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Editor's Column

happy new year

That's about the way we felt about it during the holiday week. We put in our time--our longed-for vacation time!--battling strep infection in an ear.

Strep infection is no fun wherever it strikes; a strep throat can put you in bed, and strep infection anywhere else is about as bad.

Ours hit on the outside of the left ear. It appeared out of nowhere on getting up Tuesday morning, the ear all swollen up and quite red.

It was sore, too, and there were lumps in glands around the ear.

By Tuesday morning the ear was a big cauliflower, so red it glowed in the dark, and there was that dark-brown taste of flu or something, and we felt awful.

We got into the Davis Clinic at Mt. Pleasant by afternoon, where it was determined temperature was high, so were given antibiotic shots and ordered to return next day.

"And if you're not better tomorrow, I'll have to hospitalize you," the doctor threatened.

By next day the swelling was reduced 50 percent and the dark-brown taste gone. Another shot of antibiotics.

Anyhow, we put in the dagged week dragging around (you do that, after a strep infection, it takes the starch out of you), feeling as if we'd been sick a month.

By Monday we were able to get back at getting out the Messenger again, something we just couldn't visualize, the way we felt through the holiday week.

Like we said, weak as a cat,

happy new year.

SUPERVISORS' PICTURE TAKEN 65 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Bessie Teall informs us that the recent picture of Board of Supervisors of Isabella County we printed in the Messenger was taken 65 years ago. Her father, S.C. Hammond, was Supervisor of Coldwater Township at that time, she said, and afterward was Township Treasurer for seven years.

We are please to print such echoes of the past now and then. This is an ultra-modern world, but we like to remember our beginnings, at least here in Isabella County.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Eleanor Weber Dies Saturday

Mrs. Eleanor Weber died Saturday, Jan. 2, at her home a mile north of Beal City after a long illness. She had lived all her life in the Beal City area. She was the wife of Jake Weber, and they had spent all their married life at their farm home on the Beal City-Weidman corner. She was loved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Weber was born July 30, 1908, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boge.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with interment in the Church Cemetery. Rosary services were held at the family home Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Jacob; three sons, Ben, John, and Edward; two daughters, Mildred, at home; and Mrs. Kathryn Straus; her mother, Mrs. Pauline Boge, of Mt. Pleasant; six sisters, Mrs. Albina Rau of Beal City; Mrs. Clara Rose of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. Marian Trager of Traverse City; Mrs. Henrietta Schmidt, Mrs. Leona Pasch, and Mrs. Edna Davis.

Also two brothers, Victor Boge of Mt. Pleasant and Joe Boge of Flat Rock; 19 grandchildren, and other relatives, and very many friends.

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PARTY AT DREW HALL DRAWS LARGE CROWD

A party was held at Drew Hall Saturday evening, with about 80 attending, a good crowd.

Square-dancing was enjoyed by the many young folks present. A collection was taken up.

These parties are planned to continue, as community get-togethers, and the old Drew Hall, given the Township of Sherman by ladies of the Busy Bees, apparently will live on.

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AUTO LICENSE PLATES ON SALE HERE FEB. 4

The Mt. Pleasant office of the Secretary of State for selling auto license plates advises the Messenger that its staff will be in Weidman Feb. 4 for local sale of 1965 license plates.

They will be at the office of Allen Lumber Company, from 1 o'clock p.m. to 5 p.m. only.

Local people will welcome this chance to get their plates at home, and (we hope) without standing in line.

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YOUR HOME TOWN PAPER

HOMEcoming DANCE AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL SATURDAY

A Homecoming dance will be held Saturday night, Jan. 9, after the basketball game with Ashley, in the gym of the Weidman High School.

James Little is scheduled as disk jockey. Mrs. Tarsa will sell tickets.

Students are advised by the Student Council that boys should wear white shirts and sweaters, and girls should not wear slacks.

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Funeral Services Tuesday for Clara Breuer

Mrs. Clara Breuer died Friday, Jan. 1, at Community Hospital after a sudden illness. She was a lifelong resident of the Beal City area.

Mrs. Breuer was born Sept. 6, 1918, in Beal City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Laubenthal.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1962.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with Rev. Father Edward Neubecker officiating. Interment was in the Church Cemetery. Rosary services were held Monday evening at the Harold Block residence in Beal City.

Her daughter, Diane, died in 1960. Surviving her are one son, Howard, and two grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Lena Laubenthal; two sisters, Mrs. Vada Block and Mrs. Geraldine Horan, both of Beal City; and many other relatives and a host of friends.

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REBEKAHS TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Installation of officers for the Weidman Rebekah Lodge will be Monday evening, Jan. 11, at 8 o'clock. A pot-luck supper will be served after the installation ceremonies.

Sally Raub will be installed as Noble Grand; Claudia Mallott as Vice-Grand; Leah Scharrer financial secretary, and Lucille Smith recording secretary, and Lillian Johnston, treasurer. Ida Mae Dent is Junior Past Noble Grand of the lodge.

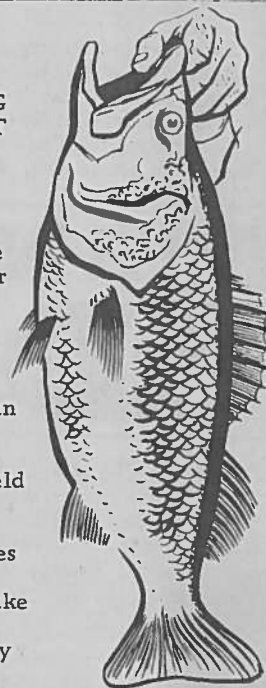
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TWO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The Weidman School Board held two meetings this week, one a special called for Tuesday evening, and the other the regular monthly meeting, on Thursday evening. Both were at the school.

