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## OUR WISH TO YOU

In the coming year, may you have--  
Enough happiness to keep you sweet.  
Enough trials to keep you strong.  
Enough sorrow to keep you human.  
Enough hope to keep you happy.  
Enough failure to keep you humble.  
Enough success to keep you eager.  
Enough friends to give you comfort.  
Enough wealth to meet your needs.  
Enough enthusiasm to look forward.  
Enough faith to banish depression.  
Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.  
Enough spiritual needs to keep you coming out to church all year long!



## *Happy New Year*

Butler Third Ward Bishopric



# Mission News

## Australia Sydney



November was an extra busy month for the Watts. They welcomed missionaries on five occasions and sent two groups home. Hopefully they won't have so many change dates in one month in the future because of the time involved. They managed to survive, however, and are still enduring.

Nick says, "We sympathize with all of you at home with so much cold and snow. We are still having a difficult time adjusting to the Christmas season in such warm weather. We'll have Todd and my two sisters here for Christmas, so that will add a special touch for the holidays."

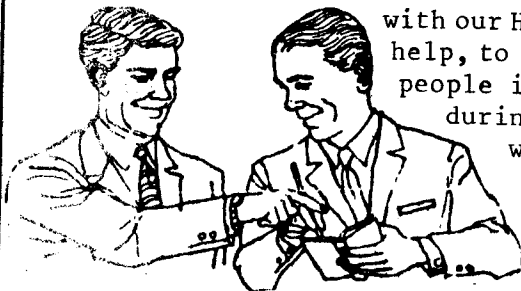
"As we change the calendar it is interesting to note we're starting our 18th month coming up to the halfway mark. Can imagine how fast time will go as we turn towards the barn on our last half run."

Love, Nick & Donna

## Ecuador Guayaquil

Brent has been fasting and praying for his family at home.

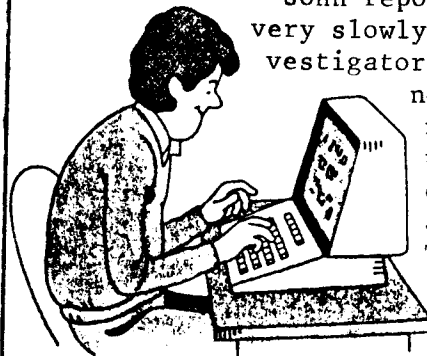
He has a new companion, Elder Given, who is a hard worker and easy to get along with. Brent is hopeful that he and Elder Given will be able, with our Heavenly Father's help, to bring some good people into the church during his remaining weeks in Ecuador.



Mom Vernon Reporting

## Germany Frankfurt

John reports the work is going very slowly. They have no investigators and the members are not helping them very much. They have volunteered to help the computer teacher in a local high school. This should provide an interesting opportunity for them.



Dad Gygi Reporting

## Denmark Copenhagen

Ronda's uncle met her at the Copenhagen airport with a featherbed, curling iron, and other necessities, and she was very happy to see him. She did some sightseeing and went to see the "little mermaid" in the harbour.

She was then sent to Aarhus--Denmark's 2nd largest city. There are two Elders besides the two sisters in that town, and she said they get inside the doors every 5th time they knock, so that's super. Her companion's mother turns out to be one I knew from Denmark who emigrated in 1956 to USA, and I haven't seen her since.

Ronda says it's very cold and she's getting used to her blisters--she has never walked so much! They already have 8 investigators that were given to them by the Elders.



They live right across the street from a bakery, so they get fresh pastery and bread every day. Ronda also loves the food. She sent home a small package of chocolate and other Christmas goodies that was very well received.

She says "Tell everyone Hi!" She loves being a missionary!

Mom Poulson Reporting

# Welcome Home Steve!

## Japan Osaka

Lance will have a "white Christmas" be being in his white baptismal clothes on Christmas day. At least one member of the Ikeda family will be baptized and Lance says they are really converted. In fact, he refers to it as a conversion instead of a baptism. They had another conversion in early December.

