

Dear Friends and loved ones at Christmas, 1990:

As we look at our snow topped mountains we hope that the Lord will send more of that white stuff to Utah this winter as we have had drought now for four years. At this writing there is no snow in the valleys and we need much more moisture.

Farm: The evergreens in the 3 acre plot north of the house on the farm have fought their way up through the weeds and morning glory and look as if the majority are big enough now to survive. These are the ones Tracy has planted in the last two years. There will still be a few empty spaces to fill in next year. The small plot Tracy planted on the south side of the farm are now about three feet high and are shaping up nicely.

Tracy has a new farm toy which is a weed cutting machine he rides around on. This promises to help him fight the weeds a little easier. There is still much to learn but he is having fun. In the farmhouse, we have moved the farm office upstairs and he also has a drafting table upstairs. When it is too hot outside on summer days he can work on drafting high pressure equipment. This gives him the best of both his worlds. We hope to work on our personal & family histories.

Ida-Rose sold the Tulip Cottage business to one of her former associates October 1st. She misses the people she worked with and the excitement of the business, but at the same time it is good to be out from the pressures that attend any business. We are glad to report the business is doing well and looks as if it will prosper under the new management. Ida-Rose has the satisfaction of knowing that she started it and that it will still be giving an outlet for the talents of a lot of local crafters.

We are staying home for Christmas this year, but have enjoyed a visit in Sept. to Virginia and Barry and family in Arlington, VA. Virginia had her seventh child, fifth son, on September 14. They named him Roland David Spencer Wood. This brings the Tracy Hall Grandchildren to the grand total of 34. No wonder Ida-Rose has trouble keeping up with the birthdays. We also visited Tracy's brother, Delbert who lives in Richmond, Va. where we wallowed in the genealogical treasures at the State library with our daughter Sherlene who has also caught the genealogy bug. Sherlene is suffering from "empty nest syndrome" with Daniel in Guatemala and Laura at the Y.

Charlotte and Bryan Weight visited us this summer and gave us a chance to get reacquainted with their four. We will see them again in early spring.

A wonderful Thanksgiving was spent with Marty and Liz Neil and family in Los Altos, CA. Their oldest, Greg, is at the Y this year. Liz is the music director for the Los Altos Stake Christmas Concert this year.

We feel fortunate to have three of our children and their families in the Provo and Orem area. We will probably all get together during the holidays.

The recession which the East is feeling has not hit Utah yet, and we hope the country snaps back to its former vigor.

We wish all of you Health, Wealth and Happiness in the coming New Year and pray that, above all, we will have PEACE on Earth, Good Will to Men--everywhere!

*Ida-Rose & Tracy*