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Seasons Greetings from Suzanne, Rod and Kevin:

As Christmas time approaches again, its time to count up the number of people with which we have corresponded since last year at this time. As usual, the task takes very little time. The Peases have been busy this last year, but no large changes in status were observed.

Rod is still working at Bell Labs in West Long Branch, New Jersey, on a computer program designed to allow Bell System companies to plan their capital expenditures for intercity facilities. He spent one month during April and May in Southwestern Bell territory, mostly in San Antonio, trying to learn how the phone company operates. His major news is that Christmas 79 came in November this year when he purchased a Heathkit H89 microcomputer and H14 printer. ***** Since Heath catalogs are available for those who are actually interested, the three page technical description formerly at this position in the letter has been deleted. *****

Suzanne finished in June a year of nursery school teaching, and decided not to take the same position again this year. She is substituting in elementary schools near by instead. Her portrait painting is improved to the point that she has started to think seriously of doing it for \$, but only portraits of children. To aid in the process, she has taken up photography, using an SLR to get pictures of the subjects. When doing portraits of children, it is nice to have a subject which sits still, and so far she has discovered only this one sure fire method.

Kevin is in third grade this fall, and into Cub Scouts for the first time. His mother had a masochistic moment and volunteered to be den mother and so we are invaded by 8 active boys each Tuesday. It is a lot more work than she anticipated, but she enjoys it. Kevin and Suzanne have both been taking swimming lessons at the "Y" this year. So far, Kevin is progressing more rapidly, but Suzanne is slowly overcoming old fears and habits. Kevin is looking forward to his father finishing the computer so that he can play games on it. The computer has 16K expandable to 48K by adding chips, a Z80 microprocessor, a Z80 controlled terminal, a minifloppy disk, cassette recorder, and an impact dot matrix printer which should run at up to 4800 baud.

The family visited Louisiana during July for vacation, a period with more activity than inactivity. Rods sister was married in Lafayette during this period, so things were sometimes hectic. Later in the summer Kevin got his treat, a day in Great Adventure amusement park, all activities chosen by him.

We hope you are all well this holiday season, and wish you a productive new year.