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Editor's Column

By Connie

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NO MESSENGER NEXT WEEK-- WE'RE ON VACATION

So with the mailing of this issue of the Messenger, which is a combined issue for Dec. 21 and Dec. 28, we go on a one-week vacation. Our faithful news writers also will take a vacation during this time.

Writers will skip next week, but be ready to mail in news for the Jan. 3 issue.

And there's a slight problem there, too.

There will be no mail deliveries on Monday, Jan. 1, when all of our faithful writers put their news letters in the mail boxes.

Those writers on Mt. Pleasant and Lake routes, please do not mail your letters Tuesday. We'll figure out some way of getting them other than mailing.

Those writers on the Weidman route also are asked not to mail on Tuesday, as we must have their copy Monday. We realize that that particular Monday is New Year's Day, but we'll be at work as usual on that week's issue of the Messenger. We can't say, from here, just how we'll manage to get our news letters, but we bet we'll get 'em somehow.

On other occasions the co-operation of our writers has been purely wonderful. Maybe some can send or bring letters in Monday (on Weidman route) or on Tuesday (on other routes). If not, call us and we'll do our best at racing around the west half of Isabella County.

We'll do it cheerfully. We want the news.

HOW'S YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?

The Messenger's attention has been called to the saddest of all Christmases for Stewart and Vivian Voss of Coldwater Township, whose five-months-old son, Charles (Chucky) is in Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital suffering from leukemia.

The little boy was taken there last week, and the young parents stayed down there (he is an employee of Elmer Abendroth) till this week Monday. Hospital expenses for the baby have been over \$100 per day.

There won't be any Christmas



CLARENCE GEITMAN ON TELEVISION--It's not a remarkably clear picture, but here's Clarence Geitman in Detroit, on the Mort Neff show last Thursday evening. Mort is the figure on the right, with Clarence explaining how he got his great big buck the first day of season, in the Weidman area. We missed getting a photo of his deer, but we did our best to photograph Clarence and the rack of horns on our television receiving set. Messenger photo

for Stewart and Vivien, we're told. Friends and well-wishers could help make it bearable, however, with remembrances.

It was suggested by friends that we all could enhance our Spirit of Christmas Giving by sending this grief-stricken young couple cards, with maybe a little something in them, like dollars.

You may send your remembrance to Stewart and Vivian Voss in care of Charles Voss, address West Coleman Road, Lake, Route 1, Mich. 48632.

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LEON SMITH DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME HERE

This community was shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death of Leon Smith Tuesday noon, at his home here.

He was 83 at the time of his death, and had been in ill health several months. He was born in Lansing to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith, his parents moving to Weidman when Leon was 14.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; a nephew, Miles Smith, of Denver, Col.; and a niece, Sylvia, of Kentucky.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 22, from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with interment in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

He will be greatly missed by everyone in this community.

SANTA COMES TO WEIDMAN THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Santa Claus will arrive in Weidman this Saturday afternoon, Dec. 23, at 1.30 o'clock, according to word received by the Weidman Business Association, which annually brings the jolly old fellow here.

Bring the children in for a visit with Santa and a treat, then, on Saturday afternoon this week.

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FIRE DESTROYS TRAILER HOME, ALL POSSESSIONS

A flash fire destroyed the trailer house home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobrowski at about 3.15 Monday afternoon, the young couple and their year-old son escaping with only the clothes they were wearing.

The trailer house was located on the Clyde Emmons place, and the Weidman Fire Department responded quickly and saved the nearby home and farm buildings but the trailer home was a total loss, it was reported. The Barryton Fire Department was also present.

Loss was estimated somewhere between \$3,000 and \$4,000, although no definite assessment had been made as we went to press.

The Bobrowski family needs everything to start housekeeping again. Donations of every sort

Men in Uniform

HERE'S RICHARD ZEIEN'S CORRECT ADDRESS

It seems the Messenger has been printing an old address for Dick Zeien, as well as mailing his Messenger there, causing a delay in his receiving it. We hasten to give you his correct address, and, yes, we corrected his mailing card, so we hope he will get his paper earlier.

Sp/4 Richard J. Zeien, US-54962763, 670th Trans. Co., APO San Francisco, Cal. 96312.

Pvt. Terry Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer, arrived home last Friday from Fort Gordon, Ga., for a two weeks' furlough.

Mrs. Vera Tvorik plans to entertain her son, Ralph, and wife, of Merrill, and son Frank, for Christmas Day. They will wait on a call from Capt. Bob Tvorik from Viet Nam. Bob is due to come back to the States in March.

