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Family Recorder

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WORLD WIDE NEWS

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A PRAYER

Richard Nixon was elected our 37th President in a very close race with the present Vice President, Hubert H. Humphrey, on Nov. 5 this year. He fought a gallant fight after having been defeated in two previous elections. In 1960 he was defeated by John F. Kennedy for the Presidency and then in 1964 he suffered a sad defeat when he sought the Governors Seat in California.

President Lynden B. Johnson stunned the world by calling a halt to the bombing in Vietnam just a week before the Presidential Election. There were many speculations as to the Political Aspects of his timing. The Bomb Halt was called as a possible means of affecting a PEACE TREATY to end the WAR in Vietnam. Let us all pray that Peace will come speedily.

Recapitulation of major events of 1968 : This has been a year filled with much grief and sorrow for the whole world. Student uprisings, riots, strikes, Hippies, Black Panthers, Klu-Klux-Klans, demonstrations, Assassinations, mass murders, police brutality, monetary money problems, Wars and rumors of Wars affecting every country, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and Mine disasters managed to keep the whole World tense and unsure of what the next moment would bring. However, even though we suffered such degrading things as the assassination of both Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, and though we lived through the nightmare of Resurrection City, and though we mourned the loss of the Nuclear Submarine 'Scorpion' and the humiliation of the capture by the North Koreans of the Spy Ship 'PUEBLO'...even so this year of 1968 has brought many new and wonderful adventures and luxuries. While COLOR TV has been in existence for several years, it did not appear on the market for the public to buy until the end of 1967. During 1968 one out of every 30 families in the U.S. bought a COLOR TV set, according to the latest statistics. Then too, during 1968 we have seen the HEART TRANSPLANT PROGRAM sweep the World at an amazing pace. To date there have been 37 plus heart transplant operations already. Not all recipients have survived but tremendous progress has been made in this field. During this year we have also seen HISTORY being made in the SPACE PROGRAM. In December of this year, the U.S.A. is planning to send three Astronauts on a space trip AROUND THE MOON. The 'Blast-Off Date' has been set for Dec. 21, 1968....so....all told this has been a very exciting and unforgettable year.....We have so much to be THANKFUL for as we end this year and start another that who knows....may even top this one.

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing old and will some day BE old.

Keep me from the recital habit of always thinking I must say something on every occasion.

Release me from the craving to straiten out everybody else's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the retelling of endless detail...give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and my pains. They are increasing and the love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for GRACE enough to enjoy the tales of others but help me to endure them with patience.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I might be mistaken.

I dare not ask for improved memory but a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memory of others.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint...they are so hard to live with....but a sour old person is the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people.

Give me GRACE to tell them so.
 AMEN

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JOKE CORNER

A small town is a place where every one knows whose check is good and whose husband isn't.

Ask any woman her age and nine times out of ten she'll guess wrong.

A person who can smile when everything goes wrong has probably just thought of who he can blame for it.

Health Authorities say that the common cold attacks more lower income families than those in the middle or higher brackets. Therefore a way to avoid colds is to ask your Boss for a raise.

They now have 'Hippies Anonymous'. If a Hippie feels that his compulsion to take a bath is too great, he calls H A Headquarters and they send some one out to shut off the water.
 HaHaHa

I am glad to report that Mother was very happy and enthused with the letter that I mailed out concerning this Family Newspaper. In fact she was the first one to answer and to send in a contribution of a poem (which will appear elsewhere in this issue). She also sent me many ideas that can be incorporated in OUR paper to make it more interesting.

Let us all remember that Dec. 30th is Mother's 81st BIRTHDAY. I am most happy to report that she is still very busy all the time with her quilt and rug making even though she suffers constantly with arthritis.... It was such a pleasure to visit with her this past summer. She keeps so busy all the time and yet we had lots of time to YAK... YAK... YAK...

Mother has a very sweet lady, who lives with her now, by the name of ESSIE. She is such a blessing and comfort to her and I kinda feel like ESSIE is one of the family now since I met her.... SO. WELCOME ESSIE... from all of us.

From the MILNER MANSION (Edith)

SORRY: No news from this house yet. Edith keeps so busy all the time she probably hasn't had time to write to anyone. Ralph works long hard hours and seldom has time for anything except eat and sleep. HOWEVER, next time we will hope for a good report of all the people in your family. OK... DeeDee... how about it?

