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In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

This is in reply to an article on the front page of the Dec. 14 issue of the Mt. Pleasant Times-News and partly reprinted in the Weidman Messenger. Some of the facts were very misleading in that article.

School census (ages 5-19) was stated as 668, but that number does not indicate the number of pupils in the public school. Beal City had 341 students in public school on count day in 1965. This is fewer than in the Weidman Public School.

Beal City should recognize the fact that if the State "guidelines" are to be met, they have a choice of going East or West. To endure as a separate high school district is preposterous.

Concerning Matt Engler's remark that "You've decided the fate of two communities in 5 minutes of thought" that fate was decided long ago. On June 7, 1958 to be exact, when Weidman voted to reject the consolidation of Beal City and Weidman by a vote of 467 NO to 84 YES. Beal City also turned down the same proposal 2-1.

On July 21, 1961 when Weidman voted to accept the consolidation of Remus - Barryton-Mecosta and Weidman by a vote of 236 YES to 106 NO. A vote on April 28, 1963 on the same proposition carried 225 YES to 174 NO. We believe this as a true indication of the wishes of the Weidman school district.

And where are the 1,300 students coming from for the "Chippewa Valley School" proposed by Mr. Engler. With the 341 students from Beal City and 388 students from Weidman, there will be a total of only 729 students. Where are the other 600 coming from.

The proposal would also cut the Weidman boundary two miles west of Weidman, which would mean a reduction of the Weidman 388 students. Any other students for a proposed "Chippewa Valley School" would have to come from the Mt. Pleasant District or the former Rosebush District, which consists of approximately 440 students. Rosebush voted 280 YES, to 155 NO to annex to Mt. Pleasant. Does it seem probable that Mt. Pleasant, with its new building program would ever vote them out. This would certainly be erroneous, thinking and was exactly why it was never considered

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE IN WEIDMAN FRIDAY, 1 P.M.

Santa Claus will be in Weidman this Friday, Dec. 24, at 1 o'clock p.m., instead of at 3, as previously announced, the Weidman Business Association announced this week.

He will be at the usual place, the corner at Sides' Sales place.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL MEETING SCHEDULED HERE JAN. 3

A public hearing on the proposed merger of Weidman-Barryton-Mecosta-Remus will be held in the Weidman School at 8 p.m. Jan. 3, it was announced this week.

All school districts interested in the Isabella County changeover are eligible to have representation of the public present. In other words, anyone from the Shepherd, Blanchard, Beal City and Weidman Districts are eligible to attend, as we understand it.

No definite announcement as to voting methods has yet been given by the 18-man county board, whether the voting district will be Weidman-Barryton-Mecosta-Remus, or whether it will be Shepherd, Beal City, Blanchard and Weidman.

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NEWS NOTE

Mrs. May Adams of Barryton passed away Sunday morning. She was Roy Adams' step-mother.

again.

We firmly believe that the majority of the 18 member committee made the wise decision.

In Blanchard's straw vote for consolidation with Edmore, the vote was 59 per cent YES, to 41 per cent NO and the committee gave them a unanimous vote. In Weidman's straw vote the vote was 59 per cent West and 41 per cent East, and only three members of the committee voted against the proposal.

Any district combining Weidman and Beal City would fall far short of the 2,000 student recommendation. As for taxes, Mt. Pleasant is 25.36 mil's. If Weidman goes to the West, 15, or not over 17 mills, will be all that is required for the proposed new high school, existing schools, and operation of these schools. These facts are the influencing factors which determined the decision of the Isabella Reorganization committee to implement Public Act 289 of the 1964 session of the Legislature.

Ivan Allen

Services For Developer Killed in Crash

Funeral services for Douglas Hollabaugh, 37, were held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in Riverdale. Mr. Hollabaugh was killed instantly Wednesday night when his car apparently slid on an icy spot and struck two trees before coming to rest.

He is survived by his wife and one son, and by his parents, who live in Riverdale.

He was a developer of lakes and recreation areas, and had begun work on the Weidman Lake, a cleanup project on the Weidman Mill Pond, when the auto accident occurred.

Big machinery was moved into Weidman the last of last week, and some dirt-moving and bulldozing begun.

The Weidman Lake project is a big one, so far as the town of Weidman is concerned, as the old Mill Pond had a definite weed problem, and its bottom was littered with stumps and other debris.

The over-all project is to clean out the Pond's bottom, deepen around the shores, plat the entire area into lakeside lots and develop a recreation area. A golf course was in the plans, it is understood.

Attending the funeral from here were Don Alwood, George McClain, Jr., Howard Schafer, and Clarence Dillenbeck.

Douglas Hollabaugh had made many friends in Weidman, and his untimely death is mourned by all who knew him.

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LAKE OF THE HILLS CLAY FILL FINISHES THIS WEEK

Very extensive clay fills will be completed at the dam site of Lake of the Hills by this weekend, it was expected. Work is being done by Leo Gatehouse.

Remaining, at the dam site, is only the dirt fill topping the clay, to make a suitable and adequate dike across the old channel of Walker Creek there.

