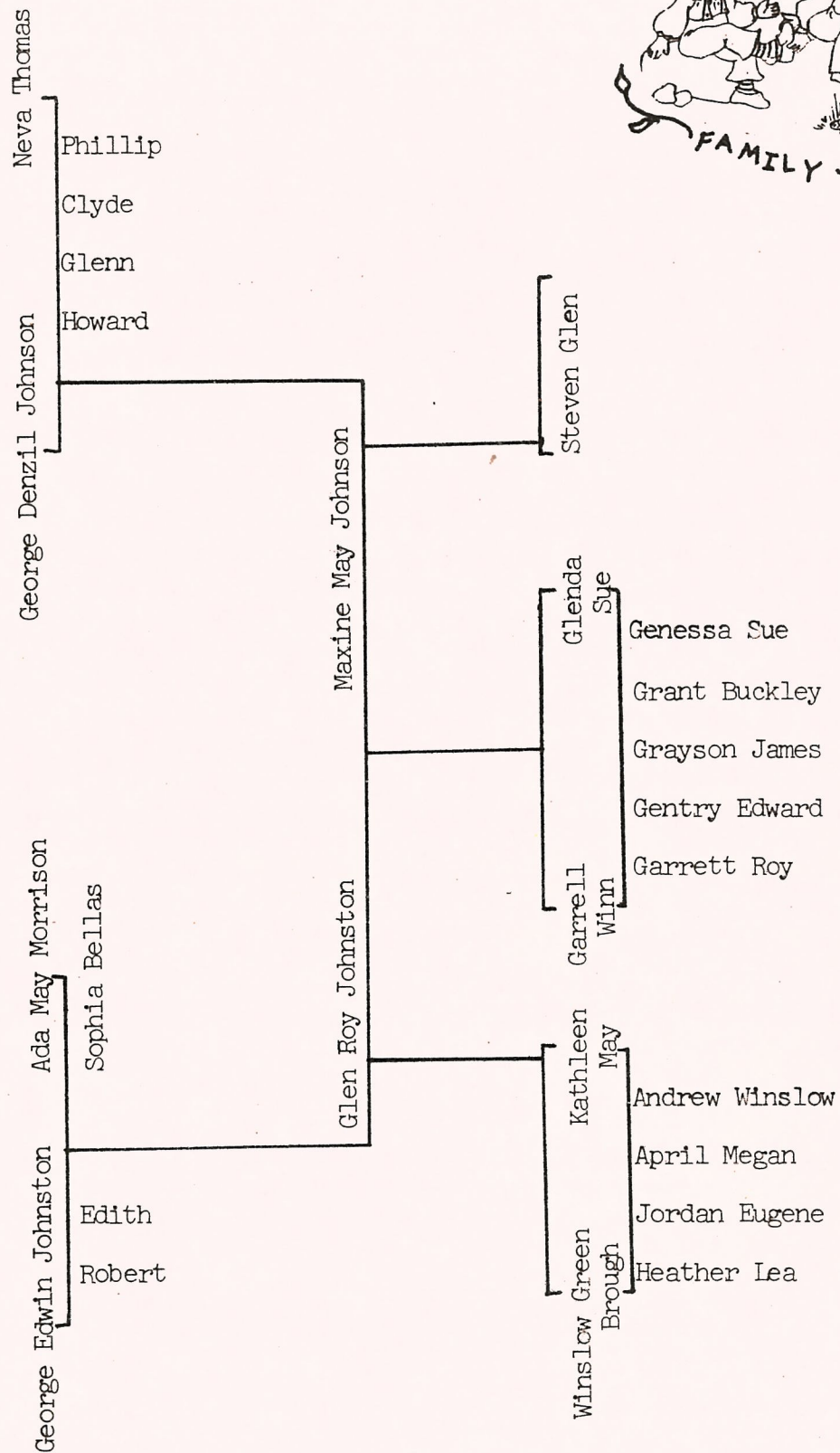


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The year 1983 began with us being in Eugene with Maxine and Glen and we were there after spending a wonderful time at Glenda's with her and her wonderful family. Maxine and Glen and friends also had a birthday party for me. They are so great to us and we love them very much.

In January Maxine and Glen took us to Portland where we got on the train. It was lots different than flying, but we got to Pocatello. Howard and Van picked us up. We got home to lots of snow but it was good to be home (although we cound't have been treated better).

In the spring we planted our garden, raised lots of vegetables and raspberries and canned a lot.

