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Ron graduated from high school in June and is presently employed by Cambridge Memories, where he is responsible for the final assembly of mini-memories for mini-computers. If he gets the nifty promotion and raise he's hoping for, he'll be very happy with his job. He has asserted his independence by setting up his own pad in a neighboring town. He's struggling to figure out just what his future should be . . . not an easy decision for any of us.

Sam has been very much involved in setting up a new stationery store in conjunction with the Andersen Printing Company for which he works. The church also claims much of his time as Organist/Choir Director and advisor to the youth group. He teaches quite a few organ lessons in his "spare" time.

Karen still works at MIT's Lincoln Laboratory as secretary in the Laser Technology Group. She enjoys the variety of interesting work this affords her. She's taking two night courses at Harvard this year: Calculus and Latin. She especially likes the math.

Leigh and Mike have really brightened our year. They graduated from Duke University with all kinds of honors, and we were all so proud! A couple of weeks later they were married in a beautiful ceremony in our church. Presently they are living in Fort Myers, Florida, where Mike is working in the local hospital while continuing to apply to schools. Leigh is teaching 6th graders at the Fort Myers Middle School, although primary is still what her heart desires.

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Carl has put in a busy, interesting, and frustrating year doing something I really can't tell you anything about! If this "thing" should come to pass, we shall probably be moving early in '74. Curious? Keep in touch.

Dottie has mostly been adjusting and readjusting to all the changes that keep cropping up in the family, community, and in our business world. She has also learned to play a mean game of Triple Yahtzee.

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