

# The Weidman Messenger

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## WEIDMAN LIONS CLUB

At the regular Lions Club meeting in Weidman Wednesday evening, Howard Rowe, conservation officer of Isabella County, showed a film, "Michigan Elk Herd."

Plans were made for the annual Christmas party for Lions members and their wives, which will be held in Big Rapids Dec. 21.

The Club agreed to sponsor an area family for a Christmas basket.

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## COLDWATER EXTENSION GROUP MEETS AT NEW GORDON FOSBERG HOME

The Coldwater Extension Study Group met at the lovely home of Mrs. Gordon Fosberg last Friday with 13 ladies present. Mrs. Mattie Longton was a guest.

The Fosbergs' new Y-frame home was delightfully trimmed with unusual holiday decor.

Mrs. Ray Geasler, president, conducted the business meeting.

The president reported on the Christmas tea, and the lesson on "Managing Your Christmas Money."

The hostess asked each member to present her "Show and Tell" things she was making for Christmas. Many new ideas were gained in gift-making and holiday decorations.

The refreshments were Christmas treats furnished by the members. An enjoyable time was had tasting and sampling each dish.

Favorite recipes were exchanged as well as ideas.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lou Gray Jan. 13 at 1.30 p. m.

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## ATTEND FUNERAL OF FORMER BRINTON WOMAN

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Lela Whearett attended the funeral of Mrs. Jane Brooks Monday afternoon at the Methodist Church in Farwell. Burial was in the North Brinton cemetery.

Mrs. Brooks was a former resident of the Brinton area, having been raised on a farm north of Brinton. There are very many old friends here and in Brinton who remember her.

Mrs. Brooks died suddenly at her home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodrich and children of Lansing spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim and Mrs. Leah Scharrer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and family in Flushing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith spent the weekend with relatives in St. Louis.



**THEY MOVED IN MONDAY--Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen moved into their beautiful year-round home on Roe's Acres, a small part of Subdivision No. 1, Lake of the Hills, Monday. With a small amount of exterior work to be finished, and some lawn grading, the Allens' new home was nearing completion this week.**

**THE ABOVE PHOTO, with the Messenger camera, looks east, with the lake waters behind the house. A small tip of the island can be seen at the right-hand edge of the picture.**

**THIS HOUSE is Consumers Power Company's first all-electric installation in this area. The Allens are enjoying electric heat, besides, of course, all appliances and kitchen gadgets being electric. The new house is of three-bedroom, two-bath proportion, with one of the bedrooms being used by the Allens as a den, with wood-paneled walls. The house has modern carpeting throughout, even to bathrooms.**



**A PARK AND POND are in the view of the Allens' living-room window. This is a most beautiful scene, and will be more so when the pond is completed next spring. The above picture was taken with the Messenger camera without flash, and we figure that's a pretty good scene out there. The Allens' home is the first to be built on Lake of the Hills. Next summer should see more.**

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL

The Christmas programs began at the Weidman Community School Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, with a High School caroling party.

The Elementary Christmas concert is scheduled for Dec. 15 at 8 p. m., at the school.

An Eighth Grade caroling party is on for Dec. 19, with buses taking the students to area homes

where they will sing.

The High School Christmas concert will be Thursday evening, Dec. 22, at the school at 8 o'clock.

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## NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler expected to leave Thursday for a visit of a day or so at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Tibbetts, and family.

## Men in Uniform

Addresses for Christmas: Sp/4 Jimmy J. Wagner, US52644972, Hq. Btry. 6th Bn., 80th Arty., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96251.

Jimmy is the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wagner of Burkesville, Ky., who is stationed in Korea. Jim plays on a basketball team there, and they have won all their games.

He was a star player four years at Burkesville High School. Jim is very interested in the children's orphanage in Korea where he is stationed.

One little boy has really taken a liking to Jim.

Jim has donated blood several times. He was assigned to help guard the President when he was there. (You guard, what I mean, Jim's mother writes.) There were thousands on guard, after the shooting that took six lives. Jimmy said for days they slept with their clothes on and had to be on alert all the time.

