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Editor's Column

By Connie
THE HOLIDAY SEASON WAS GOOD AND BAD

The Christmas holiday season in the Weidman area ushered in an unprecedented number of tragedies this year, including the death of young Barry Thompson, our third Weidman area service man to die in Viet Nam.

There were other, local, deaths and tragic illnesses. We do not remember any Christmas season here marked by so many deaths, funerals, illnesses.

In the midst of our own luxurious holiday vacation, we were saddened personally by these tragedies. Our very sincere sympathy to all the families affected.

The Messenger family ushered in New Year's Day, 1968, with a throwback of a hundred years.

Our dog woke us at 6.30 a. m. and said she was cold. Our noses were blue, and our house certainly WAS cold. We hopped out of bed and turned the thermostat up.

Nothing happened.

The room thermometer stood at 48 degrees, with the outside temperature at 10 below zero.

We stumbled out to the kitchen and turned on all the burners and the oven on our electric stove, then turned to our old-fashioned wood-burning range.

You might know.

The woodbox was empty.

George got his pants on and went out to the garage for an armful of wood. Thereafter Ma's old cookstove had a fire it never had since the last batch of bread she baked in its oven. (That was just before Consumers Power brought its lines "out" on the Air Line Road, as far as the Wm. Louissell and Bill Kaninsky and Rolla Roe places.)

We were so flabbergasted we forgot it was New Year's Day and a holiday for everyone but the Messenger family, and we called Mitch Abbott, our Gulf fuel oil man, at a quarter of seven. Immediately he answered, we knew.

We'd got him out of bed.

On a holiday.

On New Year's Day, for heaven's sake, when everybody wants to sleep in.

He said he wasn't making oil deliveries New Year's Day, but

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PFC. BARRY THOMPSON

This area suffered its third loss in the Viet Nam war with the death of Pfc. Barry Thompson Dec. 20.

Our deepest sympathy to the parents of these, some of our finest boys.

Barry was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson of Sherman City. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 30, in St. Joseph's Church at Beal City, with burial in Memorial Gardens in Mt. Pleasant.

Other families losing sons in the war are the Ernest Schmidts and the Joe Wawersiks. The war hits home hard, in this area.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and boys of Flushing spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, and Jim.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mrs. Bessie Teall was also a guest.

A new Year's Day gift to Ye Ed's family was a batch of red ripe tomatoes from The Flower Shop next door. Frances had pulled her hot-house tomato plants weeks ago, and there were a number of small green tomatoes on them. She put them in her house, and they ripened beautifully at room temperature.

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A CHRISTMAS BOUQUET FROM SOLDIER SON

The Clayton Dutchers received a bouquet of beautiful red roses from their son, Jim, in Viet Nam. Of course he ordered the flowers here in the States.

ISABELLA COUNTY GOAL IS \$5,200 FOR MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN

Isabella County's goal for the March of Dimes is \$5,200, according to word from De Vere R. Bixler, heading the campaign. All proceeds will be used to aid victims of birth defects, a news dispatch said this week.

An auction will be held at the Town and Country Tavern in Beal City Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8.30 p. m. Donated items are needed.

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Men in Uniform

Among cards the Skinners received from Armed Services families was a delightful holiday greeting from the Ross Momanys in Germany.

Written on the card was the following notation:

"Ein frohes Weihnachtsfest und ein gluckliches Neue Jahre. The Momanys."

Connie had just one year of German in college, but we got the message. Thanks, Momanys.

Here's a new address:

SR. Howard E. Garrett, B 53-5326, Co. 645, 12 Batt., Recruit Command, Great Lakes, Ill. 60088.

Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garrett, enlisted recently in the Navy, and was unable to get home for the holidays.

Here's another address:

Cpl. R.V. Alwood, 2246083, Schools Co., Schools Bn., M. V.O.C., Vado Del Rio Ph. #2, M.C.B., Camp Pendleton, Calif., 92055.

Rusty is teaching young recruits to drive trucks until March, when his service time is up. He spent Christmas with his uncle, Dick Alwood, and wife, at Seaside, Calif. They hadn't seen one another since Rusty was 10 years old.

Sp/4 Don Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Abbott, is expected home this weekend after putting in his year in Viet Nam. He has been with Sp/4 Paul Bush, Sp/4 John Cotter and Sp/4 Dick Zeien all the way through their military experiences, including working together in Viet Nam.

