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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Your item about the hardware the Maeder Brothers have been finding in their logs and your wondering how they got there got me to thinking.

If they should find a piece of log chain in one, I might be able to tell them how it got there, as a couple of lovers put it in a tree at the north Isabella line 70 years ago.

I know it was there for 40 years, and of late I've wondered if it was still there.

Those lovers were my Dad and mother, Hank and Louise Wixson.

Lena Cole.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AT BRINTON HALL SUNDAY

The annual community Christmas dinner sponsored by the Brinton Quilting Club ladies will be held this Sunday, Dec. 17, at 1 o'clock at the Brinton Community Hall.

The club ladies are furnishing meat, buns, coffee, etc., and the rest is pot-luck. Friends of the Brinton community and the general public are cordially invited.

Bring anything you wish for pot-luck, the ladies say.

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RECEIVES NURSE'S CAP IN RECENT CEREMONY

Mildred McDonald was among 22 students to receive their caps in a recent ceremony at the Isabella Medical Care Facility.

A tea honoring the students was held following the capping ceremonies, with the table decor featuring blue candles and flowers, symbolizing the capping as a realization and a positive step toward the student's goal in becoming a graduate Practical Nurse.

Our congratulations, Mildred!

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WEIDMAN LIONS CLUB

Wednesday, Dec. 6, the Lions Club met at the Marlview Restaurant for a 7 o'clock dinner, of chicken and ham, with their guests. Each lady was given a bottle of cologne.

A short business meeting was held. Clayton Miller was chairman. It was voted that the Lions Club would take care of some needy family for Christmas.



MICHIGAN'S ICE STORM HIT HERE, TOO--Above is a jack pine tree, planted by the Roe family 35 years ago, which lost some of its contours with the weight of ice accumulation Sunday night and Monday morning. All of Weidman was strewn with tree limbs and branches, especially those of the Chinese elms, which are particularly vulnerable due to their sharp-branching habits.

Messenger photo

The weekend's ice storm was heavy and most unhandy here, though no serious effects were reported locally.

Roads remained passable even though slushy and slippery; telephone lines did fairly well, with only a few breakages reported in this area. Power lines broke in other parts of the county, but the Weidman area remained lucky on that point.

The Chippewa Hills Schools were closed Monday, along with several schools in Clare County, while Beal City and the Mt. Pleasant schools were open.

The ice storm was one of our worst, in that it lasted two days and nights; and yet it was not so bad inasmuch as there was no wind during that period.

By Tuesday morning ice had disappeared and only rain and fog remained of the unseasonable December weather.

Each member is to donate a gift or money, leaving it at the Fox Hardware by Dec. 23.

Emil Lueder, Reporter.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

GOLDEN WEDDING RECEPTION WELL ATTENDED

Sunday's beginning ice storm did not deter a large number of relatives, friends and well-wishers from attending the Golden Wedding Open House honoring Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew Sunday in the parlors of the Weidman Methodist Church.

Their very many Weidman friends attended, and many from outside braved the gathering menace of icy roads and freezing rain.

Among those from out of town were former Weidman residents Mrs. Hugh Swindlehurst (Marie Smith) and Mr. Swindlehurst of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Maude Robinson (Maude Smith) of Chicago. Maude was visiting her sister's home.

Orrie and Lucile graciously received their friends, and a joyous afternoon was spent by all. The Merrihews received many lovely gifts to commemorate the occasion.

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EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING--Gift subscriptions to the Weidman Messenger.

Men in Uniform

Here's a new address:
Pvt. Gary D. Thomas, RA-16938741, ACO. 1st 509 Inf. Bgd., APO 09185.

Gary arrived in Germany recently, and is in paratroop training, in the airborne division.

Gary lived with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and family while attending high school here, and he has many friends.

Richard Zeien wrote his folks last week that he had just 140 days to go and he'll be home from Viet Nam. He is with the Army transportation unit at Tuy Hoa. He wrote that Don Abbott looked him up recently, and both were happy with the reunion. They and two other local boys had been together through much of their military experiences.

Richard's address:

Pfc. Richard J. Zeien, US-54962763, 670th Platoon, Tuy Hoa Sub. Area Command, APO San Francisco 96316.

