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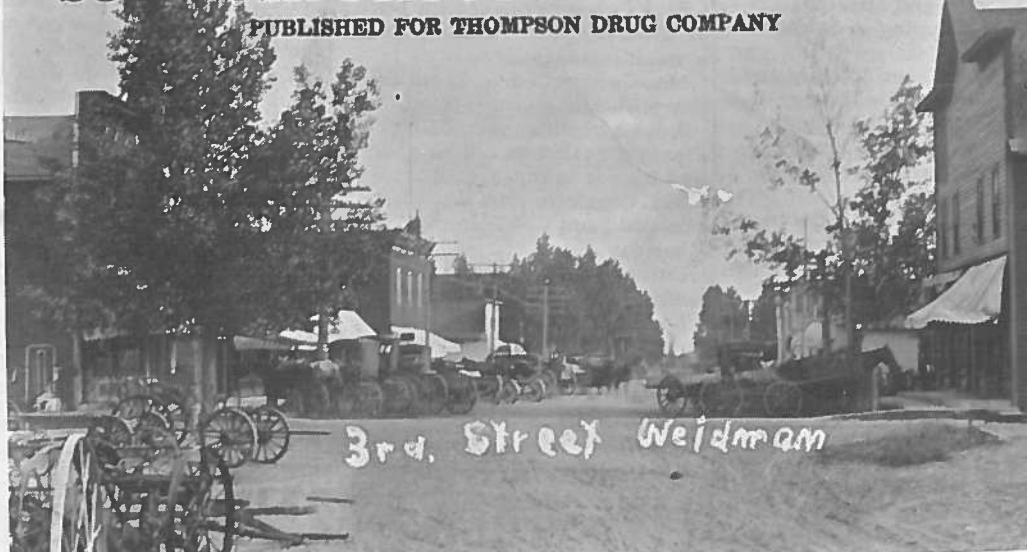
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WEIDMAN IN 1912--Here's what we looked like 56 years ago, on Weidman's business street. All the buildings on the east, or left-hand, side, were burned down and rebuilt. Note that the street was not paved in 1912. Mrs. Norbert Mathews of Canadian Lakes sent us this post-card photo, which was addressed to Miss Paula Doll, 524 Wisconsin Street, Mt. Pleasant, and signed, "Rosalia." Rosalia wrote to Paula, "Are you coming home Saturday? And are Dena and Earl coming too? Notice how most of the dresses are made (in Mt. Pleasant) for I want to make mine." We think this is a charming and nostalgic reminder of our old days in Weidman.

Editor's Column

By Connie

YOU CAN DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HERE

Weidman is growing in many ways. New homes go up every so often, new families move in, and most important, new businesses start up and the established ones keep up with modern trends in quality and quantity of merchandise.

Time was when you couldn't buy much of anything here but your groceries, hardware and gasoline. Now Weidman stores are stocking merchandise comparing very favorably with the biggest and best in such towns as Mt. Pleasant. (And no parking meters, either).

Prominent among our bigger and very modern stores are Fox Hardware, which carries zillions of things besides hardware;

Dillenbeck's, now owned and operated by Bud Fredrickson, used to be mainly a patent-medicine and liquor store, before Pat and Harriet Dillenbeck made it into a store with much wider offerings.

Bud has added some further advantages, including a full-line gift shop with, of course, the necessary "drug store" items. Bud also started this week serving sandwiches and coffee to customers stranded here without a restaurant;

Ray's Shopping Center (Shook's Store) has grown from a supermarket featuring groceries after Ray took it over, to a small but amazingly varied department store, replete with Christmas gifts at this time of year;

Abbott's Furniture, a relatively new store, which has a breathtaking array of heavenly new furnishings for the home, and some small items as well for this time of year;

At Pitts Radio and Television Store you can get everything from color tv to a lengthy list of small necessities such as tape recorders and such, and lately Bernard and Yvonne have taken on electric organs and pianos.

We have barely touched on the myriad things you can buy reasonably in Weidman.

True, you can drive 15 miles, then drive another couple of miles out to the discount stores

and get some items a little cheaper than here. But you figure your gas and oil and other traveling expenses, and when you're through you haven't saved much of anything.

Weidman is growing nicely, in numbers of people, in area, and its stores are also growing, giving us quality things we couldn't get at home in other years.

Now you can buy your Christmas gifts right here in Weidman. We're going to.

WE ATE DELICIOUS VENISON AT PALMER'S SUNDAY

So George and Connie Skinner went to Palmer's Idle Hour Bar Sunday, where the Weidman Volunteer Firemen were putting on their annual venison dinner.

