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Dear Family:

I am typing this on the Apple //e and so this letter is apt to be a disaster. For one thing, I have to learn to use the figure 1 instead of the letter 1. For another thing, it seems so strange not to have the carriage return after each line. Tracy tells me that all I need to do is practice--we'll see!

Both of us are still having some of the symptoms of the colds and flus we have had, but hope not to pick up anything else for awhile. I told Tracy we should go to Arizona and California, but the news reports from there indicate that there is plenty of the flu everywhere including the sunnier climes of the nation. This is neat. That "delete" button is faster, even than the typewriter which I have previously been using.

Thank you all for your Christmas to us. It was a wonderful Christmas, with Elizabeth and her crew with us. John had ordered snow with a capital S and he pretty much got his wish. Dad had hoped to get in good enough health to take all the grandchildren out to the farm and pull sleds behind the tractor, but he never got well enough to do it while they were here. However, the cousins seem to have had plenty of snow sledding while they were here.

Since I started coming down with my cold just about the time that Liz and family left, I had that week when the cold was the worst to read some of my books that I got for Christmas. Luxury!

Things have been quiet on the home front, speaking as a R.S. President, but the Lunceford's had a roll over caused by black ice as they were returning from visiting her parents in Oregon and no one was hurt in the roll over, but her husband helped her out of the window to the top of the car and when she jumped down off the car she broke her leg.

Another woman in the ward, Shannon Harrison, has viral pneumonia, and Anna Mae Curtis and her husband have to move from their rental back into her home, and whereas we can handle that, we have another funeral tomorrow. It seems that several of the families of the ward have had to care for ailing older parents. Jack Dixon's father, who has been living with them, but who has been in a rest home for several weeks, died two nights ago, and we will have a luncheon to fix for that funeral tomorrow. Never a dull moment.

Flu and colds have been going the rounds, and both Tracy and David have had their share in the last week. Charlotte and Hyrum have had strep throats in the last month. Liz, did you take any of those bad Utah germs home with you?

G.E. is still giving Mega headache The last problem is that G.E. has gone after the French connection. The French (who operate under different patent rules than we do in the U.S.) had to let G.E. into their plant to "see" if we were infringing, and apparently they took all kinds of photos of our process, etc. Somehow they still claim we are infringing, so Dad has

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I didn't realize I had a 2 pg letter & we had a little trouble learning how to handle that.

DEAR FAMILY

JANUARY 9, 1985

THIS YEAR OUR FAMILY SPENT CHRISTMAS UP IN THE UTAH VALLEY AREA. FRIDAY THE 21ST WE WENT UP TO AMERICAN FORK. WE STAYED OVER NIGHT WITH MY SISTER MARIAN AND FAMILY. ALL OF THE KIDS WERE IN HEAVEN JUMPING ON THE BED WHILE THE ADULTS WATCHED THE HOLIDAY BOWL. HORRAY FOR BYU BEING NUMBER ONE. NEXT YEAR WILL PROVE TO BE A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT SCHEDULE. THERE ARE A LOT OF WASHINGTON FANS OUT AT WORK WHO ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEARS GAME WITH BYU. CHARLOTTE AND I STILL DO NOT HAVE A TV. CHARLOTTE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO RECONSIDER GETTING ONE WITH ALL OF THE CHRISTMAS TV SPECIAL PROGRAMS PLUS FOOTBALL GAMES. WE MADE IT AGAIN, AT LEAST UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