Ralph Melinowski, who left for the service two years ago this week, is discharged now and is spending the holidays with his sister and family, the John Reynolds, in Connecticut. Ralph had been in Germany over a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schafer are expected home this weekend from Arizona. Harry's two years in the service is up, and he will be discharged. Mrs. Schafer is the former Roxann Sheppard.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS SIX TABLES IN PLAY

The Christmas card party sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs was held at the home of Mrs. Vada Carroll last Tuesday afternoon, with six tables of pepper in play.

Prizes were won by Cecelia Simmer, Clara Fox, Mae Fussman, and Monica Grinzinger. The door prize was won by Maycie Cook.

A lovely lunch was served by the committee. This was the last card party until March, because of winter weather and also many of the active Rebekah members go away for the winter.

See you in the spring.

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Mrs. Helen Smith and daughter have moved into their trailer home beside the home of Mrs. Emily Wood.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hulbert will be happy to learn that their little son, Donnie, had ear surgery at the Traverse City hospital, where doctors took a piece of muscle from the top of his ear and sewed it on his eardrum. The little boy had suffered ear trouble constantly, and had serious hearing loss. He is expected to regain his hearing.

Mrs. Eva Denslow entered CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon, for minor surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam, and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence attended Mrs. Lawrence's cousin's funeral at Lucas Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew stayed with Sidney. Garth and family were Friday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn of Shepherd were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Harry spent Saturday in Traverse City, to visit her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent and Lynda Krueger spent Friday in Lansing with the Chuck Roberts family.

Bob Kirvan was a Sunday caller at the Dent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent and Harry called at the Bob Kirvan home Saturday to see Mrs. Kirvan, who is ill.

Mrs. Emily Wood was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of the Dents. Harry Dent attended the wedding of Larry Dent and Nora Houghton Saturday evening.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a parent-teacher conference at Weidman.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow attended the Merrihews' Golden Wedding reception Sunday afternoon at the Weidman church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn also attended the Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman of Pontiac called at the Gerald Losey, Charlie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz homes Sunday morning. Chuck came home from service the first of December.

I for one am not very happy about our lovely ice storm (Monday). My thanks to Nancy and Patti Losey for waiting on me.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Denslow were Saturday afternoon guests of the Jay Denslow family. Burdette is still on crutches, and won't be able to put any weight on his foot until April.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson and Mrs. Betty Thompson attended the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew at the Weidman church Sunday afternoon. Tuesday Mrs. Betty Thompson took several children to band practice at Mecosta.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended a hunters' dinner and dance at Remus. Mrs. Thompson served on the committee.

Floyd Dutcher was a caller one day last week at the Charlie Losey home. Bruce Chapman and Susie Losey were Sunday evening callers.

Nancy Losey spent Saturday night with Roxann Hines. The Gerald Losey family spent Sunday evening with the Hines family and brought Nancy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Doug were late Sunday afternoon callers at the Gerald Losey home.

Callers at the Howard Wood home during last week were Carl and Ellen Geasler, Charlie Losey, Ethel Bywater, Kate Wood and Gale and Jeanne and Bill Merritt.

Mrs. Flora Wood attended the Merrihews' Golden Wedding Sunday.

Freddie and Matt McDonald are spending several days with their aunt, Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger, and family.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Carol Ellsworth and children, Debbie and Doug, of Blanchard spent Monday evening with Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart visited Mrs. Hugh Douglas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma spent Tuesday night in Vassar with their daughter and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, and family. The Coles did some shopping in Saginaw and Alma Wednesday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson, Mrs. Ed Bearse, Mrs. Phyllis Wixson and Mrs. John Coloff were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Mrs. Wixson and Miss Ruth Border spent Thursday with Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma.

Merry Go Round Club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Hart. Mrs. Jean Hart and Mrs. Rosella Shaner will be co-hostesses.

Word has been received that Mrs. Claris Allen has been quite ill, but was reported a little better at this writing.

Payton Geasler had surgery Wednesday at CMC Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler visited him Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Norman and Mr. and Mrs. John Totten had venison supper Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Charlotte Hart were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis, and Linda Hart, Lane Chapman, Kay and Roxann Hart, Charlene Walters and Stanley Shaner.

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Mildred Ruegsegger and Audrey Flaughter of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Vina Bailey.

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mrs. Richard Cook spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting her mother and sister at Adrian.

Mrs. Richard Lueder visited Mrs. Etta Bellinger Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. Rhode and Maycie Cook attended the card party at the home of Mrs. Vada Carroll in Weidman last Tuesday.

