

August Hallmanack

15 Aug, 1985

Dear Family:

Sat. My Hubby came home and said: "Let's go on a vacation next week." Sunday, after church we left. I didn't think we had any destination, except to go to Lava Hot Springs, but I think Daddy had something in the back of his mind. He had had some one tell him that some dealer (tractors) in Idaho rented some Kobota Tractors every year during the harvest, and then they sold them with just a few hours on them. After scouting tractor dealers in Idaho Falls, and every decent sized town we hit, he decided someone had been pulling his leg. We didn't even run into a Tractor Dealer who carried the Kobota.

We had such a good time at Lava Hot springs (just above Pocatello) that we decided that it would be a great place to have a family reunion. There is a newly remodeled hotel who charges 28 a night, and which has a round hot tub in each room. They are all new and you can soak to your heart's content. In the Hotel they only allow couples, but the kids could be put in the motel next door. They also have condos (one of which we rented when we were there) but they are on one of these circulating deals, and so we could only make reservations two weeks in advance. They are 40 per night for a condo where you could put 4 people. They have one or two that would take a family of six or seven, but none that would hold nine. There is a motel across the street from the Hotel that has one that would take nine, however.

Or you could all rent trailers or motor homes. There are two or three nice trailer courts. It costs 10 a night to park a trailer.

The state owns and operates the hot lava springs. There is an olympic size pool at the start of the town, which has lovely 85° water. The hot pools are at the end of the town. You can get tickets which let you in and out as many times as you want to go in and out per day. They also have tickets for 10 or 11 plunges. There is a pancake house and a restaurant. But all the facilities I have mentioned have kitchens. So you could all take your own food.

The disadvantage of the trailer court is that it is on the river. Good attractive nuisance for the kids. There is another one which has good lawns, but it costs 3.00 everytime anyone comes to visit you while you are there. If someone stayed in the hotels or motels they would have to pay 3.00 to visit the families who stay in the trailer court. The one lower, on the river, will allow that for us but will not allow a lot of relatives to congregate who are not paying to park their trailer.

There is swimming, hiking, a water slide, a video rental place, you can rent rafts or tubes to tube in the river, and it is the best trout stream in Idaho.

There are lots of lawns where the kids could play and a park near the hotel or near the trailer court where there is a lot of play equipment for the little kids to play on. There are picnic tables in the park to eat on, and some of the park grass is on a hill for the kids to roll and get their T-Shirts green.

You practically have the entire place to yourself from Monday to Friday, but the weekends are CROWDED. I think we would want to break camp on the Friday about 11 and proceed on our ways.

Dad has the prices, etc., in the car. He just came home so I will get the prices and put them on the back of the page.



Trailer Park: Cottonwood Family Trailer Court  
20% off for weekly.  
No hook-up 10.00 per day  
Hook-up 3.00 extra " "

On the river Lots of shade  
They have a heated pavilion the owner said we could use if we decided to come.  
Reservations can be made Jan 1 or thereafter.

The rate for the Mt. View Park (above this one on a ledge) same prices.  
Check out time 12: Noon

Rate 5 for 2 hrs.  
@ for a special tube  
1 for a regular inner=tube

*tubes + Rafts*

Swim Rates: *(Swimming Pool)*  
weekly ticket \*.00 (10 swims or something like that) Swim ticket 2.75

Hot bath rates All day in-out \$2.80  
Lockers 25 cents  
Bath Cards (11 tickets \$18.50)

~~See below for motel and hotel rates:~~

It's about time we had a family reunion. Next year will (probably) be a free year as far as anyone having babies is concerned. Charlotte and Nancy will have had their babies this year, and Virginia will probably wait a year to get pregnant?????

Anyway, I suggest everyone give your own ideas about where to have a vacation. I would like to see us go to all the church places some year. Maybe go on a bus (BYU) instead of driving. I wonder if a bus would hold all of us? Anyway, anyone who has any ideas put up or shut up. Give us prices, activities, etc. The above sentence "see Below" is inoperable. I decided there wasn't enough room.

What say we shoot for the second week or the first week of August? *best for Accomodation. Someone rented the whole hotel for 1st week only.*

Let's have some feedback. O.K?

