

3 July, 1994

Dear Family,

First, Charlotte, sorry this is hand-written, but since I crashed the hard-drive on our computer, I'm afraid to turn it on. If you want to re-type, feel free.

We're back from a five day expedition to Pa., Ohio, and West Va. We were chasing down Cankle (Kunkel) grave stones and stumping grounds. We left the three older boys here! (Warren went out to BYU for a graphics course and had a great time getting acquainted with his cousins; Nathan stayed home to hold down his summer job at Wildbirds Club; and Jonathan went to Goshen Scout Camp.) We took the four youngest and managed to get by on one-room motel rentals for the nights we were gone. It was an interesting trip. We found lots of helpful people along the way. I'll leave it to Barry to elaborate on the Genealogical finds. Some of his 3rd and 4th g grandparents stones are quite eroded away. He's envisioning the time he'll have enough money to replace the markers. HEAR! HEAR!

- There's a noteworthy cause for business success!

HOORAY! The radio station might meet its July expenses - although we do need a new antenna that will set us back about \$7500. It's always something that puts a bit of a damper on what would otherwise be WILD REJOICING!

We have been blessed in lots of ways lately. We promised our rents at our little rental that we'd try to do something about the 40 yr. old kitchen with its original 40-ton sink, NO DISHWASHER, NO COUNTER SPACE, et well, having exhausted most of our loan monies we weren't sure how we were going to accomplish the promised renovations. Well, Barry got a call from a ward member who had a neighbor redoing her kitchen. She wanted to know if we knew ^{a charitable cause who} someone who needed a 6 yr old G.E dishwasher and a

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6 yr. old gas stove. YES! US! ⁽⁻³⁻⁾
It would be a great charitable effort.
So we got ~~the~~ beautifully maintained
appliances and my neighbor has
built all new cupboards and
counters from scratch and is
doing all the work for us at
"neighbor rates." We have been blessed.

Another blessing — I've been stewing
about what to do with Warren who
spends too much time in front of
video games. We had a client of
Barry's (and family friends) stay
at our house this weekend. When I
went to the plumbing store to get a
new tub-stopper I saw a help wanted
ad in the window. I asked the receptionist
what position was available and she
said it was a full-time position. Just
then, the owner came down with my
part. I explained I had a 15 yr. old
who needed part-time summer work
and didn't he need a stock-room help?

He nodded — told me to send

him in to see him and then ⁽⁴⁻⁾ told
him he could start working 20-25 hrs
a week on Tues.!

So — Nathan, Warren, and Jonathan
all have good summer jobs. Now —
what can I get for Roland ???

We have yet another nest of
house finches who have laid 4 eggs in
another of my porch hanging baskets.
The petunias are starting to look
quite deadful as I hate to disturb
the bird on her nest to water them.
She's chosen a real quiet? spot 4
ft. from the front door where 9
people go in and out and in and
out all day and night long.

I'm still R. Soc. Pres. I understand
(maybe just a big rumor) the Bishop is
working on #4. He needs to look at the
young, ENERGETIC sisters in our ward
instead of the older worn-out, weary ones
like ~~my~~ me! # Barry looks GREAT, having
lost 17 lbs working hard on the yard and biking
to work!
Love you all!
Ginger