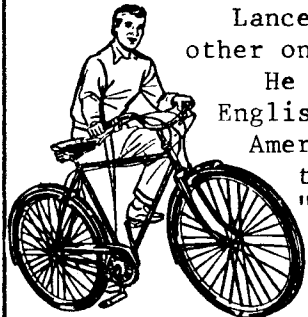
President and Sister Merrill Blaylock arranged a Thanksgiving dinner for the missionaries. Each missionary prepared something (Lance and Elder Raymond furnished stuffing). While the dinner was cooking the missionaries played football. Lance and another missionary collided. The other missionary had 10 stitches in his head. Lance a very large bump and he didn't know where he was for a time.

Lance has a new bike since his other one was stolen.

He sent a tape of a program his English class performed. They sang American folk songs like "Home on the Range," "Yankee Doodle," "Doo Da," "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain," etc. Lance had them sing "Love at Home" as well.

Lance wishes all the Ward members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mom Dean Reporting

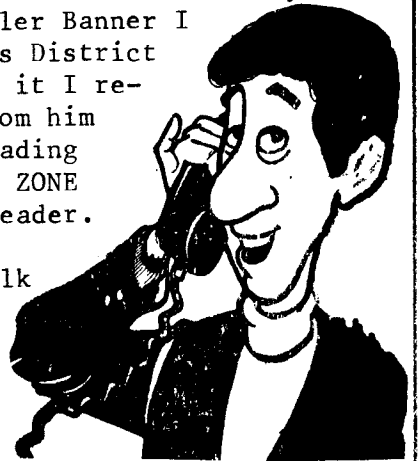


During the very coldest in December, the temperature fell to 40° below zero, and with the wind chill factor, it was -80°--that is really COLD!

In the December Butler Banner I mentioned that Rick was District Leader. After he read it I received a short note from him saying that I was spreading false doctrine. He is ZONE Leader, not District Leader. Sorry, Rick.

We were happy to talk to Rick on Christmas and delighted when he told us that he really loves his mission.

Mom Spencer Reporting



## GO BEYOND YOURSELF

MEMBER MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



Giving service to the Lord gives us insight into how to be of service to our fellow human beings, how to be a more useful member of God's Kingdom. From time to time, the Lord calls us to his service. When He needs us during the coming year, it will be nice for us to be in tune with the Spirit enough to recognize how we can be

of service to Him and to our fellow members active and inactive.

HOLIDAY FOR GOD, by Lael W. Hill

When all the churches had been dutifully attended, all amens toned, and the pews emptied--when air about the alters cleared, and the tolling tongues of bells were satisfied and stilled--he came out from the arches and the naves quietly--so quietly the pigeons cooing, wingfolded were not started from cornices and eaves; nor priest, nor pastor faltered, in his name bidding the silkened flocks goodbye.....A child, warm-haired under his hand's touch, followed a moment until the parents called come now, come home.

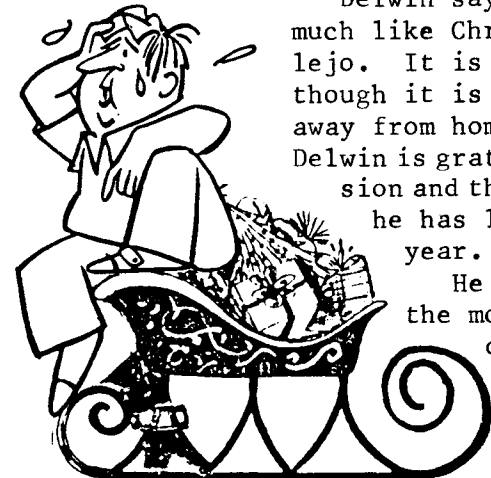
But mother, but father, did you see his face? The world flashed in it orange and blue as glass in the window of saints; his eyes were shining me clean, his hands came on me like leaves or a feather of sun, and I knew if I went with him we could find a place to sit watching the sky like rivers unwinding, and the lovely lions, the little soft lambs, would play."

Children must not go with strangers, dear. Now come. "But he was alone: he needed me today."

## Columbia Bogota

Delwin says it didn't seem much like Christmas in Sincelejo. It is still hot! Even though it is difficult being away from home at Christmas, Delwin is grateful for his mission and the wonderful things he has learned this past year.

He also realizes that the months pass all too quickly and he must work extra hard to accomplish the work that needs to be done.



Happy New Year, Delwin--we are proud of your accomplishments and appreciate your representing our family in the mission field at this time.

