

1-5-91

Dear Brothers & Sisters;

After reading the family letters
over the second time in two weeks.

I decided there is no way I
can come close to all this excitement.

My idea of excitement is hernia
problems, followed by heart problems.

Followed by pneumonia, a physical followed
by high blood pressure followed by
more hernia problems.

after all this life is wonderful. I
am still alive, am drawing unemployment
and can sleep in late. and the weather
is wonderful compared to the East
& West.

In addition I have time now to
stick it G.M. These transmission

refunds are beginning to draw
a great deal of interest in this area.
as an example I have spend appri
\$50 in copies, envelopes etc. There is
atleast 5 owners in this area working
on this refund, at \$1,000 a copy.

2- The way I see it OM has already made the profit on these repairs it's up to us to get it back.

No break yet on this leasing program. However there is expected a 5-10 fold increase in drilling activity in north east Michigan for 91.

Without hurting anyones feelings it does take time and a great of money to take these long trips. I guess some people are cut out for traveling and others are not. This is what makes the world go round and round. To be honest with you all, after 50 miles I get the yellow dog tired.

I am sure you all know I am a grandpa now. Am looking forward to the day he can chase me. The rest of the family is doing there own thing. Other than my own health problems the family is A Okay.

I would like to take this time and wish you all a Happy New Year. I just know 1991 is just going to be one excitement after another.

your Loving Brother
(John) not Jack please

Jan 27, 1991

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is late January here and it is very cold. I am fighting my first bad cold of the year. I am not sure who is winning.

Most of the news today is about the war. I pray that it ends soon, I can not believe that one sick mind can cause such problems for the world. He must be stopped.

Since I last wrote I have been elected as president of St. Vincent de Paul for the District council of Oakland County. I gave up the presidency of the parish conference after 14 years there. I am still active in our local conference but I do not have to handle the day to day problems. Instead I work on the county wide problems. As president of the District council I am a trustee on the Central council board for the archdiocese of Detroit. Pray for me that I do a good job.

School is going along as usual this year. I just finished my 28th year in Hazel Park. Carolyn is still running the developmental kindergarten for the school district.

Both Mark and Karen have graduated from college. Mark is still looking for a job in T.V. production. With the recession the prospects are not good. Karen has a fine job with FEV of America. That is a German engineering firm here in Southfield. She enjoys the work.

Karen is also engaged to get married. Her fiancée is from Battle Creek and is finishing up his degree in pharmacy at Ferris State. They are planning a Dec. 14, 1991 wedding in Lansing. You will hear more about that later.

Brian continues to do well at U. of M. in aerospace engineering. Last semester he had all A's but one A-. His overall grade point is 3.759 now. I never dreamed of getting that high a grade point when I was in college.

Jeff is in his senior year at Bishop Foley High. He is doing fine. He is also working at the ACO hardware store. He is in charge of the automotive dept. and likes the work. It has been good for him. Jeff has been accepted at U. of M. Dearborn and is waiting for acceptance to U. of M. Ann Arbor before he makes his decision about where to go in the fall. He also wants some form of engineering but has not selected one yet.

I am scheduled for jury duty next Thursday and Friday in Circuit Court in Pontiac. That should be interesting.

Well I better close for now and get this in the mail. I love you all. God bless you.

Love

Jim.

FEV of America UPDATE

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FEV AWARDED NEW EPA CONTRACTS

FEV was recently awarded two new design and development contracts by the Environmental Protection Agency.

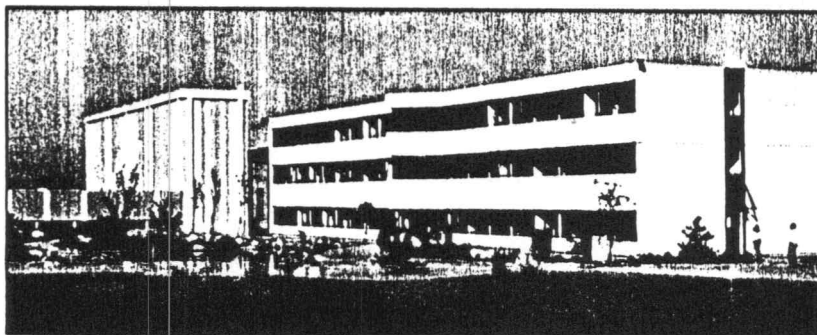
The first is a multi-disciplinary task order contract to provide design, fabrication, testing and evaluation support on alternative-fueled engines, powertrains and fuel systems. Examples of the potential projects as identified in the initial scope of work include:

- Optimum engine cooling systems,
- Hydraulic launch powertrain system evaluation,
- Engine optimized for low global warming impact for developing country use,
- Turbo-charged flexible fuel vehicle,
- M100 use in a two-stroke cycle engine,
- Specialized fuel injection and ignition system control.

This is a one year base contract with options for two subsequent years.

The second EPA project is to develop and demonstrate a low CO₂ emission vehicle concept using low emission DI M100 methanol engine technology. To develop this vehicle, FEV will use a Volkswagen Eco-Polo research vehicle equipped with a two-cylinder, water cooled, in-line 0.858 liter displacement, supercharged and intercooled DI methanol engine. In order to adapt the Volkswagen DI diesel engine to a low emission, high

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FEV Motorentechnik recently celebrated the completion of new headquarters (above) in Aachen, which includes expanded office space and additional test cells. (Story page 2)

SENIOR ENGINEER, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR JOIN FEV OF AMERICA

As a result of ongoing expansion, FEV of America has added Senior Engineering and Contract Administration personnel to its professional staff.

