

7:30 A.M. Friday - Mar. 12, '71

Dear "All of you" - (Nieces & Nephews) - Ashamed to say I'm afraid we never got your nice Christmas letter and extra note answered. Want to thank you too for the nice picture of Barbara, we really appreciate it. Do hope Stan, that you are continuing to improve in health, sometimes it seems to take a while, to get back to normal. Know it does for me, still have to take lots of medicines, and sleep and rest a lot. Many things I'd like to be doing, but just don't hold out. I tell "Uncle" Linne that if I didn't have to do any thing but eat and sleep I'd get along pretty good with my work. Thankful though to be able to be at home to gether through all of the storms even if we can't get extra things done.

We thought we'd had some real storms, but guess this last one sort of topped them all off. Had been one whole week with no mail service several weeks ago, but this deal that started late last Fri. night really gave us a dose of snow and blow. No mail service yet this week, and besides our telephone was all mixed up for several days. Cheboygan folks couldn't get through to us, our own line

was all mixed up. Wrong parties would
get the rings. To top it all off, phone
went dead completely. Wed. early A.M.
We've had several letters ready to mail
but guess all will get started off to-
day as snow plow did come through
yesterday at 4 P.M., also telephone
man got out and made repairs on the
line. Wonderful to be back to normal.

"Uncle" Linne is starting to melt up
some honey today, to get ready for
sale. The stores seem to be selling
more during this wintry weather,
maybe folks eat more pancakes,
hot biscuits, etc. B. & C. Market
seldom order more than 2 cartons at
a time, but finally got convinced
that we do get snowbound at times
and can't get down. Did order 3 cartons
and now the last time said "Bring 4!"

Getting towards the time of year
that we think of maple syrup time
coming up, but oh! the deep deep snow.
We'll have to hire some one with
big equipment to open roads to and
through the woods, I expect. L. has
been using blade on tractor to keep
our driveway opened up, and to
honey house. Quite a job even then.

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Hada card from relatives in Fla. (your Mother wrote it Dorothy) a few weeks ago. Guess they like the milder weather there, says there are more Michigan people there than from any other state. Had a nice letter from Barb & Bob. They seem to enjoy themselves in Germany, and say that time goes rapidly. We hope they can get up to see us next summer. We'd never seen a picture of Bob until we got their Christmas card. Yes, now that we are speaking of family, must say we were happily surprised when Lois called up one evening a few weeks ago, and told us that Gordon and Mary have a girl. Can just imagine how thrilled every one at their house must be. Later we got the announcement from them. Have written them, you should see the stack of mail we've gotten ready in past few days, so hopefully it will all go out today. We'd taken some pictures of snow banks a week ago, but

would look tame now, after the latest storm.

Your family surely are growing up, and all so busy too with so many things. You must have lots of "music in the air". Speaking of that, do your youngsters know the S. S. Chorus to tune of "Jingle Bells"? It is called "Gospel Bells."

"Gospel Bells, Gospel Bells,
Ring them all the day;
Ring them while you're at your work
And while you're at your play,
Gospel Bells, Gospel Bells
Ring them all the day.
Ring the news that Jesus came
To wash our sins away."

At S. S. near Christmas time they sing it and have a youngster stand up front with small bells to ring as they sing.

How I ramble on once I get started. Guess that is the Delamater of it. Don't know if you've heard of Mildred Havings fall Feb. 7th and getting in Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids

for 13 days. Had surgery, she called it a
smashed ankle when she first wrote
from Hospital. Three breaks, and they
put a bar in with 3 screws. She is
home, gets around with crutches, and
Virginia + family stay there with
them, and keep things done, except
past 2 week ends the Browns have
gone home. Woodrow could help Mildred
enough over the week end.

Had short letters recently from
Harold, and Edwin. Latter sent his
school picture, real good. He's on
B Honor Roll at school, and doing
good in his Avana Club at
Church. Lamar is in his first
year at school and likes it.

Cheyoygan Schools have been
closed several times due to the
storms. Margaret gets a vacation
then too. She expects Larry home
for a 1 wk. vacation now. Jan
works at Hospital several days a
week. "Aunt" Amelia is doing pretty
good. They have loads of snow in
her Trailer Park. Must close and
get busy. Thanks again for news + picture.
Love, Aunt A. Uncle L.