FISHING REPORT

by George Skinner



Weidman Pond

Littlefield Lake

Six Lakes

Scutt Lake

Martigny Lakes

Locally, anglers are having fairly good luck.

On the Weidman Pond, some good catches were being made during this week, with bluegills running up to nine inches.

Limit catches have been made, mostly in real early morning and at night.

The writer has taken some good specks on small minnows, at night, running up to 12 inches in length.

For bluegills, a tear-drop with either wigglers, waxworms or corn borers is recommended. Patience is needed, as fish are slow, especially during the day.

Pike were slow the first of the week.

Bluegills out of the Weidman Pond have been of extra good size, and excellent taste. Last winter it seemed to the writer they tasted "weedy". This year, they are fresh and sweet, as good bluegills as you'll get anywhere.

Cars were driving on the Pond, and ice was safe, with up to 8 or 9 inches of depth to it.

Smelt fishermen have been getting fair catches at Littlefield Lake, along with bluegills.

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BILLY BAXTER HAS EMERGENCY OPERATION

Billy Baxter, son of Mrs. Virginia Baxter, was taken to Community Hospital Sunday suffering from a ruptured appendix, and was given emergency surgery.

Billy came through the operation well, but was expected to be a rather sick boy most of this week.

His friends could send him cards at the hospital.

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE--The Home and Real Estate in Weidman, belonging to the Estate of Clifton F. Johnson, deceased. Contact Iral Phillips, Admr., Remus, Michigan, Telephone No. 967-3460.
Jan. 8t2

FOR YOUR 1965 WATKINS Fly Spray Needs, write Doris Spiegel, Dealer, Route 1, Edmore, Mich.
Jan. 8t1p

WANTED--Work. 15-year-old school boy wants work of any kind. After school and weekends. Pay what I'm worth. Bill Alwood, ph. 644-3581.
Jan8t2

THANKS, HUNTERS!--For observing our NO HUNTING postings on Roe's Acres (the George Skinner farm in Weidman, the Minnie I. Roe place.) We know there are scads of rabbits back there, and other wild game. We know, however, that our place is too small for safe hunting, so we closed it. Bit by bit Roe's Acres will be developed into recreation details, but we hope to keep our wildlife for those who like to watch a squirrel, a chipmunk, a deer, the thrilling blue heron, all the wild birds. We appreciate the co-operation and lack of bitterness when we posted our place against hunting. We have nothing against hunting--in the proper place and space. Our place is a refuge for all the wild things, and there are many animals and birds to just plain watch. Thanks, hunters.
George and Connie Skinner.

MARKET REPORT

Wednesday afternoon, received from Bader's at Weidman.

Wheat	1.31
Oats	.66
Corn 1.12 &	1.15

BETTER THAN A LETTER

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

(Received from the Register of Deeds Office at Mt. Pleasant.)

Kenneth Bollman and wife to Ruth Benedict & et al, Lot 52, Bayou Vista, No. 2.

Alice Kerby to Calvin F. Waldron and wife, se 1/4 Sec. 2, Coldwater twp.

Charles E. Wheelock to Harlan E. Hall et al, w 1/2 e 1/4, Sec. 31, Sherman twp.

Cecil Armitage and wife to Jimmie Muterspaugh and wife, e 1/2 sw 1/4 Sec. 36, Broomfield twp.

Henry Simmer and wife to Paul M. Simmer and wife, ne 1/4 ne 1/4, Sec. 6, Deerfield twp.

Ojibwa Development Corporation to James Thompson and wife, Lot 76, Ojibwa Recreation Area No. 1.

William J. Murphy and wife to Thomas J. Murphy and wf, et al, pt. se 1/4 sw 1/4, Sec. 2, Deerfield twp.

Martin G. Boger and wife to Pauline M. Estes, se 1/4 sw 1/4 Sec. 24; nw 1/4 nw 1/4 Sec. 25; e 1/2 sw 1/4 se 1/4 Sec. 26, Coldwater twp.

Pauline M. Estes to Martin G. Boger and wife, se 1/4 sw 1/4, Sec. 24; nw 1/4 nw 1/4 Sec. 25; e 1/2 sw 1/4 se 1/4 Sec. 26, Coldwater twp.

Frank C. Fleischer to William Monie Bauer, et al, pt se 1/4 Sec. 24, Broomfield twp.

Kenneth Bollman and wife to Ruth M. Grover, Lot 6, Bayou Vista.

William Kaninsky and wife to Alton A. Allen and wife, pt. nw 1/4 se 1/4, Sec. 13, Sherman twp.

Murray H. Felt and wife to John T. Burmia and wife, et al, n 1/2 Sec. 13, Coldwater twp.

Edna Hampton Schultz to Robert E. Suman and wife, Lots 7 & 8 & 9, Blk. 33, Weidman.

John Cotter and wife to Samuel E. Pankhurst and wife, ne 1/4 se 1/4, Sec. 31, Gilmore twp.

William J. Murphy and wife to Thomas J. Murphy and wf, et al, pt. se 1/4 sw 1/4, Sec. 2, Deerfield twp.

Ojibwa Development Corporation to Lou E. Gray and wife, Lot 117, Ojibwa Recreation Area No. 1.

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YOUR HOME TOWN PAPER

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth spent New Year's in Lansing, taking Scott and Julie, their grandchildren, home. The youngsters had spent a week with their grandparents.

New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross and Ernest were Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren, as dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight expected to move Saturday, into the Eva Carr house on Second Street.

Mrs. N. S. Woodward of Flint was a Tuesday dinner guest of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler were hosts at a family get-together the Sunday after Christmas. All the family were present, the first time in a long while. About 20 were there, and enjoyed the delightful refreshment table the hostess had ready.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie and George:

We want to tell you how very much we appreciate your sending the Messenger to us. (Ed's note: Mrs. Hibberd wrote news for the paper.) We didn't expect it, but do enjoy it! How very true. It is better than a letter.