Spec/4 Jerry Tvorik expects to leave Germany Feb. 19, to receive his discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin planned to go after Pfc. Stan Thren at the airport in Lansing Wednesday for his Christmas furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lonergan and Kenny expect to spend Christmas with the Martins also.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard went to Lansing Saturday night to pick up Roxann and Harry Schafer. Harry received his Army discharge Dec. 15.

Terry Schafer is home on leave from the Army.

Walter Shaner, who is stationed in Kentucky, expects to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

will be welcomed, and may be left at the Clyde Emmons home, four miles west of Weidman, north to the first west turn, and follow the winding road to the Emmons place.

Lewis Bobrowski wears shirt size 15 1/2, with other clothing specifying a 31 waist, short.

Mrs. Bobrowski wears size 16 dresses. Their small son takes a two-year-old size.

The Isabella County Red Cross is pitching in to help the unfortunate young couple, but the community can help too by sending clothing, household furniture, bed and kitchen linens, etc.



LET'S
HAVE
AN

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

By Esther Stanley

I'd like an old-fashioned Christmas

Like the ones I used to know,
When Dad and my small brother
Brought the tree across the snow.

And we stood it in the corner,
No passerby to see,
No electric bulbs to light it,
But we trimmed it graciously.

Mother popped the popcorn
Which we strung upon long
strings.
We made chains of colored paper
And mended the angel's wings.

The angel was placed atop the
tree
Proclaiming Jesus' birth,
Who lay within the manger
Worshipped by men of worth.

These were pictured on colored
cards,
And the candles made them
shine;
Which were always lit on Christ-
mas Eve,
Making our lives sublime.

Aunt Caroline sent us cookies;
We hung them here and there.
We didn't have a fireplace,
But put our stockings on a chair.

A cake was made for Santa,
Who traveled all the night
To bring the children presents
And make their Christmas bright.

The boys brought hay for the
reindeer
And placed it near the door.
The little ones looked next morn-
ing
To see such a scanty store.

And Oh! What a beautiful Christ-
mas!
We didn't compare our lot,
But cherished the gifts bestowed
us
And were thankful for what we
got.

Let's have an old fashioned
Christmas
Remembering Jesus' birth,
And thank Him for His blessings
And pray for peace on earth!

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ENTERTAIN AT PRE-CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague en-
tertained at a family pre-Christ-
mas dinner Sunday.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ar-
thur Dent and Richard of Farwell,
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill and
five children of Lansing, Mr. and
Mrs. Andrew Bellinger and two
children of Marlette, and Mrs.
Dawn Flaughner and three chil-
dren of Alma;

Mrs. Mabel Hill of Remus, Mr.
and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and two
children, and Mrs. Bessie Teall.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and
children attended the Christmas
party at the Weidman School
Thursday evening.

Mrs. Johnson attended an Exten-
sion party at the home of Mrs.
Cindy Clark Wednesday evening.
Mrs. Johnson and children called
on Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Klumpp
Sunday afternoon.

Twenty-eight children, grand-
children and great-grandchildren
met at the Paul Miller home Sun-
day, for a pre-Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and sons,
Bill and Bob, attended a Junior
High School band and orchestra
concert at Mecosta Wednesday
evening. Thursday evening they
attended the music program at
Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were
Friday evening callers at the
Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs.
Theron Merrihew were Saturday
evening callers.

Floyd Dutcher called the Char-
lie Loseys Sunday evening at
5.30 from Florida, saying they
got there Sunday morning at 11.
It was hot down there, but it
rained every day on the way
down, Floyd said.

Howard Wood entered the Mt.
Pleasant hospital last week, and
was reported somewhat improved
Monday. Mrs. Wood is staying
with her daughter, Mrs. Dorothea
Bergquist, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and
Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rob-
erts and family and Mr. and Mrs.
Darrell Kirvan and family were
Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family.

All of Mrs. Dent's brothers have
called at her home during the
weekend, due to the death of
their brother, Jack Kirvan, whose
funeral was Monday afternoon at
the Daggett Funeral Home in
Barryton, with burial near Coral.

