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## Editor's Column

By Connie

AND NOW WE'LL LISTEN TO A LITTLE MUSIC.....

Last Saturday we received a gratifying note from Jim Hughes, and believe us, it's always music to hear nice things from a radio station news director.

When he mentioned envy at "such a writing gift," however, our first reaction was a desire to write the man and tell him 'tain't no gift, it's a lifetime of study and training.

Ye Ed spent years and years in every college course she could find in creative writing; she also took every course she could find in English grammar; and her real writing education was sweated out under the direction of Ben Hibbs and Arthur W. Baum, of the old Satevepost of the 1940's, and under the stern Look, -we're-trying-for-cash criticism of Lurton Blassingame, New York agent. (Bless his old heart, he took only 10 percent of what he sold for us, which wasn't much, and he worked his heart out to make us a paying client.)

We worked like a slave, and over a very long time.

So there. We let off steam, and sort of calmed down, and remembered that Ye Ed's Column in the Weidman Messenger does not get any of the time-consuming tender-loving-care our manuscripts drew from us back in the old days. The Messenger's columns of necessity are batted out under the exorable pressure of deadlines, and are not even read a second time.

So we might concede that at this time it must be a "writing gift" if we come up with anything of interest to the public.

It seems that Mr. Hughes had his own troubles at holiday time, and he got a bang out of the Messenger family's New Year's Day predicament when the oil tank ran dry and we were on our own to try to warm up this big old farm house "by hand." We give you Mr. Hughes' letter:

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Dear Mrs. Skinner:

Don Sandbrook, County Register of Deeds, has shown me your issue of January 4th. I found it to be an interesting paper. Your article about the Holiday Season being Good and Bad was most interesting.

Sure do wish I had such a writing gift.

I had my problem on Christmas Day. No place to eat. And, all of the eateries were CLOSED that



HE'S GOING BACK TO VIET NAM--Sp/4 Corp. Don Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Abbott, is enjoying a month's leave at his home in Weidman, but has volunteered to return to Viet Nam, after spending his allotted year there, with three and a half months in combat. Don is a handsome, intensely patriotic man of 19 years, and he wears his country's uniform proudly. His earned attributes to his

uniform (shown in the photo above) include his CIB (Combat Infantry Badge), Airborne Badge ("Showing I've jumped from a plane a few times,") his National Defense ribbons, the first section National Defense, the second, with two stars, for combat in Viet Nam, and the third section, Overseas; and the lower badge showing he is qualified with the M-14 rifle.

Don said that Infantrymen are trained in the United States on the M-14 rifle, then given three

days' training on the controversial M-16 after they arrive in Viet Nam.

On his third day in Viet Nam, Don says he was in combat and shot his first Viet Cong. He shot three rounds from his M-16, but the VC would not fall. The VC was hit by Don in the waist and had two shots in the legs, and Don needed a reload of his M-16. A nearby comrade finished off the VC with a round of machine gun fire from his M-60, Don says.

Asked about the M-16, Don remarked, "A lot of our men are going (being killed) on account of that M-16." He said it doesn't jam all the time, if it is kept scrupulously clean, but it may jam. The M-16 is not as strong a weapon as the M-14, according to the fighting men, as the M-14 has bigger and more numerous rounds of ammunition than the M16.

Asked why that Viet Cong victim didn't fall, Don said, "Oh, they're all hopped up with marijuana, pot, junk, all the time, and they just keep coming."

Don spent most of his combat time around Cameron Bay, at Phan-Rang, and Sung Mau, by Phan Thiet, south of Da Nang. Though Viet Nam weather is much milder than our Michigan brand, Don says he has seen snow on the mountains in the Mekong Delta.

Scuttlebut among fighting men over there has it that the war (Continued on Back Page)

Just please don't ever again eat candy bars at a gas station on Christmas Day.

## Men in Uniform

LARRY SISCO HOME AFTER DISCHARGE FROM ARMY AS MEDIC

Sp/4 Larry Sisco arrived home Friday night, discharged from the Army after his two years of duty which included one year in Viet Nam.

Larry plans to return to his job with the County Road Commission in a week or so.

Needless to say, everyone who knows Larry is very happy that he's home at last.

He had a rough time in Viet Nam as a medic, in combat for about nine months.

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Fort Knox, Ky.--Army Private Russell R. Tilmann is assigned to Company A, 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, here in the United States Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA).

He is spending two months learning fundamental skills of the soldier in today's modern action Army: firing live ammunition under simulated combat situations, learning protective measures and first aid for chemical, biological and radiological attacks, as well as being schooled in the use of modern arms.

Interspaced with constant emphasis of proper physical conditioning, diet, rest and health habits, will be ample opportunity to utilize USATCA's many and varied recreational and religious facilities.

Following the completion of basic training, Pvt. Tilmann, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tilmann of Beal City, will receive at least an additional eight weeks of advanced instruction or on-the-job training to qualify him in a specialized military skill.

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Mrs. Vera Tvorik received a letter from her son, Sp/4 Jerry Tvorik, saying he had received his flight call and would leave Germany Feb. 20, to arrive in the States Feb. 23 and receive his discharge from the Army.

Mrs. Tvorik has had four sons in the Armed Services and has waited through the long years for the safe return of each one as he has served his allotted time in military duty.

