

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

### FOR THE RECORD.....

George Skinner took his boat off the Weidman Mill Pond Dec. 30, after a couple of days of ice fishing, then put it back Jan. 1, Saturday, and fished in open water.

George says he thinks this is a record for the Weidman Pond, earliest boat fishing in any year. Last year ice fishing was in full swing the middle of December.

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### WE HEARD FROM OLD FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS

We heard from a couple of old friends at Christmas time, that is, besides the wonderful number of cards and letters from our friends with whom we've been in contact. These two were from people we hadn't heard from in quite a spell.

The first was a surprise package from a special bakery in Texas, containing a three-pound fruit-cake--from J. Stanley Weidman of Durango, Colo. The cake was a gourmet's item, the like of which the Messenger family had never tasted before. And we were happy to know that Mr. Weidman was apparently in good health and in holiday spirit; for the paper hadn't heard from him in a long time.

Then, George sent a Christmas card to an old, old working comrade at Flint Sash & Door Company, and received the following nice letter, along with a greeting large and good enough to frame:

Dear George:

Happy to receive your Christmas card, saying that you are both well.

Bill (Owner of Flint Sash and Door) is in Florida for the winter and I am still working too much.

Apparently the north country is really growing, as we have been real busy all through your part of the state.

Merry Christmas and safe New Year.  
Homer.

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### MISS SANDELIUS HOSTESS AT NEW YEAR EVE PARTY

Miss Sally Sapdelius was hostess at a New Year's Eve party at her home.

About 15 of her former classmates and friends enjoyed watching the old year out and the New Year in.

A delightful young-people's lunch was served.

Sally returned to her studies at Davenport College in Grand Rapids after her holiday vacation.



REV. DARWIN SALISBURY

Rev. Darwin Salisbury will be at the Deerfield Center Methodist Church for a series of evening services beginning Tuesday, Jan. 11 and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 16. The services will begin at 7.30 p. m.

Rev. Salisbury is a well known Methodist minister now pastor of the First Methodist Church in Greenville. He served four years in the Methodist Church in Clare. He is the Michigan Conference chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

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### 55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR BRINTON COUPLES

The Brinton Ladies' Quilting Club sponsored an anniversary party Saturday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Longton on their 55th wedding anniversaries.

About 50 neighbors, relatives and friends of the two couples enjoyed an evening of visiting and cards.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches, lovely cakes and coffee was served buffet style.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Longton received beautiful gifts, from the Quilting Club and their many friends.

A feature of the evening was a series of colored slides shown by William Estes, of people and events in older days. These pho-

tos were greatly enjoyed.

Attending from Weidman were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith and Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner.

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### SHELDON FAMILY HAVE NICE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The family of John Sheldon gathered at the Joe Wilmot home the Friday before Christmas, and enjoyed a holiday get-together. The Sheldons received nice gifts and money from his family, along with a basket of fruit from the Ronald Flaughers. Mrs. John Sheldon and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Robert King enjoyed Christmas supper with Mr. and Mrs. Art Preston of St. Louis, and the Sheldons received nice gifts from her children, and also a gift of money.

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### NEWS NOTES

Ruth Momany had Christmas Eve dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman, after which they attended Candlelight Communion at the Methodist Church here.

Harry Herman and Ralph Turnbull got Ruth Momany's car out of the mud in her drive Christmas Day. Ruth's drive has been bulldozed and roughed up by preliminary work on Weidman Lake, before the death of Douglas Hollabaugh.

### WALTER BOUCHER DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Word was received here that Walter Boucher died Dec. 21 and was buried in Bozeman, Mont., Dec. 24.

Mrs. Boucher was home from the hospital, improving, but in a wheel chair.

The many friends of the family were saddened by this news.

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### LIEUT. DONALD SCHMIDT TO GO TO VIET NAM

Lieut. Donald Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt, is home with his folks for this month, bringing his wife and family with him.

The last week in January he will report back to Fort Bragg, N. C., after which he expects to be shipped overseas to Viet Nam.

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### WALTER REIHL BABY FIRST IN NEW YEAR HERE

The first baby in Isabella Co. this year was born to Walter and Alice Reihl at 7.10 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 1.

Amy Louise weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and was born in CMC Hospital.

