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Editor's Column

By Connie

ONE DAY THERE'LL BE NO NEWSPAPERS

As one strike after another puts big-city daily papers out of business, this country is facing the very real future of one day having no newspapers at all as we know them.

The Detroit newspaper strike is the second those papers have weathered, and no newspaper, even a big-city daily, operates far from the red side of the ledger. One day there will be no daily newspaper from Detroit.

Or if there is, we shall have no choice as we have heretofore enjoyed. There's a rumor going around that "the unions" want only one paper in any major city. That day is fast approaching.

One day there will be no local weekly papers, either. When the present crop of oldsters now running the weekly papers is gone, there will be no one to take up cudgels for civic progress and against civic errors. The young editor and publisher will not work that hard for the pittance a weekly newspaper yields.

No young "editor" is going to put in the mental effort that Joe Grim puts in, for instance, writing his weekly editorial page in the Farwell News. After the mental effort comes the physical work of setting the editorials into type and making up the editorial page for the paper. That's a lot of work--and there's no profit in it. No editor expressing his personal views can please all of the people all of the time. Most of the time an editor gets brick-bats for his honesty in expressing his views.

The modern trend is to free distribution: "Boxholder, Occupant, etc.," on third-class mailing pieces filled with advertisements. There is no way to combat this. It is the "in" thing.

Other factors, perhaps accidentally, contribute to the eventual demise of second-class matter which is newspapers and magazines.

We have a complaint from Dolie Bowers of California, who wrote asking for the two issues of the Messenger during the first two weeks of November.

"They deliver our first-class mail all right, out here," Dolie said, "but we have an awful time getting our newspapers and magazines. I don't know what's
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THEY WILL CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING--Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew will be honored at an Open House Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 5 p. m., at the Methodist Church in Weidman. All their very many friends are invited to attend. Orrie and Lucile are among our most beloved and respected elder citizens.

MRS. SPIRES AND ANNA INJURED IN CAR-DEER ACCIDENT SATURDAY

Mrs. Virginia Spires and her daughter, Anna, were injured in a car-deer accident Saturday afternoon at 4.30 when a deer leaped in front of the car on the Coldwater Road near the Two Rivers Road. They are the wife and daughter of Rev. Stanley Spires, pastor of the Forest Hill Community Church.

The impact threw the car into a ditch, from where it rebounded head-on into a tree.

Both women were taken to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Spires with head cuts, back injuries, and bruises. Her condition was not considered serious.

Anna suffered a head injury, with internal bleeding which had not been stopped Monday.

The car was a total loss.
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BERT AND CORA ESTES ARE HOME FROM HOSPITALS

Friends of Bert and Cora Estes will be happy to learn that they are both home, after spending some time last week in hospitals, Bert in the Traverse City Hospital for an eye operation, and Cora in the Lakeview Hospital for tests.

Bert's operation, for removal of cataracts from his one remaining good eye, was very successful,

according to reports from the hospital. He was up and sitting in a chair the day after the operation.

Sunday his daughter, Lucille Molyneux, of Walhalla, brought him back home. He was reported doing fine, but will have to be very quiet for a time.

Cora was brought home from the Lakeview Hospital Saturday by her son, Bill, and wife, and was reported feeling better.

All their very many friends are wishing them good recovery.
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RABIES CLINIC PLANNED FOR WEIDMAN

Rabies inoculation clinics are set up around Isabella County as usual, with the clinic scheduled for Weidman Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 7 to 9 p. m., at the Fire Hall.

Dog owners must show evidence of inoculation against rabies before being issued a dog license for the coming year.

A charge of \$1.50 will be made for each inoculation. The regular fee at the veterinarian's office will be charged those not wishing to attend the clinics.
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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family attended the wedding of his sister, Lucinda St. John, at Grant Center Church.

Men in Uniform



HOME AND HAPPY--Marine Cpl. R. V. (Rusty) Alwood paid a gracious call on George and Connie Skinner Monday morning, and Connie got this picture of him, showing his happiness at being home from Viet Nam.

Rusty is healthy and definitely grown into a man. Withal, he is the same friendly, affectionate boy, but maturely grateful to be alive and back from the war.

Rusty's last assignment in Viet Nam was at Chu Lai, 60 miles south of Da Nang, and he drove three-quarter-ton trucks over the Viet Nam roads mined every night by the Viet Cong and mine-swept every morning by Americans.

