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Dear Tracy and Ida Rose:

Yesterday, I was somewhat chagrined to have our Christmas Card to you returned. Took it a little spell to get there and back...right? Opened it...it said abt. what I would say again, so will just send it back along with the \$5.00 that was intended for the Chapel or whatever you needed it for over there. Will you get to go to the new Temple? We surely did enjoy your letter that was printed in the Ward newspaper. It was so nice to "hear" from you...and about you.

Of course you know abt. "the little people" who live in your basement. Seem like a sweet young couple. Their having their share of ups and downs along with with the rest of us. I talked with the little niece yesterday (or was it Friday?). She said she felt fine, and that the baby was gaining and coming along okay, so that is good.

Have no idea who may tell ; you Ward news, so will tell you a few of the things I hear. Lory and I are so involved with family and going to Panaca (Caliente) often because of mamma, and assorted other things that I really don;t keep up on "things too well. I didn't even see a Ward Newspaper this week. But...we have invitations (announcements) of three Ward Weddings, Tom Darais, Kathy Johnson, (not Helen's Kathy, the other girl across from Harris', and the daughter of Howard and Julie Nielson. The Sacrament Meeting today was presented by the Barnett family. Their second son is going on a Mission. It was his farewell. Their #2 daughter is already in the Mission Field. It was a fine meeting. Dean and Joan spoke and the son and #3 daughter played an instrumental number. Afterwards we went to Bountiful where Mary Ann had a watercolor that won an Honorable Mention in their Bountiful Art Show. She was chagrined that Nick had called and told us about it, but we were pleased (and proud) of her accomplishment. There were some beautiful oil and watercolor paintings there, plus some pencil and pen and ink ones.

Brother Beesley is having his problems with his bad arthritus. Sister Field has a bad disc in her back that keeps her down most of the time. Said the doctor said it was either spend most of her time "down" or have surgery, so she opted to stay "down". She sat by us in Church today. Said she was determined to come to Church today, but it was obvious that she was very uncomfortable. Too bad. I suppose you have heard that the little daughter of Shannon Harrison had some surgery - I suppose it was - and Shannon told me a couple of weeks or so ago that she was doing much better. Their family was not at ~~xxxxx~~ meetings today. Bro. Jack Thomas who took charge, said they were out of town.

It was a beautiful day today. We have had a rather "gray" winter. Not too much excessive cold, but lots of clouds and moisture and very little sunshine, so that it seems special to have a georgeous sunshiny day. Lory has just come in, he has been Home teaching. His partner is the youngest son of Howard and Julie Nielson. I guess Julie and he will be going to Washington, D.C. when shhool is out. Julie says they are buying a house back in that area. Think she said it would take Howard abt. 25 minutes to commute. They seem quite excited about it all. I suppose with good reason. The Erick Ericksons, I believe, have now entered the MTC prior to their departure for a mission in England.

We hope that all is well with both of you. We think of you often and remember you in our prayers. Lory is still pluggng along at what I tell him is his "true love" the geology and mining area business. Hoping for a ship that comes in. A lot of them s i n k. He feels pretty good most of the time. Don't think he has ever been quite as good as he was before his accident with the horse, but is so much better. The work at the Temple is a Source of joy to both of us. Saw Tracy and his wife at your home a week or so ago. Visited with them briefly. May Heavenly Father Bless, Guide and protect you and bring you safely home. Love, Myrtle Joy and Lory.

Myrtle Joy