JOLLY JIM'S JOINT (James)

SORRY: No news from this house yet. Once more, as with everyone else, the people in this house find more to do than time to do it in. HOWEVER, maybe next time we will have a good report of Edward, Roger and Linda and maybe just a word about mom and dad too. We would all like to hear about the boating and Lake and your picture taking.... OK ?... OK ?

DEVILISH DALE'S DUGOUT (Norman)

An appropriate name for this house right now since the latest report says that there is EXTENSIVE digging going on at the present time to unclog a drain-field. DRAIN-FIELD ! haha.. If you take a deep breath you will probably smell the beautiful aroma wherever you are.

Seems as though Sue Ann & Ricky are going to have to start digging pretty soon too. Digging out old Baby toys, that is. The latest report says a Stork will make a delivery to this house in the not to distant future. Seems the PILL that is the newest fad in the World today, was either forgotten, ignored or simply pushed away. Any one care to speculate as to just how spoiled the newcomer will be ?

SCARCELY SEEN SCARCY'S (June)

SORRY: No news from this house yet. Next issue we will have a big report about Betty's wedding and Darlene's new baby, I hope. Your editor is happy to report that a visit with June and her family this summer was a very rewarding experience as per usual. The river was full of 'big-mouth-bass' and there were

enough caught for us to take about 10 lbs of dressed fish to Grandma in Michigan. WOW ! We sure had ourselves a good fish fry... Um... Ummmm... !!!... GOOD.....

From the BROWN BUNGALOW (Violet)

SORRY: No news from this house yet. We pray for a big report on all the children and grandchildren next issue along with a report about everyone's health too... I talked with Violet on the telephone this summer but because of my health, and hers, I was unable to visit her in person. She was not feeling very good at that time either. Hope all are 'in the pink' at this time. How about letting us all know.... RUN..?

GENUINE GENTLE GWYNN'S (Clara)

SORRY: No news from this house yet. Haven't even heard a word about you Clara ! My, My, My... How terrible... I really can report very little. Can say, however, that if any of you ever want to have a most enjoyable vacation, Colorado is the place to go. This editor was out there three years ago and had a really great time. Clara and her family took us to Colorado Springs to see Junior and his family, and they in turn took us to see the FABULOUS Air Force Academy. That is a sight that defies description and is well worth any ones time and expense to go and see it.... Then of course, on to the beautiful GARDEN OF THE GODS which is another sight worth seeing.

As an added attraction, I'll give you all a little HINT... Clara's cooking alone is good enough to drive hundreds of miles to enjoy.... OK... Clara... (Now I've done it). How about the low down on all your family. Hope so.....

THE GIFT GIVING GILHOUSEN'S (Helen)

SORRY: No news from this house yet. A fact that surprises this editor no end, since Helen is 'famous' for her letters and news items. Probably she is too swamped with her preparations for the Holiday Seasons. Each year she makes literally hundreds of gifts to give to the poor and needy children and the ones in the hospitals too. She makes dolls, and stuffed animals and baskets and centerpiece and doilies and other things too numerous to mention. Her hands are never idle even though she has not been a bit well now for several years.

God Bless you, Sis, in all your undertakings. Hope this finds you and Elvin both well and happy... We pray for a nice report from you next time letting us all know what you are doing and what YOU HAVE DONE

When day is done and darkness falls

I lay me down to rest

I thank my GOD for one more day

And hope I've passed the test

I try each day to do my best

As HE looks from above

And so I pray that EACH of you

Will feel my undieing LOVE

FRIEDA LAYMANCE

SORRY: No news from this house yet. Last news from Texas says the new farm is doing great. Teds corn, a year ago when Roy and I visited them was all of twelve feet tall. And there was enough good eating roasting ears for me to make a pig of myself (which I did) Ida Mae cans everything she can get her hands on until she runs out of jars. Its mighty productive country down there where they live. Everything speaks of the Abundance Gods Love when you view the lush and lovely trees and gardens and flowers that are everywhere. Its worth a trip to Texas see for your self.

OK...youall, How about a good report from down your way next time?)OK?

LEESs LEAFY LAGOON (Alice)

SORRY: Ne news from this house yet. This editor talked to Alice via the telephone a month ago. At that time she was just recuperating from a very serious back spell but I'm happy to report she is once more on her feet and back working.

