

January 1, 1976

Another new year and me with a sore throat. Our kids have all gone and we are taking down the tree. Richard Ellen and baby have gone back to Oregon. Rudger and I went to a New Year's party at Dick and Maurine's [Miles] but we came home early. Mike and Karen had their baby, a boy, Michael, 28th, 7 1/2 lbs.. She won't let us come see him until he is a little older. They are strange, must not be as proud as Richard and Ellen. Burk Randal died, heart attack. Scott has been gone 6 months. Jane misses Scott a lot.

January 10, 1976

Jane and I worked hard getting a talk ready for Sunday School and now we are going to take her to Salt Lake and she won't be here. Jane missed 1 day of school.

January 15, 1976

I like summer best, wish it would hurry. We are having mild weather, however, 57°. There have been a break in or two and so now we lock our door all the time.

January 19, 1976

The Christmas after sales are on and I didn't go to a one. That's different. We need rain. The dry air is choking us up. Barbara Harper died. She is my age. Scott sent a recipe for Wacky Cake - sounds sort of like that.

January 25, 1976

Didn't receive a letter from Scott for 3 weeks - gives me an uneasy feeling. Visited the dentist and I don't have to go again for 3 months. Can't beat that unless it would be to never have to go to a dentist again. Received a letter from Joey and she said this has been the worst winter ever and us at 62°. We bought some family room furniture, couch and 2 chairs, over in Hurricane store. Aunt Ruth isn't doing so good. Kay and Enid came up and we went to visit Lillian's family but they were off to meetings. Rudger spent most of the night helping to get the power back on and here I am writing by candlelight.

September 23, 1976

Rudger spent the day building food storage shelves. Rudger went to his National Guard reunion. We have a new electric furnace and refrigerator, air conditioning. It is great. Rudger is thinking seriously about gathering up the spring water in a storage tank.

We made a trip out to Moab to see the kids. It was a fun trip. Stopped to have a lunch in the canyon Richard took us out to Arches National Monument. They are getting a new house soon. Went to Paul McMullin's wedding reception. We took Glen and Loya [Gubler] up to the Swiss Village for dinner - not much fun. Kin dof dull.

Rudger had a holiday so we got some applies and put them on the dryer. We ordered the siding for the P.V. house. Jackie went to her Dr. - got a clean bill of health. I was worried when she said another baby was coming but I think everything will be fine - hope they get a boy. Rudger

is in a roadshow - a goose, no less. Jane is a bunny and to see them both hopping around the house is hilarious.

October 1, 1976

Rudger went to visit non members in the ward and came home with 3 plants. I was so happy with them. Jane went out to the broom corn fields to help.

I got to tend Michael [Cottam] today. He is so cute. We have been gardening Barber lot with Kay and Enid this whole summer and it was fun. Had lots of beans, corn, squash carrots, peas. Went to a party at Bloomington, a poolside affair. Everyone was drinking. I thought they would fall in the pool - a waterworks convention. Ronald McArthur had a mild heart attack. Haven't found the details yet.

October 25, 1976

Went to Pine Valley to watch the deer hunters. The deer must have known the hunt was on because they didn't show. We went to an open house at the basement of chapel for Malen Cox's 80th birthday anniversary. We didn't get swine flue shots like recommended so I guess we might get the deadly flue and all die.

November 2, 1976

A funny thing happened on Halloween this year. We had a lot of little goblins come for goodies and then a little 4 year old girl, all alone, came and gave us a goodie and left. The city manager, Darwin Dennis died this morning (heart attack). That means Rudger will be busy for a while until they get another. Mike and Karen took Jane to a movie at the drive-in.

November 11, 1976

Bashful Tom Wright is going on a mission to New York. We went to the ward dinner. Thought it would be turkey but it was yuk. Oh well you can't win them all. The washing machine broke. ope I can get a new one. Dixie Homecoming. We sure enjoy receiving letter from Scott. He is so good to write.

November and 80° weather. We have a new president for United States - Jimmy Carter. Believe he will be good. Peanut farmer from Georgia. Ron Nelso was defeated for 2 year County Commission. New Governor Scott Matheson - more worries for Warner Valley Project. Snows Market downtown closed its doors this month, moving out to a new Gibson's by the college. Tuna is up to \$.95 a can and pop \$1.80 a carton, candy bars reduced in size and are 15¢ each.

November 21, 1976

Rudger took off for 4 days in SLC. It is lonely already without him. George and Jackie are coming for Thanksgiving. We are going to have it at Enid's at P.V. Jane is a member of our ward choir now.

December 3, 1976

It was a great Thanksgiving. George and Ruderger also worked on our house in P.V. and the rest of us visited. George went to Germany. We received a beautiful lace tablecloth from Scott. It is fun to receive packages from Italy. Received our 1st letter from LoyAnn in Norway. Ruderger has been in SLC last 3 weekends. He did get me a Christmas tree and off to make Warner Valley energy system something besides a dream. Aunt Ruth called and said she was having a terrible time with her hip.

December 6, 1976

J. Clint Snow died today, will have funeral in Tabernacle. Ruderger is singing with the group but is not having a lead solo part this year. Kay and Enid have been coming to visit more lately. Jennifer can talk now. She is so cute. We had a big poster size picture of Kimberly made for her birthday gift. Kimberly is in 1st grade. I am going to do that for Heather and Jennifer too.

December 10, 1976

No moisture. The people that like to ski are feeling bad and the people that take in all the money from skiers are feeling bad. We are going to SLC for Christmas. Can you believe a Christmas away from home. Enid and Kay bought a new pontiac - very nice. Richard will start his new house in a week and into it by January. Joey wrote a short note yesterday and said as Sheri gets older she [Sheri] reminds her of her [Joey] when she was that age. She is so insecure and lies a lot. Joey apologized to me for being that way when she was home. She can see it all now. I think she is homesick. Jackie called and said she was afraid to be in the house alone while George is in Germany. He will be gone 10 days. Ryan is walking all over and Ellen said he climbs and she has to watch him constantly. I have all the Christmas ready to go.

December 17, 1976

Ruth Snow came to visit. We watched a Christmas special last night. Christmas in Austria. It reminded me of P.V. Cynthia got a 2nd girls. They will name her Heather. Jane is serving at Marilee Flower's wedding reception. The police are next door over the wall again. We get the better neighbors you know. Makes me glad for the wall and just curious to know what's going on.

December 22, 1976

Three more days till Christmas and Ryan turned 1 year old already. We sent a package with George to mail in Germany. Hope Scott receives it. Scott is now in Prato, Italy, by the sea. Jane had a very nice birthday. We took her to dinner. She wasn't feeling so good, had an accident at school, bumped her head. We attended the nutcracker Saturday evening. Jay Bingham and wife picked us up and took us. Most of the children performing were from the 3rd ward. Jane is out of school Thursday. When she goes back they will be in their new Dixie Jr.

High School. George came home but had to stay in Denver 2 days because of the smog and couldn't get into the airport.

December 28, 1976

Christmas is over and we returned from Jackie's on Friday. It was fun but we like Christmas at home best. We will never go again and it was good to know everyone missed us here at home. We ate too much again during the holidays. Jewell is ill. It could be stomach ulcer. I hope that isn't so. While we were in S.L.C. we went to see the lights on Temple Square.