Then the highlight of the year was the family reunion. It was so great to have so many of the families here. Some of them came so far, such as Maxine and Glen's families. To have Glenda's family stay for awhile was great.



In July we put new cabinets in our kitchen and also sold our apartments, which was good. The last of September we went to Salt Lake and stayed a night with one of the boys. While we were at Glens' all his family came and they had a birthday party for him and Lori, as their birthdays are in September. Also, we went to visit Denzil's sister, Zina.

October 15th we went to Portland on the train. Howard and Florence and Lance took us to Pocatello. Maxine and Glen were there to meet us. We had a nice meal at the Oyster Bar, then went to Eugene.



Maxine had tickets to the Myron Floren Show, which was great.

Also we went to the game in Portland to see Phil and his team play. So glad to see him.



We spent a weekend at the coast, which we enjoyed very much.

We spent Thanksgiving with Maxine and Glen and some friends. We came home the 26th of November. Maxine and Glen took us to Portland to the train.

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There is still lots of cold and snow. I have been sick and spent some time in the hospital, but am fine now.

While we were gone my sister's son, Roger, passed away.

We spent Christmas Eve with Howard, Florence, Lance, and Jill and her family. Christmas day we stayed home (Jill was sick and we thought we'd better not get exposed too much). All the family called and we had lots of lovely gifts to enjoy.

Grandma and Grandpa Johnson

THE JOHNSTONS





SPIRITUAL AWARENESS

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We feel that we have gained a little in our goal of increasing our Spirituality, which is gained 'line upon line, precept upon precept'. As our recent visiting General Authority, Bishop H. Burke Peterson, said, "It is not so important where you are on the ladder of spirituality as whether you are progressing".

We feel that since faith without works is dead, our callings have helped us in this area. Glen is still teaching the CTR 'B' Primary class. They turn 8 years old in that class so we are blessed to have extra incentive to attend baptisms. Glen enjoys the children and they feel it a great privilege to get to sit by him during sharing time or to carry his briefcase. He makes a wooden plaque with an aluminum shield on it with CTR engraved on it along with their name and the date of their baptism. He was privileged to be asked to baptize one of his class members this year, Justin Hamaker, whose father was not a member of our church.

We were blessed with the opportunity to visit the Seattle Temple and then to attend with Steve, the Provo Temple. It is a special place to be.



Maxine had several callings in the ward including Cultural Refinement teacher, visiting teacher, social chairman in Relief Society, Leadership Trainer and Bishops' typist. She was called to be Assistant Stake Activity Chairman in April when the Stakes were divided and Santa Clara Stake was organized. A few months later she was called as Stake Leadership Trainer too so reluctantly gave up all her ward callings. One of the special compliments she received last year was when the Stake Relief Society President, while telling something special about each member of her board, said Maxine was always enthusiastic about whatever calling she had and 'sold it to others'. Also, that she served the Lord with heart and soul.

A special testimony was given at our ward by a member of the Bishopric, Ted Hill. He told about how his 4 year old, Tyson, was in pre-school and the little boy sitting next to him raised his hand to get the teachers help. The teacher asked him to wait a few minutes as she was busy. Tyson put his arm around his friend and said, "Hey, don't ya know? You can ask your Heavenly Father for help because he is always with you." Ted reminded us to always remember that our Heavenly Father is always there for us too.





HOMEMAKING ARTS

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Our goal....to make our house a home where friends and family feel comfortable as well as a place we can enjoy.



We do love our home and spend time trying to make it a pleasant place to be. Our friends come to our home at least once a week to enjoy the warmth from our wood stove and red blanket as well as the popcorn served on Sunday night.

Maxine painted the kitchen and we bought new kitchen carpeting. We planted a garden and although the rain all summer made it look as if we would not be harvesting much, the beautiful fall helped and we had a bountiful harvest to store. Maxine went to the church cannery and canned turkey for part of the Christmas presents and Mother helped can lots of applesauce for Kathie.

In August, September and October, we spent every available minute cutting wood, picking apples and hauling top soil from a friends' acreage that had been sold to a shopping center. We felt very blessed to have that opportunity although it was very hard work.

Glen spent a lot of time working on a truck that he traded for a larger one to pull the trailer better. He also spent several hours reviving a jeep for a friend.

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Maxine spent quite a lot of time at her hobby of ceramics, making decorations for Halloween, St. Patricks Day, Thanksgiving, 4th of July, Easter and Valentines Day.

