

Additional Bartholomew notes (Dan's) - Feb. and March 1978

- I experienced some real snow shoveling during Feb. due to our down-hill, closed-in, drift-attracting driveway. Two 15-20 inch snow storms each delivered 2 to 3 feet of snow over much of the driveway. I had to haul snow around to the front yard to clear the driveway. As another snow bonus I got to work the overseas switchboard with so many snowbound. It was nice to come home after a later lighter March snow (2-4 inches) to a clean driveway. Daniel's work! Daniel's idea (but with price attached)?
  - The New York State Attorney General gave the no-effort (perhaps the requested?) response to an inquiry by White Plains' Corporation Counsel on the legality of passing a local minor display law (prohibiting open display of "girly" magazines and such): "Pre-empted by state law." A pending case involving the city of Buffalo and a similar local law should give a more definite, hopefully more favorable answer shortly.
  - Hutchinsons (as well as Varleys) were baptized. A young White Plains couple with 2 children.
  - Church publ. Communications activity in connection with Scout Week and Sherlene's invitation brings local BSA Council executive to our Sacrament meeting.
  - Found Martin Luther King TV special very interesting.
  - Tenacious Bella Abzug captures Demo nomination by court decision in presumably shoe-in Demo district of NYC. Unsuccessfully pursues recounts after a close election. Oops--just saw where J. Carter had created a perpetual IWY Commission (ERA-gay-abortion activist and lobby office) with federal money, auspices,,etc. with Bella in charge.
  - Discovered and read (in Sherlene's file) two twenty page Sam Ervin (watergate folk hero) constitutional law treatises on ERA and the rescission question. (can a state approve and then rescind?) Question after reading: How can anyone support ERA? He raises some hairy questions and answers them rather forcefully.
  - Work change: I'm still working as a Systems Designer (come on now, it is too capitalized!) in the Long Lines Engineering Dept. On the same network planning system. Before I was working with routing related algorithms and computer functions. Now I'm working the main multiplex planning module of the system. Bell Labs people at Holmdel have also been involved on this and other system modules. The raise Sherlene referred to is ok except that it does not become effective until October.
  - Telephone Company hit with changes (political, economic, technological). Non-Bell phone sets can now be connected (horrible FCC). But what! They had better be certified (by FCC). Further at stake are rural/urban and long distance/local price averaging. (Local phone service could significantly increase if long-distance "subsidies" are eliminated.) Also: Will Bell be allowed to offer message transmission service that include communications-related computer functions (good-bye Post Office)? I don't know whether Barry will agree with my interpretations, but the impact will be significant as digital, lightwave and satellite transmission come of age. Sorry to bore you.
  - We continue to enjoy our Sunday School Book of Mormon Course. Question: When and where was history's greatest organized (spontaneous?) ponder-in? (answer next month)
- "And after these sayings there was silence in the land for the space of many hours."
- 3 Nephi 10:1 "If anyone read this far, he deserves the answer now. Can't bear to let you suffer."

Sherlene covers it all so well I didn't think I had anything to say. Now I don't know where the page went. Nowhere, I guess. I sure did enjoy your letters, including Dad Hall's. By the way Barry, when you have your own practice, you can computer-file and organize all the phrases and paragraphs you use in your work on your own microcomputer and just push a button whenever anyone wants a will, divorce, suit, etc. Plus all your genealogy. Then you can do indexing, retrieval, automatic form typing, etc.

Greatly enjoyed becoming acquainted by letter, Bryan. We're excited for you and Charlotte! Also hearing about dead-eye Marty (with the basketball) and the neat fireside and seminary. And pictures of Erin. And the Wedding. And Tracy's interviews. I was greatly impressed by the "Mormonism Symposium" or whatever it was with all those heavy theologians. I would like to have that on cassette. Say Doug. Could we borrow Nancy? Just for Spring. We could have a real garden with her help. What do you mean she doesn't specialize in carrots? Well, it looks like my gibberish has finally filled avail. space, confirming Murphy's law.

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P.S. Meant to thank David for his work that benefits all of us. Were proud of Karen for her service and example, too. (held him as...)  
 Can't wait to see M. follow. (h.o. lnr)