

Dear Tracy and Ida Rose,

Thank you for your letters and newspaper. It's so good to hear from you. Sorry to be so slow in answering.

I think Tracy could write fiction stories if he ever runs out of things to do. He nearly had us convinced as he described your "first" experineces in Zimbabwe.

The newspaper was interesting. I guess I expected things to be a little more primitive. The same movies are playing there as in Provo. Clothing styles and prices seem to be about the same as here.

I'm wondering if you have had any reaction to the suggestion that 500 missionaries be allowed into the country instead of 14.

We had a carnival in the ward three weeks ago. It was a real success. The Dukes and the Deweys were in charge. The cultural hall was filled with game booths, -darts, fishpond, relays, musical chairs, etc. In the R.S. room there was a side-show. David Moore was the ring-master. Ken Higbee did his magic, Ruth Colvin was the bearded lady, Ray Harrison was the fat man, the abominable snowman had the shape of John Clark wrapped in quilt batting, Jeff Thomas made a perfect "bit foot" in size 15 gym shoes and a fur coat and the Eastons played the "strong" family. It was really cute. The finale of the evening was the play, "Cinderella." The cast included: Reese - Cinderella, Gus Dewey - step-mother, Wally and Milt W.-ugly step-sisters, Lamar Duke - fairy-god mother, Lon Keith - prince. Funny!!!!

We've just had the annual cub scout cake sale. Reese said he really missed you. He could count on you to keep the bidding going and buying a cake or two. Actually we miss more than just your money. We miss you too!!!

Kathleen Barnett got her mission call to Thailand. I think she leaves in June. Brent Barnett is getting married in April.

The Goodmans are anxious to know where they will be serving on their mission. Our young women won 3rd in the stake basketball tournament but even better they won the sportsmanship trophy. Sandy Merisch was their coach. She was strict with them and insisted they behave, but they responded well and were proud of what they accomplished.

We just had a stake event honoring women. AnnaMae wrote a play for it. The Finlayson family and the Croslands had the main parts, then there were others from our ward too. Nearly the whole cast. It was good. Our ward continues to shine. Anna Mae is doing well. She has her bad days, but doesn't let it get her down.

Our family is busy. Dale received his eagle. Brian has just received a four-year scholarship to BYU. This is such a busy time for Reese at the law school (admission time) and then the bishop responsibilities. I've taken a health class this semester and bowling (that's the end of my PE requirements, Yeh!)

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March came in like a lion and left the same way. We have not had spring yet. Winter continues to hang on.

The Church announced plans for four more temples yesterday. They will be located in Boise, Idaho; Denver; Taipei, Taiwan; and Guayaquil, Ecuador. This weekend is general conference. I'm looking forward to the rest. I know I don't have to tell you what Sundays are like. I'm finally beginning to really like the Mutual. I just love the girls, and Rhea and Susan are extra special people to work with. We get along real well. Pat is the activity director and she is a big help to us.

Elaine Duke has just had a hysterectomy and some wort of bladder repair. She doesn't feel very well yet. Richard Larsen was in the hospital for about three weeks with gall bladder problems, but is doing lots better. Because of this and other things, Richard was released from the High Priests. Jens Jonsson is the new pres., with Al Ridge and Albert Payne as counselors.

Hope all is well with you. We miss you.

Love,



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dear Halls -
 We love to get your letters. I haven't read
 Kathy's letter on the other side. I'll assume she's
 brought you up to date on the news generally.
 Things here are fine. We're going to miss your
 tractor for tilling gardens this Spring. The new
 7th Ward seems to be working fine, but we
 really miss the young people in our own ward.
 We'll be sending out another batch of missionaries
 as soon as school is out. Hurry home - we need
 you for about 6 jobs each. Love