Mrs. Deborah Benn, Mrs. Opal
Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs.
Ellen Thompson and Mrs. Betty
Thompson attended Busy Bees at
the home of Mrs. Marian Beutler
Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mr. and Mrs.
Russell Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Den-
nis Swan and baby, Mr. and Mrs.
Mike Loubert, Mr. and Mrs. Ken-
neth Denslow and family, Mr.
and Mrs. Othel Denslow, Mr.
and Mrs. Orlin Denslow, Mr. and
Mrs. Larry Fletcher and family
and Mrs. Nina Green and Terry,
all met at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Fox in Grand Rapids for the
family Christmas party Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and
Walter Davis were Thursday eve-
ning guests of the Joe Martin
family. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were
Saturday visitors in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger took her
nephews, Fred and Matt McDon-
ald, home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oplinger attended
an NFO meeting Thursday even-
ing at the Deerfield Township

Hall.

Mrs. Oplinger and Kenny and
Eddie attended a Music Boosters
Christmas dinner at Barryton Sat-
urday. Steve Dutcher was a Sun-
day afternoon guest of Eddie Op-
linger.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller call-
ed on his mother, Mrs. Ethel
McLean, who has been ill, Sun-
day.

Mrs. Helen Geasler called at
the Elwood Miller home Monday
afternoon.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer
spent Wednesday evening play-
ing cards with Mr. and Mrs. Tony
Schafer in Beal City. Friday eve-
ning they took a Christmas box to
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klumpp in
Shepherd.

Saturday evening the Edward
Schafer family had their Christ-
mas party. Guests were Mr. and
Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Kalkaska
and Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer
and boys, Ricky and Johnny, of
Beal City. A buffet lunch was
served, and gifts exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp plan
to spend Christmas with their
daughter and family, the John
Spiess family, in East Grand
Rapids. The Rupps planned to

go Thursday and stay over the
holiday.

Mrs. Joe Marchiando (Carol Ho-
ran) reports that her mother, Mrs.
Geraldine Horan, was moved
from the Medical Facility Build-
ing to Pleasant Manor Nursing
Home last week Thursday. Ger-
aldine loves to visit with friends
from the home area.

Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year to friends and neighbors
in Weidman, Coldwater Lake,
and Beal City areas.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth
left Wednesday night to spend
the holidays with the Judson An-
derson family in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hogen have
moved into a trailer on the Har-
old Branson place, on the south
side of Weidman.

The Sperry twins, Gary and
Joe, and their wives were Friday
evening guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Meryl Graham. Judy Stanton of
Chicago was a Saturday evening
guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of
Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner
guests of his mother, Mrs. Kit
Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visit-
ed her sister, Mrs. Duane Root,
and family in Grand Blanc, Sun-
day.

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 Nov. 30t5

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TURKEYS--Fresh dressed, for Christmas. Taking orders now. Bill Martin, 3 miles south of Beal City, third place west on River Road. Tel. 772-1475.
 Dec. 14t2p

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 Nov. 16tf

CHRISTMAS TREES--For Sale. All sizes, nice trees. The Alwood boys, Weidman, ph. 644-3581.
 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

NOTICE

We, Howard R. and Garnet G. Bywater, will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any others than ourselves.
 Dec. 21t1p

Card Of Thanks

Words cannot express my sincere thanks to Drs. Davis and Minster, the nursing staff at CMC Hospital, and Pastor Kraus; and the many people who sent cards and called on me during my stay in the hospital.

To my many friends and neighbors who came and helped with the work at home, my sincere gratitude.

May God bless you for these kindly deeds.

Richard Stevens.

Card Of Thanks

We are most grateful for the Christmas spirit expressed during the past week.

We especially thank the carolers Friday evening, as we enjoyed their singing very much.

Our very special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague for the beautiful Christmas fruit cake; also Mrs. Ivan Allen for a tray of cookies and a cake.

Frank and Ernest Gross.

Card Of Thanks

The Alwood boys want to thank the many friends and neighbors who stopped in and bought trees from them. They enjoyed spending the money for gifts for their family.

Bill, Jim and Donny.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors at the Gary Sprague home.

Obituary

JACK KIRVAN

Jack Kirvan of Traverse City died last Friday, Dec. 15, at the Traverse City Osteopathic Hospital, after a long illness. He was 42.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 18, at 1 p. m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with burial in the Coral Cemetery at Coral

Surviving are his widow, Neva; two sons, Dennis and Terry, both of Flint; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Austa King of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Wilma Teeter of Shepherd, and Mrs. Vicki Bauer of Midland; his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, of Weidman; one grandchild; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Dent of Weidman, and brothers Walter of Grand Rapids, Darrell of Flint, Raymond of Big Rapids, Otis of Oscoda, and Robert of rural Remus.

The family have the sympathy of the community.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts.

George Skinner of Weidman was a Saturday caller at the Jim and George Pitts homes.