James L. Kalkstein has been named Senior Engineer, Automotive Operations, and Karen M. Dumont is FEV's new Administrator of Government Contracts.

Kalkstein will be responsible for project management for the automotive industry, specializing in engine mechanical component design and dynamics analysis. He was most recently a Senior Project Engineer with General Motors Corporation's Advanced Engineering Staff in Warren, MI, after a term at GM's Advanced Concepts Center in Thousand Oaks, California. Earlier he served on the technical staff of The Aerospace Corporation in Washington, D.C. and as a Project Engineer for the Abex Corporation in Mahwah, New Jersey.

He received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology and a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from Farleigh-Dickinson University. Kalkstein, a member of SAE and ASME, has published several papers, and is a Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer.

Dumont, in addition to contract administration, will be responsible for engineering program planning, tracking and reporting; establishment and administration of small and disadvantaged business subcontracting plans and related activity.

Prior to joining FEV, she was a Vehicle Program Analyst at the Saturn Corporation of General Motors. Dumont received her B.S. Degree in Engineering Arts from Michigan State University.

"We are very fortunate to have Jim and Karen join FEV of America's staff," said Gary Rogers, President. "Their experience in the automotive industry and related areas will further enhance our capabilities and resources, as we continue to meet the critical demands of client projects."

The GUARDIAN

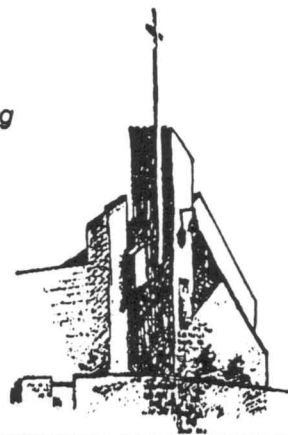
Guardian Angels Church, Clawson

October 7, 1990

We are a people of God.

Together we are called...

to pray, to celebrate His presence, to work for the coming of the Kingdom, and to reach out to all God's people.



A little tyranny:

Our Development Fund Drive has gotten underway very smoothly and I thank everyone who has given of their time, talent, and treasure to make that happen. In a parish of our size, those gifts are sizable and the dedication of everyone who has volunteered to help is truly admirable. Once again, they come from every age (24-80) women and men, Clawson, Royal Oak, Troy, Sterling Heights, Madison Heights, all of the communities from which we draw our people. Since I have to write this a week in advance, I cannot give you very accurate figures, — but, they will be announced at the weekend liturgies. If you have not been contacted please be patient. Our workers will do so within the next few weeks. Your hospitality and kindness is truly appreciated!!

Approximately a year ago, Cardinal Szoka appointed a Task Force on Catholic Education. This was in response to a long investigation conducted by the Vicars of the Archdiocese. The Task Force presented its report and recommendations to the Cardinal shortly before his assignment to the Vatican. Archbishop Maida has asked for "consultation" with the people of the Archdiocese before implementation of the report. As this deals with finances for our schools and the need to increase and strengthen all Catholic religious education. I highly recommend your participation in this consultation. We expect to have some copies of the report available at the school office and in church.

The Process will be:

- 1.) A Review of the report and recommendations.
- 2.) Request for comments from those present.
- 3.) Summary of meeting sent to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council for

action with our Archbishop.

Try to take part in one or more of the following Vicariate meetings.

- Monday, Oct. 8, at 7:00 at St. Joseph Hospital on 19 Mile Rd.
- Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church on Adams Road. B.B.T. Vicariate.
- Monday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., Oakland Catholic High School, Walton Blvd., Pontiac N.E. Oakland Vicariate.
- Monday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalen, Woodward Heights, Hazel Park. This is our Southeast Oakland Vicariate meeting. Your support of this program is essential and will benefit our school and all Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Detroit.



JAMES DUMONT has been the president of the St. Vincent dePaul Society of Guardian Angels for the past 14 years. He has been very giving of this time and his concern for all in need. Jim's position has changed from the president of Guardian Angels Conference to the president of Oakland County, St. Vincent dePaul. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Jim will still be active at Guardian Angels, but not in such a demanding role. We all want to say THANK YOU for all your work.

G.A. School News

As we settle in to this school year, our office is planning ahead for the school year to follow. If you are a parishioner of Guardian Angels and your child will be in kindergarten or first grade during the 1991-92 school year, we look forward to hearing from you. Pre-registration information will be accepted the week of October 29 - November 2nd. Please call the office during this week between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The number is 588-5545.

Note: If your child attends kindergarten this year at G.A., you need not call for 1st grade pre-registration at this time.

GAP News

Dr. Anne Hughes, Educational Consultant to Catholic School District of the country, will be scheduled to speak at our next GAP meeting on October 11 at 8:00 (after the meeting). Topic: The Home as the First Schoolroom"

Don't forget to come to the 50's/60's Dance on October 13th from 8:00-12:00. There will be a live D.J., beer, wine, pop & snacks. Come join us for lots of fun!

Handicrafters of the Parish!

Join us every Thursday at 9:30 or right after 8:30 Mass to quilt, to Crochet, Cross-stitch or whatever is your "bag" we work until 11:00.

Sacrament Enrichment Series

All parents of children receiving sacraments.

- Oct. 4 - 9:30 a.m. CONFIRMATION (babysitting available) 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 - 9:30 a.m. RECONCILIATION (babysitting available) 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18 - 9:30 a.m. EUCHARIST (babysitting available) 7:30 p.m.

Hi Sisters and Brothers

01/31/91

Just got the package last night and want to get it on its way to shorten the time between our homes.