Clearing of the lake areas goes on steadily by Allen Lumber Co. developers of the 100-acre lake project.

Platting of the south side of the lake area is expected to begin in January, with waterfront and back lots ready for sale by spring.

The south side of the lake is composed of land owned by the Fred Wilcoxes, George Skinners, and Walter J. Smiths.

WEIDMAN ROAD BAD, AREA PEOPLE GOOD, OUTSTATE FOLKS SAY

We received the following letter from one of our "old boys," Bob Gross, now a sports writer on the Lansing State Journal, and he enclosed a letter written to that paper concerning our mile of road east of Weidman and how it hits strangers:

Dear Connie:

Jim Hough, who writes the Onlooker Column each day in the State Journal, passed this letter along and thought you might be interested in printing it sometime in the Messenger.

Just goes to show that Weidman folks haven't changed, and it sure did me good to read how they helped these people from Eagle. Incidentally, Eagle is located near Fowler.

Hope you and George have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Bob Gross, Sports, Lansing State Journal.

And here's the letter Bob enclosed:

To the Onlooker, Jim Hough:

There are an awful lot of good and kind people living near Weidman and Beal City, Michigan.

Yesterday, Dec. 12, my husband and I were driving back from Lake George. We got one mile east of Weidman and hit a bad piece of road, full of chuck holes and water.

It was raining extremely hard. We were moving along rather slowly, hit a rut and were thrown into the ditch in about three feet of loose gravel. We couldn't move.

Car No. 1 came along. It stopped. The man asked us if he could call someone from Weidman to help us. We said, Yes.

During the 20-minutes we waited for help to come, nine other cars stopped and the people offered their services.

Next came a big finger truck, which pulled us out. The man didn't even want to take the amount of money we offered him for his services. He said it was too much. We gave it to him, anyway.

We went on our way, thanking God for the kindness of those people, which makes this world of ours so nice to live in.

I thought they should receive recognition. We live fifteen miles northwest of Lansing.

Sincerely thankful,
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Plunkett,
R. 1, Eagle, Michigan.

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Nelson Wiley was reported ill in the hospital at Pontiac. He has been there a month, waiting for surgery.

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GULF FUEL OIL--Prompt local delivery. Mitch Abbott, Weidman, ph. 644-3451.

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FOR SALE--Pair ladies' white shoe skates, like new. Size 9. White fur trim. Call 644-2273, Weidman.

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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--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.

Dec. 16tf

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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.

LEGAL

Notice

Isabella Intermediate District Reorganization Committee will conduct public hearings on the Intermediate District Reorganization proposed plan at Weidman High School, January 3rd, 1966, at 8 p. m.

Also at Blanchard High School January 3rd, 1966, at 8 p. m.

In accordance with the Public Act 289 of 1964.

Signed,

JOHN GOODWIN
Secretary.

WEDDING INVITATIONS--We sure do have them. Two beautiful books to choose from. The Messenger, ph. 644-3747.

the Churches

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEAL CITY
Rev. Fr. Neubecker, Pastor

Time of confession this week, Dec. 23, will be 3 to 5 p. m. In the evening they will be 7 to 9 p. m. In the evening, 7 to 8 p. m.

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.

There will be a meeting of the Senior Citizens of this area Dec. 29 from 2 to 4 o'clock in the church basement. All interested are invited to attend.

There will be a speaker from the Social Security office, to explain Medicare. Everyone is invited from all faiths, with age tentatively set at 55 and over.

WEIDMAN METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Williams Reynnders, Pastor

There will be a Communion Service in the Weidman Church Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, from 8 to 8.30 p. m., and in the Deerfield Church from 7 to 7.30 p. m. Anyone is welcome to enter quietly and be served and leave when he wishes.

The Adult Fellowship of the Deerfield Methodist Church will meet at the Jack Houghton residence Friday, Dec. 31, at 7 p. m. Bring a salad or dessert.

The Official Board of the Weidman Church will meet Monday, Jan. 3, at 8 p. m.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will not meet Sunday, Dec. 26, or Jan. 2.

The McArthur Circle of the Weidman Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Jan. 6, 1966, at 2.30 p. m. at the church. The word is, "Joy".

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor

There was a full church for the Christmas program Sunday evening. Each class of the Sunday School took part in singing and recitations. The Sunday School teachers and helpers are to be congratulated on producing a wonderful Christmas program.

A teachers' meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 26, at the church at 6.45 p. m.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Harold Straus returned to her home this week Tuesday, after being in CMC Hospital following an auto accident. Dorothy was injured when the car she was riding in was struck by another on the way to Midland.

She is on crutches, but happy to be home.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends, relatives and neighbors who sent gifts, and to those who sent so many many cards, on our Silver Wedding Anniversary.

A special thanks to those who helped Janice and George, in any way to make this day a success.

Our thanks again to each and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

BOWLING TEAM SURPRISES
HERMAN COOK ON 85th
BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

The bowling team of Weidman, comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams, and Gilda and Orves Cook, surprised Herman Cook Saturday evening at his home in Broomfield, honoring his 85th birthday.

