

The Johnstonian

1982



THE JOHNSONS

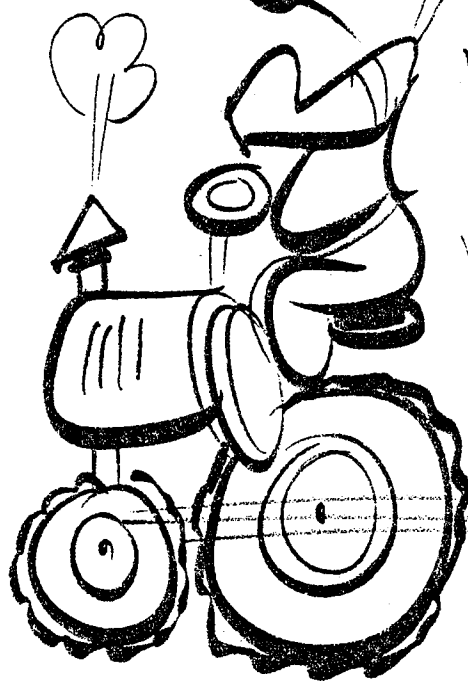


119 West 2nd South
Grace, Idaho

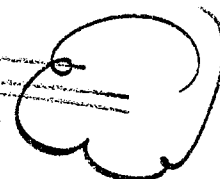
Where they lived
in 1982



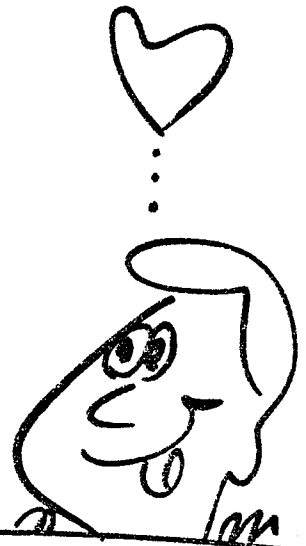
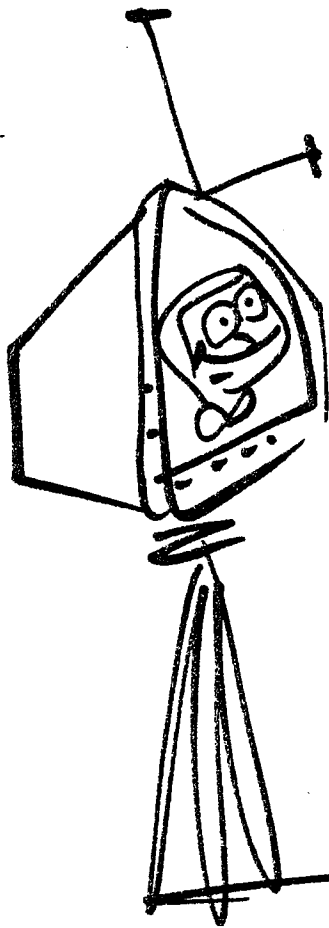
\$



"DENZIL"



NEVA



DENZIL





At this time I think back at what a long good life we have had. We have been married 56 years which have been filled with lots of joys and of course some sadness but we have tried to do what is right by being honest, working hard and staying close to the church. We have tried our best to bring our children up right.

1982 was a great year. We came home from Maxine and Glen's after having a wonderful time with them. No one could be so wonderful as they are to us. Glen is loved by us as much as our own children. Of course all our children and their mates are very special.



We had a good summer. Raised a good garden and canned lots of good food. Sam and Jean Tayler & kids came to see us. We enjoyed them. Kathie and Winslow and family and their friends and their family came to see us in May on the way to Yellowstone Park. In August Phil and Ann and boys came and were here three weekends as they were getting moved to Salt Lake City from Chicago, and we enjoyed them also. On Mothers' Day we went to Salt Lake to see the boys and their families. Glen and Carol brought their families out to Clyde and Kathleen's and we had a good time. Cindy and her husband and son were there also.

