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# City of Exeter

EXETER, MISSOURI

Mayors Office

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Mrs. Esther Shipp;

Thanks so very much for your wonderful news letter. We are always greatful for the news of our former home.

We are doing pretty well. Have a business here in our town and as the letter head states I am the Mayor, and find that it offers a great oppertunity of service to the town and to the people. You may recall that I was always busy doing something for the town and its people. I haven't changed much in that way.

As for news from this end of the line. Joy is still in Africa. Was home about a couple of years ago, and want be back until at least 1971. She loves her work, and is now teaching in a mission school and lives in the city of Rustinburg. Not out in the bush any more.

Jimmy the older boy, and the preacher is in California now, after five years in Austrailia. He called Sunday and said he would be home for Christmas. He and his wife Dorothy have no children and they are both fine.

Jack, the one you remember best is in Greensburo North C. he has a daughter 7 and a boy 4. Jeannie, and Joe. We were there for thanksgiving and had a wonderful visit. You may remember that Jack went to the Naval Accadamy, then to flight school, and flew Jets for about 7 years. Then he got out and got a masters in business at Sanford University at Palo Alto and took a job with Train Air-Conditioning Co. He has done well and earns around forty thousand per year now. Makes his pop seem very poor.

My baby daughter Martha Jean whom you never met, is married to an Air Force top Sgt. and lives in Sacramento, Cal. Has 4 boys and 1 girl, and they are doing very well.

Lila has 4 children also. 1 son and 3 daughters. Thson is a wheat and cattle farmer in Kansas has 3 daughters and 1 son. They are all f

One daughter lives in Nebraska, ##### two in Fla. and the are getting along fine one of them has a 10 year old son, and the other no children. Oh yes, the one in Nebraska has five children.

With all those grand children Christmas is a busy, and expensive time around our place.

The two little girls I adopted. Dorothy, and Virginia bothe live in Chicago, and are both married and doing well.

My health is not good. You may remember that I was hurt in WW2 and I get a little worse each year. was ordered to stop all work about five years ago, and am warned every time I see the DR. but so far I am not willing to live on the reduced amount I would have, so am