Sp/4 Roger Maeder, in Viet Nam, wired flowers from Hawaii to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Maeder, at Christmas time. The beautiful assortment of tropical blooms arrived by air mail, special delivery.

Men in Uniform



FIRST LIEUT. ROBERT TVORIK
528TH KEEPS DELTA SOLDIERS MOVING

Mrs. Vera Tvorik received the following news piece from her son, Lieut. Robert Tvorik, which was published in an Army newspaper recently:

Vung Tau, Vietnam--Whether it is an infantry rifle fire team, or an Air Force C-130 Hercules, the 528th Quartermaster Company of the 53rd General Support Group keeps the Free World military forces moving in the Mekong Delta. The 528th provides virtually every kind of fuel, from high octance aviation gas to small tri-oxane heat tablets used by the combat soldiers to heat their C-rations.

Over 13 million gallons of bulk fuel have been distributed to the U. S. Forces by the 528th, commanded by First Lieut. Robert L. Tvorik, since the unit's arrival in Vietnam April 13.

The 528th's main depot at Vung Tau can now handle 4,200,000 gallons of bulk fuel. However, new tanks are being built which will boost their handling capacity to 10,500,000.

The 528th supports U. S. and Free World Forces units in the southern part of Vietnam's III Corps area and throughout the Mekong Delta.

Needless to say, Mrs. Tvorik is very proud of her son Bob. Every one of us is proud, too, we might add. Bob is scheduled to arrive in the States around the first part of April, having put in his year in Viet Nam at that time.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Our community was shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Pfc. Barry Thompson in Viet Nam Dec. 20. We grieve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, and Craig, Roddy, and Kathy Block, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser, and other relatives. We extend our deepest sympathy. We know many have visited and called at their homes in their hour of sorrow, and we didn't call them this week. Many from this community paid respects at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton and attended services at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City Saturday morning.

We also extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis in the loss of her father, Burt Gross.

Mrs. Ethel McLean was a guest Christmas Day of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. She was a Tuesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller and family.

Visitors of Mrs. McLean during

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Plummer at their cottage on Lake Windoga New Year's Day, and on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Navarre. The Navarres are planning a Florida vacation and invited the Grays to accompany them.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow spent last week in Flint, helping care for her new granddaughter, Kyle Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin. Mr. and Mrs. Corwin and Robert, Jr., and Kyle Marie brought her home Saturday, spending the New Year's weekend at the Denslow home. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow and son, Dale, and Miss Sue Struble and the Corwins were New Year's supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family.

Douglas and Judy Wachoviak of Farwell were weekend guests at the Leiter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock were Christmas Eve guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, and Christmas Day guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

spent the weekend at their farm. They called on Mrs. Lena St. John Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. St. John had Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and family and Clark Sowle as Christmas dinner guests.

Mrs. St. John and Mrs. Maggie Boger attended the funeral of Walter Wood at Farwell Friday. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Wood and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy of Greenville were Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill. Mr. and Mrs. Zill and family and her mother, Mrs. Ida Bazaire, spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baxter in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and Dena and Michael were supper guests at the Zill home Friday, with Gary guest of honor. His birthday was New Year's Day.

Mrs. Charles Voss reports that their grandson, Stuart Charles, is responding real well to medicine and therapy. They visited him recently at the Grand Rapids hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and family of Weidman were Christ-

mas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Voss and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Voss were New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gross went to the Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday to pay respects to Mrs. Sophia Little. She was a wonderful person, and will be greatly missed by her loved ones. We extend our sympathy.

Christmas holiday guests at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mary Lou of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle and daughters of Wyoming, David Moore of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley and family of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family. New Year's holiday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie, Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, David Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family, Ronald and Michael Stanley, and a short visit from Rev. Russell Stanley and family of Mt. Morris.

Terri Lynn Clark was an overnight guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Otis Conley, New Year's Eve.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of Leon E. Smith wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness during the tragic loss of our husband, father and uncle. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Leon Smith
And Family

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Card Of Thanks

I want to thank personally all our faithful news writers, who came across so beautifully in the difficult holiday aftermath, with Monday of this week New Year's day and no mail deliveries.

You did a wonderful job, all of you, and we are proud to have you on our staff.

Also we wish to thank the people whom we telephoned personally for news, and those of our correspondents, who patiently

answered on New Year's Day, a holiday for everyone but us.

