

December Hallmanack 1990:

I did write an October Hallmanack, but didn't get it mailed, and don't ask me what happened in November. Sherlene's letter covers our trip to the East so I won't talk much about that except to say that there is no shortage of energy in Virginia and Sherlene. They wear me out just watching them.

For those who don't know from phone conversations, I sold the Tulip Cottage as of Oct 1, 1990. I miss the gals and the fun of the business, but I sure don't miss the pressure. What I like about the deal is that I have now sold the property and the business and have it off my back. I gave my partner a good deal so that she couldn't resist buying it, and fortunately got her husband to go along with her. She will pay it off in two years at 10%. The business will go on and probably prosper more now it is established, and best of all all those young girls can earn a little money to help out at home.

Dad said he heard a short on TV about two school teachers who quit teaching to be with their kids. They both took up crafts and soon found they were making more at the crafts than they had at teaching, and they were at home with their kids.

We spent Thanksgiving at Liz's and it was a wonderful time. Emily is like Liz was at her age--she plays the piano and sings a lot--it was almost like the old days. John is a hoot. He's going to be the comedian of the family. Marty is working too hard, probably, but I guess it comes with the territory. He had a miserable cold while we were there but just kept on going. Erin is getting very good on the violin. We expect really great music by next year.

Liz handled Thanksgiving as if it were an evening snack and everything was beautiful. All my girls are very artistic, and they didn't get that from me.

We stayed the weekend after Thanksgiving so we could watch Liz lead her Los Altos choir as they practiced for their Christmas concert. She's very good and works well with her choir members. Dad and I popped all our buttons watching her.

In spite of the good weather down there we had a hard time getting warm. Probably because of the damper climate. It is surely beautiful in that area.

Well, so far (date Dec 3) there has not been a major earthquake in Mo. Hope it doesn't change it's mind and come here.

Dad has decided he definitely wants to have an orchestra at our 50th. We'll get someone to cater it. What we will need to do is decide on the date. If the family wants to bring all the kids and have a family reunion in conjunction with the anniversary, we could have the reunion just before the kids had to go into school so only one trip would be involved, then after the time of the family reunion, we could have the anniversary party at the Ward so you children could be here for it and still get home in time to get the kids in school. Someone suggested an old fashioned soda bar at the reunion. We're open for any suggestions. The important thing is to have our family around us at the time. I loved what you did with the 40th. (thought we wouldn't make it to the 50th, eh? Well maybe we won't. who knows?) You all wrote remembrances about your childhood and how we treasure those letters.

Virginia is using her mega money to finish her rooms on the first floor and get the furnace fixed. She has consented to have a friend have their daughter's wedding in their home on the 29th. Well, deadlines do get things done. Don't have a miscarriage this time, Virginia.

For the Provo families, we will have the family party on Friday the 14th of December before the college kids go home if that is ok with all of you. I am wondering whether to take you all to Chuckarama again or to have everybody go together and cook it at home. Please let me know if the 14th is not good. I haven't checked the basketball schedule yet.

Daniel and Tracy: Have you received those BOMS yet. You should have each received 25 of them from me with our testimony in by now. Please let me know.

Grandmother Hall