After Jerry gets home she will have only one to wait for, Lieut. Robert Tvorik, who will leave Viet Nam around the first of April to receive his discharge after his two years of service.

Safely home after doing their hitches in service are Ralph, who finished first, and Frank.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

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

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake visited his brother, Ira, and nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and family, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Virgil Loomis and children were Saturday evening visitors at the Leiter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family were supper guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of his father, Arthur Loomis, and sons Patrick and Vance.

Howard Monroe and son, Blane, were in Ann Arbor Wednesday, where Blane had a checkup at the hospital.

The Missionary ladies of the Baptist Church held their Fellowship party at Mr. and Mrs. Monroe's home Thursday evening, presenting Mrs. Monroe with a Sunshine Box. She has not been feeling well the past week.

Edward Schohl of south Beal City visited the Monroes Sunday afternoon. Raymond Smoke of North Branch spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe. Mrs. Smoke, who had spent the week with them, returned with him to their home Saturday evening.

Mrs. George McClain of Barryton and Mrs. Myrtie Pridgeon of the Hamilton Rest Home, and Mrs. Leah Scharrer of Weidman visited Mrs. Ethel McLean Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mary Lou Miller visited her grandmother, Mrs. McLean, Saturday evening, and again on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda of Big Rapids were also guests.

Sp/4 Glenn Dosenberry and wife spent most of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Keith and Paul, and went to her parents', Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Lindell, at Leroy, for the weekend. Clyde Dosenberry of Midland visited his parents Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson at Marion Saturday evening.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Marie, on Monday, Jan. 8, at the Mt. Pleasant hospital. Mrs. Bobroski and daughter came home from the hospital Friday, to the home of

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons.

Miss Tonia Gilmore spent the weekend at the Emmons home. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Maxon of Remus were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock called on their son and wife Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenberg visited her father, Aisher Dent, at the Alma hospital Sunday afternoon. He underwent surgery Monday.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire spent the weekend with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill, and family. Mrs. Zill reports that Mrs. Hamel is still a patient at the Mt. Pleasant hospital, but is feeling better.

Little Dale Schrock, son of the Rodney Schrocks, celebrated his fifth birthday Sunday, with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, enjoying ice cream and birthday cake with him and his parents, brothers and sisters. Happy Birthday, Dale!

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake. Mrs. George Clark and Terri of Weidman visited her parents Sunday evening.

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

Mrs. Charles Voss reports that their grandson is getting along real well, but will remain at the hospital in Grand Rapids for another week.

Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley attended the Silver Wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward at Coldwater Lake Saturday evening.

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## Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes were in Remus Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Gingsky of Dearborn was a visitor in the Norman Brines home several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham visited Tom's brother in the Stanwood hospital Monday. Carl had a gall bladder operation, and was reported as doing well.

We have received a report that the ground in the North Brinton Cemetery is frozen 16 inches in depth.

Ray Barette is another of our Brinton folks who own a snowmobile. He was out Monday, taking his friends for rides.

Mrs. Irene Jones spent Saturday with Mrs. Violet Wright.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Merry Go Round Club was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Hugh Douglas, with 22 members and one visitor present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Elam Seymour Feb. 8.

Wednesday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were Mrs. Helen Wardwell and Mrs. Coranna Shaner and Mrs. Jack Allbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee and family were supper guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, Friday evening.

Miss Bobette Worth and her Sunday School class spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place, and Saturday evening with Lois Bazaire.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Charlotte Hart were Gaylord Hart and children, Lane Chapman and Stanley Shaner.

Wm. Lowery had surgery at the Clare hospital Thursday. Sunday he was reported doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee and family and Mrs. Helen Wardwell called Saturday evening to remind Paul Cole he had another birthday, Jan. 13.

## Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Frank Walters has gone to Florida to spend the winter with his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Elaine Esterline.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts were supper guests of Joan Pitts and boys Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Agnes Fuller is entertaining the cold that is going around.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey and Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips.

Wellington Robinson is quite ill at his home in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vanness Cook.

Fishing is the order of the day for many of the men this winter.

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Cathy Alwood spent Sunday afternoon at the Joe Wilmot home and enjoyed dinner and visiting with Linda.

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IS YOUR MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION DUE? THE EXPIRATION DATE IS PRINTED EACH WEEK ON YOUR PAPER, BESIDE YOUR ADDRESS.

WE HAVE VERY FEW UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

**Notice**

I will be at Rau's Service Station in Beal City Saturday, Jan. 20, from 1 to 3 p. m., and at the Weidman State Bank on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 1 to 3 p. m., to receive applications for Senior Citizens and Veterans tax exemptions for the coming year, 1968.

Ernest Schmidt  
 Supervisor  
 Nottawa Twp.  
 Jan. 18t1

**Card Of Thanks**

The members of Broomfield Grange would like to thank the people of Deerfield Township for the use of their hall, and also Radio Station WCEN, for their help.

The music was furnished by the Michigan Ramblers and Tex Schafer.

Also we wish to thank the friends and neighbors of the William Martins and family for their help in making the benefit dance and fire shower a big success.

Thank you.

Broomfield Grange.