All this is some of what makes the Messenger a publication part of all of us. We all pitch in, in one way or another, to get the news in and get it printed.

Our appreciation.
Connie Skinner, Editor.

Card Of Thanks

Elizabeth Bamborough Hathaway and Evalyn Bamborough Pfluger wish to thank the friends of our uncle, Leon Smith, for their love and kindness since his return to Weidman.

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Obituary

BURT GROSS

Burt Gross died Dec. 26 at the Hamilton Convalescent Home near Lake. He was born Nov. 3, 1883, in Broomfield Township. He was 84 years old at the time of his death.

He had many friends in this area.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with the Rev. James Linton officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

Surviving are four sons, Clifford of Kent City, Clair of Rosebush, Albert of Big Rapids, and Raymond of California; four daughters, Mrs. Ada Schroeder of Ishpeming, Mrs. Josephine Peeper of Lansing, Mrs. Mary Loomis of Sherman City and Mrs. Irene Hensel of California. Also a brother, Frank Gross, of Weidman; and 23 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

The family has the sympathy of all.

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Obituary

MRS. SOPHIA ANNA LITTLE Mrs. Sophia Anna Little of rural Rosebush died Dec. 26 in CMC Hospital. She was 68 years old. She was born Sept. 26, 1899, in Isabella County.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew Little; four daughters, Mrs. Virginia Elliott of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Veronica Faber of Rosebush, Mrs. Joan Herdlein of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Shirley Klein, also of Mt. Pleasant; one son, Harold Little, of Birch Run; one brother, Anthony Dole, of Mt. Pleasant; one sister, Mrs. Julia Schumacher, of Weidman; and

30 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Henry's Church near Rosebush. Burial was in St. Henry's Cemetery.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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Obituary

PFC. BARRY THOMPSON

Among the Christmas holidays tragedies of our area was the notification of his parents of the death of Pfc. Barry Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson of West Sherman, just before the holidays.

Barry was killed Dec. 20 in Viet Nam while serving with the 25th Division of the United States Army, as an infantryman.

He was killed just two months from the day on Oct. 20 when he left home after a furlough, to go to Viet Nam. On the same date, Oct. 20, he observed his 21st birthday.

He served his country in the Armed Services just seven months from the time of his induction. He left Mt. Pleasant for induction last May 24. He had basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and then nine weeks at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Barry died at his base camp 65 miles northwest of Saigon when the camp was attacked by Viet Cong.

Barry's body was returned home Thursday, Dec. 28, from Viet Nam with military escort, and taken to the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton.

While at Fort Knox, Barry became a member of the Catholic Church. Father Howard French, Army Chaplain at Fort Knox, officiated at Barry's funeral Saturday, Dec. 30, assisted by the Rev. Father Edward Neubecker, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beal City.

He graduated from the Barryton High School and Flint Institute of Barbering. He was employed in a Midland barber shop at the time of his induction into the Army.

Barry is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson; two brothers, Craig and Rodney; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson, of west Sherman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser of Two Rivers.

The entire community is saddened by this loss.

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NEWS NOTES

Among the holiday callers at the George Skinner home were Earl Anderson of Edmore and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Granger of rural Harrison, who were supper guests and stayed for a few hands of euchre.

Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of Sanford and Harley Stevens and son of Flint were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ina Gillett.

Obituary

WALTER E. WOOD

The community was saddened by the death of Walter E. Wood, who passed away Wednesday, Dec. 27, at CMC Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Wood was born March 3, 1888, in Gilmore Township, and was a lifelong resident of that area. He was the son of Thomas and Mamie Wood. He was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 30, at 1.30 p.m., from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with George Getchell of the Gilmore Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie; two sons, Sidney and Benjamin Wood, both of Gilmore; a daughter, Mrs. William (Fern) Moline, of Chesaning; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Eldon Love, of Mt. Pleasant; a stepson, Clarence Shaner, of Gilmore; 14 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and one brother, Alvin Wood, of Gilmore.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Obituary

ALBERT D. KEW

Albert D. Kew of Baldwin died Dec. 25, Christmas Day, at the Hackley Hospital in Muskegon. He was 65 years old, a retired Ford Motor Company employee.

He was born Feb. 2, 1902, in Weidman, and spent his early life here, attending the Weidman school. Many of his old classmates and friends will be saddened by his passing.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m., from the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in Riverside Cemetery there. Rev. Lester Priest of the Shepherd Methodist Church officiated at the services.

