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There's No Christmas, Dear, For You

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In a wrecked and lonely cottage sat a mother, pale and worn.
Beside her knelt her little girl, who plaintively did moan:
"Mama, this is Christmas, can't we have a Christmas, too?"
"No, my darling," said her mother. "There's no Christmas,
dear, for you."

In her mother's heart is sadness, and her eyes are filled with tears
As she sits and thinks with heartbreak that he's been away for years
Why he left her here in sorrow, why he went away that night,
She can only sit and wonder. "Where he is, God grant him light."

"Mama, tell me, where is Papa, ain't he coming home tonight?"
"Darling, please don't ask me questions, Mama's head ain't feel-
ing right."
"But, dear Mama, this is Christmas, shouldn't we be happy too?"
"No, my darling," said her mother, "there's no Christmas, dear,
for you."

But, dear Mama, once you told me that my papa would return.
That he went away one Christmas and some money he would earn;
That he'd bring us lots of presents, and he'd buy us wood, and
bread,
And now, you see, you're crying, wondering if my papa's dead."

If you only knew, my darling, how I loved your papa dear;
How he went away one Christmas and he left no word of cheer.
I have looked for him each Christmas, and I've watched each
hour through.
If he doesn't come this evening, there's no Christmas, dear, for
you."

Far out west, deep in the mountains, in a mining camp there lies
A man of sturdy stature, and with tear-dimmed wistful eyes.
A picture comes before him, he has seen this place before:
The scene he saw at home one eve; he views it o'er and o'er.

His little girl he sees at play around a Christmas tree;
A couple sitting near the door, their hearts seemed filled with
glee.
It is his wife, he surely knows, but his brother--why is he
Sitting there, both in one chair, beside the Christmas tree?

His heart is torn and bleeding as he turns and walks away.
Says he, "I will leave my home tonight. I do not care to stay.
My wife, who does not love me; it's a wonder if she does.
My brother's better looking, and it's looks a woman loves."

"But perhaps I am mistaken. If I am, what can I do?
I will go back home tomorrow, and I'll see if it is true."
I have made me lots of money, and I've saved it, every bit;
And it's just three days till Christmas: maybe I can make it yet!"

The clock is striking 'leven, and she sits there, weeping still.
She cannot seek her slumber; no rest can come, or will.
Her child lies still beside her in the gentle folds of sleep.
"May she never know such sorrow, may she never have to weep!"

Hark! There comes a crispy footstep; mother stares in deepest fear.
Has some robber come upon her? What can be his mission here?
They near the door quite slowly, then there comes a gentle tap.
Her lips are sealed; she can but whisper, "Darling, climb into
my lap!"

The door is pushed now gently open, and there stands a man without.
His is clad in furs and mittens, and a scarf is wrapped about.
The mother gazes at him. "Is it him, Oh, can it be?
Is it him come home this Christmas, come to be her Christmas tree?"



WINTER BEAUTY in an otherwise ugly swamp area is caught here by Cameraman Meryl Graham, Weidman's professional photographer. We feel this is an interesting study of bare brush beautified by an inch or so of snow. The Grahams have an eye for the unusual and beautiful.

OUR WARMEST APPRECIATION and Best Wishes to our News Writers, who came across this week a day early, which is no easy task for them. Happy Holidays to them--and to All!

"With outstretched arms he springs toward her. "Mary, darling,
love me still!"

"Then she knows it is her husband. "Love you, darling, Yes I will!
Heaven sent you home this evening. Where've you been, why
did you go?"

Tell me you have come this Christmas, never more to leave me so!"

"Yes, I have, but tell me, darling, why that Christmas long ago
You were sitting by that window, clasped in arms of brother Joe?"
"Oh, my dear, you were mistaken! That was only Joe and Sue
Wrapping up a little present to put on the tree for you!"

"Darling, will you then forgive me, for I thought 'twas you
and Joe.
I've been punished for my weakness, all these years I've missed
you so!
But I've made a lot of money, lots of gold I've dug out West.
From now on we'll live in splendor. Gold is good, but love is best!"

"Yes, I freely can forgive you, for my love for you is true.
And I'd love you just as dearly if no fortune came with you!"
"Here's my baby! I must kiss her. And I never more will roam,
For in all my distant travels I have found no place like home!"

