

Dear Margaret, 1/17/'69

Happy Birthday! Or have you stopped celebrating them? Hope that you have a wonderful day and 49 more of them.

Except for slight colds we are all well. The cold weather is here now and it feels good to hover near the fire. We had a little snow last Sun. but only a trace stayed on the ground.

Guess what! John is coming back to the States. He just got so discouraged with school + gave up trying so we decided the best thing is for him to get a job and work at least until the draft gets him. We surely hated to see him give up school but I guess all kids can't fit into the same mold. I guess that he'll fly to Salem some time the end of the month.

None of the other kids are home this week-end. Mark usually has a choir tour or stays for a basket-ball game. He is going skiing next week-end. Carol is getting her picture taken for some magazine + Ruthie has been invited to a birthday party.

We got a long letter from Paul the other day. He worked all vacation except Christmas day – said that he made \$460 but they took out \$100 for taxes. He

is studying hard too. This quarter he is taking 1) Genesis 2) Probability 3) Modern Algebra 4) Electronic Instruments + Electronics 5) Math Seminar 6) Ceramics. Sounds interesting but hard. He would like to take

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graduate study after he finishes college but may have to take a hitch with Uncle Sam first. He says that he doesn't have any plans for getting married.

Last Tues. we went to Tokyo to meet the Parsons on their return from furlough. Now we have 3 missionary families on the field.

What do you hear from Juniors? They must have a nice place. It's too bad that they don't have enough Capital to stock it so that they wouldn't have to work away from home. The same renter is still renting our farm. He raises horses.

I have three or 4 messages to get for next wk. so keep busy. We all enjoyed Moms [sic] newsy letter. I sent you a Jap. Apron. It ties in the back. It is great for protecting long sleeves. Love,

Florence