Janice, this printer is a QMS KissPlus Laser printer. Its fun to use.

From the letters it appears that Joe and Jackie should be on there way back from Florida. They sure are lucky.

Elaine must be busy since we haven't heard from her since Christmas.

Jan, it sounds like payroll is going to be a real learning experience. Good Luck.

Sis, I hope all is going well with your family.

Frank, when are you going to venture out of Alcona county and see how we live down here?

Jack, I hope you and your family are doing fine. How does it feel to be a grandpa to be?

Jim, we will probably see you soon.

Our daughter Dana, will graduate from SVSU in May and will go down to OHIO STATE for her masters and hopefully her PHD in BIO-Chemistry. She will have to teach 8 hours per week as repayment for her full ride.

Shari is a sophomore at MSU and is living in Yakely Hall-360---She loves mail.

Guess we are all well. Love to all and we shall see you this summer.

Sonda, Marty, Dana and Shari

3/3/91

Dear Families :

Thank our Lord for these letters ! I
Wouldn't have much contact with most of
you otherwise. It's been a long winter for
me but I am doing some day trips
and generally trying to busy myself.

Have paid my fare to Laughlin Nev. -
not so much to gamble but to meet
our Dad's first Cousin, Loretta McKinnon
Hall who "winters" in Bullhead City, Az.
across the Col. River from Laughlin, look
at your Atlas! She will wait to return
to Co. & Alene, Idaho, do you still have
your geography maps out? After going to
her home she and her ^{husband} will drive to
Alaska. Her life isn't dull, Jack Hall
is her third husband, married two!
Aunt Emma gave her my Az. address
since then the letters, genealogy papers, etc.,
have been flying. Dorothy hasn't met her.

II Took a bus trip from here with my Solo group to Oracle, AZ. near Tucson. Some of you may have read or seen on TV about Bio Sphere. 8 ^{persons} of each will be hermetically sealed in, he self contained for 3 yrs. To determine if people can travel to L. J. J. which planet for establishing living accommodations. I wonder if Jim's Brian or any others will come close?!

By the time some of you receive this, hopefully I'll be back at Houghton Lake, "settled in" for the summer. Please if you are in my area call me or stop to see me or stay a night or so, I need you guys. Chucks' Cousin Norma and husband Dick were here last weekend and it was so good to talk about him "Chuck" and just generally everything. Being a Dumont

I "ran off" at the mouth. They would not let me cook. I made breakfasts and one supper, big meal at noon. We ate out.

The Palm Sun enc. is planned, Cousin Dorothy is coming down and we are taking the bus to see So. Pacific at Gammage Theatre (STAGE) I missed a Chorus Line in Chandler, Dorothy wanted very much to ^{SEE} So. Pacific again! Gammage at ASU's Campus, TEMPE, AZ.

Mick & Wally are fine, Mick will be going to Laughlin with me, double occupancy.

There will be a dear friend should I get a little tied up with Loretta. I mean she won't have to be along if she doesn't care

To. Thank our Lord the shooting is about over, now to get a just Peace is what needs to be in our hearts and prayers!

Many many times I heard Mom say,
"Wars, Wars and Rumors of Wars", now
in my "old years" I know. I really
thought W.W.II would do it, HARDLY.

There were only 2 grapefruits this time
lots of lemons and oranges on both trees
but I didn't get them off in time and
they froze and I caught a terrible
cold trying to water them before the
freeze came. In many ways this
home is too much for me. Have to
hire so much done in the yard, I can
do the fuddy stuff, that's not enough.
I'm getting so lazy, the two mornings
I get to school, I come home and
I'm bushed but I still love it and I
want to keep volunteering!

Well dear ones that's my life and
I hope you are all taking care and
time with one another. Come to Arizona
if you can, Come to my Woody home in Trig.
God bless and keep you all, Jane E

March 12, 1991
Cadillac, MI

Dear Family:

We just received the family mail packet today, and just finished reading the letters.
What a time to answer!

I didn't get the job yet, that I mentined in my last letter (the keep out of trouble job). I did apply for several jobs since our Florida trip, and filled out one today, that I expect to start next week (delive-ring flowers). I have bid on a US Forest Service soil mapping contract in Crawford County for late spring and summer. I did the same last year but was outbid a mile. I have hopes for better luck this time. It would help pay for my new 4x4 Ranger.

We had a generally hot and busy holiday stay in Florida, but a cloudy dreary trip back home. 85° weather is just too hot for me no matter what time of the year I see it. I feel that the kids should be 10 years or older before going to Disney Land and should see it over two trips, which would cut some of the hurry and hassle. They should go with their parents and not as a group, which will allow more freedom for all.

We got down as far as Naples, on the Gulf, before turning back home. We had several visits with son Mike from Bradenton while down there.

Daughter Denise has just moved to Nunica, near Grand Haven-Muskegon, Her Husband, Dennis has a job with Majers Department Stores headquarters near Grand Rapids. Son Ron is back at the Four Winns Boat Co. here at Cadillac. The auto slowup closed the new Grand Rapids job that I earlier mentioned that he had gotten.

I have high hopes of seeing you all sometime this next six months and hope all will continue on the upswing as indicated by your letters. We may try to go to the Seattle, WA area next fall if all goes well.

May God bless and keep youall, and help me type better.

Love you all, especially the little ones.

Joe and Jackie

3-16-91

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

the letters arrived this week and Rog read them all to me while I was pressing alot of slacks I had altered. Thanks Jan. I got up early the next morning and read them all again. It is wonderful to hear from all of you. yes lets have a reunion this year. Its about time.