"Mama, I'm so glad that Papa has come home to us this night,
For it fills my heart with gladness, and with holy Christmas light!"
"Yes, my darling, I am happy; and my words to you were true.
For God sent him home this evening. There'll be Christmas, dear,
dear for you!"



N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder had their pre-Christmas party Saturday evening, with about 30 family members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill VanZandt of Hemlock spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Eda VanZandt. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lueder of Reed City were Sunday guests.

Eda Van Zandt attended a show in Grand Rapids with her niece, Dorothy Howell and husband. She enjoyed dinner before the show. The show was in the Civic Auditorium.

Carl Mason of Blanchard died Sunday. He was president of the bank there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger entertained at a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday at their home for his brothers and sisters and families, and all of the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Herman Cook, numbering 50, and their families. Guests were present from this vicinity, Lansing and Moserville.

Mrs. Helen Hartman was a Thursday evening dinner guest of Mrs. Emil Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp and Mrs. Gilda Cook spent Thursday evening with their father, Herman Cook, honoring his and Gilda's birthdays. The Klumpps brought oysters for a birthday treat. Friday evening Herman and family enjoyed birthday cake with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead. It was Herman's 84th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and Stewart and Sandra Friday evening, in honor of Sandra's 10th birthday.

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., and family expect as Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Armand Edgar and family of Eaton Rapids.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

"Merry Christmas," everyone! Hope you all enjoy Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Little Diane Beutler celebrated her second birthday Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns were dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family of Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel were afternoon guests, and enjoyed ice cream and birthday cake with Diane.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin entertained her brothers, Joe and William, Saturday for supper and the evening. They visited her brother, Melvin Ockert, and family of Farwell, Sunday evening, and were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family called on Mrs. Clinton Second and sons, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg, Emory Dell and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Dell visited Mrs. Ethel Holsted at the home of the Arthur Wilsons at Lakeview last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were supper guests of the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Thursday. Mrs. Dutcher stepped on a nail, and had to go into the hospital for a tetanus shot. So she is getting around on a sore foot at present.

This writer has been having the flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family had Sunday dinner with the Clayton Dutchers. The Richard Dutchers were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew

and family were in Bay City and Saginaw Sunday afternoon, and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tupper and family in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children have returned to Belleville, where they purchased a new home, and have been waiting for the other family to move out. Mrs. Marshall and children have been visiting her parents for a while.

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FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hulbert are to be commended on the remarkable performance in putting on the three-act play at the Forest Hill Church Sunday evening. We vote it the best play ever put on at the church. The younger children, under the supervision of Thelma Johnson, did their parts very well also.

The Youth Group went caroling and distributed fruit baskets to the ill and shut-ins Monday evening.

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James Neubecker and friend of Michigan State University spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker. The Neubeckers expect that Edward, their oldest son, a lawyer in Milwaukee, will also be home for the holidays. Their other son, Charles, who is doing graduate work and associate professorship at the University of California, will be home Jan. 20, and after a stay here will go into the Army for two years.



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Local Items

THANKS, YOUNG CAROLERS!

The village appreciates the wonderful caroling the young people have been doing this year. Many families enjoyed their singing, which was very beautiful.

The Charles Kinsmans plan to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kinsman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of New Jersey flew to Ann Arbor Friday, and were met by Dick who brought them up to their parents', Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

Christmas guests expected at the Wm. Louisell were all their children and families, and also Oscar and Ward Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth expect to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth of Lansing for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Raub planned to spend from Wednesday till the Christmas weekend, in Grand Blanc with their daughter and family, the Ron Gillies. They took their small granddaughter back to her home after a two-weeks' visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sides and Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and Rhonda planned to spend Christmas with Mrs. Rosetta Weide of near Remus. The Russell Sides expect to entertain the Thayne Sides family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Funke and family of Farwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith expected to spend Christmas with their granddaughter and family, the Bob Paulsons, at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scharrer planned to entertain during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and family of Algonac, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and son, Paul, of Flushing.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood planned to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith and family of Au Gres, and Mrs. Hermione Smith, at Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Jib Hall of Barryton was a Sunday afternoon caller of Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Saturday callers.

Mrs. Ed Fox and son, Bob, and Mrs. Margaret Gross and daughters spent Sunday with Mrs. Grace Breuer in Belding, as dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler planned to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family of Rosebush.

