

Subj: Waiting for sunshine . . .
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Hi, Virginia! (And the rest of you Halls)

I just got a note from Jean Larsen (Dan's sister), thanking me for sending on the Muller piece you sent. She teaches the Gospel Doctrine class in her ward, so I'm sure will be happy to get anything you put on the internet about upcoming lessons or any other ideas/questions you want to share. So keep us advised!

How did your lesson go? I wish I could have heard it--I'll bet it was terrific. 'Hope all is well there. It has been SNOWING here all day!--wet stuff that seems to be melting as fast as it comes down. Anyway, I had a zillion errands to run, including getting our NJ rental lease signed, notarized, and mailed, now that they've signed it for the next two years--but I'm putting it off a day, hoping the weather will get better. Dan found out, in talking with the Heidefors (our renters) the other day, that they are Swedish, not Dutch, as the realtor told us. So it was fun for him to tell them about my Swedish ancestry. Anyway, I've read accounts about how neat Hans Nadrian Chlarson was--must be in the Swedish mentality. Paula Heidefors is immaculate, from all I've heard, so we're lucky to have them for another two years--especially now that we're getting a better rent. From all reports, the landscapers we've hired to tend the yard there have done a beautiful job--he told Dan that ours is his most beautiful yard, which makes us think he likes taking care of it. Maybe we'll get to see it this spring.

Helen and Tracy dropped by yesterday for a chat, as did Laura and Brandon (who unfortunately left just before T&H came). Diane and Daniel were already here, so we had a fun time chatting--hasn't been that much noise and laughter around here in a long time. Did you all see that BYU printout about

the foundation Helen's parents have established to support scientific research? Great photo of her folks--and nice write-up about the latest winners of their grants (this program was first established by Helen's grandfather, Willard Gardner, and I think Helen should tell you about this before I get it all wrong. Anyway, I sent Helen an e-mail about it, and she hadn't seen it--now if I can just find what stack I "filed" it in! :)

Diane and Daniel look pretty snookered to me, though anytime I joke about anything IMPORTANT, D. tells me these things take LOTS OF TIME, so not to get any ideas. So I don't got no ideas, and I didn't say nuttin--did I?

Daniel just accepted a job working all night long, 20 hours a week, M-T night and W-Th night at a care center (they invited him to study while he works--he's just sort of a guard at the door, nights). Doesn't sound too healthy, but he was not to be dissuaded. I think he thinks he's going to keep telemarketing, too (it has not provided the number of hours first promised--they'll call off work any time it looks like there's a Jazz game or holiday or any other reason people might not answer phones). We're worried that he's getting over-extended again--but there's no talking him out of it. He's doing very well on his class exams--says his profs talk very positively about getting him into the grad. program.

Brandon's cast comes off in a week and a half--he can hardly wait. His swelling has just about gone down to normal and most of the discoloration has gone away--a big relief. Our future grandson is keeping Laura awake nights--she's a pretty tired Mama, but a happy one.

Our neighbor recommended her gardener to us, so we had him trim all our trees last week. He only charges \$10 an hour and is a real professional--a Mexican, trying to earn money to bring his family here. He did such a beautiful job with our trees--they look so much better. He's coming back to finish the rose bushes, so is not quite done. Anyway, I got all the limbs/branches cleaned up from the front yard, but still have the whole back and sides of the house to do--what a job, but it's one way to

get some sunshine and exercise--let's hope we get some sunshine again soon.

Besides having an artistic sense, beautifying trees, this man used to do all the surrounding orchards--our neighbor says he knows how to coax the best fruit out of the trees--so we're anxious to see if we'll

FINALLY get a crop this time around. He doesn't speak English at all,

but our neighbor is also from Mexico (husband here as a physics prof.), so she comes over and interprets for us, when needed (since Daniel is never around). Dan wanted him to chop down two old apple trees that have produced nothing, but he coaxed us to let him have a go at them--thinks they'll yet produce good fruit. Anyway, Mom, I'm sorry we didn't come Sat., as planned (he said he'd do Mom's rose bushes, too). He comes to our yard as a side job, after work, and he didn't get here Saturday until it was too late to make it to your place before dark. But we haven't forgotten you.

I got 5 tubes ready Sat. to mail to Hall cousins I've met over the internet--they're just waiting to be weighed and mailed (another trip I'm not taking today).

They're stuffed with family groups, photos, and other data, along with the photocopy of the Wm. I will. I feel like I'm delivering Easter baskets early--

my idea of EXCITING stuff to share. As I told Tracy and Helen, my latest "find" is that descendants of our Anthony Hall's sister Elizabeth Keyes joined

the Church. I met Karl Czirr over the internet, and he finally figured out that we're

LDS, too, and put me in touch with his parents who live in Mapleton. I'm curious

to find out how they came into the Church. I just found out, transcribing Rev.

War pension witness testimony, that Wm. II, brother of Anthony, was a Baptist

at age 95. Another 90 yr. old living cousin, Margaret Adams, is writing me snail-mail from Lawrenceville, NJ. Her family (some wives, too) are professors and

deans at Yale, Stanford, and Princeton--also at Princeton's Theological

Seminary.

She also has a lot of ministers in the family--both Episcopalian and Presbyterian.

I wonder what Hannah and William I would have thought about all this. I told

her to tell her son (Dean of Philosophy Dept. at Yale) that he should arrange for me

to get my PhD via the internet, with my dissertation about how Malachi's

philosophy

about the "Elijah syndrome" has affected the search for our joint ancestors. :)

I managed to resist telling her the raucous details found in early New Haven court

records about my ancestors who helped settle that place and establish Yale

in the

first place.

Dan got his stitches out and, with that, did not miss one of his MWF basketball

sessions. We went to his departmental social last week--it was a Hawaiaa

Luau, so I borrowed costumes from a friend of mine who is married to a Polynesian. It was fun to see Dan with flowers plastered all his shirt, but he

drew the line at wearing casual pants and shoes that I picked for the outfit. It

was a very pleasant evening--we sat by a couple who have served EIGHT late-life

missions, if you can believe. Great food, people, and entertainment. There are some great pluses to working at BYU, and we left feeling glad to still be here--

sure beats the kind of events they used to hold at AT&T.

Dan and I both got the fever last week and went out separately to buy garden

seeds--

so we told Laura and Brandon we've got lots for them to plant, too (ho!).

And

that's all the news from here. 'Still looking forward to Jonathan's call!
Love, Sherlene

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