

Christmas 1976

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Dear Friends, This has been a very interesting, exciting, and happy year for us.

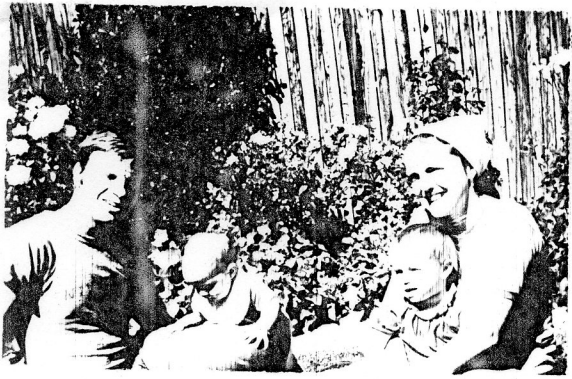
For unto us four grandchildren were given

To each of our married children has been born a child this year. Little Sarah Alice was born to Ed and Sue in October. A beautiful little 8# Kearn. Ed is still agitating for the Baltimore Hospital workers. Strikes, Negotiations, and Settlements seem to be the normal way of life for a labor leader. He and Sue are SLOWLY continuing their restoration of a 100 year old Baltimore row house only a few doors down from where H. L. Mencken lived. At Thanksgiving Mary and I spent a week with them sanding and restoring one of the many rooms in their mansion.



Gary and Mima presented us with our 2nd grand daughter on November 5th. Admiral Gary is in the Mediterranean, the communications officer, aboard the Destroyer Richard L. Page. He's expected home shortly after Christmas to meet his new daughter for the first time. Navy's aren't very understanding about fathers being present when their children are born. They will be in Norfolk for a year and a half until his hitch is over and he at last starts Medical School.





Martin and Jayne live in Woods Cross, Utah. He's business manager for a small firm in Salt Lake City. A son James was born to them in February. They have purchased a home and now know what large mortgage payments are all about. He's president of his Elders Quorum. Jayne's big thing this year was drying fruit. Martin, Jayne, Janell (2½), and James (10 months) are a very active and refreshing young family.

Duane, Jamie, and Daniel (2½) live in Bountiful, Utah only a couple of miles away from Martin and Jayne. They are lots of help to each other. Jamie is on leave of absence from her work as a nurse to have her second baby. Duane finished his Law degree at the University of Utah at Christmas and is now studying for the February bar exam. He is always busy working at some law related part-time job. Always something on the fire. Their baby is expected any day now.



Alan graduated from High School last spring. He won several scholastic honors. He worked all summer grinding plastic in a local plant in Wheaton. In the fall he quit his six paper routes and his plastics job and started at the Brigham Young University. He loves it there. He's a ski enthusiast with a seasons pass at Sundance but so far NO SNOW. He's discovered girls (a girl) finally. We're delighted to have him home for Christmas.

Cy and Mary only get older. Cy with GE making refrigerators and Mary, the good samaritan to many, many people. In June we spent a weeks vacation on Lake Cumberland in Kentucky with all of our children from the far corners. What a nice vacation that was.



May Peace and Joy and Happiness bless your holidays,

Best Wishes

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