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Editor's Column

WE TAKE OUR HOLIDAY VACATION DEC. 24 TO 31

So the Messenger people will be on vacation after the December 23 issue is out, to resume work Saturday, Jan. 1.

Our faithful news writers will also take a vacation in the week Dec. 23 to 30, getting their letters in the mail as usual on Monday, Jan. 3, for the Jan. 6 issue.

The Christmas and New Year's editions are combined into one; and the last week of June and first week of July also are combined, giving us on the paper a breather twice a year.

So--to our news writers: Send news letters next week, mailing Dec. 20 for the Dec. 23 issue, but do not mail Dec. 27, as there will be no issue Dec. 30.

Do mail news letters Jan. 3, for the Jan. 6 issue.

Happy Holidays.

SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE IRKS MANY TAXPAYERS

The only reactions we heard on a questionnaire requesting "your" "choice" of school district-area reapportionment, received, we take it, by all residents of the Weidman School District, was plain old-fashioned anger.

We heard, "Who are They? No signature on the questionnaire, just 'return to Box 235, Weidman.'"

And, "It's a bunch of Them that want to force us where we maybe don't want to go."

And, "I don't want to go to Mt. Pleasant District, but I'm doggoned if I want to be sent just wherever They tell me!"

To this normal reaction of a heretofore free people we have only one point to make.

It's too late to object to anything They decide for any district. The Michigan State Legislature gave the State Education Department complete control of "reorganization" of all school districts, in any way it might choose.

Last summer we asked one of our legislators who happened to be in the Messenger office, "Why did the legislature DO such a thing?"

He hastily pointed out that he had voted against the bill, but that "the education forces were just too much for the legislature as a whole. They put the bill before the legislature long ago, the legislature turned it down, they just kept putting it before us, till finally they wore down

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WORK STARTED ON WEIDMAN POND TO DEVELOP NEW LAKE

Work was started Friday of last week by Douglas Hollabaugh's big machinery to develop the Weidman Mill Pond into Weidman Lake, a project that will make the old stump-ridden Pond a beautiful lake and the surrounding lands improved recreation lots.

Dirt movers and bulldozers at work on the Momany land near the north road on the edge of town had a fill project well under way, to create usable lake lots out of the cattail-growth infested swamp area.

By Saturday afternoon, the area had been cleaned off and enough dirt hauled to make an impressive beginning, with Ruth Momany's beautifully landscaped home giving onlookers from the north road a marvelous view.

Ruth's extensive lawns, and her pine tree plantings on her private grounds are a pleasure now to all viewing it from afar.

Hollabaugh's project is extensive, with platting completed and showing widening of the Coldwater River at the north end of the Pond and lots laid out extending to the Don Alwood and Don Abbott places north of town.

Also included in the project is the land on the south side of the Mill Road east of the dam, where an ancient barn will be removed and lots laid out there and along the river below the dam.

It is understood a golf course is planned on lands east of Weidman Lake.

The Weidman Business Association has taken steps to secure a lot for the public's use, on the east side of the lake, probably near the Mill Road. It will be a public beach, with facilities for launching boats, and good swimming. Thus the lake will not be closed to the public's enjoyment, with the Weidman Business Association buying this lot.

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DOROTHEA STRAUS COMING HOME FROM HOSPITAL AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT INJURIES

Mrs. Harold Straus (Dorothea) was expected to be home from CMC Hospital about Wednesday after suffering multiple fractures of the left ankle and multiple head lacerations in an auto accident Saturday.

Dorothea was a passenger in a car driven by Virginia Baxter, on her way to visit her daughter, Betty, in the Midland Hospital for treatment of a leg injury suffered last year at school.

The accident occurred on M-20 and the Wise Road, when a car driven by Irene Kriesche of Shepherd pulled out in front of

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How Reorganization Would Affect School Districts

HOW THE MICHIGAN K-12 LAW WORKS (From the Detroit Free Press, of Dec. 11, 1965.)

Ottawa Dictates on Schools

Voters Left Little Choice

HUDSONVILLE — Ottawa County's school district reorganization committee has dictated to taxpayers how they will be allowed to vote on complying with the new Michigan K-12 Law, which requires that every student be in a district with 12 grades.

Reorganization committees throughout Michigan have been commissioned to advise a State reorganization committee how counties should be divided into new school districts to meet the requirement. The deadline is Dec. 31.

A subcommittee of the reorganization group told approximately 100 persons in Hudsonville High School Thursday night how Hudsonville, Allendale, Bursley, Jenison and other fractional school districts in Ottawa County will be consolidated.

There is little chance that the committee's plan will be rejected in the countywide vote because the districts controversially assigned, and therefore most likely to oppose the plan, are less populated and will have a minority voice in the election.

Richard VanDorp, board member of Holland No. 36 District and chairman of the meeting, said the committee would not change its recommendations as the result of anything anyone said in public meetings.

The Hudsonville meeting was the first such meeting after a year of closed deliberation by the Ottawa Group. There will be two more meetings next week, one in Spring Lake Monday and a second in West Ottawa High School Tuesday.

VANDORP did not allow questions from the floor until selected written questions from

(Reprinted from last week's Barryton Press)

ISABELIA COUNTY

Weidman — Would become a part of the Barryton, Mecosta-Remus, Fouts and Maynard consolidation.

Barryton — Would become a part of a new consolidation consisting of Barryton, Mecosta-Remus, Weidman, Fouts and Maynard.

Mecosta-Remus — Would become a part of a new consolidation consisting of Barryton, Mecosta-Remus, Weidman, Fouts and Maynard.

Weidman — Would become a part of the Barryton, Remus-Mecosta, Fouts and Maynard consolidation.