All the food was prepared by Palmer's, and that venison was the most delicious we've ever tasted. Along with the meat we were served generous portions of mashed potatoes, cole slaw, buns and butter. A great big heaping plateful.

The Weidman Firemen have this venison dinner every year, and every year Palmer's donate their place, all the food but the

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Men in Uniform

Dear Friends:

Just to let you know how much I appreciated all the birthday cards you sent me. Thanks for remembering me.

I don't have time to write to each and every one, so I'll take advantage of the paper I enjoy so much while I'm over here.

I just came back from a three and a half week field trip, arriving back at base Thanksgiving Day.

I have been in touch with Tom Flower, who is only a 30-minute train ride from here. Also the former Sherryl Coffell and her husband of Weidman are nearby. As yet I have not been able to contact the Ross Momany's.

I am taking a 16-day leave and going on a trip to Paris, France, and Austria. I am taking a college course in accounting, and I will have my radio amateur license Dec. 12.

Hoping to hear from you, and wishing you a Merry Christmas, Sp/4 Gary D. Thomas RA-16938741, Co. A 1/509 Inf. "ABN", APO New York 09101.

Here's a new address:

Sp/4 T. R. Schafer, US5497-1089, Co. C, 1st of 10th, 5th Infantry, Fort Carson, Colorado 80913.

Terry called his parents, the Edward Schafers of Beal City, Sunday night, and said he won't be home for Christmas, as he had hoped he might be.

Terry's birthday is Dec. 19, and his many friends will send him cards.

His wounded arm is still receiving therapy treatments, but Terry had not yet been assigned to any special work or duties at Fort Carson when he called his folks.

He met a couple of men who had been with him in Vietnam, and this is a great help to him, he said. Friendships formed under Vietnam conditions are very real and deep.

Terry has got in touch with his cousin, Dan Hudak, and they attended a movie together. He has also visited with Russ Tillmann, he said.

Here's another address:

P.F.C Stephen J. Voss, US-54983272, Hdq. & Co. A, 705th Maintenance Bn., Fort Carson, Colorado 80913.

Steve told his folks he couldn't

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Miss Aliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger entertained all their brothers and sisters at a pre-Christmas dinner party and gift exchange at their home Saturday evening. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fox of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp, and their father, Herman Cook.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Eda Van Zandt.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

Mrs. Herman Lueder entertained the Birthday Club in her home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. E. Rhode, Mrs. Paul Lueder, Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Maycie Cook attended, and Mrs. Mary Cook and Mrs. Amelia Korytkowski of Remus. An afternoon of cards was enjoyed, and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt spent last Thursday with the Van Zandts in Saginaw. She took her grandsons a Christmas tree.

Mrs. Van Zandt attended a dinner at The Embers Sunday, given by Oren's Department Store for all of its employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Lueder spent the weekend with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Perkins, of Lapeer, to see their baby grandson, who has been very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and Brad went to Ann Arbor Sunday to visit their son, Marty, who will be in University Hospital another week. The other children stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mrs. Margaret Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shugg of Adrian were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler spent Saturday evening at the Rosebush Church, where their grandson, Mark Johnston, showed pictures of his month in Alaska.

Faye Stephenson of Clare spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Edna Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Saline were last Tuesday dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. Lela Whearett, and afterward visited Mrs. Bertha Clark at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Faye Stephenson of Clare spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Edna Schultz. Other callers from Clare were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lansing.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Sunday guests at the Micky Abbott home were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Helen Alwood, her mother, Mrs. Hermione Smith, and Mrs. Elvah Gott called on Mrs. Mary Gott of Farwell Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and had a late lunch with them.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and Mrs. Jeanne Smith and Mrs. Elvah Gott were shopping in Saginaw Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family and Jerry Blodgett called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett and family were also callers.

P. F. C. Jim Abbott is home on furlough. Susie Faber visited at his home Saturday and also Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jewell and children visited the Norman Abbott home Sunday.

Bobby Latham, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Latham, entered the Midland hospital Monday for surgery on his knee.

Cathy Alwood visited Debbie Graham Sunday afternoon, to see her new dog, "Rags".

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Joyce Faber broke her arm when she fell down the stair steps.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Badgley spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanborn of Lansing.

Russell Cowden of Rosebush was a Saturday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey.

Raymond Wood has been in the Alma hospital the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Vanness Cook, Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

Mrs. Judy Phillips entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel Johnson of Rosebush, Mrs. Agnes Fuller and Mrs. Harriett Baker attended a Christmas class party at the Church of Christ at Shepherd Friday.