We are very comfortable here in my brother's snug little home. No stairs, and I'm much better of my arthritis. No more aspirin necessary.

Our niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moyses, of Pontiac, and our grandchildren, Pamela and Lee Kakler, of Davison, spent Thanksgiving with us. And we expect to have Christmas with our other niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodwin, of Howell. Both nieces are the daughters of my brother Wesley.

He is not very well, suffers a lot of pain in his legs. At times he is quite discouraged.

John is the same as usual, and we are both happy to be here with Wes.

We want to extend greetings to all our good friends for the holidays.

Sincerely,
The Hibberds,
Holly, Mich.

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NEWS NOTE

Mrs. Harold Branson stopped in at the Messenger office Wednesday, feeling fine and chipper after major surgery at Community Hospital. She said her recovery, both at the hospital and at home, has been outstanding. We are happy for her rapid recovery.



WEIDMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Williams P. Reynders
Minister

Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11.00 a.m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 6.45 p.m.
Methodist Men, 1st Wednesday of month, 6.30 p.m.
Women's Society of Christian Service, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 2.30 p.m.
Choir practice each Thursday, 8.00 p.m.
Bible Study each Thursday, 7.00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner, 3rd Sunday of each month, 1.00 p.m.

DEERFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Williams P. Reynders
Minister

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
Sunday School, 10.45 a.m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship (combined with Weidman)
Methodist Men (combined with Weidman)
Women's Society of Christian Service, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 1.30 p.m.
Choir practice each Thursday.
Fellowship Dinner, 4th Sunday of each month, 6.30 p.m.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor

10 a.m., Sunday School.
11 a.m., Morning Service.
7.30 p.m., Evening Service.
Sunday evening, Dec. 20, will be the Christmas program at the church. The program will be put on mainly by the Sunday School children.

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. Henry Hulbert
Pastor

Sunday School, 10.. a.m.
Morning Worship, 11.00 a.m.
Youth Service, 6.30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

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North Weidman

Wanda Graham, Reporter

BILL ALWOOD CELEBRATES FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Don Alwood and Bill, Jim, Donny and Cathy spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Dan Kripa and children of R5, Mt. Pleasant. The occasion was Bill's birthday, Dec. 29.

His cousin, Diane Kripa, surprised him with a lovely birthday cake with candles.

Other guests were Sadie and Patty Teeter and Judy Rohen of Mt. Pleasant.

Bill received some nice gifts.

Dan Kripa, Jr., was also home for a few hours from his work at the Buick plant in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Paula attended the funeral of Mrs. Abbott's aunt, Mrs. Bennette Taylor, Saturday at Dansville.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Grand Rapids spent the Christmas weekend with their daughter and family, the Jack Burdens.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Jr., and family of Elwell had Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Sr. Late afternoon guests were their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bush, of Blanchard. The evening was spent at the Gilmore Grange Hall, with the rest of the children. A nice lunch was served, and they had an exchange of gifts around a decorated tree.

Christmas evening guests of Muriel Leiter and family were her sisters' families, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman of Mt. Pleasant and the Micky Abbotts of Weidman; and her father, Bert Kennedy, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kohler and family of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Grove and family of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. John Latham and family spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Anderson of Deerfield Center called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry Jan. 2.

Muriel Leiter has been on the sick list since the last writing, but is feeling much better now.

Christmas dinner guests at the Garold Latham home were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family of Brinton, Mr. and Mrs. Chell Latham and family of Cedar Springs, Gwendolyn Stark of Remus, and Carl and Doyle Latham of Blanchard. Doyle stayed over his Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls enjoyed New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carmen and family of Lake. They watched the Rose Parade in color, and had a lovely dinner.

Mrs. Gertrude Sperry is enjoying a few days, having her mother staying at her home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters took a trip to the southern part of

Michigan and into Indiana to visit friends and relatives over the Christmas holidays. They returned early because of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and family entertained his mother, Mrs. Lauraine Burden, of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burden and family, also of Grand Rapids, over the New Year weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Welch, Jr., and family of Remus called on them Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and daughters drove to Saginaw last Thursday.

Henry Carmen and son, Bob, of Lake called on the Grahams several evenings the last two weeks so Bob could print his pictures he had taken in France, Spain and Italy. He has been there on Navy duty the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Latham and family had New Year's Day dinner with the Dewey Olgers of Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott entertained their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wernette, on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day visitors at the George McClain, Jr., home were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sparacio and family of Plainfield, N.J. Mrs. McClain and Mrs. Sparacio are cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and family of Au Gres attended a Christmas get-together at the Melvin Pohl home at Remus Saturday evening, Dec. 26. They also visited other relatives in the Weidman and Beal City area before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, New Year's Eve. Mrs. Allen also called on Mrs. Don Alwood.

Melanie McClain spent last Tuesday till Thursday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines, and family, of Barryton.

Mrs. Will J. Smith spent Christmas Day and also New Year's Day with her daughter, Mrs. Don Alwood, and family.

Amelia Wieber and Helen Alwood received Christmas cards from Matilda Fournier's daughter, Vida DuPont, from Ludington, saying her mother, Mrs. Fournier, is very ill. She has been bed-ridden for several years.