My family is just about the same as it was. Bill's got moved into their lovely new home and Chris plans to build this summer. This house will feel empty when they move..

We havent seen our little Megan Maile in Hawaii yet. I hope we can get over there soon or they can come home. John has 3 acres near

2/ Hilo and is building a house also. Gayle is almost finished her student teaching. I don't know if they will settle in Hawaii or come home. It will be nice to go there for the winters.

We are still going pretty strong here. Retirement seems to be something for the future. Rog is selling his ~~houses~~ down to a reasonable number so he doesn't have to work so hard. I'm trying to gear down in the Beauty Shop, but I'm still pretty busy. We are visiting the sick at home and SunCrest, Lapeer Hospital or where ever we are sent. I still go to Casa Maria every Wed. morn for service and visit Mom's old friends. Its what God has called us to do.

We love all of you and miss seeing you. These letters are the best idea yet. I'm sharing the idea with other Families: See you soon.
Sis, Rog
+ all

April 17, 1991

Dear Family:-

I have a sore thumb so I hope you can read this when I get done. I guess its a book-keepers ailment. I even buy somewhat padded pens.

Anyway - the sheets on geneology are some that Elaine paid a lady in Htoh to research. Some of you might not care but I really get excited to learn the family names over 12 generations. There is a lot of missing information but the 2nd known generation was born in Normandy, France. We have Jean's family back that far and his family came from Normandy, France too. I will be sending all of you a sheet to fill in for the family history. I have been writing to a distant cousin (Loretta Hall - the daughter of Grandma Dumont's sister) also to her niece (Janice Grimes who lives

2/ in Maryland) the two of them have put together a notebook on the Martin family. They agreed to copy a 100 page notebook for me. It's very interesting. I would like to put together a similar book on the Dumont family. It takes so much time. I'm still working on the Marion book.

Elaine is due at Houghton on May 15th. I must call her this weekend.

Frank, I know what you mean by the kids getting back to their religion before something happens to them. Ann's family returned to church a couple of years ago - this past year Mike returned. Tim was baptized and Josh made his 1st Communion recently. One by one - God willing. Yes the birth certificate is for our 'Granna Dumont that used to live in Ascoda.

John - I expect you are back to work by now. You can only loaf so long. Are you feeling fit as a fiddle again?

Speaking of fiddles - I ran across a book the other day called "Frog went a-courting." Remember when

31 Mom used to sing that song to when we were kids? Maybe by the next letter I'll get it down on paper as I remember it. I sing it to my Grandkids sometimes.

I'm getting pretty good at payroll. I still have my days. A few weeks ago I lunched about 35 paychecks. I pushed a wrong button and on top of that the printer ribbon went haywire. I sure had an excruciating headache that morning. I almost cried. My boss said - Don't cry - kick it.

Elaine did go to Laughlin, Nev. and did meet Loretta Hall. They had a lot to talk about. She didn't like the bus ride too much.

I bet Joe did you start delivering flowers? That must be nice to see a happy surprise on people's faces. Also, you said you especially love the little ones. Does that mean us short fat ones or the kids ???

Nobody has mentioned a family reunion this summer. Sis and I would both be willing to have it. It might be better to have it

4/ a little more centralized. If we
don't start planning it soon - our
summer will get away from us.

Well, you guys and gals, it's
been nice visiting all of you.
Take care till next time.

Love,
Jan + Jean

5-8-91

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

I've had this letter for about 2 wks. now so I guess I had better get crackin' on it, glad to hear from all of you and hope this finds you and yours feeling fine and doing well.

We are leaving Sat. the 11th. from Det. Metro for Florida, its not the best time of year to be going there but Bettys sister Edna is the manager of a pro shop at a golf course down there and they won't let them take any vacation until after the snow birds leave, so this is the time - she has been after us to come down for so long, its been 15 yrs. - coming back the 20th.

Bettys Dad came back from
(over)

Ariz. the 1st wk. of Feb. ~~everything~~
 everybody wanted him to stay
 longer. But we thought at that time
 that he might have Prostate Cancer
 as per some tests he had down there,
 so we thought it better that he
 come back here for the operation
 as he would need someone with
 him at all times after he came
 home which he wouldn't have there,
 as it turned ~~the~~ out the Dr. in
 Rock. said he didn't have cancer -
 we think that he does but at his
 age 84 next mor. he thought it
 foolish to operate.

John - its a good thing the rest
 of your clan is doing well, with
 all your problems you don't need
 any more and no I didn't know
 that you were a Grandpa - when
 did this all happen?

Our ~~neighbor~~ a heavy set gal said she was up there to a meeting the other night - she is a court reporter and was taking notes of the meeting and said a guy got up and said he was John Rumbert, she asked if you were any relation - thats Mike Londons wife.

Jim - hope you are over your cold by now but with this weather you may not be, glad to see that you and yours are doing well with this recession hope it will continue.

I painted that statue all up with the advice and paint from Aunt Bertha - it turned out real nice if I do say so - as quick as I am I'm sure that someone else was holding the brush sometimes ^(over)

they were real⁴ happy to get it
out at St Vincent de Paul, it's on
a nice stand there.

Marty glad to hear all is well with
your family, as for getting out of
Alcona Co. we would love to do that
more but we are somewhat hampered
right now - if you know what I mean.

Elaine - it sounds like you are
very active down there through the
winter months that's great - is this
pedigree chart from you? it's very
interesting do you or anyone else
have any knowledge of the name
change in No. 3? that happen
when they came to Quebec? we
were telling Joyce Ringelldine about
it and she thought that was
neat - she says the Nedo's came
from Quebec to - I didn't know that.