Our congratulations to the happy parents.

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### BEAL CITY PTA PUTS ON CARD PARTY

The Beal City PTA will hold a card party at 8.30 p. m. Sunday evening, Jan. 9, at the Beal City Public School.

The public is invited to enjoy an evening of cards and friendly people.

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### FAMILY CHRISTMAS FOR THE McARTHUR FAMILIES

Leon McArthur spent Christmas Eve and Saturday with the family of his son, Gerald, at Walled Lake. Gerald and his son, Richard, drove here Friday morning and took Leon home with them.

They drove back for a family gathering at Leon's home here Sunday, with 23 people in all gathered for the Christmas dinner and day.

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### NEWS NOTES

Gilbert Wark returned home from the hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

Robert Abendroth has moved from Hastings, putting in his trailer house next to the Elmer Abendroths, to make his home in Weidman. He is working for Terry Abendroth of Clare, for Central Michigan Drywall Co.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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# WANT ADS

WANT AD RATES: 50¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rates of 50¢ per inch for those of longer length. Cards of Thanks: 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-3747, Weidman.

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

Nov 4tf

LOST--Timex watch, in Weidman School gym, in Fifth Grade basketball practice. Finder notify Dickie Skinner, Fifth Grade at school or phone 644-3691.

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

DON'T READ THIS--Unless you noticed our Messenger ad listing poinsettias, cyclamen and Christmas wreaths. Gol darn! We underestimated the power of the Weidman Messenger, sold clean out, had to turn down several people who wanted wreaths. For this, we're very sorry. Next year we'll be better prepared, we promise.

The Flower Shop, Weidman.

Jan. 6t1

BABY SITTING--By the hour, day or week. You must bring, as I have no phone. I am home always. Mrs. Moody, at the old Tvorik house on Airline Road.

Jan. 6t1

### Card Of Thanks

Our many thanks to everyone who made our 55th wedding anniversary a wonderful evening on Jan. 1, 1966;

The twin anniversary cakes made by Daisy Embrey of Weidman and presented by Clayton and Clara Smith and George and

## 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.

Connie Skinner were very beautiful, as were all the gifts from our many friends.

Again we thank you.  
Levi and Mattie Longton.  
Bert and Cora Estes.

## Notice

TO SENIOR CITIZEN Property Owners of Nottawa Township; If you were 65 years old Dec. 31, 1965, and wish to claim Senior Citizens Homestead Tax Exemption, you should get in touch with your Township Supervisor, Ernest Schmidt.

He will provide you with the proper affidavit which you must fill out and have in his hands by March 18, 1966.

You must bring:

You Social Security No. if you have one; birth certificate; title to your property, state equalized value to be under \$10,000 and your income less than \$5,000.

I WILL BE AT the Weidman State Bank Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 10 a. m. to 12 and to 3 p. m.; and at Raus Service Station in Beal City Saturday afternoon, Jan. 22, from 1 to 5 p. m.

ERNEST SCHMIDT  
Supervisor  
Nottawa Township.

WANTED TO BUY--Three-bottom, 8-inch plow. This would be an old horse plow. James Pitts, ph. LU8-4633.

Jan6t1p

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Robert Worth children and Stanley Shaner and Roxann Hart called on Velma Cole Tuesday. They also spent some time with Stanley and Roxann's grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart.

Joe Mossell and six children of South Bend, Ind., came Monday to spend a few days with their parents and grandparents. The Mossells also called on their aunt, Mrs. Clara Wixson, and Louie, and their uncle, William Wixson.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee of Clare spent Tuesday with her brother, Wm. Wixson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday afternoon with the Coles.

Mrs. Albert Geasler and son, Norman, were in Remus Tuesday having some dental work done.

Fred Wardwell is very ill, at Gratiot Community Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family were New Year's Day dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, and Norman.

Mrs. Edna Teeter and son, Homer, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place and family had New Year's Day dinner with their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter, at Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger visited her mother, Mrs. Joe Geasler, and Joan and Joey Wixson at their home in rural Mt. Pleasant.

Albert Geasler called on his mother Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler of rural Barryton are staying with his mother while his sister, Miss Joan Geasler, and friend, Miss Jo Wilson, take a trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Emmons spent several days in Mt. Pleasant at the home of her daughters.