Mrs. Elsie Wood entered the Midland hospital Monday for an operation on her eye.

Miss Deanne Faber and Dennis Lane of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faber were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

Our sympathy is extended to Dale Badgley in the loss of his sister in Coleman.

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

BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border.

The annual Christmas community dinner will be held Friday, Dec. 13, at the Brinton Hall.

Lewie Wixson had surgery Tuesday at the Midland hospital. Mrs. Mabel Bearse took him and his mother there Monday, when he was admitted. Mrs. Beulah Wixson accompanied them.

Paul Cole returned to his work at CMC Hospital Thursday after a week's vacation.

Mrs. George Courter spent Friday with Mrs. Clara Wixson.

Bruce Hamilton of rural Mt. Pleasant called on old neighbors and friends in this area Tuesday.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart was discharged from CMC Hospital last Thursday.

Little Kathy Shaner came home from CMC Hospital Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wardwell, in Flint, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant called on the Paul Coles

Saturday evening.

The Tony Masuskus of Hamtramck spent a few days at their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart and girls visited his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan were dinner guests of the Paul Coles Sunday.

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Local Items

Jim Neubecker visited the Messenger family Sunday afternoon, to renew a subscription for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker, in Florida. Jim is one of our "old boys" who worked on the Messenger in the old days. His wife and small son were with him. He has completed his two years in the Army and is now working as an accountant in an insurance office in Howell, living in Lansing.

Carl and Daisy Embrey have a new address in Florida. It is: The Coach House Trailer Park, Lot 322, Imperial Avenue, Box 1034, Palmetto, Florida 33561. They have bought a new 10x60 house trailer, which they will leave there, to occupy winters. They spent Thanksgiving with the Mack Denslows.

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Dec. 12t1

Card of Thanks

At this time I would like to express my thanks to my many relatives, friends and neighbors for the flowers, gifts and cards

sent me while I was in the hospital, and since I am home recuperating.

Mrs. William Pung

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Church Service, 11 a.m.
Evening service, 7.30 p.m.

A Youth Rally will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN
Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.
Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor
Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.
Worship Service, 10.30 a.m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST GILMORE

George Getchel, Minister
Announcement: New Sunday schedule beginning Dec. 15 will be as follows:

9 a.m., Morning Worship.
10 a.m., Bible school.
11 a.m., Morning Worship.
6 p.m., Youth meetings.
7.30 p.m., Evening Worship.

Due to the crowded conditions of our regular Sunday morning service, it was decided to hold two worship services Sunday mornings, with Bible school in between. Please pray for the success of this venture and the future growth of the Kingdom of God through the Gilmore Church.

The Women's Fellowship group met Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas get-together and revealing of secret pals. A lovely evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed. Mrs. Lois Getchel was in charge of the inspirational devotional service.

Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the Junior Youth group will present a Christmas Sing worship hour. Everyone is welcome.

The annual Bible School Christmas program will be Sunday evening, Dec. 22, with the entire Bible School participating.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and Kevin and Mike of Flint were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, and Jim.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Dean and Nancy visited Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and Anna Chaffee in Detroit Sunday.

Robert and Rex Dutcher of Midland spent Saturday and Sunday with the Richard Dutchers. They were Saturday overnight guests of the Clayton Dutchers.

Kaye Lynn Dutcher was ill over the weekend. She was taken to the doctor Monday night.

Donnie Merrihew of Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Katherine McDaniel and Mrs. Brenda Tabor went to Lansing Wednesday to meet Bud Tabor, who had just returned from a year in Vietnam. They returned home Thursday. Bud will visit here a few days, then he and his family will go to Delaware, where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children were in Saginaw last Monday afternoon. They had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matta, cousins of Marion. Mesdames Marion Beutler, Karen Donley and Barbara Van-

derSys were Grand Rapids shoppers last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew were Sunday dinner guests of Miss Eva Merrihew of Leaton. It was Orrie and Lucile's 51st wedding anniversary. Congratulations, folks!

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children went to Rosebush to see pictures of Alaska that Mark Johnston was showing at the Methodist Church. He took them on his trip during the summer, when he and a group of young people visited Alaska.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY

The Christmas card party sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs was held last Tuesday, with only four tables in play.