Mrs. Lyda Cole celebrated her 81st birthday Tuesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen. A family dinner was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth spent Sunday at Reed City with her sister, Doris Buerge. Their nephew, Lynn Mohr, of Michigan State University, is spending his vacation with the Abendroths



Let us give thanks unto God in this Holy Season

for the Christ Child who was born for us in a manger nearly two thousand years ago.

May we all follow His example of kindness and goodness and brotherly love . . . and in so doing, make the burdens of life lighter for others.

In this joyful and triumphant season, we reverently send you greetings, and thank you deeply for your friendship.



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Walker Creek News

Mrs. Esther Stanley, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and mily entertained her parents, others and sisters, and families : an early Christmas gathering nday. Guests were her parents, r. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton, and n, James, of Eight Point Lake; mes' fiancée, Priscilla Wixon : Farwell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vin- n and family, Mr. and Mrs. Law- nce Vinton and family, Mr. and rs. Jack Ridley and family, and r. and Mrs. Harold Hubbard and n, Allen, of Flint. Also Mr. and rs. Clarence Vinton, Jr., of Ann rbor, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kent nd daughter, Ronda, Mr. and rs. Larry Fussman and son, Rog- ;, of Mt. Pleasant, and Pfc. Nor- an Vinton of Fort Sill, Okla. Mrs. Russell Stanley took care her son and wife's children onald and Ruby) Wednesday, en they met the plane at Tri- ties Airport to bring her brother, c. Norman Vinton, home. He d to take a later plane to Flint they met him Thursday night her brother-in-law and sister's me, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ridley. r. and Mrs. Bruce Kent, James nton and Priscilla Wixon accom- nied them.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck is at the me of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. arence Dillenbeck, from her idies at CMU.

David Moore has vacation from rris State, and work at Pizza ng, so is staying at his grand- rents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Rus- ll Stanley. He also is assisting s uncle, Andy Stanley, of Bar- ton with corn harvesting. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and mily spent Sunday with her par- ts, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. enny went hunting with his fath- and grandfather. Got two rab- ts. The children helped decor- e Christmas cookies and put rds on wall. Looks more like hristmas!

The children of the Donald Zills w have chicken pox. Not a very easant thing at Christmas time. Mrs. Isabel Hamel, who works r the Donald Zills, reports that r great-granddaughter, Brenda arie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ichard Lathrop of Coral, is quite l in Hackley Hospital in Muske- m. Friends who want to send er cards may address them to r mother's, Mrs. Lavina Newton, 247 Bolen, Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney of nsing spent the weekend at the me of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. eo Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Otto kalitzky, and Mrs. Etta St. John ere Saturday evening geusts of ie Leo Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray spent Sun- ay at the home of their daughter, rs. Clarence Ley, and family, f Conklin.

ing the flu. Ralph Thompson is home from his studies at Chicago, and will return to his work at Alma Mon- day.

Rodney Thompson was a Satur- day night and Sunday guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and children of Big Rapids were Sun- day guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. In the after- noon, Mrs. Denslow accompanied Mrs. Dargitz and children to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Mil- ler, where they purchased Christ- mas trees.

Otto Skalitzky and Mrs. Etta St. John were Sunday callers at the home of the latter's son and

daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

NWeidman

Wanda Graham, Reporter Rusty Alwood attended a pre- Christmas dinner with the Fred Swan family in Midland at the home of the Russell Swans, Sun- day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott were in Farwell Sunday, visiting their son, Dick.

