

Bryan Y. Weight Family Letter--March 3, 1987

Dear Family,

We celebrated Hyrum's 4th birthday last night. He's a Winnie the Pooh fan so we went to Sears and got him a Winnie the Pooh "all stuffed with fluff". He also likes anything that is associated with Halloween so his sisters made him some bats out of construction paper. We hung the bats from his ceiling. His room is now inhabited with flying bats, a 2 foot high paper mache dinosaur, and a pet spider named Scary Larry. I played a piano solo in church a week ago. Bryan stayed home with Sarah, Hannah, and Willis who were ill, and Hyrum went with me. When I finished my solo and returned to Hyrum on the bench, he looked up at me and said "That was a pretty song Mom." At bedtime he says to me, "Good Night Mudder, I love you". He's a sweet kid!

The biggest news around here is that Bryan is training (without pay for two months) for a position with Northwest Inspection Engineers. They are a state licensed consulting engineering corporation that was established in 1973. They specialize in the inspection of buildings to determine their design adequacy and condition. They currently have 6 inspectors, all of whom are professionally registered civil engineers. All are paid strictly on a commission basis. The firm withholds taxes and social security but pays no health insurance benefits etc. They charge \$260 for a general inspection of which the individual inspector receives 54%. They average 2-3 inspections /day. So far Bryan has found the work and the people very interesting. They seem to like him too. The owner of the business describes himself as an inactive RLDS and he wondered if religious differences would interfere with their working relationship. Bryan assured him that it wouldn't.

The kids and I have missed having Bryan here but it is also nice to see him out the door for work every morning. When he starts bringing a pay check home we'll really feel like a normal family again. We're a little tired of all outgo and no income. I'm especially glad that Bryan finds the work very interesting and also that he's working as an engineer.

Willis continues his dangerous climbing escapades. Last week he fell off a kitchen chair onto the hard kitchen floor. He always holds his breath when he gets hurt but this time he held it so long he passed out. Gratefully within a couple of hours he was his normal self again. I wonder sometimes how he'll survive through this year.

Last week we couldn't find Hyrum's shoes anywhere. I had looked every where I could think of. Bryan found them in a most unusual place. The heater vents in this house are not fastened down and can be removed easily. ~~and~~ Willis had discovered them and had stuck Hyrum's shoes down the hole. A few days later I couldn't find my hand held can opener. Bryan looked in the heater vent and bingo, there it was. Willis really provides alot of chuckles for us!

Sarah and Hannah have joined a Brownie troop and their first meeting is this afternoon. Our next door neighbor volunteered to be a leader and invited the girls to join. Any one want to buy some girl scout cookies?

That's all for now. Love,

*Bryan & Charlotte*

*They schedule all appointments. I don't bustle business. We will probably move closer to work this summer.*