We are sure Jim would appreciate Christmas cards from his old Weidman friends.

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Pvt. Paul Smith is expected to arrive Friday to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Pfc. Larry Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker of Brinton, is home till Jan. 3, when he will report to an Army base in New Cumberland, Pa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry expect their son, Glenn, home the weekend of Dec. 18. He is now stationed at Fort Polk, La., and will have further orders before he comes home.

He and Miss Carol Lindell of Leroy will be married Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at the Lutheran Church in Leroy. A reception will be held after the ceremony in the all-purpose room at Tustin Elementary School, Tustin, where friends and neighbors are welcome to extend best wishes and good luck to Glenn and his bride.

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Pfc. Donald Abbott called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Abbott, to tell them he got back to his camp in Virginia last week, and he expects to be home for a Christmas leave. He expects to be sent overseas after that.

Bill Bierschbach is home from Fort McClellan, Ala., for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach.

Tom Schumacher is expected home Sunday from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for Christmas.

**S.W. Sherman**

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren took Carl Thren to Ann Arbor Monday for tests. Carl has been quite ill. They also took their small son, Kerry, to the hospital there for a checkup and probable changing of the casts on his legs. Kerry was only seven weeks old when the first casts were put on his legs; he was 10 weeks old when the third set of casts was applied. He is coming along just fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent last Monday evening with the Ervin Dutchers. Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent from Monday afternoon till Wednesday with them.

The Ervin Dutchers spent Thursday evening with the Robert Hineses. George Woodin had supper with the Dutchers Friday and spent the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and James Beutler and boys of Rosebush were Sunday callers of the Howard Beutlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland spent Sunday with the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas spent Saturday evening. Barbara had an operation on her toe for removal of the toenail Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew called on Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of Blanchard Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus called on Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Dent were a week ago Saturday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and children were Sunday callers of her folks, the Harry Hardenburgs. Mrs. Chelsea Latham and children called Saturday. Mrs. Leward Smith and baby were Saturday callers. Mrs. Hazel Jones and daughter of Remus called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval attended the funeral of Mr. Bentley Saturday in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Hibberd, Lucile Merrihew, Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Edna Merrihew, Betty and Ellen Thompson, Eva Denslow, Claribel and Mary Beutler all attended the Busy Bees' Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. Marian Beutler Thursday afternoon. The Beutler children also attended.

The Jim McDaniels family of Landing spent the weekend at their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Monday supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers and spent the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd Monday evening.

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Mildred Tompkins of Barryton is spending most of the winter with Blanche Cliff and Beth Jackson, at Blanche's home here.

**N. Broomfield**

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Herman and Aliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp of Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Borders of Marion were last Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. They had been to Community Hospital to visit their brother, Jim Bergquist, who was critically ill following a heart attack. He was somewhat improved the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and family were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shook of Weidman. It was Mr. Shook's birthday.

In place of the regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid, there will be a family Christmas party held at the church basement Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Strong of Elwell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

Mrs. Grace Crowley was a Sunday caller of Mrs. Nettie Crowley

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Yunker and Mr. and Mrs. Don Krueger called on Mrs. Glee Krueger and father, Herman Cook, Thursday afternoon, and enjoyed a few games of cards. Don had just returned from a Grand Rapids hospital, where he had plastic surgery on his forehead to repair an injury in a car accident of nearly a year ago.

A Christmas Concert was held at the Broomfield Lutheran Church Monday evening, given by the Junior Choir. The children's Christmas program will be at 8 p. m. Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode, Nettie Crowley, Maycie Cook, Mrs. Helen Lueder and Mary Cook enjoyed an afternoon of cards and lovely lunch at the home of Mrs. Vida Lueder, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder, Mrs. Mary Cook of Remus and Maycie Cook were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Latham of Webberville were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook. They all attended a charivari for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Latham, at the home of the bride, the former Bessie Forbes, of near Brinton, who were recently married. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were Sunday evening dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. Eda Van Zandt.

