

Dear Edna:

Your Christmas card is beautiful. Betty and I think of you often and wish you well.

We had a Christmas card from Mrs. Jack Rutherford (Mary Belle Stockton). She is still in El Paso and has retired from teaching. Mary Belle always remembers us at Christmas and calls us, when she is in San Antonio.

Betty and I have retired and are enjoying good life. Last year we completed a log house on our ranch (600 acres) at Lake Limestone in the greater Waco area. This Fall we planted many wild flowers, and I can hardly wait until Spring!

Our retired life is still a very busy one. We spend more and more time at our log house. We spent Thanksgiving there with all the children and grandchildren present. "Lady" Katherine, the youngest of our grandchildren, is crawling. I look at her in amazement. She has auburn hair and blue eyes!


The Saturday after Thanksgiving Betty and I went to Dallas to attend the first Deb party of the season. Our friends from SMU days, the Lawrence Herkimers, presented their daughter, Sharon, at one of the most dazzling parties at the Fairmount Hotel. Herkie sponsors cheer leading clinics at colleges and universities in the United States and abroad, and gave SMU a million dollars earlier this year. It pays to be a cheerleader!

November was a busy month. We went to Houston twice and visited Nome, Texas, where Becky's friend, Bob Salyer, hosted the dedication of a duck preserve in that area. This program is sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and some of the land around Nome has been dedicated as a nesting place for migratory birds. Bob is a professional hunting guide and leases his land for hunting, etc.

Here's just a few notes on the daughters and other grandchildren. Betsy is teaching in the Austin Public School System. Barbie is attending University of Texas at Austin where she hopes to receive teacher certification. Becky is enjoying Beaumont and her new job as a building manager. Austin Harrison Hime is in first grade and Hailey Bond Hime is in kindergarten.

Leaving here on the 22nd, we plan a Christmas in the country at our log house with the family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.


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