After visiting and playing cards, a delightful carry-in lunch was served. The Bowlers presented Mr. Cook with a birthday gift. The birthday cake was in the shape of a bowling ball and pin, made by Daisy Embrey.

His many friends join in congratulating Mr. Cook on his birthday.

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MARRIED SATURDAY
EVENING IN WEIDMAN

Mary Ann Loomis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Loomis, was united in marriage to James Doyle of Muskegon, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Dena Loomis, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating.

Guests were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doyle, of Muskegon, her uncle, Norman Roy and family of Elsie, and both her grandmothers; an uncle and aunt from Alma, and family, and her parents.

A reception was held at 8 p. m. that evening at Drew Hall. The happy couple received many lovely gifts.

The bride wore a blue gown of ballerina length. Her bridesmaid was her sister, Vada, in a pink gown. The best man was Alfred Hunt of Edmore.

The wedding party wore matching corsages, while the bride carried pink carnations. Around 40 guests attended the wedding, with about 100 attending the reception.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Hermione Smith was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her son, Don, and family.

Tom Herman is spending the Christmas holidays at his home here, from his studies at Adrian College. He will return Jan. 4. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman.



Esther Stanley, Reporter
And Poetess

'Twas the week before Christmas
On ole Walker Creek,
And into the houses
Santa Claus took a peek.
Ollie Denslow made cookies
And sent them to Dale.
She thought he would get them
If she sent them air mail.
Micky Dargitz stayed over
On Sunday night
To help Lyle with his work
So things turned out right.
Darlene came on Monday,
Jill and Kathy, too,
And their friend, Mrs. Shepherdson,
Ollie's washing to do.
Mrs. Lou Gray has been sewing
Housecoats and pillow cases.
On Christmas Morning,
Can't you see the happy faces?
Daughter Emma came visiting
On Friday afternoon.
Lou went rabbit hunting
O'er the fields and the dune.
Mrs. Keith Thompson made lots
of candy
And caught up with her work.
She's a real busy gal,
No task does she shirk.
Mrs. St. John worked all week
Except Wednesday, when she
Went up to Brinton
To the club's Quilting Bee.
To Gilbert Schrock's Sunday p.
m., friends came
From Greenville, Mr. and Mrs.
Virl Wright, by name.
Sharon visited her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Edmunds Owens,
Sunday,
And also Mr. and Mrs. Wayne
Tetslaff and Jeffrey.
Homer Teeter, Norman Geasler,
Archie Powell, friends three,
Came Sunday night and ad-
mired their tree.
Saturday morning to Ethel Mc-
lean,
Came her son, Floyd, from
Barryton terrain.
At his home, a Christmas sup-
per was waiting in store,
With all their family home,
and gifts galore.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and
Bonnie and friend
Were guests of Ethel McLean on
Sunday
For chicken dinner, and goodies
no end.
To Sheridan on Christmas the
Emmons will go.
If we have a White Christmas
We'll have to have snow.

It's to their niece's and husband,
the Ken Jessers' home.
(My husband thinks I'm loony
to be writing this poem.)
The Leo Denslow on Sunday to
Lansing went
To their daughter's, the Finneys,
a good time was spent.
They had early Christmas dinner
at her sister's home, the Fred
Groves', where
Her mother, Mrs. Cummings,
sister Carol, and daughters,
were there.
Mr. and Mrs. Dosenberry went to
Marion Saturday night
To her sister's and her husband,
I'm sure I heard right,
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pattersons',
And square-dance in town,
And hoed her right down.
Clyde and Ruth and little son,
Blaine,
Were visitors on weekend.
For their Christmas vacation
Will come again.
Mrs. Herbert Lawrence visited
Mr. and Mrs. Momroe Monday
eve,
And on Tuesday Emory Johnson
and Harry Field, I believe.
Mrs. Vada Abbott and Tommy
and Hobart
Children came Wednesday, I
heard,
And Robert Bywater and cousin,
Ercel, whose name now is
Woodward.
On Saturday night Mr. and Mrs.
Otis Conley
Visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rod-
man of Lake,
Where they enjoyed the evening
And a lunch did partake.
The Skalitzkys entertained Sat-
urday night her sister and
friend,
Mr. Robert Showers and Mrs.
Mildred DeVary.
Mrs. Skalitzky's family are com-
ing Christmas Eve.
May their Christmas be Merry!
Lyle and Ollie were dinner guests
Sunday,
And in the evening their daugh-
ter and husband, the Conleys.
Mrs. Arthur Loomis to Mt. Pleas-
ant on Thursday, we hear,
And then to the hospital to see
Jean Ann, so dear.
Mary and Phyllis went with her,
Vernetta, too,
To see the little one, and lots
of shopping to do.
We are happy to report
Jean Ann came home today.
We hope she gains fast
And will soon run and play.
We called the Zill home, and
Lucinda said
Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur Bazaire,
To Flint, to their daughter's for
Christmas were going.
We hope for fair weather, no
cold wind a-blowing.
On Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur Savage did trek
To her brother's home, Mr. and
Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck,
on "ole Walker Creek".
Pat and Mike Loomis, from
over the way,
Were at Warren Leiter's, where