"The VC come in at night and plant the mines," Rusty told us. "We send mine-sweepers out each morning before the trucks move out, but still there are mines on those roads, and we have many casualties. Those roads were sure getting bad for trucks being blown up, towards the last I was there," Rusty said.

Just before Rusty left Viet Nam the Marines moved out of Chu Lai and the Army moved in.

Rusty will leave the first of next week for California, unless his application for a five-day extension of his leave goes through.

He will go to Camp Pendleton, Calif., to await discharge March 10. On release from the Marines, he plans to go back to his old job at the Olds plant in Lansing.

Asked if he felt the cold here, after his long stay in the steamy jungles of Viet Nam, Rusty said, "Well, yes, I feel it a little. It was worst when I arrived in Detroit, on coming home. I thought I was freezing when I got off that plane."

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Charlotte Hart called on Mrs. Ruby Douglas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claris Allen of Commerce Tuesday.

Roxann Hart was an overnight guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Friday. Mrs. Hugh Douglas called on Mrs. Hart Saturday. Her son, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hart, and Cinda and Cyrus, and Miss Charlene Shaner were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and sons, Tommy and Dicky, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and Jackie were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, and Velma. The Mossells and Gansers were venison supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon of Mt. Pleasant.

Richard Mahon and Thomas Kline and Frank Allbee called on the Paul Coles Sunday.

Hurry and get well, Mrs. Cora Estes and Bert.

Connie, you hurry and get to feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee and family and Mrs. Helen Wardwell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee Sunday.

Ervin Delong and son are patients in CMC Hospital.

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EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller and family of Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and Randy of St. Louis, Ella Wardwell of Clare and Sharon Willis of Blanchard were Sunday dinner guests of their mother and sister, Mrs. Elana Miller, of Farwell. The occasion was a delayed Thanksgiving dinner, as Duane was in the Upper Peninsula deer hunting at Thanksgiving time.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baldwin of Blanchard were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner. They came after their daughter, Sharon Willis, who spent the weekend with the Skinners.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn West, Jr., of Montrose were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson. They reported no deer.

Kenneth Graham spent the weekend with Carl and Ellen Geasler. Kenneth and Carl spent the weekend hunting, with no luck.

Joyce Geasler and Emily, and Marilyn Fosberg were in Saginaw Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson left Monday for their winter home in Florida.

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EASY SHOPPING--A gift Subscription to the Messenger.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

(Editor's Note: The school news was brought to our door at ten minutes of noon Tuesday. We print the following as a public service, and only because the beginning date of programs comes before our next issue.)

Christmas programs are planned in the following Chippewa Hills schools:

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 8 p. m., Junior high school bands and orchestra, Mecosta.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 8 p. m., vocal concert, Weidman.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2 p. m., elementary grades, Remus.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 8 p. m., high school band, orchestra and choir, Barryton.

All programs are open to the public, with no charge.

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NEWS NOTES

Ray Dutcher is working at the State Home and Training school in Mt. Pleasant. He will spend the winter in Mt. Pleasant.

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DIRECTORS OF BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chippewa Hills Industrial Development Association was scheduled for Monday evening at the Weidman school, according to an announcement last week. Attending for this area were scheduled Richard Tilmann and Jim Palmer, members of the Board of Directors.

The new corporation is a re-vamping of a Barryton association seeking industry to locate there, and it now includes Barryton, Remus and Weidman areas.

Dick Tilmann said two industries have evinced interest in locating in the Chippewa Hills, or Barryton-Remus-Weidman area, with demand for 100 trainable employees.

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Real Estate Transfers

(Printed in this newspaper through Courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Donna L. Dunlop to Gordon Anderson and wife, Ent. ne 1/4 sec. 17, Gilmore.

Melvin Mishler, Jr., and wife to Eba H. Gibbons and wife, Lot 14, Fowler Park, Broomfield.

Burton E. Ward and wife to Douglas H. Ward and wife, pt. ne se sec. 6, Deerfield.

Forrest Green and wife to Chas. E. Keene and wife, pt. sw se sec. 34, Deerfield.

James Radey and wife to Harold W. Schmidt and wife, pt. s 1/2 se sec. 17, Gilmore.

