

May 17, 1995--Bryan Weight family letter

Dear Family,

Sorry I'm so late getting out the Hallmanac this month.

I sewed 50 sock doll dresses this week for a humanitarian Relief Society Project. They had to be done according to instructions from Salt Lake or they would not be accepted. I would have constructed the dresses differently just for the ease in sewing. They wanted the armholes cut and then zigzagged after the dress was all finished. I made buttonholes for the armholes instead (all 100 of them!!) and then cut them. I would have done the buttonholes and sewed on the lace while the fabric was flat but their instructions had you put those on when the little dress was in a circle. Ahhh!! (Now I've done all this complaining I've probably lost all the blessings!) I hope they will accept my buttonhole arms. They said if they were not done according to instructions they would sell them instead of sending them to the poor. (Like the poor are going to care if I buttonholed the arm holes instead of cutting them first and then zigzagging them!!)

I'm in the middle of making two prom dresses--one for Sarah and the other for one of her friends. Sarah's is made out of a pretty bluish purple light weight satin like material. It has a sweetheart neckline and a flared long skirt. The sleeves are chiffon. It's a beautiful color on her. She tried it on last night and it fit perfectly. When she took it off she accidentally rubbed the bodice part against her face and got some makeup on it. I hope I can get it out without ruining it! I have enough fabric left over to make a new bodice but I dread the thought of redoing that neckline. The other dress is made out of a pretty peach colored crepe-backed satin. It has long chiffon sleeves that come to a point over the hand. The prom is Saturday so I have three days to finish these up and then I have a week to make Hannah's 8th grade graduation dress!!

I wish I could come see you in your play Virginia. You have such a beautiful voice!! I also want to attend Barry's azalea and rhodies Barbecue some day.

I enjoyed your essay Zina! Congratulations on your prize.

Did I tell you about how we were able to see Mary when she came home from her mission? She had a stopover in Portland and so I pulled the kids out of school and we went and visited with her for a little bit. She looks so beautiful. I cried when I saw her come up the stairs and give her grandfather Huntington a hug. Such a lovely young niece who was willing to give of her time to serve a mission. Mary was so sweet with the children. She sang them a song in Japanese and they asked her how to say a lot of different words and what she ate and etc. It was a great time!! We were hoping that Steven would have a layover in Portland so we could see him too, but his flight went through California. We look forward to seeing everyone in November!!

I was asked to give a talk on Mother's day. I really didn't want to do it. The brother who was the other speaker is a really spiritual man and I knew what kind of talk he was going to give so I decided to talk about the lighter or more realistic side of motherhood. I told the congregation that I thought about giving a talk about my own sweet Mom but that I decided to give a NO GUILT talk instead (since Mom is so perfect!!). I started out with the first scripture in the Bible about motherhood. The one where the Lord tells Eve that he will greatly multiply her sorrow and her conception and in sorrow she will bring forth children. Then I spelled out the word mother. M was for muddy feet, messy house. O was for over worked and overweight and so on. The biggest laugh of the day came from the letter H--hot flashes and hysterectomy. The talk really wasn't as bad as it may sound here. I did go back to Genesis and read the scripture that the ground was cursed for our own sakes and I ended with a tribute to Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum and Willis.

Bryan's work has been a lot slower than usual. Housing sales are about 30% off this spring for some reason. He had a few dead beat clients whom he thought would never come through with their payments but surprisingly they did this month. One was almost 8 months late with his payment. We had some big bills from the accountant, car insurance and Sarah's final Italy trip payment. The Lord has really blessed us to be able to meet all the extra bills in spite of Bryan's low work load. Things always seem to work out.

That's all from here.

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