

grandchildren. It will contain information regarding the awards, special activities, special moments, family transitions, military service, memories, accomplishments/acknowledgements and events in each of our families.

In order to complete the directory, we will have forms for families to complete during the reunion. For those of us who have private telephone numbers and/or who wish to have names and other demographic data deleted prior to final printing, we simply ask that the committee be informed of your wishes. The directory will be an excellent resource for Christmas card mailings, wedding lists, funeral contacts and other "real life" family needs. In other words, it will also be an excellent reference guide when we simply wish to pick up the telephone and call each other.

Please be advised that a sample of the directory will be available for review during the reunion. Orders will be taken during the picnic. We will ask all family members who wish to be included to return completed forms to Clarice Wellington Williams prior to the end of July (Extra forms will be available for distribution to family members who are unable to attend this year's reunion). Completed historical directories will be mailed to families who order them as soon as possible. It is our plan to have them printed, processed and available to families no later than September 30, 1997.

Finally, I cannot overemphasize the importance of family! I would like to leave you with this poem:

FAMILIES

Families are. . . one of God's greatest treasures and the embodiment of all that is important in life.

Families are a refuge in good times and bad, a warm place of peace where acceptance reigns.

It matters not what you do or where you are. One thing you never doubt is your family.

The members are always there, arms ready to embrace with healing hugs, and hearts with unconditional love to share.

A family is a gift that's never completely unwrapped. It is a present for which each member is eternally thankful.

*May God's Richest Blessings Rest Upon
Each and Every Family Member,*

Clarice Wellington Williams