We are sorry to hear that little Kerry Thren is in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead, Mrs. Glee Krueger, Herman and Alliance Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook attended a pre-Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fox at Grand Ledge Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook of Mo-sherville and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cook also attended, which made the eight children of Herman all present. An enjoyable evening was spent together.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Underhill of Marquette called on their aunt and uncle, Mrs. Nettie Crowley

and Jay Leinaar.

Richard Cook and Rex Fountain left over the weekend for moose hunting in the far North.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bridget and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong attended the wedding of their nephew and cousin at a Lansing church Saturday evening.

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Local Items

Mrs. Vina Bailey will leave this weekend to spend the holidays with Mrs. Norma Flower in St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick were supper guests of Mrs. Vera Tvorik Sunday evening, observing Mrs. Tvorik's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprague attended a Christmas party for State Home and Training School employees, at Coldwater Lake, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Hermione Smith was a Sunday dinner guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, and family.

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 Dec. 14t1

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 Nov. 16tf

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 Nov. 30tf

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 Nov. 30tf

Notice

I will be at the Weidman Bank on Wednesdays, from noon until 3.00 p.m., beginning Dec. 13, to collect Sherman Township taxes.

At my home all day Fridays. Other days, call 644-3943.
 Alma Dosenberry
 Sherman Twp. Treas.
 Dec. 7-14-21

CHRISTMAS AT DILLENBECK'S--
 For the Men: Watches, fishing tackle, shaving supplies, Hai Karate, Yardley's, British Sterling, Old Spice, electric razors.
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 Nov. 30t5

Card Of Thanks

APPRECIATION

We both want to thank our relatives, neighbors and friends for their well wishes and cards, remembering us while we were hospitalized.

Mail time means so much at a time like this, and we surely received our share of lovely cards and notes.

Again, many thanks.
 Bert and Cora Estes.

GOING AWAY PARTY FOR THE CLAYTON SMITHS

A going-away party for Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cole in Barryton Dec. 3, honoring the Smiths on their departure to Florida. They left Tuesday and arrived Saturday afternoon at Ruskin, where several other Weidmanites spend the winter.

Present at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and family of Wolverine, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and daughter of Ithaca, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim; and Mrs. Bob Paulson of Midland. Her husband and son were unable to attend on account of illness.

Their children held a pre-Christmas party at that time.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a. m.
 Church Service, 11 a. m.
 Choir, 7 p. m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
 Thursday:
 7.30 p. m., prayer meeting
 8.30 p. m., monthly business meeting.

BRINTON CHAPEL

Norman R. Brines, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
 2nd Sunday of the Month, 7 p. m.
 Wednesday: Choir practice, 7 p. m. Prayer and Bible Study, 7.30 p. m.

The Brinton Chapel would like to invite its friends and the community to the Christmas program. The date is Sunday, Dec. 17, the time 7 p. m.

This year we have planned a program featuring Christmas songs and Scripture.

If your child or grandchild is a regular member of our Sunday School, he will have a part in the program. We hope you can come and enjoy it with those who have practiced for it.

We also have Scripture calendars for each family, and a candy cane for each child.

DEERFIELD METHODIST

Rev. James Linton, Pastor
 Morning Worship, 9.30 a. m.
 Sunday School, 10.45.

WEIDMAN METHODIST

Rev. James Linton, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9.45 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 11.

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a. m.
 Preaching, 11 a. m.
 Evangelistic service, 7.30 p. m.

A Christmas program will be held this next Sunday, Dec. 17, at 8 p. m. The public is invited.

Local Items

Mrs. Mary Ann Bruce and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell and Mrs. Andy Bellinger and two children of Marlette were last Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Friday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell and Mrs. Denise Bellinger and two daughters of Marlette were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Bessie Teall.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell of Barryton were Friday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner.

Obituary

MRS. MARY JOHNSON
 Mrs. Mary Johnson died last Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Golden Acres Convalescent Home in St. Louis. She was 96 years old, having been born May 5, 1871, in Ohio.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. James Linton of the Weidman Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two sons, Charles and Spencer Johnson, of Coldwater Township; three daughters, Mrs. Mattie Smith of Wyoming, Mich., Mrs. Mildred Lee of Rockford and Mrs. Jessie Tupper of Mt. Pleasant.

Also surviving is a brother, Spencer Hill, of Lake George; and 92 grandchildren and 154 great-grandchildren.

