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Hi,

Merry Christmas to you all.

I have been intending to write to let you know that Wayne is in the army and Kenny is out, and this is the first opportunity I have had. (I've been busy)

Wayne went in on November 14. He is taking basic training at Fort Ord, and will probably be there until about the first of February. He doesn't like it, but has decided to make the best of it, and enjoy it as much as he can. Hopes to go to Europe.

Kenny and Darla got home last Saturday, and we were so glad to see them. They had quite a trip home, as their car is old, and they kept having trouble. When they got to Needles they almost called us to come and get them in Barstow, or be ready to tow them home, but they kept coming, and made it fine.

Ken took the car to our mechanic, and found the main trouble was that so many had worked on it, all putting in different kinds of parts. Also a lot of things had loosened up on the trip. In half a day he had it working fine.

They spent the week end after Thanksgiving in Aurora - got out the evening of the 27, and got to Illinois on Friday and stayed til Monday. Arts and Elsa and Carla came on Sunday - Danny was sick - so Darla got to meet most of the family.

They went to church with Lorraine, saw a lot of scenery and part of Chicago, and started home Monday morning. They drove through Morris, Mazon and Dwight; Ken remembered, and wanted to show Darla. They spent part of the week with Darla's relatives in Oklahoma, and got here last Sunday. And WERE WE GLAD TO SEE THEM!

Kenny will be going back to the bank right after the first of January. He wanted a little time to get settled. They will be living in Delano for about 6 months, as he will be at the Delano branch.

Wayne will get home next Thursday for a Christmas vacation, and we are looking forward to that.

We are all busy as usual. There has been a lot of sickness in the high school, but so far Barb hasn't gotten it. She has done real well this year, only missed a few days.

We had our big family Christmas party last Tuesday, and it was Barb's and your birthday, Ruth. So I had a birthday cake for her, and everyone brought her gifts. Mostly bracelets, and a red petticoat, which she dearly loves.

We aren't real sure just what we will do for Christmas. It depends on Ken & Darla.

Hope you have a happy holiday season.

Love, Virginia

DJC notes: Christmas letter, no year, but refers to Kenny & Darla's visit to Illinois.