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Dear Family: :

PLEASE, EVERYONE, DON'T KEEP THE HALLMANACK OVER A WEEK. I KNOW THAT GETTING AROUND TO WRITING CAN BE A HASSLE, BUT IF YOU CAN'T WRITE DURING THAT WEEK, SEND IT ON AND SEND YOUR OWN LETTER AS A "CHASER".

A lot has happened since the Hallmanack circulated. We had our Aspen Grove Trip, Mom and Dad have gone to the Uintas with the young people of our ward (Yeaah!) (Mom made it!) we attended the Tracy reunion in Idaho, and Dad has had his retina problem.

For the record, this happened Sat. Aug 23. Sunday Aug 24 he had his retina repair by Merrill Oaks. Everything seemed to be going well, although he had to be down on his back flat during that week. Merrill saw him Thurs. and Sat. and told him he could go to church that next day. He decided to play it safe. Monday he went on a brief errand to the Post Office (getting gas on the way) and on his way experienced a frightening hemorrhage, which completely blacked out his previously improving sight. Dr. Oaks sent him to Dr. Goodart in S.L. (they do nothing but retina problems) He put him in Holy cross hospital, where the nurses held his hand and called him "sweetie" (they were very kind to him) and here he was severely limited as to movement, and elevated to a 45° angle, where the eye drained sufficiently to the bottom of the eye so that the Dr. could see into the eye. He felt that the original repair was still intact, but could not figure out where the hemorrhage had originated. They kept him another day and released him, but sent him home to stay in bed except for brief excursions to the bath and table and around the block to keep blood complications from happening. This brought him up to about a month in bed, and when we took him back at the end of the two weeks, the Dr. told him to take on normal activity as he felt able. The problem is that he has been very weak and sick. Now, almost two months later (while the Hallmanack has been hostage at Sherlene's) he has had three days of feeling quite well and we are crossing our fingers that he is finally returning to somewhat normal strength, although the eye bothers his vision. He keeps it covered because it causes him less disorientation that way. Today we are supposed to be able to buy a patch for him which should make him as Mauchos as Moshe Djan. He'll have to watch out for the girls.

I personally think we should go down to San Diego for the winter and work on his book, but that is extremely wishful thinking. For one thing he owes Mega one month of half time, which he will probably make up by working full time when he gets enough energy.

I have not made any money from my investment as yet. I am still waiting for them to double my money. I noticed that Pres. Benson advised people not to speculate. This venture is definitely speculative, but I have not mortgaged my home to go into it, and some of the people in our ward are investing in this same venture in (to my way of thinking) a dangerous extent. They are putting all their eggs ~~in~~ <sup>to</sup> one basket. It worries me. If this first investment of \$10,000. is actually doubled within a year, I will reinvest it and any any profits. Some of the units have actually sold at extremely good profits. The investment group buy apartments in Dallas, and then resell them.