In October we went to Salt Lake to see the boys and to see the new babies as Cindy had her baby Sept. 3, on Grandpa's birthday, and Becky's baby had been born June 10. It rained so hard while we were there in May and October, we felt like we were going to be washed away. Jill and David, from Howard's family, both had babies so that is 18 great grand children.

We spent Thanksgiving with Howard and Florence and family. Sure had a good dinner and it was so nice to be with the families. Glenn and Carol came up November 26th and took us to Salt Lake. We stayed with Ann and then the next morning Glenn took us to the Airport on our way to Los Angeles.

Maxine's friend Marie Ruoff, wanted me to make her a tricotee quilt, which I had done earlier in the year and had sent it to her. She and her husband were so thrilled with it. When we flew into Los Angeles in November, Garry, Glen and Maxine picked us up at the airport and we went to see Marie. Her husband was in the hospital so we missed seeing him but we did enjoy our visit with Marie. She seems like such a nice person.

We stayed with Glenda and family for a few days and really did enjoy being there. I am still bragging about how she has her house organized so the boys can help her with the work. We went to Universal Studios with Glen, Maxine and Glenda and it was great.



Then we started for Santa Barbara and on the way we stopped at Disneyland and spent several hours there, which we will never forget.

We went to Kathie's and stayed with her and her family a few days, which we also enjoyed, especially helping Kathie quilt.

We went to Oakland to see the Utah Jazz play and saw Phil. Then home to Maxine and Glen's house.



So much going on. Parties, Christmas Eve, New Years, My Birthday, Glen's birthday. So many friends...happy laughing ones. We also enjoyed our visit with Steve while he was home.

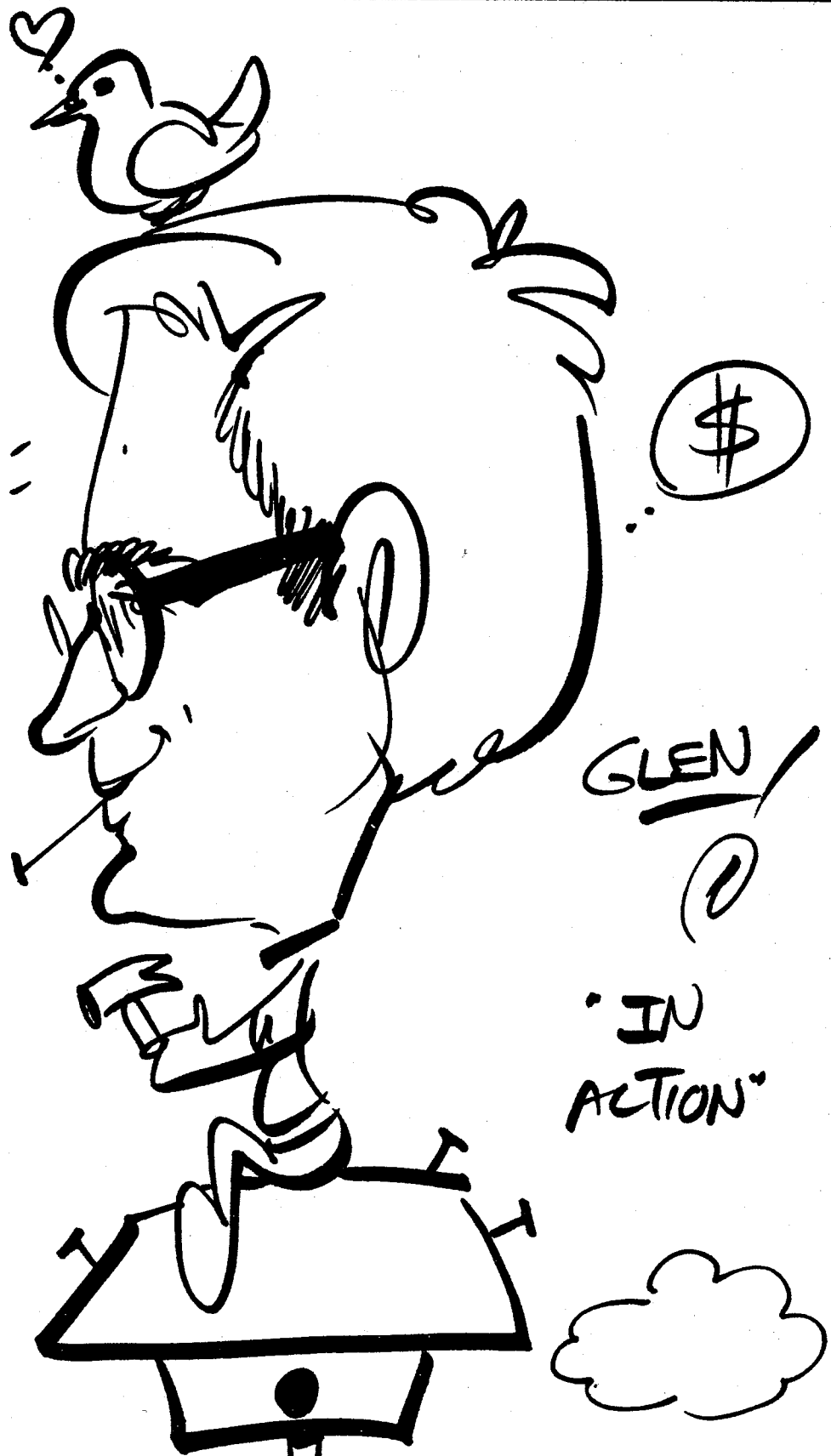
At Christmas we received some tapes that include so many songs that our family played in an Orchestra which my father started in 1925. We played for 17 years and had so much pleasure out of it, besides it gave us a little extra money when it was hard to come by. I got \$3.00 a night and we sometimes played twice a week. Denzil also played the drums when my sister Lillian wanted to dance with her boyfriends. The tapes brought back many happy memories.

