

The year 1969 finds us with three children away from home. Edward, 22, graduated from OS at Ft. Benning in April. He spent the summer at Ft Leonard Wood in charge of the Food Service (cooks) School there; coaching a little league team; and spending money. In October he went to Viet Naam via the (anal Zone, San Francisco, Alaska, and Japan. He's in the 101st Airborne Infantry with a base camp at Phan Thiet, but he's in the field most of the time.

Gary, 19, finished his first year

at the University of Illinois this spring. He was a midshipman in the NROT(there; studied (hemistry and made the deans list his freshman year. This summer he decided to go on a mission for our church and is now in Boulogne, France. He likes France and the French people very much.

Martin, 18, graduated from Wheaton Central High this spring and received an honorary Illinois State Scholarship. He worked

all summer at Jewell and this fall

started his Freshman year at the University of Utah where he is studying Geology. He's also in the NROT(, and in the drum and bugle corp. His Grandmother lives in Salt Lake (ity and it's kind of nice that he has a home to run to on week-ends and that she has a Grandson to clean out her cupboards.

Jamie, 17, is a senior this year at Wheaton Central. She's still working at "Your Friendly Jewell" only she's graduated to the "Big Register". She now has a new

sister, Saray Gonzalez-Aguero, also 17 and from Costa Rica. She's an AFS student and will be with us until next summer. She's delightful, pleasant, and in every way a good sister and daughter. She never complains about the food, our crazy habits, Chicago, Gringos, the cold weather or any of the things we constantly grumble about. She's willing to try and do anything. Al, 11, Mary, 101, and Cy, 39, are beginning to feel like

we've been Left behind. The Horvay's

taught Al, Marty, and (y how to fish Lake Yellowstone this fall. Just use worms. Al's Little League team won their league championship and he has a trophy to prove it. Mary keeps busy with her heavy load of assorted activities and correspondence. (y is right in the midst of an unpleasant strike at GE.

This (hristmas reminds us to be thankful for many good friends, a rich, full and interesting life, and that God has given us sincere, honest, responsible, and resourceful children.