There is also a golf course near by this place if anyone wants to play golf, and tennis courts. *There are*

Our garden is growing like crazy. We have more cucumbers than we can use, and if the frost holds off we may get some cantaloupes, yet. In the home garden we have squash, beets, carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes. The white grapes are almost ripe. I have put up sweets, bread & Butters, another kind of sweets, and chili sauce. Also dills. This is "pickle year".

The week before we went to Idaho, Tracy Hunt., Zina, Mary, and Mark went to the temple and they did baptisms for the dead for 32 women and 27 males. A great time was had by all. We went to dinner afterward--the swallowed water did not seem to diminish the appetites. Thanks kids.

It's really great reading your letters. Keep them coming. There were two in the Sherlene: How much does it cost to go to your camp. What are the facilities: Cooking, etc. get serious. What could the kids do there? Remember how we all were getting the trots at Camp? Now they have found that all of Utah's water has a bacteria in that gives diarrhea? Spelling? I'll bet that's what we had when we were there

*mail when we get home.*



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2 BEDROOM	1-8	\$70.00	ONE KING SIZE BED. ONE SET BUNK BEDS. TWO QUEEN SIZE HIDE-A-BEDS.

*condo*

*70 min - Fri  
\$350 at 11 o'clock*

*This is the condo, won't hold us all.*

*By next Hallmanack, Nancy should add another child to the family tree. I have registered for 9th grad for fall semester, mom.*

*no weekly rate only 2 weeks in advance + Tax 11.90*

## MOTEL UNITS

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	Each additional adult \$3.50 3.00	Each additional child \$1.75 2.00 (under 12)	
2 & 3	Two Double Beds, Full Couch Bed and Kitchenette (2 rooms)	30.00	190.00
	Each additional adult \$3.50 3.00	Each additional child \$1.75 2.00 (under 12)	
4A & 4B	One Double Bed	25.00	158.00
5-6-7-8	Queen Bed, Full Couch Bed and Kitchenette	30.00	190.00
	Each additional adult \$3.50 3.00	Each additional child \$1.75 2.00 (under 12)	
9 & 11	Queen Bed, Full Couch Bed and Refrigerator	27.00	170.00
	Each additional adult \$3.50	Each additional child \$1.75 (under 12)	
10 & 12	Two Double Beds, Refrigerator..	27.00	170.00
	Each additional adult \$3.50 3.00	Each additional child \$1.75 2.00 (under 12)	

*empire family of 9 mom room 2 people*

*2 people*

*family units*

*family*

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*Hotel ↑*

*← motel next to motel Hotel*

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August 4, 1985

Dear Family,

It has been more than a year since I have written so I thought I might have something to update you on. Our family is doing well presently. We have gone through the process during the last year of making the decision to move or not to move to a new home. We decided to stay where we are but to fix the home up nicely. Except for a few odds and ends we are complete with our fixing up and will soon be settled in again. In the end it is just about as bad to fix up as to move.

Karen graduated with her BS in Accounting in April. She has gone to work doing the accounting for our own businesses and has the books up to date. She had to go back and start with 1984 and then catch us up to current status. It is great to have good financial records now. It is amazing to me how much accounting work a small business takes. We ended up keeping all of our businesses as proprietorships and will not incorporate as a business at this time. As you may know I have three business projects underway at this time. The first is a communication system to transmit both analog and digital data over existing home power connections. This project is behind schedule and way over budget but still looks very promising. The second project is a high pressure jet cutting system. My goal here is to develop a 250,000 psi water jet cutting system that would make it possible to cut just about anything very easily. The project has a three year schedule and is actually ahead of schedule and under budget. The third project is a diamond clutch for car automatic transmissions. The goal of this one is to replace existing automatic transmission hydraulic torque converters with diamond ones.

I am investing all of the proceeds from the Smith revenue into these three projects. All of the projects are extremely risky ventures but if just one of them works the payoff will be enough to start several other projects which I would like to do. I am a little frustrated right now in having too many good ideas but not enough resources to reduce them to practice. I have come to realize that ideas are abundant and universal and that the real job is to reduce them to practice.

I am very excited about the progress made by the young men working on the Smith drilling projects. It is now evident to me that it is possible to manufacture a drilling system that will not wear out. The day is not too far off that man will be able to drill deep into the earth quickly and at low cost. This will make abundant energy readily available anywhere on the earth and as a result make water, food, and raw materials abundant as well. I attended a deep drilling conference in Tulsa Oklahoma during the past month and had some exciting discussions with experts in the area of "Hot dry rock energy". The most abundant source of energy is the heat of the earth. The earth radiates more energy to space than it receives from the Sun.

