

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS...1980-1981



Allison Leigh Walls
6-27-81 & Eva Carey Holtz

We didn't forget you last year, honest...Dottie just didn't get our Annual Report written in time for Christmas.

To put 1980 "in-a-nutshell" will not be easy, so we'll just try to bring you up-to-date on the major events.

It was February when Dottie flew to Florida to be with her parents. Her Mom, especially, wasn't well, but God allowed them a couple of weeks to visit before taking Mother Home. We all miss Grandma Stearns alot...she taught us to delight in the simple pleasures of life and had a way of making each of us

feel so special. We're thankful for her long and beautiful life among us.

On June 5th at 2:09 am Carl and Dottie became GRANDPARENTS! EVA CAREY HOLTZ 5 lbs.5½ ozs., was born to Karen and Jim.

The 12th of September brought us ALLISON LEIGH WALLS! She belongs to Leigh and Mike and weighed 6 lbs.12 ozs.

"Our cup runneth over.." with Love..with Joy..with Gratitude for these Wee Ones. Carl arranged for Dottie to be in California and then in Maryland at the appropriate times to be sure these brand new parents were capable of caring properly for our precious grandchildren!

...and then at Christmas, we got to hang those two new stockings over OUR fireplace! All the kids, kids-in-love, grandkids and even a great-grandma joined with us to make a Big and Happy Bunn Hill Bunch! We rejoiced!

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Don is a senior at Vestal High, maintains a very acceptable scholastic average and drives a '76 Pinto. His job as part-time operator of the SR2, Doron's simulated ride, has lasted just long enough to allow him to make regular weekly payments on his car, including the FINAL one..and also to cover his insurance. The SR2 will be taken from the mall on Jan. 4th..and Don's job with it. (Know anyone who needs an experienced SR2 operator?) When time allows he still enjoys playing all kinds of sports and does his share of painting, mowing and snow-blowing at home, too. Don spends alot of time with activities at church, S.S., and M.Y.F. (V.P.). His vacation was an auto trip to Mass. with a friend. To be honest, a more thoughtful, loving and cooperative teenager than Don would be hard to find.

You would have to see the "BEFORE" pix to appreciate the transformation of Ron's and Cindy's home. All their time, talent and determination (not to mention the hard work and \$\$) has paid off handsomely. They are quite professional as painters (and strippers ?) paper-hangers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, cabinet-makers and upholsterers, too. Both are progressing in their respective careers and happy to be serving the church in several capacities. Their vacation was a flight to and a drive home from California with alot of visiting and sightseeing en route. The Puterbaughs and Wenzingers and Aunt Barbara all enjoyed a fantastic Thanksgiving Day in their home!

Somehow Carl copes with the pressures of business and still manages to maintain his good disposition, even at home. Bless him! Doron now has all operations under one roof and we are thankful. The former Sears, Roebuck Bldg., now DORON, never looked so good! We had an Open House in June and about 300 people toured the facility and seemed both surprised and impressed with it. The company received The Governor's Award for Export Achievement at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner in May. (Doron has installations in about 38 foreign countries.) Carl is on the Board of Directors of The Broome County Chamber of Commerce and The Airport Advisory Board and is on The Advisory Committee for The School of Management at S.U.N.Y. Binghamton. He still has his garden and yet found time to take Dottie to Florida to see her Dad.

We have to tell you that GRANDPARENTING is the Frosting on the Cake of Life! What a delicious privilege to kind-of have a second chance (now that we are so much wiser and experienced) at working with children. We are hopelessly in love with our Cherubs (even drove to Ma. to baby-sit one weekend!) and so grateful for all the phone calls, letters, pictures and especially the visits their parents provide. We'd forgotten how exciting it is when baby first rolls-over, sits-up, pulls-up, throws-up(?), gets the first tooth, takes the first step, says the first word, etc., etc.

God has really smiled on us.."exceeding abundantly above all that we ask.."

...and this Gaither Chorus sums it up well:

If He keeps on blessin' n' blessin'..And my prayers keep on gettin' through..
If it keeps gettin' better n' better O Lord, I don't know what I'm gonna do!

Love,
Dottie, Carl and Howard