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HE'S BEEN SELLING THE MESSENGER A LONG TIME

Charlie Gross of Nottawa was in the Messenger office last week with a couple of Messenger subscriptions he'd taken as a favor to friends.

Charlie said that 52 years ago he started picking up Messenger subscriptions, for Rolla E. Roe, at that time, and he went up and down Nottawa roads in a horse-drawn buggy, in the winter time.

Rolla Roe got \$1 per year for the Messenger in those days, and Charlie got 25 cents for each new subscription, 20 cents for a renewal.

"I made about a dollar a day," Charlie recalls, "but that was pretty good money, then."

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. John Ranney of Goodrich and Miss Shirley Smoke of Lapeer were dinner guests Wednesday of Howard Monroe, and visited Mrs. Monroe at Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant in the afternoon. We are glad to hear Mrs. Monroe is better, and was expected home Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Badder of Orleans spent the weekend with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons.

Mrs. Emmons reports that their grandson, Eddie John, has been ill with flu. Hope the little fellow will be better soon.

Mrs. Ethel McLean accompanied her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, spending the weekend as guests of the latter's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, at Frankenmuth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peepers and sons of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, and Teresa and Jean Ann.

Mrs. Loomis reports that Patrick Loomis arrived home Wednesday noon at the home of his father, Arthur Loomis. He was in the Armed Forces in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters visited him at their father's home Thursday evening. Glad you're back, Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons, Scott and Michael, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were in Mt. Pleasant Christmas shopping Friday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith at Wolverine Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Gray reports that Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Plummer are residing in their cottage on Lake Windoga. Mr. Plummer is attending classes at CMU.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dague, over the weekend. The Dosenberry ladies were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Marion Anderson of Grand Rapids called at the Dosenberry home Friday.

We wish a Happy Birthday to Paul Dosenberry, who was sixteen Monday, Dec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mrs. Denslow was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson attended the Golden Wedding Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew at the Methodist Church in Weidman Sunday afternoon. They also went to Remus to a venison smorgasbord and hunters' ball.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater of Weidman visited Mr. and Mrs. Hazen

Thompson Saturday morning. Mrs. Thompson and son, Ralph, were in Lakeview Saturday afternoon, and called on her father and sister, Manley Oliver and Mrs. Coleman, at Remus enroute home.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family visited Sunday. Johnny Loomis was a Saturday overnight guest of Timothy Leiter.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck of Spring Lake spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. She started back to Spring Lake Sunday night but returned home, as ice was freezing on her car's windshield.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and Terri of Weidman visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Conley, and they all attended a smorgasbord at Wyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Friday evening.

Ronald Stanley of Weidman was a Friday overnight guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. David Moore of Saginaw visited them Saturday evening, and he and his grandparents were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wawersik and Ronald, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wawersik, Saturday evening. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung, Henry and Leo Wieber, and Miss Mogg of Rosebush.

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CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 14: Adult classes, Remus, 7 to 9 p. m.

Christmas vocal concert, Weidman, 8 p. m.

Freshman basketball, Big Rapids at Barryton, 6.30 p. m.

Friday, Dec. 15: Varsity and JV basketball, Chippewa Hills at Baldwin, 7 p. m.

Saturday, Dec. 16: Music Boosters dinner, open to public, Barryton, beginning at 5.30 p. m.

Junior Class Christmas Ball, Remus Town Hall, 8 p. m.

Monday, Dec. 18: Freshman basketball, Chippewa Hills at Clare, 6.30 p. m.

7th and 8th grade basketball, Mecosta at Beal City, 6.30 p. m.

7th grade caroling group at Weidman, 7 to 9 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19: Varsity and JV basketball at Mt. Pleasant High School, Chippewa Hills vs. Sacred Heart, 7 p. m.

Elementary Christmas program, Remus, 2 p. m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20: Christmas music program, band, orchestra

and choir, Barryton, 8 p. m. Junior High basketball, Vesta-burg at Weidman, 6.30 p. m.

Christmas concert, Remus, morning, Barryton afternoon.

Thursday, Dec. 21: Elementary parties in all schools, including St. Michael's.

Freshman basketball, Chippewa Hills at Coleman, 6.30 p. m.

Christmas vacation begins with school dismissal on this date.

Friday, Dec. 22: Varsity and JV basketball at Big Rapids High School Chippewa Hills vs. Morley-Stanwood, 6.30 p. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 2: School reconvenes at regular time.

