

June Hallmanack: June 12, 1990

Dear Loved ones:

I guess the news of the month is that the court hearing for Mega Stockholders vs Smith International was held last weds and Thursday. They did not finish the hearing so there will be another day and a half held this Thurs and Friday. Tracy and I have gone to them. Tracy and Betsy showed up the first day as did Doug and Nancy for "sympathy" (poor little stock holders vs the big bad wolf.) Tracy and Betsy brought all their loose kids. The interested audience the second day diluted to Tracy and I and Tracy Jr. It was nice to have Tracy there as his legal begal mind was a help to mine in translating the legal language into something that made sense.

From my debating days in High School I would have wished that our lawyers presented their case as: This is our complaint and it is proved by 1) 2) 3), etc. and in presenting our case showing the judge that if our case is true the other side's case has got to be wrong, and not spend so much time disputing their arguments. Mine not to reason why. As is obvious, I'm no legal beagle.

At the close of the 2nd day when the judge issued a continuance, he told the lawyers exactly how he was leaning--and it was decidedly to our side of the case. Judge Anderson is an older judge, and I understand he is under a lot of pressure because his wife is suffering a terminal illness. He is alerg and smart, however, and has a knack (to my way of thinking) of getting to the nub of the argument. I hope we win. We should, it all hangs on article F in the contract, and as the judge pointed out himself: ABCD&E were on a calender year basis--why shouldn't F be. Also since all the milestones had a "ending" of 1990--how can Smith justify putting the payment off into the wide blue yonder? Believe me--it is not like the trials on T.V. I had a hard time staying awake. They owe us almost 2 million dollars and I hope we collect it.

Dwayne says this Judge is known for compromise. He didn't use that word--but it means he gives some concessions to one side and others to the other if that is the way he sees it. There is no jury--the trial is a "bench" trial. I would like to have heard Barry trying this case--I'll bet he would get down to the nitty gritty. Tracy thinks our lawyer knows what he is doing, though. I hope so.

We are out to the farm, and I have moved my computer out here so I can do things when it is too hot to work outside.

We have had an interesting May and June, weatherwise. May was cooler than April, generally speaking. This week we have already had 1 5/8 inches of rain. Those prayers for water are getting answered. The rain has made our Payson mountains green and verdent. We do live in a beautiful world.

Dad has decided that the answer to keeping the weeds down in the trees is to cut them down. He has a cutter on one of the tractors, but it is too wide to use in the south planting of Christmas trees. (the area we will sell first). So today he went out and got himself a Kobota rotary riding lawn mower. It can also be fitted to be used as a snowblower etc. He is thrilled with it's performance. He was able to mow the back and front lawn (mostly) and the south planting, but it is still too muddy to get into the north planted trees, which are getting smothered (good or bad?) by the weeds.

Did I say "Thank you" for all your mother day presents. I think I wrote the May letter

after mother's day.

Update on "the cats". I don't know what has happened to the kitten. That mother cat either has "lost" it or has it so well hidden, I can't find him. She's ungrateful. I spent \$10 getting that kitten a shot besides some medicine for his eyes, which I could use only twice before she hid him so well I can't find him. Our cat is fine now--sweet as ever, and seems to have suffered no long term problems from his bout with the fertilizer.

The Tulip cottage did very well in May (Mother's day). I think I mentioned that, too. Not quite as good as the day before Christmas, but almost.

Tracy and Daniel: We remember you in our prayers. Tracy I need to get Brother Harrison to translate a message to put in the BOMs we are going to send you (for your past birthday) so don't give up.

Daniel: Instead of sending you books for when you get home, we will send you some BOMs, too. Your birthday present, too. (Jan?????????????) Talk about looking forward.

Our ward BOM on a Mission person has already got a Spanish translation of our message.

Go Get 'Em!

Grandmother Hall

Note: I don't know how to fix this letter. No matter how I fix it, the spacing between paragraphs prints out wrong. Rats.

Shè Zanmi:

Liv Mòmòn-sa kapab vin-n liv-la kipi impòtan passé nimpot lot liv ou gin tem li deja. L'ava reponn tout kestionyo ke péutet ou tap mandé tet out tout lavie-ou. Ou pral wé ke lè ou li liv-sa avec lapriè, ou ap vin-n koné plus Bib-la se laverité e ou ap vin-n plus kwe nan Jésus Kris.

Nou koné ke liv Mormon-an sé parol Bondieu.
E sé memn jen ou kap vin-n koné too.

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