Mrs. Eulah McAlvey did not return to school Monday on account of illness.

Joe Faber entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thompson left Saturday after spending a week with her family, the Will Grahams.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau met at the Egbert Fordyce home Friday evening. A delicious ham and pot-luck supper was served at 7 o'clock. Later Santa came. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

An early Christmas dinner was held at the Frank Graham home Saturday. All of the Will Graham family were present. Dean and his wife came from Indiana, Ilah and her husband from Missouri, Virginia and family from Shepherd, Stuart and family from Farwell. Mrs. Graham (Lola) was able to be there for the day. She is at the Ardis Rest Home in Farwell. Mrs. Alma Perry was also a guest.

Jill Goudie has the chicken pox. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips left Wednesday for a couple of months in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Sunday with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Summers, of Lansing, and were dinner guests.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Bertha Colosky.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma.

Walter Wood was taken to CMC Hospital last Friday, quite ill following a stroke.

A large crowd attended the annual community Christmas dinner at the Brinton Hall Sunday.

The Brinton church held its program Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis and mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, spent Sunday in Flint, guests of Mrs. Hart's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wiseman.

Mrs. Walter Wood was admitted to CMC Hospital over the weekend. Mr. Wood, also in the hospital, was reported a little better Monday morning.

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Local Items

Mike Knipfer of Lansing spent last Thursday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley plan to entertain eight couples of cousins Saturday evening, at a pre-Christmas get-together.

Mildred Tompkins of Barryton spent the weekend with Blanche Cliff. Marion Cliff of Mt. Pleasant and her sister, Helen Merrill, of New York, were Sunday afternoon callers.

Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor came Sunday and got his mother, Mrs. Edna Schultz, and took her to his home for a visit before she goes to Atlanta, Ga., to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Wiley, and family.

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Howard Monroe is still a patient at the Mt. Pleasant hospital, but may be able to come home Friday, as her foot is almost healed. Mrs. Muriel Miller took Mr. Monroe and Blane to visit her Wednesday evening, and Bruce Reed took them to visit her Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Shook of Averill called at the Monroe home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and George visited his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Sunday evening, finding her quite ill with flu, with a temperature over 100 degrees. The doctor was expected to call on her Sunday night.

DeWayne Fifield of Lansing visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski and son over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and Rhonda of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott Dean and Michael were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.

Clyde Dosenberry of Midland called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and Cindy, Valerie and David, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Denslow reports that one of the cows belonging to their son gave birth to twin calves, one black and white and the other red and white--one of each kind!

Misses Kathy and Pamela Block called on Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson recently.

Craig Thompson from Ferris State College, Big Rapids, was home for the weekend. Miss Janice Williams from Kalamazoo State College was a Sunday dinner guest of him and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson. They visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson, and Ralph in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson attended a Christmas party for the Evert Products office staff and husbands and wives, held in Big Rapids, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and Teresa, Joyce and Yvonne were Thursday supper guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Gray attended the community Christmas dinner sponsored by the Brinton Quilting Club, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy of Rockford were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill. Mrs. Ida Bazaire spent the latter part of the week at her daughter's home.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edna Rhynerd and mother, Mrs. Seymour, of Beaverton were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock and family. Mrs. Schrock celebrated her birthday Dec. 13. Happy Birthday, Loretta!

Mrs. Kate Darnell was a Thursday guest of her sister and husband, and attended the Senior Citizens Club Christmas party with Mr. Skalizky. Mrs. Skalizky attended the Gilmore Merry Go Round Club held at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Hart. They had a Christmas gift exchange, with lots of good things to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis visited Mr. and Mrs. Skalizky Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Skalizky and Mrs. Lena St. John attended the dinner at the Brinton Community Hall Sunday.

Clifton Beutler arrived home Saturday from Fort Carson, Col., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler, and grandmother, Mrs. Lena St. John.

Mrs. Arthur Schrock reports that Mr. Schrock is ill with flu. Hope to hear he will be better soon.

Mrs. Schrock also reports that Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock of Littlefield Lake left for Florida Friday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, of Riverdale, left Michigan for the Sunny South about three weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock were Saturday supper guests of his parents, the Arthur Schrocks.

Mrs. Charles Voss cared for her grandson, little Stuart Charles (Chuckie), last week. The little boy, who is five months old, has leukemia, and is a patient in the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. He has had blood transfusions, and was reported gaining.