\* Anniversary Invitations  
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Golden Wedding

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**EAST  
Coldwater**

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mrs. Gaylord Hart and Kay and Roxann and Mrs. Charlotte Hart went with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis of Mt. Pleasant to Saginaw, Christmas shopping.

Lynda Hart spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart, from her work in Mt. Pleasant.

Darcel Lofgren is home from school with chicken pox. Hope for a quick recovery, Darcel.

The Skinner children spent the weekend with their Grandmother Miller in Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson are staying at their home in Weidman till after Christmas.

Alice Skinner was home from school Monday, with flu.

Wally Skinner stayed home from school last Thursday, to help his mother clean up the basement after the heavy rains. The basement was flooded.

President Shirley Sweebe, Secretary Josephine Clare, Luella Allbee, Elva Garver, and Lola Strandburg, trustees, all of Mt. Pleasant, called on Esther Skinner, Treasurer, last Thursday evening, to audit the VFW Auxil-

iary No. 3033 books. After the audit, cookies, Christmas candy, a relish tray and coffee were served by the hostess.

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**REGULAR REBEKAH  
CARD PARTY**

The regular Rebekah sponsored card party was held last Tuesday at the IOOF Hall.

Prizes were won by Cecilia Simmer, Hermione Smith, Gladys Wilson and Hulda Stevens. The door prize was won by Russell Wilson. Lunch was served by the committee.

The next party will be Dec. 20 at the same hall.

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**Local Items**

Mesdames Helen Flower, Helen Adams, Jean McArthur and Mrs. John Showalter were in Alma shopping last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater and baby spent Saturday in Lansing. They had lunch with Garnet's mother, Mrs. Louis Damon, and husband.

Mrs. Hermione Smith and Mrs. Irma Kische were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and family.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Ida Tilmann spent some time in Standish with her sister and brother. Her brother, Roland, and wife, brought her home last Wednesday and stayed a few days.

The Senior Citizens meeting was well attended last Thursday. Mrs. Albena Rau won the door prize. New officers were elected. Mrs. Veronica Tilmann and Mrs. Albena Rau will serve for the next year.

Mrs. Irene Tilmann underwent surgery at CMC Hospital last Thursday, and was reported as coming along fine.

Henry Fussman was taken to CMC Hospital last Friday by ambulance. He is as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Mary Schroeck is in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh drove to Detroit last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Kennedy, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Florence Ball and children motored to Lansing Friday.

Mrs. Miller of Rosebush called on Mrs. Louise Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Theisen and family of Huntsville, Ala., are spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent the weekend at her home in Beal City.

Miss Ginger Rau of Bay City spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung spent Friday in Carson City.

Mrs. W. J. Laubenthal called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau Saturday.

Miss Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard and Mrs. W. J. Laubenthal, Sunday.

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## Local Items

Fred Cole of Mt. Pleasant was a Saturday evening visitor of Emma Middlesworth and Vada Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater and son, Bob, spent Sunday at the Dover Baptist Church at Bristol, where Rev. Marvin Eldridge has been holding revival meetings. The Ray Overholt family were

## WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Not much news this week, as this reporter had to go to the doctor and dentist Monday. Helen has been having ear trouble again, and decided she needed a doctor for it. Yvonne Halfman drove her to Mt. Pleasant for both appointments.

Dean Baker was a Tuesday supper guest at the Don Alwood home. Later, Bill Alwood and Dean attended the basketball game at Weidman School. Bill was an overnight guest at the Baker home.

Mrs. Harold Straus tells us about her brother-in-law, Don Bower, husband of Esther (Beutler), who underwent open-heart surgery Dec. 8. Doctors took an artery from elsewhere in his body and placed it through his heart to bypass three blockages. Don was doing fine, his recovery listed as very satisfactory. He is 50 years old, and had suffered heart failure the past two years. He is expected to be able to go back to his work after recovering from the surgery. Their address is 4763 Pepperwood, Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Geraldine Horan is now living at the Wm. Courser home in Loomis. She says she likes it fine there, after being in the Medical Facilities Building in Mt. Pleasant a long time. Her address is Mrs. Geraldine Horan, care Wm. Courser, Route 4, Clare.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter  
Sunday visitors at the Gerald Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy Sue, Sandy Gross and a friend of Grand Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtis and Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family called on the Gordon Helmer family near Barryton Friday evening.