PRIMARY DISTRICTS

Fouts — Would become a part of a new consolidation consisting of Barryton, Mecosta-Remus, Weidman, Maynard and Fouts.

Maynard — Would become a part of a new consolidation consisting of Barryton, Mecosta-Remus, Weidman, Fouts and Maynard.

the audience were answered.

Plans for Bursley and Allendale school districts drew the greatest attention from the audience. Bursley will become part of Jenison School District. Allendale will become part of Hudsonville District. Hudsonville has a high school, but Bursley and Jenison will have to build one.

Members of the committee said that two out of three persons surveyed by the Allendale school board were in favor of joining Hudsonville rather than Coopersville, the other nearby district with a high school.

When a member of the audience told the committee that of 90 Allendale High School students, only 30 chose to go to Hudsonville and the rest to Coopersville, committee members said they never had heard such figures discussed.

Members said they could not recall results of a survey taken in Bursley School District, where 75 percent of the taxpayers questioned by the school board said they went to Grandville for their church, business, shopping and school activities.

When a member of the audience tried to ask Jack Kalee, a member of the Jenison school board, how a high school could be built without an increase in

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Nov 4tf

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS--Poinsettias and Cyclamens will be available on order after Dec. 17. Wreaths for your door or for the cemetery, nicely made, beautifully decorated, ready now. The Flower Shop, Weidman, ph. 644-3941.

Dec. 9t3

WANTED--Handsaws, circle saws and knives, planer blades to sharpen. Pick up each Monday at Allen Lumber Co., Weidman. McCaman Sharpening Service, Barryton.

Dec. 9t4p

FOR SALE--A girl's blue winter coat in good condition. Size 10. Also a spring coat, same size. One mile east of Beal City.

Dec. 16t1

FOR SALE--Large country home on one-half acre, in Beal City School District. Small down payment. One mile from black top. Call 644-3567.

Dec. 2-16-23

Notice

Written applications for substitute or full-time bus drivers will be accepted any time between 8 o'clock a. m. through 5 p. m. at the Weidman Community School. Contact Ralph Turnbull, Superintendent.

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SMALL OR LARGE SEPTIC TANKS

CLEANED
500-gal. tank \$15; 750-gal. tank \$20; 1,000-gal. tank \$25.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN SEPTIC TANK SERVICE
Call Stan Phelps collect, Mt. Pleasant 772-9154, after 4 p. m. or call Don Smith, Weidman, 644-2224.

HOLIDAYS COMING UP--Each year the Messenger combines its Christmas and New Year's issues into one, and this year the holidays fall unhandily for us. This is notice to our faithful news writers that the Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 issues, for Christmas and New Year's, will be the combined issues. We want news for the Dec. 23 issue, but there will be no Messenger on Dec. 30. Usually the dates fall into December and January, but this year we're in December for both issues. Send your news for the Dec. 23 issue, but skip for Dec. 30. Write news for the Jan. 6, 1966, issue. We thank you. George and Connie.

OOPS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boucher, about whom we wrote last week, is California, not Arizona, we're informed by Mrs. Harold Straus.

Here's their address again:
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boucher,
34975 Avenue C, Yucaipa, California.

Wedding Invitations

STOP IN AND SEE OUR LOVELY

BOOKS OF PRINTED SAMPLES.

Weidman Messenger

By Appointment after 6 p. m.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended a Deer Hunters' dinner and dance at Remus Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO meeting at Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening.

Kent Gray and Mr. Kelly of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday guests of Elwood Miller, for some rabbit hunting.

Rick Wood was a Sunday dinner guest of his parents, the Howard Woods. Afternoon guests were Mrs. Emily Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham and Sue and Howard, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson served a venison supper to six couples at their home Saturday evening. On Sunday they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson on a trip to Lake City. Benn's brother, Duane, has been sent to Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family were Saturday overnight guests of Mrs. Joan Cochran and Micky.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Dent and granddaughter, Cherri Johnson, were Saturday overnight guests of the Chuck Roberts family at Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Dent and Mrs. Emily Wood called at the Crittenden Funeral Home Sunday evening to pay respects to Mrs. Edna Diehm.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson were Sunday evening guests of the Gerry Dents. Harry Dent stayed Saturday night with his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Mrs. Ellen Thompson attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Mary Beutler Thursday afternoon. This was their Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin called on a relative in the Saginaw Hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller called on her sister, Mrs. Della Eddy, and George, at Saranac, Wednesday. They found them well and in good spirits.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Dent, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow were among those who attended the Elwood Millers' Silver Wedding Open House Sunday afternoon at Weidman.

Mrs. Rosie Hogen was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Jessie Rosencrantz. Sunday callers were Harold and Ron Losey, Gerald Losey, Clayton and Gary Dutcher, Mrs. Aletha Chaffee, and Anna, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and Harold and Ron Losey were dinner guests.

Mrs. Ollie Strong was a Thursday evening guest of Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Edwin Bierschbach of Detroit was a guest of the Joe Martin family from Thursday through Sunday.

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SOUTHWEST

Gilmore

Verna Seymour, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin called at the Norman Buchel home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wendel and children of Flint spent Saturday night with their dad, Claude Wendel, at the farm.

Miss Patty McDonald spent Monday night with Laraine Buchel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kent of Maple Rapids visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent, and Joyce, Sunday.

Kenny Seymour got his knee hurt Friday night while playing basketball. Don took him to a doctor in Mt. Pleasant.

Rain, Rain, go away, and come back next summer when it is a wful dry.

Harley Beck of Farwell spent Sunday with his sister and family, the Don Seymours.

Last Week

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood called at the Alvin Wood home on Wednesday and also called to see Elam Seymour on their way home.

