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Season's Greetings

Editor's Column By Connie

CHRISTMAS IN WEIDMAN, MICH., WAS VERY NICE

So we went through zero cold and a lot of snow and took it philosophically and said okay, it'd be a white Christmas. So the day before Christmas, or last Saturday, we woke up to a Christmas thaw, our beautiful white snow nearly gone and droopy in appearance.

But we had a merry Christmas in Weidman, Mich., just the same. Friday evening a nice group from the Methodist Church went out caroling, visiting Ye Ed's home among others. Their songs were beautifully done, too, and we were thrilled and delighted. The Methodist choir is becoming a real organization making good music.

Then we had Santa's Christmas party, also Friday evening, under the Christmas tree in front of McClain's Garage, and the kids got candy and nuts and a visit with Santa. And through the week, we enjoyed Ted Smith's Christmas carols over his amplifier system from records at his radio and TV sales and service shop.

And in every home there was the age-old happiness attendant upon this time of year. We believe it was generally one of the happiest Christmases we as a village have ever known.

And folks came home for the holidays. We're always proud and deeply touched when we see the former Weidman residents coming back home for holidays. Weidman remains home to more people than we think.

So--next week we start another year, and the Messenger and its family wish all of you personally a Happy New Year and three hundred and sixty-five days of joyous living.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McArthur and Junior McArthur of Lansing spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur and family of Royal Oak.

When the New Year Starts

By ROLENE CHAPMAN

The old year ends, the new begins
With another chance or the same
old things;

Another chance to do good deeds
Or selfishly hold what another
needs.

How many can say, deep in your
hearts,
You've done your best, when the
New Year starts?

The old year ends, the past is
gone;
The new year starts at crack of
dawn.

No chance to erase a year of dirt
Or ease the hearts of those we've
hurt;

No time to undo so many things
When the old year ends, the new
begins.

How many think of glad tomorrows
And ignore our neighbors' pain and
sorrows?

To look ahead without fear or
doubt

When on New Year's Eve, the
chimes ring out?

Have you brought the joy that love
imparts

When the old year ends and the
New Year starts?

Have you left your footprints be-
tween New Year's chime

Or prints of a heel, in the sands of
time?

Will folks remember you with a
smile

Or take your name from the friend-
ship pile?

Will things you've done linger in
hearts

When the old year ends and the
New Year starts?

Mrs. Iva Hobart, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Miss Blanche Cliff and Kenneth, Wendell and Dee Ann Drallette attended the funeral of Henry Frost last week Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

A Happy Family



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE McCLAIN, JR., sent this family picture on their greeting cards this season. Baby Beth Ann was born December 10, and is doing fine after an illness last week. Small Melanie is obviously welcoming her new sister. George, Jr., is president of the Weidman Business Association, and has companion-officers of equally young business men: Theodore Smith as vice-president, and Don Thorpe as secretary. Leo Neubecker was re-elected as treasurer, recognizing his efficient and conscientious work is probably the most heavily-loaded office of the Association.

The Weidman Business Association has had a long and unbroken record of accomplishment, its first officers having been Ed Fox as president, Barney Tranbarger as vice-president, Trifela Keuhn recollected as both secretary and treasurer. That was the original set of officers, and through the years nearly every business man and woman has served on the staff.

Reviewing some of the accomplishments of the Association, we list first the park, which has been the main work of the business men for years. A fine softball field has been developed, lights installed, and this winter when the thermometer goes down far enough, the Weidman Firemen expect to work with the Weidman FFA boys in pouring water for an ice-skating rink, which will be available to everyone, under the lights during evenings. There are picnic tables at the park, an outdoor movie screen for free Saturday night shows and church films, and last year Bill Louiselle built a bandstand for outdoor programs.

The Business Men also bought, built and installed playground equipment at the park for kids to amuse themselves in summer-time.

Fire protection for this area was one of the primary endeavors of the Weidman Business Association with the Nottawa-Sherman Townships Fire Department resulting. We now have a fire truck and auxiliary tank wagon, and a volunteer fire squad composed of the Weidman business men and Weid-

man residents which compares with the best. Since its organization it has paid its way many times in lives and property saved; and it has earned the gratitude of many people.

Our street lights are a far cry from what they were before the Weidman Business Association went to work to better the town.

These are but a few of the many accomplishments of the Association; and its officers one and all, over the years, have worked hard and conscientiously to carry on its work with distinction. The Association can well look back over its history and experience pride and satisfaction.

For the future, the Association will go along with its high ideals for which it was organized.