Mrs. Russell Stanley baby-sat for her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung, Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Doris, Louise and Dawn Esther have been entertaining chicken pox.

Chester Lynch helped Mr. Stanley with motor repair work this week.

Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman got up early Saturday morning, riding their bikes with the aid of a flashlight, to spend the weekend with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Sandra of St. Johns were Saturday supper guests of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra were also

guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and Marty, Ricky, Sherry and Shelley called on his parents Saturday evening, bringing Grandpa and Grandma Christmas cookies.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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Local Items

George Skinner called on Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes of North Brinton last Friday. Both were feeling better, Bert after an eye operation and Cora after an illness. Bert is being very quiet, he said, unable to read or watch television, but he said he can see better with the eye than before the operation for cataracts. He expected to go back to Traverse City soon for checkup and to get glasses fitted to facilitate vision.

Alice and Angela Smith, daughters of the Don Smiths, have been very ill with chicken pox.

Mrs. Hermione Smith expects to spend Christmas with the Don Alwoods. The Sunday before, Dec. 24, she will be with the Walt Smiths for a Christmas tree and dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herman spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman.

Mrs. Flossie Forbes is spending the winter with Nora Geasler of North Brinton. She had been

staying with Vada Carroll while Emma Middlesworth spends the winter in Florida. Mrs. Carroll left Sunday to spend the winter with relatives in Connecticut, and perhaps do some traveling, as southward.

Mrs. Peggy Straus and Mrs. Lucinda Sprague took Micky Straus to Mt. Pleasant to see Santa Saturday.

Mrs. Irma Kische and Mrs. Hermione Smith enjoyed chicken dinner with the Don Smith family Sunday. ---0---

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Helen Alwood, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross plan to have Christmas dinner and tree and gifts for their daughter, Esther Ward, and children on Christmas Day. Harold Gross of Lansing will also be home for the holidays.

Miss Dorla Stevens of Rochester, N. Y., will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens, and with her brother Richard's family.

Misses Karen Pohl and Jeanetta Gartow of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the Richard Pohl home. Karen will have to work and won't make it home Christmas Day.

Mrs. Mary Reihl is still in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant. She has to be built up and have plenty of rest. Hope you make it home for the holidays, Mary.

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Merry Christmas

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BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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TO THE VERY MANY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Who have sent us especially beautiful Christmas cards this year:

Connie and George Skinner sent most of their Christmas cards to Men in Uniform this year, and we decided to send you our love and appreciation through that old standby, the Messenger.

To our faithful news writers, who have sent us lovely greetings; to our business friends and associates; to our friends; and to most of our relatives, who also will not receive cards from us this year:

We do thank you for your good wishes, and we in turn offer our Christmas Greetings (Merry Christmas!) and our hopes for a Happy New Year for you.

Connie and George

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

SCHAFFER FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Tony Schaffer family held its Christmas party in the K. C. Hall Sunday, with about 70 attending. A very enjoyable day was reported by all.

Guests from away included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schaffer and boys of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Moody and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and Mickey of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schaffer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schaffer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood and children of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Haiderer of Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joslin, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCabe and family of Ypsilanti spent the weekend with Mrs. Coletta Gross.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCrimmon spent Wednesday at Marion. Howard's son, Lewis, is home from Viet Nam.

Mike Phelps spent Thursday with Larry Egbert. Stanley Onstott spent Friday with Wayne Egbert.

Larry Sebenick spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Norm Sebenick.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer visited in Hubbardston last week, at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schaffer.

Edna Theisen was a Sunday caller at the home of her mother, Mrs. Effie Schaffer.

The Bingo party at the K. of C. Hall Saturday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Rose Schaffer of Beal City entertained her children Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa spent Sunday in Lansing and St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schater of Detroit spent Friday night with Mrs. Effie Schaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schaffer of Detroit spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. John E. Schaffer.

Mrs. Jerry Schaffer returned home from CMC Hospital Thursday, feeling some better.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann returned home Thursday after spending a few days with her children in Mt. Pleasant, the Polly Court-right family.

The Senior Citizens party was well attended, with 58 people present. New officers were elected for the coming year. Kate Cotter is the new president, with Rose Schaffer assistant.

Mrs. Wm. Pung is entertaining the flu.

WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

Our Christmas is complete, this year, with our Rusty home on our soil. We do hope and pray for all our other home boys in Viet Nam and other countries will come home safely, too. Our hearts go out to the two local families that have lost their sons in war.