Mrs. Wanda Blodgett and children and Mrs. Myrl Blodgett were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Carol Johnson.

Mrs. Betty Thompson took several boys of the Remus Sunday School class to the Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Bob and Bill Thompson attended a Junior High School basketball game at Reed City Wednesday. Bob is one of the 7th Grade

Ardis Merrihew were Sunday callers of the Charlie Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent had all their children and their families home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott of near Evart were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent from Tuesday through Friday in Milwaukee, Wis., attending an NFO convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Myers announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brenda Jean, born Dec. 7, and weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Mrs. Ellen Thompson attended Busy Bees at Marian Beutler's home Thursday afternoon. It was the Christmas party with gift exchange.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on Mrs. Deborah Benn Sunday, and found her feeling pretty good.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood to Big Rapids Wednesday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dan Suman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Thursday evening callers at the Howard Wood home. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and Beth Lynn and Mike, Bob Bergquist and Mrs. Kate Wood and Jeanne, Mary Ellen and Gale.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce of Ashley were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family.

Mrs. Bessie Teall has been suffering from bronchial pneumonia the past two weeks. She was beginning to feel better the first of the week.

Evelyn Hackney entered CMC Hospital last week Monday for major surgery. She hoped to return the last of this week.

Mrs. Nina Forbes and Alton Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Summers of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were guests of Mrs. Pat Hathaway Sunday. This was their Christmas get-together.

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# HISTORY OF SHERMAN TWP.

By Fred L. Kent

(Editor's Note: Rosie Hogen has brought us a copy of Fred Kent's History of Sherman Township, set up and printed in the Weidman Messenger printshop in 1914.

In order that such valuable historical documents might be used and enjoyed by many, we are endeavoring to copy Mr. Kent's writings for the present-day Messenger.

(Fred Kent was a talented writer, and among other things, he wrote the Horr news for Rolla Roe's Messenger. Connie Roe was 12 years old in 1914, and she, like the other Roe kids, helped set the type by hand on Fred Kent's history.)

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1914

Forty-eight years have passed since the first settlers blazed a trail from the haunts of the then dense wilderness of Sherman Township; and as the pioneers are fast passing away, and soon not one will be left to give information that may prove of interest to coming generations, I have taken it upon myself to write a brief history of the early days when we all lived in log houses, and no one felt above his neighbor.

In this I have been aided by others who have furnished valuable information on the subject. Thomas Burgess and Cyrus Dunbar, with their families, and Richard Amsbury, an old woodsman who lived with Burgess, were the first settlers.

Burgess and Dunbar came from Holland, Mich., and Amsbury joined them on the road. Burgess homesteaded the northwest quarter of Section 18, and Dunbar the southwest quarter of the same section, and in the spring of 1866, moved their families over the trail from Millbrook north through Wheatland and Sheridan townships, Mecosta County, to their new possessions on the county line.

They were the only inhabitants of the township for a year or more; but they had neighbors to the west, in Sheridan Township, Ed Strong and the late Henry Tanner, and others having settled there at about the same time.

The first survey of the Ionia and Houghton Lake State road passed through this first settlement and swung around Six Lakes crossing into Isabella County at or near Sherman City.

It was the prospect of this new road that encouraged the pioneers to push ahead and secure homes in the wilderness.

When it was learned that the road would be built on a new survey, through Sherman, they pre-

pared a remonstrance and dispatched Burgess to Lansing to present it to the authorities, and do all he could to prevent the change.

But E. Hall wanted the road to run through his pine lands, and E. Hall had money. Burgess liked money, but hardly knew what it looked like since coming to Sherman.

In any case, the State Road that was for many years the main road of the township, and over which passed thousands of people who became the pioneers of many counties to the north, was built through the pine forests of East Sherman.

