



Christmas time, 1961

Dear folks,

Greetings at this wonderful season of the year. May you have much happiness at Christmas and throughout 1962.

The year 1961 began, for us, with a Silver Wedding reception on New Year's Day. All year we had planned to use one of the pictures taken then on our Christmas greeting, but this one taken this September is so exactly like each of us, that we chose it instead. Jim, on the left, and Bob Jr, 3rd from the left, are both Juniors here at Pacific Lutheran University. Dick, who graduated here in 1959, is in his third year at Oregon State Univ. in Chemical Engineering. Paul is a Junior in Hi School and Ruth and Tim are in grades 5 and 2.

Mother Rulison was with us from May through November. Lucile Silky and her daughter Janet visited us in July. Genevieve Achterhoff and her husband spent two days with us in November and cousin Patty Spice Endico and her baby were here overnight en route from Bremerton, Wash. to San Diego. Next summer, with a World's Fair in Seattle (35 miles away), we hope to have lots of company.

As for the Silver Wedding, our real date is December 29th. The Sunday after Christmas was the 29th in 1935, so New Year's Sunday seemed appropriate this year. We celebrated with a reception from four to eight o'clock at our church, with wedding cake, flowers, and a Christmas tree in blue and silver. Bob and I wore gardenias, all the boys had white carnations, and Ruth wore a yellow rosebud corsage. Although there were no guests who had been at the wedding in 1935, nearly 200 came to greet us. Many cards and telegrams came from away. One, from the sisters in Muskegon, was even phoned to the church.

We are indeed thankful to God for 25 years of happy married life and for our loyal family of children—also for you friends and relatives near and far. Do let us hear from you, and come to see us when you can.

With love,

Jo and Bob Olsen

Dick, Bob, Jim, Paul, Ruth, Tim.



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Dear Friends:

For the first time since 1953, our family is graced by the presence of a new member—our first daughter-in-law. Bob Jr., our second son, and Marjorie Kathleen Whisler were married in Trinity Lutheran Church here in Parkland on August sixteenth. Kaye, a good friend of the family for the past ten years, grew up in Parkland and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University this past June. The wedding, with our Dick and Kaye's sister as attendants, was on a Sunday afternoon and was, we felt, a tremendous occasion. Most of the guests came from nearby, but some of Kaye's family came from California and our cousin Betty Pettengill flew here from Michigan. The newly-weds are now living in Dubuque, Iowa, where Bob is in his second year at Wartburg Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Jim, number three, has experienced a varied year. After graduating from PLU in June '63, he enlisted for six month's training in the Army Reserve at Fort Ord, California. At the end of the year, he was toting around a long-leg cast, as a result of breaking his leg during basic training. Finally, in April, the cast came off and he came home. In June, he and four other fellows toured Mexico in a Volkswagen Camper, looking in on many missions and the Wycliffe Bible Institute in Seattle.

The rest of us are doing things similar to those we did last year. Dick is still working toward his PhD at Oregon State University and this could be the year. Paul is a sophomore at PLU and Ruth and Jim are in eighth and fifth grades, respectively. Bob Sr. enjoys his Chemistry teaching at PLU, his Boy Scout and church work. Grandma Rulison spends nearly all her hours in bed, as she has for the past two years, but is able to appreciate and participate in the family's many interests and activities. Nicodemus, the family dog is well and happy.

May your heart be warmed this Christmas time by family and friends, messages and memories, laughter and love. Happy New Year from us all!

*Robert C. Olsen Family*