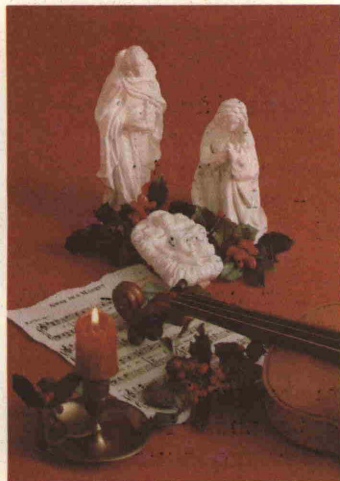


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Dearest Friends:

We are having another beautiful snow storm to-night. We have had a wet summer, a wet fall, and everyone is talking about a hard winter. This is a good night to stay in by the fire.

That is easy for me to do. The December calendar fills very quickly...until nights to stay home, are the most fun of all. I should go to a Relief Society function tonight, but it will be a tasting, eating, sharing goodies night, and I can pass that. We really had planned to drive to Ogden to-night to attend a viewing of my Aunt, but decided against it.

The passing of President Nathan L. Tanner, was sad. What a great man he is; and judging from the comments at the services, a right hand to President Kimball. I felt so sorry for President Kimball. He attended the services, but his personal secretary read his tribute to him....and so many times expressed his sorrow in "What a loss". President Hinckley is doing a magnificent job in his call and I was so happy to see him sustained as second counselor.

The football season is behind us with the prospect of another Holiday Bowl game. Many people will be attending in person, and there is a clamor for the tickets. Basketball is having a little harder row to hoe. We're not looking that good.

We are feeling so blessed this Christmas. Among our blessings are good health; our family is moving along in various activities. We were down to Nevada to visit Karen three weeks ago, and had such a good time. Those kids are both teaching and gardening, and canning, and being quite domestic and agricultural, too. They have chickens and a horse. We took two of our grand-children with us, and the wonder of a warm egg dropped in the nests took Nathan out to the coop hourly. We went pine-nut hunting, and had a weiner roast out in the mountains, and when we found a lovely Christmas tree, Chase having no other tools, hacked ten minutes with his pocket knife, and then they pushed it over. It is now decorated and is one of the loveliest trees we have had. Patrice and Lew are expecting their sixth child in January, Leslie and Jim live in Provo with their three children. Rodney and his wife have one young son; Steve and Dianna, married a year this month are both in school full time, and working on the side. They will be going to Washington, D. C. for Christmas, with the Lees. Jane is the only one home, and we are glad for that. Our oldest daughter, Linda is still in Boston with her two children.

Last night for FHE, we went up to the Temple Grounds and saw the Christmas lights. They are gorgeous, and the place was totally jammed with families. The huge tree in the foyer of the Church Office Building is beautiful. They do a good job decorating everything especially for the Holidays.

TO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR

We must be getting old (er). We are feeling the burden of caring for this home, and since two of the children married last year, we have rented out the down-stairs apartment that our children occupied while we were in Boliva. Did we really go to Bolivia? It has been two and one-half years since we arrived home. That's the way life is...the really big events, the ones you think you will never forget, take their place in the stream of life and cause a ripple of memory while the here and now takes all our concentration.

We are grateful for the reality of the Christmas account; happy it is a real-life prophecy that came true and has blessed and gifted us with a Saviour. May our gifts to HIM be in behalf of his children, our brothers and sisters, and may we desire to please him more than men.

We express our love for you this Christmas time....

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We heard one of your letters read at a Thrus Club meeting a couple of weeks ago. Time is flying & you're over the hump - as the missionaries say. You've probably heard that Mine & Beth Campbells home burned - the roof - carpet, 2 R, kitchen - but most of the downstairs is intact. It will be a major re-hubbing job. Major construction is going on east of your diamond plant - you won't recognize the area. We talk of you & envy you! We hope to follow in a few years. All our love,

Chas & Ginger

Ida Rice - Three of you from Thursday Club are serving missions - Ken & Ruth in Perth, Australia - Fawn & John in the South -

We have enjoyed your letters - and always wish we had had better writers -

Rae Simonson had a bout in the hospital - but home now - didn't really know what was the matter -

God Bless - We love you two!!

Ginger

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