Theodore C. Rhode and wife to Earl C. Majeske and wife, sw sw sec. 7, Deerfield.

May Gainsforth to George D. Palmer and wife, se ne; pt. ne ne, sec. 2, Gilmore.

Eric O. Sandelius and wife to Einar A. Sandelius and wife, e 1/2 se sw sec. 7, Deerfield.

Edward S. Kavanaugh and wife to Michael J. Schmalbach and wife, pt. sw sw sec. 28, Nottawa.

Chippewa Development, Inc., to Alan F. Quick and wife, Lot 2, Rivercrest, Deerfield.

Raymond L. Kirvan and wife to Helen Smith, Lot 4, blk. 12, Village of Weidman.

Grace Knutson et al to Andrews A. Engel and wife, Lots 44, 45, blk. 1, Supervisors Plat of Ashbrook Shores, Gilmore.

Joseph F. Bleise and wife to Raymond L. Gross and wife, nw ne; sw ne, sec. 17, Nottawa.

Chippewa Development, Inc., to William T. Bulger and wife, Lot 11, Rivercrest, Deerfield.

Charlie C. Cernek et al to Frank C. Beckler and wife, Lot 2, Hiawatha Hills, Deerfield.

George L. Herdlein and wife to Lionel Block and wife, s 1/2 ne sec. 1, Deerfield.

Kenneth Bollman & Wife To Lloyd Wilbur & Wife; Lot 5, Bayou Vista Gilmore Twp.

Stanley N. McKenney & Wife To Bernard Schofield & Wife; W1/2 NE1/4 Sec. 10 W1/2 SE 1/4 Section 3 Gilmore Twp.

Beryl R. Woods & Wife To D. Bernard McNERNEY & Wife; SW 1/4 NE1/4; SE1/4 NW1/4 Sec. 15 Denver Twp.

Leila Miller To Edith I. Doepker et al; Lots 19, 20, W 1/2 Lot 18 Blk. 22 Village of Shepherd.

Leila Miller To Maynard L. Bohannon & Wife; Lot 4, Blk. 17 Village of Shepherd

Eugene E. Umlor & Wife To Calvin A. Jones & Wife; Lot Prospect Park Add. Union Twp.

Frank B. Pieper et al To Lawrence L. Smith & Wife; Lot 7, Blk. 4 Fordyce Addition City of Mt. Pleasant

John H. Krabbenhoff & Wife et al To Paul I. Willwerth & Wife; Lot 13 Airport Acres Union Twp.

Estate of Louise Butah To Blake B. Peters & Wife; N 1/2 Lot 3, Blk. 10 C. Bennett's Add. City of Mt. Pleasant

Eula L. Brasington To James R. Foster & Wife; NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec. 22 S1/2 NE1/4 of Sec. 22 Gilmore Twp.

Carl Recker & Wife To Knights of Columbus; Pt. W 1/2 NW 1/4 of Sec. 28 Union Twp.

Charles W. Burr & Wife To Norman Walter Coney & Wife; Pt. SE1/4 SE1/4 of Sec. 11 Chippewa Twp.

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WANT ADS

WANT AD RATES: 50¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rates of 50¢ per col. inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks: 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000, Weidman.

FOR SALE--At the barn one mile north of Brinton, alfalfa and brome mixed hay, first cutting, 40¢ per bale. Second cutting, 50¢ per bale. Bert Estes.

Nov. 16tf

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

Nov. 30tf

FOR SALE--Lady's winter or spring coat with zipper lining, red, size 16, \$10. Mrs. Fred Rescoe, 2 1/2 miles from Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Nov. 30tf

CHRISTMAS AT DILLENBECK'S--For the Men: Watches, fishing tackle, shaving supplies, Hai Karate, Yardley's, British Sterling, Old Spice, electric razors. For the Ladies: Schrafft's candy, jewelry, cologne, Tabu, Ambush, Friendship Garden, Desert Flower, Evening in Paris. Toys: Topa, Structo, Hubley, and many others. At Dillenbecks', in Weidman.

Nov. 30t5

FOR SALE--FRESH EGGS. Joe Reihl, three miles north of Beal City. Ph. 644-2091.

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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, and we thank those many who have sent in gift subscriptions for friends and relatives.

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

Card Of Thanks

I want to thank all the people around here for writing to me while I was in Viet Nam, and for thinking of me while I was over there.