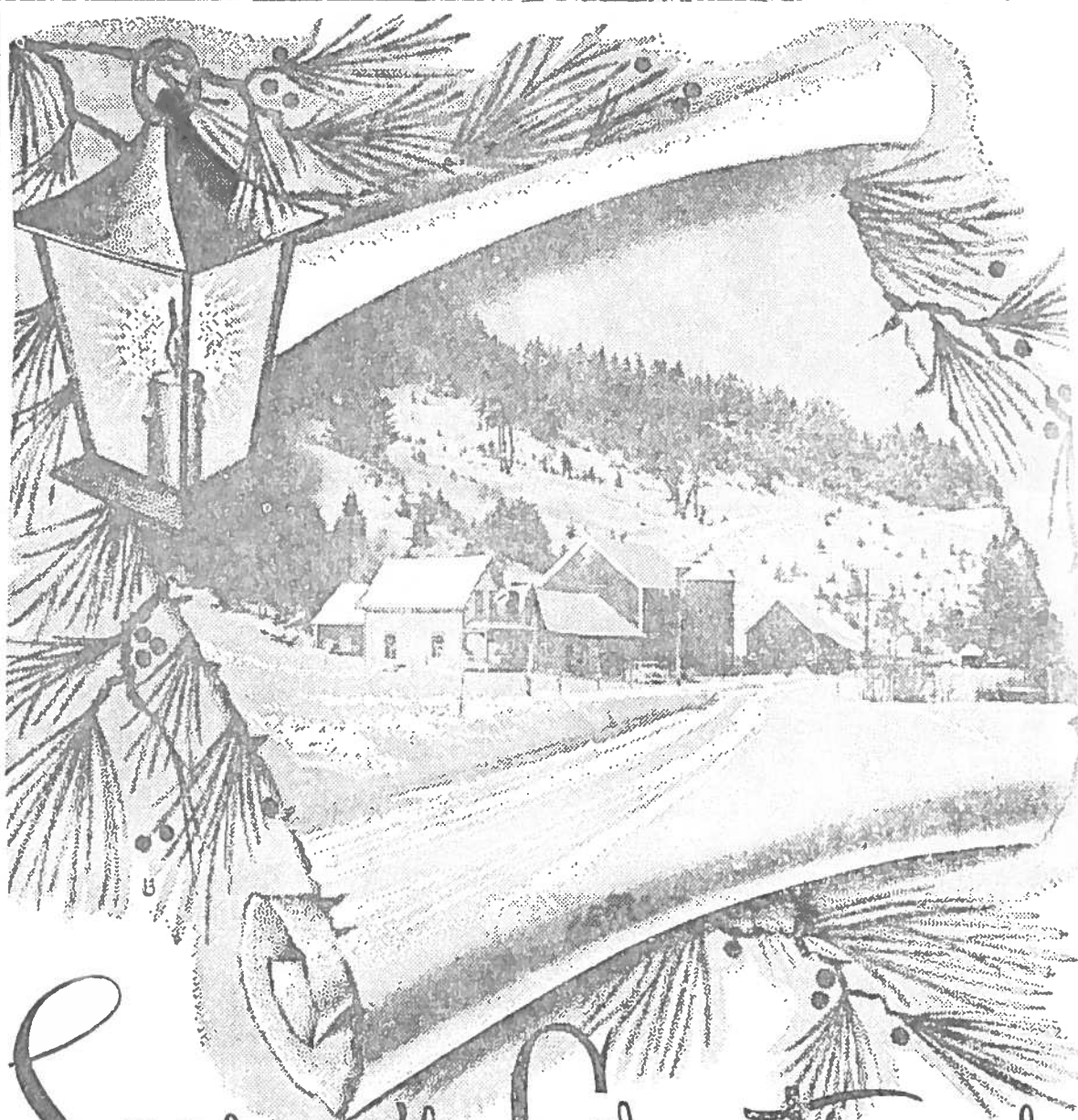
Crystal Symons spent the week- end with Becky Graham. The fam- ily and their guests attended a Christmas party by the Jaycees of Farwell Saturday afternoon. Mary King and Stella Blodgett were al- so guests of the Grahams for the

party. Mrs. Meryl Graham and a friend from Farwell were in Saginaw Monday. ---0---

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Sr., entertained the employees of McClain Chevrolet Sales, and their families, at a bountiful Christmas dinner last Friday eve- ning, at the Rod and Gun Club in Barryton. About 40 were present for the annual festive occasion. The guests presented their host and hostess with Christmas gifts, a left-handed bowling ball for George, and a hair dryer for Peggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and fam- ily of Blanchard called on the Harold Skinners Monday evening.



Season's Greetings

FROM ALL OF US HERE AT

"Ray's Shopping Center"

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Hurl Denslow has started his second semester at Ferris State. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scharrer were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger. Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson attended their Square Dance Club Christmas party at Beal City last Thursday evening. Everyone enjoyed pot-luck lunch. Mrs. Benn Johnson received word from aunt, Mrs. Don Strong, had passed away. She was buried Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson were guests at the Ben Weber home at Saturday evening, for the first club.

Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Denslow and Lorraine, and Mrs. Anna Green and Terry and a friend were early Christmas dinner guests of their son and brother, Kenneth Denslow, and family of Lansing. Mrs. Denslow's children presented her with an RCA phonograph.

Brad Martin has been entertaining the mumps the past week. Harold and Ron Losey were Sunday guests at the Charlie Losey home. Ron stayed over night, to go fox hunting with Grandpa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson went to Lansing to visit her mother in the hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin First and Mrs. Margaret Denslow spent Sunday at Jackson, celebrating the 11th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow of Lansing were Saturday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber were Saturday callers of his sister and husband, the Sidney Lawrences.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood entertained all their children and grandchildren, and Jack Gibson and Dick Potter, 30 in all, at a Christmas dinner Sunday. Bob Bergquist came from Newport, R. I.

The Christmas program at the West Hill Church of God Sunday evening was very well attended, and the young people should be commended for their co-operation. It was a good program.

Mr. and Mrs. Willett Hammond and Mrs. Vannocker of Lansing were Saturday callers at the Jay Denslow home. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummins were Wednesday afternoon and supper guests.

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WEIDMAN SCHOOL HAS NEW HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

The Weidman Community School has new outside Christmas trim this year, due to close cooperation between the Art department and the Industrial Arts department.

George Karn, Industrial Arts instructor, designed a plywood base for the huge wreath over the east door, and his students cut it from plywood, a permanent base, and drilled innumerable holes for fastening greenery. Frances Tranbarger, Art instructor, designed a painted plywood ribbon, also permanent, for the wreath, and the students did the rest.

The lawn scene, of Santa arriving in a space ship with several lovable and well-designed animals, is a great credit to the talent and work of the Art students. They decided what they wanted, drew the figures, painted them, and the Shop students cut them out.

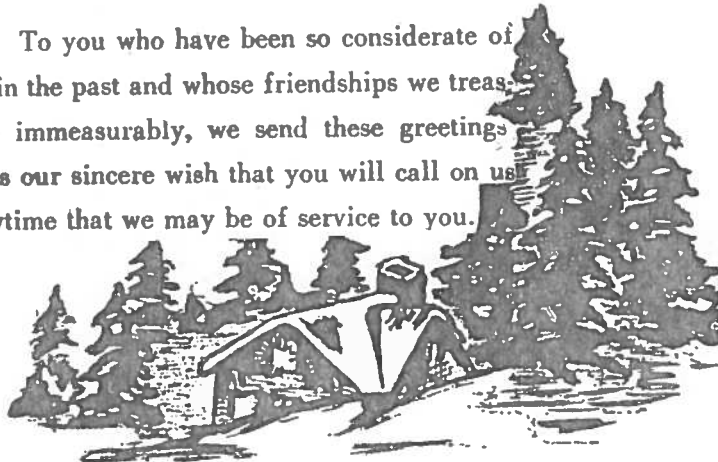
Classes ended Thursday noon this week for the holiday vacation, to last till Jan. 4. Wednesday noon the traditional Christmas dinner was served, to students and faculty, and the Board of Education and their spouses.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

WARMEST
Greetings and Best Wishes

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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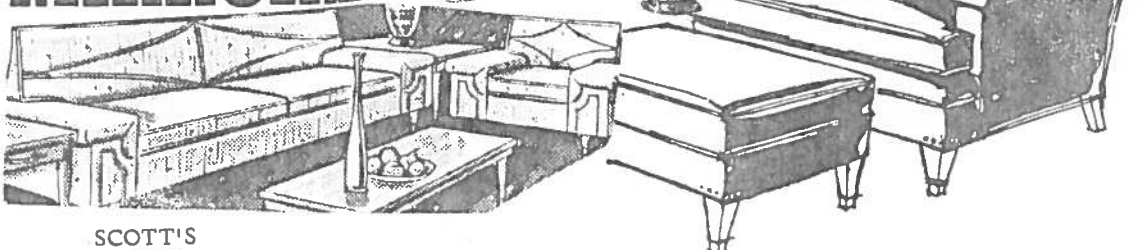
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Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger. Alice and Brenda Skinner visited their grandmother, Elena Milne of Farwell, a few days. Randa Boutheaux of St. Louis also

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirvan of Big Rapids were last Wednesday visitors of the Leo Woods. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent were also callers. Thursday, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Greeh were supper guests. Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wood and children of Bay City were guests. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green of Mt. Pleasant spent the day with the Woods. They called on Mrs. Bessie Teall while here.