Mrs. Don Alwood and children called at the Orval Abbott home New Year's Eve. Pvt. Ken Abbott and new bride, Ruth Huber, of Mt. Pleasant, have been home on a Christmas leave from Georgia. They were married Nov. 27 in Georgia. Pvt. Abbott left New Year's Day for his base in Georgia waiting orders to be shipped to another base. Mrs. Abbott will join him later.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ruby Douglas, Mrs. Charlotte Hart and Mrs. Paul Cole visited Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour last Wednesday. Mr. Seymour is doing fine after his long stay in the hospital. We also called on Mrs. Amelia Douglas, who was quite ill. Her great-grandson, little Steve Hoag, spent the week with her. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoag and family of Bay City spent the weekend with their grandmothers, and took her and Steve home with them. They planned to take Amelia to a doctor in Flint, then it was planned she will come home and stay with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas, till she is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davidson of Farwell.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lidke, of Pontiac; their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Douglas, of Flint; their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Shindorff, of Belding, and their son, Jerry Ward, of the Army.

Wayne Curtis took several of his nieces sightseeing in Lansing last Wednesday. They went through the Olds and Fisher Body plants, and many other points of interest. Brenda Curtis, Linda Hart and Kay, Charlene and Walter Shaner all enjoyed the trip.

John Hauck and son of New Troy spent the weekend at their cabin on north Littlefield Lake. They called on the Paul Coles Thursday evening.

Mrs. Joe Mossell and daughter, Virginia, and sons, Tommy and Dicky, came Dec. 23 and took her parents and Velma, to South Bend, Ind., for Christmas. Joe and daughter, Connie Jo and Mary Lou brought them home Friday evening. The Coles and Velma went to Vassar Saturday to have Christmas dinner and birthday observance with their daughter, Pat, whose birthday is Dec. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing had their dinner Sunday, as Mrs. Ewing had to work at the Caro Hospital on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Norman had Christmas dinner with his mother and sister, Mrs. Joe Geasler and Joan. The Albert Geaslars were hosts at a New Year party at their home New Year's Eve. Guests were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geasler of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler of Barryton, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Emmons called on the Geaslars Tuesday. Cecil Diehm visited them Thursday.

Miss Velma Cole has been ill, and called on her doctor Saturday.

Brinton Farm Bureau will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler Friday evening, Jan. 8.

Pam and Bobbie Worth attended a New Year's party at the home of Mrs. Norman Brien at Gray Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Sunday dinner guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton of Mt. Pleasant visited the Paul Coles Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davidson of Farwell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

Elwyn Pitts had surgery Thursday last week at the Alma hospital, and is reported doing fine.

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N. Brinton

CORA ESTES, Reporter

Larry Baker of Ortonville spent the Christmas vacation with the home folks here, returning to his school duties the first of the New Year.

The Verl Wrights of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright were Christmas guests of the Robert Slupe family in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted spent New Year's Day with Vera's brother, Howard Hatt, and family, of Averill.

Recent visitors at the J. C. Husted home were Ronald Husted and family, the Junior Goodwell family, and Rolland Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Molyneux of Walhalla spent Christmas at the Bert Estes home.

Christmas Day visitors at the home of Mrs. Bessie Forbes were her family, the Clifford Leiters, Charles Doerr, and the Glenn Smiths; and a brother, Avery Lee, and wife of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker attended a birthday party Thursday at the home of Ken's sister, Lorena, in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. James Maddox returned home Thursday after a week's visit with her family in Saginaw.

The Community Christmas dinner at the hall was enjoyed by all present, and we're looking forward to another get-together another December.

Jesse Lee visited his son, Albert, and family, of rural Sears Christmas Day.

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Local Items

Frank Clark, son of the Harold Clarks, of Beloit, Wis., and Mrs. Helen Bartlett and four children of East Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Saline were Dec. 27 guests of Mrs. Bertha Clark and family.

Richard Embrey and Jerry Cook have taken an apartment in Lansing, where they are working.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams and family spent the New Year's weekend in Grand Rapids with Roy's sister, Mrs. Glenn Berg, and family.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leward Smith of Bridgeport and Mrs. Jack Cook and children of Winn were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg and family and Emory Dell. Harry broke a toe at work in the oil fields. Mr. and Mrs. Hardenburg and Emory Dell attended open house honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dobben Saturday afternoon. It was their 25th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Jim entertained for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yunker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher of Mt. Morris and Larry Dutcher of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher were New Year's weekend guests also. Other callers during the holidays were Miss Carol Simkins of Grand Rapids, Brian Dutcher, Bill Hardenburg, Terry Dutcher, and Ivan Hines and Jef.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin entertained at Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Cloice Scott and son of Free-land, Mrs. Velma Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiggins and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ockert, all of Farwell; and Joe and William Ockert and Mrs. Ralph Curtis of Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children spent the weekend with the Clarence Chaffee family.

The party at the Drew Hall Saturday night was a huge success, with a nice crowd and everyone reporting a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hare of Northville spent Saturday after Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Merrihew, and treated them to a birthday dinner at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant, in honor of Edna's and George's birthdays. Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and family of Rochester visited the Merrihews and Clarence Chaffees till Tuesday. Theron Merrihew was a Saturday caller, and Herbert Lawrence was a Monday visitor.

George Secord called on the Clayton Dutchers Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family of Clarkston spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew. They had Christmas Eve dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and spent the weekend visiting the Merrihews and the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and Jr., families.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin spent New Year's Day with her sister, Mrs. Velma Wiggins, at

Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orville were Christmas guests of the Russell Merrihews, from Thursday till Saturday, at Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orville, and Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended a Christmas get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of Blanchard last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family spent Christmas Day with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Husted.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Flachs and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were afternoon and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Sunday.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mrs. Dale Dutcher called on Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Friday afternoon and watched the Parade of Roses on color tv.

Larry Dutcher returned Sunday night to Ferris, after spending his Christmas vacation with his folks, the Clayton Dutchers, and Jim.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Remington and Troy were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and girls were Sunday guests of the Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were Christmas dinner guests of the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family, and spent Christmas Evening with the Robert Hines family, for supper and gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and daughter entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children at a birthday dinner for Mary Beutler, Dec. 24.

