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**Merry Christmas
from the Texas
Nipes**

Many changes in Texas this year

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Well, once again it's time for the old editor in chief to put pen to paper (I know, it's really pixels to the monitor) and report on how the Texan Nipe clan is faring.

First, though, I want to remind everyone that this is the Christmas season and it is not just a time to renew contacts or send gifts, but rather a time to remember that our heavenly Father gave us the true gift in His Son, Jesus Christ. So along with the news our how our family is doing, I want to send the good news that our redeemer lives and continues to seek to save the lost.

As far as our personal news

goes, there have been a number of major changes this in our lives this year and I'll go into more detail in later articles, but here are the highlights.

- My sister, Helen, and my brothers Steve and Warren, and I held a birthday bash for Mom and Dad in Florida to celebrate their 80th & 85th birthdays, respectively.
- My parents moved in with Geri, David, & I in early June
- My Dad joined our Lord by passing away peacefully on July 24th
- David found a place of



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his own and moved out in September.

- Geri, Mom, and I moved to a new home in late October.
- Danielle set to graduate from Texas Womens University.

Special points of interest:

- * See photo above for look at our new home, come visit for a closer look.
- * Krugerville is near the home of the Church of the Nazarene (Pilot Point, TX).
- * PepsiCo, Inc. purchased Quaker Oats in 2001

Harold J Nipe 1916-2001

After spending 2 months with us at our old home, Dad succumbed to old age and peacefully died in his sleep at home on July 24th, 2001. He had been ill since early in the year.

We'll best remember him

as a man who came to fervent faith as an adult and modeled for all who knew him, love for God.

Memorial services were held in Highland Village, TX and later in Pedricktown, NJ.



He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Catherine; one daughter Helen; three sons, John, Steven, & Warren; 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Birthday Bash in Florida

During the 2nd week in May, we all met in Mt Dora, Fl to celebrate Dad's 85th birthday. Mom had recently celebrated her 80th and my brother Warren his 50th (and he and his wife their 29th anniversary). With so many things to celebrate we just had to all meet in Florida. Many of the folks from Mom and Dad's Sunday school class



Dad and Aunt Florence (his sister) at the birthday get together. May 12, 2001

and some from their previous home in Lake Harris Landing attended as

well. Florence Hames (see photo) joined us from Pennsylvania and her daughter Carolyn and husband came over from Deltona.

Uncle Char-

lie and Aunt Ruth Sparks (Mom and Dad's oldest (I mean longest) friends were there as well.

Dad was in a care facility at the time and thoroughly enjoyed the time out. He had been ill off and on since January, but as you can see from the photo, it didn't seem to affect his appetite.

It was a great reunion for us and a nice goodbye to their Florida friends for Mom and Dad (they moved to Texas two weeks later).

Mom & Dad move to Texas

In late May, Uncle Charlie and Aunt Ruth took Mom and Dad to the Orlando airport as the final step on their journey to the promised land (just ask any native Texan). Their goods had been packed and were already on route.

Geri and I picked them up and moved them into the house in Highland Village while we all awaited the comple-

tion of our new home (see later article).

Of course, much of the furniture and all of the winter clothing were stored in a storage building as a temporary measure. Little did we anticipate that it would be five more months before

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the house was finished. (Many trips to the storage building for this or that).

This was also the beginning of the great Scrabble© tournament whose prize seems to be gloating rights for at least one day. Currently, I believe the series is in its 95th game, but I'm not sure who is leading. (I stay out of it, and somehow Dad slept through the games).

David Moves again

On September 1, 2001, David moved into his own apartment. He had spent about a 1 1/2 years with us while getting his financial outlook intact. He then proceeded to take a new job after about a year with Larson's Industries. His new job is as an employee of the city of Hickory Creek, TX. Most of the time, this involves filling potholes and road cracks. There are some fringe benefits to working on this job, no the

least of which is that the police of the city have stopped giving him tickets.

He still attends the Highland Village First Baptist and is a regular member of the drama team as well as center fielder for the church softball team.

