

Dear Family,

Sunday, Dec. 6, 1987

On Friday the 20th, of November Charlotte's parents came and stayed with us through Thanksgiving day. They left the next morning on Friday. We had a wonderful time visiting with them. We went to some Christmas tree farms and farm implement dealers in this area and finally found a Christmas tree planter for Dad to look at. I think Dad will be interested in purchasing one to plant all his trees at the Payson farm. The children relished being with their grandparents and began asking as soon as they left when Grandma and Grandpa would come again.

My cousin's family, the Brennens, came the night before Thanksgiving and stayed through Saturday. On Friday, we all went to Whidbey Island and Fort Casey. The kids had a great time running around and climbing over things. We had lunch and took the ferry.

My parents called to see if we are coming to Utah for Christmas. We told them yes, but that we would be staying with the Hall families. We are looking forward to seeing my brother Willis from Wyoming, my sister Ellen and Charlotte's sister Liz and families who are coming up from California.

Charlotte and I went to a stake fireside the other evening. It was the first fireside that we have been to together on a Sunday evening for quite awhile. The subject was "In Search of Lehi's Trail". Some of it was largely speculative in nature, but most of it was highly probable. One of the interesting points that I could agree with was that Nephi and Lehi were missionaries to the people in the borders of the Red Sea on their journey to the promised land. There was scriptural and archeological evidence presented.

Last Tuesday evening I found my first gray hair. Actually it wasn't gray; it was pure white. I couldn't find any others so I pulled it out. I had to laugh and show it to Charlotte. This is a sure sign of growing old.

Charlotte is seeing a gastrointestinal specialist now. He doesn't think her problems are due to allergies. He hasn't found out exactly what the problem is, but he has eliminated some possibilities. Charlotte will have the beryllium test with X-rays this coming week.

My hearing in the left ear seems to be improving again. It has been quite good for the last few days.

Charlotte here. The children are all well. Willis is playing the age two to it's fullest! He certainly has a mind of his own! He is finally starting to say a few words, although he still prefers babbling to actual words. Sarah and Hannah are preparing for their first piano recital. Sarah is playing "Good Christian Men Rejoice" and Hannah and I are playing a duet, "Jolly 'Ole St. Nicholas". Hannah turns 7 next week. Hyrum is full of questions. Before Mom and Dad came I could turn him off by saying, "Grandpa would know the answer to that. Why don't you ask him when he comes."

Merry Christmas to all. We look forward to seeing some of you in Utah at Christmas time.

Love, Bryan and Charlotte