

CHRISTMAS 1970

As we once again attempt to give you a resume of activities we shall try to do so by months.

Jan. We enjoyed the Lange's and though they were 3 miles from us we kept in contact. Marjorie put a quilt on frames besides sewing together carpet samples making throw rugs.

Feb. Taking the Lange's with us we spent a week end in Mesa with Leroy Maynards and Mauricer Wilcox's, (schoolmates of Hiels). On Sunday we attended church at Rev. McIntosh's appointment in Phoenix.

During the month we did some entertaining in our home.

Mar. We became acquainted with several persons we had been asked to look up and enjoyed them a great deal. Marjorie completed the quilt started in January. The last week of the month Lange's came from their apartment to our house where they stayed while we took our routine trip (5da's) to "City of Hope" for my check up. Found everything in same fine condition. Can wait another 3 years.

April, Lange's returned to Michigan. Frank and family spent 4das. here. We hadn't seen them since Aug. 1968.

May Frank left for tour of duty in Westpak. We layed blocks, put up frame work and roof for a patio in our back yard.

June, Dr. Britts, (our Niece and family) from Alabama, spent about 36 hr's. with us enroute to Calif. hadn't seen them since 1952, and the 4 children never before, so we were delighted. Hiel put cement block wells around our trees and other yard improvements.

July & August Were both busy months doing routine yard and home work but no special activities.

Sept. Marjorie placed another quilt on frames. We had to have a new furnace installed and then Hiel painted the walls of the living room, hall and dinette. We received our Diphtheria Immunization shots due to outbreaks in San Antonio and Phoenix. Plane accommodations make these people neighbors.

Oct. Hiel built end tables, book shelves and various other items for our living room.

Nov. This month was the highlight of our year. We went to San Diego by bus on the 25th. Was a good day and a good trip. We were tired but very happy to be with Frank and family. By invitation we all had Thanksgiving dinner aboard the U.S.S. Fox tied up at pier in San Diego. Frank shared his visit to Expo. 70 with us. Hiel became ill while there, so we stayed an extra day and returned by plane on Tues. Dec. 1st. Frank Gardener of Oscoda Mich. stayed in our home while we were away which was a great blessing to us.

Dec. Arriving home there was a real bundle of mail and we thank you for all the Birthday and Anniversary remembrances. Hiels illness has been a type of virus. He is better but remains very weak and may for sometime. George has closed the garage and has Management of a newly built 3 stall gasoline station of the Humble (Enco) Oil Company. Business seems excellent if we can only get some quality help.

We've had 2 fair gardens this year, We are learning with trial and error.

During the year Marjorie has worked out 847 hrs. besides quilting and various crocheted and knitted items. Hiel has cared for 66 yards besides our own and many extra wood work tasks to numerous to enumerate. We have both spent sometime helping those less fortunate.

We thank God for our good year and trust Hiels backset will not be long. We appreciate all the correspondence we've enjoyed. We sympathize with our many friends who have witnessed bereavement during 1970 our hearts go out to all of you. To those unable to contact us we are sorry, Our work is no definite time. But don't give up trying.

We will very much miss my sister and husband the Lange's this winter. Perhaps some one else may attempt to spend some time here. Your Welcome.

Frank anticipates about 9mo. before having to leave the states again. With Christmas Greetings and New Years Happiness we bring this to a close.

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