

When we "Count our many blessings" this year we could write a book...so we'll spare you the eye-strain and give you a brief synopsis.

Donnie (12 in Jan.) is most grateful for having been chosen Captain of the Chicago All-Sports Team for intramurals, for being a member of the Leader's Club and chorus and for the responsibility of caring for the American Flag at school. He has enjoyed his Sunday School Class, Jr. Choir, Bible School and sometimes helping with the Nursery at church. He's learning to cross-country ski and goes ice skating at least twice a week. Don spent an especially happy few weeks this summer on his grandparent's farm with his Florida cousins and loved his week at 6th grade camp with his classmates and teachers last fall.

We felt blest when Ron moved back home to take summer semesters at SUNY (State U. of N.Y.) Binghamton. He's been fortunate to be among the employed, providing him with the cash to rebuild a really goofed-up Sunbeam into a snazzy, well-running sports car! The sale of said car will provide some tuition for next semester. Ron also ice skates several times a week and is engrossed in church activities..ie: M.Y.F., Youth Choir, etc. Many of his friends from Concord have come to visit...another big plus!

Karen, our "Happy Wanderer", having resigned her job in Mass., is now on the west coast where she has settled in Livermore, not far from San Francisco. She is very appreciative of her many good friends from the Lab who honored her with an impressive send-off luncheon complete with accolades and gifts. She and Marge MacDonald had a most pleasurable, safe and fun-filled sight-seeing trip across the country! Karen loves the California climate and is renewing the friendships of many who had moved to that part of the country.

Leigh is in Kindergarten! Teaching, of course...but is most happy for this change in her career. She and Mike have moved to a high-rise apt. in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This location is not only on a bus line but is also much closer to The Maret School for Leigh and American University (Law School) for Mike as well as to H.E.W. in Rockville, where he works. We were lucky to have had Mike for our Master (house) Painter last spring and really loved having him and Leigh with us for Thanksgiving!

Carl feels at least doubly blest to be able to report that Doron Precision Systems, Inc. has had a very good year...and also that all the T.L.C. he bestowed on his seedlings last spring brought forth a delicious and bountiful harvest in the summer and fall! It is interesting to note the competition among his fellow agriculturalists at the office...and it wouldn't be surprising if their newest product line was an edible one!

Among her too-numerous-to-mention blessings Dottie would include her recently improved health, her ever-thoughtful family, being close to her dear parents, cousins and aunts, and the warmth and joy of old friends and new who keep in touch. She's thankful for the serenity of her "country home" and for the peace and love the church provides. She also enjoys the fun and fellowship of singing in the choir as well as singing with a group called "The Leftovers".

So...count your blessings..and we're sure "it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." We thank you for loving us with your smiles, letters, phone calls, visits and "all the gentle touches of hand and heart..."

*Carl, Dottie, Don, Ron*