**Obituary**

ALVA (YUNCKER) SCHNEIDER  
 Alva (Yuncker) Schneider died in Grand Rapids last Thursday and was buried Monday of this week, in Grand Rapids. She was 59 years old.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard; four children; four brothers, William, Howard, John and Herbert Yuncker; and four sisters, Irene Diamond and Rosella Ellis, both of Detroit; Lillian Smith of Mt. Pleasant, and Ella Halfman of Weidman; and many other relatives in this area.

Many from here attended the funeral Monday in Grand Rapids.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dell of Littlefield Lake were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

Mrs. Bessie Teall was still in CMC Hospital the first of the week, reported about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spice and family of Carson City and Grandma Spice were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family.

**Obituary**

LEONARD L. BALL

Leonard L. Ball of Deerfield Township died last Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the age of 47.

He was born July 10, 1920, in Isabella County, and was employed as a custodian at CMU. He was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant Friday, Jan. 12, at 2 p. m., with Rev. James Linton of the Deerfield Center Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Two Rivers Cemetery.

Mr. Ball is survived by his wife, Helen; four sons, Jerry, Larry, Jim, and Jack, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Lennie May Dutmars; two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Chivington and Mrs. Phyllis Darling, and a brother, Herbert Rice, all of Mt. Pleasant.

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**THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST GILMORE**

George Getchel, Minister  
 10 a. m., Morning Worship and Communion Service.

11 a. m., Bible School classes for every age.

7.30, Evening, Worship.  
 Wednesday at 7 p. m., Bible study.

The Church of Christ at Gilmore will host a Singspiration Sunday evening, Jan. 21, at 7.30 p. m. There will be several special numbers, including some by the Men's Quartet of Gilmore.

The entire community is invited. A free-will offering will be taken to assist the O. D. Wilson family through some heavy financial burdens which have risen for them this winter. They are a traveling missionary family who tour the United States, and receive only the support given them by free-will offerings.

They will not be present at this Singspiration because of difficulties resulting from engine repair of their bus, but they will be with us in spirit and in prayer.

Please come and join us and add your voice in songs of praise to God.

The Women's Fellowship of the Gilmore Church of Christ met Tuesday, Jan. 9. New officers were elected and various business matters were discussed.

The meeting was climaxed by a devotional period presented by Lois Graham. Scripture was taken from Phillipians 3:8. Lois demonstrated how we can let our everyday living crowd out Jesus. This ought not to happen, but often unknowingly it does. Delicious refreshments were served. There were 25 present. The next meeting will be Feb. 13.

**NEWS NOTES**

Word from Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith is that it was cold in Ruskin, Fla., and they had to have fires to keep warm. Carl and Daisy Embrey arrived safely, although they encountered icy roads over much of the way down.

**HOW TO OPERATE THE ELECTRIC CAR AT NO COST**

By George Skinner

I figure I have solved the problem of the electric auto. It seems, according to reports we receive, the electric car can travel only about 50 miles on one charge of its battery.

Of course, there is some report of extension cords having been tried, but this has its disadvantages.

So I figure there is considerable loss of usable power in the undulations of a car over any and all roads.

So why not take advantage of this?

My idea is to install a system of levers and cylinders attached to the under side of the car, whereby air could be pumped into a pressure tank as a reserve power during the 50 miles the electric motor would be pushing the car.

The car could be equipped with an air motor. Then, with the electric motor turned off, the air motor should run the car perhaps another 50 miles, during which time an air-operated generator would be charging the battery.

Of course, all this time, the undulations of the car would continue to replace the used-up air, as air supply diminishes.

The electric battery should be able to run the car another 50 miles, according to my theory.

There need never be any additional expense to the operation of these new electrics.

Simple, isn't it?

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**In the Editor's Mail**

Dear Mrs. Skinner:

I'm sending a check for \$5.00 to renew a subscription to the Messenger for another year for my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Darnell.

Your subscribers, many of whom are friends and relatives of Amy Darnell, might be interested to know that she was in the Sparrow Hospital in Lansing for five weeks, where she had surgery on her hip. She has a plate in it now, but we're very thankful that she can walk again.

The Darnells are spending this month in Ann Arbor with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Presswood. Send the paper to their address, Remus, R. 1, and I'll send it on to them.

They enjoy reading about the home folks.

Thank you. Yours truly,  
 Mrs. Emma Esch, Remus.

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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.

**Messenger**

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and children enjoyed tobogganing Sunday.

Mrs. Deborah Benn entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and family were Sunday evening guests of the Gerald Losey family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of the Earl Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Oplinger attended an NFO meeting at the Deerfield Hall near Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Sunday dinner and afternoon guest of her son, Dean, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and family of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Lansing business callers Saturday.

Jay Denslow is home and feeling better, after his 19-day stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdett Denslow of Lansing and Mrs. Claribel Miller of Rosebush were Saturday guests of the Jay Denslows. Burdett won't be able to step on his foot before March. Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn and Jimmie of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Jean Platick and children of North Brinton, and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and Mark were Sunday dinner guests of their parents. Randy Brownell spent the weekend from his school in Corunna, with his grandparents.

Tracy White, Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz called on Mrs. Alma White at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Saturday evening. Alma had undergone surgery Tuesday and was getting along good.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and Walter Davis were Sunday evening guests of the Joe Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Harry called at the Alma hospital Sunday to see his father, who was scheduled to undergo surgery Monday.

Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Wednesday overnight guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent visited their grandchildren, Sherri and Steven Johnson, Saturday, at the hospital. They had their tonsils and adenoids removed.

Harry Dent was out of school last week, suffering from flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber called on his sister, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew were Friday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Garth

Lawrence and Pam were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Graber were Thursday callers. Mrs. Betty Martin, Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger and Larry Cummins were callers during the week, also Mrs. Lottie Gannon of Indiana spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence.

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**S.W. Sherman**

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter  
**SNOWMOBILE PARTIES HELD HERE THE WEEKEND**

The Harry, Leo and Gary Gatehouses, the Bill Maeder family, Duane Thren family, Richard Dutcher family, Gerald Losey family, the Gene Flachs of Remus and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wyant of Mecosta all attended a snowmobile party Friday evening at the Ivan Hines home.

A big bonfire, wiener roast and traditional outdoor entertainment were enjoyed by all.

Eight couples had a snowmobile party Saturday evening also.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Mrs. Larry Baker and son, Chris, were Sunday afternoon callers of the Harry Gatehouses. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark were dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and children were luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thren Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg and Butch, Linda and Judy spent Friday overnight and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and Billy in Grand Blanc. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family went down on Saturday, and they celebrated Opal's and Sonia's birthdays.

Steve Dutcher spent Sunday afternoon with Douglas Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Steve and Sandra were Saturday afternoon callers.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Edna Merrihew Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas had Sunday dinner with the Clayton Dutchers. Douglas spent Saturday over night. Mrs. Ronna Dutcher was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mrs. Edna Merrihew entertained the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon. Those from here attending included Mrs. Marian Beutler and daughter, Mrs. Sandy Lynch and baby, Mrs. Lucile Merrihew and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mrs. Catherine McDaniel spent Tuesday overnight and Wednesday in Lansing, on business.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Kit Johnson was reported as improving greatly, the first of the week. She is in Room 310, CMC Hospital, Mt. Pleasant.

**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Paisley and children called at the Charles Halfman home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and family. Sunday af-

ternoon the Spragues attended an Open House reception in Mt. Pleasant honoring Duane Taylor, who had been in Ann Arbor in the hospital since October. It was a Welcome Home party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pray.  
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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

### NORBERT MARTIN STILL ON CRITICAL LIST AT CMC

Norbert Martin was reported resting some better Sunday night at CMC Hospital, but was still on the critical list and under special care.

Norbert was seriously injured in an accident Jan. 2 on his way to work in Midland when he was helping the driver of the car in which he was riding put a wheel back on, which had dropped off. An oncoming car hit Norbert as he worked on the wheel, crushing both his legs from knees to hips and breaking an elbow.

He was given 24 pints of blood the first day he was in the hospital, suffering shock. Loss of blood was largely due to a cut artery in one of his legs, and the mangling of flesh.

Norbert was born and raised in the Beal City area, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin, on their farm a mile east of the village. His mother died two years ago, and his wife passed away one year ago.

Mrs. Leona Simmer has cared for the year-old baby for the past 11 months. There are other children in Norbert's family, older and in school.

We hope Norbert's recovery will usher in better luck for him and his family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker attended the wake for Mrs. Alva Schneider in Grand Rapids Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh attended on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude La Fray spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Schmalbach had Saturday supper with the Pat Kavanaughs.

Sp/4 Ed Kavanaugh spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kavanaugh of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Snider were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer. Mrs. Emma O'Connor and Mrs. Wm. Pung were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Goshki entertained his parents from Detroit over the weekend.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Elva (Yuncker) Schneider in Grand Rapids Monday. Our sympathy goes out to all the family.

The Senior Citizens meeting was well attended, 14 tables playing pepper. Ed Block won the door prize.

Mrs. Florence Ball took her daughter, Brenda, to an ear specialist.

Emma Connors of Carson City is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck return-

ed home from Kentucky Thursday, reporting colder weather there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grinzinger.

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday for James Barz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barz, and Peggy Ann Wieferich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Wieferich.

Mrs. Effie Schafer, Mrs. Louise Smith, Mrs. Tillie Schafer and Mrs. Albina Rau spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Florence Pung, playing pepper. All reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Mrs. Dolly Rau spent Sunday with Mrs. Louise Smith, and enjoyed cards.

Joseph Lawens, Kitty Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith attended a wedding reception in Lansing Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cutler and family called on Mrs. Harry Schafer Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Effie Schafer.

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## Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Many relatives from this area attended the funeral of Mrs. Bernard (Elva Yuncker) Schneider in Grand Rapids Monday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pohl and Kevin spent last Thursday afternoon at the Richard Smith home in Au Gres. This was the first time they had seen the new baby, Jeffery, age four months.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon were last Thursday evening supper guests at the Dan Kripa home in Mt. Pleasant. The occasion was Dan's birthday. The Kripas are waiting patiently for their son, Dan, Jr., to return home from Viet Nam this month. He will be discharged by the first of February.