Glen didn't have a lot of time to do much in the way of woodworking but did make a few clocks and a nice cupboard for the trailer for the Eyres. The big accomplishment was a doll house for the Brough family Christmas. He spent many hours on it and then Maxine papered and made curtains for it.





CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

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Some of the special quotes relevant to this area are:

Victor L. Brown, Jr. said, "No one has ever been motivated by the slogan, 'Onward and Sideways' or 'Progress through Mediocrity'. We should always strive upward".

"How will you feed others when your granary is barren? How can you give drink if your well is dry? To teach, you must first learn".

Two callings in Relief Society that particularly helped Maxine was Cultural Refinement leader and Leadership Trainer where goal setting was stressed.

We feel that we have made progress in this area through reading, music, drama and visiting points of interest.

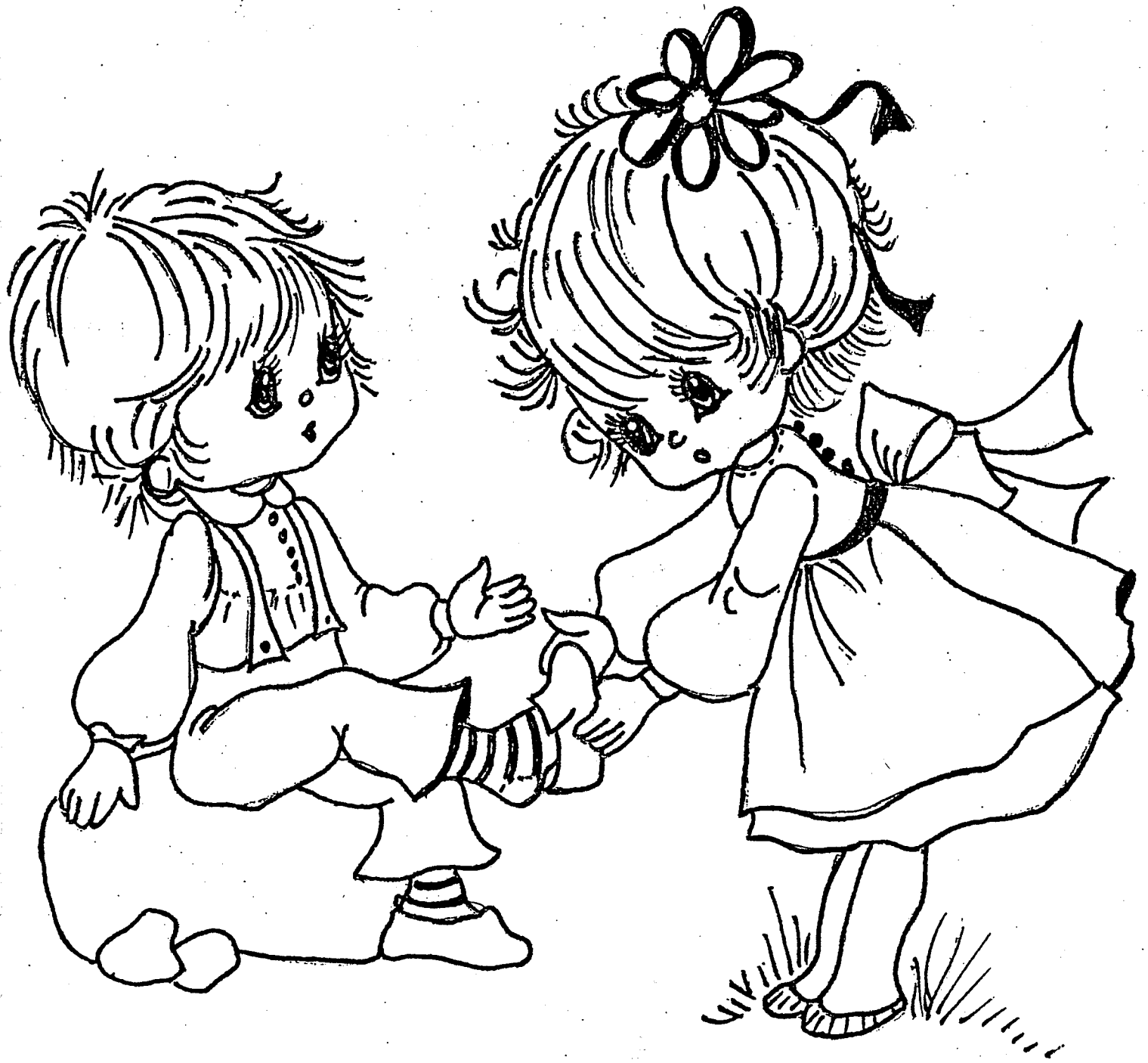
Maxine set some goals about studying art so read several books about artist, re-read 'Girl of the Limberlost', 'Huckleberry Finn', 'Agony and the Ecstasy,' and read 'Cry and the Covenant'. She attended Sound of Music at Lane Community College and Glenn Yarbrough and the Limelighters with Evenly Arneson. A very special evening was spent with her parents at the Hult Center seeing Myron Floren from the Laurence Welk show. She attended the Nutcracker Ballet at Christmas time.