Mom Clawson Reporting

## Wisconsin Milwaukee

The cold weather has slowed the tracting for the missionaries in Wisconsin. They are not allowed to go out if the weather is below -30°.

# Relief Society



Happy New Year sisters!  
 To begin with, thank you for your support this past year. We feel it was an excellent year for Relief Society.

This year holds out promises of another exciting year with excellent teachers, inspired lesson material and your continued support. We look forward to great blessings on the sisters of our ward. I can promise you personal growth and satisfaction and happier relationships with your families as you participate in the Relief Society programs. We need you! You need Relief Society! Help us make 1984 the best year yet!

Love, Laverna Clawson

Our January Homemaking Night will be on Tuesday, January 10. Mini-classes to be offered will be: Ladies Ties; Pursuit of Excellence; Tatting (a 3-month class); Fruit Pizza; Covered Heart-shaped Boxes; Ceramics; and Quilt Tying.

Earlene Spencer

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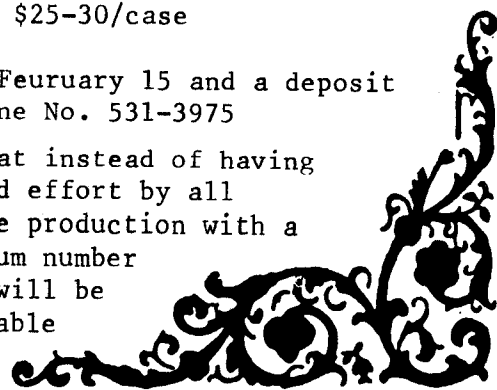
## WELFARE SQUARE CANNERY - FAMILY AND GROUP CANNING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Friday, Jan. 13	Turkey	\$33-37/case
Friday, Jan. 20	Vegetable Soup	\$10-13/case
Friday, Jan. 27	Beef Stew	\$33-37/case
Friday, Feb. 3	Beef Stew	\$33-37/case
Friday, Feb. 10	Vegetable Soup	\$10-13/case
Friday, Feb. 17	Apple Juice	\$19-21/case
Friday, Feb. 24	Chili	\$25-30/case
Friday, March 2	Beef Stew	\$33-37/case
Friday, March 9	Orange Juice	\$20-23/case
Thursday, March 15	Pork and Beans	\$12-15/case
Friday, March 16	Pork and Beans	\$12-15/case
Wednesday, March 21	Vegetable Soup	\$10-13/case
Thursday, March 22	Vegetable Soup	\$10-13/case
Friday, March 23	Vegetable Soup	\$10-13/case
Thursday, March 29	Pineapple*	\$25-30/case
Friday, March 30	Pineapple*	\$25-30/case

\*Pineapple is a special item. Orders must be placed by February 15 and a deposit received by March 1.  
 Cannery Telephone No. 531-3975

The Welfare Square Cannery has changed its program so that instead of having several small groups work independently, there can be a united effort by all interested in canning a particular item. This will allow more production with a reduced number of people, and there will no longer be a minimum number of people required from any one ward or group. Appointments will be taken for each date until the maximum production amount available is filled.

Lee Herzog, Welfare Leader



RELIEF SOCIETY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN ?

In the long twilight of the year, the faces of the children are lighted with visions of things to come

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN ?

It seems certain that they will travel roads we never thought of, navigate strange seas, cross unimagined boundaries and glimpse horizons beyond our power to visualize.

What can we give them to take along?

For the wild shores of beyond, no toy or bauble will do.

It must be devised out of responsibility and profound caring...

A homemade present of selfless love.

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN ?

Attention, for one day it will be too late!

A sense of values, A sense of humor. The meaning of discipline.

If we falter at discipline, life will do it for us.

The will to work. Satisfying work is the lasting joy.

The talent for sharing, for it is not so much what we give as what we share.

The love of justice. Justice is the bulwark against violence and oppression and the respository of human dignity.

The passion for truth, founded on precept and example.

The power of faith, engendered in mutual trust.

The beacon of hope, which lights all darkness.

The knowledge of being loved beyond demand or reciprocity, praise or blame, for those who are so loved are never lost.

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN ?

The open sky, the brown earth, the leafy tree, the golden sand, the blue water, the stars in their courses and the awareness of these. Birdsong, butterflies, clouds and rainbows. Sunlight, moonlight, firelight, A large hand reaching down for a small hand, impromptu praise, an unexpected kiss, a straight answer.