Surviving are his wife, Iva B.; two sons, Delos of Detroit and Roger of Covina, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Willis Harner of Middleville, Mrs. David Devine of Wayne, and Mrs. Arthur Windham, Jr., of San Dimas, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Louis Bowein, of Detroit, and eight grandchildren.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ethel McLean called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater last Wednesday afternoon. The ladies were schoolmates at the old Sherman City school, a picture of which the Messenger recently printed. Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Bywater, as children, walked the same road to school, Mrs. McLean doing a mile and a half of walking each way, Mrs. Bywater doing a mile to and from. "I think it was good for us," the ladies say now.

THE MESSENGER IS READ--To the last word on the last page.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and girls of Mt. Pleasant were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann entertained all the Tilmann family in the KC Hall Sunday, Dec. 24. All report a lovely time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Christmas with the Oscar Schafers near Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer entertained all their family at dinner Christmas.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann spent the Christmas weekend in Mt. Pleasant with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Polly Courtright.

The Senior Citizens meeting last Thursday was well attended, with 12 tables playing pepper. Mrs. Ida Fussman won the door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Saginaw spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer.

Henry Fussman enjoyed Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kremsreiter, a baby girl, at CMC Hospital, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bierschbach and family of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach and family and with Ed Fedewa and family.

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Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Our very deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the Keith Thompson family in the loss of their son, Barry, in Viet Nam.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward spent Christmas Day with their son, Alan, and family in Ovid. Bud and Esther will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 14. Happy Day, folks.

Bill Alwood worked for Maeder's Sawmill during Christmas vacation. Bill celebrated his 18th birthday last Friday.

This reporter heard from Holly (Fechner) Stibitz of Muskegon at Christmas time. She wrote that her son and daughter are in college now, and she is teaching full time again, after 22 years of staying home. Holly is a former basketball coach and 6th Grade teacher in the Weidman School, in the 1940s.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung called the Jack Cotters from Florida last week, saying they were having a wonderful time and it was nice and warm down there. They are with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curtiss of Winn. They expect to be home this weekend.

Miss Linda Smith of Ypsilanti, a niece of the Don Alwoods, suffered a cut index finger while washing dishes recently, and had five stitches in it. It hap-

pened on her 15th birthday.

Joe Wawersik was getting around on crutches this week, recovering from a fall in his barn when he broke both of his heels.

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Nottawa

Amelia Wieber, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gepford and family spent a week ago Thursday evening with her folks, the Walter Haucks.

Amelia Wieber spent a week and a half with her daughter and son-in-law, the Walter Haucks, at Rosebush. She came home Sunday.

Sylvester Dole and Ernest Rhode spent Christmas with Louise Schupbach and were dinner guests. They enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Paisley and family of St. Johns and Amelia Wieber, Mrs. Donald Hauck and children had Christmas dinner with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck. Donald is working in Midland, and had to work on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber and family of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Folsom and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers and family of East Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wawersik and son, Kenny, spent a week ago Sunday with the Joe Wawersiks.

Louise Riley had all her children home at Christmas time. Her father, John Faber, is not feeling so well. He has had a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fussman and family had Sunday dinner with their folks, the Joe Fussman family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin had all their children home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber and family of Shepherd spent Sunday afternoon with the Jim Faber family.

Henry Fussman and Harry Hauck, both of the Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant were here for Christmas. Harry spent the day with his son, Raymond, and family. Luella Smith and daughter and Mrs. Carl Hauck had dinner with them. Mr. Fussman spent the day with his son, Chris Fussman, and family. They both had to be back by evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman had all their children home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Riehl. Mary was feeling a lot better.

Angie Clare died Sunday at 5 p. m., at CMC Hospital. She was Father Zugelder's housekeeper for many years. She was 83 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck spent Christmas afternoon with their father, Harry Hauck.

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

NEWS NOTES

Blanche Cliff spent Christmas with Beth Jackson in Mt. Pleasant. They were Christmas dinner guests of the Howard Jackson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes returned Sunday from a 10-day vacation trip to Florida, where they visited her mother, Mrs.

Emma Middlesworth, and the Gerald Middlesworths, at Bradenton. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

ANGIE CLARE

Angie Clare, housekeeper for Rev. Father Zugelder for about 50 years, died Sunday, Dec. 31, at 5 p. m. in CMC Hospital.