Joe- we were glad you guys stopped by while you were up this way, from your letter possibly you are busy out chasing the bears around by now - hope you have found something to keep busy at, I can find enough around here trying to keep both of these places up.

Sis- its good to hear everythings going well there, how many horses do you guys have now? - it sounds like you may be looking for a smaller house before long, is there room on your property to build one?

Jan- I feel so happy for you that you are learning the computer and you are so good at it - kick it once for me ha ha, I see there

6
is a Michael back in the 6th.
generation. related through the 4th.
or I guess its the other way around
or is that how it works and is
that our connection to the Richards
?; you may want to be cautious
on your search you might find
that you are closer connected to
Jear than you think but I guess
he would be farther removed
than 4th. anyway wouldn't he?
just kidding.

Well I've guess I've scratched
long enough for this time so I
better close this time, hope to see
all of you soon - good health to
you all.

Your Loving Brother
Frank

May 20, 1991

Dear Family:

It's getting awful hard to keep up with my brothers and sisters. It seems they are either headed somewhere or retiring. It's a good thing at least one of us is keeping the home fires burning.

Yes, I became a grandpa. What a wonderful baby. Erik has become. I think we all feel extra love toward our own. As you can see he is already winning contests! To be honest with you (the picture) does not do him justice.

After being out of work nine weeks and two operations I finally got back to work. It is hard to catch up because of the medical bills and lost wages. Like the morning sun it will come to pass.

I am doggingly trying to help 80 landowners with a oil & gas lease. After 3½ years of trying the pot sure is not running over.

2- along with this venture I have
135 people in a transmission war
with CM. I guess I was born with
a willingness to help the under-
dog. a guy just has to be a strong
believer in miracles.

Theresa will be starting on a new
job come monday. She sure is having
a hard time deciding on what to do
in life. Todd has one more year
at CMU and then its on to pre-teaching.
Pat has signed up for full time
work at Alpena general.

The recession has delt Bessers a
hard blow. We lost 30-35% of our
work force many of them will never
return. It would really be rough
out there without a job or hospitalation.
Everything you have worked for
through your entire life can be
gone quickly.

I think in general the (Dumont)
family has escaped real tragedy.
Sure there has ben setbacks for all
of us but nothing we can't tough out.
Will close for now and may God
protect all of you.

your loving Brother
John Pat &
Family

6/24/91

Hi Everyone,

I am finally getting around to writing, as of now we are all healthy and doing fine. The Ford has blessed us.

As usual I have more than enough to keep me busy. Regular school is out but I am coordinating the driver ed. program again this summer. We have $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks to go. Our biggest problem so far has been vandalism on the cars at night. We have had 14 cars damaged so far at a cost over \$4000.

St. Vincent de Paul is doing fine. I am averaging 2 meetings per week. It is very rewarding and best of all - no one complains.

We are now remodeling a house in Hazel Park. Carolyn's sister in law - Nancy, sold her mother's house after her death. The bottom line is she got it back after it had been destroyed. We are buying it and rebuilding it. We have the front bedroom and the bathroom stripped to the studs. We are changing the floor plan a bit to modernize it.

Mark still doesn't have a job in his field, T.V. production. He is still working at Troy Video.

Karen is doing fine at her job and is planning her wedding. Keep Dec. 14, 1991 free. The wedding is at 3:30 at the alumni chapel on campus at Michigan State in East Lansing. The

reception will follow at the Michigan Union.

Brian is doing fine at school. He had a straight A report card this semester with all engineering classes. He has not found a full time job for the summer.

Jeff graduated from high school as you know and will be attending U. of M. Dearborn this fall. He is still working at Aco hardware and doing fine.

Carolyn has been busy taking care of this house and helping me when she can. I couldn't keep up without her. I have been truly blessed.

Jan and Mary are planning a family reunion soon so I may see most of you before you read this. It will be nice to get us all together.

I better quit for now. May God bless and keep all of you close to his heart,

Your loving brother
Jim.

July 2nd. 1991

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Wow how time flies. I will get this right out to Elaine so we can see how far it goes before our reunion on August 11th. It should be real nice to see all our relation at one place.

We spent our usual 9 days at Panama City, Florida just before Easter and another five days at Nashville the last of May so we are getting to see some of the country.

Our daughters are still keeping our lives very busy. Dana is now at Ohio State doing her summer course work and plans to teach eight hours per week in chemistry as soon as the fall term begins teaching freshman chemistry. Her address 536 STINCHCOMB DR. APT 5, Columbus, Oh 43202

Shari is home for the summer working at the Olive Garden and will return as a junior to MSU. She will live in a dorm about 500 feet from the student union.

Nothing much happens around here other than we are tied up in our jobs and taking a long look at retirement in the next 13 years.

Guess I will get out of here and mail this.

As always,

Sonda, Marty, Dana & Shari

Cadillac, MI
July 31, 1991

Dear Family

Here we go again, about 2 weeks faster than the past two news letters. We are getting faster. I just updated my weather data for the first half of the growing season, and we received 53% more than average for April thru July. Last year was even higher for this area. We have just scads of black berries and the raspberries were better than average. Our wild blueberries were better than last year but not excellent. We have spots in this part of the state that have not received Gods blessing in rain, and are suffering droughty conditions.

We have three of our children out of work at this time, and I hope you all are doing better. I have a small part-time gardener job at the Missaukee Golf Cou-rse. The job is usually three mornings a week and as much as I can stand. I come and go when I please. I plan to bid on a FmHA caretaker job which might develope into something worthwhile. The FmHA expects to have a batch of homes abandoned or come back on poor loans.

