

December 18, 1979

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the house
Lay the holiday-mess of Carl's not-so-neat spouse.
The gifts were all wrapped; the cards stamped and addressed
But the Annual Letter---well, I must confess
Not one line was written....Can you feature that?
And Leigh, Mike and Grandma will be here in just two days flat!
"It's right now or never!" Dot told herself firmly
And started to write about all of the family.
Besides teaching the "Wee-Ones" it's Grad School for Leigh
An MA in Reading will be her degree.
Mike loves his trial work; spends much time in court.
He's Condo. Group President, and Soccer's their sport.
A summer reunion with the Family Walls
Gave them a breather before they got scheduled for fall.
Karen and Jim traveled far and were guests
In Europe and the Greek Isles, liking Switzerland best.
A fine carpenter, Jim... and we're anxious to see
All the beautiful work he's done so professionally.
Karen'll have "Senior Status" by the time summer's here
And soon after that, a BABY so dear!
Ron and Cindy have turned an old house into "Home"
Sewing drapes and repairing and insulating with foam.
They drove to Ft. Myers and had such perfect weather
They swam and went "shelling", having the best vacation ever!
Cindy's singing in choir; Ron works with finance.
With young folks like these surely church will advance.
Don is our house painter and lawns he did mow.
He's a woodworking "genius"(?) and a remover of snow.
A recreation director at Vacation Church School..
Flew to Florida with Mom and spent time in the pool.
As a high school sophomore, Don does his best
And he enjoys being Treasurer for the M.Y.F.
We rejoice in these kids God has loaned for our pleasure.
Families surely must be His most favorite treasure.
Doron's employees surprised Carl with a dinner.
They appreciate him; which makes Carl the winner.
It's refreshing; good feelings twixt management and labor.
They "ROASTED" him well! It's a night he'll long savor.
Should you like his attention just mention these phrases:
'Neighborhood Council', 'Interstate Properties', and 'Rezoning Crazes'.
The pressure's been building; steam, too hot to handle...
But when he 'keeps his cool' no one can hold a candle
to Carl...So the Victory's won! And the work's just begun
And DORON will now have it's 'place in the sun'.
There've been plane trips and visits and Bible School, too..
Choir and 'Shepherding' and adult Sunday School
for Dottie...and phone calls to loved ones far and near..
God bless Carl for paying those bills all this year!
But let's not forget Christmas and all that it means..
A Messiah! A Savior! Fulfiller of dreams!
If in the New Year you want a good start
Just ask the Lord Jesus to live in your heart!

God bless you for your greetings and love notes to us.

Dottie, Carl and Don