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It's hard to believe that 1985 is almost over already!

We hope that your year was as memorable as ours was. We came within 2 weeks and 60 miles of having a white Christmas last year! An unusual snowstorm iced up Corpus Christi and dropped snow within 60 miles of us. We took a short drive to romp in 3" of snow! The kids are still growing, Angela is 4½ now, and will start Kindergarten next year. She's already excited about learning. She can count to 100, and is a whiz at recognizing letters. She can even read and write a little. She took swimming lessons this summer, and now she swims like a fish! She



even dives off a diving board. She's taken to pretending to be a dog now, which gets a little embarrassing at stores or in church! While purple had been Angela's favorite color for years, she has shunned it for pink.

Danny is 1½ years old and he's really had a busy year. He was walking at 11 months, but he'd been climbing things much before that. He's still a climber, and a runner. He's constantly falling off things, or falling down from running too fast. He had to get stitches near his eye after one fall, just in time for his 1st birthday!

Becky's still working at the restaurant, and has been more than busy keeping things around the house organized since Paul is either at school, work or the library much of the time! Most of our neighbors have moved away, so not only is there no-one to talk with, there's no-one for the kids to play with, so that leaves Becky! Speaking of moving, we may do just that next year. Paul is expecting to get an associate degree in computer programming in December, so that probably means an end to his radio career. He was made news director at his radio stations in July.

Our annual vacation was packed with adventure. We started by driving through a wildlife park in Dallas in 100+ degree heat. Then it was on to Oklahoma City for a vis-

it with Paul's Aunt Lorene and Uncle Wendell. We spent a couple of days and had a very nice time. We had planned to camp in Texas after that, but it was just too hot, so we headed for the mountains of Colorado Springs. We drove up Pike's Peak, which still had snow on it, and drove over the world's highest suspension bridge at Royal Gorge. It's 1053 feet above the river, and you can really feel it swing! The kids loved to camp, and feasted on marshmallows at our nightly campfire. It was warm in the day, and cool at night. A welcome relief from Texas! Angela made a few friends at our campground, and loved climbing on the hills and rocks. We also visited North Pole Colorado, saw Santa Claus and petted real reindeer. The north pole was actually covered with ice even though it was 70 degrees. As Angela put it, "It's icy because it's supposed to be!"

We enjoyed visits from both our parents, and the kids love to have someone around to "spoil" them. We also were visited by our friend Lisa from Marion, Ohio. We took her and the kids camping in Galveston, where we saw "Flipper," went to an amusement park and saw a baseball game in the Astrodome. Lisa saw us at our "best," (at each other's throats.) We're not sure if she'll come to visit again!

Have a wonderful year!

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