This reporter received a phone call from her cousin, Joyce Schaffer) Essenberg, from Lansing, last week, hoping to talk with Rusty; but he had left Tuesday for Camp Pendleton, Calif. Joyce said her father, Joe Schaffer, remains about the same, at the rest home in Corunna. Alice Burdette in Owosso had surgery on her foot and was in the hospital a few days. Her son, George, is in the service and on his way overseas. The Burdettes' daughter, Judy, who is married and lives in Germany, had a baby boy Dec. 6, named Eric Troy. Judy's husband will be home and discharged in April. She will return to the States in March, and stay with her parents in Owosso.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vogel entertained their club Saturday evening. Cards were played, and everyone had a wonderful time. The next club will be in January, at the Gary Wernette home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Jim of Pontiac spent Saturday evening at the Fred Smith home. Later on they called at the Art Yuncker home in Mt. Pleasant, to see the baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and three children spent over night Friday and Saturday at the Don Alwood home. They came to attend a meeting of the Mill Pond project, which has sat idle since last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette and family spent Sunday at the Thane Wernette home in Midland.

Jewel Wagner of Kentucky writes that their son, Jim, was discharged from the Army, and he and his wife will spend Christmas with them. Jewel wrote she wishes they had one of the Alwoods' pretty trees, as theirs are shipped in and are shedding before time for Christmas. Their lawn needed mowing again, and unless the weather changed a lot, they would have a green Christmas. Ralph and Jewel celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary recently.

Richard Stevens returned from CMC Hospital last week Monday, after a long stay there recuperating from a hunting accident the first of deer season. He says he "isn't doing any running of races or climbing trees," but is thankful to be able to be out again and on his feet again. We are all so glad you are able to be up and around and home for the holidays, Richard!

Carl Grewett and daughter, Maxine Kyser, of Mt. Pleasant called at the Don Alwood home Saturday to purchase their Christmas tree. Helen enjoyed seeing them and talk over old school days. Helen and Maxine were classmates all through school.

Linda Halfman stayed with Cathy Alwood Monday afternoon. Little Eddie Halfman had a dental appointment and David was doctored for flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Halfman plan to entertain their children and grandchildren Christmas Day.

George Vogel and children of Midland spent Sunday with his parents, the Andrew Vogels. Andy and Lizzie expect their children home for Christmas or the Sunday before, for a family get-together and dinner.

Forty-two relatives gathered at the Bernie Gross home Sunday for a pre-Christmas get-together and pot-luck dinner. They were all glad Pvt. Mike Dickson of Fort Carson, Col., was able to be home on a 15-day furlough, over Christmas and New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Westrick of Grand Ledge spent Sunday visiting Pete Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith left last week for a two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Neyer and children of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon at the Isadore Schaffer home. The Schaffers plan to entertain their children Christmas Day, for dinner and gift exchange.

Cathy Alwood entertained chicken pox last week. She was not very sick.

Kevin and Lori Pohl were among the many little cousins to attend a birthday party at the Melvin Pohl home for their son John's fifth birthday Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faber, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pasch and family plan to spend Christmas Day with the Joe Reihl family. Miss Rose Ann Reihl of Saginaw General Hospital will be home Wednesday from her studies and will return Jan. 4 for the second semester of nursing school.

The 10 children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pohl all gathered at the Coldwater Lake Bar Friday evening for supper and dancing. Ernie's and Minnie's children presented them with a nice Christmas gift.



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SKATING WAS GOOD SUNDAY ON LAKE OF THE HILLS--Until the rain began, that is. The Messenger photographer got this view of youngsters practicing their skill, just off the Wilcox Plat No. 2 area of the lake. The kids had a wonderful time on smooth ice, with no snow. View looks northwest from the Wilcox shores, background showing the Alton Allen home on the Roe's Acres section of the lake; the road leading to the Walter J. Smith extensive portion, and the Calvin Ohls cottage on an attractive point of Ohls land on the lake. Left to right in above photo: Larry Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilcox; Randy Branson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson; Greg Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker; Cathy Wilcox, and Tony Parker.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

ENTERTAIN AT EARLY CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler entertained her folks at an early Christmas get-together, as her folks were going to visit Marian's sister in Florida for the holidays.

Those present were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, of St. Charles, and her sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McKellar and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ratajczak and family of Midland.

Mrs. Marian Beutler entertained the Busy Bees at their annual Christmas party and gift exchange Thursday afternoon. There were 14 present.

Kerry Thren came home from the hospital last Saturday.