they hunted today.
And our sons-in-law, they tried
their luck, too,
But no little gray rabbit, or big
white snowshoe.
David Moore came Friday night
From ole Sag-in-aw. He visited
His kinfolk, Grandma and Grand-
pa.
Don and Ruby Stanley visited
Friday night.
Ruby helped to wrap presents, to
Grandma's delight.
Mr. and Mrs. Moore Saturday
came, and overnight stayed,
The Adelbert and Donald Pungs
A happy Sunday made.
And Don and his wife and four
little boys
Stopped in for lunch: They are
one of our joys.
The two little girls asleep in
their beds--
Did visions of new dollies
dance in their heads?
Mr. Stanley's brother and wife,
Max and Marie,
And sister and husband, Lou and
Bernie,
The Hamptons from Harrison
were afternoon guests;
(And if you don't like my poem
I'll say, "Defense rests.")

And in closing, we wish you
A "Merry Christmas," and then
Hope the New Year will bring
Peace, Good Will to all men.
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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler at-
tended a birthday party honoring
Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Carl Beutler, Sunday. Her other
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nor-
man Schultheiss, of St. Johns,
were also guests.
Mr. and Mrs. Beutler were ex-
pecting to go to East Lansing the
middle of this week for a couple
of days, after which they plan
to spend Christmas with the For-
rest Johnsons of Rosebush.
Mrs. Edna Schultz was spending
few days in Benton Harbor with
her son, Ike Hampton, after
which she planned to fly to At-
lanta, Ga., to spend Christmas
with the family of her daughter,
Gladys.
Gilbert Wark was admitted to
CMC Hospital last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Clenard Starks and
Gwen of rural Remus were Sun-
day luncheon guests of the Roy
Adams family after the church
play at the Forest Hill Church of
God.
Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Elmer Abendroth were Robert
Abendroth of Hastings, Mr. and
Mrs. Terry Abendroth of Clare,
and Lynn Mohr of Lansing, who
is working with Central Michigan
Drywall this week. He is a stu-
dent at Michigan State, and is
on vacation for the holidays.
Mrs. John McCreight of Mid-
land spent the weekend with her
son and family, the Ralph Mc-
Creights.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette
were Sunday evening guests at

the Charles Halfman home.
Joanne Donley and Roger Hop-
kins of Big Rapids were Sunday
evening guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Donley. Mr. and Mrs.
Doug Middlesworth of Lansing
spent the weekend at the Richard
Donley home.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and
family of Algonac were Sunday
callers at the Ted Smith and
Leah Scharrer homes. Mrs. Schar-
rer returned home with them for
the holidays.
Mrs. Charles Zuke and Pamela
Robinson and girl friend of Big
Rapids were Sunday dinner guests
of Mrs. Lydia Snider. Barbara Dut-
cher and son and Burgess Case
were Monday morning visitors.
Laura Latham was a Thursday af-
ternoon caller.
Mrs. Edith Pingatore of Rose-
bush was hostess to Blanche Cliff
and Emma Middlesworth Sunday,
for dinner at the Holiday Inn at
Mt. Pleasant. They all went on
to Clare to visit the Wendell
Drallette family.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visited
at the Frank Maxon home in
Broomfield Sunday, to also visit
the Maxons' son, Ted, and his
family, who were home on leave
from California, where he is sta-
tioned at a Navy base. Ted's
family is staying here, as Ted
expected to be shipped overseas
on arrival at the base.
Mrs. Ed Fox and Mrs. Margaret
Gross and girls spent Sunday in
Belding with Mrs. Grace Breuer,
and were dinner guests.
Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith flew
here from their home in New
Jersey to spend the Christmas
holidays with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Wm. Louisell. The
Smiths expect to return Sunday.
Dick Louisell was home Friday,
and expects to be with his folks
Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louisell
and children of Mt. Pleasant were
Sunday guests of his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.
Gary McArthur is spending the
holidays with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur,
from his studies at CMU.
Mr. and Mrs. James Noe and
Mrs. Lyda Cole, and Mr. and
Mrs. Ivan Allen plan to spend
Christmas Sunday with the Bud
Richardsons of Jackson. Mrs.
Allen planned to stay a couple
of days while her sister, Mrs.
Richardson, will be in the hos-
pital.
Mr. and Mrs. Tolly Thompson
of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Hewlett of Remus were
Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Ben Bailey, as dinner guests.
Mrs. Don Green of Wheeler en-
tertained Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen
and the Green family at a Christ-
mas dinner Sunday.
Mrs. Cora Giddings and Ray
and Rachel Giddings of Canada
Creek, near Atlanta, Mich.,
spent from Friday till Sunday
at the Bertha Clark home hear.