Varsity and JV basketball, Chippewa Hills at Reed City, 6.30 p. m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3: 7th and 8th grade basketball, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart at Weidman, 6.30 p. m.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley were dinner guests in the Heather Room at Alma College Friday evening, celebrating the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Middlesworth of Lansing.

Mrs. Fred Rescoe was a Wednesday dinner guest of Mrs. Ina Gillette. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., were Saturday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of Sanford were Sunday guests.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Dora Smith, Reporter

GRADUATES WITH HONORS

William Fussman of Mt. Pleasant graduated with honors from Northwood Insititute at Midland this past month.

He had been attending Northwood the past two and a half years, on a business course.

William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fussman, and he and his wife, Peggy, and daughter live at 1606 West Michigan in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fussman and daughter had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fussman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hall of Mt. Pleasant, William and Louis Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fussman spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent Friday in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau called on Mrs. Louise Smith Sunday evening.

Ida Tilmann and Louise Smith have been on the sick list all last week.

Dora Smith called on Mrs.

Roger Ward Sunday evening. Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh, Mrs. Frank Theisen and Dora Smith attended a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Jerry Yuncker, Sunday afternoon. The party was a surprise on the honored guest. She received lovely gifts. A large number attended, including relatives from Bay City and Detroit.

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Northwawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer entertained their club Saturday evening.

Pepper was played, and prizes were won by Emil Phillips and Kate Cotter, high scores; Max and Vera Straus, low; and Vera won the pepper prize.

Lunch was served by the hostess. The next club will be at the Bill Schafer home.

Rusty Alwood was a Sunday guest at the Fred Swan home, attending a pre-Christmas dinner and treats for all. Fred and Dorothy's children were all home, and also Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and family of Midland.

Mrs. Orval Abbott entered CMC Hospital last Wednesday evening

for surgery for a blood clot. She returned home Monday, and will have to rest and be careful for some time, before returning to her work at the laundry at the hospital.

Mrs. John Reihl was taken ill Friday afternoon as she was about to visit Harry Hauck at the Medical Facilities Building in Mt. Pleasant. She was with her daughter and others, and was taken to the emergency room at the hospital and placed in the intensive care unit. She was suffering from fluid in her lungs, but was reported Monday night as doing very well and out of intensive care.

Jerry and Brenda Neyer of Mt. Pleasant spent last week at the Isadore Schafer home, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Neyer, attended an NFO convention in Kentucky.

Allan Davis spent last Thursday with his classmate, Jim Alwood.

Mrs. Helen Eldred of Leslie, sister of Mrs. Hermione Smith, was in an auto accident recently. Mrs. Eldred is in the Mason hospital with cuts and bruises and a cracked knee bone. She is 72 years old.

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NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Chel Latham and family of Mt. Pleasant had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller enjoyed a Christmas dinner with the Lions Club near Edmore last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abbott and family called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams went Christmas shopping in Cadillac Tuesday. They left Monday of this week for Clinton, Mo., to visit his brother, Lester Adams, in a hospital there. They were driving through, and expected to be gone several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott spent a recent weekend in Dansville, Mich., to visit her mother, Mrs. Williams.

A house-warming was held at the new home of the Norman Abbotts Saturday evening. A nice lunch was served the many guests. The Abbotts received nice gifts for their new home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Shepherd were Friday evening guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.