We are thankful for this happy healthy year we have had together and with our family and their families.

THE JOHNSTONS



411 Durham
Eugene, Oregon
Where they lived
in 1982



Maxine!

\$
\$



GLEN



January 1982 started out with white stuff falling from the sky. Not a usual happening in Eugene. Mom and Dad Johnson were still with

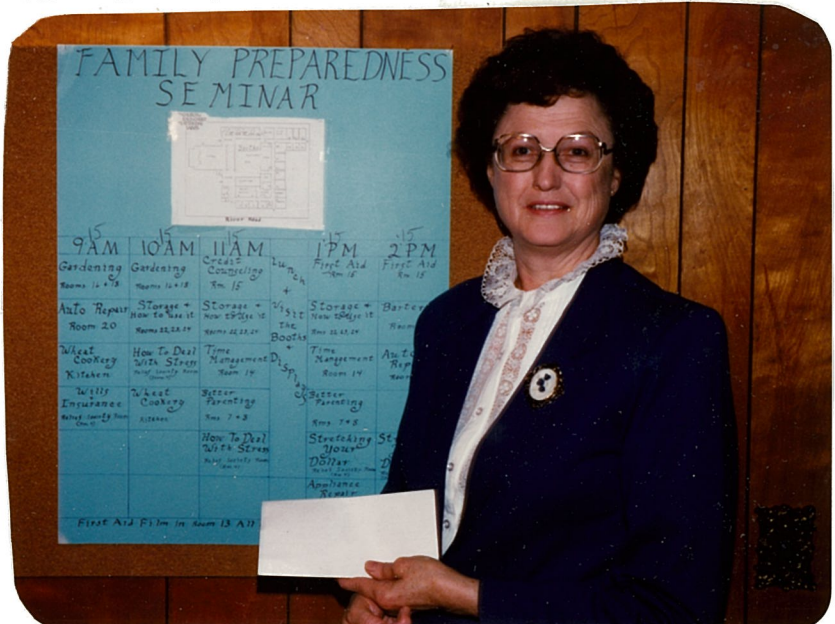


us and wondering why they came to Oregon to get away from the snow. We had 6 inches January 4th and it stayed with us for a while. Mom and Dad were anxious to get home but that had to be delayed until Jan. 14th as our snow and fog and the blizzards in Idaho conspired to keep them here, to our delight as we enjoyed their visit so much. It was nice to come home to a nice warm house and Glen loved his lunch favorite of Potato Soup.