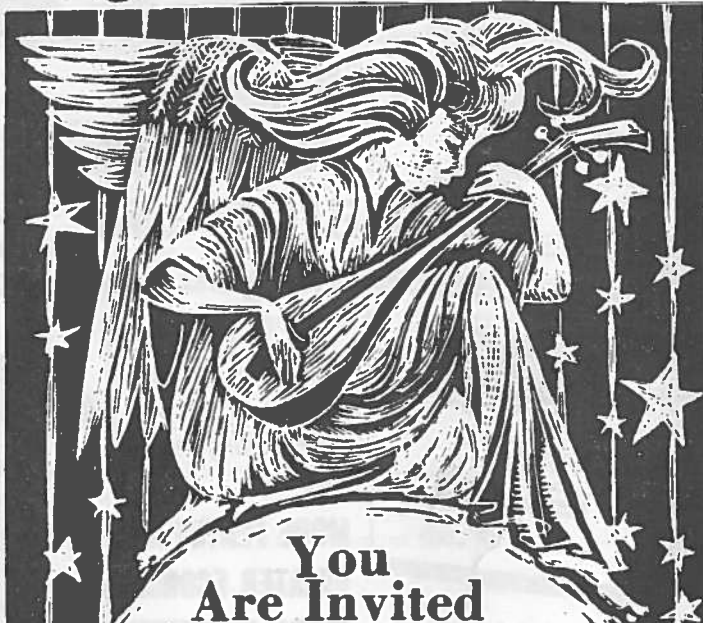
Prizes were won by Cecelia Simmer and Leah Scharrer, both for high scores; Hattie Losey low and Jessie Rosencrantz won the pepper prize. Tressie Bunting won the door prize.

Lunch was served by the committee. Vada Carroll furnished all the prizes, so the Rebekahs gave her a big Thank-you.

The next party will be Dec. 17 at the hall.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCrimmon have moved into their home in Beal City.

Larry and Wayne Egbert spent Saturday with their father, Larry Egbert.

Liza Riggles is in the hospital with pneumonia, and was not good at this writing. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles, have moved into their new home.

The Beal City Aggies played Onekama Friday night, there. The score was 81-66, the Juniors 58-27.

Saint Nick and his helpers came to the Beal City School and distributed popcorn to all the little children.

Mary Tilmann is home from the hospital. She was reported as feeling about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Big Rapids and Mrs. Smith of Grand Rapids had a party for Bill Smith for his 61st birthday Sunday.

Dora Smith worked for the Norman Tilmanns this week.

Mrs. Ann Schafer had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Foster Sunday.

Theresa Smith and Pat Schafer spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Schafer.

Ann Schafer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lee Schafer and family Thursday evening at a venison supper.

Pat Schafer and Theresa Smith had dinner with Dora Smith, then afterward decorated her tree and house.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Voisin of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer attended the funeral of Carl Kramer in Pewamo Saturday morning. They also visited her brother, Joe Bierschtetel, in Westphalia.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer left for Florida last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer, near Winn.

Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh is in the Alma hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin called on Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake spent Wednesday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

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Mrs. Bessie Sexton, who suffered a stroke recently while visiting near Detroit, has returned home to her son Robert's in Mt. Pleasant. Bessie was feeling a little better, and was able to move around slowly, but she will not be able to live alone as yet. Friends may send her cards at this address: Care of Robert Sexton, 996 S. Mission Rd. Mt. Pleasant.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Clyde Emmons is improving in health, but will remain at the Mt. Pleasant hospital another week. Mr. Emmons and daughter, Mrs. Bobroski, visited her Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Denslow of Sylvan visited Mrs. Ethel McLean Sunday and were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine of Coldwater Lake spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry.

Mrs. Gary Portenga returned home from the Mt. Pleasant hospital Tuesday. Her mother, Mrs. Clarence Ley, of Conklin, returned home Friday, taking Kimberly and Lee Ann with her to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray to Big Rapids Saturday evening, where they attended a basketball game in which the latter's son, Michael, participated. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow left Monday for Kentucky and points south on their wedding trip, returning home Wednesday evening. They encountered much rainy weather enroute. They and her mother, Mrs. Juanita Struble, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin, Robert, Jr., and Kyle Marie of Chippewa Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow Friday evening.

The big attraction at the Lyle Denslow farm these days is a freak calf, born with three eyes, three ears and two brains. Callers at the Denslows' to view this phenomenon were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, Mr. and Mrs. Niles Denslow of Barryton, and Mr. and Mrs. George Skimmer. Connie tried to get a picture of the calf, but that will have to come later.

