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Dear Family:

I guess in a family of self-starters as far as letter writing is concerned that the new idea would work, but it doesn't with us--we're all too busy, I guess, so let's go back to the original Hall Manack. I received only one letter this moth--Virginia's, so I will duplicate her's and mine and then duplicate all of them for my own records when the next time rolls around.

As there are eight in the family writing (hopefully) it should circulate at least three times a year and maybe that is enough.

Let's reiterate (if I remember them correctly) the rules:

1. The route will go like this:
 - A. Virginia to Mother and Dad
 - B. Mother to Nancy and Doug
 - C. Nancy to David and Karen
 - D. David & Karen to Tracy and Betsy
 - E. Tracy & Betsy to Liz and Marty
 - f. Liz and Marty to Charlotte and Bryan
 - G. Charlotte and Bryan to Sherlene & Dan
 - H. Sherlene & Dan to Virginia
2. The letter will not be kept longer than a week. If you do not have your reply written within the week, send it on anyway and send everyone a chaser. (if you want) If everyone is keeping it a week the chaser will catch up the next stop so you would really have to send your chaser to the next stop.
3. If everyone writes only two pages (no more, please) you would not have to weigh the letter, but just add the former postage plus 15 cents for your own weight. I have started this in a manila envelope.
4. Anyone keeping the letter over one week will have to buy all of us a hot fudge sundae the next time we are all together. Remember--
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRITE__ BUT PLEASE DON'T HANG ON TO THE HALLMANACK.

It should circulate every two to three months. two months of one week plus a month for circulation.

I have enclosed seven sheets. glue yours to a card and post it so you will remember the route.

I have had Carli Ann for three weeks, and I have found out that the Lord knows what he was doing when he sent small children to young people. First: You need to be young enough to be young with the children two: you need YOUNG energy. I also found out that you can become very attached to a child in a very short time. Young children are like young kittens anduppy's--they are pretty cute. Carli was between baby sitters--her new one was on vacation, so I sat in--sat, my foot--Nobody sits for long around Carli Ann. She reminded me of Nancy when she was a baby--and let me tell you there is no end to the imagination of that child. Judy Harvey, a young mother in our ward has agreed to take Carli Ann, and I am really pleased because Carli Ann can go to R.S. and Primary with Judy (Judy teaches in the Primary), an advantage she would not have enjoyed with her former baby sitter. I took her to the RS nursery with me once and she really got along first rate.

extra note on back of this

I just came in from the Greenhouse. I've been
transplanting my baby orchids ~~into~~ larger pots
(Some of them). Growing orchids is almost as
exciting as raising kids, but less expensive and
they don't talk back. Just a three years ago,
after my G.H. freeze, I bought 3 or 4 "Community
pots". After the seedlings come out of the
flask where they grow by hundreds, they
put them in Community pots of 20-30.
These were what I bought. Most (when
I got them) had 3 or 4 leaves and were
quite tiny. I planted them in 2 1/2" flats
they have done quite well. Some are still in
the flats, but most have been trans. to
#4, 2 1/2 - 3 - 4 " pots. It's interesting to see the
different leaf structure when the parentage
is the same so you know the flowers
will be different. I have about 2/3
of one side of the G.H. devoted to these
babies (of others I have purchased)
they're 2-5 per plant in 2-3" pots
versus 15-30 for blooming size plants.
It's a gamble, but in all those I
should get enough choice ones to
justify the time & effort.

The reason I offered to buy her
house was that was all she would
get if she went through a broker
she was working with. Her house
was appraised at 47,500, but with
real est brokers fees etc, she would
only realize 43,000 & I figured if
she could only get that much I
would guarantee the sale. It's
worked out good for her. I was glad
I didn't have a house to

I predict that Nancy will, before many more years, be in demand as an ad writer. Her ads appear twice a week in the local herald and she is getting recognized by her "style". Next time she quits a job she may want to "free lance" as an ad writer.

We had a glorious fourth. Jeannie and Alan and family came down and all the kids and grandkids came over and we had a wonderful day just visiting. The kids had a ball, and believe me Grandmother was glad it was summer and we could be outside. Everyone helped with the lunch and we decided to have it here instead of at the Park, and then the parents could take the kids to the park if they wanted to. It's a good thing the kids didn't know about the park, or we would have had a time keeping them "down on the farm."

Our well has gone out on the farm, and as a result we have asked our renters to move. She has promised to be out this week end--ot has taken her a month--I wonder if she will really, finally move. This business of being a landlord is for the birds.

However, we have decided to rent the downstairs to four students next two semesters. We will not rent in the summer so the place will be empty for you kids to visit, and if you want to visit in the winter, we will keep the top floor of the farm house, and also have a queen sized bed downstairs and maybe upstairs, and we can throw sleeping bags around for the children. So we are not renting out from under you. Come ahead and visit us.

Dad and I have been taking a morning walk for the last month. I have lost 12 pounds since the first of the year and still need to lose 15 more pounds. I am still off hormones and still having those ***** hot flashes. If anyone wants to know what the stars are for --well, they're stars, what else. If we walk around the block towards the Mission T Center, it is 1.3 if we walk down by the stadium and around it is 1.6. We have been taking the latter route, and Dad runs around the track when we reach the stadium. They have a rubberized track and it is much easier on the knees. Dad is trying to get ready for the back-packing with the Priests.

We are still being sued. Hope that the next time this comes around it will be settled, but David says it will go on for a LONG time. RATS.

Saturday the 30th of June I attended the first reunion of the high school class of 39. It was very interesting seeing those old friends that I had not seen for 40 years. It was a testimony of the truthfulness of the promises of the word of wisdom. Those who had lived clean healthful lives looked a lot younger than those that had boozed and smoked for the last 40 years.

David and Karen are doing some earth moving and cement pouring over at their house and they will tell you about that. Nancy and Doug's earnest money deal fell through and they are still trying to sell their house. They are working on a trade now.

I have laid brick about four feet wide between the retaining wall on the west of the house and the end of the terrace just outside the play room. So that students renting can walk along the brick terrace and won't have to cross the lawn etc. I suppose you knew that we had put a door where the 3 x 6 window was in Sherlene's old room. There's my two. Luv Mom

(over)

you have all received a letter
from Aunt Irma. Those
who cannot attend the re-
union in Sept please send
in a family group sheet to me
and I will fill it in the
family file.

mom.
P.d. the progenitor (E. J. Langford)
will really need some money for
mailing purposes. I understand
some of you have already sent
in yearly dues of \$5. Thanks.

~~Virginia; Did I send you your~~
Virginia - after I called you I
found the picture (for Charlotte)
and the library card. Sorry
about that.

P.d.d. a reminder: Christmas is
coming. Do you remember who
you & your children should buy
gifts for? Summer sales might
yield inexpensive but nice gifts.