

Christmas 1966

Dear Friends;

There is no time like Christmas for remembering friendships we cherish. It would be so much fun to be able to visit each one of you - to sit down and have a cup of coffee and a real old-fashioned chat. But of course this is impossible. So instead, this Christmas we are sending this letter to you and giving you some of the highlights of 1966 as it relates to the Tasted family.

This has been a year of extremes as far as farming has been concerned. Drought and floods - heat and frost. Harvesting commenced Aug. 10, but because of the rain and inclement weather, this was not completed until mid-November. Most of our grain is either tough or damp.

We are all well. Ruth especially has had a good year and we have all enjoyed the Alberta Company!! Mr. and Mrs. Art Halverson, and family, Aunt Lydia, Levi and Astrid Erickson, Hodge and George Fitch, Christine Grinson - all from Sylvan Lake; Olga and Syd Thompson from Bentley; Emma Greensted from Red Deer; Harold and Barbara Bjelke and family from Edmonton. It was so wonderful to have all these folks in our home and to talk over old times.

Highlighting all our activities was the ordination of our son-in-law, Angus McGillivray into the Holy Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in his home church in Mayburn Oct. 1. This was the culmination of many years of hard work for both Angus and Kathleen. We were so happy to be present at this most meaningful service. They are now serving a parish up at Dawson Creek, B. C. Angus has four preaching places so is a very busy man.

After University, Garth was home helping on the farm. He is presently employed by Central Mechanics in Saskatoon and is enjoying his work very much. Richard is home and farming. He has had several enjoyable hunting trips which have helped to make farming routine less tedious.

"Ma and Pa" have found their way up to Dawson Creek and it is from here that this letter is being written. En route, we have visited Jennie and Jonas, Harold and Barbara. We have enjoyed the scenery here. Peder has been busy with hammer and saw doing a few extra jobs around the manse. Ruth and Kathleen have made lefse and Christmas cakes.

We pray for each one of you that you will have a blessed Christmas this year and that the New Year will bring happiness and fulfillment of many of your dreams. May we always remember that the life that knoweth His shall bide apart and keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

Sincerely,

Peder & Ruth Tasted