

Hallmanack
Jenny and Betty
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January 20, 1980
Sunday, about 1:00 p.m.

Dear Family,

We do not have a great deal of news but you know me, I'll probably be able to fill a couple of pages anyhow. We enjoyed all the letters from everyone. The Christmas holidays seem so long ago. Mom's party was great, especially when Liz & Betty arrived in the middle of it! I think Mom has to be one of the world's best grandmothers - Each of my children feels personally loved by her and Aunt Jenny often says, "Grandma really knows what kids like!" (And let's not forget Grandpa's toboggan!) Grandpa Langford looks so much better since coming to Mom's, and it is nice for us for the children to become more familiar with him.

Tracy's business is in the sink or swim crew
right now - It's been there for some time
now but Tracy seems to be a pretty good
swimmer. The water's a little choppy
but his endurance is pretty good and both
the progress so far and our prayers seem
to tell us to keep on trying. The returns
on his mailings so far show we can probably
be in clear water within a couple of years.
The really nice thing would be to sell his new
technology - which would also require time.
So we'll see what happens and keep working.

The children are fine, except for Alex
who is struggling with a very bad cold. But
his spirits have been pretty good anyway.
A few nights ago I was changing him
and potting him in the laundry room
downstairs. I was also horsing around
with Tracy and Gina in the hallway
while I waited for him to finish. Then
I laid Alex on the washer and ran
upstairs to get some diapers for him.
On the way back and forth I continued
the vicious playing with T & Z. As