Almond Spencer of Barryton called at the Elam Seymour home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Karthas and three children of Wayne spent Saturday and Sunday at the Don Seymour home, and Bill did a little deer hunting, but no luck.

C.H. Gates called Sunday to see Elam Seymour.

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WBA ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

At its regular monthly meeting last week, the Weidman Business Association elected officers for 1966.

Ed Fox was elected president, Elmer Abendroth vice-president, Mitchell McArthur secretary and Clarence Dillenbeck was re-elected treasurer for another year.

Santa Claus will be in Weidman beginning at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, to give kiddies his usual gifts of candy. He will be at the corner in the middle of Weidman's business street, as usual.

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NEWS NOTES

Clyde Beutler, Ernest Schmidt, Louis Bowen, and Oliver House attended the funeral of Otto Larsen, supervisor of Rolland Township, at Edmore, Sunday.

Small Sharri Branson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson, returned from CMC Hospital Saturday, recovering from pneumonia.

Local Items

Aisher Dent and Annette Sherman visited Mrs. Katie Aquino in Vestaburg last Wednesday. They also visited Mrs. Cynthia Youngs while there. They called on Mrs. Ezra Snyder in Mt. Pleasant last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carroll of Detroit, and three children spent Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. Vada Carroll.

Tom Flower, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower, suffered an injured knee in the basketball game Saturday night at Ludington. Tom injured his left knee last February in another game, and now has his right knee incapacitated. He is out of school till the middle of this week, when doctors will diagnose whether it was a sprained ligament or pulled cartilage. If it is a cartilage sprain, Tom will undergo surgery.

Andy Nolan of Mt. Pleasant and brother, Butchy, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their grandfather, Lew Frantz.

Mrs. Ina Gillette visited her son, Raymond, in St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing last Wednesday. Raymond was improving, after suffering a stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. Fey Johnson also called. The occasion was the birthdays of Charles, and Tim and John, and Jane Johnson, all occurring this month. Lunch was served honoring the birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham and family of Bay City spent the weekend with their step-mother, Mrs. Leo Wood.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon during the week were Tony Frayre and friend of St. Louis, and Minnie Flaughner, on Saturday. Rosie Hogen and Raymond Flaughner were also Saturday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Art Preston of St. Louis were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and family spent the weekend at Wolverine, at the Grand Opening of their son's and brother's new business establishment, the Wolverine Hotel and restaurant of Wayne Smith.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer called on Mrs. Ethel McLean Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer called on Mrs. Leon Haight Sunday. Mrs. Haight was home after a week's stay in the Clare Hospital.

Blanche Cliff and Emma Middleworth served coffee to relatives of Kenneth Drallette after the funeral last Friday, at the home of Miss Cliff. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin (Dee Ann) of Pottsville, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Drallette and Michelle and Lynn of Clare; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hobart of Detroit;

Mrs. Edith Pingatore of Rosebush; Mr. and Mrs. George DeVries and Mrs. Marion Brown of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Winnifred Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gingery of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scott of Mt. Pleasant; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley of Vassar.

LOST--Timex wrist watch, at Weidman School. Finder please notify Dicky Skinner, 5th grade Weidman School, or call 644-3691. Dec. 16th

WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

SERVICEMAN'S ADDRESS

Eddie Miller will not be home for Christmas, as far as we know now. Maybe friends and relatives would like to send him a Christmas card. His address: Pvt. Cloyd E. Miller, US-55826358, 1st Plt., Co. A, 2nd Bn., 2nd BDE, Fort Ord, Calif. 93341.

ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips entertained their club Saturday evening at their home.

Pepper was played, and nice prizes won. Herb Yuncker and Blanche Schafer won high score, Bill Schafer and Ella Yuncker won low, and Isadore Schafer won pepper prize.

Mrs. Phillips served a nice lunch later in the evening.

The next club meeting will be after the busy holidays.

Sunday evening callers at the Joe Bleise home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welch and family of Coldwater Lake spent a few days recently in Indiana. While there they attended the wedding of Mrs. Welch's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer held a pre-Christmas dinner at their home Sunday. All the children attended, to bid their brother, Harry Schafer, farewell, as he left for the Armed Services Dec. 15. Doug Struble and Ralph Melinowski also were leaving, from this area.

Harold Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Gross, left Saturday for his advance training in the Navy at Bainbridge, Md. The family had several get-togethers and pre-Christmas dinners while Harold was home.

Baby Donald Francis, new son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise, was baptized a week ago Sunday at the Beal City church. Mr. and Mrs. Al Bush of Illinois were his godparents.

Paula Abbott worked at the John Johnson home last week. Mrs. Johnson is getting along fairly well, with the cast on her back.

This reporter wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She is having trouble

finding enough time from her busy routine with her family, to call many for news. With Christmas news coming up, she would appreciate people's calling in their news ahead of time, because of the paper being combined into one during the holidays.

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Nottawa

Amelia Wieber, Reporter

Ragolt Hauck has bought the Mike Pasch home in Beal City. Walter Smith, of east of Beal City, has bought the Mary Ulrich home.

Kenneth Wawersik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wawersik, came home last Saturday. He left for the Army Oct. 5. He was stationed in Fort Knox, Ky. He will be home two weeks, and will spend Christmas with his folks. He spent Monday forenoon with his grandmother, Amelia Wieber.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Coughlin of Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. John Faber left Tuesday for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Louise Riley is in Mt. Pleasant Hospital. She underwent surgery last week Tuesday for gallstones. She expects to be home some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faber spent a week ago Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kremsreiter and Richard. The Kremsreiters were both feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Riley of Mt. Pleasant are staying with his mother, Louise Riley. They have another baby boy. They will soon move to Lansing, where he is working at the Olds plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Faber spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Faber.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and boys are leaving Sunday for Pinnellas Park, Florida. They will be gone till the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Tex Schafer.

