

March 16, 1994

Dear Family,

Sarah's completely recovered from her appendicitis operation. She went back to school one week after surgery and was jogging two weeks afterwards. It was incredible to see how fast she bounced back. She sang at the district solo contest two week ago and the adjudicator gave her a 2. (A 1 is the highest score possible.) Most freshmen go as novices (where they sing but are not graded) but her voice teacher encouraged her to sing along with the upper class-men and she did really well. She sang a beautiful song that is titled "Where the Music Comes From". They printed her score in the high school bulletin and she received hugs and pats on the back at school. She has had 3 concerts with the Portland Symphonic Girls Choir this past month. They sang with the Portland Symphonic Adult Choir and also the Salem Boys Choir. They were invited to sing at a conference of choir teachers up in Tacoma, Washington last week.

Hannah finished up her basketball season last Monday. This is the first year she played and she has done really well. She guards well but is a little timid in the ball handling area. In the last quarter of the last game she made a basket and she was excited and we were excited for her. Her coach is the drama teacher at the Jr. High and he was a great coach. He is encouraging her to try out for track too. Hannah has been practicing the piano on her own almost every night. She doesn't take lessons but she enjoys sitting down and sight reading music. She used to just play songs from musicals or popular numbers but in the last few weeks she has been playing some classical music, too.

Hyrum finished up his basketball season this week also. His goal was to get someone to pass the ball to him so he could at least try to take a shot. In the last game the coach yelled from the sideline, "Give it to Hyrum!" So he got the ball and took a shot that made it about half way to the basket but he was still thrilled that he at least got to try for a shot. A friend of his got a new pair of roller blades so he gave his old ones to Hyrum. Hyrum has been playing street hockey with his friends and he really enjoys that. He celebrated his 11th birthday at the beginning of this month. We gave him a game for Sega and when he opened it he looked really confused because we don't have a Sega system. And then we told the children that we had a gift for all of them and we played hot and cold for them to find it. Of course they figured out what it must be and ran to find it.

Willis had a short speaking and singing part in a 2nd/3rd grade play. It was called "Charlotte's Web Revisited". It was really cute and Willis did a great job as a pig on Zucherman's farm. He likes playing Sega and is going to start baseball in a few weeks.

Sherlene, do you remember a Hans Fienhaur? He goes by John now. His family recently moved into our ward and we had them over for dinner the other night. He said he had a roommate named Hans, too. Anyway he remembered you from a BYU branch. The Fienhaur's are a really nice family. They have an 11 year old son who had a swimming accident and has severe handicaps. The Drs. don't have any hope for his recovery but the family is hopeful and the ward family goes into their home and helps them with patterning therapy each day. I've helped out three times with the therapy and have noticed improvement in his eye coordination and less stiffness in his limbs. He can't talk and has to breath and eat through tubes but the family believes that he can understand them. They bring him to Primary on a bed and this coming month he will be going to school for 1 1/2 hours a week.

We have spring break this coming week. We plan to go skiing with Bryan's cousin's family one day and hope to go on some hikes and take a trip to the beach. We have had beautiful 70 degree weather here this past week but the forecast doesn't look as great for spring break.

I took the Webelos on a hike to Silver Springs Falls last week. The trail took us behind some waterfalls and went beside a river. It was a beautiful hike! I went on another hike with some Relief Society sisters along the Clackamas river up to Bagby hot springs. There was snow on the ground in spots and when we arrived at the springs we changed into our bathing suits and walked on icy ground to the canoe shaped soak tubs. The hot water felt wonderful!! There was a man in a circular tub adjacent to ours that didn't bother to wear his suit. He invited us to join him. We declined and then teased the R.S. president about how she was going to explain this activity to the bishop.

Bryan got a flat-top hair cut. The boys call it a buzz. He told the barber that he had it cut like this in high school and lost a girl friend over it. I thought I might ship him out to sea for 3 months!! No, really it doesn't look that bad.

Well, that's all from here.

Love, Charlotte, Bryan and kids

*P.S. Be sure to send me any
Changes in missionary addresses!
Thanks!*