The glisten of enthusiasm and a sense of wonder.

Long days to be merry in and nights without fear.

The memory of a good home.

Abridged from a poem by Eric Severeid

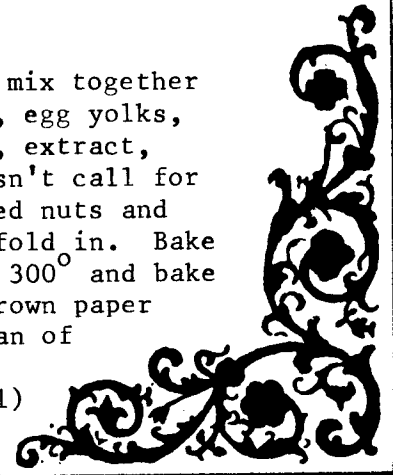
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White Fruit Cake (Barbara Blackhurst)

- 1 lb. butter (no substitutes)
- 6 eggs, separated
- 4 cups flour
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2½ Tablespoons lemon extract
- 1 lb. candied cherries
- ½ lb. candied pineapple
- 1 lb. white raisins
- 1 lb. pecans or walnuts

Put nuts and fruit in large bowl, mix together with 1 cup of the flour. Mix butter, egg yolks, and sugar well. Add 3 cups of flour, extract, and 1/3 cup orange juice (recipe doesn't call for this, but I add it). Then add floured nuts and fruit. Lightly whip egg whites and fold in. Bake 1 3/4 hours at 275°, then turn up to 300° and bake 15 minutes more. Cover cakes with brown paper while baking. Bake with a shallow pan of water in bottom of oven.

Line pans with well-greased foil or brown paper (dull side up of foil) Take paper off when cakes are done. Cool on rack. Store 10-14 days before using in a cool, dry place (not frig).



# Getting Acquainted....

by Stella Berhold

## The Two Of Us

Each month it is always such fun to get better acquainted with those people we have rubbed shoulders with for many years--there is always something to learn about them.

Henry and Lou Jean Middleton (2724 Carole Dr.) were both born in Ogden, Utah and were raised on farms. Lou Jean grew up in a small community west of Ogden where her father was first counselor, then bishop for 15 years. Her life and childhood was carefree and fun, but the children were also taught to work.

Henry hated farm chores and his great love was reading. So, he would bribe his brothers to do his chores. Can you believe he grew up on a farm and never even learned to milk cows!

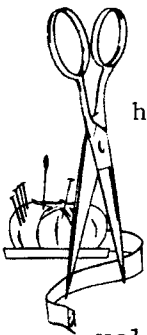
When Henry and Lou Jean were teenagers they met at Farr's Ice Cream in Ogden where they both worked. They started dating when Lou Jean was a junior and Henry was a senior. They each attended different high schools, which, incidentally were fierce rivals. They were the only two high schools in Weber County when the Middletons were younger. When their schools met for sports events, they would each cheer for their own school. While the tension was high during the games, they would still be good friends afterward. Lou Jean states, "My school (Weber High) usually won, though!"

Henry is a graduate of Ogden High School. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Utah State, and his Administrator degree from the U. of U. Henry is now an administrator in Granite School District.

After graduation from Weber High, Lou Jean attended Weber College and the U. of U. She received her P.H.T. (Put Hubby Through) degree from Utah State. Lou Jean has worked as a school secretary for many years.

Among Henry's hobbies are boating, water skiing, reading, oil painting, watching football and basketball. Lou Jean also loves boating and water skiing. She has a little time for other interests--music, sewing, cooking, and reading. She states she has "always enjoyed sewing and made most of the girl's clothing plus many of my own." One of her most challenging projects was Michelle's wedding dress.

They both enjoy plays at the Pioneer Memorial Theatre and operas. They love going to the Shakespearean Festival each summer with the Spencers.



Henry and Lou Jean were married on August 11, 1948 in the Logan Temple--and to celebrate their special 35th anniversary they went to Hawaii last August and "had a marvelous time."

Henry and Lou Jean were blessed with four special children and proudly state that each of them were married in the temple: Connie (married to Jeff Snarr) is a school teacher with one daughter, Katie; Craig (married to Peggy Kerk-siek) has two daughters and one son--Jonathon, Melissa, and Rebecca (Craig is a general contractor); Brent (married to Tracy Timmins) is a graduate student in BYU's MUA program; and Michelle (married to Jeff Thomson) has one daughter, Kristen.