On of the highlights of the year was a



David

trip to Las Vegas, and since he didn't come home broke, I guess he went for the shows, etc.

We're still praying for the right girl to come along and help him settle down. So far, most have demanded a dowry too big for us to cover. David can be reached at 469-964-4314 and would love to hear from you (especially if you know any 18-22 year old girls.)

New home in Krugerville

No, this is not Freddie's hometown (he spells it Krueger), but a small town North and East of where we lived before. Anyway, despite 6 months of waiting we moved into a new home on October 26th. The design of the home was decided to accommodate the addition of John's parents to the household. The floor plan allows for a section of the house that provides privacy for Mom. She has her own sitting room as well as a bedroom with adjoining bath.

Geri's pride & joy is a kitchen that seems to stretch to Oklahoma. It has an actual pantry and sufficient cabinets for a family of 45. (If you ever saw our

kitchen in Highland Village, you would understand her joy).

John has an office complete with computer station and executive desk. The caveat for him is now he has to keep it neat and orderly.

There a guest room with its own bath, so don't be shy, we'd love to see you if you're in the area.

The house sits on a acre

lot, as do all of the houses in this phase of the subdivision, so the dogs have a great place to run. (Well, Duke does, Timber doesn't like it outside.) Our new address:

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Steve (John's brother) pointing out where the bathrooms should go.

A short word from Mom.

So much has happened to me in the year 2001 that I'm still spinning. If you need more information then this column can give, email me at sis-nipe@worldnet.att.net or use snail mail to the new address.

I've settled in nicely and already visited the local library. There is a preschool in Krugerville and the manager has indicated that she appreciates vol-

unteer work in mentoring and story telling. On the last Tues of every month, the Baptist church has a senior citizen day, complete with an informative speaker, lunch, and Bingo! Krugerville is surrounded by open fields filled with cows and horses. I sometimes feel that I am back home in Pedricktown, South Jersey.

I do miss Florida weather and all my

friends there, but am thankful to God for my wonderful family and new friends here in Texas.

The editor in Chief has allotted me only 150 words, I'll do my best!

Danielle Graduates!!!!

After what seems like several decades, Danielle is set to graduate from Texas Womens University with a Bachelor's degree.

Actually, for the last two years, she has been working full time while going to school, so this is really a great accomplishment.

She continues to work for PepsiCo Business Solutions Group at the Frito-Lay headquarters site in



Danielle

Plano, TX.

To celebrate, she recently bought a 1998 Mustang GT as a reward to herself. I'm sure the police in Plano will be on the look-

out. Danielle can be reached via email at Danielle.S.Nipe@fritolay.com.

Since she will be moving at the first of the year after the lease is up on her apartment and her new address isn't decided yet, I'll just give you her cell phone but no address. 214-649-9987



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**Mi casa, su casa.
Come visit us when you're in the
area.**

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Post Script from John

This year has seen many changes and one of the hardest has been to leave the church we've been attending for the last 12 years. I finished up my final quarter teaching Sunday School the week before Thanksgiving and will play in the dinner theater for the last time on Dec 9th. I also plan to go with the church this coming summer to Nuevo Laredo to do mission work. Please pray that God will direct us (Geri, Mom, and I) to the right church where we will both minister and be ministered to.

I continue to be fully employed by the PepsiCo corporation at the Frito-Lay headquarters campus. There will be more opportunities for my skills as a project leader in the year to come as PepsiCo purchased Quaker Oats this past year. Quaker is the owner of Gatorade, Captain Crunch, Aunt Jemima

and Rice-a-Roni among other things. Their data processing will probably be integrated with ours, so I'll have plenty of chances to get acquainted with their headquarters in Chicago.

Leaving the personal, this season reminds us that the purposes of God are grander and larger than any we could conceive of ourselves. Where we desired mercy for the way we live, God decided to lavish us with grace in the

form of his gift, Jesus. I hope you take the time to reflect on that and decide that you need to spend more time with Him in 2002.



The true meaning of the Season

Love to all of
you and Merry
Christmas!!
The Nipes in
Texas
