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A NOTE FROM BILL
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RELAXED LIVING

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It is said whatever else you do to make a living will "take up most of your life". "No matter what" there must be moments to break away from it. I am no good at it. Those around me appear to suffer because of the deficiency. Jacque, Ben & Adrienne have sacrificed some joys from my insistence that farming tasks at times come first. This dilemma carried on as they expanded their lives. There are occasions when my judgment becomes clouded in an effort to get things done right. Simply put I like the work as much as anything. I like to sweep floors. I like to clean corners. Of course being part of a family business I need to reach higher. I need to talk to the banker. I need to confer with the accountant. (These painstaking discussions now have been deferred to Ben for the most part). Ben, on the other hand, is much more focused on a better balance. His schedule and Brooke's schedule can be "mean," but in the sense that it denies them the chance to please themselves. But above all else they want to rejoice in their kiddos, their love for one another, and their new home. Perhaps I am confused in believing I must always pick up pieces of events I have stirred up. The next generation does not have to do that. A couple weeks ago the clan camped out behind the barn on a Saturday eve. They grilled that night and again in the morning with everyone required to ante up something meaningful.

Jacque and I were included for eggs, bacon, and pastry on the grill. A leisurely breakfast outside is the greatest of tonics. It is an antidote for the mundane and the routine. Drama is not required to break away. This was all spontaneous. It defies relaxed joy. At this point in my life I can readily absorb such feeling that I have striven for what seems like always and forever. When I ask someone what they did over a weekend or holiday I often get the response, "I relaxed". If I were asked that I would be hard pressed to respond in a similar way. I seem to be confused in distinguishing between relaxing and wasting time. This thinking had to come from our Uncle Len who often said that if you are waiting for someone or something you are "wasting time". Do you not do that when you are relaxing or is it a time to recharge. Yet, he had to relax - fishing, reading, tasking for family & neighbors. But his relaxing was always moving forward. Ben Franklin stated that his goal as "Lose no time; be always employed in something useful." I recall a segment on 60 Minutes of a college professor of philosophy who retired early to pursue his passion of waving. He sat by the roadside by his home on a busy road and waved at passersby. That was his joy to have the kindness returned. Somehow it is difficult to see the virtue of this, but he was driven (not occasionally but everyday). This relaxing must consist of wonder and a lot of "what ifs."

2023 *The* SEASON AHEAD

SUMMER & FALL HARVEST SCHEDULE

JUNE 17	First Sweet Cherries
JUNE 27	Tart Cherries
JUNE 23	Red Raspberries
JULY 15-20	First Peaches
AUG. 12	First Apples (Zestar/Gala)
AUG. 12-20	Red Haven Peaches
AUG. 26-30	White Peaches/Nectarines
SEPT. 4	Cider
SEPT. 6-OCT.4	Plums
SEPT. 13-NOV 1	Pears
SEPT. 10	Honeycrisp & Crimson Crisp
SEPT. 17	Pumpkins & Gourds
OCT. 15	Evercrisp
OCT. 29	Pink Lady, Goldrush, Fuji

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(continued) ... How can our lives be different, better, happier. If relaxing is a mean to an end then it is useful. Thus to me the road must be defined by useful work and being consistently kind. Will all else fall into place? You bet. Our clan, I believe, adheres to this. Tom "starts early & stays late" for the architectural firm he works for, but is not always rewarded appropriately. Adrienne does not give in to any difficulty on her flower farm. She blooms.

Arra's enthusiasm for reading well above her grade level has her emersed in Harry Potter.... Payton is off for a camping month in Minnesota. Her independence & maturity may be worrisome. Henry plays so many ballgames that don't wear him down that he has no time to misbehave. Beatrice asked a time ago, "How is your day going Poppy Bill?" That is enlightening from a six year old. Tucker is always building. The last project was a "cat house" for the swarm of kittens that has softened everyone.

Brooke and Ben have added a new home to their list of makings but still time to bake bread and fix bikes and above all be loving Mom and Dad. Jacque has endured the trials of back pain and arthritis and all kinds of hurts and still time for making strawberry jams & chattering. And I travel a well worn path. There is nothing like the wrath of "Mother Nature" to make you wish that life had a fast forward button. The cherry crop was greatly diminished by last Decembers cold spell and last weeks storm that featured hail had given us pause, but overall except for cherries, our fruit crops appeared above average.

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