We both read "Return from Tomorrow" about a man who died 9 minutes and of his experiences before during and after that happening. We had a good discussion about it and concluded that the most important thing we can learn and do on this earth is to love everyone. That loving and caring are more important than anything else we can achieve.

We both attended the youth Area Dance Festival in Portland. It was at the Coliseum and a beautiful sight to see all the different colored costumes and so many youth dancing. We saw 'Fiddler on the Roof' performed at North Eugene High School and 'Encore' at the Hult Center which was a program of scenes from previous productions given by Ragazzino to start a fund for the building of the Cultural Arts Center. It brought back lots of memories of going to those productions with our friends several years ago.

On our vacation to California we visited the Hearst Castle and saw many works of art. We learned the history of how it was built and that many millions of dollars were spent there. Glen kept saying all through the tour, "Nobody should have this much money". It was interesting and the huge pools with their Roman statues were the most impressive.





SERVICE AND COMPASSION

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Service and Compassion is best summed up in these words...Helping someone doesn't lift the burden. It lifts the person so they can bear the burden. We have had the opportunity to help in small ways this year and hope that it has accomplished this purpose.

We started off the year in January by letting our friend Sue Davis live with us as a transition from a mental health unit at the hospital until she could live by herself in an apartment. She was Maxine's ceramic teacher who gave her so much encouragement when she first started to do ceramics. Sue stayed with us about 6 weeks.

We both tried to help our assigned families in visiting and home teaching as much as needed. Glen helped several families move, including Huntleys and Dick and Gladys Miller. We had a farewell open house for the Millers.

In the summer, Maxine fixed a Salad Bar for the Smith & Crakes Picnic. It is not entirely service but it does involve some sacrifice. Everyone always enjoys it very much.

Our foster son Alan Theriault needed a place to stay in the fall so he could continue his schooling at LCC. He moved in and stayed for about a month. He helped us by cutting and stacking wood while we were getting firewood for the winter.

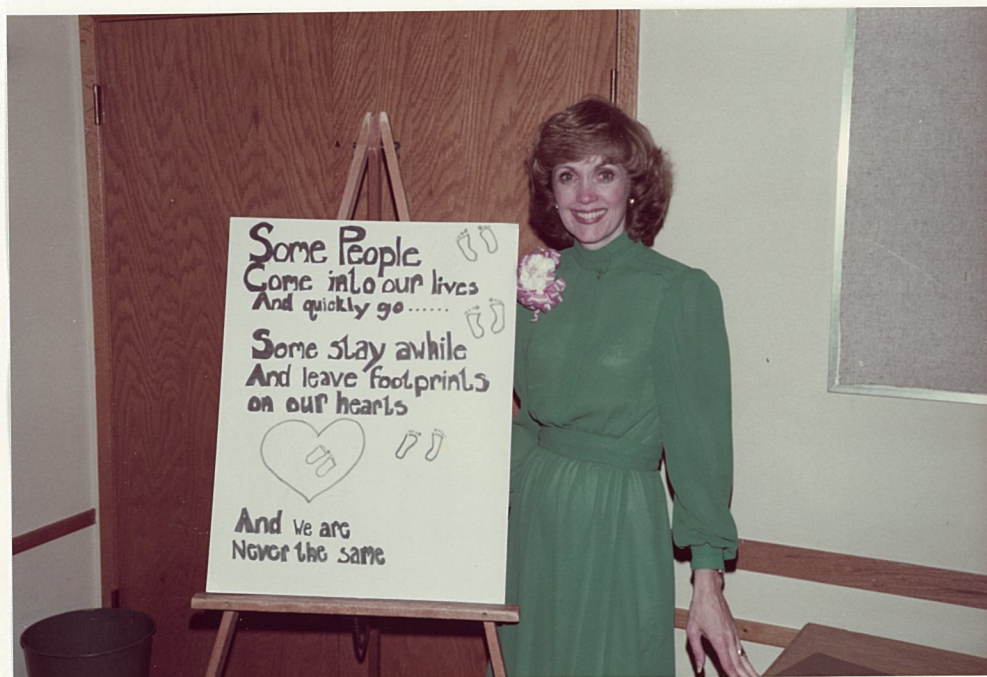
In October, Maxine gave a luncheon for thos who had achieved their goals through the year. She made each one of them a vase with their gold initial and "A Better Me in '83" written in gold on the bottom. Each table was set with china and crystal with the vases filled with flowers as centerpieces. The salad and sandwich bar was enjoyed by 22 sisters. Gloria Johnson from Portland came to speak to the sisters on continuing their goal setting.