Mrs. Nettie Goodenough and Mrs. Florence Leggett and daughter of Saginaw were Sunday guests of the John Sheldons.

Mrs. Alcise Berryhill returned

Saturday after a week and a half visit with her daughter, Mrs. Maynard Pickens, of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Navarre expected to entertain her family at dinner Christmas day, in their new home in Weidman.

Mrs. Robert Elliott of Iowa passed away Dec. 13. Her husband has been spending a few days with his brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon.

Miss JoAnne Donley of Big Rapids has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and Kimberly.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

See you in next issue Jan. 8, 1965

Mrs. Bessie Teall and Mrs. Jennie Sprague visited Mrs. Nellie Neil at CMC Hospital Monday.

The John Sheldons enjoyed a pre-Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hogen Saturday evening, with exchange of gifts. It was a family gathering, with the Raymond Flaughers, John Sheldons, Jr., and the Joe Wilmots present.

Mrs. Nina Forbes planned to join a family gathering at the Russell Wilson home Christmas. Alton Brien and Mrs. Forbes expected to go to Berkley Saturday to visit relatives.

The Arthur Dents of Farwell will be hosts at a family gathering at the Grant Hall near Farwell Sunday, to entertain the Dent families and her relatives, the Sprague families.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth planned to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, the Judson Andersons, of Lansing.

The Frank Gross family expected to entertain the James Grosses of Wayne Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hogen, Mil-

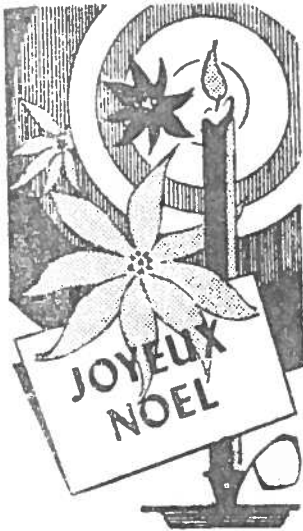
lie Voss, Minnie Flaughter, Laura Latham and Geraldine Olger were dinner guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot, observing Mrs. Wilmot's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot planned to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight spent the weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. John McCreight, in Midland.

Mrs. Ralph McCreight entertained her card club last Wednesday evening, with exchange of Christmas gifts. Three tables were in play. The hostess served a delightful lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague planned to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sprague and family and Mrs. Bessie Teall at Christmas Eve dinner Thursday evening. The Ron Spragues planned to go to Ashley Friday to spend Christmas Day with her folks, the Wm. Mass family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and family planned to spend Christmas holidays with family gatherings at Midland, at the Marion Johnsons, of rural Mt. Pleasant, and at the Ernie Klumppps; and Christmas Eve at the Ernest Courser home.



GLOWING BRIGHTLY:

our warm wish —

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We pause at this Holy Season to give thanks for our many blessings . . . and among our blessings we count your friendship and loyalty. Thank you and a very happy holiday!

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Holidays!

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Editor's Column

Merry Christmas!

And a Happy New Year to you personally as you read this. We hope the coming year will be a good one, personally, financially, and spiritually.

This week the Messenger combines its Christmas and New Year's issues into one, and we all take a vacation. Your next Messenger will be dated Jan. 8, 1965, and our faithful news writers will take a breather next week along with us.

News writers will please mail their next news letters not later than Monday, Jan. 4, and at that time we'll be back on the regular schedule.

So--look for your next Messenger on Jan. 8, and thereafter we shall be regularly in the mails each week till June 25, at which time we again combine two issues, the June 25 and July 2 issues, into one.

That's a long way off, however. Right now we're in the holidays, and we wish you all the best for Christmas and the coming year.

See you Jan. 8!

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WEIDMAN TRIMMED UP FOR CHRISTMAS

The village of Weidman has seldom had so many beautiful home-trimmings at Christmas time. Lovely lighting effects are too numerous to mention, but the town is really pretty at night for the holidays.