This reporter talked with Ardith Thompson last week. Among the many friends that called on Keith and Ardith during the time they heard their son, Barry, had been killed in Viet Nam, were Dr. and Mrs. McGinnis of Mt. Pleasant. We felt this was a very appreciative call for the Thompsens. Dr. McGinnis delivered Barry on Oct. 20, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith visited at the Isadore Schafer home Saturday evening and enjoyed playing cards.

Mrs. Hermione Smith spent Sunday at the Don Alwood home. Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith called later, and enjoyed fresh apple pie and coffee with them.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. James Kurtz and five daughters of Dexter spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

### CAR LICENSE PLATES FOR SALE IN WEIDMAN

Car and truck license plates for 1968 will be on sale in Weidman next Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the offices of Allen Lumber Company. It was announced this week.

Local people may get their license plates here and save driving to other towns. Car titles or registrations and proof of insurance are necessary to obtain your new license plates.

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## Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Woodrow Martin spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Herdlein of rural Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday evening with the Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mead and two children of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin. They brought a birthday cake, and helped Kate celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward attended the Silver Wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berry and daughter, Julia, of Marion spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey. Tom and Virgil Harvey spent Sunday with their brother, John, and family at Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell attended a birthday dinner at the Don Woodruff home Sunday, honoring the birthdays of Steven Woodruff and Marsha Braman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stansell attended the Silver Wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward Saturday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abendroth were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim and Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Bill Durfee of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and boys of Flint.



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## In the Editor's Mail

### DR. RONDOT ENJOYING DANCES AT AGE 99

(Editor's Note: We received the following letter from Mrs. Lylah Simmers of Fountain Valley, Cal., enclosing a long letter from Dr. Rondot, which we know his very many friends around here will enjoy.)

(And we're very sorry, Lylah, to hear of your mishap. We're giving your letter now to YOUR very many friends around here.)

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Dear Connie:

I can't sign this letter, because I stubbed my toe on the garage doorsill, threw out my hand to break the fall, and ended with a badly bruised and lacerated right hand and arm. No broken bones, but I am in a cast and my activities are limited! I am picking this out with the fingers of my left hand. (On her typewriter.)

Am enclosing a 4-page letter I received today from Dr. Rondot. It is of course entirely up to you whether and if so how much you choose to publish.

Since he mentions his birthday, what do you think of asking his old friends to send him a card shower when the time comes? He will be 99 on April 14. I'd like to see him on the dance floor!

In case you don't have it, his address is:

Dr. E.F. Rondot, Villa Maria, 2856 Riverside Drive, West Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Thank you. Very sincerely,  
Lylah (Fleming) Simmers.

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And now here's Dr. Rondot's letter to Lylah:

Jan. 7, 1968

Villa Maria  
Windsor, Ontario

Dear Mrs. Simmers:

I owe you a lot of apologies, but we won't lose time on them.

You have been so good at sending me cards on all occasions and I have always been too lazy to answer. I presume you have read my answer to my friends around Weidman that was published in the Star and took it for an excuse forever. It has been for everyone else but you have reminded me so often that it is time I should make an attempt to at least try to make it up. No doubt you will be a bit surprised to receive this note from your neglectful correspondent. I will first revert to the past. (When I was a distant neighbor of yours when I owned a forty next to your place near Weidman. What I remember best is the two boys who were then in their early teens, and the large red barn which was about the largest in that part of the country).

The next thing that strikes my mind is a recent adventure. A few days ago there was something going on at the 94 million Cobo Hall that was put up recent-

ly over in Detroit just across the river from here. The champion ice skater of the world was there with his troupe and gave us a very fine entertainment.

Having been brought up on the shore of Lake St. Clair (there was just our front yard between our house and the lake), I naturally did a lot of skating when I was quite young. And was naturally very much attracted by that champion and his troupe.

One of his main stunts was to take a good fast start and all at once jump and turn around three times in mid air and land backward on one foot and keep going on for a long stroke and end by a fancy turn. Any good skater can turn twice, but he is the only one in the world that can make the three turns.

I used to turn once and thought I was doing something. There weren't many in our crowd that could do it, but going around three times in mid air was out of this world. He also gave us some very fine exhibitions with his best girl skater that reached the height of gracefulness and beauty of form.

This Hall is so large that the skating rink in it is plenty large enough to have all kinds of races and even crack the whip, if you know what that means.

I have seen them crack the whip so fast that when they would let go the one at the tail you were afraid he was going to go through the opposite wall but he always managed to turn before he got to it, and then you got another breath.

Unless you are well acquainted with it you are apt to lose yourself. Once, coming out of another door after the show, after walking a ways I found myself in front of the main entrance where I had gone in and knew that I was going the wrong way. There is so much going on at the same time that you wish you had more eyes so you could watch both ends of the performance.

They give us so many exhibitions that they certainly give us our money's worth. Especially when they dance all together or in groups of three or four to ten or twelve. Having danced quite a lot myself, I naturally appreciate their dancing more than anyone else.

(Once I skated 30 miles without stopping. I had a sister in the convent in Chatham, 25 miles by rail, but going on skates you have to go five miles around by the lighthouse and the river is so crooked that it makes it 30 miles by skates. I visited my sister, took in the town, and came home by train.)