Several from this vicinity attended a Watch Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brines Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place and family spent several days last week at the home of his brother and family, the Glen Places, at Odin, and with his sister and family at Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma spent the weekend with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Ewing, and family at Vassar. Frank's sister, Mrs. Harvey Hunt, and family, formerly of Gilmore and Coldwater were also visited.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce and grandson, Terry Pitts, spent Saturday in Flint, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Honeywell. Sunday they visited Mrs. Bernice Cook at Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts have opened their home to an exchange student, Maria Angelica Bravo, of Santiago, Chile. Marie is 17, and has one brother and one sister. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts went to Detroit Christmas Day and

brought Maria, who will stay until July. The Pittses spent Wednesday evening at the home of their brother, Bernard Pitts, and family.

A Happy 1966 to all.

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## Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

FRED WHALEY DIED LAST WEEK

Fred Whaley passed away Friday, Dec. 31, at the age of 95, at his home here in Brinton.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 3, with burial in the North Brinton Cemetery.

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Mrs. Clayton Beutler has been absent from her work at the Gover store due to a siege of tonsillitis.

Jesse Lee has been under the doctor's care the past week, but is feeling better again.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place and children were Wednesday and overnight visitors at the home of Earl's brother, Glen, and family, at Petoskey.

The family of Mrs. Edna Teeter had New Year's dinner with Harley Teeter and family of Clare. There were 22 grandchildren present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conley of Flint were calling on relatives and friends here over the weekend.

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## Local Items

The new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Ypsilanti has been named Lori Sue.

Buck Swan couldn't make it home Christmas Eve after the heavy storm, so stayed all night at the Don Alwood home and watched the little Alwoods open their gifts Christmas morning.

Mrs. Edna Hammond spent Christmas with the Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy and family in Mt. Pleasant.

Nelson Wiley was reported as beginning to improve in a Pontiac hospital, after being seriously ill through the holiday season. He was suffering from infection, and doctors were attempting to correct that before surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louisell and family in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence of Pontiac spent the weekend with the Gene McArthur family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bailey spent Christmas with Mr. Bailey's son, Howard, and family, at Gladwin. New Year's Day William Bailey, Jr., called on the Baileys here. William is in the Navy, stationed in California. He is a grandson of Ben Bailey. Supper guests Saturday evening at the Bailey home were Audrey Flaughter and Mildred Ruegsegger of Mt. Pleasant.

Bob Bywater left Tuesday for Detroit for his physical examination for Army classification.

## Walker Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow spent Christmas at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz, and family, of Big Rapids. They stayed with Jill, who had chicken pox, while Mr. and Mrs. Dargitz and Brian and Kathy had Christmas dinner with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dargitz, of Blanchard. Micky and friend, David Moffet, were visitors Tuesday and went rabbit hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow recently heard from their son, Dale, from Viet Nam, and he has malaria and is in a hospital there, but says his condition isn't serious, and he expects to be out in a week's time. He is still looking forward to Christmas mail and packages, which had been delayed.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow and their daughter, Mrs. Dargitz, and children visited their daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and Robert, Jr., Saturday at Durand.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Christmas dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser, of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Christmas dinner guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock to Strickland Church at Riverdale, where they attended the wedding of their nephew, Dan McNeal, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis entertained most of their children and their families Christmas Day, with a bountiful dinner and gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe had Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake for a belated Christmas dinner Monday afternoon. Rev. Eldridge and Clayton Miller assisted Mr. Monroe on their new home.

Mrs. Monroe isn't feeling too well again, and went to her doctor Friday. Dalton Shook and sons, Wayne and Edward, visited Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Shook of Midland were dinner guests New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were hosts to the following at a New Year's dinner: Her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and son, Barry; their daughter, Loretta Conley, and Terri; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Ludlow, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and son, Scott Dean, of Lansing, and Micky Dargitz.

