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Seasons Greetings from Suzanne, Rod and Kevin!

Yes, we are still in New Jersey. Perhaps it is known as the "Garden State" because it grows on you. Perhaps the idea of buying a house for twice the price at twice the interest rate elsewhere makes it look better. In any case, we seem to be here for a while. As this is likely to be the only correspondence most of you see this year from the Peases, you might wonder what of significance has happened during the past year. The answer is nothing, but I am prepared to tell you about it at great length anyway.

Rod is still at Bell Labs, but on a different project as of 1 May 1980. Now he is working on the design of an "Interactive Planning Workstation" to be used by Bell System planners to support their planning effort with an interactive database+color graphics capability. He finds it a lot more interesting than the previous assignment in that he can learn about mini and micro-computers as well as databases and color graphics, and claim it is work related. As you might guess, this letter is being composed on his Heathkit H-89 micro-computer, using his editor and formatter, both written in C.

Suzanne is substituting in the Marlboro School System this year, teaching grades from 1 thru 8, in almost every subject. She spent the first 5 weeks of the school year substituting in Home Economics for a teacher who broke her arm just before the start of school. She is continuing her paintings, portraits, landscapes, and a couple of pictures which were inspired by a visit to the Picasso exhibit in New York. Cub Scouts continues to take much of her time, but with more people involved this year than last, less time with the boys and more time on the "politics" of keeping the pack running. (Rod has successfully avoided Packmaster for one more year.)

Kevin is now in fourth grade at Marlboro Central School. His major activities are Cub Scouts, his artwork, and reading. His dad is starting him off with the recently re-issued OZ series, with the intention of setting him hooked on Science Fiction sooner or later. When the time comes, he will have a computer database full of his dad's paperbacks from which to make his selection.

We did not visit Louisiana this year, but had the grandparents as guests instead. Vacation time was spent camping in New York, in the Catskills, the Finger Lakes region, and the 1000 Islands region. We hope to be able to make another trip south next year, perhaps via the Orlando, Florida area. Kevin thinks there might be something to do down there.

We hope things are going as well for you as for us this holiday season, and we send you best wishes for the coming year.

*Suzanne, Rod & Kevin Pease*