



Christmas 1973

Dear folks:

Another year almost over and Christmas '73 is fast approaching. Nostalgic memories of many Christmasses complete, with families, friends and festivities crowd our thinking. Now we are far from many of you who have meant much to us in the past and who will always hold a very special place in our hearts. How much fun it would be to see you all again and to have a real visit with you, but since this is impossible, a letter must suffice.

1973 has been a good year for us with fairly good crops which somehow managed to withstand the elements. We thank God for this and for continuing good health.

Visits of relatives and friends from Edmonton and Red Deer made our summer and fall very pleasant indeed!! Come again!

In August we accompanied Angus and Kathleen on a trip to South Dakota where we visited with relatives on Peder's side. We visited Skudesnes church, and cemetery, where many ancestors are buried, and also worshipped in Pierpont church where Grandma and Grandpa Tastad were married! A wonderful trip with wonderful people who went all out (though it was harvest time) to make us comfortable and happy, and I may add, "very well fed!!" Thank you!

Angus and Kathleen are still living at 1560 16 St. W., Prince Albert where Angus ministers in the Presbyterian church. They are only $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours from home, and we enjoy being able to visit back and forth more often than before.

Richard is still living a life of single bliss. Besides farming activities, periodic trips to football games, as well as some successful antelope, deer and goose hunts have kept him busy.

Garth and Carol just moved into their new home at 1210 Elevator Rd, Saskatoon. He is with Century Mechanical and she works as assistant director at the Y.M.C.A.

Peder is bothered with arthritis but I have been able to work with increasing ease for which I am so thankful.

We know that sorrows and trials have touched many of your lives. We can only point you to the One Who gives us grace to meet all of life's problems and Who has promised He will never leave us or forsake us.

We pray this letter will find you and your loved ones well and that you will have a blessed Christmas. May Life's nicest things be yours in 1974!

Peder & Ruth Tastad