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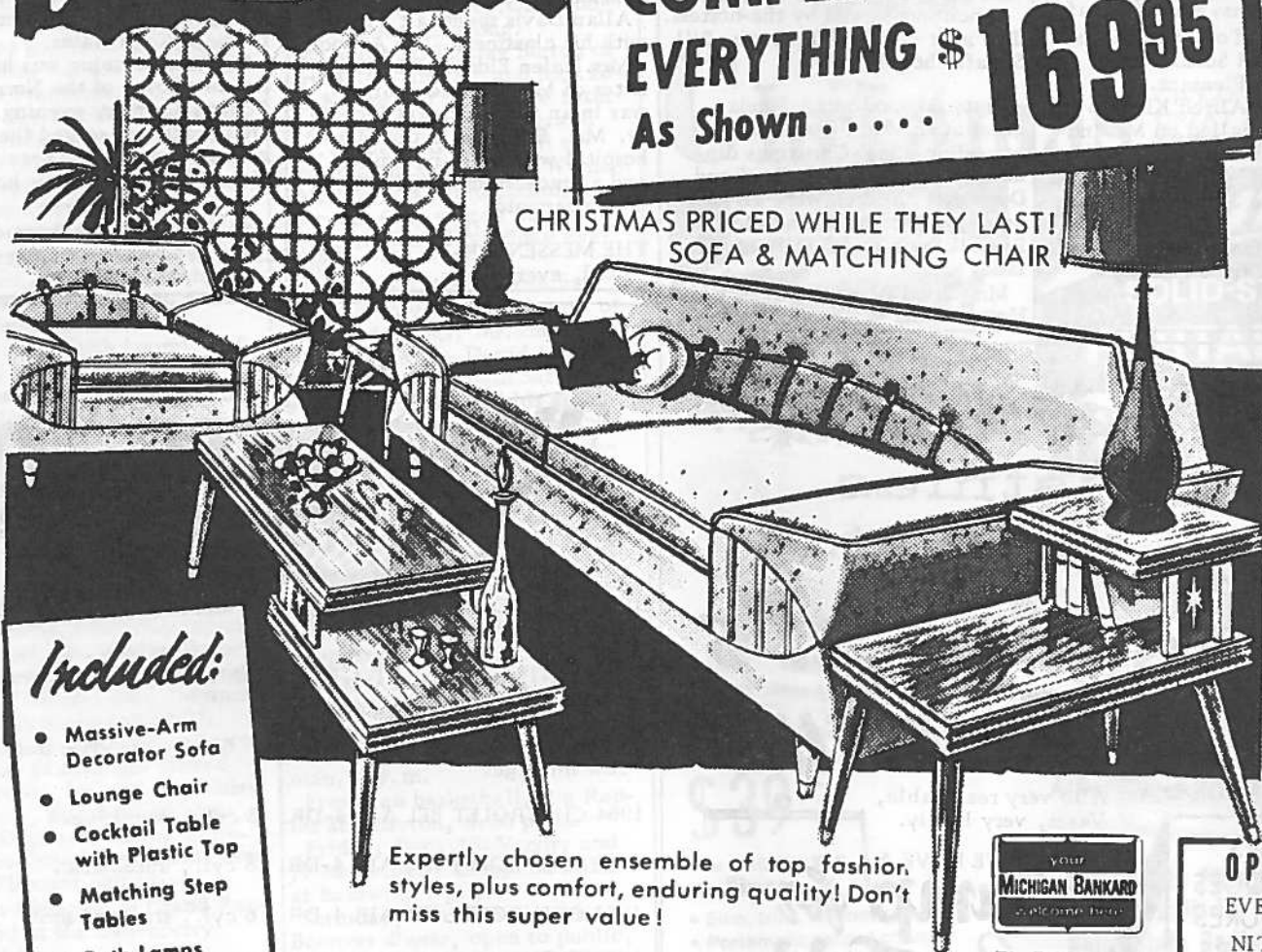
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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The reception for Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew at the Weidman church Sunday, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, was well attended, and the couple received many beautiful gifts. Relatives attended from Pontiac, Taylor, Waterford, Clarkston, and other places, but, due to the sleet, several of the neighbors didn't make it out.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family of Clarkston spent Saturday over night with Mr. Mrs. George Merrihew. They were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, and attended the party for the Orrie Merrihews' 50th wedding anniversary, before starting home in the sleet storm.

The Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family had Sunday dinner with his folks, and attended the party for the Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse have moved into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Gatehouse spent Thursday evening with the Harry Gatehouses.

Mrs. Mildred Rhode spent Friday afternoon with Beatrice Gatehouse.

The Jim McDaniel family of Holt spent the weekend at their farm home. They called on the Garry Dutchers while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Street of Blissfield were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel. Mrs. Marion

Beutler helped serve at the anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew at the church.

Kerry Thren, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren, was taken to the Mt. Pleasant hospital Thursday night, and was still there the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family of Taylor visited the George Merrihews Sunday, and they all attended the party for the Orrie Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and daughters of Pontiac and Beth's mother, Mrs. Margaret Proutt, of Waterford, came Sunday to attend the 50th anniversary party for the Orrie Merrihews.

The George Merrihews entertained Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family and the Monroe Dutcher family, in honor of the sixteenth birthday of Karla Dutcher, daughter of the Monroe Dutchers, Saturday evening. Ice cream and cake were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher were in Saginaw Thursday, and called on the Robert and Dale Dutchers of near Midland.