While we are talking about skating reminds me of an experience I had when I was 13 years old. My oldest brother had the biggest dry goods store in Amherstburg, and he put me in the cashier's box in his store to make change for the clerks and take care of

the money.

I had been in town only five days when there was to be a skating party that turned out to be a masquerade, where all the skaters were masked in dress as well as in face, and the judges had to guess their real names. They had to tell them by the way they danced. If the judges couldn't tell them, they got a prize.

Some of the girls of the town got after my brother to let me go with them and they would dress me as a girl.

Since I had been in town only five days, no one knew me anyhow, so it was rather a mean trick to play on those judges, but everything is fair in war and also in masquerade.

They dressed me all up as a girl, including powder and rouge. The lipstick wasn't invented yet in those days, or I would have been daubed with that also.

I walked with my escort over to where the masquerade was. He was very attentive, found a place for me to sit down and he put on my skates and helped me up and I was with the rest of the masqueraded skaters.

In a very short time a fellow offered his arm, which I took, and away we went. Made a couple of rounds, then some other fellow tapped him on the shoulder and I was with another partner. Being that I could skate pretty good, I became quite popular.

(They all took me for a girl. Most of them squeezed me very gently, but not any more than a gentleman would.)

The judges finally had them all spotted but me, as they recognized each one they went off the ice, till I was the only one left. I kept on skating till the judges sent someone to tell me to come and skate in front of the judges. Of course I went, and skated close in front of them. I did a few of the fancy turns I knew, but they finally gave up and I was elected for the prize, as a girl.

I walked to town with my partner and he thought we hadn't fooled enough people yet. He walked me to the main hotel in town and to the saloon, where everybody were craning their necks to see if I would go in or not. Things were different in those days. No woman dared to be seen near a saloon.

In the front part of the saloon there were always some of the business men sitting and smoking cigars. When my partner opened the door and I walked in, there was more craning of necks. When we walked up to the bar and he ordered two brandies, the lookers-on looked as if they were ready to faint. I grabbed my glass and gulped it down in one swallow.

When we came out, there were about 18 or 20 there to see what was coming off next.

I simply took his arm and we walked back to the girls' room, where I gave them back their

dresses.

On one of your last cards you wish me a happy holiday season. Well, it has been a happier one than usual. There happened to be more than usual going on. There was more dancing, and that is the main pastime, at least for me. I always liked to dance, and it seems to agree with me.

You know the dancing schools advertise, "If you can walk you can dance." Well, I go them one better. I can't walk very good but I can dance better. At least that is what many of those I dance with tell me. Of course, they would tell me that, anyhow, to raise my ego.

On account of my age, I usually make some apology to those I dance with, but they insist that I am doing fine. For the last 10 years I always wonder if I will be dancing next year. But the next year I am still dancing as well as the year before.

I will soon be in my 99th year. Then I'll be wondering if I will be dancing in my 199th.

I don't dance the square dances any more, but seldom miss any of the round ones. With those you can shorten the steps and take it easy, but with the square ones you have to follow the crowd. I do most of my dancing at the Senior Citizens center.

They dance every day till four in the afternoon. As the name implies, it is mostly old people's amusement, but the line between old and not so old is not always observed. And even those old people! Some of them that I have danced with were over 80 and if I had been blindfolded I would have thought they were 18.

The weather has been pretty nice all fall and until late this winter, but all at once there was a drop to below zero. The people find it hard after so much very mild weather.

Hoping this finds you as well as it leaves me,

Sincerely, E.F. Rondot.

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Ed's Note: Better clip his address, and send him a birthday card, come April 14 or before.



## WEDDING STATIONER

- \* Invitations
- \* Announcements
- \* Anniversary Invitations
- Silver Wedding
- Golden Wedding

**Weidman  
Messenger**

By Appointment  
After 6 p.m.

**FARM BUREAU NEWS**

All Farm Bureau members, Welcome to the Family Victory party Plans are under way for the County's first Victory Party, and everyone is invited to join in the celebration. Mrs. Edmund O'Brien, membership chairman for Isabella County, reports there are four townships, Broomfield, Fremont, Vernon, and Gilmore, with 100 percent of renewals paid. Several others were only a few percentage points behind.

This Victory party will honor all new members and their families. It will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Mt. Pleasant Junior High School cafeteria on South Bradley Road. Buffet supper will start at 7.30 p. m. Bring your own table service for your family and one dish to pass. Meat and drinks will be furnished by the committee.

There will be gifts for new members, and door prizes, and entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice John will show slides on "Life and Farming in Russia." A pair of tires will be the final door prize. All members are welcome and urged to attend.

The four quarter captains working with Mrs. O'Brien are Eldean Acker, Coleman; Vanness Cook, Gilmore; Howard Quackenbush, Blanchard; and Mrs. Edmund Wonsy, rural Mt. Pleasant.

This party is combined with the family Christmas party, which was postponed until this time.

Mary Beutler, Secretary  
Isabella County Farm Bureau.  
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**BROOMFIELD GRANGE NEWS**

Grace Crowley, Reporter  
Thursday evening Grange was called to order by our Worthy Master, Gil Overla, and the ritual work was done in order. Also a new member was given first and second degrees.

Because of the benefit dance and shower given by the members of the Grange for the Wm. Martin family at the Deerfield Hall Friday evening, we had our regular meeting Thursday evening.

