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Merry Christmas! Be sure to write our address down, as we've moved. We may move again, soon, since we're house-hunting in Houston:

We're looking forward to hearing from you so we can catch up on your lives. But in the meantime, here's what's been happening in ours:

Paul was facing a layoff and got a job at KTRH-radio in Houston. It's an all-news station. Paul is working as a news editor on week-ends, with weekdays spent either writing or reporting.

Becky, meanwhile, was able to transfer to a Whataburger in Houston. She's turned down offers to move up to assistant manager because of the hours involved.

The kids are both doing great. Danny had what we think was chicken pox in spring. He's talking real good now (but too much sometimes.) He's just like a parrot. He loves to run, too. Unfortunately he often runs right into things such as walls. He's a real squinter, so we're afraid he's going to need glasses.

The big news of the year is that Angela started kindergarten. It was pretty hard on her because we had barely settled into our new apartment, but she made friends quickly, and is doing real well. She's awfully excited, and loves school.

On Halloween, she and Danny went to a party at her school. Both kids were dressed up in clown suits Becky made for them. They also wore their suits to a Pumpkin carving contest at the library (Angela got an honorable mention) and a party at our apartment complex.

During the summer we visited our families in Dayton. It sure was good to get away from the heat and back to nice green grass and trees. Of course, visiting with everyone was nice, too! On the way to Dayton, the kids loved camping at Yogi-bear's Jellystone Park. Danny still says "Yogi-Bear Boo Boo" whenever he sees a bear (even at the zoo.)

Paul's brother Robert and his family came up from South Carolina for the fourth of July weekend. Becky's family, meanwhile came from near and far to a big family gathering at her brother Bob's house in New Lebanon. Angela and Danny both enjoyed playing with all their cousins. Becky and Paul enjoyed going out for an evening without the kids!

After Dayton, we camped for a couple of days in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. It was kind of like deja vu, because we were unable to get to the



top of Clingman's Dome in the Smoky Mountains, since it was being sprayed for Pine Beetles. In 1984, we couldn't go up because rain had washed the road out! Guess we'll try again in '88.

Angela has turned into a pretty good ice-skater for a warm-weather kid. She skated for a couple hours at a rink in the Smokies, and again at a rink in Houston!

Both kids celebrated their birthdays on the same day with a big outdoor party, complete with Pinata. Angela, of course, is 5, and Danny is 2.

Angela kept busy in the summer with swimming lessons, and attending two bible school sessions. Becky helped out in the 3-year old class. Danny's begun Sunday school in Houston, and loves going to "bigger church." Angela does too!

Becky's sister Sandy, an army sergeant, is moving to Hawaii and is really looking forward to it.

Once again, we'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas, and the best of New Years. If you're ever in Houston, look us up.

Angela, Danny

Paul and Becky