The Howard Beutlers spent Christmas Day with her grandmother, Mrs. Kennicott, of St. Charles. Sunday, Dec. 27, Howard's family entertained the Beutler families for a Christmas get-together. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and the Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and family of East Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family spent Christmas Day with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss, of St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family spent New Year's Eve with the Carl Beutlers. They all attended the party at Drew Hall Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Remington and Troy were Sunday dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers. They left for Saginaw, where Bill has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher are the proud parents of a baby girl, born New Year's Day at Community Hospital. The young Miss weighed eight pounds three ounces at birth. She will be called Kaye Lynn.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Just a few lines to let you know we arrived back safe and sound. We enjoyed our trip so much, the same as the year before, taking the train from here and renting a car in Lansing to get around.

We are getting our home paper just fine here, and enjoy it so much. Like getting a letter from home. For we were both raised around there, and look forward to it every week. And when we are through reading it we send it to

the rest of the family to read.

Am busy with all the Holiday activities coming up, and will have all our family here for Christmas, and whoever else drops in.

We are all fine and happy, and enjoy life with our family, church and Moose Lodge. Keeps us active with our yard and home. Never a dull moment around here.

Getting our rains off and on, sunny days in between, but really gets chilly at night now.

Well, take care, and thanks again for bringing in the news around there.

Best wishes to you for the holidays.

Rosalie and Louis Winn,
Cupertino, California.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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SOUTHWEST GILMORE

VERNA SEYMOUR, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buchel and girls enjoyed a family dinner in Lansing during the holidays, with his sister and family, Mrs. Helen Griffin. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Buchel, and brother and family, the Ronald Buchels, were also there.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour, and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Longton and Harley Beck all ate Christmas dinner at the Wm. Beck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood spent Christmas Day with the former's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moline, at Chesaning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey of Bath spent a few days during the holidays at their home here.

Elwyn Pitts had surgery in the Alma Hospital during the holiday vacation.

Don't forget, the Merry-Go-Round Club meets with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood Jan. 14. It is election of officers, so all members please be present.

Gary D. Seymour of Norfolk, Va., came last Tuesday, Dec. 29, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour, and Kenny. He was accompanied by his lady-firend, Miss Sandra Cross, of Detroit. Don's family met them in Lansing. Gary took her back to Detroit Sunday. He will have another week at home, leaving by plane from Lansing Sunday, Jan. 10.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Lena Cole and Ruby Douglas called at the Elam Seymour home Wednesday; also Ray and Owen Jarman of Rosebush. Alvin Wood called Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buchel went to Lansing on business Monday. They called at the Alex Buchel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce went to Alma Sunday to see Elwyn Pitts who is a patient in the Gratiot Community Hospital.

Hi Gates and son and Carl Carr called on Elam Seymour Sunday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Will J. Smith spent the Sunday after Christmas at the home of her son, Walter, and family.

Mrs. Bessie Teall and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sprague were dinner and supper guests at the R.D. Sprague New Year's Day.

Mrs. Wm. Sprague returned home from Ford Hospital Dec. 27, after a week's stay for observation. She has a rare ear ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Green and Mrs. Clara Green of Wheeler were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen. Mrs. Clara Green is Mrs. Allen's mother.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Ray Harmon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Mrs. Edythe Martin came up from Pinellas Park, Fla., Sunday, visiting her brothers, Larry and Buel Egbert, and families. She will spend the week with them all.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau entertained Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Schafer New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert had a lovely Christmas dinner for her family. Present were Fred and Art Yunker, Micky Devanie, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles and Vern.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent Christmas with the Alfred Klumpp family in Mt. Pleasant.

Jerry Schafer made a business trip to Belding Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pung entertained the whole Pung family Christmas.

Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Smith Saturday evening. Mrs. Tony Tilmann was a Tuesday afternoon visitor.

Mrs. Louise Smith had 31 of her children and grandchildren home for Christmas Night. They exchanged gifts, had a lunch, and all had a lovely time.

Mrs. Frank Schmidt entertained her daughter from Germany over the holidays.

Joe Pantenburg returned to Alma Hospital after having Christmas dinner with his family.

Leona Ley is in the hospital.

Donna Schafer returned home from the hospital Wednesday, feeling much better.

Geraldine Thelen of Grand Rapids spent her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thelen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and family spent Christmas with the Wm. Bouchy family near Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung drove to Detroit Sunday, Dec. 27, to attend rosary services for their aunt, Mrs. Theresa Pung, who passed away Dec. 24 and was buried Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carey of Lansing are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 25. She will be christened Jennifer. Mrs. Carey is the former Jane Vogel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pung drove to Detroit last Sunday to see Mrs. Ed Pung, who died Christmas Eve, as they were unable to attend the funeral Monday. Those who did attend the funeral from here included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pung, Mrs. Wm. Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer, Mrs. John E. Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Mrs. Joe Fussman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Mrs.

Maureen Smalbach, Sharon Kavanaugh, Mrs. Theresa Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pung, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer. Mrs. Ed Pung formerly lived here.

Oscar Fedewa of Houghton Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge of Farwell spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and family had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Amy Courter at Forest Hill.

Mrs. Wm. Bleise entertained her whole family for Christmas dinner.

The Frank Theisens entertained their family at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann entertained their family Christmas.

Joe Buchman of Indiana spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Ulrich and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thelen spent the weekend with relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen in St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tilmann spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung.

Mrs. Edna McGuirk of Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith and Martha Gross of Portland spent Wednesday with the Joe Pung and Jack Schafer families.

The Clara Fox family had their reunion at the K. of C. Hall on New Year's Day.

The K. C. members gave a New Year's Eve dance which was well attended, everyone reporting a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith drove to Traverse City Saturday to visit Bob Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer entertained the Schafer family at Christmas.