She was 83 years old. She is survived by nieces and nephews, and also by very many friends in this area.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 9.30 a. m. in Holy Cross Church in Lansing. The body rests at the Estes-Leadley Funeral Home in Lansing.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Hauck have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to Seaman Apprentice First Class John Kenneth Hubbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas "Bud" Hubbell, of Mt. Pleasant.

The engaged couple are both graduates of Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant. The bride-elect is employed as an x-ray technician at CMC Hospital. Her fiancée is in the U. S. Navy Reserves.

A February 3 wedding is being planned, to be held at Sacred Heart Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pung and family visited Mrs. Amy Courter of Alma Sunday afternoon.

Christmas dinner guests at the Gerald Pung home in Edmore were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung and family, and Don Pung and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tilmann visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schueller Thursday evening. Sister Vera and Sister Jean Paul visited the Schuellers also that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck drove to Lewiston for the Christmas holiday. Jerome reports that fishing in that area is excellent at this time. He said that in only a six-hour period he had hooked three pike and a sucker. The sucker measured just over 14 1/2 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bleise spent the Christmas weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cassidy, of Farwell.

Miss Dora Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith went to St. Johns last Tuesday to call on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family.

John Sheppard has been working at the Clark gas station during his school vacation.

Stu Rau spent Christmas weekend with his folks, the Harold Raus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Birgy and Amy Jo spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Birgy at Fife Lake.

Roxann Schafer has returned to her work at the House of Beauty in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles visit-

ed the Tex Schafer family Wednesday evening.

Bob Onstott visited at the Riggles home Friday evening. Mrs. Arthur Yuncker and baby were callers one day last week. The Riggles family have all been ill with flu.

The funeral of Pfc. Barry Thompson at St. Joseph's Church was well attended.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engler were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grinzinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Engler and family, Mrs. E. G. Thompson, Mrs. Robert J. Brown, and John Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck and sons were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ragolt Hauck. They had Christmas supper with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schafer and Randy.

Sorry to hear Clarence Pasch was in the hospital over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schafer are living in the Hammond home in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. John Birgy and Amy Jo, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Theisen had Christmas dinner with the Joe Sheppards.

Mrs. Effie Schafer had dinner with the Al Clevenger family Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Shirley Egbert and Wayne spent Christmas morning with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore. They were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles and family.

Larry Egbert spent the weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Egbert. The whole family was together Sunday at dinner.

Mrs. Shirley Egbert and Wayne spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grady.

Miss Mary Smith of New Mexico spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews and family had Christmas dinner Sunday, Dec. 24, with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baker and family in Jennison, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their son, Bill, and family in St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schafer and family of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kramer of Pewamo and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bierstetel of Westphalia, during the holidays. They were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schafer and family of Pewamo.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family of St. Johns spent Saturday with relatives here, and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family spent Sunday with Mr. and

Mrs. Jack Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann entertained the Tilmann family at dinner Sunday.

Russell Tilmann, who is in the Army, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tilmann, and family.

Mrs. Andrew Little, who died last week, was buried in St. Henry's Cemetery Friday. She was a member of St. Ann's Altar Society of Beal City, and ladies of the Society attended the funeral.

Mrs. John Reihl has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau entertained 33 members of the Smith family Christmas Eve. Gifts were exchanged, carols sung, and a delicious lunch enjoyed by all. Among those present were Louise, Ann and Dora Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and Mr. and Mrs. Art Profrock of Reed City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, and Gertrude Grodski of Mt. Pleasant. Paul spent his Christmas furlough here and in Grand Rapids. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He has been in the service a year and a half.

Paul and Sandy Smith and her mother from Grand Rapids called on Louise Smith one day last week. Mrs. Rose Grinzinger was a Thursday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pung and Martha Gross of Portland spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer.

Mrs. Louise Schafer entertained all her children and grandchildren Christmas, in the K. C. Hall. All reported a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and boys spent the holidays with their son, Ed, and children in Plattsburg, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp had as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger and family and Mrs. Effie Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. McNamara and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. and Mrs. Blackmer and family of Remus.

The New Year's Eve dance at the KC Hall was well attended. All report a good time.

Mrs. Tillie Starr of Munger spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger entertained their daughter, Millie, of Boston, over the holidays.