Art Yuncker and Harry Wilson spent a while Sunday with Fred Yuncker.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Yuncker are spending some time in Durand with her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahlers and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with his folks, the Ted Ahlers.

THE Weidman Messenger

Gives you more news of your home area than any other newspaper in Central Michigan.

That's why readers say, "It really IS Better Than a Letter!"

the Churches

WEIDMAN METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Williams Reynders, Pastor

There will be a Candle-lighting service in the Weidman Methodist Church at 7.30 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Deerfield Center Church will have its Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7.30 p. m. The entire Sunday School will take part in this impressive service, which is entitled, "The World Needs a Savior."

A group from the Deerfield Church will go Christmas caroling Wednesday, Dec. 22, meeting at the church at 6.30 p. m. and returning to the church after caroling, for cocoa and cookies. There will be no Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings Dec. 19 and 26, or Jan. 2, because of other activities.

The monthly Fellowship Dinner will be Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Weidman Church, at 12.30 p. m., immediately following the service. This is a little earlier than usual, to allow some to attend other functions in the afternoon.

Christmas Eve Communion services will be held in both the Weidman and Deerfield Churches, from 7 to 7.30 p. m. in Deerfield and from 8 to 8.30 p. m. in Weidman. Anyone desiring to receive Communion may enter the church quietly during this time, to be served, and leave when they wish.

Both churches are remembering families at Christmas with food, clothing and toys, and items may be brought to the church any time before Dec. 21.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT PINE GROVE TABERNACLE

A Christmas program featuring a play, "Christmas Inasmuch," will be presented at the Pine Grove Tabernacle Dec. 19, at 8 p. m. There also will be recitations and carols. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend.

A very sincere big Thank You for all. Rev. Jay Dobben.

P. S. --Wishing you and your husband a very sincere Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanking you for all your kindnesses and considerations toward our church this past year. Sincerely yours, Rev. Jay Dobben.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
The Christmas Program of the Weidman Baptist Church will be held this next Sunday evening, Dec. 19, at 7.30 p. m.

The Young People will have a Christmas party with a supper at the parsonage at 5 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 19. Ages are from 13 to 25 in this group.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Congratulations to the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Loraine (Jake) Conley!

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday at the Weidman School cafeteria. Among those attending from this community were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller and Mary Lou, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry.

Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis, were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Teresa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and daughters and Mrs. Myrtle Wachoviak and family visited in the afternoon.

We are sorry to hear that the one-year-old daughter, Jean Ann, of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, is in Community Hospital at Mt. Pleasant with pneumonia. She was admitted Saturday night, and was put in an oxygen tent.

Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake called on his brother, Ira, at the Warren Leiter home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed visited Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood of Weidman. The Thompsons were in Barryton Friday, where Hazen had a checkup with his doctor and had to go to Remus to get a prescription filled. Mrs. Thompson said it was hard driving in the rain.

Mrs. Mabel Allen was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Ethel McLean, and they visited Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller in the evening. Mrs. McLean went with her sister, Mrs. Helen Geasler, to Mt. Pleasant Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Warren Leiter and daughter, Valerie, and Mrs. Charles Loomis and son, Danny, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wachoviak, and family of Mt. Pleasant Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley attended the Christmas party for the Home and Training School employees of Cottage 12 Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kent of Mr. Pleasant were hosts.

Howard Monroe called on Gilbert Wark in Weidman Thursday.

Clayton Miller brought a load of wood to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe visited Mrs. Mary Emmons Thursday. They attended prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carr Thursday evening. Mrs. Ethel Bywater and Mrs. Emily Wood

were Friday evening guests.

Mrs. Lena St. John reports there were 26 ladies present at the Merry-Go-Round Club Christmas party at her home last Wednesday. She attended Farm Bureau meeting at the Albert Geasler home Friday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Schrock came home from Grand Rapids this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock, who spent the weekend at their cottage on Littlefield Lake. They returned to Grand Rapids Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock were Sunday dinner guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock, and family. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Rodney (Loretta) Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler visited his sister, Mrs. Harold Straus, at Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening. Mrs. Straus was hurt in an auto accident recently.

Bonnie Emmons spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Mr. and Mrs. Emmons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lane of Grand Rapids Friday. Mrs. Emmons has the flu at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Kate Darnell and daughter, Mrs. Marie Lloyd, were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky. Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky attended Farm Bureau meeting at Albert Geasler's Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Mrs. Russell Stanley accompanied Mrs. Harry Dosenberry to Clare Friday, and they visited the former's father, Andrew Irwin, Sr., at the Ardis Rest Home in Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City and David Moore of Saginaw were Sunday dinner guests of the Stanleys. Debbie Pung spent Friday night with her grandparents. David was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wawersik Saturday night. He was glad to see Kenneth Wawersik, who is home on furlough.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and son, Ralph, Mrs. Pearl Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Abbott and son, Larry, and Mrs. Wyona Risdon of Blanchard, Mrs. Eva Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz, and family of Big Rapids. Little Jill Dargitz has chicken pox.

Mrs. Denslow reports they heard from their son, Dale, this week, and he wrote that he would go on another mission soon.

In the flurry and hurry of Christmas, let's not forget our boys "Over There." Anyone care to send a Christmas card air mail to Dale, he will still get it before

Christmas. His address is: Sp4 Dale Denslow US55772474, Co. A, 1st Batt., 28th Inf., 1st Div., APO San Francisco 96345. Merry Christmas!

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Gerald Hein and Roderick Nicholson spent one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hein of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Montgomery and children of Coleman spent Sunday with Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and family and Ed Turner of Mt. Pleasant were also callers.