Vases seemed to occupy a lot of Maxine's time as she also gave her sisters at Leadership Relief Society Stake meeting a vase with their initial.

We received lots of service from friends when we needed help. Also, while Mother and Dad Johnson were visiting Dad chopped wood and kept the fire going so we were toasty warm all the time as well as cracking walnuts. Mother ironed her annual pile of ironing and helped Maxine starch all the doilies and tablecloths.

Some of the times we were called upon to have special compassion was when we learned that Michael Welch, husband of a friend at work had terminal cancer, that a former fellow employee of Glens', Bill Bertram also had cancer, and Maxine's cousin, Roger Peterson died suddenly. Another area of concern was when Mother was being treated for what the Drs. thought was pleurisy and turned out to be congestive heart failure.



While Gloria Johnson was visiting us she gave a seminar for the Stake Relief Society Sisters. Her subject was concerning the effect we have on other peoples' lives. We will strive to be the kind of people that leave footprints that count.





PERSONAL AND SOCIAL REFINEMENT

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This is a special area because it involves those dear to us, as well as our personal growth. Being able to see some friends and family that we don't see very often added to our growth for the year as we learn so much from those we associate with. Some who came to visit were Marie Royal, Jeannie, Kelly and Michelle Schroeder, Gloria Johnson, Mother and Dad Johnson.

Maxine saw Dorothy and Sam Skenzick and Gladys Pearson on her business trip to Roseburg and Jacki Britton at Klamath Falls.

We have both worked hard at our callings and had some growing experiences from it. Glen revived his talent at magic tricks to present an assignment at sharing time.

Two things that added to our personal refinement was the birth of two more grandchildren. Maxine went to Kathies home when Drew was born on April 7.



It was a special time of getting better acquainted with Heather, April and Jordan. Jordan asked why my face was wrinkled. Then later, having thought it over, said he liked wrinkly faces. April boggled everyones' mind with her jumbled ABC song and whatever Kathie said to her she would reply, "Mom, are you kiddin' me?" Maxine got to attend Heathers' dance lesson which she enjoyed very much.



Genessa Winn was born October 14th and since it was so close to our planned Christmas trip we didn't get to see her until then. We made up for lost time by doing lots of hugging and kissing.

Maxine spent a lot of time preparing for the Johnson family reunion. She padded notebooks with her parents wedding picture on the front and included lots of pictures and histories of ancestors. She also made ceramic bells for her brothers, parents and her children. It was a growing time to get better acquainted with family, both past and present.

Another special family occasion was Steve's announcement that he and Wendy Johnson from Baltimore, Maryland would be getting married in the spring. We are so pleased.



Some special gifts received during the year included a beautiful corsage, throw rugs for the kitchen and a special dinner at the Forest Inn, planned by Glen when Maxine arrived home from California, to celebrate their wedding anniversary. One gift very much appreciated was the suitcase full of Idaho Potatoes brought with their luggage when Mother and Dad came to visit in the fall.



Setting goals was part of Maxine's calling so we tried to make it part of our lives too. Because of setting goals we lost weight and Maxine kept swimming, increasing her regular swimming distance from $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile four times a week.





RECREATION AND THE WORLD OF NATURE

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An important part of our life that helps us keep things in perspective is our trips, parties and associations with friends and family. The first activity we had in January after taking the folks to Portland to catch their train and then visiting with Edith, was a trip to Seattle on business. Glen took the day off and we had a fun weekend before the meeting on Monday. We went to the temple, shopped and relaxed. Glen and Caroline (Gene's wife) went antiquing while Gene Manley and Maxine were in the meeting. Then Glen and Maxine went back to the shops too. We also went to the Aquarium.