ENGAGED—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Urick of Hart, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lola Elaine, to Richard Bierschbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach of Beal City. The bride-elect, a graduate of Central Michigan University, is teaching in Wyoming Public School system. Her fiancé completed his training in Flint and is a Consumer Finance manager in Grand Rapids. A summer wedding is being planned.

Editor's Column

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US

Our very best wishes to all our readers from the publishers and the faithful news writers of the Messenger, for a Very Happy Christmas and a Good, Good Year in 1966.

Oh, yes!—And don't look for the Messenger next week, Dec. 30. This is the time of year when we all take a week's vacation, including our news writers.

Next issue will be dated Jan. 6, as this issue is the Dec. 23-30 dateline.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS SURPRISE MESSENGER

The Weidman Messenger has enjoyed the greatest run of new subscriptions during the past two weeks of any period in its history, including all the old versions of

the Messenger since 1912.

We have had gift subscriptions to folks away from here; we have had new subscriptions for people living in this area.

We are adding a substantial number of new names to our mailing list this week. We do thank our readers for their interest, and their enthusiasm.

We realize that a lot of people will want to follow the double lake developments in Weidman during the coming year, but the tone of many of the letters was one of personal interest in the news of area people.

We'll try to keep you informed, folks. And thank you.

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GOLDEN WEDDING FOR THE FRED JACKSONS

Fred and Grace Jackson observed their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Dec. 22. They were married at the Fred Glass home in Gilmore Township in 1915.

They lived in the Weidman area until 1940, when they moved to Mt. Pleasant to make their home

at 1112 Robert Avenue.

Both Fred and Grace are retired employees of the Mt. Pleasant State Home and Training School.

Open House will be held in their honor Dec. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. at their home at 1112 Robert, Mt. Pleasant.

All their friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. The Jacksons have many friends in this area, who join us in congratulating them on their long life together.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Eva Denslow attended a pre-Christmas party at the Othel Denslow home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and family of Lansing, Mrs. Nina Green and Terry of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Denslow and daughter of St. Clair. These were all dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swan, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loubert were afternoon guests.

Mrs. Geraldine Johnson and Sherri and Steven were Sunday callers of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Dent. Larry Dent spent Sunday afternoon with Harry Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin were host and hostess at a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bahr, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fisk and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bahr and family, all of Copemish; Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Bahr and family of Muskegon, and Mrs. Irene Keck and family of Ashley. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bahr and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Bahr and family were Friday through Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and family attended the Christmas program of Betty's school at Mecosta, Wednesday evening.

Gary Dutcher was a Sunday afternoon caller at the Gerry Dent home. Harry Dent spent Saturday overnight with his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Dent spent Friday evening with his father, Aisher Dent, and Mrs. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow of Lansing were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family were Sunday guests. Mrs. Denslow is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from her school work. She expects all her children and their families home for the Christmas weekend.

Kathy Wilcox was a Sunday overnight guest of Patti Losey.

Mrs. Alma White was a Saturday afternoon caller of Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Harold and Ron Losey were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger spent a few days last week in

Dearborn Heights, with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani. While there they celebrated Doris' birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Andrews and family of Cole man were Saturday evening callers of the Earl Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence.

Archie Meyers was a caller one day last week at the Bernard Meyers home. Mrs. Meyers expects her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Bell, and Ricky, as Christmas guests.

Bill Cooper of Pontiac was a Thursday afternoon caller at the Howard Wood home. Saturday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, Mrs. Betty Thompson and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Richard Wood, Jed Johnson, Vance Wood, and Pete Wood and Mike. Sunday guests were Richard Wood and family, for dinner, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller as afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn called on Mr. and Mrs. Safford Terry Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carr of Pontiac were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bobby and Billy attended the Christmas School program at Mecosta last Wednesday evening. Sunday evening they attended the church program at Remus, where Bob took part in the program. Willard Workman was a Sunday afternoon guest of Billy Thompson. Bobby Thompson spent the afternoon with Tim Workman at the Roy Howlette home in rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings and baby were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Appelgreen and Julie were Sunday supper guests of the Vance Wood family.

Mrs. Carol Johnson attended Farm Bureau Women's meeting at the Consolidated Gas Co. office in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Louise Helmar and baby were Thursday callers at the Benn Johnson home. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carr.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Al Williamson of rural Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood through last week were Shirley Crawford and children of Lansing, Mrs. Calkins of Rosebush, Vicky Bower of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth visited his brothers in Kalamazoo last week.

ATTEND REPUBLICAN AG COUNCIL IN LANSING

Evart Bowerman of rural Mt. Pleasant and Edward A. Schafer of Beal City attended the first session of the Republican Agricultural Council in Lansing.

The Council, composed of two outstanding rural leaders from each county of the state, advises the Republican State Central Committee, the Governor and the Legislature as to positive and responsible programs to be initiated by Republicans.

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WEST

Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gross entertained their club last Wednesday evening. Euchre was played, and nice prizes won.

The euchre prize was won by Fey Gatehouse; high prizes went to Joe Bleise and Carol Gross, and low was won by Don and Diana Pung.