Adam Handy and mother, Mrs. Frances Handy, of Evart, and Roderick Nicholson had dinner Thursday with Mrs. Maycie Cook.

The Lutheran Ladies' Aid met Wednesday of last week with Mrs. E. R. Rhode, as their Christmas meeting and singing. A lovely lunch was enjoyed. Several older members were honored with poinsettia plants. They were Lydia and Vida Lueder, Mrs. Mary and Maycie Cook, and Mrs. E. Rhode. Some of them have been members since the Aid was organized years ago.

Miss Mary Richardson spent last Dec. 4 with her sister, Mrs. Robert Cook, helping her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eldred of Remus called on their aunt, Mrs. Maycie Cook, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs and families all enjoyed a family dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher Sunday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Charlotte Hart visited Mrs. Ruby Douglas Monday.

Tuesday callers at the Paul Cole home were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Ruby Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ty Strong and daughter of rural Barryton visited her grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mull of Blanchard were Friday supper guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas attended the Rebekah card party at Weidman last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wardwell Monday. Fred isn't a bit well. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart are driving a new car.

Lena Cole was called to the home of Hugh Douglas Friday after Hugh had suffered a setback in health.

Mrs. Ellsworth Rodney baby-sat for Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler of Barryton visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Tuesday. Wendell Sisco called on the Geaslers this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family took a trip to Vanderbilt to see the elk.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and family of Vassar had dinner with Mrs. Ewing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ewing and son, Dennis, and Mrs. Ewing's brother, Garland Graper, and family of Saginaw, spent the weekend at the Ewing cottage at Cedar Bay Lodge, Littlefield Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on them Sunday afternoon.

Merry Christmas to all.

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Local Items

Leon McArthur was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of his brother and family, the Richard Spragues.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler called on the Jim Beutler family of Vernon Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner are the proud parents of a son, born at CMC Hospital Dec. 10.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Oligney and family of Otis Air Base, Buzzards Bay, Mass.

Geoffrey Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen, was suffering from measles the first of the week.

Mrs. Lydia Snider was a Saturday supper guest at the Gary Sprague home.

Terry, Dan and Marilyn Powell of rural Mt. Pleasant spent last Wednesday night with their grandmother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy, of Harrison, Sunday.

Ben Elkins of Remus was a last Wednesday afternoon visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bailey. Saturday afternoon and supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Krumm of Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sutton and Christine Bruce of Ashley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sprague and family. Carl Nass of Ashley was an afternoon caller.

Mrs. Herbert Lawrence of Horse head Lake was a Monday guests of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and Ralph were last Wednesday supper guests of Mrs. Leo Wood.



MR. AND MRS. ELWOOD MILLER--On the happy occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary which their children, Janice and George observed with Open House for them at the Weidman School Sunday afternoon. Their very many friends gathered to offer congratulations and best wishes.



CPL. GERALD D. JUDGE--Cpl. Judge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Judge of Winn, and has been stationed in the Da Nong area of Viet Nam since June, serving with the 9th Marine Regiment. He has participated in several "search and clear" operations, and also numerous patrols, day and night, in the same area. His address is: Cpl. Gerald D. Judge, 2058585 US-MC, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines F Company, 1st Platoon, c-o FPO San Francisco, Calif., 99601

NEWS NOTE

The Weidman Ladies' Club had their Christmas party at The Embers Monday evening. About 20 members were expected to attend.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., entertained with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings Sunday, Dec. 12. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and family and Mrs. Gene Flachs and children of Remus, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and family of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe were recent callers. George and Percy Secord were Wednesday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Van Ocker of Lansing and two children spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Katie McDaniel, and family.

Mrs. Mary Beutler entertained the Busy Bees at their annual Christmas party and gift exchange last Thursday afternoon. There were 15 ladies and three children present.

Mrs. Nora Secord and son, George, were Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock Thursday. They attended the 25th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller at the Weidman School Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin

spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leward Smith.

Joe and William Ockert had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Dean and Nancy drove to Detroit Friday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker of Ortonville. They brought their daughter, Anna, home with them to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays, home from her studies at the college.

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Two Rivers

Mrs. Singleton Moses, Reporter

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Nate Briting of Forest Hill. Everyone enjoyed the programs on the Britings' new color television.

Louis Baker is still in the hospital, where they are treating an

ulcer in his stomach. Reports are that as yet there is not much improvement, but we all hope Mr. Baker is better soon.

Chris Larson reports he is being kept quite busy helping people select their Christmas trees from the many available on his tree farm.

Chuck Martin called at the Moses home Sunday afternoon. Singleton was home several days last week with a sore wrist and arm. Mrs. Moses and children called on her mother, Mrs. Lovica Krueger, in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday evening.

Edward Wlasuk of Detroit called at the Moses home recently. He also called on several other friends in the area. It has been seven years since Eddie had visited in this locality, and said he was surprised at the many changes that had taken place.

Mrs. Ernest Courser, Mrs. Edwin Courser and Mrs. Keith Thompson spent Saturday in Flint.

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The Mass on Christmas Eve will be at midnight, as usual. This year the Mass will be in English, with the special Christmas Mass music. Christmas carols will be sung with a choir leading, for a half hour before the Mass.

Christmas Day the Masses will be at 7, 8.30 and 10.30 a. m.

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. Henry Hulbert, Pastor

The Forest Hill Church of God will present its Christmas program at 8 p. m. Dec. 19.

The church is fortunate indeed to have the outstanding talent that we have in our little country church. The inspiring programs that have come forth from the church, and the different ways the Gospel has been presented in the past, have made a name for the church in the community.

Again this year we shall endeavor to put forth the Gospel of Christ in such a manner that you will receive a glorious blessing from being in the service.