Mrs. John Maeder, Louann and Mark Maeder and Beatrice Gatehouse were in Saginaw Wednesday. They visited Beatrice's cousin, Mrs. John Alish, of Shields.

Mrs. John Maeder and Louann Maeder visited Beatrice Gatehouse Sunday.

The Leo and Harry Gatehouse families will have Christmas dinner and their gift exchange at the Duane Thren home.

Merry Christmas all.

Enid Smock, Mac McPherson and friend of Houghton Lake were Sunday callers of Mrs. Catherine McDaniel and family. Catherine and Enid had lunch together in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Jerry Tabor and children of Lan-

sing spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Catherine McDaniel, and family.

The McDaniels plan to spend their holiday vacation in Mississippi, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval will spend the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and girls in Pontiac.

Herbert Lawrence called on the George Merrihews Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hare of Northville spent Friday overnight and Saturday with the Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended the funeral of Jack Kirvan Monday at Barryton.

Steve Dutcher called on Eddie Oplinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena were Saturday evening callers of the Clayton Dutchers. Larry had Sunday dinner with his folks. They spent Saturday overnight with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., were callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., during the week.

The Bill Remingtons of Saginaw plan to spend Christmas weekend with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

The Clayton Dutchers expect to have their children and grandchildren (except for Jim, who is in Viet Nam) home for their Christmas dinner and gift exchange Sunday, Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children plan to have Christmas with her folks, the Norman Schultheisses, of St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler

and Laurel will join the Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush for Christmas dinner.

The Garry Dutcher children have been having the flu.

Marian Beutler entertained the Esther Circle at her home for their Christmas party Monday evening.

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold.

Paige Croffell spent Sunday with Sandra Cook. It was Sandra's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant and several nieces and nephews from Sparta spent Sunday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Herman Cook celebrated his 87th birthday Sunday, with all of his children and their families home for the occasion.

Roderick Nicholson and Maycie Cook spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiley at Marshallville. They attended a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham, Sunday.

Ernest Hummel is back in the hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., according to word received here.

MESSENGER ADVERTISING PAYS

We found, after running our own ad for gift subscriptions to the Messenger. The response to that advertisement has been most gratifying.

Have a Merry Christmas and a week of Happy Holidays.

WBA ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1968

At its December meeting last week, the Weidman Business Association named officers for the coming year.

Jim Clark was re-elected president, with Mike Schmalbach as vice president; Walter J. Smith was re-elected secretary, with Don Abbott named as treasurer.

On the park committee, Bill Stewart was named for a three-year term, Jim Palmer for two years, and Ivan Allen one year.

Auditors for the year are Leon McArthur and Evelyn Hackney.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and family plan to spend the Christmas weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley, Sr., in Big Rapids.

Blanche Cliff received a holiday letter from Balm (Ames) Neubecker, from Grand Rapids. Balm asked if "Frances and Connie Roe" were still in Weidman. She said she sees Margaret Neubecker quite often, and that Margaret is housekeeper for a priest. Blanche understood that Mary, Margaret's sister, is with her.

The Gary Sprague family plan to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and children and Mrs. Almeda Sprague Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell expect to have as holiday guests their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Smith of Wayne, N. J., and their son, Richard, of Ann Arbor. The Smiths will fly out, and Dick will come on up with them Thursday, returning Monday night. Ward Dell of Saginaw will also spend Christmas with his sister and family, the Louisells.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curtiss of Winn plan to leave Friday, Dec. 29, on a trip to Florida, to be gone about 10 days.

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TOPS CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Weidman Hep TOPS Club held its Christmas party Tuesday evening, with a good attendance and lots of fun.

At the Dec. 12 meeting, the club had 20 members in attendance, with many absent on account of illness.

A 35-pound loss was reported, with an 8 1/2 pound gain.

Bessie Allen was Queen for the week, with Kay Hart as Princess.

Congratulations to Etta Skalitzyk and Rose O'Brien, who reached their goals that week.

Ettabelle Sellers, Reporter.

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EVERYBODY READS IT!

We are gratified at the fact that everybody really does read the Messenger. Every word in it. The Messenger is the best-read paper in Central Michigan.

NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett were among those attending a pre-Christmas dinner for the Sperry family at the Broomfield Grange Hall Saturday evening. The Sperrys held an early Christmas get-together while the twins, Gary and Joe, and their families, are home on leave from the Navy.

