

CHRISTMAS, 1973

Dear Family and Friends:

Our last newsletter went out Christmas, 1971, and we are amazed at the change and growth in our family since then. The greatest growth, of course, is in the number of grandchildren which have been added to our family tree. Following is a quick run-down on the important events which have occurred in the last two years.

Sherlene and Dan Bartholomew are in Chicago. Dan is still with Bell Laboratories and is beginning work on his PhD. Their family consists of Daniel Hall (3), and Laura (1).

This last year Tracy Jr. accepted employment with Hewlett-Packard in their Research Laboratory at Palo Alto, California. He and Betsy are the proud parents of Huntington Tracy (3½), Zina (2½), and Mary (1).

David and Karen are living near Princeton, New Jersey. He is employed as an engineer at the Research Laboratory of Ingersoll-Rand Corp. and seems to be enjoying his work there. They have one son, Mark David (1), and expect Santa Claus to bring a new addition to their family.

Liz and Marty Neil decided that opportunity and the weather looked brighter on the West Coast than in New Jersey at Bell Labs and recently moved their effects and their son, Gregory Scott (1½) to the San Francisco area. Marty is also employed by Hewlett-Packard, but in a different facility than Tracy.

Virginia flew the family coop last February and landed in Scotland on a mission for the church. She loves the work and we love her. We hope to travel to Scotland next August to bring her home, circumstances permitting.

Charlotte is a sophomore at the Y and seriously considering going on a mission next fall. We'll see!

Nancy is a sophomore at Provo High School. She discovered the boys a long time ago, but this last year they have discovered her as well. We've always been of the "hope the boys don't notice her until she goes to college" school of thought and are secretly hoping she'll get sick and tired of them. (Fat chance!)

Tracy Sr. has abandoned his crew-cut and let his hair grow out. Now isn't THAT a sure sign of the establishment bending? He has picked up his third national award in as many years: The American Institute of Chemists' "Pioneer Chemist Award" in Pittsburg in 1971; The American Chemical Society's "Creative Invention Award" in Boston in 1972, and The American Society for Metals' "Materials Research Award" in Chicago in 1973. Tracy is Priest/Explorer Advisor (young men 16-18) for our ward.

Ida-Rose is teaching the fifteen year olds in Sunday School. You might say she is having a humbling experience. She works off her frustration in the little greenhouse that was constructed last year. Did you know that orchids are almost as easy to grow as Iris?

The important thing is that the family is well and happy and serving the Lord. We are disturbed by the growing signs of corruption in government and realize that we all need to involve ourselves more in community and national affairs. Perhaps that could be one of our New Year's resolutions.

We all sincerely hope that you and yours are equally happy and healthy and that you all have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE TRACY HALLS