Deanna Trowbridge of Farwell is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Mrs. Ahren Prout of Rosebush spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Walter Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau, Mr. and Raymond Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ze Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble, Mrs. Dick Funnel and Mr. and Mrs. I Rau of Lansing spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando daughter, Joan, left Dec. 20 for Florida to spend the holidays. They expect to return the first part of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horan and family of Rosebush, Mrs. Pat Hora

Mrs. Ronald Breuer and Mr. ar Mrs. Howard Breuer and daughter Deanna and Allison, spent Christmas at the Harold Block home.

Mrs. Pat Horan spent last weekend with her son, Bill, and family at Rosebush.

Christy Pung spent last week with Marjorie Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer v guests at a Christmas dinner p Dec. 16, given by the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Ronald B er and Mrs. Harold Block were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer entertained their friends with a New Year's party. Everyone reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schafer of Saginaw spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer.

Loretta Fox of Rochester, Mich. is visiting her mother, Mrs. CL Fox.

Christopher Schafer is in Community Hospital at this writing the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer spent Christmas Week with Mr. and Paul Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and family spent Christmas with the Wm. Doll family near Coleman.

NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright of Pontiac spent the holidays with her daughter's family, the Ma Aldriches, of Remus. Mrs. Wright stopped in at the Messenger office to order the paper sent the coming year.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Saturday evening callers of the Gerald Loseys were the Howard Johnson family, Mrs. Barbara Dell, Cheryl and Bob. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Harold and Ron Losey, Bill Hardenburg, Ernie Dell. Mrs. Donna Gross and Curt were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cummins were Sunday morning callers. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence spent New Year's Day with their son Garth and family. The Garth Lawrences have bought a new home. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence called on her brother, Ed Graber, last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron came and got Sharon, who had spent a few days at the Gerald Loseys'.

Harold Losey and Ron and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday callers at the Charlie Loseys'.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosencrantz and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey celebrated New Year's Eve with an oyster supper and watched the old year out.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Sunday p.m. caller of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Nina Green and son, Terry, were New Year's guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow. In the afternoon, they all called on the Othel Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and children and Mrs. Joyce Sheets were Sunday dinner guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Harry were Saturday supper guests at the Lynn Johnson home. Then they all spent the evening with the Austin Dent family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Harry spent Saturday p.m. with the Harold Kruegers.

Mrs. Margie Denslow attended Erma Merritt's funeral in Remus a week ago Sunday. On the way home she called on Mrs. Milford Denslow, who had just returned from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn and Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and Ralph were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson.

Jay Denslow came home Dec. 31 from Gratiot Hospital at Alma, after several days, suffering from an acute coronary attack. He is some better at this time. Clayton Smith was a Sunday morning caller, and Mrs. Margaret Denslow called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family, and New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family attended the party at the Drew Hall Saturday evening.

Sunday callers at the Vance Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and the Richard

Wood family. New Year's Eve guests were Mr. and Mrs. Berneth Michaels and boys.

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East Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and Randy of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller and family of Clare, and Elana Miller of Farwell enjoyed the family Christmas tree and gift exchange and supper on Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco. The Olgers had Christmas dinner with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham. Thursday callers of the Olgers were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger of Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones and family of Flint spent Christmas week-end with Thelma Jones at her farm home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and Randy of St. Louis and Elana Miller of Farwell spent Christmas Eve through Sunday with the Harold Skinner family. Sunday they all drove to St. Louis to help Fern Routheaux celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family had Christmas supper with the Ed Olgers of Lake.

Lou Gray called on Dewey Olger Sunday and got nine white ducks.

Raymond and Vera Husted called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Christmas Eve.

Jim Latham and Gwynne Starks of Weidman, Larry Sisco, Doyle Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham and Mrs. Latham's brother from Cedar Springs were New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

New Year's Eve callers of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter of Farwell were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family.

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mrs. Mary Cook and Tom Latham spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Emil Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Chilson of Sparta spent Thursday with their cousins, Mrs. Nettie Crowley and brother, Jay Leinaar. Mrs. Grace Crowley enjoyed Christmas dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Campbell of Mt. Pleasant.

Kathleen Lueder had her class in for a skating party New Year's Eve.

Miss Aliance Cook, Mrs. Glee Krueger and Mrs. Harriett Foults spent several days in Florida during their holiday vacation, visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Reynolds and family and Mrs. Emma Beebe at Holly Hill, near Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Lueder left Tuesday to spend a few weeks in California. Mr. and Mrs. Miles

Strong of Elwell called on the Lueders Monday evening.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac spent several days and Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook, Will and Roderick Nicholson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook. They all enjoyed Christmas Eve with the Bob Cooks.

Mrs. Orves Cook spent the week end following Christmas with her husband, where he works near Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Scott left after Christmas to spend the winter in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Terry spent New Year's Day with their daughter, Dorothy, near Greenville.

Miss Elsie Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook. Elsie left Monday to her new work at the Murphy Store in Owosso. She had been 10 years with the Murphy Store in Mt. Pleasant.

Richard Cook's car was stolen while they were spending New Year's Eve in Mt. Pleasant. It was found near Shepherd Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Behrens of West Branch were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eda Van Zandt.

Raymond Peters of Evart called on Will Nicholson Tuesday.

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Nottawa

Amelia Wieber, Reporter

Matt Kornexl of Veterans Hospital in Detroit, was home for Christmas, feeling much better. He had to go back on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Folsom and family of East Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber and family of Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers and family of Mt. Pleas-

ant, and Amelia Wieber spent Christmas with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wawersik, and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber and children spent Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ness, of Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode and Ruth and Betty spent Christmas with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dole, and Ernie.

Mrs. Walter Hauck of Rosebush and Mrs. Don Paisley and children spent a week ago Sunday afternoon with their mother, Mrs. Amelia Wieber.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kellicut and family of Lansing, Charlie and Elaine Gross, all spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross, and family.