Our smorgasbord supper was well attended. We thank all who came. The next supper is being planned, and a salad bar will be a feature. We try to please all.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackmer are leaving for Florida Jan. 18 to be gone two weeks. The store will be closed. We wish them a good trip.

A call just came in from Fort Benning, Ga., where Pfc. Ralph Crowley is stationed. He said it was snowing down there.

County Pomona will meet at our hall Thursday evening, Jan. 18.

We invite the community to our card parties the first and second Saturday evenings of each month. We usually have the driveway open, and there are no steps to climb to get in the hall. Always a pot-luck lunch.

**NorthWeidman**

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Thursday evening callers at the Jack Burden home were Mrs. Shirley Welch of Remus and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family entertained at dinner last Thursday evening in honor of Donnie Abbott, who is home on leave from Viet Nam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams of Lake called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett and family of Flint called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett, Saturday evening.

Carol Johnson and daughter had dinner with her parents, the Blodgetts, Thursday.

Don Abbott, of Abbott's Furniture Company in Weidman, and Mitchell Abbott attended the annual exhibits at the Furniture Mart in Chicago last week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Little Bobbie Sexton was an overnight guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sexton, Saturday.

Albert Gott and son, Larry, and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn were Jan. 7 callers at the John Gott home, and again on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott and Phyllis Gott, their daughter-in-law, of Elwell, called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott last Thursday. Marie Scott and Ruthie also called Thursday. Albert Gott was a Saturday visitor. Zeke Tanner also called on John Gott one day last week.

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**EAST**

**Coldwater**

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children had dinner at Falsetta's in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening, in honor of Dick's 14th birthday, with a birthday cake and all the trimmings.

Don Lofgren visited his grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Teall, at CMC Hospital Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotter and family of Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Carl and Ellen Geasler took their niece, Mrs. Linda Measel, to Lansing Thursday. Her husband was released from Sparrow Hospital Saturday, after being there since Dec. 15, a victim of a car wreck. Carl and Ellen visited them at their home in Clare Monday evening, and report he is doing well, though he is on crutches and will not be able to work for four or five months. Mrs. Measel is employed at Central Michigan University.

Alice Skinner was home from school since Jan. 1, suffering from mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham and Jim and Mr. and Mrs. Chel-

sea Latham and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

Sandy Owens of Lake called on Joyce Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Latham were Saturday afternoon callers of the Olgers.

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**Chippewa Enrollment Statistics**

The enrollment figures of the Chippewa Hills School District show a total of 2,133.

This is an increase of 126 students over the total in the schools at the time of consolidation. Seventy-five of these students are attending on a full time basis, and the remaining 51 are enrolled as part time students in the high school completion program.

The number of students in the various grades are as follows: Kindergarten, 206; First, 179; Second, 152; Third, 171; Fourth, 135; Fifth, 152; Sixth, 146; Seventh, 141; Eighth, 162; Ninth, 166; Tenth, 151; Eleventh, 142;

Twelfth, 133; Special Education, 46; high school completion, 51; total 2,133.

The break-down as per individual school is as follows: Barryton -- elementary, 342; ninth and tenth grades, 333; total 675. Remus -- elementary, 230; eleventh and twelfth, 275; total 505. Mecosta -- K-5, 211; sixth, seventh, eighth, 229; total 440. Weidman -- K-5, 226; sixth, seventh, eighth, 236; total 462.

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**MAYFLOWER COMPANY BUYS NEW MOVING VANS**

W.F. "Sid" Sowle, of Sidney Sowle & Son, moving-van operators of Mt. Pleasant, said this week that the Aero Mayflower Transit Co., with which the Sowle movers are affiliated, was placing in service a total of 80 new 40-foot moving vans, early in 1968. The vans will operate in interstate traffic only, Mr. Sowle said, and they represent an investment for Mayflower of approximately a million dollars.

Mayflower was the first major fleet user of air-suspension systems, Mr. Sowle said, and they move everything from highly sensitive electronic equipment to cargoes of fresh fruits.

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**DON ABBOT TO RETURN TO FIGHTING IN VIET NAM**  
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will be over before the presidential election next fall. This, he says, is not word from the States but evidence apparent to our men as to the makeup of Viet Cong combat troops.

"They're using kids," Don said. "Even eight and nine year olds, and girls. There's evidence the North Viet Nameese people are nearing famine, too, and these things put together give us hope and belief the war will end before next fall."

Don enlisted on a three-year hitch in April, 1966, and went to Viet Nam Jan. 14, 1967. He left Viet Nam Jan. 7, 1968. He was 17 years old when he enlisted.

He expects to go back to the 101st Airborne Infantry, A Co., 2nd 327th, 1st Brigade, on his return to duty.

Asked why he volunteered to go back to the fighting in Viet Nam, Don said, "I figure it's my duty. I don't feel I've done enough for them, so I've got to go back. I've got a lot of friends over there."

Asked if he meant Viet Nameese friends, or American soldiers, he said empathically, "The Americans, of course!"

This has been the reaction of all service men we have talked with on returning from Viet Nam. They pity the victims of Viet Cong aggression, but they have no illusions about the ability or willingness of the Viet Nameese people to pitch in and do their utmost in the war's effort.

