

Holiday Greetings

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The major happening for the Pease family this year has been a move to the east coast. Rod got tired of working on a Ph.D and took a job with Bell Laboratories in Holmdel, New Jersey. There he will be working on computer programs used in planning the development of the telephone network. Moving from the northwest to the northeast was a big change economically and socially as well as geographically. Only time will tell if it is an improvement over our graduate school days.

Suzanne finished up her Masters degree in the spring, and had been job hunting, rather half heartedly, since Rod picked Bell Labs. This fall she has been busy with repair and redecorating the 4 bedroom house we bought. The house is on $\frac{2}{3}$ of an acre with numerous fruit trees which have been neglected for quite a while and keep us busy when the weather is nice. Suzanne has been taking both pottery and oil painting classes this fall and has plans to teach breadmaking this spring.

Kevin finished Kindergarten in the spring and started into first grade this fall. He liked the new house and the big yard but missed friends in Pullman, as we all do. He enjoyed seeing the Pease family relatives in Iowa on our way to New Jersey as well as having a super time with his Grandpa Carr who visited us in August. He is looking forward to seeing his other grandparents and Aunt Janell when they visit us for Christmas.

Rod made several trips last spring to visit prospective employers and finally selected Bell Labs on the basis of job, plant location, reputation, and salary. The job is satisfactory so far, but a five day week 50 weeks a year is more restrictive than the school schedule. It's a different life with business trips and business lunches often changing the peanut butter sandwich habit.

If you are in the New York area, stop by and say hello. We wish you happy holidays and the best for the New Year.