

CHRISTMAS 1978

At Christmas time we are especially grateful for a good life and for the kind friends who have warmed our hearts all year!

Precious days of togetherness and sweet reminiscing warmed the hearts of the Stearns clan as they lovingly sorted through and shared 58 years of memorabilia at Picture Hill (the family homestead) in Pennsylvania. Mom and Dad Stearns are now happily a part of Barbara's family in Florida where life is considerably more comfortable for them. We miss having the folks nearby, but we were able to be with them in Fort Myers for Easter and Thanksgiving. We also visited with Carl's mother and brother plus other relatives and dear friends in the South and spent a delightful day at Disneyworld.

In June we attended Carl's first high school reunion--35 years after graduation. Until those "kids" could get close enough to read the nametags you could have heard a pin drop at the reception! Gradually, as recognition and old memories crept through the balding, plumpish crowd, the "dB" increased to a deafening roar and an exceptionally fine time was had by all! Our V.I.P. (very important pilot) happily has had the opportunity to put in a lot of hours in the "Huff 'n Puff" this year. Doron is progressing and diversifying, although not without its share of growing pains. As usual, Carl excels at meeting the challenges of this growing business.

If you care to go bowling or swimming or on a canoe trip in the rain, call Don--he's our athlete-in-residence. His team placed first in the Babe Ruth League, and Don received the Good Sportsmanship Award. In the Spring Don took a bus trip to New York City with his school choir to see the musical "The Wiz" and to go sightseeing. A vacation in Florida and a lot of lawnmowing helped fill his Summer. He enjoys photography, Leaders' Club and MYF, and seems to have discovered that girls aren't just "soft boys." It's fun trying to keep up with this kid who's in perpetual motion.

Ron and Cindy are the proud owners of a new Ford Fairmont and a 3-1/2 acre parcel of land where they plan to build their dream home. Cindy graduated from SUNY in the Spring and she recently turned in her nurse's cap for a teller's cage at a local bank. She is far happier in her new-found career, and we're glad she had the courage to make the change. In addition to working at Doron, Ron is taking classes at Broome Community College several nights a week. It's great having these terrific kids living nearby.

Leigh and Mike have moved to Silver Spring, Maryland, and are fast learning the joys and struggles of home ownership. We're proud of Mike for the fine work he's doing as an attorney for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. He has won a number of cases and his presentations have been commended by various judges. Leigh's kindergarten class this year is dominated by boys (only two girls) and the first days of school somewhat resembled the monkey cage at the zoo! The young fellas adapted quickly, however, and are progressing well. Leigh loves the children--and that's what makes the difference.

We are happy to tell you that Karen will be married to Jim Holtz on December 15th in Livermore, California. Dottie and Leigh as well as Jim's family will be on hand to share in this joyous occasion. Jim is a talented experimental physicist at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, where Karen also works. We love Jim and you will too, and we are honored to have him in our family! Karen has just completed her second quarter at California State University in Hayward, leaning towards a major in Business or Economics. If you are ever in the San Francisco area, they'd love to hear from you (415-443-8774).

The "Bunn Hill-ton" was in full swing this year with a guest list that would make your eyes bug out. Some of the M.I.P.'s (most important persons) in our lives came to see us--and how it does bless us having this sharing, caring time together. We're really excited about our "holiday houseful." Karen and Jim and Jim's mother will join Leigh and Mike and Carl's mom as well as our local kids as we celebrate both Hanukah and Christmas this year. The Festival of Lights! The Light of the World! "Love came down at Christmas," and it's that Love that keeps us going. May the perfect love of Jesus fill your hearts this season and all through the New Year.

*Love,
The Wenzingers*