

WREN TRACKS

*To Carol B. Renner
Loving Best wishes from
Mother and Dad
Dec. 25, 1977*

I suddenly realize that these annual Christmas letters covering nearly a quarter of a century, are indeed, tracks in the sands of Time; and in order that they not be obliterated, I've gathered them together to keep in one unit, - the much abbreviated accounts of the activities of our family* of five children and later of fourteen grandchildren, taking them through the College years, weddings, our later trips and a few world events.

There is no set pattern among the letters as one can see, being different in length, some illustrated, some not, some poetry, some prose, and many events, trips, etc., that were important to us, have been too much curtailed, - almost even neglected for fear they become a bore to the recipients and make the letter too long.

For you dear family members who receive this, I hope there will never be any generation gaps. We are all interested in each other, and it is hoped, no matter where you are in later years, that you will find herein, a genuine reunion. Through these shared hopes and accomplishments, in this bracket of years, perhaps you can better reevaluate your goals when you read these letters again after another twenty-five years have passed. In the meantime, I hope they will prove to have some archival value in pinpointing the happenings we may like to remember.

Additions and depletions have changed the structure of our family with these swiftly-passing years. Looking backward to the Renners, Gumps, MacKinnons, Barelays, Knowles, Trouts and Steindorfs, among others, who have formed us, we know that many more names will be added to the family "Tree" in coming years. But for our present generation, we are rich in numbers and the name list keeps growing: R. Richard, Jennie, Robert, John, Ruth, Daniel, Mary, Ginger, Carol, Frank, Gail, Debra, Tara, Richard, David, Reid, Ann, Jennifer, Karen, Tamara, Jane, Kevin, Brett, John Robert, Steven, Kathy, - bearing family names of Renner, Steindorf, Mogel, Barr, Percy, Eaton, Edel - - -

Even as this is being written, a year after the last entry, we are, as usual, a busy, happy family, cognizant of God's great blessings. The two who started all this are beginning to wind down, but are joyously grateful for all the thoughtful, loving care we receive from "the Clan". With the greatest of interest we follow the activities and accomplishments of our grandchildren. And soon they will all be out of the nest, as are Debbie, in graduate School at Duke University, having graduated last June from Colgate; Tarain Spain, spending her Junior year at Bethany in the University of Madrid; Richard a Senior at M.I.T., and David, chief mechanic in an auto business as an interlude before he starts College. Mary, after fourteen years in Benicia, California, is, since August, happily enjoying a new home at 1217 John Avenue, San Pablo, Ca. 94806. Carol is Director of "Reach Out", a mental health clinic at Solon, with a staff of seven. Dan and Kathy are living on River Road in Gates Mills, pursuing chest surgery and photography. Ginger is Interning this winter in pursuit of a Master of Nursing degree. Bob is President of Upstate New York Radiology Section and is National head of the Radiology unit of the Law-Medicine group, based in Chicago, and is soon to be inducted into the American College of Radiology. John is busy with the work of his Patent Law firm, Donnelly, Maky, Renner and Otto. And the near, dear Percy family still leave us breathless. How they juggle business pursuits in several places, with trips and church activities, and with usually a house full of neighborhood children, guests and friends, is beyond me.

We salute them all, and here's hoping one of them will pick up the torch so these family chronicles may continue - for thus are families remembered.

- - - Jennie "Wren" Dec. 10, 1977

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