We live in one of the finest communities on earth. Our Business Association is aware of this, and constantly works to make it better. With our new young officers for 1956, we look confidently to the future. We say to them, Good luck and all success in this new year. ----0----

WEIDMAN STORES CLOSED NEXT MONDAY

Middlesworth's and Shook's Stores, along with Fox Hardware, will be open Saturday night until 10, and closed Monday. Dillenbeck's Drug Store will start closing Sunday afternoon at 2 beginning this Sunday, till spring. ----0----

Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton announced the marriage of their son, Clarence, to Linda Cummins of Alma, December 5.

Beal City News

VADA TILMANN, Reporter

The Beal City Altar Society bought a deep-freeze for the Sisters of St. Philomena's Church. For Christmas Day the Society took poinsettias to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pung Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Tilmann returned home Monday after spending some time in Detroit and Reed City.

The St. Philomena Church Choir went caroling Tuesday evening to the shut-ins of the parish.

Mr. Peter Martin and Bob enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Mathews and family. Later they left for Grand Ledge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elias called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirliff Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ella Yuncker and Mrs. Ida Smith called on Mrs. Louise Smith Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Kornexl returned with her son, Ed, to Birmingham

Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Straus had their family home for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross, Mrs. Bert Simmer, and Mrs. Jack Schafer motored to Muskegon one day last week to see Sister Salvadore.

Sunday callers at the Frank Berg home were Mrs. Frank Zuker, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Zuker and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zuker from Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Jeanette and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawens of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Pantenburg and Joe called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tilmann Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann called on Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Andres and family in Wyman.

Mrs. Miles Drallette of Weidman called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berg Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Simmer and family had as their Christmas dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frack and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmer and Rosalyn, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Corbitt and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung, Don, Jack, and Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann. Later Mr. and Mrs.

Gerald Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Art Paisley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus, and Art Straus called.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Massey and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tilmann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elias and family enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tilmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zuker and Helen and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zuker and family enjoyed dinner Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Berg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer had as their Christmas dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung and Mrs. Erma Thelen.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thelen

left Wednesday for Detroit where Willard is going to school to apply for his Master plumbing license.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Jeanette, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and family of Reed City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith and family and Oscar Fedewa enjoyed supper Christmas Day with Mrs. Louise Smith, Anne and Dora.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann enjoyed supper Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith spent Christmas forenoon with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henry of Me-costa.

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Mrs. Helen Alwood, Reporter

Louise Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant spent from Saturday until Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dole and Ernie.

Kate and Bob Martin are spending a few days with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Westrick, at Grand Ledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker and children spent Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clare, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fussman and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fussman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman.

Mrs. Don Paisley and Karen, and Amelia Wieber spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck and Don, and Mrs. Pat Gepford.

Mrs. Walter Hauck and Mrs. Pat Gepford called on Mrs. Joe Wawersik Monday afternoon. Mrs. Wawersik had the cast on her wrist removed Friday and is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode and girls spent Christmas afternoon with her folks at Remus, the Doern family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Folsom and Shirley Wawersik of Lansing and Amelia Wieber, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber and girls spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wawersik and family.

Mrs. Miles Drallette and Pete

and Ralph Martin spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Mathews and family.

Mrs. Miles Drallette spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fussman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faber had all their children home for Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Durfee and daughter, Eileen, of Crosswell spent over Christmas with her folks, the Wieber family, and the Durfee family in Mt. Pleasant.

The rafters on Charlie Gross's new barn were up Tuesday morning. Matt Kornexl is supervising the work of rebuilding and many of Charlie's neighbors have donated help.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and children of Remus. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Jim of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. Puul Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kolarik and children visited at the Bob Marcy home in Mt. Pleasant Monday evening.

The children of Joe Breuer gave him and his wife a nice TV set for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus and children of Harrison and Mr. and

Mrs. Jack Shanahan and children of Flint spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus and boys and Cletus Straus. day until Wednesday with Jimmy Wagner.

Mrs. Edith DeVaney spent the Christmas weekend with her daughter, Michelle, in Byron at the Carroll Shettler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCain and Peter of Flushing enjoyed a turkey supper at the Dan Kripa home in Mt. Pleasant last Thursday evening. The children exchanged gifts later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Jim of Pontiac visited at the Fred Smith home Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lorenz and boys were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer Saturday evening. Later they all went over to the Max Straus home and watched the children open their presents from Santa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forest and John L., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson in Mt. Pleasant. Other guests were Mrs. Rose Brown of Saginaw and Thompson's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Busche and Pamela. A lovely dinner, tree and gifts were enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lorenz and children of Hart spent the weekend at the Pete Lorenz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Breuer, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kolarik and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold

