

Christmas 1970

Dear

Yes, here Christmas has rolled around again and that also means the near end of another year. 1970 has been a rather eventful year for the Tastads in this house. Most of them, happy events, for which we are thankful.

I suppose the highlight of the year took place on May 2 when Alice was married to Tom Molloy which added a very fine member to our family, and our first son-in-law. He is a lawyer and a partner in a law firm here in Saskatoon which keeps Alice in Saskatoon. They are very happy and have such a nice apartment, and we are very proud and happy for them. Alice is still working at the Mental Health Clinic. We were especially pleased when Mildred, Esther and Louise came up from the Dakotas for the wedding.

Norman is still busy with his farm machinery. Farming has been rather a precarious business here due to the over supply of wheat, and of course this is reflected in related businesses. Many men have been laid off so we feel rather favored to be still with it! It looks as if we will be off to Nassau in February for a holiday this year. Last year we went to Los Angeles - and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We got down into Mexico, too, and especially enjoyed Disneyland. A nice reward for Norman's hard work.

Judi will be in Bethlehem this Christmas and is very thrilled over this. She has been "abroad" since September and spent quite some time working and sightseeing in and around London. The first of November she went to Israel and has been having a wonderful time. On the 28th she is flying to Barcelona.

I am really favored this year by already having my Christmas gift. The last week the carpenters have been busy here installing a new dishwasher. Now, let me tell you that lightens the work load and it will be so nice to have it over the holiday season.

Douglas is in the college of Commerce at University and is enjoying it. He is going to Montreal for the holidays, he has a friend there (girl) and will be skiing in the Laurentians. Speaking of skiing - yesterday Bryan had his first lesson and came home enthusiastic but also had a few comical tales to tell. The winter games are going to be held in Saskatoon and they literally built a mountain a short drive from here for the ski events, and will make skiing a plausible sport to follow even here on the prairies.

This brings me to our "cheerful little earful," Natalie. She is ever busy with music, skating, Sunday School, Brownies, etc. and keeps us all moving to keep up with her. She is already in grade 5.

Norman's Mother had 2 operations for glaucoma and came through them real well. This household's Mother had a couple stays in the hospital and has been guilty of dragging her feet a bit this year. She is going to smarten up now, though.

Love,

Box 75,

Loreburn, Sask.,  
June 4, 1968

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Thank beautiful you so  
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Yesterday Susan had her music  
exam. Mom thought she did  
quite good. Yesterday was  
the Fields Day. I got three  
firsts and two thirds. Phyllis  
didn't get any ribbons. Susan  
got one third. Today Auntie  
Jennie came over in the morning  
Love from, Lori Mae Tastad.