Henry is the advisor to the Priest's (Aaronic) Quorum. He loves his calling and comments on what fine young men we have in our ward. Lou Jean is our dear Relief Society President and does an excellent job. She has the love and patience necessary for such a calling, adding a spiritual note to all the meetings.

We are grateful to have you, Henry and Lou Jean, in our ward!

## On My Own

Our Blazer/Scout leader, John W. Houskeeper (7775 Steffensen Drive), is a real asset to our ward. John was born in the LDS Hospital and weighed 8 lb. 2 oz.--more than any other Hbus-keeper child. However, as a baby he had breathing problems and had a treacheatomy performed.

John has grown up in the Butler Third Ward and has always been active, serving in many presidencies in the Aaronic Priesthood. He was in

little league baseball on the all-star team; his team went to California for the Little League World Series. He has always enjoyed playing team ball games and has participated on many Church teams that have won region in basketball and softball. When he was younger he was on the Tiger Wrestling Team or Brighton's Junior wrestling team.

While in Junior High at Butler, John started working as a sweeper for Canyon View Elementary. He has worked from age 13, off and on, with different jobs until 16. From age 16 to 19 he worked at Butler Middle School. In high school, John enjoyed business and English classes and participated in the Brighton Jug Band in his senior year.

After H.S. graduation in 1981, he served in the Sweden, Stockholm Mission. John states that there are probably "over three feet of snow by now" over there in Sweden. (continued)



**GETTING ACQUAINTED, CONT.**

At present, John is working part-time and looking for full-time work. Some of his future plans include attending college next fall and majoring in Business-Accounting.

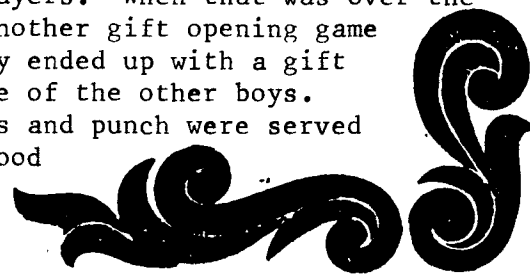
Besides his enthusiasm for all types of ball games, John also loves fishing, camping, and boating. John enjoys music and has taught himself to play Church songs on the piano in the past. He is also learning to play the guitar and teaching himself as best he can!



John has lots of nieces and nephews and "loves kids." His love for children is especially evident as he so willingly helps and teaches "his" Blazer boys in Primary.

We are grateful to have you amongst us, John!

layers of tissue with a few surprises in between some of the layers. When that was over the boys played another gift opening game where each boy ended up with a gift brought by one of the other boys. Tasty cookies and punch were served by the Cubs good leaders.



**SPORTS**



Beginning in February, the Stake will sponsor Young Adults Coed and Married Couples volleyball leagues. Participation in these leagues will not preclude anyone from participating in any other stake sponsored volleyball. Young Adults who are interested should contact their Young Adult leaders. Married couples should contact the Ward Athletic Director, Stuart Gygi, 942-5269.

**Cub Scouts**



Our Cub Pack 311 had a fun Christmas Party meeting on the evening of December 21st. After the usual flag ceremony, opening prayer, and uniform inspection, most of the boys were given achievement awards. Scott Scharman received a gold and a silver arrow point under his Bear patch, then went on and earned the Athlete pin in the Webelo program. Scott also got a 2-year service star. Kris Rosander has been working extra hard on his Webelo achievements and received his Outdoorsman and Traveler pins as well as the Denner Cord. Benji Larisch earned the most Webelo pins this time, including the Aquanaut, Athlete, Artist, and Scholar. Other Webelos earning pins were Matthew Wilson (Athlete), John Meldrum (Citizen), and Rand Barker (Outdoorsman). Also, Brian Rowe earned his Athlete pin and 2-year service star pin. In the Cub Den, both Steven Allen and Daren Beattie received their 1-year service stars. We are proud of these boys for their efforts in earning these achievements.