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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

SPEND CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII

Mrs. Fern Baker and son went by plane to meet her husband, Larry, who has been stationed in Viet Nam and was on his R&R in the Hawaiian Islands, to spend from Dec. 19 till Christmas.

She got home the day after Christmas, to Detroit, and spent till Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and family.

It was the first time Larry had seen the baby.

The Alan Marshall family and Anna Chaffee spent the Christmas weekend and the New Year's weekend at home with the Clarence Chaffee family.

Floyd Dutcher called the Clayton Dutchers Christmas Day, to say Merry Christmas and to talk with his son, Ray.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and family of Mt. Morris visited her folks, the George Merrihews, New Year's Day.

Mrs. Katherine McDaniel and daughters spent the past week in Corinth, Miss., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Albert McDaniel. They returned home Friday. The Jim McDaniels and Garry Dutcher called on them Sunday.

Steve Dutcher spent New Year's Eve over night with Butch Hardenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mrs. Nora Secord Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Kenneth Chaffee spent Saturday evening before Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark, for Christmas gift exchange. They all had Christmas dinner and gift exchange at the Duane Threns' on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and children entertained her sisters and brothers and their families Sunday evening, Dec. 24, at their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of rural Merrill spent Friday before Christmas with his folks, the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette and daughter, Cindy, of Greenville and Miss Linda Wernette of Lansing called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family the Sunday before Christmas.

Ray Dutcher had Christmas dinner with the Clayton Dutcher family, and stayed from Sunday till Tuesday afternoon with them. Douglas Dutcher spent the weekend with his grandparents.

This community wishes to extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Barry Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel were Sunday dinner guests of the Clyde Beutlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children were evening guests, at

an oyster supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and Billy of Grand Blanc were Christmas weekend guests of her folks, the Harry Hardenburgs. Linda and Butch Hardenburg went home with them and spent the week. Then Willard and Pat brought them home and spent the weekend with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Sunday afternoon and New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. They were luncheon guests of Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas New Year's Day and watched the Rose Parade on color tv, then visited Mrs. Nora Secord and sons later in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Remington and sons of Saginaw spent the Christmas weekend with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were also Christmas dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake called several times the past week on the George Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family of Taylor spent Sunday over night and New Year's Day with the George Merrihews.

Sorry to hear that Sidney Lawrence was taken back to the Lakeview Hospital Thursday.

Bill Hardenburg called his folks, the Harry Hardenburgs, from California, to wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena of Clio and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland were Saturday over night and Sunday guests of the Clayton Dutchers Christmas weekend. As the family had its Christmas get-together Sunday, the day before Christmas, the Dale Dutchers were unable to attend, as Dale had to work that day.

The Orrie Merrihews and Orval enjoyed the Christmas weekend, visiting their son Russell and family in Pontiac. They returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family spent Saturday in New Era visiting her folks and having their Christmas get-together and gift exchange at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hisson, the Saturday before Christmas. They attended a New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family Saturday evening, and a sliding party at their home Sunday. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on his folks Monday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Merrihew attended an annual Christmas dinner and get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard last Saturday.

New Year's Day Mrs. Lucile Merrihew received a telephone call from her nephew, Bill

Vaughn, of Phoenix, Ariz., to wish them a Merry Christmas and a belated Happy 50th Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and Mrs. Jessie Rosencrantz were recent callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and children of Midland spent the Sunday before Christmas with them.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Many neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Seider and son, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Seider and son and Mrs. Seider's sister were very pleased when they came caroling Sunday evening before Christmas. The Seiders are making their home at Flat Rock. Among those who enjoyed their carols were Frank Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma. The Seiders used to hold church services in the Free Methodist Church years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas spent Christmas weekend in Pontiac with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ledick.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family had Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth, at Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler were dinner guests Christmas of their mother, Mrs. Myrtle Geasler, and their sister, Miss Joan Geasler, and Miss Joan Wilson of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Kay and Roxann Hart and Stanley Shaner spent Thursday night with their grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtiss and mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, were dinner guests of Mrs. Roger Hart Dec. 24.

A Christmas dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma Dec. 23. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and four children of South Bend, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and children and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon. The Mossells returned home Sunday, to have Christmas dinner with their daughter and family.

Mrs. Paul Cole will hostess a home party Jan. 5. All are welcome. Come or telephone, 644-2088.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas called on Mrs. Charlotte Hart and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma Thursday.