I'm really glad to be back home to Weidman, and I want to tell people how much the boys over there appreciate letters, no matter who they're from, whether they know the writers or not. Mail is very, very important when you're in a place like that.

Rusty Alwood

Card Of Thanks

The family of Roger L. Ward wish to thank all our neighbors, relatives and friends; Father King and Father Hartwig, the Knights of Columbus, pallbearers, and the Rush Funeral Home, for the many acts of kindness during the tragic loss of our husband and father;

Also the donations, flowers and Mass offerings, and to the many who brought in food and helped us in any way.

Your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Esther Ward
 Julie Ann, Jerry, Jeffrey and John
 Mrs. Julia Ward and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross.

NEWS NOTES

Sue Struble of Mt. Pleasant and Dale Denslow of rural Lake spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mrs. Pat Hathaway called on Mrs. Nine Forbes Sunday evening.

Clarabell Miller of Nottawa called on her nephew and family, the Gary St. Johns, Wednesday morning.

Gary St. John was suffering from flu the first of the week.

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:
 6.30 p. m., teachers and officers meeting.
 7.30 p. m., prayer meeting
 8.30 p. m., monthly business meeting.
 Next Sunday, Dec. 10, Dick Marsh, missionary to Alaska, will be with us for all services.

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.

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.

Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell spent Saturday with Mrs. Belle Hibner at Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Letson and family of St. Louis spent from Friday till Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family and Virgil Harvey of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers.

Kathy Emery of Dearborn spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gruss spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, Nora Latham, Doris Wilmot, Rosie Hogen, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughter spent Saturday afternoon with their father, John Sheldon, and helped him celebrate his birthday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Patrick and family of Coldwater Lake were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey called on his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Troyk, of Mancelona, Sunday afternoon.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White and Clayton Dutcher were callers at the Charlie Losey home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant were Wednesday callers at the Jay Denslow residence. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Willett Hammond of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Denslow and two children of Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn and three sons of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and Mark, and Bernard Tubandt and two sons of Lansing. Mrs. Denslow had a letter from her sister in Lansing, saying her son, who had his leg amputated, would be out of the hospital by Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent from Friday through Sunday at Gull Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kirvan spent Thursday over night at the Dent home.

Harry Dent went to Lansing Saturday to see Larry Dent and Nora Houghton, who were in an auto accident Friday evening. Larry was released from the hospital Saturday. Miss Houghton was moved to the Mt. Pleasant hospital, and Larry and Harry called Sunday evening to see her.

Darryl and Ray Kirvan were Thursday evening callers at the Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Sunday evening visitors.

Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Saturday morning caller at the Howard Wood home. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday in Lansing, guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Volker of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski of Mt. Pleasant were weekend guests of the Elwood Millers. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller were Wednesday supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were Wednesday evening callers.

Sidney Lawrence came home from the hospital Wednesday afternoon. He was feeling some better. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber were Wednesday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were Thursday afternoon visitors.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family spent Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Mickey were Sunday dinner guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Harold and Ron Losey were Sunday callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Bob Thompson spent Sunday afternoon with Tim Workman, near Remus.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We extend best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy (nee Lucinda St. John). They were married Saturday evening at the Grant Center Church, with a reception following, in the Grant Township Hall, with a large attendance. They received many beautiful gifts. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill, entertained several relatives and friends over the weekend, who attended the event.

Mrs. Zill was leaving for her work at the Training School in Mt. Pleasant when we called for news. She has been promoted to supervisor.

Aisher Dent and Mrs. Sherman of Sherman City visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savange of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock and family were dinner guests of friends at Beaverton Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dole and family of Clare in the afternoon.

Miss Kay Leiter baby-sat for the Schrock children the weekend, while their parents attended a bowling event at Clare.

Arthur Schrock reports that his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock, of Littlefield Lake, have been having flu, with the latter spending a few days at the hospital. Also that Mrs. Schrock's (Annabel's) leg hasn't healed yet. She was bitten by a dog Nov. 7. (Incidentally, we missed this item in earlier news reports.)