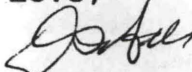


During the next few months we will be testing a rollercone bit in combination with a rotary down hole turbine. If successful with these tests we will probably be able to make enough bits to reach some of the Smith "milestones" early next year.

On another subject: I was very interested to read a long report in the Deseret News about the Laferty brothers and their family. It is interesting that this family failed by sticking together too much. They had the false notion that the basic unit of the church is the Patriarchal family instead of the "Husband and wife". Their allegiance to their family and their father and mother was stronger than their bonds to their spouses. The commandment to leave father and mother was not heeded by these brothers. Let's remember that it is our husbands and wives that we will be one with and not our children or our parents. The eternal unit which will be "One with Christ" and "Shall be one flesh" is each of us with our husbands or wives. As a result this relationship is the one that we should concentrate on above all others. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it...He that loveth his wife loveth himself".

May the Lord continue to bless each of you as he has blessed us.

Love,



David



August 5, 1985 White Plains, NY'

Dearest Family,

Greetings from Stinksville. Sunday night while Dan was walking Teddy, they caught sight of this striped critter staring with bright, beady eyes, from behind a bush. Need I spray more? At least our home doesn't smell like "doggy" any more.

How did another month get here? School will be starting in just four weeks! We do enjoy reading your letters. Those of you who haven't made it, please write-- we miss hearing your news.

I was at the hospital emergency room again this month. I got carried away getting ready for 9 youth and a counselor to stay here overnight (it was our ward's turn to hold the "Super Saturday" dance and host a Jones Beach party) and forgot I had put in some new contact lenses (after being on glasses for 6 weeks). After they <sup>youth</sup> came at midnight, I got talking with Sis. Wieland, while we waited for one of the girls to return from an after-dance birthday party. I finally took out the lenses at 2 a.m. and must have got some acid in my eyes (from under my fingernails--I had been de-mildewing our bathrooms with various nasty solutions). At the hospital they irrigated my eyes for one hour and then had to keep me there because I had an allergic reaction to a pain pill they gave me. Misery. But I'm better now and am grateful for Priesthood power, modern medicine, and even contact lenses! *(I had scratched both corneas - I was only supposed to have them in 3 hrs. the first day.)*

We've had some fun outings this month. They've brought in new management for Camp Liahona and have renovated cabins, dumped tons of white sand on the beach, and brought in all kinds of new activities (our kids' favorite is the rope swing over the lake). Dan went with Daniel to the father-son overnight there and took Laura to the Father-daughter outing there last weekend (they heard Beverly Campbell speak very inspiringly at a fireside). We also took some friends we are fellowshiping to the Stake picnic there, and I think I told you about the week-long Scout and girls' camps there, which we both attended for a day. It is a great place and could still be nice for a family gathering sometime.

Laura is getting ready for her 13th birthday which falls on Friday the 13th this September. An old friend of mine from school and Boston, Maria Toronto Moody, has a son, David, who was born on the same day and within the same hour as Laura. <sup>Laura</sup> She is inviting 13 friends and has ordered 13 toppings for ice-cream sundaes. She got hold of a catalog of creepy things and has ordered blood and gloop enough to provide the scariest party before Halloween! She is praying I'll get the household mess cleaned up before her party.

That's my big news. I finally decided to quit saving my inheritance for a late-life mission and to spend it on my mission NOW. Ah, the joys of getting this home fixed up. Besides, with the way real estate values in White Plains are booming, I'm reasoning that investing in this home will bring a much better return than if I left the money in the bank. I'd tell you all my great plans, but I think it's safer to tell you next month what's been done! At any rate, this place looks CRAZY--our painters fell through twice, so we're delayed two weeks and will have to cancel our hopes to visit Liz and Marty and leave the kids with Barry and Virginia. Thanks so much, anyway. Right now we just hope to get things together before school starts. We do plan to do something special during Winter vacation, though--it will be very welcome then and the weather now is cool and balmy. We've never had such a pleasant July and August.

