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Cheers,

The Mouning's are here again to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. to continue our annual report to our family and friends by saying winter was much better for Thelma and I since our oldest son, Marvin, has his driver's license, he has been assigned the chore of transporting himself and the other boys to hockey at Yale and the N.B. High School. Instead of me getting up at 4:30 a.m. to get them to hockey practice, Marvin does it.

The boys are skating very well now, especially Gregory who made the N.B. High School hockey team and skates every weekday there and weekends at Yale. So between the hockey and other school activities the boys have had a very busy winter and spring.

The summer came and the boys were out of school. During this time Marvin and Gregory got part-time jobs working in a local restaurant in Branford, Conn.

Thelma also changed her working hour status from part-time to full-time in the lab with me and the rest of the lab team. Work is going very well at the lab for both of us. Our garden was not so good this year, but we harvested enough to restock our freezer and supplement our grocery bill. Also our poultry flock increased to seventy laying hens, but we are planning to decrease it very soon by eating some of them.

This year we missed our family annual camping trip but Marvin and Jeffrey went camping with their Boy Scout troop.

We had planned our family camping trip when I lost my grandfather and uncle in the same week. We canceled our camping trip and attended my grandfather's funeral in Danbury, Conn. and the next day left for North Carolina to attend my uncle's.

After the funerals, Thelma and I took a short four-day Anniversary August 26, 1975, vacation in Rhode Island. On our return from our short trip my first cousin died and we went to another funeral in Danbury, Conn. It's as someone mentioned to me, funerals are the penalty of a large family.

Then summer was over and it's time to go back to school. Somehow it seems that everything speeds up, with time and all the activities that we are in. We found time this year to make Sweet Homemade Apple Cider. A friend of mine that has a small apple cider grinder and press came over and helped us make forty-five gallons of sweet cider. We have been told the cider is very good.

We preserved some of it for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We hope that your year has been as full and active as ours.