

Christmas 1972

Dear Laura -

News time once again - to get you up to date & let you know we're thinking of you.

I let the TV Guide subscription lapse, as I thought there might be something else you'd want, even another magazine. So I'm sending you a check to use, along with our thoughts & best wishes for the holiday season, & the year to come. Wish we could deliver it in person - a check seems so impersonal.

Speaking of delivery in person reminds me of a fleeting glance into the past I have every Christmas & that is - the memory of going with you & Tante Bessy on several occasions, several years running to see the Christmas lights in town, & riding along as you made deliveries of your packages

to friends. The packages always intrigued me, enough so to stay with me this long! You used kimukini & pine, fresh flowers too - pretty special!

Maybe our check will give you an idea of fresh flowers, a plant, a book - whatever it is you choose, we hope it will please you.

Every one is well - no changes here this year; same house, same jobs, 2 children away from home, 2 still here. Alan graduates from Yale this June; we hope to go back East for his graduation, especially if Laurie is accepted by an Eastern college. This is her big year - applications & decisions for college in Sept. She's applying to Yale - Stanford, Princeton & Harvard. She's worked hard toward this goal - was named the top junior girl last spring & won a scholarship to the U of Ariz. She wants to go to a top school tho, so may not use it.

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Also she was one of 8 winners in the state in the National Council of English Teachers' Contest for writing. She's active in many areas including Candy stripping at a local hospital every Sat. & M.

The nest is almost empty now. Barry is the only one who will be left next Sept. Neil be a junior, so in 2 years will be down to 0 children at home. Lane is still working & studying in Los Angeles.

During this holiday season, as during the years past, it wouldn't be Christmas without writing family notes. Since you've been part of our family for so long, we all join in & include you in our special wishes for the very best in good health, & success in your work, in the New Year!

Love,

Jo