In February Glen had a business trip to Reno so we drove there and stayed for three days. We enjoyed seeing some shows. One was an old time singing group, The Ink Spots. We used to enjoy their singing when we were dating. Maxine even got an autograph. Coming home was not so much fun as it was snowing hard by the time we got to Klamath Falls and the roads were very bad.

In May, after Glen checked out every travel trailer in the area, we took the plunge and bought a 23 foot travel trailer. It is a very nice home away from home and we used it a lot during the year. The first big test run was the Memorial Day camp-

out at Honeymon Park with Bevans, Newells, Rodericks, Rod Bevans, Huntleys, Lakes, Basses, Murphys & families. There were 59 of us all camping together for the three days. When we walked into the small ward in Florence we doubled their attendance. We had a big Family Home Evening by our trailer with popcorn and snacks. Every family did a skit and it was so much fun. We also had a chance to go to the ceramic stores and get stocked up for the year.



In June we left on our vacation to Idaho and Utah. We had trouble with the truck Glens' boss had lent us for the trip. The weather was hot and we kept having vapor lock. We finally made it to Ogden where we parked our trailer at the home of Carrie Wahlstrom and visited with her. We spent a few days with Steve while he finished his term papers and packed his belongings so he could leave for Baltimore and work. We went to the Provo Temple, went on a very nice tour of BYU that Steve had arranged and met lots of his friends. We also had the opportunity to visit with Claire and Ray Swainston. We parked at Phil and Anns home one evening and visited with them. We headed for Idaho then and picked up the folks on our way to Bear Lake. We spent some very relaxing days on the shore of the lake. Steve built a raft and we celebrated his birthday while we were there.

The first Denzil Johnson reunion was held July 2nd. A very special time for all of us. Kathie and Drew flew to Salt Lake the day before and stayed a few days so they could be to the reunion. Glenda and Garry arrived the day before with their family and stayed to visit for the rest of their vacation.

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Johnson Family Reunion

The first Denzil and Neva Johnson family reunion was held at Grace in the Grace Elementary School on July 2.

Howard Johnson, acting as Master of Ceremonies, conducted a program. Histories of Neva Johnson and Denzil Johnson were given by Howard Johnson and Maxine Johnston.

Next was a skit and song by Glenda and Garry Winn and family followed by songs by the great-grandchildren directed by Leanne and Melanie Johnson. Lance Johnson played a piano solo and Clyde, Glenn, Phil and Denzil responded to requests for participation by the Master of Ceremonies.

Neva Johnson recalled memories for many as she played several old favorites on the piano. A mandolin duet by Glenn and Steve Johnston was followed by a sing-a-long directed by Ann Johnson and accompanied by Steve Johnston on the guitar.

Padded albums containing pictures and histories of ancestors was presented to Neva and Denzil and their children by Maxine Johnston along with memorial ceramic bells.

There were 42 relatives present, including five children and their mates, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Those attending from Grace besides Neva and Denzil were Howard and Florence Johnson, sons Lance, Van with his wife Leanne and their children, Leanne, Mark, Rett, Jeremiah and Autumn, his daughter, Jill and husband Neils Peterson with son Neils Lucas from Orem, and son David and Melanie with Tyann, Clinton and Stephanie from Midvale, Utah. From Salt Lake City were Ann and Phil Johnson with sons Mitchell and Nathan, Glen and Carol Johnson. From Kaysville came Clyde and Kathleen Johnson with daughter Cindy and Scott Mitchell and their children Corey, and Kyle, Glen and Maxine Johnston from Eugene, Oregon with their children, Kathie Brough and son Drew from Livermore, California, Steve Johnston from Provo, Utah, and Glenda and Garry Winn with sons, Garrett, Gentry, Grayson and Grant from Monrovia, Calif.



and reading by Kathie
Brough



While the Winns were there we went to Soda Springs to the 4th of July Parade and Lava Hot Springs for a picnic and swimming. Mother and Dad had an empty apartment in their duplex so Glenda's family had their own apartment while they were there. The time whizzed by and it was time to head for home. We ran into a terrible wind storm at Burley and it took so much extra gas to pull the trailer we almost ran out of gas before we got to Boise. We had enough to go about 5 mile more when we finally found someplace to get gas. We had to adjust the tarp over the truck at Ontario and could hardly stand up against the wind.



The end of July we took our trailer to Beachside, the park by Waldport we had spent lots of time at when we had a trailer years ago. It brought back lots of memories. We attended Alma and Harl Kelly's 50th wedding anniversary party while there. Harl and Glen worked together at Sig Fettes Truck shop in Roseburg.