Several relatives and friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson visited her mother, Mrs. Courser, of rural Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Miss Cheryl Leiter spent Sunday at the Willard Denslow home in Barryton, caring for the children while the parents were in Saginaw. Miss Kay Leiter began work at Ferro's Monday morning.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy of Big Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and Chuckie called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey enroute home from the Grand Rapids hospital. We hope the little fel-

low's stay at home this time will be a long one.

Mary, Susan, Debbie and Linda Schrock, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler attended a Union Oil Company Christmas party at the VFW Hall in Shepherd Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lena St. John called on Mr. and Mrs. Beutler and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake Friday evening, and all enjoyed supper at Farwell, honoring Mr. Rodman's birthday.

Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton spent from Thursday noon until Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. She attended the pepper party at Brinton with them Saturday evening.

There will be no more pepper parties there until after Christmas.

Joyce Hillier of Evart was a Saturday dinner guest at the Skalitzky home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and Rhonda of Big Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons called on her parents Friday evening.

ening. Mrs. Denslow assisted in preparations of dinner for the Chippewa Hills Music Boosters Saturday evening at Barryton.

Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck was a Grand Rapids shopper Wednesday.

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

Mrs. Russell Stanley was a Monday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley in Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Donald called on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall of Coleman Tuesday.

Mrs. Stanley spent Friday afternoon at the Donald Pung home in Beal City. Diana and children were ill with colds and flu. Mrs. Leo Battle and Leo, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Battle of Wyoming were Saturday callers of the latter's grandparents.

Merry Christmas, everybody! And a prayer for peace, that our boys in service may return home soon!

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Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague and sons, Terry and Stephen, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schafer were Saturday visitors at the Richard Sprague home.



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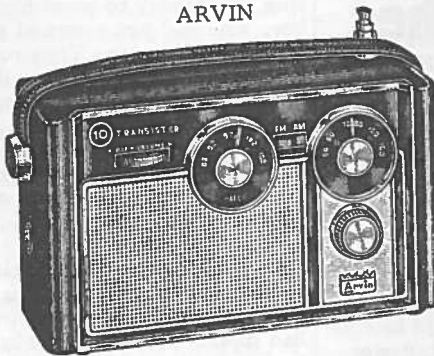
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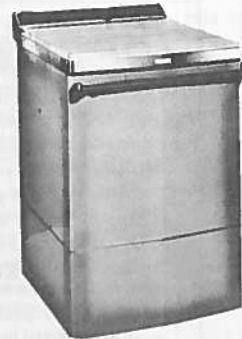


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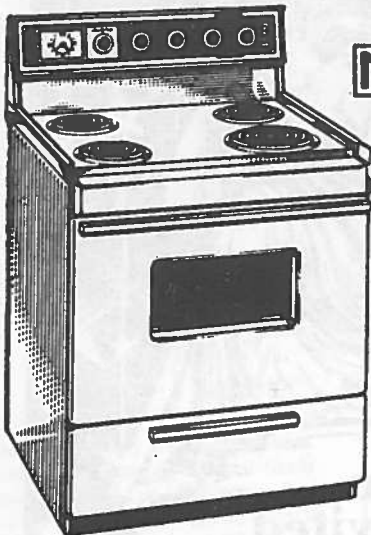
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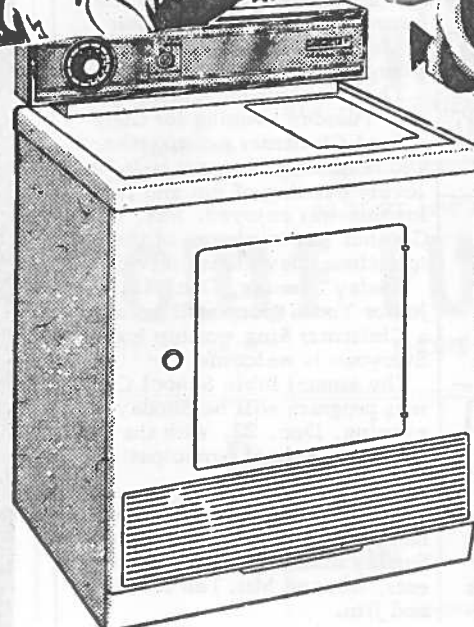
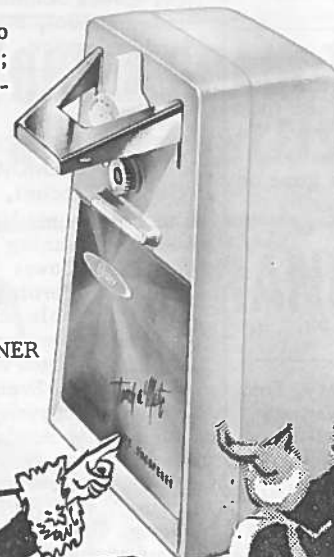
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MRS. RICHARD EMBREY

Two hundred guests attended the beautiful wedding of Carol Ann Clark, daughter of Mrs. Mary Clark and the late Charles A. Clark of rural Mt. Pleasant, and Richard Carl Embrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, in the Weidman Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Nov. 2. Rev. Richard Youells performed the marriage ceremony.