The latest report says that Ed who is now a high ranking NCO stationed at Guam Navy Base, was Baptized into the L.D.S. Church in October. Everyone will be happy to know that, Alice, and our prayers will be for his continued growth and prosperity in the best things in life. Ed has his wife and little girl there in Guam with him. How lucky can he be ??

LOFTY LAYMANCE LAYOUT (Frieda)

A most enthusiastic report from this house states that the PAPER can count on full cooperation for its success. Thanks, sis, that makes me feel real good and I'll be counting on you for support.

Frieda had a little sideswipeing accident Oct.16. There was minor damage and no one was injured, thank goodness. Carl is back at work again now after missing several months because of an accident. Donna's daughter Jeanetta suffered a severe operation this summer and was in and out of the hosnital several times before the doctors were able to find a method and means to get her back on her feet again. Her husband was plenty worried, as was every one else, for a long time. Pat and her husband had a burgler break in and rob thier home while they were on Vacation this summer. They lost an expensive accordion, electric drill, movie camera & projector, Slide camers & projector and worst of all a collection of movie and slide pictures that they had taken over the past nine years including four years in Alaska. It was a most heartbreaking blow to them all....Susan and Roger Harwick who live in Minn., are expecting the first addition to thier family in Jan.69. Denny and his wife are expecting thier third child in March of 69. Janice & Lloyd come home from thier vacation in Aug. to find thier house almost ruined. A water pipe in the front bathroom had broken and water run all over. It could have been a lot worse if one of thier very good neighbors hadn't noticed it and went in, turned off the water, rolled up the rug and set other things up where they would be dry. Guess there is still SOME good people in the world yet today HUH ? Kenneth and his family are planning on Christmas

Vacation at home in Norwalk this year with MOM. They now live in El Paso, Tex. Kenneth is now a Sargeant in the Army and plans to retire in 6 more years. Frieda and Carl will spend Thanksgiving with Janice and family in Needles, Calif this year. (Hope you don't eat too much !)

KING KEIDEXs KINGDOM (Virginia)

Roy and I had a thrilling two weeks of vacation this year. It was pure madness but we covered 6249 miles and visited June, Violetvia telephone, Fred Lentz, Mother, Edith, James and Norman and then drove down to an EX-POW convention in Longview, Texas. Couldn't make contact with either Alice or Ted so come on home. Roy had a terrible toothache all the way home. Had to have it pulled. Boy did he suffer. Took us a month to recuperate from that trip but it was really swell to get to see every body. Went fishing in Iowa and caught enough to let us take 10 pounds of dressed fish to Grandma in Mich. WOW ! Did we ever have a good fish fry. Um...Ummmmmm..GOOD ! Sally and husband have been married for a whole year already. They are both still in the Army and are stationed at Frankfurt, Germany. Talked to them on the phone a month ago. Sure good to hear thier voices again. Darwin is in Vietnam now since last Feb. He was wounded and evacuated to the 18th Surgery at Quang Tri and then evacuated out from the hospital to another but somehow he disappeared before he got to the second place and no one knows where he is at this time. President Johnson has ordered a full military search for him (after I wrote to him and we haven't heard anything more yet. I have been half out of my mind with worry this past three months. I pray to have better news to report about him next time.