A delightful lunch was served by the hostess. This was the club's Christmas party, and gift exchange.

The next club meeting will be in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise and family planned to spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Lena Bleise in Beal City. Other Bleise children and their families will also be at home to enjoy the family dinner and gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel expected most of their children and families dropping in during the day on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotter will entertain their children and families with turkey and all the trimmings the Sunday after Christmas. The usual gift exchange and good time is expected by all the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hudak and family of Flint plan to spend the Christmas weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Neyer and son and Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and family, all of Mt. Pleasant, will spend Christmas Day with their parents also.

ENTERTAIN THE LUCKY ELEVEN CLUB

The Lucky 11 Club was held at the Don Cotter home Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Jerry Straus and Pat Stevens, winning high, Art Faber and June Schumacher low, and Jerry Schumacher won the pepper prize.

A delicious lunch was served, and a grand time had by all. The next meeting will be at the Max Straus home Jan. 8.

Carl Schafer, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schafer, left Saturday with four other National

Guardsmen from Alma. They are going to Columbia, N. C., for four months' training.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faber received word that their daughter, Mrs. Joe Hengesberg (Mary) of Free-land, had a new baby boy, born Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Halfman, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Paisley and family plan to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neubecker and family, and Barney Neubecker.

Sunday callers at the Jack Schafer home were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pung and Mrs. Martha Gross of Portland.

Linus Mead and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schafer and family will spend Christmas at the Bill Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Yuncker will have their children and their families home Christmas Night. Pot-luck supper and gift exchange are planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Faber plan to entertain Mr. and Mrs. John Welniak and Dick and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Faber and family, all of Leaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bowers and Rosie Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Straus plan to have their children and families home Christmas Eve for gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vogel and children plan to spend Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Power, at Mt. Morris.

Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vogel, celebrated his fourth birthday Dec. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schumacher, his god-parents, came over and had ice cream and cake with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens attended the funeral of Esther Huber in Mt. Pleasant Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vogel plan to entertain Mrs. Marie Rahl and Dan, Keith, Tim, Sam and Mary Rahl at their home Christmas Eve, with a Christmas dinner and help the little children look for Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith plan on spending Christmas Day at the Paul Miller home, with other relatives.

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Local Items

Kelvin W. Chambers, former Superintendent of the Weidman School, has been very ill, and is a patient in the Clare General Hospital.

Mrs. Chambers also had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., were Sunday guests of Ina Gillette. They enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of Houghton Lake were callers.

Boy Scout Troop No. 643 enjoyed a seven-mile hike from the Weidman School to the John Berryhill home on M-20.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen spent Sunday with her father, Oscar Fedewa, at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gross are entertaining the entire Gross family at Christmas dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and family moved into their new home in Beal City, in the Mary Ulrich house, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ulrich spent Saturday in his mother's house.

Mr. Flachs of Remus is spending the weekend with his daughter, Mrs. Anna Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCabe and family of Ypsilanti spent the weekend with Mrs. Leo Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Leo Gross. They are from Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Huber and family and Mrs. Kate Fox of Mt. Pleasant visited Louise Smith Sunday afternoon.

Gertrude Grodski and Ann Smith were in Lansing Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Pung returned home Thursday after caring for her sister, Abbie Grace, for three weeks. Mrs. Grace died last Monday, and was buried Thursday at Carson City. Wm. Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keefer attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung, Louise Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pung motored to Carson City Wednesday to see her at the funeral home.

The Carol Singers of Beal City Schools called on and sang carols for all the people over 80 years old Wednesday evening, and brought them Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer, motored to Mt. Pleasant Friday evening to see Walter Schafer, who is in the hospital.

The Square Dancers had their Christmas party at the high school all-purpose room Wednesday evening. All reported a lovely time.

Mrs. Joe Theisen of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. John E. Schafer.

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Ralph Bergquist was admitted to CMC Hospital Dec. 16.



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NEW BABY

Word was received last Thursday evening that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Ypsilanti have a new baby daughter, born at the Beyer Memorial Hospital in Ypsilanti Dec. 16. She weighed six pounds, five ounces.

The family had not yet decided on her name at this writing. The little Miss has three brothers and two sisters waiting patiently at home to see her. Mrs. Will J. Smith is the happy grandmother.

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Local Items

Audrey Flaughar was a Sunday visitor at the Ben Bailey home. Wednesday afternoon Ben Elkins of Remus was a visitor.

Betty Baxter had stitches removed from her knee last week, correcting an injury to cartilage in her knee last year at school.

Flossie Forbes left Sunday for Detroit to spend the holidays with her daughter, Rosemond, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark and family of Saline are planning to spend next Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Clark, and Don and Lela. Harold is employed at the Neha Village, a project for retired teachers. Harold is superintendent of grounds and buildings there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen plan to entertain all their children and their families at their cottage on Lake Windoga. Also present will be Mr. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Allen, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. Clara Green of Wheeler.