Traditional wedding music was

played by the organist, Mrs. Ivan Fish. Miss Jerrie Fish sang "I Love You Truly" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Joe Clark, of Mt. Pleasant, wore a white nylon floor-length gown. The gown was enhanced by lace panels, a chapel-length train, and shoulder-length veil, which were all trimmed with irides-

cent sequins. Her veil was secured by a crown tiara of seed pearls and iridescent jewels. She carried a cascade arrangement of American Beauty roses and white carnations with ivy, with a bridal corsage in the center.

The altar was decorated with baskets of yellow and white gladioli.

Bridesmaids were Patricia Varga of Rosebush and Mrs. Harold Clark, also of Rosebush. Flower girl was Carrie Sue Clark of Mt. Pleasant, niece of the bride. Her matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Dennis Embrey, of Weidman.

Dennis Embrey was best man for his brother, with Harold Clark of Rosebush and Ed Miller of Lansing as groomsmen.

Master David Embrey, nephew of both the bride and groom, was ring bearer.

Russell Alwood and Jerry Cook acted as ushers.

The bride's attendants wore royal blue velvet gowns with Empire waists and matching bows in the back. The skirts were light blue peau de soie A-line, at floor length. All wore royal blue head pieces, and matching blue shoes. They carried colonial bouquets of yellow daisy mums.

The bride's mother wore a three-piece gold knit suit with

brown accessories. The groom's mother chose a two-piece double-knit wool suit with white and gray accessories. Both wore corsages of red roses.

A supper was served to 130 guests immediately following the ceremony, in the church basement. That evening a reception was held in the VFW Hall in Shepherd, with about 400 attending.

Honored guests at the wedding were Mrs. Lena Comins of Mt. Pleasant, grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. Julia McKnight of Mt. Pleasant, great-aunt of the bride. Both wore white carnation corsages.

The bride graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1965. Previous to her marriage she was employed in the County Extension office.

The groom graduated from Weidman High School in 1963. He is employed at the Fisher Body plant in Lansing. The happy young couple are at home at 3436 Wayside Terrace, Lansing.

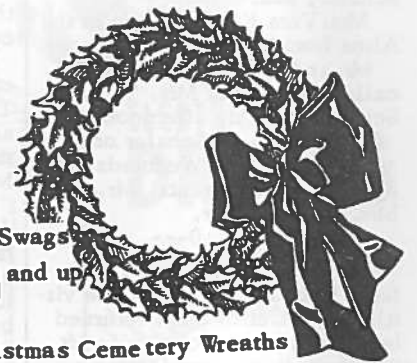
A rehearsal luncheon was hosted by the groom's parents, in the church basement. Pre-nuptial showers were given by Patty Varga, Nancy Clark, Sue Embrey, Lois Clark, and Eunice Blackmer.

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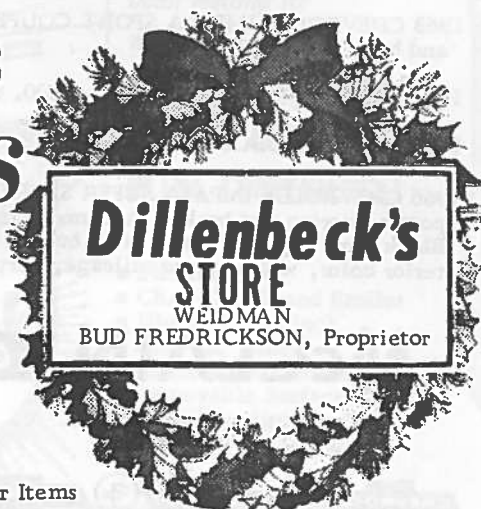
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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

The Benjamin Beatons of Mognolia, Southfield, are the family who purchased the Bessie Latham farm.

The annual Community Christmas dinner will be held at the Brinton Hall Sunday evening, Dec. 15, with a pot-luck dinner. There will be a gift exchange, and the Secret Pal names will be revealed at that time. Come for a social evening together.