Schafer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Breuer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Breuer and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross and sons enjoyed a turkey supper at the home of Ed and Agnes Fox, Christmas night. Exchanging gifts was enjoyed by everyone later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lorenz entertained their children to a lovely Christmas dinner Sunday. They all enjoyed the Christmas tree and exchanging gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman and Douglas visited at the Frank Forest home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bowein, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Wright and Mary Lou Bierschbach, all of Detroit, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lorenz and family.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown of Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Breuer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Smith and Walt Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and boys. A lovely tree and exchanging of gifts were enjoyed in the afternoon and also playing cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and family of Mt. Pleasant were Monday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and sons. Later in the evening Don and Dan called on Joe Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tilmann and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fox and sons of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holp of Lansing and Mrs. Luella Neubecker of Mt. Pleasant spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Neubecker and sons. They all enjoyed a tree and exchanging of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Halfman and Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fox and Mary Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neubecker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Halfman and Judy spent Christmas at the Kenneth Halfman home near Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tilmann and sons enjoyed Christmas evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tilmann, Jr. They enjoyed a lovely tree and exchanged gifts.

Laura Hyslop spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welch and family and enjoyed a nice dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood have heard from T/Sgt. and Mrs. Bob Alwood from England, telling of their new baby daughter, born November 30th, weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs. They have named her Deborah Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Halfman entertained their children and family last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis spent Christmas Day and enjoyed a lovely dinner with Mrs. Emily Ockert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Phelps of Cadillac spent Christmas Day with her mother and brother, Mrs. Zulu Grewett and Gerald. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kyser of Mt. Pleasant called in the evening.



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They Had a Merry Christmas

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Middlesworth were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Middlesworth of Lansing. All were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bazaire at Baryton on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Morey of Flint spent the Christmas weekend with the Ray Smith family. All of Ray's family were Christmas Eve guests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cole and Sarah, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Roger, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and David and Annette of Montrose. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Morey of Flint were also guests for that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Schultz had their children home for the Christmas holiday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Lansing, Mrs. Mildred Schultz and children and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Schultz, all of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed of Mt. Pleasant and Mr.

and Mrs. Ted Smith and Roger were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scharrer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higbee of Flushing spent Monday with his father, Wm. Higbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scott and girls spent Christmas Eve at the Kirk Parker home at Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gingery of Flint spent the Christmas weekend with her mother, Mrs. Winnie Baker. They came Saturday night and returned to Flint Monday morning. Mr. Gingery expected to enter the hospital Monday afternoon for surgery Tuesday. He will be at St. Joseph's Hospital, in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McHugh and sons spent Christmas Day in Edmore with both their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McHugh, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harkness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey Middlesworth had for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stamm and daughter, Suzanne, of Saginaw, and Mr. and

Mrs. Al Brown, Sr. and Jr., also of Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Nichols of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and K. C. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole and family of Midland and Mrs. Clara Cole visited the Middlesworth Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scott had for Christmas dinner and the day his mother, Mrs. Winnie Baker, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gingery, of Flint.

Home for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, at the Leo Neubeckers', are Edward, in his first year at Marquette University, Milwaukee, and Charles, from the Seminary at Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kaninsky and Bobby spent Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. David Seil, of Clare. Mr. and Mrs. Athold Johnston of Lansing were guests for oyster supper and spent Monday at the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kaninsky. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens and daughter of Houghton were Christmas Day visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Middlesworth of East Lansing were Christmas Eve callers at the Bob Kaninsky home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnston spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. John Hogue of Clare were also Christmas guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens and family had as Monday guests

for Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart and family, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warner, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Smith.

Christmas Day callers at the W. A. Appelgreens' were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Appelgreen of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Appelgreen and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Carl Martin. Rita Appelgreen of Grand Rapids spent Sunday and Monday with her folks. Walter Appelgreen of Lansing was also home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson and Martha Hilliker had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Abbott and family of Middleton. Christmas Eve their children were all home for a family Christmas tree and gifts.

At the Wm. Louiselle home, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of Midland spent Christmas, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Louiselle and children of Mt. Pleasant. Oscar and Ward Dell spent the day there. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louiselle, Jr., were evening visitors.

At the home of Mrs. Maude Kew, Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bowen and daughter of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Wright and daughter, also of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kew and family of Detroit; and Mrs. Ralph Turner, Mrs. Donna Nolan of Chicago also was a weekend guest of her grandmother.

BETTER THAN A LETTER
WEIDMAN MESSENGER

North Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lueder and Duffy of Montana spent several days over Christmas visiting relatives here. They returned home Tuesday.

Maycie Cook, Cleo Wiley, and Will and Roderick Nicholson spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Handy of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkin of Alto were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and family.