Louise Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber and children spent a week ago Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Riley of Mt. Pleasant. The Rileys have a new baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber were god-parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reihl and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert had breakfast New Year's morning with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Yuncker, Jr.

Mrs. Anna Rasmussen of Ann Arbor and son, Robert, of Detroit, visited at the Ted Ahlers home a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kish and family of Lansing called at the Ted Ahlers home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahlers of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday at the Ahlers home.

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller of Grand Rapids were Saturday guests of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Frantz.

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**SILENT PRAYER
FOR SCHOOL**(Contributed by Lena Cole, our
West Gilmore news writer.)

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation, under God
Finds prayer mention of Him odd.

Any prayer a class recites
Now violates the Bill of Rights
Any time my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Teach us of stars or pole and
Equator
But make no mention of their
Creator.
Tell of exports in Denmark and
Sweden
But not one word on what Eve
did in Eden.

The law is specific, the law is
precise;
Praying out loud is no longer
nice.
Praying aloud in a public hall
Upsets believers in Nothing at
all.

In silence alone can we medi-
tate;
And if God should get the credit,
great!
This rule, however, has a gim-
mick in it;
You've got to be finished in less
than a minute!

So all I ask is a minute of quiet,
If I feel like praying, then maybe
I'll try it.
If not, O Lord, this plea I make;
Should I die in school, my soul
you'll take.

Written by Paul Benzauin

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Conservatives.

(Editor's Note: And we'd give a
purt to learn the address and
some of the personnel of the Cen-
tral Michigan Conservatives, our
personal feelings being a bit on
the conservative side.)

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**WBA, LIONS CLUB
TO HAVE JOINT MEETING
TO DISCUSS WEIDMAN POND**

The Weidman Business Associa-
tion, at its regular monthly meet-
ing Tuesday evening, decided to
hold a joint meeting and banquet
with the Weidman Lions Club
Feb. 3, to discuss ways and
means of controlling or obliter-
ating aquatic weeds in the Pond.

The banquet probably will be
held in the basement of the
Weidman Methodist Church, and
it is expected a representative
from a commercial weed-control
company will be present.

Some are of the opinion the
Pond should be drained, cleaned
of silt and stumps, and deepened
by bulldozers probably. This op-
eration would require about five
years for good fishing to come
back to the famous Pond.
Fishermen will be invited to
give their views.

Two Rivers

Mrs. Singleton Moses, Reporter

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and
boys visited the Gary Dutchers...
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Saunders and
Dorothy of Mt. Pleasant spent the
day with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth
Saunders... Christmas callers at
the Glenn McDonald home were
James Armstrong and Bill Gauthier
of Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosencrantz
spent the Saturday after Christmas
with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell.
Mr. and Mrs. Stansell spent Christ-
mas Eve and Christmas with Mr.
and Mrs. Duane Stansell and Bev-
erly in Grand Rapids....

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach of
Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs.
Philip Mead and daughter spent
Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs.
Herman Martin... Mrs. Bernice
Wise and children spent the day
with her mother at Harrison...
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larson and
family spent the day with Mr.
and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mrs. Lorena Moses spent the
Christmas holidays at home. She
is working near Oakley, Mich...
Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Moses and boys
of Flint spent the Sunday after
Christmas at the Singleton Moses
home... Mr. and Mrs. Singleton
Moses and children called at the
Arnold Krueger home in Mt. Plea-
sant Christmas Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser had
the family at a Christmas party
Christmas Eve. Christmas Day
was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Mar-
ion Johnson.

NEW YEARS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders
and Miss Helen Saunders spent
some time this past week at their
cottage on Klinger Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McDonald
entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elwood
Shattuck at dinner Sunday. Mr.
and Mrs. Richard Lathrop, Sr.,
of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Lathrop, Jr., and girls of
Coral, Mich., were New Year's
Eve guests of the McDonalds.

Wednesday callers at the Blaine
Stansell home were Mr. and Mrs.
Milo Reynolds of Nevins Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz called
on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin
New Year's Night. Sunday call-
ers of the Martins were Mr. and
Mrs. Philip Mead and daughter.

Friends and neighbors wish to
extend heartfelt sympathy to the
family of Mrs. Clara Breuer, who
passed away Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ward are mov-
ing to Lansing this week.

Friday callers at the Chris Lar-
son home were Mr. and Mrs. Lew-
is Larson of Saginaw.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Ernest Courser were Mr. and Mrs.
Keith Thompson and boys.

NEWS NOTE

Elwyn Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs.
James Pitts, was reported much
better, after surgery at the Alma
Hospital last week.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

**In the
Editor's Mail****LETTER FROM
BLANCHE CLIFF**Ontario, Calif.
Dec. 21

Dear Connie:

After talking with Jessie Wiley
I thought I'd better write to you.
She thinks she may write, but
she is pretty busy and wanted to
know about all the Roe children.

You probably heard Ruth Wil-
ley and Lucile (Wiley) Withers
came back to Michigan the last
of October and brought me home
with them.

We went to Ludington and took
a boat across to Milwaukee, and
then a bus from there to Madison,
Wis., where Jean, the youngest
one, lives.

That is a pretty city, or at least
what we saw of it. We went from
there by plane to Seattle, where
Cliff Wiley lives. That is a beau-
tiful city, but a bit cold and
damp, but everything grows so
lush and thrifty.

From Cliff's we came to Los
Angeles by plane, and a friend
of Lucile's met us in a pouring
rain and took us to Lucile's at
Van Nuys. That's where the Wiley
family lived when they first came
out here.

Ruth's car was there, and she
drove us here to her home in On-
tario, Calif. Since coming home
she moved from an upstairs apart-
ment in one building to the
ground floor in another one. All
owned by the same people.