Paulette Denslow assisted at the home of R. J. Gardner through the holidays, and Denise spent the weekend in Lansing with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and children of Grand Haven and Miss Janet Dillenbeck of CMU were guests during the holiday vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller and Mary Lou were guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dague. New Year's Eve Mr. and Mrs. Dague and children, Mrs. Flora Van Sycle and Mrs. Ethel McLean were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miller drove to California for the weekend to see the Rose Bowl game New Year's Day, UCLA vs. MSU.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kent and Ronda of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton of Eight Point Lake and Mr. and Mrs. James Vinton and Lisa of Farwell were visitors Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman and children were New Year's Eve supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and family were hosts New Year's Day at a belated Christmas get-together. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fey Beutler and family of Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus and family and Miss Nora Houghton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Horsehead Lake were Saturday, New Year's, afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter. Mrs. Leiter and children were overnight guests of her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wachowiak, and family Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and children of Mt. Pleasant were Christmas Eve guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Gray had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family, and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maxel Gray of Midland Sunday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and family spent Christmas weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Zill, of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Zill entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and Deana New Year's Day. It was also the birthday of Gary, who was a New Year's baby the first year we lived here on Walker Creek.

Miss Bonnie Emmons, who spent her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons, had her sister, Donna, and brothers, Buddy, Bill, Duane and Eugene, and their wives for guests New Year's Day.

Mrs. Russell Stanley went with her grandson, David Moore, and was an overnight guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, of Big Rapids, Christmas Eve.

The Moores and Mrs. Stanley spent Christmas with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley and family of Barryton.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley during the holidays were her father, Andrew J. Irwin, Sr., of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Irwin, Jr., of Stevenson Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mary Lou and friend, Tom Ray, of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family, David Moore, and Ronald Stanley.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Some of my friends I could not get this morning, and a few I did not try to get on account of the terrible noise on the telephone. Better luck next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Wednesday evening guests at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Losey spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Marlene Tiedeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Klumpp and family spent Tuesday evening with the Gerald Losey family. Sandy Gross and friends of Grand Haven were Saturday evening guests.

Mrs. Carolyn Baker and Scotty and Kerri of Grand Rapids spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow had all her children home for part of the weekend, and they all watched the old year out and the new one in with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent were Tuesday overnight guests of their daughter, Evelyn, and family, the Chuck Robertses, of Lansing. Harry Dent spent from Tuesday till Thursday night at Au Gres, where he played in the basketball tournament. Larry Dent and Raymond Kirvan were Thursday guests of the Jerry Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and two boys were Friday guests, and the two boys stayed overnight with their grandparents.

New Year's Day the Jerry Dents had all their children home for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Kirvan and daughter of Flint were Saturday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Eddie were New Year dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bunting were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended a New Year's Eve party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Bell and Ricky and Mrs. Mary Ellen Holiday were a week ago Sunday callers at the Bernard Meyers home. The Meyers family spent

Christmas Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Meyers. Esther and Judy Meyers were callers one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meyers were Sunday dinner guests. Charlie Holliday and David McArthur were afternoon callers.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson entertained the following guests at Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett and Bud, Mrs. Isal Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn. The following Monday, Frank entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital suffering from pneumonia. He stayed till Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rohloff of Detroit spent Sunday and Monday last week at the Benn Johnson home. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson were this Sunday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey had all their children home for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood had all their children and grandchildren, except Bob Bergquist, home for Christmas dinner. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Wright, Dan Suman, and Steve Meade.

New Year's guests at the Howard Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood and family and their guest, Miss Celia Galvao, an exchange student from Sao Paulo, Brazil. She came through the Youth for Understanding, Inc. She will be a Senior student at the Weidman School starting Monday of this week. Richard met her at the Metropolitan Airport in Detroit last Tuesday.

Ralph Bergquist has recovered sufficiently from his heart attack to resume light work, starting Monday. They were delighted to get a telephone call from their son, Bob, from Boston, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdett Denslow of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of the Jay Denslows. He reported Eddie Miller was still in California, but expects to be shipped out any time.

Mrs. Eva Denslow has had several days' work in Mr. Pleasant, and expects to be there yet this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys spent last Wednesday with her mother, for a belated Christmas. Last Monday, Steven Hammond of Ohio was a guest of Bob Thompson.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Middlesworth and baby of Lansing were Saturday overnight guests of the Richard Donleys.

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**Nottawa**

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Jimmy, the eight-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette, entered CMC Hospital Christmas Day, suffering from pneumonia. He returned home Monday.

