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Dear Family and Friends,

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 on the Hockey Team at Yale. I can't recall how many games they won or lost but they enjoyed themselves. After the year was a few days old the boys went back to school. Kenneth, our fourth son, stayed at home with me (Thelma). Johnnie continued his subjects at Quinnipiac College and working at the lab.

Just before the spring vacation Marvin and Gregory had chicken pox and just as soon as they recovered Jeffrey and Kenneth had chicken pox.

Life has been good to us this year and we haven't had any deaths, but we did have a large wedding. Johnnie's sister Sarah was married and Johnnie and Kenneth were in the wedding.

Our summer is not complete without going camping. This year we went to Lake George, New York; from there over the Adirondack Mountains up to the White Mountain in New Hampshire. It was lots of fun.

We cut our vacation a little short this year because we wanted to buy a house.

We found the perfect little place not far from New Haven in North Branford, Connecticut. It is a 5 1/2 room ranch with a two-car garage and a full basement. The lot is about an acre of land. We like it very much.

Now it's Thanksgiving time and after the turkey and dinner Johnnie got sick with the flu, strep throat and tonsilitis. It wasn't enough for him to have it but three of the boys also had strep throat, but they are improving now.

Gregory, our second son, has had trouble with his teeth not growing straight so he has braces and will be wearing them for the next two years.

Now it is Christmas again and we have had a successful year and we are glad we have family and friends to write to like you.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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