

December 18, 1987

Greetings:

It's time for the 1987 addition of the Mouning's Saga. We hope you have had a bless and prosper year.

After the holidays were over, we settled down in our daily routine at Yale and church activity.

Near the end of September, we received a surprise phone call from Marvin, our oldest son who is serving in the U.S. Army in Germany. Marvin was at the limousine station in New Haven when he called, so that's what made it so surprising. We had not heard from Marvin for some time. It was good to have him home for two weeks. He looked great and in good health. While he was home, he was able to attend his tenth year class reunion. In was enjoyable for him and Gregory of the same class. We had more fun and joy when Marvin's uncle and aunt, the Moore's, hosted a dinner of celebration for him being here. We all enjoyed the marvelous occasion. October 5, 1987, Marvin returned to Germany and on October 25th he boarded a plane to Africa for a field trip, we are waiting to hear from him.

Gregory, our number two son is still employed at Yale Computer Center. He is enjoying his work along with acting in various plays in and around the community. Greg is continuing to keep up his physical fitness by ice skating and playing hockey. He enjoy his photography hobby very much.

Jeffrey, Linda, and Marcus, our third son and family, are doing fine. Linda is still working at Yale in M B & B stockroom, as a Data Entry Operator. Jeff changed from working at Yale to UPS, where he is a truck driver, delivering packages to different factories and companies. Marcus, our only grandson is in a very good nursery, where he is growing and learning very much. He is two years old now, my how time flies.

Kenneth, our fourth son, had a few more days off from school than we did. He was very helpful around the house and working at Department of Biology at Yale University. During the summer, Ken was blessed to be receive a position from the school to work at CIGNA insurance company in Bloomfield, Connecticut in an internship program. He was paid a salary, room and board and travel expenses. Ken and thirty other kids from all over this country worked in this internship program and enjoyed their work and leisure time too. From time to time, he brought home some nice friends that worked with him.

Ken is now back in school and expecting to graduate next spring and go into Banking and Finance. He was elected as a member of the Board of Directors at the UCONN Student Federal Credit Union and in April represented the Credit Union at a conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

In March, Johnnie and Thelma attended a four day Pastor Conference in Washington, D.C., for the third year. After the Conference they journeyed further south. First stop in their home town Greenville, NC to see relatives and friends; then headed to Florida for the first time for two weeks.

Thelma had been experiencing some discomfort, but the vacation seemed to have corrected the problem. They arrived back safe and continued their busy schedule.

The spring brought a time for tilling and planting the garden. Johnnie and Thelma did not plant too much this year because the boys are no longer there to eat all the food. The summer was very hot and dry but the garden survive. Johnnie and Thelma attended a second conference in July held at the University of Massachusetts. It was very exciting and a learning experience for both of them.

The summer vacation brought about two lovely weeks in and around Camden, Maine. The weather was ideal, and it was not too busy there. They celebrated their Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary while being in Maine at a lovely restaurant down by the sea, looking out over the water at the beautiful boats coming in and out of the harbor. The beautiful light gleaning of the water so cool and peaceful.

After staying in Camden, Maine, for a few days, they drove north to Campabella, Canada, an island where President Franklin D. Roosevelt's summer cottage was. There they saw some of the most beautiful flower arrangements they had ever seen. The cottage had thirty-four rooms (and they call it a cottage). They went through part of the cottage, of which they saw eight bed, bath, and living quarters for their helpers.

We also went to Cape Cod for a few days which we all love to go to and then returned home. Our summer was concluded by having a family cook out on Labor Day with some good friends, Mary and James Christian, our lovely daughter's parents and grandmother, Mary. The cookout just completed an enjoyable summer.

Thanksgiving dinner was held at our home and we had lots of food and many family members to attend. Now we take a moment to pause for silent prayers for the families of departed love ones: Charles Ray, Thomas and Norris Ebron; Jay Jay Moring cousins and Rev. Jesse Ray Stanley friend of the family.

We have been very busy with church activities. We are making history in our church, our pastor has been consecrated as Bishop William M. Philpot, Sr. of the Christ Chapel New Testament Churches on December 6, 1987. The church family is very excited and pleased what God has done. It was a great occasion and celebration.

Now we are looking to Christmas at Johnnie's sister and family in Bridgeport, Connecticut. May God's riches blessing be upon you and your family through out the years.

With our Love

The Mouning's