Don has 14 months to go on his three-year tour of duty. "I feel I might as well do something with it," he said simply.

Don said the usual unit sent out on combat duty through jungles or rice paddies is a platoon, 15 men. Their arms are the M-60 machine gun, the M-16 rifle, and the M-77 grenade launcher. If they need reinforcements, they get them by helicopter, and in a hurry, he said.

Don will leave Feb. 9 to return to war action. He expects to get another leave Aug. 1.

He saw Sp/4 John Cotter, Sp/4 Paul Bush and Sp/4 Dick Zeien, all in Viet Nam, before he left for home. He did not see Noel Flaughter, who he said is "up by Tuey-Hoa". The five boys went through training in the States together, and remained in touch during their Viet Nam months. They are in separate units, however.

We salute this idealistic and deeply patriotic young man who elects to face combat again in one of the world's messiest wars.

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Mrs. Bertha Clark was admitted to CMC Hospital last Thursday, Jan. 9, and released on Saturday. She was feeling about the same on Monday.

**Coldwater Lake**

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer enjoyed a few games of cards with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer, in Beal City, Wednesday evening.

Marvin Reed called on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp of Beal City called in the evening, and played cards.

Larry White called on Joe Schafer Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer, who are vacationing in California, received word that Walt's brother, Hugh, had died in Lansing, Sunday. Before they arrived in Lansing, another brother, Steve, also of that city, had died Tuesday. Our deepest sympathy to the Wischmeyer family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tilmann and Marvin Reed called on Edward Schafer Saturday, to see their new home.

The Town and Country Tavern in Beal City was packed for the March of Dimes auction Saturday night. They raised around \$300.

Rick and Ted Klumpp of Beal City spent Sunday afternoon and the night with the Schafer boys.

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**BERNARD SMITH INJURED IN THREE-CAR ACCIDENT**

Bernard Smith was seriously injured at 8.35 Friday morning in a three-car accident at the corner of the Weidman Road and the Winn Road (the Beal City corner three miles east of Weidman).

According to State Police, the accident was still under investigation Tuesday morning, with no details available as yet.

Bernard suffered severe cuts on the head and about his face, doctors taking 200 stitches to close the wounds, according to his family.

Bernard drives a mail truck from Lake Station to Saginaw, and had made his run Friday morning and left the truck at Lake, and was returning to his home in his own car.

According to State Police, a car driven by George Clark of Weidman was going east on the Weidman Road, as was also a car driven by Mrs. Rosalie Rau. This was all the information the State Police were able to supply Tuesday morning.

Bernard was reported as recovering satisfactorily Monday afternoon. He was reported in good spirits, and able to sit up some.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Clyde Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended the Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert at CMU Monday evening.

Mrs. Emily Wood was reported improving Monday, after undergoing surgery at CMC Hospital two weeks ago.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**JUNIOR HIGH TEAMS DEFEATED BY BEAL CITY**

In games played at Beal City Jan. 10, the Chippewa Hills 7th and 8th Grade basketball teams from the Weidman Building were both defeated by the Aggies. The 7th Graders evened their season's record at two victories and two defeats in losing, 43-17, while the 8th Graders lost their first game in four starts, 37-27.

The first half spelled disaster for the 7th Grade as they could manage only four points while Beal City was chalking up an insurmountable 27-4 lead. As a team, the Warriors could net but two of 24 field goal attempts, and went 0 for 5 from the foul line.

In the second half, the Aggies outscored Chippewa Hills by only three points, 16-13. Gary Adams made five points and grabbed 15 rebounds to pace Chippewa Hills. Lonnie Block and Mark Schafer led Beal City with 17 and 12 points.

In the 8th Grade game, Chippewa Hills fell behind 9-2 at the end of the first quarter, but fought back to come within three points at the intermission, 15-12. However, Beal City outscored the Warriors 22-15 in the second half, to avenge an earlier defeat.

Dennis Cornell and Dave Cushman paced the Chippewa Hills team with Cornell netting 11 points and controlling 11 rebounds, while Cushman added six points and hauled down 10 rebounds. Mike Pung scored 11

points for Beal City.

These games marked the mid-point of the season, with four more regularly scheduled games to be played before entering the US-10 Conference Junior High Basketball Tournament at Evart beginning Saturday, Feb. 17.

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**ROUNDUP OF BASKETBALL GAMES OF THIS AREA**

The Chippewa Hills High School basketball team defeated the Lake City team Friday night at Lake City, 74-63.

Neal Wood led the Warriors with 22 points. The win gave the Warriors a 6-2 record going into Tuesday night's game with Evart.

In other games, the Beal City Aggies defeated Marion, 97-59, giving the Aggies a 6-2 record for the season.

Dave Garrett made 21 points for the Beal City team, and Dan Birgy chalked up 20. Dan Thielan came across with 15 points, while teammate Jim Smith made 12 points. Harold Reihl hit 10 points and gave Beal City a strong rebound performance.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater had dinner in Remus Saturday evening, observing the birthday of Mrs. Bywater. On Sunday the two couples visited their mother in Lansing.

Mrs. Neva Kirvan of Traverse City was a Sunday caller of her sister, Mrs. Glenn Frantz, and family.

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