

CHRISTMAS, 1978

Dear Friends and Family:

Going through our files, I find that the last "brag" letter which we sent to you was in 1973. Needless to say, considerable change has occurred in our family in the intervening years. Please bear with me while I bring you up to date.

in 1974, Virginia returned from a mission to Scotland, and Charlotte left for one in Argentina.(1974-76). Both girls have since graduated from the Y and acquired husbands. Virginia pinned down the family lawyer, Barry Wood, in 1976; and Charlotte decided we needed a civil Engineer in the family. She married Bryan Weight, Dec. 1977, and that is why Tracy sent out the family Christmas Cards last year. Nancy, however, beat both her sisters to the altar when she married Douglas Mecham in the spring of 1976.

Our family is still scattered on both coasts, but we now have three of the married children living near by. Tracy in Orem, David (before the end of the year) in Provo, and Nancy in Payson. Sherlene and her family are still in White Plains, New York; Virginia and family in Washington D.C.; Elizabeth and family in Cupertino, Ca., (San Francisco area), and Charlotte and family in El Mirada, CA, (L.A.area.) This gives us quite an option for "vacationing".

It has been a year of "change" for us and for our family. Three of the children moved from the "rental" stage of life to the "home-owning" stage. Nancy, Virginia, and Charlotte and families moved into "first" homes., and David, Tracy, and Elizabeth went through the process (gruesome) of selling homes and buying new ones.

David moved to Provo in 1976 to go into business on his own. He got sidetracked and ended up as plant manager for MegaDiamond Corp here in Provo. Tracy moved to Provo this year for the same purpose and ended up going into the diamond-dental-drill-bit business with his cousin, Allen Hall. Just before Thanksgiving Nancy and I finished remodeling a 60 year old house in Payson and the same week Nancy moved into her new home in Payson she moved the effects of a Plant Boutique-gift shop called "Nancy's" into the house we had remodeled.

In September, Tracy Sr. decided to take early retirement from the Y and spend the rest of his life doing whatever Research he may want to do. Much of this will still be in the area of High Pressure-High Temperature Research, but he has some Solar energy ideas he wants to try out, too. He will still be associated with the Y on an Emeritus status.

With Sherlene and Virginia living in the East, Tracy and I have found that the route to their homes goes right through the genealogical regions for many of our family genealogical lines. In our "genealogical" travels during the last three years or so, we have met many new friends and distant cousins in these areas. We anticipate returning to these regions next year.

Tracy is still Bishop of our ward. Best paying job he ever had. What we can't understand is why, with all the children gone, we still do not find time to do all the things we want to do.

We feel fortunate to have eleven of our seventeen grandchildren living close enough to visit often. May the Lord bless you and yours,
Ida-Rose and Tracy Hall