In search of items of interest for this sketch, I called on the oldest living inhabitants of Coldwater Township, at their pleasant home in Sherman City, James McKersie and his wife, who have been residents of Sherman City 42 years and of Coldwater Township 47 years. (Ed's Note: this meant 42 and 47 years before 1914.)

Mr. McKersie is old, and his eyesight is very poor, but his memory is good, and the stories he relates of the early days are interesting, truthful and instructive.

He, in company with John Allen Tanner, came from Westphalia, Clinton County, to Coldwater Township in October, 1866,

to locate their homesteads. At this time there was not a white man in the township.

On the way they passed the cabins of Burgess and Dunbar in Sherman. Returning to their homes, they worked in Ionia until November, when they came back and built on their land, moving their families there in the spring of 1867.

While preparing to build, they heard that Harry Brubaker had moved his family into the township, and they struck through the woods to visit him. They found the family living in a tent while the house was being built. The night before their visit to Brubaker, Samuel Colley moved to his homestead on the town line.

McKersie taught one term of school in what was known as the "Jimmie Johnson" school house, now the White, and left the homestead in 1872, to clerk for Amos Johnson in Sherman City, where he has since lived.

It is impossible to give the exact date of all the first settlers, but between the years of 1866 and 1871, I believe I have the names of all who came. Some only remained a short time, and some, a very few, are here yet.

To the northwest corner of the township came Aaron Osborn, Joseph Taggart, John Lord, John Ralph, John T. Cahoon, David

R. Hayes, Hiram Allen, A. F. Swem, Adam Souls, George H. Abbie, Alexander Miller, John Souls and Daniel Flinn (who lived with Adam Souls).

In the southwest corner, Layell Curtis, James Miller, Wm. Connor, John Kent, Wm. Darnell, Wm. J. Darnell, David Archy and Bellonger, who built the first hotel in town, later moved it from near the river to its present location by John Beutler, Sr. It was the only hotel between Millbrook and Farwell, and did a thriving business for many years.

Henry Woodin was also in the southwest corner. He came in the fall of 1869, and in the summer of 1870 commenced building the first sawmill, which was completed and the first board sawed on May 3, 1871. He raised the frame of his grist mill March 25, 1874. John Kent's was the first grist ground in the mill.

Mr. Woodin was supervisor of Sherman several years and was widely known.

In the southeast corner were Milo Dean and James J. Bennett on Sec. 36.

There were no settlers in the northeast corner.

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(Editor's Note: We are happy to present this first instalment of Fred Kent's History of Sherman Township. We shall continue the account as space permits.)



OLD SETTLERS BUILT LOG HOUSES-- Shown above is a picture of the log cabin now part of the Martin Boger home. In the front row, left to right: Metia Shilling, Minnie Shilling, Ora Sisco, two Powell children, Mrs. Carrie Robbins, Margaret Shilling. Back row: Rose Haslins, George Shilling holding Margaret Haslins, Will Boger, Louisa Boger, Henry Boger. Picture loaned by Martin Boger.

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**NOTICE TO NEWS WRITERS--** So we have this week's paper and next week's, the Dec. 22 issue, and then we take a vacation during the week between Dec. 22 (which includes, of course, Christmas) and the issue of Jan. 5, 1967. This gives our news writers from Monday, Dec. 19, when you mail your news for the Dec. 22 issue, to Monday, Jan. 2, to take time off and relax. So--mail your news in next week, and include, if possible, as much of the Christmas family-gathering items as you can; for the Jan. 5 issue, we'll want the New Year's news, with the Christmas news quite far behind. We hope everybody has a good vacation, and we'll see you all back in the paper for the Jan. 5 issue. Happy Holidays.

#### NEWS NOTES

Beth Jackson and Blanche Cliff were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Emma Middlesworth and Vada Carroll.  
 Norman Abbott entered CMC Hospital Saturday. He was in traction for a back ailment.