Mr. Mitchell, Sophia's trust officer, Sold Sophia's house and we were glad we didn't have that concern any longer than that. It was a blessing as very few houses are selling anywhere this year.

Maxine was busy in February helping the Youth raise money for their dinner for the Senior Citizens in our ward. They sold cakes, cookies, poems and flowers and delivered them the Saturday before Valentine's Day. It was fun to help the youth decorate cakes at our house, even when some of the frosting ended up on faces. The fundraising was very successful as was the dinner.

In the meantime, in January, Maxine had begun organizing a Tri-Ward Preparedness Seminar that was held in March. It took many hours of meetings and preparation but was well worth all the time. There was good participation and President Hill said it was excellent, adding that all the wards in the Stake should follow our example



Needing a rest and recreation break, we and Maxine's boss Gene Manley drove to Seattle for a business trip. We were able to stay overnight and while Gene visited his son we took the opportunity to go to the beautiful Seattle Temple.





April was the month of our 35th wedding anniversary. Glen ordered a beautiful big bouquet and corsage to match. Then we went to the Forest Inn. with Russ and Linda Bevans for a delicious dinner and a very special evening.

We had planned on a vacation in California in April but the economy was so bad and we couldn't seem to get everything together to go so decided to take a week off to do some things at home we couldn't seem to get done otherwise. We took a few days off and went to Bandon with Steve, who was home from school, between semesters. We were fortunate enough to be there at the time there was a super low tide, just as there was last year so we were enchanted with the sea life, including a baby octopus, in the tide pools. It

was a very relaxing time for all of us, especially watching Steve fly kites. One shared funny was the sign we saw that said..Caution, Rest Home. We enjoyed Steve's visit at home as always and appreciated the things he did to help get some of our projects done.



In May we were sorry to see our friends and neighbor Jeanne and Gary Schroeder move to Alaska to work until the economy gets better. They lost their landscaping business and still have not been able to sell their home. There are many empty houses and apartments in Eugene as so many have had to leave because of lack of jobs.

We were also saddened by the death of our friend Ken Wahlstrom in April. He and Carrie double dated with us and were with us when we got married. Carrie and her sister and her husband visited us in September.



