



THE PLACE ON THE POWDERHORN  
Christmas, 1977

"Glory to God  
in the Highest."  
Luke 2:14

God rest Ye, One and All--

The morning stars sang together when God created all that is. Job 18:7/. And well they might! The glory of God's created universe is beyond comprehension. We recently satisfied a desire of many years' standing by attending a series of lectures on astronomy. Astronomers themselves maintain that the human mind is not capable of imagining the vastness of the stellar distances. The constellation of Orion is 435 light years from the earth...Yet God used a star to apprise the Wise Men of the East of the birth of a King, and a star in leading them from their homeland to the Stable in which they found the infant... But more lively messengers than stars were used to inform members of God's chosen people. An angel from heaven was commissioned to bring the news to startled shepherds near Bethlehem. An innumerable host of additional angels appeared to sing the first Christmas carol sung on earth: "Glory to God in the Highest." Highest places or highest Glory? Both, we believe. Though they sang on earth, their song resounded in heaven.

Another year is waning. It was a year full of Grace which we beheld. It has been a good year. Our most eventful experience of the year was to accompany the Bible School Choir from Medicine Lake on its itinerary in Norway in July and August in Norway. It was similar to the visit the Choir made six years ago, though this one was shorter and less extensive. The sponsor was "Indremisjonsselskapet;" these people had made the arrangements for places to sing, housing, meals, bus, and publicity. The Choir sang in Churches, Mission Halls, Schools, at tent meetings and out in the open. The largest audience was at Tomb Jordbrukskole near Fredrikstad in Østfold. The travels took us to Vestfold, Telemark, Aust and Vest Agder, Rogaland--singing in the Aakra Church at Karmøy, Hallingdal and Three appearances in Oslo. Captivating scenery and exhilarating bus-rides in the mountainous sections of southern Norway; friendly people everywhere.

When the Choir left for home, the two of us stayed on for another 18 days to visit friends and relatives at Trondheim, Bergen and Karmøy--only six days (travel time included) for each place. Mostly mass visits at family gatherings. We felt at home with all of them. We said farewell for the last time--we knew it and they also--to two relatives: An aunt, Emelie Olson, the last one of the previous generation on my father's side; and Bergljot Kaardal Helland, a cousin who visited America in 1976. They have both passed on by now--to heaven, we are confident.

Our descendants have increased in stature rather than in numbers since last Christmas. Magne continues to teach at the Chicago State University, while his Judy is working for a degree in nursing. Their Kristoffer and Rachel are still in the elementary school. Jeanette keeps house in their new home, Peter preaches in High School. Their Kirsten is a Senior in High School; Karen is in Junior High, and Jana in the Grades. Jeanette works part-time in an Income Tax office; In off-season she trains others to do the same type of service. Inez keeps house and writes articles for the A. L. C. Scope. Merlin is Hospital Administrator in Denver, Colorado. His 5-M's Marrk, Michael, Matthew, Martin and Mitchel attend school in Kansas City and hold part-time jobs. Inez' Lyall is City Clerk; their Erik and Kurt are Senior and Junior in a private school in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

The Iver Olson's

*Iver & Myrtle*



CHRISTMAS 1977



*Hannah  
Walter*

Dear Relatives and Friends:

We wish to greet you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, with Luke 2:10. A Message from heaven! "I bring you good News--there is born to you TODAY, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

This is the best news that fallen mankind could get. Jesus the son of God, became man, and as a man, fulfilled completely all the demands of the Law, and dying for our sins that we could be saved. This is what makes Christmas, and our wish to you all is that you might experience personally Salvation, and have a very Merry Christmas.

Yes, we still live in "that little brown house with the white trim", right by the Water Tower in Spicer, Minn. Yes, we repainted our house and the same color, and the "welcome mat" is out for anyone who is traveling in either direction on Highway 23. Stop in for a cup of coffee, or over night, or a week.

God has been very good to us also in 1977. Altho January was exceptionally cold, it was offset, by a mild February. Our Annual Mid-winter Bible Conference was held in Zion Lutheran, Willmar, Minn. this month. It was a very challenging and enriching Conference, so we did not miss a session. March continued very mild, so all the snow disappeared, and some farmers were doing field work. This month we also traded off our 1965 Ford Fairlane for a 1975 Ford Granada with very low milage, and in first class shape. April continued very warm, so some gardens including potatoes were planted just before, and after Easter. After Easter we took a short trip, thru Iowa, stopping at Ben ~~Satva~~ *Staves* at Mondamin, for a couple of days and then on to ~~Bar~~ Branson, Mo. to visit my old friend Oscar Mehus. Here also, we were given the "Red Carpet" reception; and as we toured the Ozarks, we were "filled in" on historic events as far back as the Civil War days. The Ozarks were in their prime, with the Dogwood, and other flowering trees in full bloom. On our return trip we took another route, thru Iowa, visiting at Radcliffe, and another stop, visiting friends and schoolmates. We arrived home, without incident, on Monday, Apr. 25th, after covering 2100 miles, a very enjoyable trip. Our potatoes and peas were up, that were planted before we left. Also springs work was in full swing, seeding and planting corn and beans, under ideal conditions. May, the whole month was real summer weather, so the crops and pastures were in excellent condition. June was the busy month, starting with the 75th Anniversary of Tabor Lutheran, northwest of Webster, S.D., where Tryg began his ministry in 1923. What a change in the congregation. Children that I baptized and confirmed were the main families now, June 8-14th we attended our Annual Conference (AFLC), convening at the NDSU, Fargo, N.D. It was one of the best in attendance, and also spiritually, since we started 15 years ago. On the last day we commissioned another family for work in our Mission in Brazil. That makes 4 families and a single worker on our field there. What a blessing to fellowship with old and new friends, rejoicing in what God has accomplished these past years. After returning home we had the Joy of having Tryg Jr, and his wife with us for a week. Anna teaching DVBS at our Church the same week. We had new potatoes out of our garden that week. July was also busy, as our Pastor was away, and Tryg did visitation work and took care of the Mid-week Bible studies. On the 4th of July we attended the "Dahle Family reunion at old "Furuly" on the shores of Farm Island Lake, south of Aitkin, Minn. In the latter part of July we partook in th 80th Anniversary of Malvik Church, south of Bemidji, Minn., speaking and singing, and on Monday blueberring in that vicinity. In August, we thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Family Bible Camp of the AFLC at Lake Bronson, Minn.; and September was highlighted, by our 650 mile trip to Drummond and Mason, Wis., where we spoke and sang at the WMF Dist, Fall conference, and preached and sang at two Services Sunday morning and showed Brazil slides in the evening, returning on Monday to Minneapolis, where we attended the Annual AFLC Workshop. From there we went home, a full week end. We thank and praise God for supplying all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus; physical, mental, Spiritual and temporal, so we could preform all these duties to His honor and glory. Our best Christmas wishes to you all.



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*Trygve & Anna Marie*  
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