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Dear Folks:

Happy New Year and all that good stuff to each of you.

Thank you Harry & Virginia for your picture. That was a nice surprise and a very good picture.

We had a nice holiday season, Mary's surprise visit made it unusually nice, and they were all home for more than 2 weeks. Paul is staying home for the winter, there is no work in Ashland, so he decided he had better come back, at least for the time being. He is working up in St. Charles for an IH truck center, but I am not sure how long that will last. Work is not very plentiful around here either, even though you can usually find something to do. I.H. is still on strike and has been since November, with no end in sight. Caterpillar is back after a strike of more than two months, and this all effects jobs in this area.

Mary is back safe and sound and we are thankful for that. Had a good letter from her yesterday.

Lovina is a big concern. We saw her during the holiday season and she was in good spirits and was determined that she would walk again. However on the 14th they did more surgery and removed her leg to right below the knee. I talked to Helen last weekend, she came through surgery well, and was looking better than she did before, hopefully they have got all the infection this time and if it will heal properly now, they can fit her with an artificial leg. If the weather permits we are planning to go up again this weekend. We want to see Jim before he leaves. He is going to drive back to California and has to be back before February 4.

We have had an unusual winter, up to this point, an exact opposite of last year. We have had somewhere in the area of 5 inches of snow, and many days in the 30's. It is great as far as I am concerned, but it isn't good for those that want to sell ski equipment or snow throwers. However, we still have plenty of time to get some real winter.

Take care all of you and hope you have Blessed New Year.

Lorraine

Ruth - You didn't have to send money for the pictures, it could have been a gift.