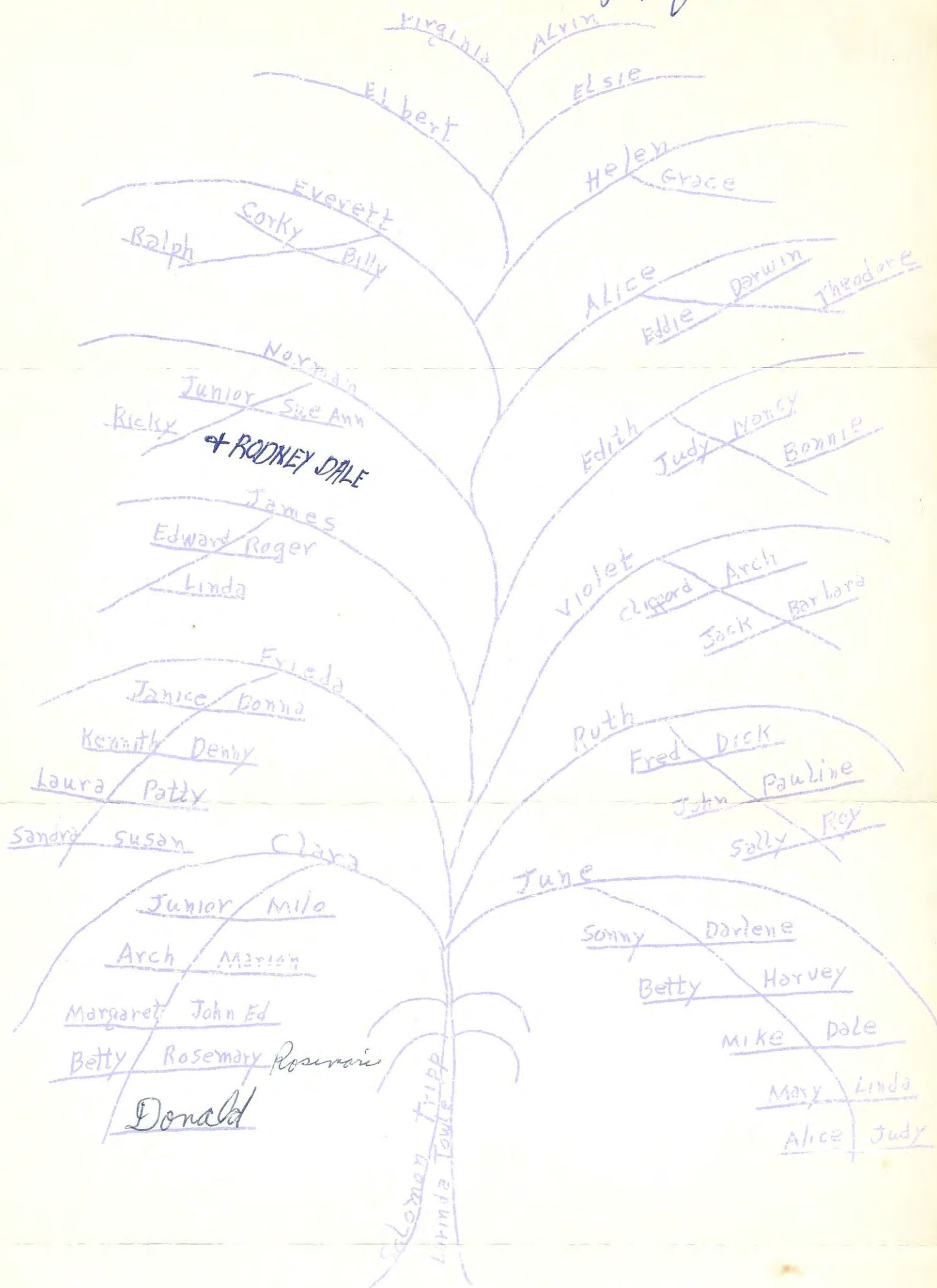
POEM SENT IN BY MOTHER

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering steps and palsied hand
Blessed are they who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the words they say
Blessed are they who seem to know
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow
Blessed are they who looked away
When my coffee spilled at the table today
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
Who stopped to chat for a little while
Blessed are they who never say
' You've told that story twice today
Blessed are they who know the way
To bring back memories of yesterday
Blessed are they who make it known
That I'm loved, respected and not alone
Blessed are they who know I'Mat a loss
To find the strength to carry the Cross
Blessed are they who ease the days
On my journey HOME in loveing ways
by Esther Mary Walker

THE LONESOME LENTZs (Ruth)

DARN ! I goofed ! I meant to get your item in before my own...SORRY. Have heard from your house yet. Ruth and family are all wrapped up in a REMODELING job on thier house and we all know that can be a big messy, time consuming thing. Sounds like the end result will be a most attractive, convenient and comfortable home. It looks real good in the drawing they sent to me some time ago. Next issue we will hope for a full report about all your family...OK ? OK !

Thank you MOTHER for a very lovely poem. I hope each and every one of we children can measure up to a ' BLESSED' in your eyes. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all



Sorry I couldn't remember certain names, but anyway this is how pretty our family tree looks. I did not put names in order of age because I wanted to round out the tree and make it more balanced.

Hope you like it. Wish you would each make a tree like this of your own personal family and send it along to me. I will appreciate it very much and it will help get the BIG family tree erected.