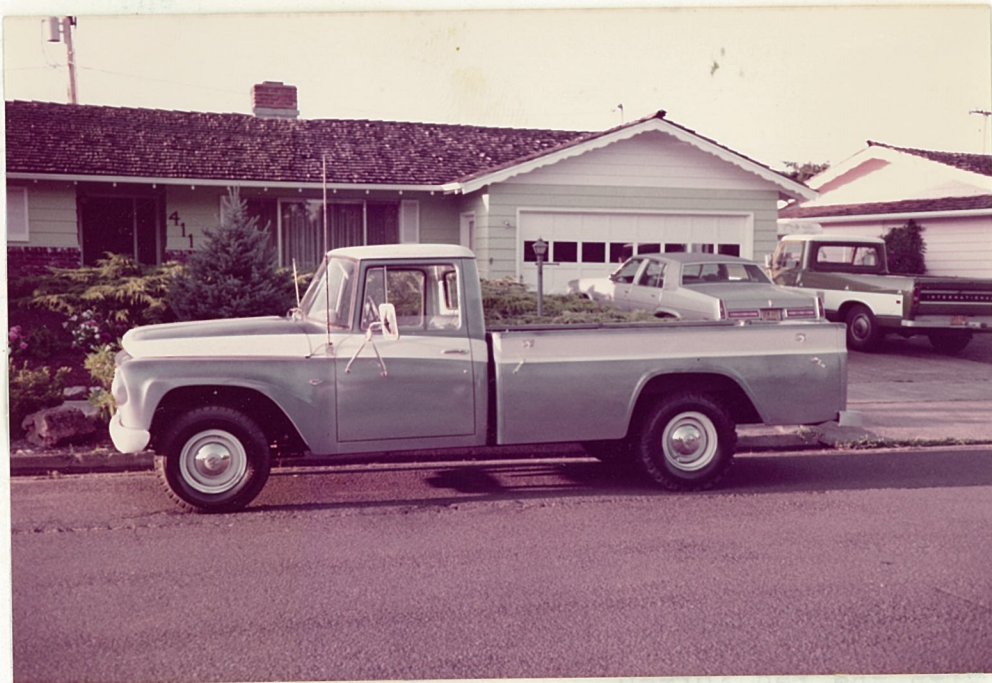
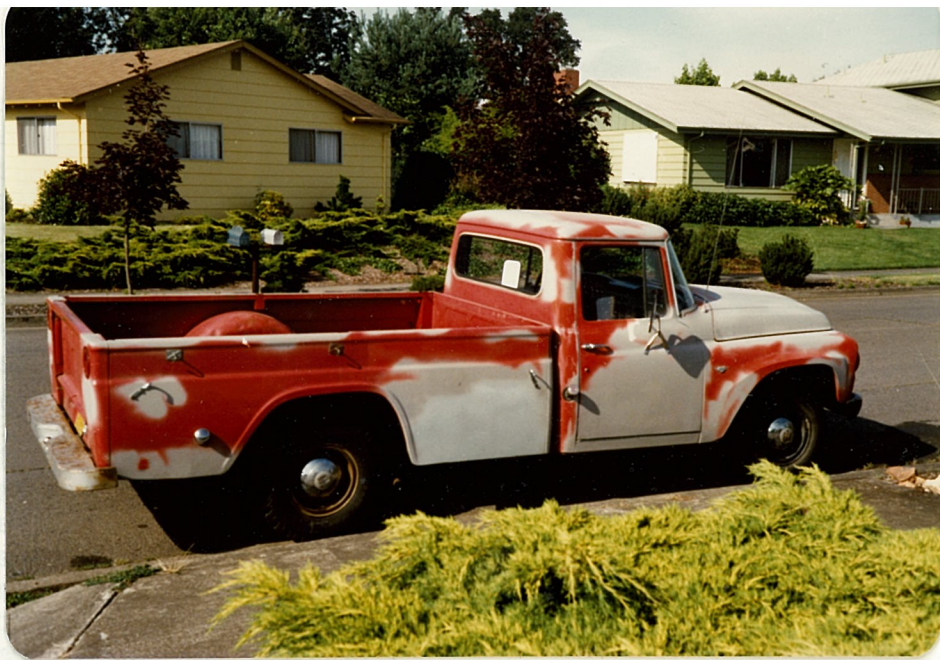
May was a busy month for us. Maxine had been working for several weeks on a Tri-Ward Marriage Seminar to be held then. A big success, and very timely in this time of so many marriage problems and divorce. Glen was in a One Act Play presented at the Stake Play festival. He played the part of an elderly gentleman waiting for his sweetheart to join him that had been in a snowdrift for 50 years..INTRIGUING, eh?

When the Ward Auction came around Glen was ready with several items he had made in his work shop and Maxine donated some ceramics and candy plus a dinner for 4. Someone outside our ward bought the dinner and invited three of her Senior Citizen friends. They were delightful and delighted with the dinner. Said they would like to be able to have dinner at Maxine's Dinner House often.

Glen was called as a Primary teacher and it has become his favorite calling. The children hang on his coat and grab him around the legs and he must make sure he has enough things to carry for each one. They are the CTR B class so they turn 8 and are baptized during the year. It is special to be a part of that spiritual event.