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### the Churches

**WEIDMAN METHODIST**  
 Rev. Williams Reynders, Pastor  
 The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Weidman Methodist Church will meet in the church Thursday, Dec. 15, at 2.30 p. m., for their business meeting and Christmas program. Virginia Saunders and Barbara VanderSys will present the program, "For This Little Time." Marian Beutler and Irene Reynders will serve refreshments.  
 Choir practice will be Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.  
 The Sunday Schools will have their Christmas programs Sunday, Dec. 18, in Deerfield at 4 p. m. and in Weidman at 7.30 p. m.  
 The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Deerfield church will have a Workshop at the church Thursday, Dec. 22, at 1.30 p. m., to prepare Christmas baskets and gifts.  
 There will be a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, in the Deerfield church from 7 to 7.30 p. m. and in the Weidman church from 8 to 8.30 p. m.  
 There are "mitten trees" in both churches. If you would like to remember the children in the Methodist Children's Home, you may hang mittens (for children 8 to 16 years) on the mitten trees.

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**WEIDMAN BAPTIST**  
 Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor  
 The Christmas program will be Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7.30 p. m.

Prayer meeting this week will be at the Ruth Wark home in Weidman.

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**FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD**  
 Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor  
 The Forest Hill Church of God Sunday School will present a Christmas program Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at 7.30. The theme of the program will be "Christ, the Bright and Morning Star," and will include a play by the Young People's Society entitled, "A Teenager's Christ-

mas." A Christmas treat will be given free to each person in attendance. Everyone is welcome!  
 The church is in the process of incorporating, and having no connection with any Church of God denomination, has voted to change its name to Forest Hill Community Church.  
 The Church Board, along with Jack Lynch as attorney, are working out the details. So, in the near future, we will be known by our new name, Forest Hill Community Church.



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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and son, Blaine, of Mt. Pleasant visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hampel and daughter, Kathy, of Chippewa Lake were Sunday afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and Don Clark of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Navarre were Thursday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mrs. Duane Gray and Barbara and Yvonne of Mt. Pleasant were callers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portenga of Conklin visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga, and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz, and family of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson visited her father and sister, Manley Oliver and Mrs. Marguerite Coleman, of Remus, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake were Sunday dinner guests of his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens and daughter, Sandra, of Lake, Misses Wanda and Connie Bowen and Homer Teeter were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock and family were dinner guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith of Riverdale, Sunday, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Schrock. Happy Birthday, Loretta!

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and family visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smithe, en route home.

Arthur Schrock visited his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Sunday evening guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock, of Grand Rapids, at the latter's cottage on Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler visited her mother, Mrs. Lena St. John, at the Lakeview hospital Saturday afternoon. They thought she was improving in health. Mrs. Eunice LaLondie and Mrs. Cora Beers visited her Sunday afternoon, and reported Mrs. St. John wasn't feeling as well as the day before.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley attended the Christmas party for the maintenance employees of

the Home and Training School at Coldwater Lake Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Barryton visited his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller and daughter, Mary Lou, and Mrs. McLean went to Cadillac Sunday and had lunch in Big Rapids en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Waite of Greenville were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs.

Clyde Emmons.

Clarence Dillenbeck made a business trip to Grand Rapids last Wednesday.

Mrs. Russell Stanley was a Monday over night guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, and family, of Weidman. He took her to the Davis Clinic Tuesday morning, where she had minor surgery on the back of her neck. Have to have a checkup the first of the week. Glad I'm not a giraffe!!

David Moore of Saginaw was a Saturday over night guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Gilbert Schrock was a caller Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber and Joyce and Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City visited at the Stanley home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skaltzky. They took her home Sunday evening, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis at Sherman City.

Mrs. Arthur Loomis, Mrs. Max Kimball of Barryton and Mrs. Charles Loomis were Mt. Pleasant shoppers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Esterline and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Teresa and Jean Ann and Cindy Leiter were supper guests Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and family were Wednesday evening guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, and daughters.

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## Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER HERE DEC. 21

The annual Community Christmas dinner will be held at the Brinton Hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 21.

We hope for favorable weather and a large crowd out to meet their neighbors and friends.

