

that won't happen. The contract severs all relationships between Mega and Dad, and leaves Dad free to get on with whatever.

We have somewhat buried the hatchet with the Popes, and even Duane seems somewhat friendly, although Mega did not let him know about the settlement.

Dad has received the first payment (upon signing) but has not cashed the check, nor will he until he receives the Stipulated Arbitration agreement.

Since our finances (especially cash flow) was getting tighter since Dad quit Mega and since the royalties were cut off, this will make a nice retirement. With just the two of us, Uncle Sammy will get more than his share, but I guess that's the way the cookie crumbles.

Charlotte called last night and Bryan is busy making his presentation for house inspections by a qualified Civil Engineer (him) seem desirable. He has picked up a few jobs and more will be coming in. We wish them the best and hope things will be A.O.K. They are optimistic. They are in their new home and getting settled in their ward and area. Charlotte says the neighbors are great--and a LDS family with children near by.

Nancy and Doug are busy getting their plans and loans approved for their new home. They have about decided that they will build the house and hope they sell it by the time it is finished. They plan to do quite a bit of the decoration, etc. themselves, so Nancy and Doug will be very busy. They hope to hear about the loan next week.

We are going to have Thanksgiving this year with David and Karen. And the local Halls will gather for a Christmas Party at our house as usual near Christmas.

I have decided that I will keep the birthday cards (with the small stipend) coming until the grandchildren are 18. After that I will try to send a birthday card each year (no Guarantee). At that age, they will be old enough to start remembering Grandmom's and Grandpop's birthdays instead. We would be delighted with a personal letter, poem, note, or whatever in lieu of the small stipend.

On the 18th birthday I will give each Grandchild a copy of the Langford Genealogy which I have been saving to give them when they got old enough to take care of it. It's no great shakes, but since Grandmother Hall isn't so

great at crochet, or knitting, or quilting etc., this may be something they can hand down to future generations that Grandmother Hall did do.

Since the 19th birthday marks the launching of the next generation of Hall missionaries, I will try to write a monthly letter to each missionary who cares to serve his Lord in this way. Any of you who want to can mention him or her in the Hallmanack and I will send copies to the missionary as well. (As long as I last, that is.) As I get senile (NO I AM NOT SENILE, YET) I hope to give the books to the parents to see that they get it on their 18th birthday. As the girls go on missions at 21, I will try to send them letters as well.

Charlotte just called and she and Ginger and Liz have figured the Christmas schedule out. Charlotte has Tracy, Virginia has Sherlene, Liz has Nancy, David has Charlotte, Tracy has Virginia, Sherlene has Liz and Nancy has David. O.K?

Within the next ten years it is very possible that Tracy and I can become Great-grand parents. We are too young to be Great-Grand parents.

Dad spoke in church on our Thanksgiving program. He brought to mind that we as LDS members and as Americans have so much to be thankful for. How thankful are we for the blessings we have so bounteously, and do we express that gratitude to the Lord? The Lord is so good to us that even if we "serve him all the days of our lives, we will still be unprofitable servants."

We love all of you and are proud of your accomplishments. Remember, Fast day is "Hallmanack day" and if you can get the letters sent the following day, I can get them out the second Sunday. Let's hear from all of you!

Mom