

December 9, 1972

Dear Family and Friends,

"Season Greeting"

This is one of the times we sit down and write to the ones that are dear to us. This year began with the boys (Marvin, Gregory and Jeffrey) continued to have fun on the Hockey Team at Yale. The boys are enjoying playing hockey more this year, because they have had a couple of years experience and they are able to move a lot better on the ice. As to their team winning and losing, well you know how those things are, win some lose some.

After the year was a few days old we had a big house warming party for our family and many friends to see our new place. The party was a success.

Then the boys went back to school. Marvin the oldest son and Gregory the second oldest were in the seventh grade. Jeffrey was in the fourth grade and Kenneth our youngest was in kindergarten a half day. Thelma was working part time at the lab with Johnnie. Johnnie received his Associate degree in Pre-Science from Quinnipiac College on May 27, 1972.

The spring was a bit different for us this year we had more things to do with the pruning of the fruit trees (ten apples, three pears, one peach and two cherry) and the fertilizing of the lawn and preparing our garden; this reminded us of the old farm days.

Oh Yes! our "Garden", this year we grew all of our vegetables such as: Corn, Tomatoes, Muskmelon, Watermelon, Okra, Pepper, Squash, Onion, Cucumber, Garden Peas, Limb Bean, Lettuce, Carrots, Collards, Salads, White Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Peanuts and Huckleberries. All these things took a lot of work but we enjoyed it, and when harvest time came we love it.

The summer and "Camping" this year we went back to the White Mountains in New Hampshire and spent five days there. Then our vacation was cut short because we received a telephone call that Johnnie's grandfather died. So we came home and went to North Carolina to attend his funeral. Johnnie and Thelma went back to Cape Cod, to celebrate their Anniversary August 26, 1972.

Then fall and we are all in school again and a grade higher than in the spring Kenneth in first, Jeffrey in fifth, Gregory and Marvin in eighth, Thelma at North Branford High and Johnnie at Quinnipiac College.

Then Thanksgiving dinner at Johnnie's parents, and now it's Christmas again and we are taking time out to reminisce about many of the experience we had during the year. It's a real pleasure to have a family and friends like you to share our thought with.