We plan to serve the dinner at 7 p. m., so please bring for potluck. The Quilters Club will furnish the coffee.

Remember the date, and we'll be seeing you.

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The young folks of the church are practicing for the Christmas

program which will be Sunday evening, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend with their daughter and children in Grand Rapids, and their brother's family, the Lyle Baskervilles, in Greenville.

Only three tables of cards at the Saturday evening party. We will meet again in four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Molyneux and daughter, Jeanne Miller, of Walhalla spent the weekend at the Estes home.

Mrs. Kenneth Baker was in Saginaw Friday. From there she saw an eye specialist in Ann Arbor.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Latham.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes of North Brinton were Monday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner. The Skinners took them on a tour of Lake of the Hills.

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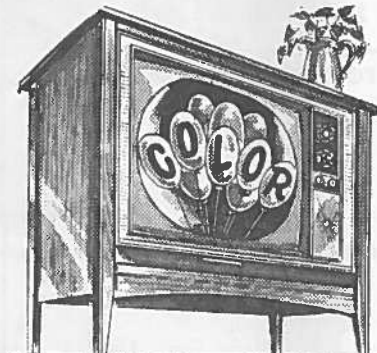
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**Central Gilmore**

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter

**PIONEER FARM BUREAU HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore held its annual Christmas party Monday evening at the Community Building.

There was a large crowd to enjoy a delicious supper centered around ham and scalloped potatoes. Everyone enjoyed the gift exchange.

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Kenneth Seymour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour, was only slightly injured when a car crossed the M-20 intersection in his path Monday in Mt. Pleasant. Ken drives a county road truck, and the other driver smashed into his truck, demolishing the other car.

Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour received word Monday that their brother-in-law, Al Young, of Farwell, in the Pleasant Manor Rest Home in Mt. Pleasant over a year, died Sunday. He had recently had an operation for gall stones. He was 83. He was buried in a Saginaw cemetery, with funeral services at Coker's in Farwell Wednesday at 1 p. m.

Mrs. Shelly Gates of Bailey, Mich., was in our neighborhood last Tuesday. She was a supper guest of Mrs. Don Pitchford, and also attended the Women's Fellowship Christmas party. Good to see you, Shelly.

Egbert Fordyce was in Lansing Monday to attend the National Farm Loan directors' meeting at the Kellogg Center on the campus of MSU.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts attended the Christmas party given by Fisher Contracting Co, held at the Executive House in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips were in Cadillac Wednesday.

Egbert Fordyce called to see Mrs. Emma Perry last Tuesday and had lunch with Vaness and Laura.

Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Terry Pitts attended an all-night hymn sing at I. M. A. Auditorium in Flint Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ormiston. In the evening they had supper with Mrs. Joan Pitts and sons.

Greg Pitts and Bryan Smith went to Detroit Tuesday for their physical exams.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Goudie were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts. Rayford Wilds was also a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens of Sanford. Mrs. Phillips is a sister of Felix.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts.

Mrs. Hazel Battleshaw and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts went to Saginaw Monday to see Mrs. Lola Fordyce.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

We talked with Lola Fordyce at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. She asked us to say Hello to all her friends and relatives. She expects to be in the hospital until after New Year's. Lola's address is: Room 512, St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw. She hopes to hear from you.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, visited their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, and Vilma, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole visited their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee, in Mt. Pleasant, Monday.

Mrs. Flossie Forbes has been in the Lakeview hospital after suffering a broken hip since August. She still needs more surgery. All who can, please send a note to cheer her up.

Martin Boger called on his cousin, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boger were in Lakeview Wednesday, where he visited his doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Claris Allen of Commerce spent several days at their trailer. The Allens were called here by the death of his cousin, Alvie Metcalf, of Chippewa Lake. Funeral services were held Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa spent the evening with the Coles.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas called on Mrs. Charlotte Hart Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour Saturday.

**the Churches**

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

George Getchel, Pastor  
Morning Worship, 10 a. m.  
Bible School, 11 a. m.