We invite you to come and be with us. Sit down, relax and forget the troubles and trials of the world. As you watch the Gospel being put forth from the platform, and let His Holy Spirit work and dwell in your heart at this Christmas season.

Come and worship with us.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

(Published in this paper through the courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Robert Richard West and wife to Joseph B. West and wife, pt. ne ne sec. 31, Nottawa.

Oscar Norman and wife to Leeward Nile Smith and Veronica, sw sw sec. 36, Broomfield.

Central Land Development Corp to Dale C. Redburn and wife, pt. of Govt. Lot 2, sec. 20, Gilmore.

Mildred Smith to Robert M. Hull and wife, pt. sw se, sec. 35, Broomfield.

Edward Gross and wife to Joseph J. Marchiando and wife, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, Gross Park Heights, Nottawa.

Earl R. House and wife to Melvin L. Andrus and wife, pt. of Govt. Lot 2, sec. 20, Gilmore.

Charlie C. Cernek et al to Robert E. Stites and wife, Lot 32, Hiawatha Hills, Deerfield.

Kenneth Bollman and wife to James Godre et al, Lot 38, Bayou Vista No. 2, Gilmore.

Lee T. Navarre and wife to O. Delmar Geasler and wife, se of

sec. 29; s 1/2 of ne, sec. 29, Coldwater.

Joseph Tilmann and Ella to Earl C. Tilmann and Lucille E., pt. nw nw sec. 3, Deerfield.

James A. Torpey to Willard Thelen and wife, pt. ne ne, sec. 24, Deerfield.

Glenn J. Brown and wife to Earl N. Ewing and wife, pt. se se, sec. 18, Gilmore.

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GLADWIN COUNTY MAKES NEW YORK MUSEUM

Col. Charles H. Roe sent his sister, Mrs. George Skinner, a description of a showing of wild-life in the New York Museum of Natural History in September, in which beavers were shown active on Hoister Creek, Gladwin State Game Refuge, Gladwin County, Michigan.

In the scene were lady's slipper, a native orchid; white-tailed doe and fawns in distance; great blue heron and Big Brown Bat.

Only the beaver are actual, Col. Roe writes, and they are the real animals from Michigan, stuffed. All others were painted on the background.

It was very realistic, with plants, trees, and so on, showing our native Michigan.

We on the Messenger had never heard of the Big Brown Bat. Can any of our readers enlighten us?

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

We finally got here in Florida. When we left home, the sun was shining but it was cool. We visited our son's family in Chicago, then drove to Gallipolis, O., where we stayed overnight at a motel.

Next day we drove to Ripley, West Virginia, and spent about six hours with my cousin, Fred Stone. Then we went to Blacksburg, Va., and stayed with our friends, the G. V. Phillips family. He is a blind Veteran with whom my husband took training for the blind in Chicago last winter. They took us out to supper two nights while we were there. They also took us sightseeing and over to Roanoke and all over Virginia. We had a nice time, and left there Sunday morning, taking Highway 11 down to Bristol, Tenn. Then Highway 411 through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The leaves were just turned, and the mountains were beautiful, all colors of the rainbow. We were sometimes 4,000 feet up, and you look down and you can't believe it is so beautiful if you didn't see it.

We only made 244 miles that Sunday, going through the Park. Monday we arrived in Zephyrhills, Florida. We had beautiful weather all the way. It was 86 degrees here the other day.

Will be thinking of you people

up there in the cold in Michigan. People all around us here. We live in a trailer park, and everyone is real friendly here. We meet folks from Grand Rapids, New York State, Iowa State, Mason, Mich., and Mancelona. They are pretty near from every state.

Altogether, we drove 2,481 miles from the time we left home till we got here in the park.

As ever,
Melvin and Dora Ockert.

Dear Connie and George:

Well, we arrived at Zephyrhills, Florida, Nov. 9. We came the Great Smoky Mountains National Park way, and it was just beautiful. The trees were all different colors, and we were up 4,000 feet elevation. You just go around and around. The road you just came up was about 500 feet below you.

We are settled in Winter's Trqiler Park. About 84 percent of the people here are from Michigan. Everyone here is just wonderful friendly and nice.

Mr. Winter, the man who owns the park, introduces all the new people. Some have been here 14 and 15 years. The Winters have owned it for 14 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters have a boy 18 years old and a girl 16. Mr. Winters is breaking in his son so he can take over when he retires. There is a Grandpa Winters who also lives here.

For Christmas dinner, everyone takes a dish to pass, and Mr. Winter furnishes the ham. For Thanksgiving dinner one pays \$1, which is cheap.

Connie, it sure is wonderful down here. It has been in the 70s and 80s here every day. It was 76 degrees here yesterday.

We drove to Lakeland and saw the Tigers' Stadium there.

It has only rained one day in the two weeks we have been here.

Connie, you and George should come down. I bet you'd love it here.

As ever,
Melvin and Dora Ockert,
Winter's Park

School Mergers

Isabella County's 18-man committee for school reorganization made its decision on county schools at a meeting Monday night at Mt. Pleasant.

Facing a year-end deadline to hold public hearings, adopt the plan, and submit it to the state, the committee voted to have county school superintendent James A. Knapp ask for a 30-day extension of the time limit. Knapp indicated this morning, after talking to a state reorganization committee member, that he will prepare a formal request for a 15-day extension.

Under the proposal approved last night, Beal City, Shepherd, and Mt. Pleasant would remain as high school districts in the county, and Blanchard and Weidman would merge into high school districts in adjoining counties.

Beal City representatives at last night's meeting were not entirely happy that their district according to the committee plan will remain in existence. They recognize their district is short of the state's suggested minimum requirements, and they had hoped Weidman would come their way instead of going to the west.