The WBA Christmas party was scheduled for 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Santa ready to greet the kids in front of Sides Service.

The WBA's business-street trim this year is especially good, the effect of years of accumulating more trimmings and more lights for Christmas decoration.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmer of Rosebush called on Mrs. E.N. Smith Sunday.

Miss Roxanne Sheppard is in the

hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Fordel of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Tresa spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rauser at Houghton Lake.

Kenneth Martin is home from the hospital.

Maxine Kornexl returned home from the hospital Saturday.

The Tony Schafer family had their Christmas party at the K. of C. Hall Sunday, with 70 present. All reported a lovely time.

A surprise party was given for Ricky Barz Sunday evening. All reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke.

The Christmas tree Saturday evening in Beal City was a big success.

State Trooper Richard Schmidt spent Monday and Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt, celebrating Christmas with them, as he will have to work over the holidays.

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Nottawa

Madeline Stevens, Reporter

Mrs. Clyde Johnston expected to leave Tuesday from Willow Run Airport to spend the holidays in Fort Myers, Fla., with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Several sets enjoyed the Christmas party and pot-luck supper with a combined group of Square Dancers in the multi-purpose room of the school. A pot-luck lunch was enjoyed. The next regular dance for the advanced group is Jan. 13, with the Lavern Schafers, Don Schumachers and Richard Stevens on the refreshment committee.

Larry Schmidt of Michigan State University is home for the holidays with his folks, the Charles Schmidts.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and boys planned to spend Christmas Eve at the Joe Judge home at Winn. They will be Christmas dinner guests of the Wm. Fox family.

Mrs. Lew Frantz returned home from CMC Hospital Saturday evening, feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen planned

to entertain all of her family at Christmas dinner. Expected to be present are Mr. and Mrs. James Noe of Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Richardson and family of Jackson, Mrs. Lyda Cole, with a Christmas Eve meeting planned at Lansing at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Allen. This will be the Allen family get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler and family of Allegan have been spending Christmas Week with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Don Swindlehurst of Rosebush.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler. They had their Christmas tree Wednesday evening as Emily had to go back to work.

Ina Gillette moved Saturday to her new home in Weidman. Members of the Methodist Church have been renovating the house formerly occupied by Muriel Leiter and family. The men did a thorough job of modernizing the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark and Frank are expected to visit their home folks here during the holidays. They are from rural Saline.

Ruth Martin of Mt. Pleasant was a Monday caller at the Lew Frantz home. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood

were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey called on Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell and family of near Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and family planned to spend Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant.


Ellen Geasler spent Saturday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Graham, of Clare.



Season's Greetings AND BEST WISHES

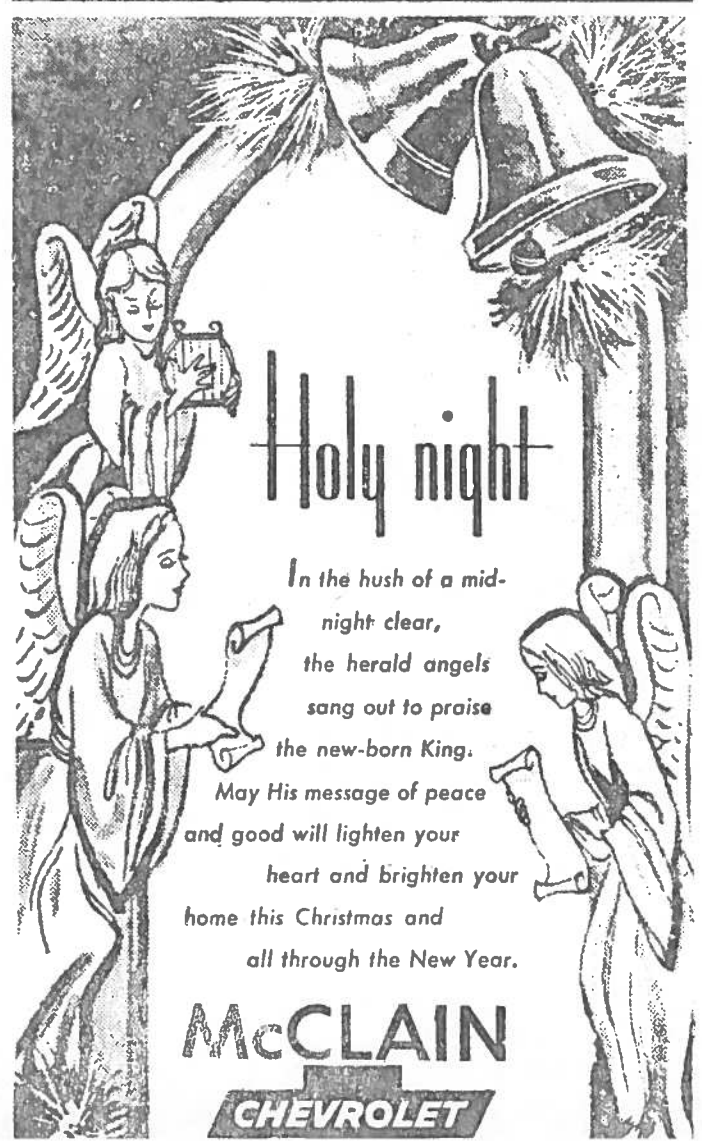
To All My Friends and Relatives In the Central Michigan Area

