

June Hallmanac, 1991 - ~~19~~ June 13

Dear Friends and Family:

of course the big news of the day is that we will soon have another Hall in the mission field. Greg has received his call to Houston, Spanish speaking. He will go into the mission home in August so we expect to have a visit from the Neils about that time. The timing will be such that he will be able to get back into the Y fall quarter after his release but that is probably last on his list of priorities at this time. Greg, I hope you are as pleased as I am about your call. Remember that the in the Book of Mormon the Lord says that there will be none come to this land that have not been led by his hand. There is more of the blood of Israel here than probably any one other place. Besides, although large American cities are no models of safety, nevertheless it somehow seems safer to have him a little closer than say, Guatemala or Haiti. However, LDS missionaries have been going to places that are not exactly safe every since 1830, so I guess the missionary just puts himself in the hands of the Lord and plunges into the work. He'll be a good missionary. The Hall great-uncles Donald and Wendell who went to Spanish speaking lands will welcome him into the fold, and if the Hall (Not Langford) ability to learn languages comes to the front he will get along just great.

We have had the strangest May in the history of my Memory. There have in the past been times when we would have a snowstorm in May or June or a week of so of cool and wet weather--but a MONTH? However, as Liz stated in her last Hallmanack their visiting conference authority said that the "Lord would temper the climate" and that has surely been true of Utah's May. It has done wonders for the water shortage, and everything including the pollens are lush.

I guess you all know that Dad (especially) and I have had also a couple of months of not-so-hot health. I have been very worried about Dad but the Dr. isn't as worried as I am and says he hopes to get him back to his normal blood pressure. I hope so. I don't like what he's showing on the pressure machines presently. We had Pres Hansen and Bishop Finlayson come and give him a Priesthood blessing on June 2 and the following week with one or two exceptions was extremely good. We are doing what we can to help--strangely enough, he seems to do the best when he is working on the farm. It is 86 degrees outside today, so I hope he has sense enough to stay in out of the heat. He can stand cold better than heat.

I have had a rotten cold that would not go away-(It is, finally). But members of the family have been really good at helping us get our garden in and other assundry tasks that have been hard for us in our state of incapacitation.

Stephen and Michael came and built a fence across the front of the car port extension, which did much to hide the junk I stash there. I couldn't stand it any more, and hired our local carpenter-member, bro Paxman to come and finish the deck outside our living room window. It looks the same, but it feels one hundred per cent better. He beefed up the extensions of the living room floor framing which extended to make the deck and put new decking and railings on. I tried (in the rain) to get the boards stained as fast as he put them up, but the final board didn't get stained, so I still have some finish staining to do.

Where I had the strawberries, we were going to put in concrete. (I still wish we had), but it is in cantaloupe. Since our season is late, and if our fall is equally late, maybe you can all enjoy some home-grown canteloupe at our 50th wedding anniversary, sept 24th.

Barbara was baptised by her father on May 9th and Chelsie was baptised last Saturday, June 8th by her father. Both Mothers gave talks. In Nancy's ward it is possible to have a family baptism arranged, and that was what Nancy did. Grandfather Hall confirmed her. Doug and Nancy are trying their best to get ready to go to the temple this year, and we are very proud of their efforts. It was especially nice for Chelsey to have her Dad do the baptising.

for the records, Hyrum was baptised in March and if you haven't added his date

to your family group sheets, get the last Hallmanack out. It's amazing to me how the present generation take to computers like a duck to water. David has given me this IBM compatible and I have taken two courses--one on word perfect and one on the PAF program and I still have a hard time. Who says an old dog can't learn new tricks? I'm the prime example of that.

Dan is here getting into his new job. Sherlene is at home trying to sell the house. Her enclosed letter will tell you all about that. I still haven't decided how much of the five page letter to include in this Hallmanack. She rationalizes by saying two is about the family and only two is the Hallmanack,

Tracy, I wish once a month instead of writing to your family, you would write to me--then the whole family would get some news about you. Your folks always instend to get something to me, but you know how that goes--time just flies.

David has moved his Novatek into a new building (across the street, North). Zina and Mary are touring the US and I did get a card from them after their car broke down and before they went up to Sherlene's. I suspect they will be home before long.

David and Dad and some of David's kids decorated the graves this decoration day. I still didn't feel well enough to go, and it was still threatening to rain. All of you in the family should make that trek someday. Maybe we should even extend it up to Malad where Sarah Langford (fielding's wife) is buried. We went there once but did not find the grave.

You missionaries are going to be surprised when you get home and find how much your cousins have grown--before long they'll all be starting families of their own and we will be pushing up the daisies.

By the way--Phillip Snell, the husband of Vera Langford Snell, my father;s last living sister died in May. Heart attack. I must get up and talk to her, as she is the last living member of Dad's immediate family.

We love you all

Mom and Dad Hall

P.S. June 13th.
Virginia just called & said Jonathan was in a
bicycle - Car accident. Jonathan & 4 other bicyclists
were coming down a cul-de-sac & a 20 yr old girl in
a car came around a curve, neither could stop
in time. Jonathan was thrown into her windshield
& the bike thrown quite a distance. She bike was
totaled. Fortunately Jonathan was wearing a helmet.
It was badly dented. He might have been killed
otherwise. None of other boys involved. He was taken
to hospital & Xrayed. He's fine. He'll be stiff
tomorrow. Virginia said she had visions of a
bleeding Jonathan - having to give CPR & other visions
of disaster. There were police cars - fire engines &
(I guess) ambulances. TAKE NOTE, all of you who ride
motorcycles & bicycles. Wear your helmet. Jonathan
was the only boy with a helmet on.
Mom Hall