She was on her vacation, but
before she went back to work we
had some lovely drives. One day
she took me to San Diego to see
Anna Priestley, who taught in

Weidman years ago, and it was a
beautiful drive.

Do you remember Gordon Wiley?
He came down from Palo Alto
and Jessie came from Sacramento
and Ruth and I met them at Lu-
cile's. That was a treat for all of
us (unless it was Lucile, who had
the whole gang on her hands.)

They had told me we probably
would eat our Thanksgiving din-
ner outdoors, but we ate in the
house and had heat on all day.
They are talking the same for
Christmas.

Anyway, it's warmer than Mich-
igan, and today is lovely. We
shall see what Christmas brings.
I hope it's kind to you and all the
Weidman friends. I sure appreci-
ate all the cards and letters from
home.

Love and a Merry Holiday Sea-
son, from Blanche.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller of Grand
Rapids and Ruth Martin of Mt.
Pleasant were Saturday guests of
Mr. and Mrs. Lew Frantz.

Ina Gillette is getting settled in
her new home in Weidman. Her
telephone number is the same as
that she had on the farm, 3957.

Mrs. Leon McArthur expected to
enter Ford Hospital Thursday for
a checkup. Mr. and Mrs. Mc-
Arthur hoped to stay over night
at the home of their son, Ger-
ald, in Walled Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth
of Lansing were weekend guests of
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald
Middlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and
son, Paul, Jr., of Flushing and
Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim were New
Year's dinner guests of their par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scharrer.

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Walker Creek News

Mrs. Esther Stanley, Reporter

Pfc. Norman Vinton was the honored guest at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, at a supper and party Dec. 22. Guests at supper were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton, and his brother, James, of Eight Point Lake, James' fiancée, Priscilla Wixon of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman and Roger, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kent and Ron-da of Mt. Pleasant; Robert Austin of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Other guests, for the evening, were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wernette of Weidman and Larry Sebenick of Beal City.

Pfc. Vinton returned to Fort Sill, Okla., Dec. 30. His sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton, took him to Ann Arbor to his brother and sister-in-law's home, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton, Jr., on the 29th, where he spent the night, and left Willow Run Airport the following morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley entertained his parents, brothers and sisters and families at their Christmas party Dec. 27. Guests were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley, Rev. and Mrs. Russell J. Stanley and family of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley and family of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Moore, and David and Mary Lou, of Big Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and family of St. Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung of Beal City. After a bountiful dinner, they had a gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley were Christmas supper guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton of Eight Point Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman and Roger, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kent of Mt. Pleasant have been recent guests of the Donald Stanleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion were Christmas dinner guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dosenberry, Keith and Paul went to Grand Rapids Thursday to spend the day with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Anderson.

Mrs. Flora Van Sickle and John and Carla Dague were Christmas holiday guests of the former's granddaughter and husband, A-2C and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry, of Alexandria, La. They also went sight-seeing at New Orleans. They went by train from Grand Rapids.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller were his mother,

Mrs. Ethel McLean, her sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dague, and Sheila Nelson of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dague and Johnny and Carla, Mrs. Flora Van Sickle and Miss Sheila Nelson were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller.

Steven Miller took his fiancée, Miss Sheila Nelson, back to Kal-amazoo Sunday, to resume her studies and then returned to his studies at MSU at East Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Christmas Eve guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz, of Big Rapids, and enjoyed watching the grandchildren open their gifts Christmas morning. Mr. and Mrs. Dargitz and children had Christmas supper with the Denslows, also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin (Sharon) of Durand, and Jerry, Mary and Bonnie Corwin of Lennon were guests and stayed until Tuesday. Dale Denslow called from Fort Riley, Kansas, saying he would be in Grand Rapids Tuesday at 12 o'clock for a 20-day leave at home. The Dargitzes met him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Abbott and family were Sunday guests of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family were New Year's weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray, Christmas Day. Other guests were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ley, and sons, of Conklin, and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray entertained their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Maxel Gray, and daughter, Melody, and son, Vernon, and fiancée, Marilyn Perault, of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray, their grandson, and daughter Tamara of Lansing on Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and family and Clark and Floyd Sowle were Christmas dinner guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Lena St. John. Mrs. Jennie Pratt of Flint was a guest of Mrs. St. John from Tuesday night until Thursday.

Jack Pratt of Flint spent from Tuesday night till Thursday with his uncle, Clark (Red) Sowle.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler were Sunday evening guests of his uncle, H.O. Beutler, of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock were Christmas Day guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock were hosts at a family dinner Sunday for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and daughter, Deana, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill. They were also

guests on New Year's Day, the occasion also being Gary's birthday. Happy birthday, Gary!

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and son, Pat, of Grand Haven spent a week of the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck were Christmas dinner guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck returned to Mt. Pleasant Sunday to resume her studies at CMU.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middleworth of Weidman were Sunday evening guests of the Dillenbecks.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley spent Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, and family of Big Rapids. Their three sons, and their wives and families were Tuesday guests, and the boys enjoyed a day of rabbit hunting together. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

Moore of Big Rapids were New Year's guests. The Moores stayed for the weekend. David Moore returned home Saturday evening, and will resume his studies at Ferris Institute this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family were Christmas afternoon guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis. Miss Kay Leiter spent from Saturday till Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Wachowiak, and family of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Leiter's sister and husband, A-1C and Mrs. Max Kimball, left for Shallowater, Texas, Monday, where he is stationed in the Air Force.

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NEWS NOTE

New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen were their three sons and families, the Rev. Carl Allens of Lansing, the Alton Allens, Jr., of St. Louis, and the Ivan Allens of Weidman, and Mrs. Ivan Allen's grandmother, Mrs. Lyda Cole.

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