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Hi,

Here we are saying Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year again, my how time flies.

After the cold, snow and rainy winter months we pruned the trees, cleaned the yard and prepared the vegetable garden. By this time it was Spring and our oldest son Marvin took driving lessons at school along with our help and got his driver's license and this was a big help to all of us.

We started a new project this year, advanced into poultry. This included building a chicken house and buying baby chicks. They grew and produced fresh meat and eggs. They are laying so many eggs that we can't eat them all. Next, we put together a big tool shed for all our lawn and garden tools, this enabled us to clear the garage for the first time in three years.

For our summer camping this year we took Gregory's Boy Scout patrol camping for four days, it was fun just to get away for awhile. Marvin, Greg and Jeff went to Boy Scout Camp in the mountains for one week in Winstead, Connecticut which is about 60 miles from North Branford. Thelma and Johnnie Anniversary was spent at home after a meal at Jimmie's August 26, 1974.

Then Fall came and we are back in school, a grader higher than last year.

In October we received a call from North Carolina saying Thelma's grandmother, Mrs. Alice Lofton, passed, so we packed the foot locker, put it in the car and drove south for the funeral. In a few weeks after that it was Thanksgiving and dinner was held at our place with both family gathered around the dining room table to a big soul food dinner.

After the big dinner we began to think on the next happy occasion, Christmas. We are wishing you all a happy and joyful Christmas.