We made a furniture purchase in June. After doing some shopping on Memorial Day we bought a 6 piece sectional for our family room. We enjoy it very much. Our friends especially like it along with the red Korean blaket Steve brought home from Korea and a nice hot fire in our wood stove. Linda and Roma race for the preferred spot in the corner each time we all get together. We have enjoyed our weekly dinner out with our friends and the visit-at our house afterwards. Also Sunday night popcorn. As one of them recently said..this is a neat club house.





In June we went to Bandon via Myrtle Creek schools where Maxine visited each school secretary and took school insurance supplies to them. We rested and enjoyed a weekend with no phones or responsibilities at our favorite Motel on the beach, Sunset.

Maxine directed her last ward activity with the Strawberry Shortcake ward dinner and then was released as Ward Activity Committee Chairman for a much needed rest.



July 2nd was an exciting day as the Winn family came to visit with us. What a joy to be with your children and grandchildren. We spent a weekend at the coast and enjoyed the beautiful weather, playing on the sand dunes at Honeyman Park as well as going to the beach and building sand castles. Garrett, Gentry, Grayson and Grant felt very brave challenging the waves, as long as Grandma was there to hold hands. We borrowed Chad and Roma Rodericks camping trailer and took our camper and truck for its initial tryout. They looked pretty tacky with primer and paint off but they did a good job anyway.



Back in Eugene, we made our usual trip to Pietro's for yummy pizza and rides on trains and merry-go-round, and lots of balloons. We enjoyed the daily joy of having family in our home and getting better acquainted with each person.

Before Glenda left for home she arranged a wall arrangement for our living room which is admired by many of our guests.

July also saw the end of the ugly truck as Glen painted it a beautiful blue with white trim. He carpeted it and put in a stereo so it is one of the fanciest trucks around. In August Glen painted the camper white with blue trim to match the truck. Maxine made curtains and lots of time went into it to make it a nice comfortable home away from home.

July was hot and we chose one of the hottest days to pack home the remnants of an old fence for kindling for the winter. It was hard to think of all the blessings of warmth we were receiving for free on such a hot day.



We finished the flower garden area of the yard which pretty much completed the landscaping project started two years ago. It looked so pretty all year and pansies were still bravely blooming in December.

Kathies' family came to see us August 6th. It was so good to see all of them, Kathie & Winslow, Heather, Jordan and April. Kathie and Winslow picked and canned lots of blackberries, even some for Glenda. While they were here I fixed a salad bar for the Smith and Crakes annual picnic with about 40 people there. It was quite a project but everyone makes such a fuss about how good it is, it is worth the work. There was a prize offered for the best looking dessert. I had planned to decorate a cake but time grew short and I could see I wasn't going to get it done so Kathie taught me how to paint a picture on a pie. It was fun and I won an electric ice cream freezer.



We went to the coast and spent the day, had nice weather again. The kids loved the sand dunes. Glen had to work that day but met us with the trailer and camper at Clay Creek for the Ward Campout. There were few there but we had a good time. April especially enjoyed the S'Mores, and Winslow had a wet surprise when the raft he sat on went into the water further than he had thought it would.

We again had the excuse to go to Pietros for the pizza, etc, etc, etc. which was enjoyed by everyone.



We had another opportunity to use our camper in August. The Stalick Picnic was at Baker Bay but since we didn't find a camping spot there we went on to Rajadah and had such a delightful quiet spot. One of our neighbors turned out to be Marcie, a girlfriend of Glendas when she was going to school in Portland.

Maxine went to visit the South Western Oregon schools to explain the Student Insurance program. Evelyn Arneson went with her for the two days. It was fun to be in Klamath Falls again after so many years. It was interesting to meet so many people that she had talked to on the phone for years. They stopped at Crater Lake and refreshed their memories of how beautiful it is there.

Steve arrived the last of August with his friend Marlene Francis. We enjoyed knowing her and having Steve at home again, before he went to work in Maryland.