Mrs. Jib Hall of Barryton was a Thursday afternoon visitor of Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and children were Sunday dinner guests. In the afternoon they, with Mrs. Bessie Teall, called on Mrs. Almeda Sprague in Farwell, and also at the Arthur Dent home.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital Friday, in serious condition. Her doctor ordered a ten-day rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith and Wally Joe planned to entertain her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hart of Alma and Mrs. Hermione Smith of Weidman, for Christmas Day and dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark were Thursday evening coffee guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cassel and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davy and four children of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Vesiel, of Ann Arbor spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Flossie Davy.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham attended installation ceremonies at the Farwell Masonic Hall last Thursday evening. They attended installation at Clare Masonic Lodge Saturday evening.

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Six couples of the Weidman Bowling Team came and surprised Herman Cook on his 85th birthday. Lunch was served, and cards enjoyed. This was Saturday evening.

The families of Herman Cook all enjoyed a birthday get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp in Winn Sunday. It was also the birthday of Mrs. Orves Cook. A Christmas tree was enjoyed by all, after a lovely dinner was served. Three new babies were added to the family in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson and son, Jim, of Lansing visited friends and brought their father, Peter Esch, home, after he had spent a few days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Chilson of Sparta spent one day last week with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay.

Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens.

Several from here attended the services at the Lutheran Church in Remus, given by the Children's Choir, Sunday evening.

Roderick Nicholson and Maycie Cook spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hein of Remus.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Zandt and Greg of Hemlock enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner at the Holiday Inn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and Stewart and Sandra enjoyed dinner with Maycie Cook Saturday, for Sandra's 11th birthday.

Mrs. Glee Krueger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Don Krueger, for their Christmas party.

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SOUTHWEST

Gilmore

Verna Seymour, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood called at the Elam Seymour home Friday. Donna Abbott and Karen were also callers.

Verna Seymour worked at the Rustic Inn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanessa Cook and his mother, Mrs. Emma Perry, called on their cousin and nephew, Elam Seymour, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts were also callers.

Harley Beck of Farwell spent Sunday at the Don Seymour home.

Mrs. Louise Kent spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Donna Abbott, and Karen. It was Louise's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davison of Farwell were Sunday evening callers at the Egbert Fordyce

home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Goudy and family were Sunday evening guests at a Christmas party at the Elwyn Pitts home.

Mrs. Grace Pitts and Agnes Fuller met with Lola Fordyce at her home Tuesday to fill baskets for the ill and elderly.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce expect to entertain 22 guests at a Christmas dinner Christmas Day.

Mrs. Lola Fordyce called on Mrs. Iva Johnson Saturday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger called on Mrs. Charlotte Hart Tuesday.

Tuesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant, who were supper guests; Mrs. Cole's sister, Mrs. Beulah Wixson, and son, Larry, who were evening visitors.

Mrs. Betty Latham and Mrs. Pearl Battle spent Tuesday in Saginaw, Christmas shopping.

Velma Cole is on the sick list, with a very bad cold.

Wm. Wixson was taken worse and had to be taken to his doctor in Bay City Thursday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and son, Larry, and Mrs. Paul Cole visited the ladies' sister, Mrs. Clara Wixson, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wardwell. Fred wasn't so well again.

Not much news. The Coles are all sick with bad colds.

Merry Christmas.

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North Weidman

Wanda Graham, Helen Alwood Reporters

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox attended the Christmas dinner and party at the Crystal Mountain Ski Lodge near Cadillac last Thursday evening. This was sponsored by the Jenkins Oil Co.

Rusty Alwood attended a pre-Christmas dinner at the Fred Swan home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott will entertain their three children, Wayne, Micky and Phyllis, and their families, Christmas Eve. The usual pot-luck supper and gift exchange will be enjoyed.

Pvt. Kenneth Waters of Fort Knox, Ky., arrived home Thursday to spend Christmas and New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters. Kenny has completed his basic training, and will return for advanced training.

Saturday supper guests at the Roy S. Adams home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams and Carl, Jack and Debbie of Lake. Sunday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs.

Bob Embrey and children of Farwell. Ella Adams is over the flu and is planning to entertain most of their nine children and families Christmas Day with dinner and a gift exchange among the grandchildren.

Norman Abbott and Earl Jewel were called back to work on their oil rig at Plymouth. They were home overnight Sunday, and returned early Monday morning. Pvt. Kenny Waters of Fort Knox, Ky., called at the Abbott home Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Halfman and Danny, Linda and Eddie called on Mrs. Don Alwood and Donnie and Cathy Wednesday forenoon.

Mrs. Eileen Abbott and Paula and Mrs. Carolyn Jewel attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle (Mary Ann Loomis) at the Drew Hall Saturday evening.

Ward Dell plans on spending Christmas Day with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy, of Harrison. Ward has been having a bad cold and hasn't felt well.

Quite a number from this area enjoyed the Christmas program put on by the Baptist Sunday School pupils Sunday evening. The children brought out the true meaning of Christmas very well.

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In the Editor's Mail

Friends Up Home:

Hope the weather is good up there. I suppose it is 20 degrees there. The temperature here (in Ruskin, Florida) is 72 degrees.