I hope all of you copied the Pedigree charts. They are very interesting to me and may be of great value some day. I noticed a possible error in typing on the 1st generation listed, 14 Pierre Michau, can this be an error or was the (d) added later?

We do like to visit with you all in the form of your letters, and hope to actually visit on the 11 for our next reunion. This is a very good undertaking and should be carried on for as long as we can. We will offer to have it here in Cadillac next year if you all feel like you will come this far afield. We would like some feedback on this matter. In the past, the reunion has been in SE part of the lower Mich. but this puts some added strain on members there.

We've recently had visits from our out of state children, Mike and Kathy, from Florida and Wisconsin respectively. They had some time off, so migrated back home for a short visit.

We are pleased to hear of the good progress of our college members. Our son Ken is in electronics school in Grand Rapids, and Yvonne is scheduled to begin classes this fall here in Cadillac. May God bless all their efforts.

I have no idea when we will travel next, our plans have hit snags. How about you all?

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The amount charged per month shall be the same as the security deposit of \$50.00

The home is to be shown by a person named Edw. Cordwell Banker in person or by the sign bearer. The renters shall abide by the home being shown under the sign bearer, and in the event of sale of the home, the renters shall be moved out completely within 10 days.

Any damages acquired to the home, appliances or property, shall be covered by the security deposit, at the time of moving. If the deposit is too little to cover damages, Mr. Doug Fuller shall be liable.

Mr. Doug Fuller will be liable for any other people he may allow to live in the home.

Home owner _____ date _____
Renter _____ date _____

1 Typed on the wrong sheet. A typist in not.
J. B. Jackie

8-10-91

My Deans. Brothers + Sisters,
The letters arrived this week just after we returned from Hawaii. It was pleasant to hear from all of you. Its only been 5 months since I last wrote so we are doing better.

Roy and I had a enjoyable 11 days with our John, Gayle, Lisa, Jessica, and Megan maile. Megan walked at 9mo and was baptized while we were there. It was so nice to be in on these two special events in her life.

John + Gayle are through college and Gayle is looking for a teaching job this year. John is working and building their house. He is paying as he goes with his home. They live in a small house on their property and live outside alot.

Chris + Mindy got moved into their new home so our apartment is empty. We are just spreading out and Roy now has an office, Jim + Michelle have an upstairs bath and TV room and we have a guest room.

Bill and Chybo have been in their home several months and are really enjoying their place. The twins are 13 and going in the 8th grade. David is going in the 7th. Our others are all doing the same as they were in my last letter.

I'll see most of you tomorrow at the reunion and its great to be having it. You are right Joe. We should do this every year.

Claine, I am so glad you saw the doc and got a good report. Its nice to have peace of mind. A positive attitude can insure good health.

Hope to see all of you tomorrow, but if I dont see you I love you any way.

Frank + Betty. We will probably see you at Lincoln on Aug 17th for a Horse Show. Our Alycom has taken 7 Grand Champion ribbon and 15 blue ribbons. We want to see him in this last show.

May God richly bless you all.
Love
Sis, + Roy.

FOR ALL THOSE BORN PRIOR TO 1940

WE ARE SURVIVORS! Consider the changes we have seen:

We were before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, XeroX, contact lenses, frisbees and the PILL.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagons. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Riviera Theatre.

We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness - not computers or condominiums; a 'chip' meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware and software wasn't ever a word.

In 1940, "made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on an exam. Pizzas, "macDonalds" and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10¢ stores where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders or Wilsons sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 but who could afford one; pity too, because gas was only 11¢ a gallon.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cola drink and POT was something you cooked in.. ROCK MUSIC was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered but were surely before the sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today!

WE SURVIVED! What better reason to celebrate!

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Aug. 28, 1991

Dear Brothers & Sisters:-

I guess it's time to write again and get them all on their way. I'm pretty well recovered from the reunion. I do hope you all enjoyed coming. We lucked out on the weather.

We rented the house on the south side on Aug. 1st. This past week Jean has been digging up the sewer over there. There's always something to do. Jean is retired but I think he would describe it different than the experts. He does do most of the cooking now. If I happen to be cooking and he decides I'm not doing it right - I hand him the spoon and vacate on the double. I'm even learning how to sit down and read the paper after work.

Joe - we sure missed you for the picture at the reunion. We do understand that you couldn't be here. I hope Jackie is A-OK again.

Marty - 13 years to retirement sure seems far off. I guess everyone has to wait their turn.

Jean's folks have been having their problems lately. His Dad was in the

8/ hospital once and his Mother 4 times.
She is now back at the nursing home.
She has lost all interest in living.

Marty - you know I really like the
type on your machine but you see - with
that large type - it only takes a little
over 200 words to fill a page. - Do you
see what I'm driving at ???

As you may have noticed - Elaine
didn't write anything. She was having
problems and didn't want to talk about it.
Will forgive her this one time. OK.

Joe - referring to the spelling of Michael
on the pedigree chart (I think pedigree
is for animals and genealogy for people)?
we may never know. The charts vary
depending on who researches them.

We expect Chuck home for 10 days
in September. His marriage broke up about
a year ago. He plans to move back to
Michigan as soon as he can sell the
house. Rita moved to Reno with the kids
a month ago. He needs to be near family.
He did have his kids every other weekend
but now they are too far. He will fly
to Reno as often as he can.

We may go to Phoenix to see Elaine
+ other relatives there in October.

May God keep all of you in his
care.

Love,
Jan.

10-6-91

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

I have been sitting on this letter for awhile hoping that something exciting would happen to give me something to write about but not much going on up here.

