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Minneapolis, Dec. 13, 1953.

Dear Wesley,

My second air mail composite which I started on its way to you never returned to me for its final forwarding to N. J., but some one may have put a Canadian stamp on it and sent it to you direct. If not, it has got lost somewhere along the line. I've had another form ready for writing to you for months but kept putting it off, for which I apologize. It can wait till 1954 now while this more seasonable "form" wings its way to you with the good wishes of all our (Park) family.

I was in the hospital recently for a few days with a painful shoulder condition, the cause of which I'll explain some other time, ~~and~~ while I was there, six people who four years ago didn't know I existed came to visit me. I consider this an excellent ^{example} of the power and solidarity of Christian fellowship, for they were all church friends. One of them was my pastor, Dr. Lowe (otherwise known as Ernie) who came to see me four times. With exercise I am gradually and cautiously restoring my right arm to full use, but it is still far from comfortable. We have a new "contour chair" which I am enjoying at the moment. It is

We have a new "contour chair" which I am enjoying ^{and will recommend} a reclining chair shaped to fit every inch of your body, and can be made to swing to any of, ^{at least} four hammock-like positions which the occupant may choose.

Betty's first-born is expected very soon now. She is feeling fine, did most of the housekeeping here while I was in the hospital, and comes over often to type a theme that Murray is composing as part of his post-graduate course in entomology. The contour chair and a type-writer desk (second hand) + book case, studio couch, secretary, small table and 2 straight chairs now furnish the "den" which was formerly Douglas's bedroom (at the front of the house, n. e., if you remember.) Doug is doing well at Camp Atterbury in Indiana, has finished his basic infantry training as a rifleman, and is now taking more advanced training. We visited him briefly on the way to our Kentucky vacation, and he paid a flying visit home on a 3 day leave. Robert and Jim, also called Bob and James, are both in Junior High School, and both First Class Scouts now. Robert is "first chair" in the French horn section in his H.S. band. Warren is a keen and thoughtful second grader. He has no remaining after effects from his fall in October. He ^{incredulously} escaped skull fracture and suffered only minor concussion, was unconscious for only a few minutes, though he fell about 8 ft. and landed on his right ear on the concrete driveway here, the same driveway which once echoed to the well-behaved roar of your old "Indian". Doug sold his blue "Indian" before going to army camp.

We had a lovely Thanksgiving (Nov. 26) with Betty and Murray here, and Betty doing over half the work on the preceding day - turkey, stuffing, mince pie, squash pie, cranberry sauce, salad dressing, table-setting, etc. We have a wonderful Christmas. Brother Ours promises to be very happy. We have the tree up already, and Doug may be able to get home. Lovingly, Catherine

P.S. What is the meaning of E. I.
(or is it ~~E~~ one?) after
Christchurch?

Wilford is still on loan from the
State Dept. of Health to the city of
Minneapolis, and is building up an
Industrial Health dept. for the city,
also promoting the latest medically-
approved industrial health practices,
in the many manufacturing
plants, etc. of Minneapolis and
nearby. He was recently made president
of the newly-organized ^{Minnesota} Academy of
Occupational Medicine and Surgery" which
resulted from a lot of his time and
effort being expended to get it under
way.

Good-bye for now. Kindest regards
and best wishes from your sister
Catherine

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Christmas Greetings

*and the best
of good wishes*

for a

Happy New Year

Catherine