Who are you letting down when you don't stay for Bible School? The Lord. He said, "Study to show thyself approved." The teacher, who has spent much time in preparing a lesson. Yourself. We all need the "shield of faith." Your minister, because he is judged, rightly or wrongly, by the increase or decrease in attendance figures. Let us never be satisfied until we are 100%.  
G. C. Y., 6 p. m.

The initials are for Gilmore Christian Youth. We hope that includes you.

Evening Worship Hour, 7. 30 p. m. A wonderful time in the Lord as we sing, pray and study. Come and share the fellowship

and communion of the saints of God.

Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p. m. Seventy-seven present last week.

Christmas Program rehearsal Saturday, 2. 30 p. m.

Christmas baskets will be prepared by Mary Helen Pitts and Carol Jean Barber.

The Mail-box is for Christmas cards, sent from one church family to another.

Monday evening, Dec. 19, will be the Central Michigan Youth Rally at the Coe Church of Christ, 7. 30 p. m. Let's try and bring back the trophy.

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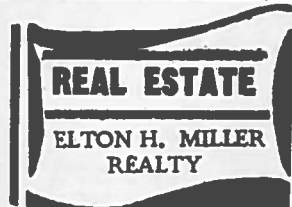
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**ENGAGED**--Mrs. Harold Smith of Beal City announces the engagement of her daughter, Margary Mary, to Lindy L. Siefker, son of Mrs. Henry Siefker, of Winn. No date has been set for the wedding.

**Coldwater Lake**  
Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Several ladies in this area attended the Mission last week at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City. This week the men will attend.

Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mrs. Walter Schafer in Mt. Pleasant Friday afternoon.

Mike Kavanaugh, Terry Powell and Bill Rau spent Friday night with Jerry Joe Schafer. The boys attended the Pine River- Beal City game and dance.

Edward Schafer attended a bee to rebuild the garage of Otto Klumpp in Shepherd Saturday. The garage was damaged by fire Dec. 2.

Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh Saturday morning.

Herman Hemminger of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Near of Saginaw called at the Edward Schafer home Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer en-

joyed dinner and a visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer, in Bay City, Sunday.

The Schafer boys had as their visitors Sunday, Rick and Ted Klumpp, Tom Tilmann and Mike Kavanaugh.

**Two Rivers**  
Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodruff.

Collie Bozer of Midland spent Saturday afternoon with Sue Ward.

Ruby and Janet Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin. The Martins called at the Peter Lorenz home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaucher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaucher and Ronald Flaucher were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaucher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey and son of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey. Later in the afternoon the Sweets and Charles Harveys drove to Chippewa Lake

and called at the John Harvey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr of Coldwater Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward went to Saginaw Sunday afternoon to visit at the Harry Haag home and see their new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

**NorthWeidman**  
Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy were Monday luncheon guests of Mrs. Roy S. Adams. Mrs. Adams later drove Helen to Mt. Pleasant to see her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams enjoyed coffee and pie with Mrs. Helen Alwood Monday morning. The Adamses bought a Christmas tree from the young Alwood boys, Donnie and Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham were Sunday afternoon guests at the Jerry Olger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett and family were dinner guests Saturday evening at the Earl Blodgett home.

Carol Johnson presented her mother, Mrs. Earl Blodgett, with a birthday present Sunday.

Carol Abbott took Becky Graham and Ricky Abbott to the Medical Center at Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening, for visitation.

They took a basket of fruit to Carol's Grandmother Servoss. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of the Jack Burden family. Mrs. Lorraine Burden and Mr. and Mrs. Welch and family of Remus were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Becky and Debbie Graham had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell. The girls stayed over night with the Gotts, and went to school on the bus.

Mrs. Muriel Miller visited her Grandmother Servoss one day last week.

Mrs. Myrtle Shanteau, who has been in CMC Hospital since Dec. 3, returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Hi Sexton, Monday, where she will spend a few days. She suffered a broken shoulder and hand and a cut on the head in an auto accident.

**WEDDING STATIONERY**

- \* Invitations
- \* Announcements

- \* Anniversary Invitations
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**Weidman Messenger**

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