All the children of Mrs. Lavina Elias and their families spent New Year's Day with her. This was their Christmas family party.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hudak and family of Flint spent the weekend at the Isadore Schafer home. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Neyer and Jerry called New Year's Day. Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and family called Sunday afternoon.

Philip, the three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vogel, spent Christmas Eve till New Year's Day at CMC Hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Vogel attended the K. of C. dance and party New Year's Eve at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City. A big crowd was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Power and family of Mt. Morris spent New Year's Day with their daughter and family, the Jerry Vogels.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette and family attended a late Christmas get-together at the Town Hall in Remus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber and Mrs. Ralston Pasch spent Sunday in Freeland with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hengesberg. Walt and Eileen Faber were godparents for the new baby, Donald Hengesberg, that day. They all enjoyed a lovely dinner together.

Jim Johnson of near Detroit spent the weekend with his father and family, the John Johnsons. Bill Alwood spent New Year's Eve overnight with Jim.

This reporter enjoyed Esther Stanley's Christmas news, written up like the poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Don't worry what Russ thought of it, Esther--most husbands think we are "loony" for writing news anyway. It takes a lot of time, but I think of the home folks who live away, and the ill, and shut-ins, and Connie's motto, it's "Better than a Letter."

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**REBEKAH CARD PARTY**

The regular Rebekah-sponsored card party was held Dec. 21 at Mrs. Catherine Johnson's home. Pepper was played, and Christmas prizes won.

Violet Oplinger won first, Mae Fussman second, Eleanor Edmunds won low, Tress Bunting won the pepper prize, and Hermione Smith won the door prize. This was the annual Christmas party the Rebekahs give to their faithful players during the year. Fruit cake and whipped cream were enjoyed for lunch.

The next party was Jan. 4 at Mrs. Johnson's home.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Beal City**

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family spent Christmas at the Isadore Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lynch spent their vacation at their home in Rosebush.

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**TONY SCHAFERS HAVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Tony Schafer family had their annual Christmas party at the K. of C. Hall, with about 70 present, Sunday, Dec. 26. All had a very enjoyable day.

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Sister Marie Alexander of Santa Rosa, N. M., is spending a 10-day vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer spent Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

Bob Curtiss returned to Norfolk, Va., Monday, after a holiday furlough with his wife and relatives here.

On Christmas Day the family of Louie Schafer had their Christmas party at the K. of C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer, Florence Straus, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmer and Cecelia Simmer spent New Year's evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung.

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**THE OSCAR SCHAFERS HAVE SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

On Jan. 1 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a party at the K. of C. Hall, with about 200 relatives and friends attending.

They were present from Port Huron, Flint, Mt. Pleasant, Blanchard, Saginaw, St. Johns, Winn, and the local area. All reported a wonderful time.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Saginaw spent the weekend at the Peter Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and family of St. Johns spent the weekend at the Joe Pung home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer and Timothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent Sunday afternoon at the Tony Schafer home.

School started Monday after a 10-day vacation.

The Clara Fox family had its holiday party at the K. of C. Hall Sunday, Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Schafer of Plattsburg, N. Y., are the parents of a new son.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Schafer went to Augusta, Mich., Tuesday to see their daughter, Ruth Ann, who is working at Fort Custer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Theisen of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. John E. Schafer had Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oaks of Grand Rapids spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer.

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

Among those entertaining their whole families Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen and Mrs. Wm. Bleise.

The Smith family spent Christmas Night at the Walter Rau home, exchanging gifts and singing Christmas carols. Everyone had a nice time, and a delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. W. J. Laubenthal and Mrs. Geraldine Horan were home for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen and Theresa spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith at Lansing.

Mrs. Leo Gross spent a week in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson and famioy.

Anna Smith, Larry Rau and Debbie and Dolores Rau and Dora Smith spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pung entertained all their family Sunday, Jan. 2, at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson and family of Lansing spent the week end with Mrs. Leo Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Andres of Mt. Pleasant had the Joe Tilmann family Sunday, Dec. 26, as dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gross stayed with Michael Gross while Mrs. Leo Gross was gone. Bernard has remodeled their home. They moved back Sunday, Jan. 2.