Labor Day Campout was a great experience. We went to Honeyman Park with the Bevans, Newells, Lakes, Rodericks, Russ's brothers family and his mother. We had nice weather and it was very special. We went to the beach one day and watched while someone beat the Guinness record for the longest tail on a kite. It was over a mile long and the 'string' was a rope on a winch on a truck. The campfire evenings filled the air with laughter. A nice time of relaxation that was welcome after a busy month. One day was spent going to garage sales and ceramic shops. We really loaded up. Glen made the mistake of going with the women ceramicing and has vowed that won't happen again.

Through the year Maxine canned lots of fruit and vegetables to fill her store room. We also dried pounds and pounds of prunes and apples. The gravenstein apple tree at the rental had at least 400 pounds of apples and they didn't want them. We picked and picked, selling some, drying some, giving some away and filling two refrigerators for our winter supply. They are so delicious. Glen was busy through the year getting wood to keep us warm all winter and we had lots of wood stacked around by October.

Maxine had worked on a Seminar featuring Gloria Johnson as speaker on Time Management, How to Do Less For Your Children So You Can do More With Them, etc. It was a learning experience to see about renting buildings, advertising, and setting up interviews for Gloria. She went with her on the television segment which lasted 15 minutes and that was exciting. We enjoyed the seminars plus having her husband Roland and her daughter Hilary stay with us also.

The Sunday before the Seminar we received the news that our friend Kay Ainge had committed suicide. It was such a shock and we were so concerned with her family's grief. The funeral was at our ward chapel and was filled to overflowing. If only she had realized how many people cared so much. Maxine helped with the food and serving at the family dinner after the funeral at President and Jean Hill's home. It was good to see old friends that we hadn't seen for a long time. Marie and Fuller Royal came from Las Vegas and we had an open house for them so we could all visit together. We were excited that Allison Royal was chosen Miss Teen Age Nevada and went to Florida for the finals.



Maxine was called as Leadership Trainer and Cultural Refinement Teacher in Relief Society before the year was out. A challenge to get all the sisters in the ward to make and achieve goals and to uplift them in Art, Music and Literature.

Maxine really increased her strength in swimming, sometimes swimming a mile in a day and one day swam $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The fastest time for a mile was 55 minutes. She set a goal to swim 50 miles in 6 months since the first 50 miles took over a year and the next $8\frac{1}{2}$ months. She did even better than her goal and make it in $5\frac{1}{2}$ months.

In November we started out on our vacation to Southern California. We drove down the coast highway as there was snow over the Siskiyous. It was raining hard all the way to the coast but we did have better weather than last year as we drove through the redwoods. We stopped at Healdsburg and visited the factory where they make the wonderful celery salt we enjoy so much and bought several other flavors. We went to a dinner at Kathie's Ward and saw a magician with our grandchildren. The next day we were able to go to the Ice Capades with the family. We so seldom get to do things with our grandchildren we appreciate the opportunity when we get to. April provided some excitement while we were visiting by having to be taken to the hospital with a tummy ache which turned out to be caused by her swallowing an axel from a toy car.

We were able to visit with Jeanne Barrett and Christy and Brenda as well as Jeanné's boy friend Norm Glen. It was so nice of them to drive clear over to Kathies to see us.



Our next stop was Las Vegas where we were greeted "Royally" by the Royals. We saw a show, visited, walked through the casinos, visited, went to see Hoover Dam and visited. It was so delicious to be with old friends again. Saw Harold and Gladys Wright which was also a treat, as well as visiting with Marie's family and meeting Danny's wife. Glen was grateful to Fuller for the treatment he gave him for his back which left him pain free for the entire vacation...something that hasn't been so since he hurt his back more than a year ago. Now he sings Dr. Royals praises like Maxine does as she gives him a lot of credit for helping her be as healthy as she is now.





We went to Glenda's and got there in time for a huge Thanksgiving Dinner and a trip to downtown LA for a suit sale where Glen found three suits too inexpensive to pass up. We went to the Airport and picked up Mother and Dad, stopped at Marie Ruoffs so Mother could meet her since she had made a quilt for Marie. It rained some while we were in L.A. but it was still warmer than Idaho.