After the award ceremony, the boys and their parents took part in a fun gift-unwrapping game. They sat in two circles and took turns rolling dice, and whoever got doubles got to put on a hat and scarf and begin unwrapping a package which was wrapped in several

**BANANA SPLIT DELIGHT**

Mix together and spread on the bottom of an 11 x 15 cookie sheet:

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup margarine (melted)

Place 4 sliced bananas on top of crackers.

Spread 1/2 gallon of softened ice cream on top of the bananas. Place in freezer until hard.

Combine in double boiler and stir until mixture is melted:

- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup chocolate chips

- Add: 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 cups Sego milk

Boil for 20 minutes until mixture thickens. Cool. Spread mixture over hardened ice cream.

Spread whipping cream or Kool Whip on top of the chocolate mixture, and top with more graham cracker crumbs.

Place in freezer, and remove about 15 minutes before serving. Serves about 40



# News Briefs

### Ward members recently sustained:

Vance Russell, advanced to Teacher  
 Roger Butters, advanced to Teacher  
 Brett Scharman, advanced to Deacon  
 Nancy Lambatter, Primary Teacher  
 Susan Hatch, Primary Teacher  
 Dustin & Edith Trapier, Nursery Leaders  
 Dean Cloward, Assistant Scoutmaster  
 Eric Poulson, Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster

### Ward members recently released:

Norma Montgomery, Primary Teacher  
 Betty Vernon, Primary Teacher  
 Shirlene Hansen, Primary Teacher  
 Alvin & Violet Thomas, Nursery Leaders



Exciting news at The Johnson house! Steve and Terry's first grandchild is a girl! Little Nicole Elizabeth made her arrival on December 10 and her parents are Brooke and Cyndi Wagner.

Congratulations!



Tired of shoveling snow? A group of young men in the ward, under the leadership of Jay Bishoff, are trying to earn money for a special excursion. For a set fee, they will guarantee to keep your driveway clear of snow for the remainder of the season. For more information, contact Jay at 943-8549.

ALL MEMBERS NOTE: There is a portable keyboard in the building library which is available for classroom use. Let's take advantage of it!

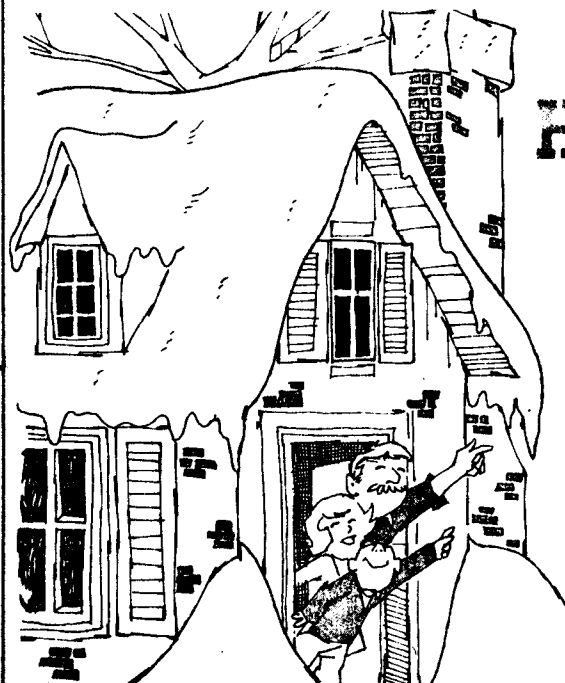


We wish to express our gratitude for the love and support the people of the Butler Third Ward extended to Ruth and I in our time of sorrow.

Dick Paxman

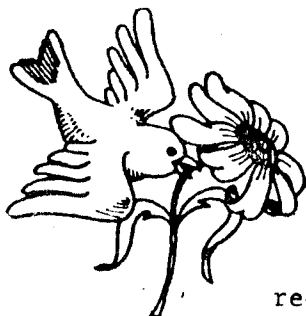


We would like to welcome several new members to the Butler Third Ward. Karen Louise McOmber is now living with her parents; and Edith Brown's granddaughter, Connie, and her husband, Larry Bridge, are living in Edith's home. Also, Vincent and Nancy (Ross) Lambatter and their family (Jared, Teia, Ryan, and Brittany) will be attending our ward while their new home is being built.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Sympathy



Our love and sympathy go to the family of Dick Paxman, whose mother has passed away, as well as to Earl Van Fleet upon the recent death of his father.