Bethy and I did get away for a day and night for our anniversary and my birthday (37) this year (not my age) it seemed nice, we got over to see Elaine the day before she shipped out for warmer climes, hope you are enjoying the nicer weather Elaine?, and then over to Joe & Jackie's and glad to see that Jackie is on the mend, thinking that we would spend the night over that way Joe called around and got some room rates for us - we ended up going to McGivies a Golf course resort center for \$46.00 per - when we got over there it turned out to be \$60.00 but we thought it was for 1 night so lets go for it - then we looked at the menu in the room noticing that hamburger was \$6.95

(over)

we decided to take a short drive to do our eating, it was a nice room but I've been in better for less and then checking out the next morning I went in to pay the room and the gal said that will be \$83.29 — ? after I got through chasing my false teeth around the counter she knew something was wrong - we got out of there for \$62. — anyway it was fun for a change.

The color & change is at its peak now and is real pretty up here, there are a lot of leaves falling and it looks like we are going to have an early winter. I only hope that its not real cold.

Our trip to Florida turned out fine we didn't do a whole lot but had a good visit and relaxed and enjoyed the sun when it was out - they are having an awful lot of rain this year for some reason.

Joe you asked what we thought

about having a Family reunion. at your place next year - it sounds great to us.

Our clan is doing quite well, they are all working and have a roof over their heads so we are thankful for that, I hope things do start picking up soon though jobs are hard to find.

Your the Family Reunion turned out real nice we thought, was glad to see everybody together for a change, and was glad you could put up with all of us along with your other problems.

Like I said there ~~is~~ is not a lot happening here so I might as well close and get this on its way, the Bow hunters are out in force up here, we have our 3 does and 5 fawns still coming in for corn - hope they don't get them.

May God Bless all of you your loving Brother. Frank

Oct 19, 1991

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

And again we have gone full circle with the Dumont history of yesteryear. You all have met the cutest Dumont baby but will probably not be the last.

This last week I received the scare of my life. Because of a quick drop off in vision and dizziness I went through a cat-scan. They were looking for a brain tumor but found nothing. It turned out to be a 24hr virus (primary caused).

Bessers again is taking a recession pounding. There is 10% out of work now, this is expected to increase to 25% or more. Here is a company that grossed 48 million last year and was able to offer us a 1% raise, take it or leave it. Of course the big wigs found something for themselves in raises & bonuses.

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The weather up here has been downright beautiful, as of late. (Deer Season) is just around the corner. I understand there hasn't been many deer seen down on the farm. Based on earlier sightings it should be an exciting hunt. After all John has had experience calling in deer for their final resting place.

I have noticed in the most recent family letters a rather subdued tone. This is basically because we are all getting old and slowing down somewhat. We all should (take time) and be thankful for what we do have not what we want. Instead of planning trips this winter spend some time helping the homeless at least get through these hard times. Where ever we turn there is going to be some out of work, hungry or homeless or all three.

Will have to close for now and
God Bless you all until next time.

your Loving Brother
John -
and the rest
of the family

Nov. 24, 1991

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was very pleased to receive the letters. We are each having our ups and downs but we are coping and we are blessed. We must thank God each day that we have each other.

Karen and Carolyn have been very busy with preparations for the wedding. John has graduated from Ferris State with a degree in Pharmacy. He will begin his new job at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak on Dec. 2, 1991. They are getting an apartment on Adams road in Auburn Hills about the 1st of December. We will be happy to move their furniture and gifts since that will relieve the congestion at our house. We are looking forward to the wedding and seeing you all there.

I am still busy doing all the things I have been doing. I had a student teacher again this fall but I am happy to have my classes back again. In January I will complete 29 years in Hazel Park. Time sure flies.

I am still working on the house in Hazel Park. It is going slow but we are making some progress. I am rebuilding the back porch area and reworking the furnace. I am moving it, putting in a new chimney and trunk lines. It will be like new.

Nothing has changed since I wrote before in terms of Mark & Karen's jobs. Brian is still at U of M. Ann Arbor but he is living in an apartment now. He likes it a lot. Jeff is commuting to U. of M. Dearborn. They are sure keeping him busy. Jeff still works part time at Ace Hardware.

Carolyn and I enjoyed our week in Arizona in September. We visited friends, drove to the Grand Canyon, stayed overnight in Flagstaff, and drove down into Sedona. It is so beautiful. We spent the last half of the week at the national convention for St. Vincent de Paul. I learned a great deal and really enjoyed it. Next August we will go to San Antonio Tx.

I will close this for now and look for an envelope to get these in the mail. We will see you in December (I hope) and until then, God bless you.

Your loving brother
Jim

Dec. 16. 1991

DEAR LOVING SISTERS AND BROTHERS

I WILL HURRY THIS ALONG AND GET THE PACKET ON ITS WAY TO ARIZONA. HOPE YOU ARE ALL WELL. I HELD THIS UP ON PURPOSE SO I COULD LET ELAINE KNOW HOW THE WEDDING TURNED OUT. KAREN AND CAROLYN DID A SUPURB JOB AND ALL JOHN HAD TO DO WAS SHOW UP. I WAS UNSURE HOW THINGS WOULD GO AT MICHIGAN STATE BUT THEY DID A WONDERFUL JOB. KAREN IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LADY AND ALL WENT ACCORDING TO PLANS. I BELIEVE THEY ARE IN JAMAICA ON THERE HONEYMOON. WE ALL WISH THEM THE BEST.