We took Mother and Dad and Glenda to Universal Studios where Glen and Glenda starred in two shows. It was lots of fun for everyone. We thought sure "Jaws" was going to bite a chunk out of our boat and that Dracula would send his henchman to drag us up to the stage. It was interesting to see the stunt men perform.



We enjoyed being with our grandchildren and going to church with them Garrett, Gentry, Grayson and Grant are so sweet and really show their love for their grandparents. They wrote stories and drew pictures for us to enjoy. Grant called mother and dad 'big Grandma & big Grandpa, instead of great. We appreciate Glenda and Garry's love and for making us feel so special.







We left Glenda's and went to Disneyland for the day. Mother and Dad enjoyed it very much and we did too. It was a great place to go and Daddy did very well with his rented wheelchair. Their favorite place was "It's a Small World" but we also had fun at the Pirates Cove, Haunted House and many other places we went.

We drove to Santa Barbara in the afternoon and the next morning Maxine had a business meeting to attend, then it was on to Solvang, a Danish community where they have gift shops and bakeries that we patronized. So much fun and goodies. We went back to Kathie's and visited. Mother helped Kathie make a quilt while we were there. We were pleased to be able to be present when Winslow was ordained as a High Priest. We are so proud of him and appreciate his dedication to his calling and the special love and tenderness he shows for his family.

Mother and Dad went with us to the Oakland Coliseum to see the Utah Jazz play Golden State. Golden State won but we had a good visit with Phil. We drove part way home that night and then came the rest of the way the next day.



Maxine was greeted at work with streamers and a cake saying.. Welcome Back, Maxine.. Quite a homecoming. Nice to be appreciated.

Our arrival home began preparations for Christmas with setting up the snow village with the H O Train, the nativity set, ceramic Christmas tree, and all the decorations and lights. We enjoyed having the folks with us again for all the festivities. We had another surprise birthday party for Mother and went to a party at Bevans, as well as the Ward Christmas Party.





Both Glen and Maxine had Christmas parties through their work also. Steve flew home just in time to share in the festivities at Glen's. It was great to have him home again.

The candy making, present giving, Christmas music, and our annual Christmas Eve visit to our friends and those we especially want to remember, all helped keep Christmas traditional and precious. We really appreciate the guitar music backing us up on our caroling on Christmas Eve. Steve sometimes gets his dad to join him on the mandolin.

We had many families come to see our Christmas decorations, more than usual, and we love the sweet spirit the children bring into our home. Evelyn Arneson and her mother in law Ethel came over for Christmas Eve dinner and family home evening. It was wonderful to have them with us along with Mother and Dad and Steve. Christmas Day was great as usual with so many thoughtful and loving gifts.

We have enjoyed this year. Things have been generally favorable for us and that has given us a chance to be of help to others, our friends and family. We have both enjoyed our hobbies. Maxine learned to do some glass etching at Relief Society and is planning on pursuing that hobby more this year. Of course ceramics takes priority and with the purchase of her own paints and brushes has spent relaxing time painting at home as well as continuing her classes. Glen has not been as busy in his work shop as usual since he spent a good part of the year on the truck and camper but did make some beautiful clocks, pen sets and bowls for a Christmas Bazaar.



We feel very blessed to have such a loving family, plentiful material blessings and the blessing of the Gospel. We have felt especially thankful this year to both have jobs in this year of so much unemployment. Our health has been good and we give thanks for that special blessing.

MAXINE

Five foot ten and easy to find in a grocery store
buying spaghetti and Bandon cheddar—
for lunch.

Listening and helping sound out Dr. Seuss readings
while bathing to relieve arthritis.

Ending a nap prematurely at the thoughtless bang
of a patio door.

Though joints ached—
spanking when needed.

Stripping a wet bed in the morning.
Kneeling at her bed at night:

Maxine.

—Steven Glen Johnston
5/9/82