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**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and family spent the weekend in Midland, with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middleworth are settled in Mobile Home Park, Bradenton, Florida, for the winter. The weather is beautiful, they report, and they are enjoying trailer life. Their address is Wilhelm's Mobile Home Park, 6330 Fourteenth Street West, Box 17, Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and daughter entertained the Duane Patrick family for dinner during the holidays. The Patricks are from Coldwater Lake.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



READY FOR WINTER DRIVING!!!

1964 CHEVROLET CHEVELLE MALIBU SPORT COUPE. 6 cyl. Standard shift. Real low mileage. Sharp. One owner.

1963 CHEVY TWO STATION WAGON. 6-cyl. Standard shift.

1962 CHEVY TWO STATION WAGON. 6-cyl., standard shift.

1963 VOLKSWAGON. Snow tires. Local, one-owner car.

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## North Weidman

Wanda Graham, Reporter

Bill Alwood observed his 16th birthday Thursday, Dec. 29, by having a few friends and relatives at his home for birthday cake and ice cream.

Word was received that the Durand Marching Band won the nation-wide Disneyland Holiday Marching Band contest. Don Alwood's nephew, Peter McCain, age 14, plays trombone in that band, which led the Rose Bowl parade New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and family entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Grand Rapids, and her brother, Bud Miller, of Battle Creek, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott entertained their children and families for Christmas dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wernette, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Abbott, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and children of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller and family entertained her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman, and family of Mt. Pleasant at Christmas dinner Saturday.

Mrs. Elroy Miller of Oxford, N. J., called long distance to wish her granddaughter, Kathy Burden, a happy birthday Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Latham, Mr. and Mrs. John Latham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Latham and daughter were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham and family.

Sunday callers at the Garold Latham home were Carl and Doyle Latham of Blanchard and Gwendolyn Stark of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry spent Christmas Day with their daughter and family, the Jerry Kohlers, in Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott attended the annual Gott family Christmas party, held at the Gilmore Grange Hall, the evening of Dec. 25. They enjoyed a lovely lunch and a gift exchange. Several of the family were unable to attend because of road and weather conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Latham and Mr. and Mrs. Chel Latham and family were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Latham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett enjoyed Christmas Day with their daughter's family, the Benn Johnsons.

Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gott were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Larry of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Jr., and sons of Elwell, and Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Altona. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott of Lansing called Monday afternoon. Debbie Graham spent Sunday night with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls were last Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carmen and Berdine of Lake. They enjoyed an evening of visiting, while the three girls went roller skating.

Mrs. Joan Burden and Patty and Edie Bea spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wanda Graham and girls. David Burden visited Paul Wernet, and Kathy Burden visited Mr. and Mrs. Walt Smith and Wally Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. George McClain and family spent Christmas Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Sr., at Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett spent Sunday in St. Helen, visiting her sister's family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family were Friday evening visitors at the Clayton Miller home. Steve and Paul Leiter returned to Mr. Pleasant for the night. Mrs. Miller and family had dinner with the Kennedys New Year's Day, and the boys returned home with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burden and family and Mrs. Lauraine Burden of Grand Rapids were New Year's weekend guests of the Jack Burdens.

Lee Sowle of Clare visited the Meryl Grahams Sunday evening. Saturday callers were Harold Love of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott.

Mrs. Arlene King and family spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her brother, Jay Purdy, and family of Flint. They returned home last Thursday with the Purdys, who spent the New Year weekend with them.

Norman Abbott and son-in-law, Earl Jewel, came home Sunday to spend a few days while their oil rig is shut down at Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams and family of Utica called at the Roy S. Adams home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jewel of Oil City called on their daughter-in-law, Carolyn Jewel, last Tuesday.

Pvt. Kenney Waters of Fort Knox, Ky., left last Monday after spending the holidays with his parents.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Sir;

I would like to order the paper, this time for ourselves.

Our address is Remus, but we are still in Isabella County  
Harris Diehl  
Remus, R1  
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BETTER THAN A LETTER



MRS. JERRY LEE COOK

The First Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant was the scene of the candlelight wedding of Barbara Lee Chapman and Jerry Lee Cook in November.

The parents of the bride are Mrs. Virginia Chapman of Weidman and Clarence Chapman of Shepherd. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Coila Cook and the late Fritz Cook.

