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Dear Children and Grandchildren:

Just a note to tell you we love you. I can't think of any news. I guess I have told you all that I am opening a craft shop in my little house in Payson. I have found 7 other women who will display and sell their wares in the shop. Nancy is one of them. Each woman will take a turn one day a week in the shop. This way we won't have to hire any employees. I have a tax number, a business license, and Daddy is making us a sign which will be lighted automatically at a certain time and go off at a certain time. Two of the women are from Payson and the others are from Provo and Orem.

My contribution to the endeavor is the rent, phone and book-keeping. That latter part may be a disaster, but have been getting help from Karen. I hope we make some money, but Payson is a depressed area--provo is a depressed area, and so is the rest of Utah right now. I had hoped to pull in some tourists, by putting up a sign next to the thru-way, but find I can't unless the area is zoned "commercial". Even if we applied for our farm to be annexed into Payson, the zoning would still be Travel service and we couldn't put up a sign.

We had a meeting of all the women involved last week and they decided to call the shop "Tulip cottage" from the tulips in the stained glass windows which Nancy designed and made for me. This week I have been busy getting the ceiling lowered in the bathroom of the shop (there is a nine foot ceiling and the plaster is a disaster.) so I had Nancy's bro-in-law drop the ceiling, and I am going to repaper in there and use it as a dressing room. Dad spent several days last week putting in a rod for me to hang my dresses on. (the Zimbabwe dresses) We thought it would be a simple job and it turned into a bear. He also took the single light in the room we built into the porch, and substituted a florescent light. We are also going to put a florescent light in the bathroom.

When you do something like this you see how things need doing you didn't see before. The outside paint job is getting tacky and there is a lot of yard work to do.

I am having fun, however, and we hope that it will make a little money for these clever girls who are working with me.

I am finding that the government makes business a head-ache --what with withholding taxes, and sales tax etc. Not having any employees will eliminate the withholding taxes. If the ladies don't make too much money (Ha!) they won't have to pay social security--but as sole proprietors, that is their own problem. I got most of the women by finding out who was creative and word of mouth. My advertisement only brought in one of the women. How about a Hallmanack next month, yo all? David we need to hear all about your new business--hasn't it been a long time since you or Karen gave us an update?

Love,

The enclosed booklet is from our
ward conference dinner.

Mom