Clayton Miller has been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Clayton Miller and children and Mrs. Carol Abbott and boys attended a band concert last week at the Mt. Pleasant Junior High School. Greg Knollenberg was a player in the band.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott plan to entertain their family at a Christmas dinner Christmas Eve. Present will be Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abbott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Abbott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wernette and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams returned home Saturday afternoon from Clinton, Mo., where his brother, Lester Adams, was discharged from the hospital and reported much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard had dinner Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham.

The Gerald Lathams plan to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham moved into their new house Friday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. John Gott attended the Merry Go Round Club Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Hart. A lovely lunch was enjoyed, with exchange of gifts and Secret Sisters' names revealed. The next meeting will be at the Ruby Douglas home Jan. 11.

Albert Gott of Winn took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, out to dinner Sunday at Evert. They visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis, north of Lake, afterward.

The John Gott family Christmas dinner will be held Monday evening, Christmas Day, at the Gilmore Hall. About 40 are expected to enjoy a pot-luck dinner, Christmas tree and gift exchange.

NEWS NOTES

Leon McArthur plans to spend the coming Sunday at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and family. He plans to spend Monday, Christmas Day, at the home of his son, Gerald, at Walled Lake, visiting the home of another son, Leon, Jr., in Brighton, in the afternoon.

Mrs. Flossie Davy was planning this week on entertaining her son, Elmer Davy, and family, of Ann Arbor, and Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Veisel, also of Ann Arbor, for the Christmas weekend. They will come Friday and stay until after Christmas.

JUNIOR CHIPS WIN OVER BEAL CITY

By Richard C. Donley

Last Wednesday, Dec. 13, the Chippewa Hills 7th and 8th grade basketball teams from the Weidman Building opened their 1967-68 season with a pair of victories over Beal City, in the Weidman gym.

In the 7th grade game, Chippewa Hills defeated Beal City, 38-29. After overcoming a 11-3 deficit midway through the first quarter, the Little Warriors came on to lead by the score of 15-13, 21-13 and 30-23 at the quarter intervals. Gary Adams with 17 points and seven rebounds and Mike Guernsey with 11 points and 17 rebounds paced their team to victory. Mark Schafer was high-point man for the losers, with 15 points.

The 8th graders won their game by a score of 38-20 after leading 16-7 at the end of the first quarter, 20-10 at the half, and 29-15 after three periods of play. Matt Gottleber led the winners with 13 points, while Mike Curtiss and Jim Chapman chipped in with a combined total of 13 points and 18 rebounds. Gary Pohl and Ken Pung scored 6 and 5 points respectively for Beal City.

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FIRST SHANTY ON THE MILL POND, FIRST PIKE OF SEASON BY GEORGE SKINNER

George Skinner put his fishing shanty on the Weidman Mill Pond last Thursday, and has been doodling there since. He had no luck until Monday afternoon, when he landed a 24-inch northern pike.

Bluegills were not hitting at all, George reported. But he believes the old Pond still has plenty of good fish in it, after its draining experiences during the past two years.

Fishermen caught pretty good bluegills from shore during last summer, on the Pond. Winter fishing for the may-hued beauties apparently has not begun--at least, so far as the bluegills are concerned.

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ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vogel entertained their club Saturday evening, with eight couples present.

Mrs. Bernard Riley won high score prize, with Bernard Riley winning high for the men; Mrs. Riley also won the pepper prize. Carol Wernette won low prize for the women, with Joe Bleise scoring low for the men.

Mrs. Vogel served a delightful lunch to her guests.

Before the party, Mr. and Mrs. Riley enjoyed supper at the VFW Hall in Mt. Pleasant for employees of the General Telephone Company and their wives in a company Christmas party.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted attended a Christmas party at Clare Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children attended the Christmas program at the school Thursday evening. It was a lovely program this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Salisbury and family of Marion called on Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Noble and family of Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted will hold a Christmas dinner for the Hatt family get-together, at the Brinton Hall Dec. 31. Approximately 45 are expected to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Emily Wood attended the funeral of her son, Jack Kirvan, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, Monday. Mrs. Wood has been in CMC Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion were last Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler. The Downings left Monday to spend the winter in Florida and other points in the South.

Mrs. Edna Schultz called on Bernice Moline at CMC Hospital Saturday.

Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey and Virgil spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harvey and family and Mrs. Charles Harvey's brother, Clarence Stump.

Mrs. Thompson of Hersey spent Wednesday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and Janet of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey spent Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Thursday in Belding with Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bunting and families, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayborn spent Friday night and Saturday with the Oral Buntings.

Virginia Lovell of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Nettie Baker. ---0---

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Estes plan to spend Christmas Day with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger.

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