But the Mecosta - Osceola study committee already had included Weidman in a three-way

consolidation with Barryton and Mecosta - Remus. That left Beal City standing alone, unwilling to jump either to the west with Weidman - Barryton - Mecosta Remus, or to the east with Mt. Pleasant.

When the Isabella study committee voted, 11-3, to go along with the Mecosta - Osceola proposal regarding Weidman, Beal City board member Matt Engler remarked, "You've decided the fate of two communities in five minutes of thought."

Engler joined Beal City board president Victor Pohl and county intermediate school board chairman Herb Travis in opposing Weidman's becoming a part of the proposed three-way consolidation. At a meeting of the 18-man group July 19, Engler proposed a "Chippewa Valley School" of 1,300 enrollment composed primarily of the merged Weidman and Beal City districts.

They indicated a number of Weidman district residents may want to transfer to Beal City because of this, so Engler included in his motion that the Beal City district be composed of the present district, Deerfield No. 9, and the property that Weidman residents transfer to Beal City

EAST

Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Latham and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family Friday evening. Jim Latham also called. Clarence Hatt, who is stationed in the Navy in Florida, also called. Mr. and Mrs. Olger were in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon and called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley.

Harold Skinner called on Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard and also his uncle, George Hamilton, Monday evening on his way home from work.

Ellen Geasler, Nora Geasler, Frances Beck, Mattie Longton and Flossie Forbes attended the Merry-Go-Round Club meeting at the home of Lena St. John. Twenty-four members were present. Next month's meeting will be at the home of Nora Geasler.

Not much news this week. Everyone getting cookies and the trims ready for Christmas, along with sewing, so that means everyone sticking around the house.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

The Brinton Community Christmas party will be Dec. 23 at the hall. This will be a pot-luck evening dinner. Anyone wishing to take part in the gift exchange is welcome. We hope for a large crowd and a nice evening together.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley.

Everyone present enjoyed the oyster supper with the Albert Geasler family Friday evening. After the business meeting there was a gift exchange. The Farm Bureau Group meets at the Louis Bowen home Jan. 14, 1966.

The Taggart Oil Drilling Company has taken the derrick and left the Bert Pifer farm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox attended the funeral of a friend in Saginaw Monday.

Flossie and Bessie Forbes attended the card party at Kit Johnson's home in Weidman last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Lee spent Saturday with his father, Mr. Lee, and Bessie Forbes. The Lees are leaving for four months in Florida.

J. C. Husted spent the weekend with his son, Raymond.

Clarence Hatt and wife and two children are visiting at the Raymond Husted home. Clarence is in the Navy, and has a furlough till after Christmas.

John McRoberts of Ithaca was a Thursday visitor at the Bert Estes home.

Carl and Ellen Geasler spent Friday evening with the Forrest Graham family. Mrs. Linda Measel, daughter of the Grahams, is taking a five-week IBM key-

punch course at a business college in Saginaw. Her husband is a serviceman located in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Tower and baby of Farwell were Sunday visitors at the Walter Tower home.

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North Weidman

Wanda Graham, Helen Alwood Reporters

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BETH ANN McCLAIN

Mrs. George McClain, Jr., was hostess at a birthday party last Friday afternoon, honoring her daughter, Beth Ann.

Beth Ann's guests spent an enjoyable afternoon and were dinner guests. Feature of the dinner was a beautiful cake made by Daisy Embrey, with ice cream and all the birthday trimmings.

Beth Ann's guests included Becky Leiter, Patty Losey, Katie Houghton, Colleen Clark, Vonnie Allen, and Rhonda Riggle.

Several ladies from this area attended a pink and blue shower in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday, honoring Mrs. Clayton Miller, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lois Knollenberg. A lovely luncheon was served, and Mrs. Miller received many beautiful gifts.

Mrs. John Gott, Mrs. Laura Latham, Mrs. Meryl Graham, Mrs. Don Alwood and Cathy attended the annual Christmas Party of the Merry-Go-Round Club, at the home of Mrs. Lena St. John, Thursday.

Steve Mahon attended the Junior High basketball game at the Weidman School with Bill Alwood Thursday evening, and was an overnight guest at the Alwood home.

Brenda and Donald Embrey of Farwell spent Monday with their grandfather, Roy Adams, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Embrey, went Christmas shopping in Traverse City. They were dinner and supper guests at the Dave Adams home.

Mrs. Ella Adams was ill with flu last week, and missed a few days of work at the State Home.

Mrs. Don Alwood and Cathy called on Mrs. Bob Kaninsky in Blanchard last Friday afternoon. The ladies had not seen each other for three years, and really enjoyed visiting. Barbara reports that Bill Kaninsky is at the new Medical Building in Mt. Pleasant and is enjoying his therapy treatments. It has been seven years since his stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and David of Riverdale, Al Gott of Winn and Bessie Allen and Dick Gott of Farwell called on their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott received word Sunday that their son, Carl, of Altona, entered CMC Hospital with pneumonia.

Pvt. Kenneth Waters and Pvt.

Richard Embrey of Fort Knox, Ky., are expected home for the Christmas holidays.

Ward Dell spent Friday with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy, of Harrison. In the evening he called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and watched tv and enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garold Latham Sunday afternoon.

Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett Saturday. Sunday visitors were their son, Bud, and Stanley, Wilma and Elizabeth Jean. Monday their daughter, Carol Johnson, surprised her Mom with a lovely birthday gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and family called on the Lionel Block family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood and family of Clare were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden enjoy-

ed a venison fry and an evening of playing cards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Straus Saturday.

Mrs. Dorothy Carman and Berdine called on Mrs. Wanda Graham Sunday afternoon.