AS FOR US, WE HAVE BEEN BUSY REMODELING. DANA HAS DECIDED THAT OHIO STATE IS NOT HER BAG SO WE MOVED HER BACK HOME AND SHE IS IN THE PROCESS OF REGROUPING. SHE PLANS TO GO TO PHOENIX FOR A CHURCH OUTING AFTER CHRISTMAS AND THEN A INTERVIEW WITH KELLOG COMPANY ON JANUARY 7TH. SHARI IS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AS WELL AS SONDA'S BROTHER HARVEY.

JANICE, THE REASON I LIKE THE BIG PRINT IS THAT I DO NOT NORMALLY HAVE A LOT TO SAY, AND THAT WAY I CAN FILL UP THE SHEET FASTER.

WE SET OUR CHRISTMAS TREE UP YESTERDAY AND I THINK THE GIRLS WILL DECORATE IT TODAY OR TOMORROW. WE ARE ALL HEALTHY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A REAL GOOD 1992, WITH GOD'S HELP.

JOE, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE KEEPING BUSY. I WOULD GUESS THAT YOU ARE ABOUT READY TO HEAD FOR YOUR TIME SHARE IN FLORIDA. WE PLAN TO BE IN ORLANDO ON THE LAST OF APRIL FOR A SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION AND WE WILL STAY AN ADDITIONAL FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AND HOPEFULLY THE WEATHER WILL BE GOOD. I HAVE NOT BEEN IN ORLANDO OTHER THAN PASSING THROUGH FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. SCHOOL BOARD WORK IS VERY INTERESTING WORK AND I AM ENJOYING IT.

IT WAS FIVE DEGREES THIS AM AND WE HAVE ABOUT 1/2 INCH OF SNOW ON THE GROUND. LAST WEEK AT THIS TIME, WE HAD 10 INCHES OF SNOW. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES.

FRANK, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN KEEPING BUSY. I HOPE THE DEER ARE STILL COMING IN FOR CORN. JACK, THE REASON WE TAKE TRIPS IS TO KEEP OUR SANITY. 365 DAYS OF WORK WITHOUT A LITTLE PLAY WILL MAKE A PERSON GO BONKERS. TAKE A TRIP, DO SOMETHING, EVEN IF ITS WRONG. HA HA

JIM, KEEP ON REMODELING AND WHEN YOU GET TIRED HEAD FOR FRANKENMUTH FOR SOME R & R.

GUESS I BETTER GO SO THIS ISN'T HELD UP ANY LONGER. LOVE TO ALL OF YOU AND GOD BLESS.

BROTHER MARTY

Day after Christmas
"91"

Dear Brothers and Sisters:
These letters are too good to keep! I
will try to make this one make up for the
one I'm behind. I had some problems with
results of mammograms but for now
I'm on a six mo. holding pattern.

I had Christmas dinner with our Cousin
Dorothy at her apt. Everything delicious, even
to ^{JESUS} Jesus' birthday cake, ANGEL Food what
else? She sent enough home for another
meal and eve. supper. Complete meal, that is.

Mike & Wally are in Michigan, they
just can't miss Christmas with the
boys and their families.

Back to the letters, I took them to Dorothy
to read to her, thought they were GREAT!!

The citrus trees on the place are
very full of fruit, had a really good
Az. Sweet orange this A.M. Some of them
have blight, don't know what is the

II matter! This place is too much for me, I'm on a corner and I try to "keep up" but it takes more strength and funds to do than I want to spend. Well see.

Joe loves statics, Agis a head on rain fall. I left out ^{MSP} a tie in that word, I would miss the mild weather when I go home but I would probably take to the couch or rocking chair, I wouldn't miss the blowing sun come about March here.

It's marvelous how much you all share of you families and day to day world, there isn't any other way we could know what's going on there are so many of us!

I'm still helping at school, the one I go to this year is brand new, 2nd graders and it's very energizing for me, please God - I hope I'm doing Good?

I've done some traveling in '91, went to Bio Sphere near Tucson, Laughlin. Twice, once on a bus over night with

Mick and once with Jan & Jean, loved
the trip with Jan & Jean. Hated the bus
trip, also an overnight trip to Palm
Springs Cal. with a group from Church-
during Lent this year. The Church group is
busing to Santa Fe N.M. for two nights.
Can't make up my mind about that one.
Dorothy wants to go to New Orleans for
Christmas next year, it's good to have
some plans.

They have just tared the corner so
this won't go out today, don't want that on my
little car.

The reason I went to Laughlin NEV. in the
Spring was to meet our Dad's Cousin Loretta
McKinnon Hall who "winters" in Bullhead
City AZ. which is across the river from Laughlin.
She is in her 80's, third husband, retired from
Kellogg in Battle Creek, home in Coeur d'Alene
Idaho, very interesting lady. Some more about
Dad's Cousins Eli and Rose Anna Martin. Lane

a mobile home which is set up out on
the Co-line road, Eli is incapacitated.
Some summer they are going back to the
old homestead, isn't that something?
I'm in touch with Aunt Emma so she keeps
me up with the news at her end. She's doing
quite well, just rec'd. her Christmas Card today,
Uncle Leo's same Thanksgiving week I believe.

Well I guess I'm out of chatter -

I hope all of you have a good
year in every way. God bless.

Love,

Elaine



This
Christmas
end a quarrel
Seek out a forgotten
friend. Dismiss suspicion,
and replace it with trust...
Write a love letter. Share some
treasure. Give a soft answer. En-
courage youth. Manifest your loyalty in
word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the
time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen.
Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand.
Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think
first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle.
Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence.
Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your
gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart
of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the
earth. Speak
your love.
Speak it
again.
Speak it
still once
again.