Sandra Dutcher and Kimberly Thren attended a birthday party Saturday afternoon for Elizabeth Reed, then Kimberly had supper with Sandra.

The ice put out our telephone Monday, and snapped the high line out this way, besides snapping off a lot of limbs on the trees. I for one would rather have snow than all this rain,

sleet, ice, and the weather we have had this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls called on the Garry Dutchers Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey called on the Clayton Dutchers Thursday morning, and were luncheon guests.

George Woodin called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family.

The road is torn up out here on West Drew, so no one can get over it.

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EAST

Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted called on Mr. and Mrs. Richard Salisbury at Marion last Sunday. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Lavier Hatt of Mt. Pleasant Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotter of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren Tuesday evening.

Ray, Dick, Alice and Brenda Skinner spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Elana Miller, of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren and Darcell called on Frank and Ernest Gross Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Noble and children of Lucas were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family.

ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley entertained six couples at bridge Sunday evening. The hostess served refreshments after the games.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Patrick of Coldwater Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mays and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guy of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Jake VanderSys and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clark.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parks and family of Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Al Woodbury were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fey Johnson.

Mrs. Emily Wood is in CMC Hospital, suffering from pneumonia. She had been staying in Traverse City with her son, Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kurtz of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Margie Robinson of Hastings spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman planned to leave this weekend for the holidays, spending them with her family in Kalamazoo and Allegan.

Mrs. Kit Johnson returned Sunday from the Midland hospital after a week's stay. She stayed at the home of her son, Howard, in Mt. Pleasant, Monday, on account of the ice storm in this area. She was feeling better.



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Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter
John Faber spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Herdlein were Friday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser attended the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew at Weidman Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser entertained the Bundy Mountain Farm Bureau meeting and Christmas party Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Woodruff were Saturday supper guests and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser.

Chris Larson visited his brother, Anthony, in Saginaw Thursday.

Edith Smiley and Mary Pantenburg spent Friday afternoon with Marge Stansell.

Oralea Baker was a Thursday dinner guest of Nettie Bake, and spent the afternoon. Shirley Campbell spent Saturday afternoon with Nettie.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hines at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey and family and Tom Harvey of Lan-

sing and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey.

Elaine Bunting, June Thering and Theresa Bunting spent Wednesday in Bay City.

Leona and Mary Courser and Ella Cox attended a Women's Activities meeting and luncheon at the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday afternoon.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey went to Lansing Sunday to attend a family get-together of the McAlveys. The gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren McAlvey, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McAlvey, who will soon be leaving for their new home in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn, of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crane and family were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Merritt, of Clare.

Mrs. Florence Kobel spent the weekend in Chesaning.

Mrs. Gloria Beavers and boys spent Saturday afternoon at the Dick Crane home, helping Matt celebrate his birthday.

The Great Lakes Bible School gave a concert at the Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening. Barry Wood and Sandy Gates were in it.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham have been sick with flu.

Mrs. George Getchel has returned home from the hospital. When she arrived, she found the boys sick with the flu and measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips entertained at their home at a lovely ham dinner. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Vanessa Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

Don Rawson had a narrow escape the other day when he was in the barnyard with the cattle and the bull turned on him and got him down. It was a lucky thing for Don that his son happened along about that time and was able to help him. Don was bruised pretty badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell at the lake have been having the flu the past couple of weeks.

Mrs. Bertha Colosky passed away Sunday night at the Ardis Rest Home.

Brown's feed grinder from Rosebush went in the ditch north of

the Walter Faber farm Monday morning. The driver was not hurt. The truck was on its side.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thompson of Missouri are here to spend a few days with her family, the Will Grahams. There was a pot-luck dinner at the church Sunday for the family and friends of Iah and Gene.

Don Florian of Flint and the county road truck went in the ditch north of the Fordyce place Monday morning. The hills were a glare of ice.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Mrs. Tom Latham and Mrs. Clynton Sloan attended a counsel Extension meeting at Mecosta Tuesday.

Jesse Lee has been ill with flu the past week. At this time he is feeling some better.

The test well on the Lewis Baire farm came in dry. All the drilling equipment has been removed for the winter.

Mrs. Bessie Holmes has moved from the Tower place in Brinton to the Hoffman tenant house in Mecosta County.

The ice storm Sunday slowed traffic around these parts. Our county trucks were out before daylight, brining and scraping the pavement so people could get to their work. Telephone line 644 was out, due to the ice storm Sunday.

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