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NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born Dec. 12 at the Clare Hospital. The little lady weighed eight pounds, 6 3/4 ounces, and has been named Deborah. The seven Leiter children are staying with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott, until mother and baby come home.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ivan Allen spent last Wednesday with Miss Eleanor Rooks, an old friend, in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler attended a band concert at the Mt. Pleasant High School Friday evening. Their grandson, Mark Johnston, of Rosebush, was a member of the Junior High Band.

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HOW MICHIGAN K-12 LAW WORKS

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taxes. VanDorp said the subcommittee would not allow interruptions.

VANDORP was asked whether the subcommittee would act on a request before the reorganization committee from the Bursley school board to release Bursley from Ottawa County so that the district could be attached to Grandville School District. He said no action would be taken on the request.

The Bursley school board has tried three times this year to get permission from the Ottawa County Intermediate Board of Education to hold an annexation election for consolidation with Grandville.

The school board either has ignored the requests or induced the State superintendent of education to refuse permission for the election, according to observers.

VanDorp said the county as a whole rather than individual school districts will have to vote on the plan drawn up by the reorganization committee. The state law allows either this method or annexation elections such as sought by Bursley.

Asked why, VanDorp said there would be a county-wide vote because the committee split up a couple of fractional districts. Asked if taxpayers in the districts were given any voice in the action, he said he did "not see how that applies."

Asked why taxpayers were not allowed to attend meetings when decisions on their districts were being made, VanDorp said the committees had talked to many people. Asked to name anyone from Allendale or Bursley with whom they met, members of the subcommittee would not.

Editor's Column

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the majority and got it in. The education lobby is probably the strongest in the state and nation."

We don't feel that this excuses the legislature, but we do point out that it is too late. You have lost your vote in the Weidman District, as you will not be permitted to vote only in the Weidman District, but only in such a district comprised of several districts, singly or together larger than the Weidman District.

Eighteen men from each county are supposed to decide where you will send your children, and to what greatly enlarged district you will pay your taxes.

We note, however, that the Mecosta-Oceola "Intermediate Board" has decided that Weidman will be included in the Barryton-Remus-Mecosta and others district, according to last week's Barryton Press.

COMING HOME AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

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Virginia's car on M-20. The resulting collision rendered the Baxter car a total loss.

Also in Virginia's car were four children, Billy and Mary Ellen Baxter, and Danny and Kerry Wilmot, who were unhurt. Virginia was treated at the hospital for shock and released.

Harold Straus, Dorothea's husband, was riding with Clayton Beutler behind Virginia's car, and the two men walked up to the wrecked vehicle, to find Harold's wife badly injured.

Dorothy was given emergency treatment at the hospital and admitted for repair of the facial and head cuts and her fractured ankle.

She is expected to be home, however, this week, wearing a walking cast.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Harry Hauck family spent Sunday at Fowler.

Miss Gertrude Grodski of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday at the Louise Smith home.

Louise Smith spent Wednesday afternoon with Billy and Irene Smith. Billy was not feeling well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ulrich of Detroit spent the weekend around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung entertained their club Thursday evening. Prizes were won by Bob Schafer and Bethel Schafer, high scores, Steve Simmer and Theresa Gross low, with Norman Gross having the loners.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frisbie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and family Sunday.

The Twenty Grand Club held their Christmas party at the Coldwater Lake Bar Friday evening. All reported a good time.

Ruth Ann Schafer spent Tuesday evening and Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pantenburg are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer and family spent the weekend with Mrs. John E. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp moved into their new home in Beal City the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer of Alma spent Friday evening at the Tomy Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Abbie Grace of Carson City, sister of Mrs. Will Pung and Joe Keefer, died Saturday night at the Golden Acres Home in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Sunday evening at the Tony Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Neller of St. Johns spent from Friday night till Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Leona Simmer.

Mrs. Charles Schafer called on Mrs. Leona Simmer Sunday evening. ---0---

SILVER WEDDING RECEPTION WELL ATTENDED

The Silver Wedding Open House reception for Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller Sunday was very well attended, despite heavy rain all day. The nicely-arranged party was sponsored by the Millers' daughter and son, Janice and George Miller.

The cafeteria at the Weidman School was bright and gay, shutting out the dismal day outside.

Elwood and Iola received many lovely gifts. Refreshments of punch, coffee, wedding cake and ice cream were served.

Their very many friends offer sincere congratulations.

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CARD PARTY

The regular sponsored Rebekah card party was held last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Catherine Johnson.

Prizes were won by Emmaline Woodin, first, Helen Alwood second, Eleanor Edmunds low, and Violet Oplinger pepper prize. Mae Fussman won the door prize. Lunch was served.

The next party will be at the home of Mrs. Johnson Dec. 21.

Weidman School's Honor Roll

(Reprinted from last week's Barryton Press)

The honor roll for Weidman Community School has been announced. The following students have maintained a B average or better for the 2nd six weeks marking period:

12th — Kathleen Brown, All A's, Nora Houghton, Joyce Kent Douglas MaArthur, Dan Suman and Dale Sprague.

11th — Kathleen Lueder and Karen Rhode.

10th — Mary Brown, Harry Dent, Charlene Gross, Steve Leiter, Rose Mary Millard, Andrea Spayd, Fred Sprague, Jane Suman, Lynn Ann Warner and Janice Wright.

9th — David Millard, Sharon Fox, all A's or A-, Bill Patterson and Gloria Wood.

8th — Wilma Aungst, Jennie Flower, Dan Leiter, Denton Lofgren, Ted Lueder, Linda McArthur, Melanie McClain, Bob Wilcox, Richard Starr, John Wood and Cathy Emery.

7th — Linda Aungst, Mary Beutler, Neil Brown, Anna Buchel, Cindy Courser, Rae Mason, Raye Patterson, Richard Recker and Marilyn Wise.

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