Also missed the report that Craig Thompson was a lucky hunter, getting a nice eight-point buck the second day of the hunting season.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed Saturday evening, making the acquaintance of the new baby girl, who has been named Monique. Mrs. Arvilla Russell and four daughters of Marine City visited the Reeds last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson received a letter Saturday from their son, Barry, in Viet Nam. He is looking forward to his Christmas box from home. Merry Christmas, Barry! And Merry Christmas to all our service boys away from home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family and Ira Leiter Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Leiter home. Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton visited Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lena St. John, Mrs. Cora Estes and Mrs. Pearl Loomis were at the Lakeview Clinic last Wednesday. Mrs. Estes remained at

the hospital till Saturday.

A houseware party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Wednesday evening, with Mrs. Carol Kunkel of Mecosta as co-hostess. There were 20 ladies in attendance, and Mrs. Skalitzky served a delicious lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky visited Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis Sunday evening. Sorry to hear that Mrs. Loomis (Pearl) is on the sick list.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry reports she is busy making out treasurer reports for the township of Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, and Denise.

Vance Loomis was a supper guest Wednesday of his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel McLean. Mrs. Leah Scharrer of Weidman visited Mrs. McLean Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis and Mary Lou visited Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suman and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Suman of Weidman were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Conley visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow and daughter, Mrs. Micky Dargitz, of Remus, and Mrs. Russell Stanley attended the party at the home of Mrs. Skalitzky Wednesday evening, calling on Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fountain of North Brinton later. Mr. and Mrs. Fountain are real busy weaving rugs.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family.

Miss Patsy Wachowiak of Farwell was a Saturday overnight guest of Miss Teresa Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters took her home Sunday evening, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline and family.

David Moore of Saginaw and Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley.

Other Sunday dinner guests at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Adelbert Pung of St. Johns, Dale Wawersik and Donald Stanley and sons, Martin and Richard.

Howard Monroe visited Mrs. Monroe at the hospital Thursday afternoon. He reports her foot hasn't healed yet, and it will be doubtful if she can be home for the holidays. Also that their son, Blaine, has diabetes and will return to Ann Arbor Jan. 10 for more tests. Hope they both improve in health soon.

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NEWS NOTES

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

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Jim Sheppard and children called at the Joe Sheppard home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pasch and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yuncker are on a trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and family visited at the Joe Sheppard home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schafer of Detroit called on Mrs. Effie Schafer Sunday. Edna Theisen, Shirley Blackmer and Esther McNamara had breakfast with Mrs. Schafer last Thursday morning.

Vickie Schafer of Beal City, who was on the sick list last week, is back in school. Larry Rau, who underwent surgery on his leg, is also back in school.

Dora Smith, who was home over the weekend, called on the Clevengers and Kitty Gross Sunday.

Virgil and Walter Smith and Louis Lawens went to Traverse City Saturday to visit Bob Smith, and found him quite well.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Schmalbach moved into their new house the past week, located one mile south and 3/4 mile west of Beal City.

The Senior Citizens' party last Thursday was well attended, with 13 tables playing pepper.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keefer and Mrs. Clara Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Mrs. Wm. Pung attended the party in the church basement at St. Leo's Church at Winn Sunday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Gross is visiting relatives in Belding a few days, en route to Florida.

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WEST

Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Relatives received word last week of the death of Frank Smith of Greenville. His wife is Eva Esch, oldest daughter of Kate (Schafer) Esch.

Not much news this week. We have been too happy enjoying the coming-home of our son, Rusty, for which we waited with such anxiety while he was in Viet Nam.

Rusty is having a great time visiting friends, old teachers, buddies of his age--and staying quite close to home to enjoy his family. He is relaxed and happy, and is in good physical condition.

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THE MESSENGER--Is more thoroughly read, from first page to last, than any other paper.

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

ENTERTAINS HOSPITAL GUILD

Maycie Cook entertained the Tri-County Hospital Guild No. 9 last Tuesday evening at her home.

Mrs. Richard Lueder, Mrs. Emil Lueder, Mrs. Rudolf Lueder, Mrs. Eda Van Zandt, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, Mrs. Laurel Bridgett and Mrs. Eugene Bridgett attended.

Mrs. Bob Cook and Miss Mary Richardson spent Wednesday with their aunt, Mrs. Gail Strong, of Elwell.

Roderick Nicholson and Blaine Sellers came home Sunday night after spending the hunting season in Northern Michigan.