We went to Clay Creek in August to the Ward Campout with our trailer. Glen, Everett McVicker and Jay Siddle needed a rest after a horseshoe game and then a water fight to cool down. The weather was nice that weekend which was the exception as June, July and August were wet cold months for a time that was supposed to be summer. August 29th broke records for the most rain. We also had beautiful weather in September for the Labor Day campout at Honeyman Park. Not such a large crowd as on Memorial Day but had an enjoyable time. The Rodericks and Newells weren't able to camp out but drove to Florence to



eat out with us and arrived in town just as we passed the intersection on our way to the cafe. We're still trying to figure out how that happened so perfectly.

Glen was having lots of fun playing volleyball at the Stalick Picnic at Shotgun Creek park and hurt his foot which required an x-ray but fortunately nothing was broken.

The next weekend was the Stake Barbeque under the direction of the Stake Activity Committee. We had purchased a rubber raft and several of us floated down the river to the place by Harrisburg where the barbeque was held. It was a beautiful day which was a blessing as it had rained the day before. We went on a hay ride in a wagon pulled by horses, rather than the usual tractor. There was square dancing, horseshoes, volleyball and then at dinnertime hanggliders appeared over our spot and visited us. It was a delightful day.



We took Mother and Dad to Beachside with our trailer the end of October. The rain finally made its' appearance so we came home a few hours earlier than planned but it was a nice relaxing three days.

The weather really acted up all year. It was the wettest year in history and then on December 20th it started to snow. By the time we were ready to leave for California on Dec. 22nd the roads were slick but they got much worse so we were glad to miss that week. We did not have bad roads to travel after we got to California. The main excitement on the trip was having a flat tire between Ashland and Redding and having to unload half the back of the truck to get the tire. We really looked like a bunch of gypsies with all our belongings beside the road. We enjoyed the visit with Steve as we traveled.



We stopped at Kathies overnight and had an early Christmas while the grandchildren opened the doll house.



Then it was back on the road again to get to Glenda's for a special Christmas Eve and a few days filled with visiting and shopping.



Kathie and family arrived the day after Christmas and it was a great family reunion with all 9 cousins getting to know each other better, and a family loving and appreciation time.



We had a special outing with Garrett, Gentry, Grayson and Grant riding bumper boats and cars, playing miniature golf and eating lots of pizza.

We stopped at Santa Barbara on the way home to visit the offices Maxine works with via long distance.

New Years Eve was spent playing the Ungame with Winslow and Kathie. We had a few days to get better acquainted with Heather, Jordan, April and Drew and then it was back home to Eugene.

It has been a busy happy year. We are grateful for all the wonderful experiences we have had this year.

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Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

It's sort of late but I
thought I'd thank you once
again for the presents. My brother
and I have really enjoyed the books.
I like them so much that when we
went out to the store I bought a little
too in the book I haven't really played
with the Learning Writing cards or
the game Tri-Triac, but I'm going
to soon. They look fun though. I'll
see you soon (hopefully).

Love

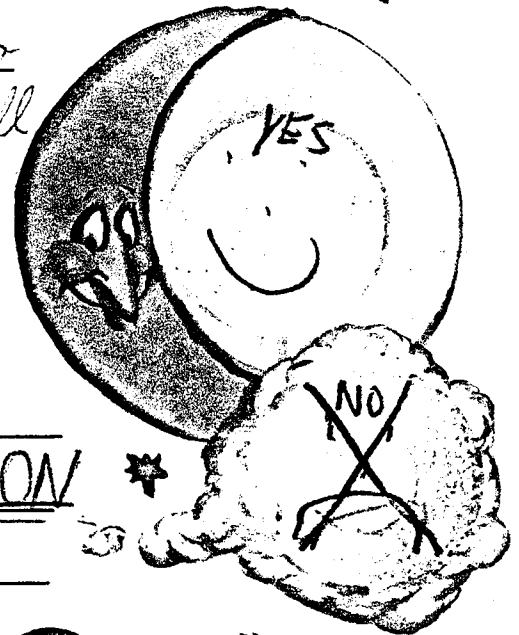
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I love you With love.

your GRANDSON
(Mr.) Garrett

Ron

Winn



Dear Grandma & Grandpa,

Thank you for the presents you gave me, like the play mobile, legos, tri tras, and the learning machine cards. And I love both ~~the~~ a lot.

P.S. don't forget next year.