Verl Wright and family of Detroit and the Robert Slupes of Grand Rapids were weekend visitors at the Russell Wright home.

Wayne La Laonde, who works in Ann Arbor, was home over Sunday with his family.

Maude Winchell and Caroline Alston of Clare were weekend guests of their sister, Mrs. Flossie Forbes.

The Jim Leiters of Flint spent the weekend at the Fey Forbes home.

Mrs. Lillie Maddox returned home Saturday after a week's visit with her family in Saginaw.

Lewis Bowen, Supervisor of Coldwater Township, left Monday morning for Lansing to attend a three-day meeting of state Supervisors.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Helen Smith Friday afternoon.

Miss Lynette Laschelle, Miss Dianne Kill and Ronald Denslow, all of Lakeview, were Sunday dinner guests of Randall Brownell at the Jay Denslow home. Bruce Reed was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children spent Friday evening with the Gary Gatehouse family. They spent Sunday with her parents, the Earl Blodgetts, and her brother, Emerson Blodgett, of Flint, was also there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck were Monday evening callers at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Tuesday evening guests. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fox were Saturday evening callers. Gerald spent from Friday through Sunday at Gull Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing flew up to visit their cousins, the Earl Oplingers.

Mrs. Florence McDermott of Providence, R.I., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bergquist, and Gloria, Diane and Jeanne Wood were last Monday supper guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Verlia Wilcox was an afternoon caller.

George Miller, who has been working at the University of Colorado since the first of September, has come home. He says there is no place like Michigan.

WEST

Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. NEUBECKER

Mrs. Vera Neubecker was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gary Wernette, in honor of her 50th birthday.

About 20 relatives attended the family party. They all enjoyed visiting and playing cards.

A delicious lunch, including birthday cake, was served by Mrs. Wernette. Vera received many nice gifts.

Reports on Richard Pohl, who has been in CMC Hospital two weeks, were a little better at this writing. Richard has been in the intensive care unit and in oxygen. Our prayers are with him and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer called at the home of Mrs. Colletta Gross and Mike Gross Sunday evening.

Roger Maeder enjoyed a venison supper with Rusty Alwood at his home Saturday evening. Danny Halfman stayed over night Saturday with little Donny Alwood. Jim Alwood attended his band practice Saturday afternoon at the Weidman school. Their concert was Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Weidman gym.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Garrett and Mrs. Helen Martin spent last Friday shopping in Saginaw.

Frank Thorp of California, who entered the Lakeview hospital Nov. 5 for treatment of infection in his foot, is still being treated there, likely will be in the hospital at Christmas time. Let's send our old friend and neighbor greetings from Weidman.

Elmer Garrett and Miss Kathy Garrett were Sunday dinner guests at the Ken Martin home. Stan Thren of St. Johns spent the weekend with his parents.

Mrs. Don Schumacher and Mrs. Betty Swanson take turns going to see their father and grandfather at the Lakeview hospital. Grandma Schumacher helps Jerry care for the little children.

Children are busy talking Christmas trees and Christmas shopping, and trying to be extra good and asking for more chores to do. Let's all be thankful we live in good old America, and let's say an extra prayer for our boys in Vietnam and other countries.

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Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens and grandsons of Sanford were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mrs. Wilbur Benn of Shepherd was also a caller.

Mrs. Irma Kische and Mrs. Hermione Smith had Sunday dinner with the Don Smith family. Gerald Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and two children of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson.

In the Editor's Mail

Mr. George Skinner
Weidman

Dear Mr. Skinner:

My name is Silas Harper of 353 Kent Road, Merrill. I am the person who caught the 14-pound pike in Weidman Nov. 30.

Now will you be kind enough to send me the issue of the local paper with the picture and story? I will be over fishing again in about two weeks, and will pay you for your trouble.

Many fishermen laugh at me for fishing in late fall and early winter with a pole. They contend it is time to go hunting.

But one fisherman to another, we both know this is the time the big ones hit best.

Thank you.

Silas Harper.

Dear Mrs. Skinner:

As I believe my subscription to the Weidman Messenger expires Dec. 12, I've enclosed a check for \$7.50 for the coming year, and to assure myself of good reading for that period.

Having been reared as a tot on the Louis La Pearl farm (he was my grandfather), the names cited in the Messenger are the same as those heard as a child, taking me 'way back "to when". I feel I personally know so many people from Nottawa, Sherman and other townships.

Happy Holidays. Sincerely yours, Bereniece A. Baldwin, Detroit.

