

Bryan Weight Family Letter, August 2, 1987

Dear Family,

Bryan wrote a letter last month that never made it to the mailbox. I've enclosed it and will try to think of some additional news.

The report writing process is getting faster for Bryan. I was beginning to wonder if I would ever see him again in the evenings. Last week we had him with us several evenings and it was very nice. One reason was that he only had one inspection on some of the days and another is that he's getting speedier. He has added many new segments to his report writer so that as time goes on he has less and less customizing to do. He notes what problems he frequently sees and types up texts for the items so that when he sees them again he just punches the code and out comes the text already written. Last week he finished one report in a record 23 minutes.

The children and I have kept busy with swimming lessons and piano lessons. Sarah and Hannah improved substantially in their swimming skills this summer. Hyrum had a ball at his lessons but after two sessions still refused to put his face in the water for the 5 seconds required for advancement to the next class.

Hannah began piano lessons at the first of the summer. I began teaching her last winter by following what Sarah's teacher had assigned her at the beginning of her lessons. However, I reached a point where I felt I was taking her beyond her coordination ability. At her first lesson her teacher expressed amazement at Hannah's ability to recognize notes and understand theory, but added that she would move her along slowly until her coordination improved.

Sarah is playing her first piece of sheet music ("The Thing with No Name") and she is very excited. She was playing it this afternoon in "C" position instead of "G" so I yelled down the stairs "You're playing the wrong notes." "I am not!", she replied. It brought back memories of Mom yelling down the stairs at me while I was practicing. I used to say to myself, "How does she know I'm playing the wrong notes from way up there?"

We spent a wonderful, relaxing weekend with the Brennans over the 4th of July. (Bryan's cousin's family that live in Hood River, Or.) The kids are counting the days until we leave for the Young reunion next week. We finished the paper mache on the pinattas for the reunion this afternoon.

We're looking forward to hearing news from Virginia. We enjoyed a visit from David's family. The children and I followed them to Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens. It was a great adventure! I'm out of space. We love you,