When the newlyweds left for their honeymoon to Niagara Falls, the bride wore a beige mohair sheath dress with matching brown accessories. The couple are now at home at 1709 Lyons Ave., Mt. Pleasant.

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Dear Connie:

I'm enjoying that old town paper a lot. Think I had better do better this next year and not get my name thrown into the waste basket, ha! My intentions were good, but when the paper stopped coming I missed it, so here is my money for another year.

I am sending two pictures. I don't think you have had them in the paper.

Wishing you a very nice Christmas and a prosperous 1966.

Edith Merrihew Neelands  
Pontiac.

## In the Editor's Mail

Fremont, Calif.  
Dec. 21, 1965

Dear Connie:

You really did a wonderful job with our pictures. If you have a few extra copies we would like to have some to send to friends.

The wedding was very nice, and I will send you a report of it and you can do as you please about printing it. If you don't have space, it will be all right with me. Just thought you'd like to have it.

We won't be here after the first of the year. We are going to Ruth's.

Do keep well. Have a wonderful Holiday.

John and Evalena Hibberd.

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Dear Connie:

Would like you to send the Messenger to my sister, Gala (Mrs. Jack Fusner), Newark, O., for a year.

Can't think of anything she would enjoy more for Christmas. Oh, yes, also enclosing the \$7.50!

Erce (Bywater) Woodward  
P. S. --A very Happy Holiday to you and yours.

# S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children spent Sunday, Dec. 26, with her folks, the Norman Schultheiss family, of St. Johns. Bill Hardenburg was a Friday overnight guest of Brian Dutcher, to watch the Old Year out. Steven Dutcher spent the night with Butch Hardenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew entertained, over Christmas weekend, Mr. and Mrs. James Hare of Northville, Friday; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish and daughters of Pontiac, for the weekend; and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and children of Taylor, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended the annual Christmas party at the Chris Comstock home Sunday, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew and sons of Clio spent Tuesday afternoon with his folks, and the George Merrihews called on the Safford Terrys Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and daughters attended the annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of Blanchard, Dec. 26.

Miss Linda Hardenburg spent part of her Christmas vacation with the Jack Cooks of Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburg and family of Pierson were Christmas Day guests of the Harry Hardenburgs and Emory Dell. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hardenburg spent New Year's Day with them.

Miss Patricia Hardenburg spent Sunday at the Willard Ransom home.

Miss Judy Hardenburg spent part of last week with the Leeward Smiths.

Larry Dutcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, came home for a leave from Fort Lewis, Wash., Tuesday, Dec. 28, and will have till Jan 12 to visit his folks. The Dutchers had all their children and grandchildren and Miss Carol Simkins and Miss Fonda Methner for a belated Christmas dinner and gift exchange Sunday, Jan. 2, so they could all be together.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas, and Roxann Hines spent New Year's Eve with the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and son, Chris, of Mt. Morris spent from Thursday night till Sunday afternoon with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and daughter of rural Blanchard.

William and Joe Ockert had Christmas Day dinner with their sister and brother-in-law, the

George Woodins.

The Woodins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Scott and son, Joe, of Freeland, Mrs. Velma Wiggins, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wiggins and children of Farwell, and Joe and Bill Ockert and Mrs. Viola Curtis for dinner New Year's Day. The Woodins spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tabor and baby of Lansing brought their mother, Mrs. Tabor, to spend some time with her daughter and family, Mrs. Katie McDaniels, the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDaniel and family of Lansing were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mrs. Katie McDaniels and girls and Sandy Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and daughters of Pontiac and Beth's mother, Mrs. Marjory Proutt of Waterford, her sister and brother-in-law, Jack and Peggy Roney and sons, John and Michael, of Akron, O., spent Christmas Day and overnight, due to the bad weather, with Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval, for a joyous Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Frank Secord and the Walter Howe family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris of Mt. Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland were Sunday afternoon callers of their folks, the Clayton Dutchers. Miss Fonda Methner of rural Remus was a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines entertained their four children and their families and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Christmas Day, with dinner and a gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher and children spent Christmas Eve and over night with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis, of New Era, for their annual get-together and gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher and children were Christmas Day afternoon and evening visitors of the Clayton Dutchers.