Irma Rhode of Dallas, Texas, flew home last Friday to spend the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rhode and Harold.

Cleo Wiley, Minnie Rhode and Maycie Cook called on Mrs. Mary Cook at Remus Sunday p. m. She is not greatly improved since her return from the hospital, but was able to enjoy Christmas Eve with all her children and grandchildren at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong, Edward Hines, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and children spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Richardson and Monday enjoyed a family dinner and Christmas tree with Mr. and Mrs. Gail Strong of Ellwell.

Will Nicholson, Helen Hartman and Carl Lueder had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Art Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Borders of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cook entertained at Christmas dinner all their eight children and families. There were 40 present for dinner and the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stilgenbauer spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Porter of Shepherd and had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Manley of Mt. Pleasant.

Cleo Wiley of Pontiac spent the holiday weekend with her brother, Roderick Nicholson, and others here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Schultz, Jon and Judy of Clio, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola, Bonnie and Mike of Mt. Pleasant were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rhode, Irma and Harold.

Rev. and Mrs. Mark Koepsell are spending a few days with relatives in Illinois.

Will Cook spent Monday in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lueder and Duffy spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fanning.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ohls called on Mrs. Ina Gillette and Ernest Faling last week Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thorpe and family of Flint were Monday callers at the Don Thorpe home.

Leslie Snyder of Detroit spent last Tuesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snyder.

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Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and children of Midland were Monday afternoon and evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Sylvia. Robert Hines was a caller also.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Secord and boys and the Walter Howe family Tuesday.

Burgess Case was a Monday caller at the Clayton Dutcher home.

Mrs. Verna Cornell and children were Sunday afternoon callers of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummins, of near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Nickleson and family of Greenville were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cornell and family.

Eva Nickleson of Barryton and Freda Nickleson of Spring Arbor were Monday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cornell.

Russell Merrihew of Valparaiso, Indiana, spent Christmas with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cornell and family of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Van Syckle and family of Barryton, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cassabaum, Michael and Stevie of Iowa, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cornell on Monday, for their Christmas tree and dinner.

Frank Secord was a Friday caller

of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher. Christmas Day visitors and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and girls, Debbie and Denise, Mrs. Ann Pennington, Floyd and Ray Dutcher of near Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher of Lansing spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mrs. Ronna Dutcher were Wednesday shoppers in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., visited his mother, and brother, Mrs. Ann Pennington, and Floyd Dutcher, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., went to Midland Tuesday to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd called on Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McClintic and Judy of Shepherd called on Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Sylvia Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al West and boys and Bill Fish of Pontiac were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Sylvia were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and family Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Stevie were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton

Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith of Wabash, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Forbes of Toledo, Ohio, spent the Christmas weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hibberd and family of Mt. Pleasant were Christmas dinner guests and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and family and his mother, Mrs. Lura Beutler, were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Al West and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish, all of Pontiac spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

BETTER THAN A LETTER WEIDMAN MESSENGER

Weekend callers of the George Merrihew's were: Theron and Marlene Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Embrey, Mrs. Lisa Losey, and Mrs. Bessie Price, were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Embrey and family, and a friend, were Sunday day evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Embrey, Lisa Losey and Bessie Price.

The Dell and Hardenburgh fami-

lies enjoyed Christmas Sa with a family dinner at th Hall.

Christmas guests at the Beutler home were Mr. a Robert Tibbetts of East B On Monday they and the attended a family dinner Forrest Johnston home nea bush.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bev Jane, Paula, Jon and Key Ionia were Monday suppe of his parents.

Carl Beutler is spending Christmas vacation at ho

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wa and family spent Christm his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, at Shepherd.

Terry Leiter was ill the last week, but is much b now.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lei entertained Mr. and Mrs. O Leiter and family, Mr. a Clifford Leiter and family and Mrs. Freeman Leiter family and Emory Leiter mas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford I were Christmas dinner gu Mr. and Mrs. Charles Do Mecosta. They also call Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cresse Mecosta.

Freeman Leiter spent Cl with his family. He has working in Ohio.

BETTER THAN A LETTER WEIDMAN MESSENGER

Greetings



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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark and son, Frank, of East Tawas, spent Monday with Harold's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark. Harold's wife, Dorothy, is Home Ec teacher in the East Tawas School, and had the planning of the Home Ec department in the new Tawas-East Tawas Consolidated School building.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Edgar of Haslett spent last Wednesday night with her mother, Mrs. Marie Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin and Linda of St. Louis called on his mother, Mrs. Marie Griffin, Saturday night.

Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Inez Schultz and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth enjoyed the Brinton Christmas get-together last Wednesday.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griebe of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grant and children, also of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent and children were Christmas Day supper guests of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and their families were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant. For Christmas supper the David Flower and Dan Carrick families were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Sr., and boys of Barryton, Miss Ruth Rau of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., and girls were Christmas Eve supper guests and enjoyed a Christmas tree, with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and girls.

Mrs. Clara Fox entertained over the Christmas weekend her daughter, Loretta, of Detroit, and Ruth Rau of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sprague and family of Lansing came Monday for the day. Mrs. Fox, Loretta and Ruth visited the Bill Fox family. They all spent Monday with the Steve Fox family of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Fox's children gave her a television set as a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hammond of Bay City spent Christmas Day with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hammond. Mrs. Sarah Wiley was also a guest at the Hammond home. They all had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Theisen in Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Blanche Cliff and Mrs. Iva Hobart enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Drallette and daughters of Clare.

Home for Christmas at the Ritchie home were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Looman and Wilma Ritchie of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ritchie and Jan of Port Huron, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ritchie and daughters of Mt. Pleasant. Don and Jo stayed over till Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin and Linda of St. Louis called on Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sprague had for the Christmas weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sprague and family of Lansing, for dinner on Monday; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schumacher of Lansing were Sunday evening supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Sprague and family of Diamond Lake were Monday visitors.

At the homes of Mrs. Eva Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn for the Christmas weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carr and children of Pontiac. They came Christmas

Eve and had supper with Mrs. Carr and then went on to Benns' where they spent the night and had a Christmas tree and Christmas dinner next day. Monday evening they returned to Mrs. Carr's for an oyster supper. Ron and his family returned to Pontiac Tuesday.

Bill Cahill had Christmas dinner with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes were: Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Summers of Lansing,

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Mary Margaret, and Elton Brien of Mt. Pleasant.

Christmas Day callers of Bill Cahill were: Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stansell and family. Mr. and Mrs. William Cahill and family of Belding came Sunday and stayed until Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Beutler and Nancy of Roscommon called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baxter and family Monday.



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In the Editor's Mail

HERE'S GOOD NEWS FROM THE MOMANYS IN TEXAS

We've had a couple of letters from Ruth Momany and Anne the past week, telling much of interest about their lives out there, and about the little daughter of Anne and Ross (Deanne), who was burned in a home accident early in November. (The child seemed to have pulled loose a gas hose from a heater in their home, and was enveloped in flames. She was seriously burned about the face and head, and has been in the hospital since that time.)

Ruth's letter came first, and we want you to enjoy it with us:

1011 NW 24th St.
San Antonio, Texas
Dec. 16

Hi, Connie:

I seem to have run out of Christmas cards, but if you are like me, you'd rather get a note anyhow! I told Anne yesterday I thought we would have been much smarter to have just taken a page in the Messenger and write an open letter to the whole community.

I had a very nice trip down here from Kansas, but none of Kansas, Oklahoma or most of Texas-I came through were the "wide open spaces"--mostly rolling country, and mostly under cultivation--but I know the western part of all those states, the country is flat and mostly treeless. What's more, I saw no oil wells until I was almost to Dallas, ditto on cactus--and no large herds of cattle.

So far I've not met any Texas millionaires, either (sob)! It's very interesting here, though, and I'm so glad I came. San Antonio is quite a city.

I think Ross Junior said 570,000 besides being ringed with Army and Air bases. Ross Junior says 75% of the population is Mexican, 24% service men and the other 1% of poor guys who got stuck down here and can't get away!

The children live 8.6 miles from Lackland Field, and we are out there twice daily, in the morning to take Ross Junior to report in at the meat plant, and again in the afternoon to pick him up and take him with us to the base hospital to see little Deanne.

It's such a large base (equipped for 85,000 men) so things are miles apart. I have to do the driving unless Ross Junior is along, as Anne has to renew her driver's license. Traffic is very heavy most of the time, but so far I've been very lucky. I'm beginning to learn my way about on base fairly well--at least to the meat plant, hospital, commissary, PX, Po, Ross Junior's squadron headquarters, etc.

The sky around SA is full of all sorts and sizes of planes, day and night, from tiny fight-

ers, jets, etc., to the huge transports and cargo planes. There are men marching everywhere--in all stages of their basic training, all sorts of athletics and recreation facilities--in fact, so much to see that it's difficult to decide just what to look at first.