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Local Items

Mrs. Ida Spohn of Lansing and Mrs. Dorothy Root of Williamston spent from Tuesday till Saturday last week with Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mrs. Charles Johnson and Kathleen and Jean were Monday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates and family of Clare were Sunday dinner guests of her daughter and family, the Gary St. Johns. They celebrated the birthdays of Gary and small Michael, who was two years old.

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Maycie Cook, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell of Weidman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Mrs. Richard Lueder and Mrs. Rudolf Lueder attended the funeral of Barry Thompson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook spent the Christmas holidays with their son and family at Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook's Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Richards and Mary and Nancy and Elsie Richardson and George Dodge of Owosso.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode and Karen were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens Dec. 23, when several relatives enjoyed the evening at the Stevens home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott of Mt. Pleasant were honored guests, marking their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Robert Cook and Mrs. Maycie Cook called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder last Thursday. Mrs. Lueder is home from the hospital but still not as well as hoped for.

Mrs. Lueder had a letter from Mrs. Ernest Hummel of Phoenix, Ariz., saying Ernest was able to enjoy the Christmas holidays at home, and told of her experiences in being caught in the waters of a flash flood on the way home from the hospital. The flood was caused by an extra-heavy rainfall there.

Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Holt. They were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carson attended a Golden Wedding reception for her parents at Beaver Island Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode and Karen were New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens were Sunday guests of the Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pease and grandchildren of Lansing and Mrs. Ellis Ray of Charlotte were Friday birthday dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. Richard Lueder, and Mr. Lueder.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt moved into her new home just east of the store Saturday, which has just been completed.

Jay Smart of Grand Rapids was a guest of his uncle and aunt, Jay Leinaar and Mrs. Nettie Crowley, one day last week.

Old Santa left new snowmobiles at the homes of the Ivan Hines and Richard Dutcher families.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and brother, Jay Leinaar, and Roderick Nicholson enjoyed Christmas dinner and the afternoon with Maycie Cook.

Roderick Nicholson and Maycie Cook were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and Stewart and Sandra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook and girls of Mosherville, Mrs. Harriett Foults of Shepherd, and the children and families from here were Christmas Eve guests of their father, Herman Cook, and Aliance and Mrs. Glee Krueger, with the families of Mrs. Krueger as Saturday dinner guests.

Herman and Aliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger and family were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Clayton Bestler, Lena St. John and Cora Estes visited Jason Denslow, who is a patient in Kelsey Memorial Hospital, Wednesday. Jay had a blood clot in his leg, and it will be a while before he can walk without crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss visited their five-months-old grandson Tuesday, who is in Osteopathic Hospital in Grand Rapids. The little fellow has been ill for some time. Now the hospital reports he's making some progress.

Ward Loomis and Don Scott each have purchased snowmobiles.

Mrs. Alice Powell is home after several days in the Clare hospital. She was injured when her car skidded on ice, throwing her to the ground. She was on her way to work one icy morning.

Mrs. Maggie Boger and Lena St. John attended the funeral of Walter Wood, an old-time resident of Gilmore Township. The funeral was held in the Coker Funeral Home Saturday in Farwell.

The Earl Place family were New Year visitors at the home of their mother, Mrs. Edna Teeter.

The Norman Brines family spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gingsky in Dearborn.

A religious film was shown at the Brinton Chapel Sunday evening, but, due to zero weather, there weren't many out to see it.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
We are sorry to report that Sidney Lawrence is back in the hospital. He is at Lakeview, and was reported improving after admittance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber were Wednesday callers at the Lawrence home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attend an NFO meeting at the Dave Neyer home near Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening.

Callers at the Charlie Losey home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg, the Gerald Losey family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Micky, and Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant.

Sorry, no telephone Monday morning. Better luck next time.

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WEIDMAN MESSENGER--Home Paper for the West Half of Isabella County.

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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker attended Watch Night services at Rev. Hulbert's church at Tustin New Year's Eve. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Muriel Miller visited her brother-in-law, Wiley Knollenberg, at CMC Hospital Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Jim and Carolyn spent New Year Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beach and daughter of Vestaburg had New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard and son, Pfc. Steve Latham, of Virginia, called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham.

Emerson Blodgett and children of Farwell called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett Sunday. Mrs. Wilma Nash and girls called on her grandparents Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rhynard of Farwell called on his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Wednesday. Bessie Allen called on her parents Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis of Lake called on her sister and brother-in-law Friday. Mr.

and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Winn were Sunday callers.