Well, Merry Christmas. We were all dreaming of a White Christmas, and we sure got it, with four and five foot drifts and the roads plugged, out our way. But it was sure pretty when it was coming down.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and daughters of Lansing for Christmas, from Friday till Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were Sunday afternoon callers, and Sunday evening the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Miss Roxann Hines spent from Friday till Saturday evening with

her uncle and aunt, the Ervin Dutchers. Mrs. Donna Hines called Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family spent Thursday afternoon with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker of Ortonville spent Friday night and New Years Day with their folks, the Clarence Chaffee family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and son, Troy, of Saginaw and a nephew, Randy Madison, spent from Wednesday till Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Larry and Jim Dutcher spent Sunday night and Monday in Flint and Mt. Morris, and visited the Robert Dutchers of rural Midland, Monday evening.

Dennie Howard, Bill Hardenburg and Gary McAllister called on Jim Dutcher New Years Day.

Private Richard Embrey of Ft. Knox spent Christmas at his home here.

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sprague and family and Mrs. Bessie Teall were Saturday dinner guests.

Miss Doris Buerge and Lynn Mohr of Reed City and East Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth.

Mrs. Flossie Davy returned Friday from CMC Hospital after a week's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley, Sr., and Karen Donley attended a basketball tournament at Au Gres Dec. 29 and 30. Richard Donley is Weidman's coach. Weidman won, and the cheerleaders won a trophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davy and family of Jackson, O., spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Flossie Davy. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Graham and new baby of Howell were weekend visitors.

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**ENGAGED** — Mr. Ed Fedewa of Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, announces the engagement of his daughter, Linda Kay, to LaVern W. Yuncker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Yuncker, of Rt. 1, Weidman. No date has been set for the wedding. (Fleming Photo)

## Nottawa

Amelia Wieber, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and boys spent two weeks in Florida visiting his folks and sister and husband. They enjoyed warm weather and saw many nice places and tourist attractions.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engler were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grinzing and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Engler and family, and John Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber and family of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Folsom of East Lansing and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyers and family of Mt. Pleasant and their mother, Amelia Wieber, spent Christmas with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wawersik, and family. Kenny Wawersik left Monday for North Carolina, where he is stationed at an Army base.

Kathleen Sebenick of Grand

Rapids, Larry Sebenick of Ionia spent Christmas with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sebenick.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of Remus spent Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krensreiter, and Richard. They both are feeling quite good again, after an illness.

Amelia Wieber spent the Sunday after Christmas till Wednesday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck, of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Paisley had his folks home for Christmas. They all enjoyed a wonderful time.

Theresa Wagner spent two days last week with Pamela Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode and girls spent Christmas with her folks, the Simons family, in Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gallagher of Coldwater Lake spent Christmas with her son, Leslie Higbee, and family, of Owosso. They enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner and

children spent a week ago Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and family.

Karen Paisley spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck, of Rosebush. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gepford were Tuesday evening callers.

Margaret, Regina and Walter Wieber spent New Year's afternoon, with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krensreiter and Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen had all their family home for Christmas.

Amelia Wieber spent New Year's afternoon with her brother-in-law, Henry Fussman. He is about the same. She also called on Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Schroeck and Catherine.

Freddie Yuncker called on his daughter, Mrs. Jerry Riggles, Thursday afternoon.

Dorothy Breuer called on Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Gallagher Monday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Killicut and family of Okemos spent New Year's with her father, Charles Gross, and Elaine.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth spent the holidays in Lansing, with their daughter's family, the Judson Andersons.

Mrs. Fred Wilcox has been spending some time in Grand Rapids, with her niece, who is very ill.

New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cole of Barryton and their grandson, Chris Paulsen, of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen spent New Year's Day with their son, Rev. Carl Allen, and family, in Lansing.

Mrs. Ivan Allen returned last Thursday from Jackson, where she had spent from Sunday to that day with her sister, Mrs. Bud Richardson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen and children enjoyed New Year's dinner at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and daughters of East Lansing took Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler to that city Sunday, where they also visited the Robert Tibbetts family.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler. In the afternoon Mrs. Beutler accompanied them to the Forrest Johnston home in Rosebush, and they all called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater spent New Year's Day in Lansing visiting her mother, Mrs. Neva Gray.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater expected to return from Community Hospital Tuesday after a three weeks' stay. She planned to go to the Howard Bywater home.

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