Deanne had her first skin-grafting operation Tuesday morning and is responding very well. The surgeons assure the children that eventually she will have very few scars, for with plastic surgery, skin-grafting and cosmetic surgery, great miracles can be accomplished. It will have to be over a period of years, of course. She is such a patient, cheerful baby, and has won the hearts of all the hospital personnel, and they give her the very best of care and attention. We go to see her each day at least once--and the children were both with her most of the day Tuesday. Everyone down here has been so kind to them, and they've had many letters and cards from Weidman people giving them encouragement--and they truly appreciate each prayer and good wish.

Weather has been very un-Texas like--so they tell me. It's very seldom that it frosts or freezes here any time in the winter, and there have been three in the two weeks since I came, and many of the tropical plants, such as palms, banana trees, etc., have been "nipped" quite a little. However, there are lots of lovely flowers and shrubs that have been protected--so many varieties that I have no idea what they are.

Many days the temperature will be in the upper 70's and a norther will blow in and the temperature will drop with a thud, as much as 40 degrees in a few hours. Keeps me busy "puttin' on and takin' off".

No doubt your Mom is busy baking, etc., for Christmas. I miss Ross all the time, but it seems even worse at holiday times. Birthdays, anniversaries, etc., and the family circle is broken.

I suppose I shall be home with the first robins! The merriest of Christmases to you and your Mom. As ever, Ruth.

(A postscript on Ruth's letter said: "Saturday morning little Dee not so well, yesterday or this morning. Temperature was 102.2 and very restless. Anne called a while ago and said temperature was down some at 6 a.m. but didn't say how much. We feel quite worried."

Then we had a card from Anne, dated Dec. 19, as follows:

Dear Connie: Just a note to let you know the doctor dressed Dee's burns today, and said the grafts took remarkably well, so it is not likely further surgery will be required. They are going to use a new process to remove the scars left from grafting. We are expecting to bring her home some time next week, as soon as her face is healed enough so that there would be no danger of it

becoming torn if she were to get bumped accidentally. Wishing you a blessed, merry Christmas,

Anne, Ross and Girls.

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NEWS NOTES

James and Charles Neubecker spent Monday at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Martin, of near Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown of Clare.

Miss Arlene Meyers spent from Friday until Monday at her home at Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and

girls enjoyed Christmas dinner with her mother, Mrs. Courter, in Forest Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thorpe and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thorpe of Flint and family were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorp. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long and son, Gary, of Barryton were Saturday afternoon callers.

Mrs. Bob Kirvan was reported gaining the first of the week, at Community Hospital after major surgery. She hoped to come home some time this week.

Miss Lou Ann Smith is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Smith, of Coldwater.

The Flower Shop

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Barney And Frances

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JESSIE ROSENCRANTZ Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and daughters spent Christmas eve with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and boys of Clare were Monday p. m. callers at the Otis Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Robert were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sheets. Robert stayed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger spent from Friday until Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Dennis Tiani, and family, at Dearborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Jim were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and family.

Mrs. Ed Morbitzer and children went to Saginaw Sunday to see Mr. Morbitzer. He is feeling much better. Edward and friend called on his father Monday also.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey entertained their children and their families for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Ann Pennington, Floyd and Ray Dutcher were afternoon callers.

Leslie Ferguson was a Monday dinner guest at the Rosencrantz home.

The Theron Merrihew family, the Harold Losey family and Miss Joanne Gross were Monday guests at the Charlie and Jerry Losey home.

Monday guests of the Paul Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Jim of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller and Randy of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Duard Miller and David, Pat, Susan, Danny and Johnnie of Clawson and Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Steven and Linda.

Mrs. Mabel Dent is spending the week in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Denslow and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn and family spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow. Mrs. Jane Brownell was taken to Community hospital Sunday p. m., but is feeling some better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rau and family and Mrs. Edna McDonald and son Eddie were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carr and family and Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson spent the Christmas weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn. Mrs. Johnson and children are spending the week with her folks.

Jim Wright of Pontiac is spending a week's vacation with his sister, Mrs. Aldrich, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, and Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were Thursday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Pomeroy and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilson and boys were Christmas eve

guests of the Gerald Denslow family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dougherty and family of East Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davy of Ann Arbor were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bunting.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny were Thursday shoppers in Big Rapids.

Mrs. Elsie Benn spent Christmas with her son, Frank, and Mrs. Benn.

Allen Marshall spent Sunday p. m. and was an overnight guest of Garth Lawrence.

Miss Rita Appelgreen of Grand Rapids spent Sunday evening and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Vance Wood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nutt and Mrs. Mary Nutt and Mrs. Maude Wagener called at the Elmer Gross home in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday p. m. of last week, and they also called on Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gross.

Woodrow Martin was a caller at the Sidney Lawrence home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins entertained their children and their families over the weekend. Alvin will spend some of this week here. Mrs. W. E. Ragan and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber of Stanton were also Monday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Appelgreen and Miss Rita Appelgreen were Sunday breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family of Pontiac were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and children were also guests Christmas day.

