

Feb. Hallmanack 1986

Dear Family:

To Charlotte and Bryan go the gold medals for faithfulness in writing. The rest of us get 0. Not even C- for effort. Maybe Elizabeth, whose letter is enclosed. We are in contact, however, with most of you by telephone. (EXCEPT TRACY). And since the Hallmanack is dead, and I forget whom I have told what, you'll all just have to take your licks if I don't tell you that Sherlene is about to have her third child, and Charlotte and Bryan are going to Ziare to construct a dam. (Just kidding!) But I have been known to have to say..."Oh, didn't I tell you."

Enclosed are several letters from Bryan and Charlotte. Dated early, which have shown up under piles of things, etc. I try to keep the letters pinned to my bulletin board as they come in, but sometimes in the press, I lose track. The early ones from Bryan and Charlotte are just for historical reference.

I am busy finishing up my last paper. I am finding out a lot about the lost state of Franklin. Anyone ever heard about that? It seems one of our progenitors, John Kincaid, was agitating for a state to be carved out of Western Virginia and the four western counties of North Carolina. Virginia didn't like it because she would lose representatives to the congress, which she was, at that time, pretty well controlling. When that failed, he moved to Kentucky, and agitated over there for Kentucky to be broken off of Virginia. He was never the foremost agitator, but he was in there pushing. It's an interesting case.

The big news from Virginia is that they have bought a new house and are now embroiled trying to get it remodeled. Elizabeth's letter will speak for itself, but I think Virginia and Barry need to write and tell us all about it. Things are still up in the air with Sherlene and Dan, so what else is news. We hope this can be resolved so that those two can either be happy with or without each other. We want you to know, Sherlene, that whatever you do, we will still love and support you. Nothing is going to be easy, whatever you do, I guess.

Dad and I are going to the tool show in March in Los Angeles, and if we don't wear out, we may swing around and see Liz and Marty's new house.

As for myself, I think I will become an agitator to revise the punctuation marks within sentences. Namely capitols. I can't see any reason why I can't capitalize anything I want, anywhere. (as you have probably all noticed, by now.)

The new system is getting so that they don't use commas where my generation used commas, and if they can delete commas, why can't I add capitol letters. It gives my little fingers exercise.

Dad has a contract to make a trip visiting ACS sections in Texas and Oklahoma. I told him to try for Virginia, but you have to go where they want you. Maybe while we are there they will make us honorary Okies.

My sister Iola visited this month. While she was here we visited the Ramses Exhibit which is now at the Y. It is well worth your time--you really should visit it, all you Provoans. Tom Spencer and his wife had a baby girl in Jan. and that is why she was visiting. We will probably visit here while we are in Texas.

We are all wondering how the Hughes and Smith suit will be decided--and whether we will all be working at all or working for another company during 1986. Beans, anyone?

Mom