We went to the Wash. D.C. temple on the 19th, inviting the Hamblins to join us. They are super people--we had such fun conversations our 10-12 hours on the road. We left Fri. p.m. about 2 and got there in time to do some sealings. It was so serene and peaceful in the temple. The last time, the temple worker repeated the ceremony very slowly and meaningfully, and it was almost like getting married all over again. We stayed at the Marriott, and guess who we saw in the restaurant when we went down with Hamblins for a full-course meal at 11 p.m.? The Neil Lamberts! Ann and Neil are in Boston now, where he is on Sabbatical. The next day we got in two endowment sessions and had to rush back to meet some commitments. But it really hurt to leave D.C. without seeing Barry and Virginia. Seeing their family has become such a part of my emotional involvement with visiting the temple, I could hardly bear to leave. But I just got back a list of cleared names for the Pickles family (Peter, Hannah and others) I typed and sent in--so we have a good excuse to come and visit soon.



We have one terrific Bishop in Blair Garff. He has become a mentor to Daniel, hiring him to weed in his yard (which is plenty big). He gave D. a check for \$30 for doing about five hours' work and which included a \$5 bonus for doing such a good job. In addition he called D. last week and took him to Yorktown for a special youth fireside where the LDS broadcaster for the NY Mets was speaking. Daniel came home convinced that he's going to really do well in math next year because the Bishop told him it would, when combined with his outstanding English skills, make him a terrific stock broker some day (that's what our bishop does on Wall Street). Bishop Garff just hired him to do another weeding job and now word is getting around about D's good work, and he's getting calls from other places.

Laura is also making a fortune babysitting. In fact, both of them get a lot of jobs. There is one family in the ward who has a son ONLY Daniel can manage--so he has a corner on that market! Between the two of them, we might keep solvent yet.

Daniel walks 1½ hours to his classes each morning and then rides his bicycle 20 min. each way to Garffs, afternoons, so he's getting his exercise. The other day a birch tree carrying 4 electr. wires fell and landed just two feet from where D. was on his bicycle. We do appreciate your prayers for family safety!

I guess you heard about our water shortage. Now we are having to draw on Hudson River water which is known for floating dead fish with all its PCBs. They have to treat it with so many chemicals, it almost tastes as bad as Utah water. People here have been proud of what is heralded as the nicest water in the world--but some nut put plutonium in our already low fresh-water reservoirs, and I am now cracking out those 60 gallons of spring water I bought on sale earlier in the year (which Dan thought I was daffy to get).

Have you all had a chance to buy that \$4. student manual the Church published for the Doctrine and Covenants study in the Gospel Doctrine class? That is the best Church manual I have ever seen. Dan saw me devouring and hoarding it and went out and bought his own copy. It answers all those questions I had earlier about some aspects of Church doctrine, plus many more. I made a goal a while ago to read in the scriptures at regular intervals each day. My intervals aren't very regular, but I have done it every day and am now on Section 100 and have read nearly half of the study guide which gives enrichment material to go along with each Section. I've also read several books in the New Testament and have listened to all the Conference talks. Did you know you can get all the Conference talks for about \$20? Cheaper than attending and you can listen while you do dishes.

I am especially thankful to David for encouraging me to keep a daily journal. I have tried to do it for years without success. Finally, this January 1, I decided to only make one resolution and to write in my journal, no matter what, each and every day, if I had to only write, "I'm tired, Good Night!"

Well, you'll just have to hear me brag. I DID IT! And it has been such a blessing to me. I did it for 99 days and decided it was enough of a habit that I dared start a new one. So I linked the second, which was to read scriptures every day, to the first one by deciding to record the scriptures I had read each day as my first journal entry. Since then I have added three other new habits, one at a time, through an inter-locking process. I am starting to see that line-upon-line becomes multiplicity-upon-multiplicity--if we are consistent--and the Lord can't wait to help us and reinforce us with good feelings. For example, I was working on a goal to keep my mouth shut when I felt the "Irish" rising, when my orthodontist ordered a prosthesis for me and told me to wear it four hours a day. One day while I was reading, it occurred to me that I can't argue when my prosthesis is in--so since I had linked my scripture reading--I decided that every time I felt anger, I would go read scriptures and put in my prosthesis. That first week I got a lot of scripture reading done.

They take a mold of your teeth, send it to a lab, file off your plaster teeth, reposition them and make a plastic mold which you chew on, working your teeth into their "perfected state." This \$250 device does what \$2,000 braces used to do--only better. This way of "chewing out" the family leaves me feeling good, but is very frustrating to anyone looking for a good fight. A-H-H-H-H! We love you.

Sherlene & family.