



Dear Friends

The magic of this new Christmas, more than all the other Christmas times there ever were, seems even more special to us. Not so much from the beauty of the lights or simple scenes or the time in the stores, but the feeling of excitement inside of us, and the memories that flood over us. With these festivities, we keep alive the traditions we have created of closeness and mutual understanding, and the spirit of Christ comes into our midst.

Each Christmas seems unique to us. We're grand-
-oldest. Our children are grown and gone. This year Mary and I will be the only ones by our lighted tree on Christmas morning and then children and grandchildren will start visiting us and we'll be surrounded by their hopes for the future and hauled in our memories of the past.

Mary and I have been, and will be, spending a year on a Church Service Mission here in Salt Lake City in the Family History Department. Our year will be completed in May. We've been working on the 4th floor of the church office building, writing letters to folks who have made mistakes on the forms they submit. Mary writes the letters and I'm her typist. We write 50 to 100 letters each day. I don't mind working for her but she's always sneaking up behind me and pinching me. I'm thinking about leaving her for several years. We have enjoyed working together on this mission. On weekends we go to our home at New Lake and enjoy the peace and serenity there.



We have big plans for next summer, ferrying up the latest passage to Alaska and driving our Jeep back on the Alcan Highway with a couple of our grandchildren.

Retirement remains a busy passage in our lives. We're both in good health. Our wants are small and our needs even smaller. Our children are doing well and are our good friends. Ed Hill is still in Washington, D. C. Professor Gary Macken Family Practice Medicine at the Univ. of Ky. in Lexington. Marvin (D) manages the finances of a building material company in SLC (Footlock). James (D) is a nurse at the VA Hospital, and Alan (D) moved this last year to Iowa (I) where he's Manager of Finance for a Prairie & Granite plant there that makes Chev's, Buick's and many other products. He'll be there a couple of years before returning to Colorado.

We hope to spend many more Christmas Seasons together. It is indeed a time for rejoicing, renewal, and reflecting. With this Christmas we'll think of Jesus and what he has given to us, and all other human beings. We'll celebrate his birth with hope, joy, and gratitude.

Love,

Cy and Mary Reed