SATURDAY WE LEFT THE KIDS WITH MARIAN WHILE CHARLOTTE AND I FINISHED UP OUR LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. THEN IN THE AFTERNOON WE LEFT HYRUM IN MARIAN'S CARE WHILE WE TOOK SARAH AND HANNAH TO SEE "THE NUT CRACKER". THE GIRLS REALLY ENJOYED IT. HANNAH GOT TIRED OF SITTING NEAR THE END. TWO HOURS FOR A FOUR YEAR OLD IS A LONG TIME. THE BALLET WAS PERFORMED BY BALLET WEST IN SLC. WE INTEND TO MAKE IT A FAMILY TRADITION TO SEE "THE NUT CRACKER" EVERY YEAR DEPENDING UPON WHERE WE LIVE. BY THE WAY WE ARE BUYING BALLET TICKETS TO SEE "ABDALLAH" IN FEBRUARY. THANKS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MONEY MOM AND DAD WEIGHT. WE ARE ENJOYING THE BALLET MORE AND MORE. WE GOT BACK TO MARIAN'S HOUSE IN TIME FOR THE WEIGHT FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE BEVERLY & JEFF, MY PARENTS AND MARIAN & BRIAN. BRIAN WAS WORKING EVENINGS BUT WE GOT TO VISIT WITH HIM EARLIER. THE HAM WAS DELICIOUS. WE STAYED A SECOND NIGHT WITH THE DAVIS'. SUNDAY MORING WE LEFT FOR PROVO.

WE WENT TO CHURCH WITH MOM AND DAD HALL. LIZ AND FAMILY WERE THERE FORM CALIFORNIA. LIZ IS CHARLOTTE'S SISTER. DAD WAS THE PRINCIPLE SPEAKER. WHEN IT CAME TIME TO SPEAK, THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HAD CONSUMED ALL BUT FIVE MINUTES. THIS SEEMS TO HAPPEN ALL TO OFTEN IN MY OPINION. IT HAS HAPPEN TO ME TWICE OUT OF THE LAST THREE TIMES I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SPEEK IN CHURSH. WE STAYED TO LONG OVER AT THE HALL'S AFTER THE SERVICE. WE ARRIVED AT DAVID AND KAREN'S HOME ABOUT 5:00 PM. DAVID IS CHARLOTTE'S BROTHER. THEY WERE KIND ENOUGH TO PUT US UP (MORE CORRECTLY PUT UP WITH US) THROUGH CHRISTMAS MORNING. SUNDAY NIGHT WE HAD THE MOST ENJOYABLE LATE EVENING DICUSSION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS. THE HALL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS HELD CHRISTMAS EVE. IT WAS A SUCCES. I HAD TO TAKE HYRUM IN TO THE DOCTOR EARLY THAT EVENING. IT TURNED OUT TO BE STREP THROAT. THE ONLY PHARMACY OPEN ON CHRISTMAS EVE WAS THE HOSPITAL. THEY ARE VERY EXPENSIVE BUT WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE THE MEDICINE. HE IS FINE NOW. CHARLOTTE CAME DOWN WITH IT TWO DAYS LATER. HANNAH IS ON THE MEDICATION NOW.

IN LATE DECEMBER WE PUT IN A BID ON A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CHEVY BLAZER. ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS OUT AT THE JOB WAS SELLING IT. THERE WERE TEN BIDS SUBMITTED. WE WERE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE WITH \$2300. THE VEHICLE SOLD FOR \$3100. IT HAD 119,000 MILES ON IT. WE WERE SATISFIED WITH OUR BID. WE DIDN'T WANT TO PUT OUT ANY MORE THAN THAT. THE SUSPENCE WAS FUN.

RECENTLY WE WERE INFORMED THE TENNANTS IN CALIFORNIA ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOUSE. WE TOLD OUR AGENT WHO IS A REALTOR TO HAVE THEM MAKE AN OFFER. WE SAID THAT WE ARE NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING TO SELL BUT WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ANY OFFERS. OUR AGENT HAD ASKED US TO LIST. I AM SURE YOU ALL CAN SEE THE PSYCOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE THIS WILL GIVE US. WE WENT THROUGH THIS WITH THE LAST TENNANTS. THEY BOUGHT A HOME SOMEWHERE ELSE AND MOVED OUT. NEVER SHOW YOUR HAND IN A CARD GAME AND IF YOU MUST, "ONLY ONE CARD AT A TIME VERY SLOWLY". THE PARTY THAT GIVES IN FIRST ALMOST ALWAYS GIVES IN THE MOST. IF THE TENNANTS DO NOT MAKE AN OFFER WE HAVEN'T LOST A THING. NOW IS AN EXCELLENT TIME TO SELL WITH NEW WALL TO WALL CARPET UPSTAIRS AND DOWN.

LOVE- BRYAN, CHARLOTTE AND KIDS.