We got here Dec. 9, so am all settled now in the little trailer. I like it fine.

Alva and Treva made the trip fine, but were tired when we got here. Everybody came out and greeted us as we drove in. All glad to see us.

Oh, yes: We had nice fresh trout last night for supper. A man and his wife went out and got a whole mess of trout and gave Alva and Treva and me some. They were good, too.

Floyd Dutcher,
Ruskin, Florida

Dear Connie: We forgot to order the Weidman Messenger sent to us at Ruskin during our stay here. We expect to be home about the 20th of April. Will send a check for \$2.

The weather is fine here now, 75 degrees today (Dec. 13). We left home Monday morning and arrived at 11 a. m. Friday. Had a nice trip. My sister and husband, the Thurburs, will be here in about two weeks.

Yours truly
Alva and Treva Cummins.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We have several other letters from our friends, we hope to print later.

S.W. Sherman**Goldie Dutcher, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and daughters, Julia and Christie, came Wednesday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval. Russell returned home and came back Saturday night, and they all went home Sunday.

George, Orrie and Orval Merrihew attended burial services for a cousin, Claude Owen, of Trenton, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher drove to Otisville Saturday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Beckwith, then on Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family of Clarkston, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and daughters of Lake Orion, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker of Ortonville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and daughter spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, and family of St. Charles, for an early Christmas dinner, as her sister and family were home from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tabor of Lansing spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Katie McDaniels, and family. They brought Sandy up to spend some time with the McDaniels family, and took Rudy Tabor home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler of Weidman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler, helping their granddaughter, Diane, celebrate her third birthday. Mrs. Forrest Johnston and children of Rosebush were afternoon callers.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville was a Saturday luncheon guest of Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and grandchildren.

Callers during the week at the Clayton Dutcher home were Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Brian, Steven and Sandra. Walter Howe, Richard Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher and children and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland were Sunday callers.

Charlie Losey and Ervin Dutcher were callers during the week.

Callers during the week at the George Merrihew home were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake, on Monday; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence, Sunday evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steven and Sandra, and Gary Dutcher were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Merry Christmas, everyone!

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Nancy Adams was a guest of the Clenard Starks family at their family Christmas get-together in Big Rapids Sunday.

Nottawa**Amelia Wieber, Reporter**

John Forest and Louis Rau attended the funeral of John G. Forest in Detroit a week ago Saturday. Mr. Forest was John's uncle, a brother of Frank Forest, and was well known throughout this area.

Raymond Ahler spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ahler.

Louise Riley came home from the hospital last Wednesday, feeling quite good. She has to take it easy for a month, doctors said. She expects to go back to work as bookkeeper at Bader Milling Company in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck of Rosebush will have all their children home the Sunday after Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hauck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gepford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Paisley and family, and her mother, Amelia Wieber.

Dave Morey of Saginaw spent Sunday with the Joe Wawersiks. Ken Wawersik will leave Dec. 27 for South Carolina, where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman had all their children home last Sunday for a Christmas turkey dinner. Some of them have to work on Christmas, so an early family party was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hauck and children of Rosebush and Mrs. Walter Hauck spent Friday forenoon with the latter's mother, Amelia Wieber.

Mamie Sebenick died Monday night at the Ardis Rest Home in Farwell. Rosary services were held at the Rush Funeral Home, with Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 9.30 Thursday. Burial was to be in St. Joseph's Church Cemetery at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yunker are taking care of the Egberts' tavern while the Egberts are in Florida to visit his folks.

Mary Schroeck is feeling a little better. She had been quite ill.

Amelia Wieber received a nice card from John and Anna Faber, from the Hoff Trailer Park at Pinellas, Florida. They said they had a foggy trip down South, but were feeling pretty good though tired.

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EAST

Coldwater**Esther Skinner, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children attended the 7th and 8th Grades' Christmas play at the school last Thursday evening.

Harold Skinner was home from his work last Tuesday with flu. Raymond was home Wednesday with the ailment.

Your correspondent and family want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Wally, Ray, Dick, Alice and Brenda Skinner spent Saturday and Sunday with their Grandmother Miller of Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner were Sunday evening supper guests, bringing the children home with them.

Stewart Voss and Dale Olger were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux of St. Louis, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and children, Stewart Voss of Lake, and Ron Higgins of Farwell called on Mr. and Mrs. Elton Wilcox of Midland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner were Sunday dinner guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard. Jeannie Allen is having the measles.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and K. C. planned to entertain Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mrs. Vada Carroll and Miss Blanche Cliff, at Christmas dinner.

Raymond Gardner has been moved from St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing to Capitol Convalescent II, 1313 Mary Street, Lansing. He was beginning to recover, after a serious stroke.

Sunday afternoon callers at the Richard Sprague home were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Bertha Zuke and family of Big Rapids.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Graham of Howell, a baby boy, Dec. 19. He weighed six pounds, 11 ounces. Mrs. Graham is the former Ila Davy, and Mrs. Flossie Davy is the proud grandmother.

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