Mrs. Mary Nutt was a Christmas dinner guest of her son, Ted, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence called on her brother, Ed Graber and family Monday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey were Sunday evening callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family spent Friday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Appelgreen. They had their Christmas tree.

Mrs. Liza Losey and Mrs. Bessie Price spent a couple of days at the Charlie Losey home last week.

Friends, neighbors and relatives are all invited to attend a birthday party honoring Mrs. Minnie Conley on her 80th birthday at the Brinton Community hall, on New Year's Day. Pot-luck dinner at 1 o'clock with a musical pro-

gram following. Better be ready, Minnie and Art.

Christmas Day guests at the Howard Wood home were their children and grandchildren, except for Phyllis, Beth and Michael, who were ill and unable to come.

Mrs. Merle Heckart, Mrs. Lewis Young and Mrs. Richard Dean were the committee for the program at the Forest Hill Church held on Friday evening.

Timmy and Jeffery Wood were Sunday night guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood, while their parents, brother and sister attended a wedding of a cousin of Mrs. Richard Wood at Owosso.

Members of Sherman Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn on Wednesday evening, December 21, for their annual Christmas party and oyster supper. Music was provided by a record player, playing Christmas carols. Gifts were exchanged. At the business meeting, Mr. Jack Thompson, chairman, president, Mrs. Paul Miller, Blue Cross secretary, reported. Prospects for membership were discussed. Mrs. Howard Wood read a letter received from Congressman Alfred Cederberg, pledging support to farmers. Orrie Merrihew, minute man, gave a report, Clyde Beutler, led the discussion. The hostess served punch, sandwiches, pie and coffee with oyster stew.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tranbarger and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were present, the Tranbargers being new members. Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew invited the group to meet with them in January. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Ella Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Denslow and daughters spent Christmas day with their son and brother, Earl Denslow and family. They had dinner Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pomeroy of Chesaning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stilgenbauer called on Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ockert Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and children of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Denslow. Other Christmas dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green and daughters of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and children of Midland.

Mrs. J. W. Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Backus and daughter, Linda, were Christmas dinner guests at the Otis Denslow home. Miss Bernice and Carol Green and Miss Beverly Swan were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller were Friday p. m. callers at the Otis Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Robert spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Denslow at Barryton.

Happy New Year to All.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shook and family spent Christmas Eve and Sunday with her father, Art Taylor, at Bentley.

E. Coldwater

Mrs. George Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. William Beck spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rotheaux of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller of Clare, and Mrs. Lance Miller were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner on Christmas.

The community dinner at Brinton was well attended on Wednesday. Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mrs. Inez Schultz and Mrs. Bertha Clark attended. We enjoyed visiting with these ladies and hope they will come again some time.

Mrs. Lillie Wright spent Christmas with her son, Clifford, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hamilton of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snyder and family of Alma visited at the George Hamilton home on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Stanley and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moleynaux and daughter spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Forbes visited their daughter and family, in Detroit on Christmas.

Thelma Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dupee of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner were fishing at Houghton Lake on Monday.

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FRANK GROSS RETIRES

Frank Gross has been celebrating his retirement from Libby, McNeil and Libby's. He has been employed by this company 45 years, 29 years of green season and 16 years steady.

The other employees gave a party for him at Coleman, Friday afternoon, December 16. A delicious fish supper was enjoyed at the home of Ralph Turner that evening. The supper was prepared and served by Ralph. They say he is a good cook.

Frank received a nice gift. Those present were Gus Pappas and Frank Gallus of Rosebush, August Gumm of Riverdale, Bob Cale of Weidman and of course the host, Ralph Turner, and the guest of honor, Frank Gross.

Frank attended a duck dinner at St. Louis Wednesday evening, December 21. The dinner was given by Libby employees for Lee Donaldson of Alma, who is retiring from Libby, McNeil and Libby's.

A nice time was had by all.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall and family of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McArthur were Monday dinner guests of their daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ritchie of Port Huron called on Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague Monday evening.

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NOTICE

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Treasurer, Sherman Twp. Dec. 8t4

NOTICE

I will be at the Weidman State Bank Saturday, December 10, and every Saturday through January 20, to collect taxes. In Beal City at Tilmann's Hardware, Tuesday, December 13, and every Tuesday through January 20. Bill Fox, Treasurer, Nottawa Twp.