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

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt and Mrs. Richard Lueder called at the Crittenden Funeral Home last Wednesday morning to pay their respects to the family of their cousin, Mrs. Judy Jones, who was killed in a motorcycle accident in Thailand.

Harold Rhode called on Richard Stevens at CMC Hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., of Weidman called on Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode and Karen Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bob Cook and Mrs. Verne Bergey were in Alma Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and family called on Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Glee Krueger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bridgett and boys were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder. Mr. and Mrs. Don Oswald of St. Louis were afternoon callers. Mrs. Fey Strong of Owosso was a Tuesday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening dinner guests of Herman and Aliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Bergey and boys spent Friday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huber. It was Mr. Huber's birthday.

Word has been received from Mrs. Ernest Hummel that Ernest got home from the hospital in Phoenix last week, after spending the time since Oct. 3 in a private room there. Ernest was very happy to be home.

Mrs. Herman Lueder has been a

patient the past week in the Lakeview Hospital. She hoped to get home this week.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Vanness Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood were dinner guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips. It was the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

The Merry Go Round Club will meet with Mrs. Hart Dec. 14, for the Christmas party.

Norman Buchel is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital. Terence O'Rourke is also in that hospital.

Gary Seymour and Miss Sandy Cross of Detroit were home over the weekend.

Miss Judy Miller of Lansing was a guest in the Faber home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schumacher were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber Friday evening.

Mrs. Florence Kobel, Mrs. Harriett Baker and Mrs. Agnes Fuller attended a Mizpah Class Christmas party at the Shepherd Church

of Christ last Friday.

Frank Kobel of Lansing spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Florence Kobel.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau will hold its annual Christmas party Dec. 11 at the home of Egbert Fordyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce attended a Christmas dinner in Clare Monday evening for veterans of World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood attended Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Conley's 70th wedding anniversary at Alma Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cameron of Rosebush Friday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Nora Geasler was a visitor of Mrs. Flossie Forbes and Mrs. Vada Carroll one day last week.

Mrs. Howard Bywater visited her mother, Mrs. Neva Damon, in Lansing last Thursday.

Bill Forbes and Jim Wertz of Pontiac spent Saturday with Bill's mother, Mrs. Flossie Forbes, at the home of Mrs. Vada Carroll.

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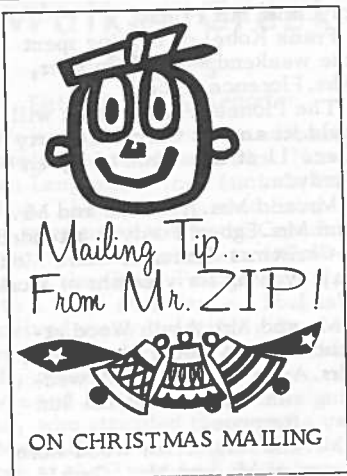
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All gifts should be packed in sturdy boxes. Cardboard boxes should be wrapped in heavy paper and tied with strong cord.

Don't let any gifts rattle around in your Christmas mail packages. Sufficient cushioning is important to give the box strength. There may be a set of the encyclopedia in the box on top of yours.

Each package you mail should include a slip showing the person receiving your Christmas gift and listing the contents. In case outer wrapping of package comes loose, your gift will still be delivered.

In addition to articles normally prohibited in the mails, matches and lighter fluid may not be

mailed to overseas military addresses.

Make sure your addresses are written or printed clearly and that they are complete. Don't let your mail end up in the Dead Letter office because your handwriting can't be read.

Gift parcels to distant states should be mailed by early December, and those for local delivery by Dec. 15.

Don't forget that under normal conditions there is no delivery of cards and letters on Christmas Day other than Special Delivery.

Greeting cards with a five-cent stamp may be sealed and contain written messages. They are given priority in delivery and forwarding.

Remember to mark all mail for which you have paid special charges with the type of handling it should get (airmail, Special Delivery, Special Handling, etc.)

You can write DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS on the outside of a Christmas package that goes through the mails. If a letter is enclosed it must be noted outside the package and first-class postage should be paid for the letter, in addition to the parcel post rate.

During the week just before Christmas long distance gifts and greetings should be sent by airmail to assure on-time delivery.

You can help the post office by separating greeting cards into local and out-of-town bundles. Labels are available for this purpose at the local post office.