Sunday, Dec. 24, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott and David of Ellwell attended the Weidman Baptist Church and had dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gott.

The Burden family had a surprise call from Joan's father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, from New Jersey, to wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, of Grand Rapids, were weekend guests at the Burden home.

Most of the Lloy Sperry children and families were home through the holiday week.

John Gott fell off the back of his pickup truck a week ago and suffered what he thought was a sprained ankle. He went to the doctor this Tuesday, had x-rays at the hospital, and it was discovered the ankle was broken. John didn't have a cast on it, as of Tuesday, as the area was too swollen. He had been getting around on crutches, which was a lucky circumstance, as it undoubtedly saved a bad situation in view of the broken bone.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Kit Johnson had Christmas dinner with the Gerald Johnson family in Mt. Pleasant.

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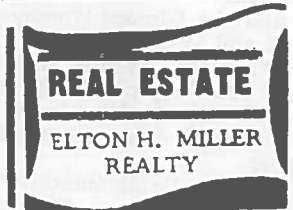
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stevens of North Vandecar Road announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorla, to Thomas J. Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brock, of Springfield, Vermont.

Miss Stevens received her Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and did her graduate work at the University of Mexico, Valparaiso University, and Boston College. She has taught in Pontiac, Mich., and is currently teaching in the Rochester, N. Y., area.

Mr. Brock did his graduate and undergraduate work at Dartmouth College, and is presently employed by the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, N. Y.

A March wedding is planned.

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ERNEST PUTNAM DIES IN FLORIDA

Ernest Putnam, a Weidman area resident for more than 40 years, died Sunday, Dec. 31, in Orlando, Florida, at the age of 77.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with burial in the Forest Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Crittenden's beginning Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Putnam had lived in Florida the past five years.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Leah Scharrer spent the past two weeks in Algonac, visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reynolds of Mt. Pleasant Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and son and Mrs. Dorothy Snyder of Ashley and Ithaca were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Reynolds at Nevins Lake. They spent Thursday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Nate Briting of Forest Hill.

Ella May Bugbee and Mildred Benson called on Nettie Baker Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin called on Mary Reihl Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bunting spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. They brought Paul up to spend a few days with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and family and Miss Camille McConnell spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughter and Ralph.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Woney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woney spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughter.

Danny Wilmont of Weidman spent Saturday night with Ralph Flaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stansell and Beverly spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Woodruff.

Phyllis Woodruff spent New Year's Day with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Letson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey and family of Chippewa Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey and family and Tom Harvey of Lansing spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey received word their granddaughter,

Christine Harvey, entered Sparrow Hospital in Lansing Sunday, suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin, Jr., and family of Lakeview spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Schupbach spent New Year's Eve with the Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Redfern and family of Niagara Falls came Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Redfern's nephew, Barry Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tvorik of Merrill spent the New Year's weekend with his mother, Mrs. Vera Tvorik, and son Frank.

Vina Bailey returned Friday after spending two weeks with Norma Flower in St. Johns and the Earl Williams family in Laingsburg. Vina has closed her house for the winter and will be with Mildred Ruegsegger in Mt. Pleasant, till spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson enjoyed a vacation trip to Florida last week, visiting his father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson, at Englewood. They saw a wonderful lot of Florida in their short time there.

New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shook were Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and family.

EDITOR'S COLUMN--Continued he'd bring us some.

We have a 260-gallon oil tank in our basement, but we also have an automatic oil furnace down there, with electric controls; and we have real flowing water down there also, from the lake.

We've been running our oil tank low, as we don't want a lot of oil down there if anything goes wrong with that electric-controlled furnace.

We miscalculated our supply last weekend, and also we miscalculated the weather's downward turn. So--we just plumb ran out of oil.

It turned out that Mitch's truck wouldn't start, then he found it was frozen up, so there was quite a time, there, where we struggled with old-fashioned heating devices.

Our house was like the 1868 period, when the old woman got out of bed in zero weather and built the fires, warming the place from scratch. (We didn't get really warmed up all day, with the thermostat at 85, after our three-hour freezing period first thing in the morning.)

Our gratitude and blessings to Mitch Abbott for rescuing us. It is the community's good fortune to have a fuel-supply man right here in town, and one who will bail out on a holiday and rescue the dumb clucks who make such errors as the Messenger family made.

Happy New Year, Mitch.

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