Dec. 8t5 p

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Mrs. Mary Johnson, 2-1/2 miles west of Weidman, on Airline Road. Dec. 29t1p

The Fisher Building in Weidman on the Main Street Corner is being torn down and the lumber and windows and doors, etc. will be on sale. The material is very good, and will be priced to move fast. If you are considering a building of any kind, see us at once, for this won't last long. Wiley Sinclair Service, Weidman 2191.

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Calendar of Coming Events

Dec. 31st--Odd-Fellow-Rebekah Party, New Year's Eve. Pot-luck.

Jan. 4th--Regular OES meeting with initiation, 8 o'clock.

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Jan. 5th--Regular meeting Masons.

Jan. 5th--2:30 p. m. WSCS meets with Nina Forbes.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Minnie Roe and Connie were Monday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roe and family of Harrison.

George Beutler spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Beutler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beutler and family.

Bob Embrey of Farwell spent the week with Ronnie Sprague.

Friday evening guests of Mrs. Ninca Forbes were: Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien of Mt.

Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brien, Carl and Michael of Ithaca Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt of Mt. Pleasant and Elton Brien of Mt. Pleasant. They had a pot-luck lunch and their Christmas tree.

Mrs. Ray Baxter called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Schafer and family Christmas Day.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton and family were: Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Potter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snyder and family and Mrs. Emma Snyder, all of Alma, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hamilton of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ohls of Mt. Pleasant and Roy Scott were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ohls. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Craft were callers.



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Mrs. Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Flaughner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Flaughner of Mt. Pleasant spent Christmas at the Ray Flaughner home. Friday evening the Ray Flaughner family attended a Christmas party at the Joe Wilmot home.

Glen Flaughner of Lansing was a

Monday supper guest of the Ray Flaughner family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and children had as supper guests Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen of Blanchard Christmas eve and the Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodruff Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser had their children and families Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith

Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rogers Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rogers and children. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Youngs called Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Moses and Orrin had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and Donald. Mrs. Moses went to Flint Monday with Orrin for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stansell and baby of Grand Rapids and Bill Cahill spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell. Christmas eve they all went to the Don Woodruff home.

Kenneth Saunder's sister and brother, Floyd and Ella Saunders, of Klinger Lake, and Mrs. Saunder's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wenger of Sturgis were Christmas guests of the Kenneth Saunders family.

Mrs. Alma Albers of Lansing was a Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hochrein. Mr. Hochrein presented Mrs. Hochrein with a television set. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Elliot and girls were Sunday evening visitors of the Herb Hochreins.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and children spent Friday evening at the Elton Carr home. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Carr and Dalton were weekend guests of the Doyle Plank family of Grand Rapids. They spent Sunday evening at the Ed Boersma home. Mrs. Boersma was formerly Henrietta Gardner. Dalton Carr stayed at the Plank home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting entertained their children and families, the Elton and Olin Buntings and the Dalton Rayborns of Belding, Miles Bunting of Holt and Kenneth Bollmans and John Buntings of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger were Thursday evening guests of the Oral Buntings.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert had as guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert, Jr., and six sons of Hillman and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beaudon of Pontiac.

Christmas day guests of Mrs. Audrey Flaughner and family were her children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Flaughner of Park Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Art McQueen of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bushong of Muskegon, Mr. and Mrs. Marion DeWaters of Eaton Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cahill and family of Belding called at the Blaine Stansell home Monday.

Theives broke into Glen Smiley's store about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. They broke the door and window and took some fishing tackle, ammunition and cigarettes. Money in the store was not touched.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krueger and sons, and Mrs. Simons spent Sunday evening at the Arthur Krueger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson and Kathy and Bob had as Christmas guests, George Campbell of Alaska, Mrs. Lucene Emery of

Flint, the Louis Larson family and Dick Larson of Saginaw. Their son, Carrolton, called them from Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Carr and Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Esch. Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Chester Swan of Mt. Pleasant visited there.

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Green View

Mr. Wm. Tanner, Reporter

A Very Happy New Year to all. Mrs. Grace Seymour called on Mrs. Millie Tanner Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent called Thursday evening on Mr. and Mrs. William Tanner, with Wm. in much need of a shave and hair cut for Christmas.

Mrs. Ray Jarman went to Mt. Pleasant Friday for a check up and is getting along fine, with her greatest trouble getting up and down from a chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fordyce of Saginaw are visiting their daughter, Colleen Savio at San Lorenzo, California. It is in the northern

part and they will probably be telling us about the floods. Colleen is a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tanner are enjoying rabbit, gifts of the three Kent boys, it sure is nice to have such good neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Bob Carson of Livonia stayed Thursday night with her sister, Mrs. Donald Seymour, and was joined by her husband and children for Christmas, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck and Charlie at Farwell.

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