

[April 18, 1982]

I realize I don't tell you about Beth Ann Jonsson. She ^{always} ^{is} ^{full} ^{of} ^{surprises}. Jonssons are handling it! ^{beautifully}. You would be proud of Helen. She didn't panic!
Dearest Hallo, I've been thinking about you often and decided finally to do something about it. We got a little news of you here and there and it sounds like you are up to your usual good. I knew your naturalness and your ability to work hard and accept. Well, I will hold you in good stead.

It seems like just a short time since you left - but I know since I have been back at work that time goes much faster than it seems and that a lot has happened since you left. I feel so bad about Walt Mellors fall. It seems like he and El have really had some trials with their physical well being. I just called Helen to get an up to date report and she said they decided his neck is not broken, but he is bruised and very sore. Can you imagine - 87 and climbing up in the trees pruning. They are special people and I hope all is well with them. The Hartupons and Bullocks seem to be doing O.K. I think it was especially hard on Merla as she found her Mom and they have been so close since Merla quit working. Of course all the Hartupons loved their grandma so. It was hard for all of them - But what a wonderful way to go - In your own home, still taking care of yourself and so quickly. They will miss her. I understand Mel would like to buy the home, but I don't know how that will work out. Jeff has his mission call and is going to Timpaa Tiwan (Rich's mission). They all seem very pleased and excited about that. Jack Salbutie is also excited about his call to Sweden. David's call should come this week. He scored very well (150) on his language test so we kinda of expect a foreign mission - but?!!? Who knows. He has been such a delight these past few months. I have really enjoyed him. We all had mixed emotions about the 18 month missions but know will just have to do two years work in that time. Maurel Williams is going to pick up Reed (with Jill) and I understand Jim Harris will meet David in Germany. Brad Chapman will also be here in about 3 weeks and I understand David Waters will be home in June. Of course Kent Goble is home and looks great! Alice has also lost a lot of weight and looks good. Jim and Dave are doing a little yard work for Mel and her husband. I guess

he recently bought Trully Square and is going to renovate it and build a hotel on the premises. Not bad for such a young guy. We appreciate them giving our kids some work. Jim is working 12 hrs a week for BYU - but will still have some time to work for them too. Shanna still manages Hellmarks - Bob is still working for the 7 and Sharon loves being in charge of the Apple Computer for Dr Hammond. She has a mind a lot like her dad and loves the computer. Al is well with them - Bob will graduate in Dec and Jam a year from now. He is doing well and plans to take a Masters in Organizational Behavior. Bob is in computer design. Doug is doing his Masters Internship for Murray City. They seem to like him and he enjoys his work. He is finding that \$500 a month doesn't leave much after tuition and rent. But he's doing it. He lives with two return missionaries and neither one of them are active. However I think he has got one going to church with him - he doesn't hold out much hope for the other one. This week another guy moved in who is not a member - but taking the discussions. Doug says he doesn't have to say much because the new guy is so excited about the discussions. It gave Doug a chance to take Cory (his roommate) aside and tell him that it was up to them to see that their new roommate responded to the teachings of the church through their example. Cory responded positively - so - Doug has his feet on the ground and has a lot of charisma. I hope he finds a good woman before he has to leave happy valley. No grand babies on the way yet. But with a few medical problems out of the way we think another year will see a change. I say that because they both all want that.

Oswald explorers took second place in Basketball at the district Championship. They were beat by a very good team from Lehi by 2 points. Elaine Duke has had a rough year and is fighting some depression and discouragement. She recently had a hysterectomy - and that doesn't help. Becky seems to be doing well. I think she is doing some sewing for Charlotte England who makes dolls for a store in the East. Really need to go and visit with

Clairne and Becky. Frie's also seem to be having a struggle right now. Myrtle says mother is not well and you know how good they are to her. It is hard for them now. Mrs Duwey's mother died last week. What do you think about Kathleen Barnett going to Thailand. Joan said it is a little scary for her to think about - but of course they are positive and excited. I guess Brent will be getting married soon - and Dale Taylor is engaged. I guess his folks finally decided to let him. That wasn't nice of me to put it that way - but Jim said Dale wanted to give her a ring a year ago - but he was really torn because his folks didn't want him to. I am sure they recognize he has a way to go before he will be a doctor. I know they were appalled when Jim got married and didn't even know what field he would be in - but in Jim's case - better married. Craig Smith and his wife are expecting and seem very happy. Now if Colleen could just relax and accept the poor girl. I think Collet's engagement is off. Merrell Gorkman's wedding reception is Saturday and Frank Wille is engaged to the Peruvian girl who has been living at Wille's. Moors are moving out of Bro James home and Jim and Shana are moving in. Jim will work with Keith Farlayson in the Teacher's Quorum and Shana in Primary. No one has moved in Simons home and it is up for sale. Mrs Washburns daughter & husband are in Reynolds home and have spruced it up. Richard Larsen is slowly recovering. He had quite a scare but they have a lot of faith and he seems to be recovering. Helen Kizman is still struggling and I understand Vonelle Merrell is not well. Jean Dixon is working in the Primary and I think she is having health problems also. The Gorkmans are assigned to London England. I guess the city will decide this month about what will be done with their property. I hate to think of losing Kee Lers. Bernell Simpson is also not well. I think she ~~so~~ needs hip and knee surgery. She also had to put her mother in a rest home which was hard. Sister Boardman is also in a bad way. It really is getting to be very very difficult for Carme and Blaine. Hy seems to be about the

same to me - Lucille too! Eugell has been having
a struggle too - ~~with~~ she always seems to remain
cheerful - but seems tired. As for babies - The Keiths and
Browning will be adding to the ward soon and Thylene
Barrett this fall. The Andrus ^{Reed's} and Gibbons babies are
growing fast. Germa Andruson is recovering from
surgery. I want to go and see her - Howard Nelson is
in the middle of campaigning. It really seems to agree
with him. He has a beautiful brochure out. Its very
well done. Julie is working hard for him. I hope
she is able to see it through without any difficulty.
Helen is a beautiful R.S. President - one of the hardest working
and compassionate we have ever had. The ward is
blessed with her. I also think our Bishopric is doing
a wonderful job. I am grateful for the Bishops I have
had - all wonderful men in their own right. The
new young adult ward seems to be doing fine - They
also have a great Bishopric.

Conference was wonderful as you know. I love those
men that lead us. They are such an inspiration. I
was glad Pres. Kimball & Pres. Tanner were able to give us
a message. It brought tears to our eyes. I understand
Pres. Kimball was not as well as he appeared and that
Pres. Tanner is stronger than he seems. - and that Pres.
Romney is fighting discouragement and depression. He has
lost so many loved ones in such a short time. Someone said
he was especially hard hit by the death of his sister who was
a nun. The Salt Lake Tribune really made a lot to do
over that. He really carried a big load at conference -
speaking in the Welfare Mtg, Priesthood Mtg, and General
Session.

Well I have given you something to read a little at a time. I
know you don't have time to read such reports - but you
can skim over it. We are all fine. I have working for
the Sunset School. Monroe has asked me to consider
working as his fulltime secretary next year. So I will
consider this with my family and decide. We are all going
to Southern California next week for a trip before Dave goes
on his mission. Dory is able to go with us which pleases
us very much. We will meet Sharon there as she will be
attending a Dental Convention at Disneyland. We are excited about
it. We love you lots and pray for your well being. Let us know if we can
do anything for you here.

Love The Stellas