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SENIOR CITIZENS TURN OUT FOR CARDS IN BAD WEATHER

Despite the stormy weather last Thursday afternoon, "us old timers" dug out for the card party at the KC Hall in Beal City.

Effie Schafer and Joe Gruss won prizes for high scores, Kate Cotter and Joe Tilmann low, Jerome Young won the pepper prize, and Leona Schumacher the door prize.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches and coffee was served by the following committee: Matie Pung, Minnie Schafer, Cecelia Simmer, Rose Schafer, and Kate Cotter.

The next party at Beal City will be Dec. 19, the Christmas party for the group. A pot-luck dinner will be served at 12 noon.

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CONTINENTAL LEAGUE

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Fortino Beverage	26	16
Weidman State Bnk	25	17
Marchiando & Rau	25	17
Central Concrete	24	18
Household Appl.	23	19
Beal City Service	22 1/2	19 1/2
Rosebush Leonard	21	21
Beal City Tavern	20	22
Giant Super Mkt.	19	23
Lowery Northern	19	23
Pabst Blue Ribbon	16 1/2	25 1/2
Wentworth IGA	12	30

High Team Series: Central Concrete 3018. High Team Game: Beal City tavern 1558. High Ind. Series: Gary Moore 617, Dale Lawens 591, Bob Anderson 548. High Ind. Game: Gary Moore 235, 207, Dale Lawens 222, Bob Anderson 205.

GUYS & DOLLS

Dec. 6, 1968

Knapp & Bouck	34	18
Thon & Blake	31 1/2	20 1/2
McArthur & Anderson	31	21
Lawens & Pantenbrg.	31	21
Foster & Moore	20	22
Nolte & Moore	29 1/2	22 1/2
Lyon & Bierschbach	28	24
Sharrar & Mattonon	25	27
Bleise & Straus	24	28
Green & McConnell	23	29
Blehm & Moore	21	31
Burggraft & Zill	4	48

High Team Series: Thon & Blake 2432. High Team Game: Lyon & Bierschbach 865. High Series, men: Bob Lyon 593, Percy Blake 541, Bob Anderson 536. High Game, men: Bob Lyon 219, Gary D. Moore 216, Don Zill 198.

High Series, women: Barbara Thon 491, Shirley Foster 490, Mary Blake 480. High Game, women: Barbara Thon 198, Bonnie Lyon 195, Linda Anderson 182.

Men in Uniform

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be home for Christmas, on account of a clerical mixup on other men named Voss. It will be about New Year's or after when he gets home, as he sees it now.

Steve has been promoted, please note, to Private First Class.

On Nov. 29 Sgt. Philip J. Andres completed the Armor Non-commissioned Officer Candidate course at the U. S. Army Armor School at Fort Knox.

He spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aloy Andres, and returned Monday, Dec. 2, for eight more weeks of training. He plans to be home for the holidays.

His new address:

Sgt. Philip J. Andres US5498-2376, B-IR-2, USATCA, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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deer meat (which was donated by hunters other than firemen). The Firemen also have a smelt fry at Palmer's, in the spring, and again Palmer's donate their place, et cetera, for the privilege of having one of the best fire departments in the state, here in Weidman.

Also the firemen have an auction sale, at Weaver's Inn, and this also brings in some operating money for the firemen.

The townships of Nottawa and Sherman put up equal amounts each year for maintenance, but the Weidman Volunteer Firemen work very hard to earn money for essentials not covered by the township money.

The venison dinner netted \$144.50 Sunday, with \$4.50 in donations and further donations not yet in.

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CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 17

A Christmas workshop is scheduled for Dec. 17 at the home of Mrs. Fey Johnson.

Each guest will take an idea of a Christmas decoration or a Christmas gift to make. A one-dollar gift exchange will be a

feature of the party.

The party will be from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., with pot-luck lunch at noon. Each guest will make a dish to pass. Mrs. Lela (Fey) Johnson would like to have advance notice of the number of her guests.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Weidman Messenger**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh of Saginaw spent the weekend with the Garold St. John family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague one day last week.

Mrs. Ruth Blesch and Mrs. Ethel Soper of Barryton were in Weidman Tuesday afternoon. Ruth and daughter Jo plan to start next Monday, Dec. 16, for their winter home in Port Richey, Florida. They have a nice trailer home there, and many friends from nearby towns in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs. Alice (Sprague) Looman was reported as doing very well, after a bout with diabetes and heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fredrickson of Muskegon spent Sunday with their son, Bud, of the Dillenbeck Store.



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