EDWIN J. BIERSCHBACH
Detroit



May the wondrous spirit of Christmas light up the hearts and homes of all our dear friends with abiding love and the deepest happiness.

WEIDMAN



Holy night

In the hush of a midnight clear,
the herald angels sang out to praise the new-born King.

May His message of peace and good will lighten your heart and brighten your home this Christmas and all through the New Year.

McCLAIN
CHEVROLET

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Egbert Fordyce called on the Paul Coles Monday.

Stanley Shaner and Roxann Hart stayed Friday night with their grandmother Hart. Santa left five little kittens for Mrs. Charlotte Hart the other day, and of course she had plenty of her own; but, being a kind soul, she gave them a home in her son's barn with the stock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts and Mrs. Agnes Fuller helped Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce fill baskets for the sick and aged in the community. The baskets are from the Church of Christ. C. Hiram

Gates picked them up Saturday.

Mrs. Elwyn Pitts spent the week in the hospital. She came home Thursday, feeling much better.

Jack Renner, a long-time resident of Gilmore, passed away Friday morning after a long illness. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Gilmore Church of Christ. Jack was bus driver at the Farwell School for a long time, and then he directed traffic for the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoag and family of Flint came Friday evening to spend the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Amelia Douglas. They took her to Flint with them to a doctor. Pete isn't a bit well.

Mrs. Elam Seymour and daughter

went to Midland Saturday to visit Mr. Seymour, who is in the hospital as yet. The Seymours have a new well, as their other one went dry. Almon Spencer of Barryton did the drilling for the new well.

Paul Cole has been having trouble with a burst artery in his leg. The Coles were supper guests of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wardwell, in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday evening.

Stan Hatt and son and son-in-law of Flint were rabbit hunting in the vicinity Saturday.

Several ladies from here attended the Christmas program at the Weidman School Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Place and family of Odin spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, of Brinton. Norman Geasler is on Christmas vacation from his studies at Ferris till Jan. 4.

Mrs. Hugh Douglas called on Mrs. Charlotte Hart Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wardwell of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Mabel Sisco of Lakeview were supper guests of the Paul Coles Thursday evening. Mrs. Ruby Douglas and Mr. Hubel of Six Lakes were Saturday

callers.

George Cole continued to gain very slowly. His left arm gives him a lot of pain but he can walk a little with a cane.

Merry Christmas!

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Art Dent of Farwell called on Mrs. Bessie Teall Saturday. Mrs. Delia Green of Mt. Pleasant and Emily Kirvan were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and K. C. planned to have Christmas dinner at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, with Mr. and Mrs. Al Brown of Saginaw.

Sp/4 Richard Knapp, recently returned from Pyeong, Korea, and his mother, Mrs. Gerald Knapp, of rural Evart, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bywater. Richard has been on two weeks' leave.

FOR SALE--Xmas Trees, \$1.00 each. Mrs. Fred Wilcox, Weidman, or call 644-3490.

Dec. 11t3p

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Christmas is a gift that belongs to us all... but in our merry-making, let us not forget the true meaning of the day!

DELL'S
LEONARD SERVICE

Weidman



At this joyous season, we take great pleasure in thanking you for your loyal patronage and in wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Weaver's Tavern

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