Check the return addresses of the people who send you gifts and greeting cards and add their ZIP Codes to your mailing list. ZIP Code your responses to them for better mail service.

The Weidman post office will remain open until 4.30 p. m. on the following Saturdays in December: Dec. 9, 16 and 23.

Using the new Christmas stamp as postage for your greeting cards assures first-class service and decorates the envelope, too.

Everyone at the post office wishes you a Happy Holiday Season and thanks you sincerely for your co-operation.

Merry Christmas.
Harry Herman, Postmaster.

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Local Items

The winter exodus to Florida has begun. Besides many others reported in other columns and other editions, this week we have a list including Floyd Dutcher and Frank Secord, getting ready to leave; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Raub, who left Monday; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, leaving or ready to leave.

Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, of Barryton were planning to leave Sunday, Dec. 3, for their winter home in Port Ritchie, Fla.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

Editor, Weidman Messenger:

This summer Gerald Dent told of his visit to Calder, Idaho, and the beautiful St. Joe River which is the home of Harris (78) and Annetta (72) Bellows.

They are very active and ardent fishermen. By hook and line, and generally with three in their large boat, they have taken from Lake Coeur d'Alene 1,259 Kokanee salmon, up to Sept. 18, 1967.

The boat is controlled by two large motors. Mr. and Mrs. Bellows and I were going into Round Lake for perch, when weeds fouled one of the motors. We started out of the lake into the St. Joe River to repair the motor, when the other one fouled and we were stranded, with only one paddle.

The wind began to blow, and we drifted near the logs in the lake, where we saw an old board.

Harris, being a pioneer lumberman, took his axe (which he carries in the boat--they often camp on the lake and sleep in the boat), and hewed another paddle.

The wind was so strong we could not move the boat. I was

scared to death, not being used to the water, but not the Bellows.

Annetta had packed us a nice lunch in a white cloth, and we could hear a tug for several minutes.

Here it comes!--The large Coeur d'Alene Mill tug pulling a river full of logs, assisted by a small tug.

Harris took the cloth, waved an S.O.S. The little tug pulled us eight miles to Conklin Park for repair.

While the motors were being fixed, we fished from the dock. Thirty-six perch was our catch.

Harris pilots his own boat, although Annetta is a good helper; and the next day we fished Lake Coeur d'Alene for Kokanee, getting 59.

Their fishing is done by trolling. It is just a good nerve tonic for everyone to visit and fish with these good people.

Ella Benscoter
Kendrick, Idaho.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprague spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors at the Jack Burden home the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Grand Rapids.

Jeanne Smith and Joan Burden attended "The Sound of Music" in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott and granddaughters, Connie and Peggie Wernette, called on her brother, Maynard Powell, Sunday at Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family called Friday evening at the John Gott home. Debbie Graham returned home Sunday night, and Becky Graham stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams and family of Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams and family of Farwell, last Wednesday.

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Mrs. Flossie Davy returned Saturday from a week's visit at the home of her son, Elmer, in Ann Arbor.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. Ervin is better at this writing.

Mrs. Flossie Flachs and daughters, Jeanette, Chrissie and Romana Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Sunday evening callers of the Dutchers. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called several times during the week.

Carl Beutler came home from the Saginaw hospital last Tuesday, feeling better.

Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake called on the George Merrihews Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Mddland spent the weekend with the Clayton Dutchers. Garry Dutcher and children were Sunday supper guests.

Al Pettigrew and friend of Muskegon were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher. The Garry Dutchers attended a birthday party for Harold Krueger at his home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank of Wheeler were Sunday callers of the Orrie Merrihews. June reports her mother, Blanche Carr, was not feeling so well. Blanche is staying with her daughter and family. Her address:

Mrs. Blanche Carr, Wheeler R. 1, Mich., % Doyle Plank.

We're sure Blanche would en-

joy receiving cards from her friends.

Butch Hardenburg spent Friday over night with Steve Dutcher.

Russ Lawler and son, Jim, of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. George Woodin was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Merrihew of Clare visited Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew Saturday. They expected to leave for Arizona to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher took birthday cake and ice cream and visited her mother, Mrs. Nora Secord, Wednesday evening, and Clayton and mother celebrated their birthdays. Clayton's was Wednesday and Mrs. Secord's Thursday. Hattie Losey made her brother, Clayton Dutcher, a birthday cake, and they all enjoyed that also. Thanks, Hattie.

