morning I started a coat for Hannah. It is out of the Gor-Tex fabric also. Her coat is going to have a thermal interior where as the other one I made was just a lined shell. We've had such nice weather that I haven't been forced to get going on it. This morning, however, we had frost on the ground for the first time so I can't procrastinate any longer.

Our Japanese Maples are so pretty right now. They have such a bright, red leaf in the fall. I suspect that within a week the leaves will probably all be on the ground. Bryan's been busy with the rake the last two Saturdays. He's also been busy as ward mission leader. We have one young teenager and a family that will be baptized this coming month.

Hannah tried out and got a part in a play that the Jr. High is putting on. It's called "12 Angry Jurors". She is in a drama class at school. She also started singing lessons this month. We have received several glowing reports from her teachers at school.

Sarah, Willis, Hyrum and I sang a song in Relief Society yesterday. Hannah was ill and Bryan had to go to a regional meeting. Sarah sang a duet in church last month. She received so many compliments that she became embarrassed. She has a sweet, clear voice. She has school choir, Portland Girl's Choir, and voice teacher concerts and recitals coming up.

Hyrum is starting basketball soon. He played a spooky Halloween song on the keyboard last week at pack meeting.

We are still planning on coming to Utah for Christmas.

Love, Bryan, Charlotte and Family