Sincerely, or Love,
Gentry Winn

Dear Grandma and Grandpa
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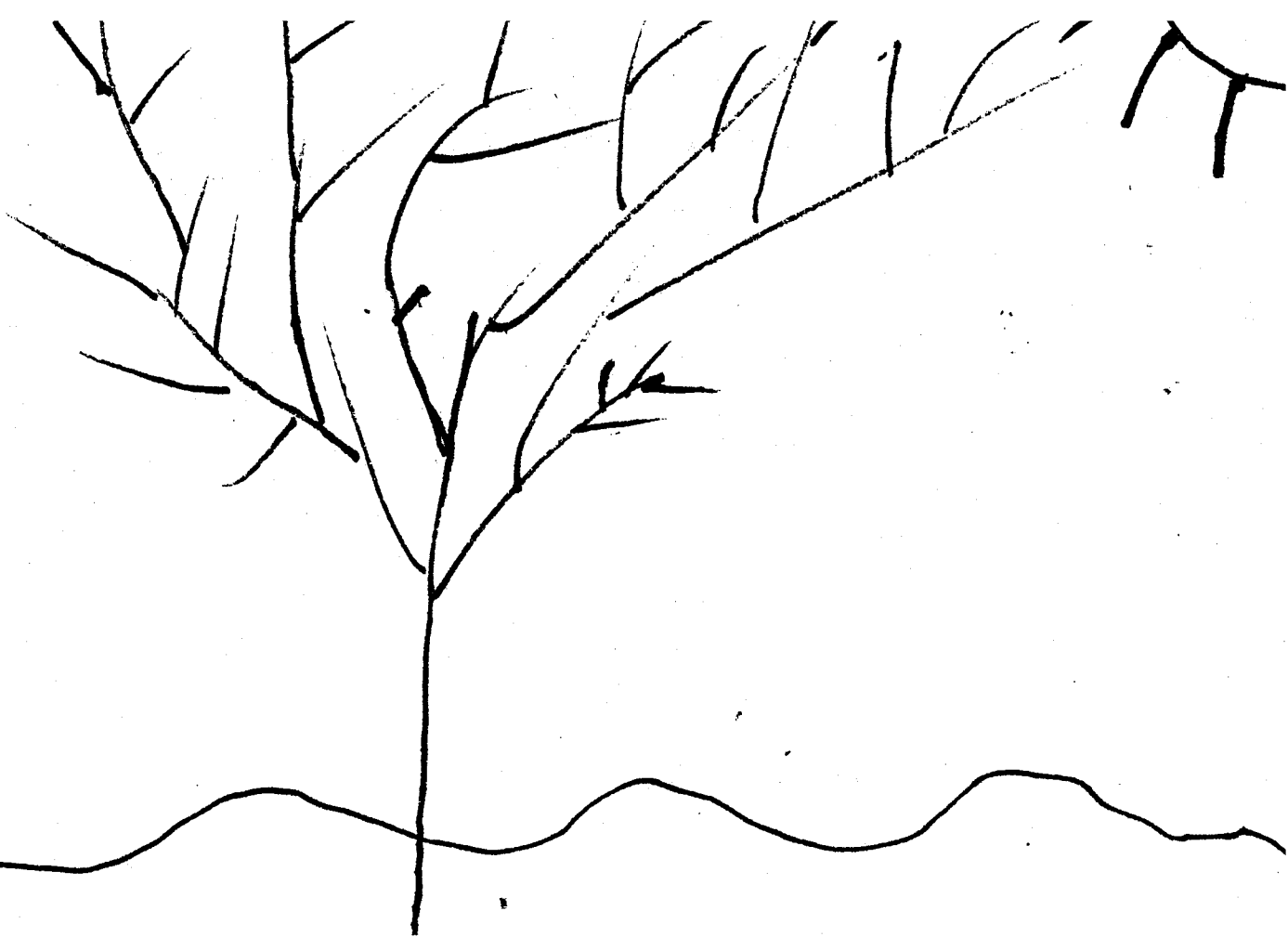
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gave me.

And thank you for taking us
Miniature Golfing and for letting
us go on the Bumper Boats and
for letting me go on the Bump
Racing Car and for taking us
to the Pizza Parlor and for
letting us play one video
game for twenty-five cents.

It was the funnest time
I every have had. Because
we had never have that or
do that.

I LOVE GRAYSON

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JEAN GHAN'GA
and grandpa
I LOVE YOU
JORDAN