Beth Ann Losey spent Thursday afternoon with Becky Dutcher.

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MARGARET STANSELL'S AMARYLLIS--As it bloomed last year. This remarkable photo was taken by Blaine, through the picture window of the living room. It's a color photo, and we hope for the best in our reproduction of it. The blooms shown measured seven and a half inches across--truly gorgeous flowers, and most unusual. This year the Stansells have two plants, one with four blooms opening now, and the other budding. We're looking forward to a picture of this year's flowers of this beautiful plant.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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the matter."

Like we said, perhaps this is an accidental situation; but what with all the governmental regulatory burdens on second-class mailings, this development gives us the shivers.

One day this country will have only advertising sheets for reading material of a contemporary nature, with the skinned-down news reports on radio and television to give us our vague ideas of what's going on.

The Messenger is fortunate, in one respect. We manage to peg along on our wonderful expanding number of paid-up subscriptions. That's what the Messenger operates on, its subscriptions. Our appreciation to our faithful readers for this.

And a word about the school news: The Messenger has been unable to get the school news copy in time for current editions. Last week we received a long account of school and school-board activities, but we received it on Wednesday afternoon's mail, after the Messenger was printed and ready for the postoffice.

The dispatch was postmarked Barryton: which no doubt accounts for the fact that the Barryton Press got the copy in time. Sorry, but we just can't seem to get the school news in time for publication in this paper.

So far as we can see, there is nothing in the school news dispatches that could not be written

and mailed out Friday. The school news seldom has "hot" or last-minute news announcements.

We would print the school news if we could get it Saturday, when we roll out our "time copy," such as the Editor's Column--and such information as is contained in the school news dispatches.

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Men in Uniform

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Here's a new address:
Pfc. Glen E. McDonald, Jr.,
US4960974, HHB 7/9 Arty.,
APO San Francisco, Cal. 96370.

Glen, known as "Butch", while in school here last year, is in Viet Nam. He is a switchboard operator.

Here's another Christmas address:

Pfc. Donald D. Abbott, R.A.
10852085, 670th Trans. Co.
(Med. Trk.), APO San Francisco
Calif. 96312.

Don's year in Viet Nam will be up in January, so we can send him Christmas greetings, just in case he can't come home by Christmas.

Ruth Momany brings us an excerpt from a letter from her daughter-in-law, Ann (Esch) Momany, wife of T/Sgt. Ross Momany, in Germany. Here it is:

Ross did receive that Air Force Commendation medal in early October, called to our attention by an article in an Air Force magazine.

They had a formal ceremony at Commander's Call and his picture was taken--a very good one, I might add.

They told us it would be sent to the local paper, so hope they did so--unless it turns out like the one at NCO Academy and never got sent.

He received a framed citation along with the medal and the tiny version of it to wear on his uniform. He's very proud, and well he should be, as it is well deserved and hard earned. It's very pretty--yellow with blue stripes.

(Editor's Note: No, we never received anything about him from the Air Force. But we learn that at the NCO Academy he received second place by the margin of .001 percent. That's how close he was to first place, a major honor.)

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RICHARD STEVENS ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Latest reports on the condition of Richard Stevens, in CMC Hospital, were that he was coming along very well and was on the road to recovery.

He was reported very weak as yet, and was on a low-residue diet, but was definitely recovering.

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BEAL CITY PTA SPONSORS EUCHRE PARTY

A euchre party sponsored by the Beal City PTA will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, 8.30 p.m., at the multi-purpose room at the Beal City school.

There will be several door prizes, as well as prizes for scores.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer in Beal City Wednesday evening. Tony had been sick for the past week, but was feeling better.

Mrs. Florence Rupp is taking the winter off from her teaching in the Blanchard school. She was feeling some better, after a stay in CMC Hospital for tests and x-rays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Kalkaska stopped in at the Edward Schafer home Friday evening, and spent the night. They went to Bay City Saturday afternoon to visit Mrs. Sherlock's brother, John Schafer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer of Alma enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer Sunday. Their daughters had spent the weekend with Grandma and Grandpa Wischmeyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and boys enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer and boys in Bay City Sunday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Starks of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams, and family.

Mrs. Emily Wood has been spending some time with her son, Jack, in Traverse City.

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