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Editor's Column

By Connie

NEXT WEEK IS OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Next week is Christmas--how fast it came, this year! Christmas Day is on Wednesday, the day the Messenger usually gets printed in Mt. Pleasant and the day the Messenger people fold and mail the papers out.

Obviously, we'll not be printing and mailing next Wednesday. We're being printed next Tuesday, and we shall mail the paper out that day. There will be no mail deliveries Wednesday, or Christmas Day, so our readers will get their Messenger either Tuesday afternoon or Thursday as usual.

The early printing poses some difficulties in preparation, of course. We shall have the Christmas issue of the Messenger completed, "buttoned up," Monday night instead of Tuesday night as is usual.

This means that copy must be in early in order for us to handle it. We may make some telephone calls for local items on Saturday or Sunday, or if we're rushed, we may just ask local people to call us with their news.

Our faithful news writers will be in two categories: Those who mail on the Weidman Route and those whose news letters are mailed on the Farwell, Lake or Mt. Pleasant Routes.

Those on the Weidman Route will please mail as usual Monday morning. We'll get the letters that afternoon and dash the news off on our faithful (we hope!) IBM.

All those not mailing on the Weidman Route will please not mail letters at all. We'll make arrangements to drive around and pick them up if news writers do not have a chance to send their letters in to our office Monday morning. We must have these news letters Monday morning if we can hope to handle the copy coming in on the Weidman Route Monday afternoon.

So--all news writers please call the Messenger office during this weekend if you're unable to get your letter in to us by Monday morning or put it on the Weidman Route.

And one more detail: News writers please list as much as possible of the Christmas family gatherings, in advance, of ne-



DICK CURTISS' DO IT YOURSELF CAR WASH--Has proved tremendously popular since its opening recently. The Messenger camera didn't do justice to Dick's spic-and-span new building (the old Polaroid feels the cold, and we tried this on a cold old day!) but Weidman now has a coin-operated car wash and waxer, plus a coin-operated vacuum cleaner gadget for the inside of your car. Looks like the car wash is destined to become a fixture like Leon McArthur's Laundromat--doubted by some at first, now so heavily patronized it's astonishing. And now taken for granted by all of us as just another modern convenience Weidman offers to the public.

YOUNG MARRIED FOLKS' CLUB MEETS WITH THE RAYMOND PUNGS

The Friendly Neighborhood Club met Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pung.

Seven young couples besides the host and hostess enjoyed pepper.

Prizes for high scores went to Nancy Faber and Norm Vogel; pepper prize to Peggy Straus, with low prizes going to Carol Wernette and Jim Faber.

The hostess served a delightful lunch. The next meeting will be at the Fred Straus home.

cessity.

After next week's Christmas issue, we skip a week, and so the Christmas news will not be printed in the Jan. 8 issue. By Jan. 8 there will be so much current news we won't have room for the Christmas gatherings, delightful as they are. So, news writers please get as much "plan to" items as possible next week, in relation to where people will be spending Christmas.

If all this is confusing, we can only reply it's a rather confusing situation. Call Ye Ed if clarification is needed by news writers. Happy Holidays.



HE'LL BE IN WEIDMAN SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Santa will be in Weidman this Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, to greet his many friends in the Weidman area and give Christmas sacks of candy and such to them.

He will be under the shelter of Sides' marquee, and will be happy to see all the kids.

Weidman Town looks good this year with its Christmas lights and trimmings, and our stores add much to the beauty of the street.

Don't forget, kiddies--come and see Santa this Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Men in Uniform

WEIDMAN AREA AND USA JOIN IN WISHING YOU GOOD LUCK AND RETURN

We're safe in speaking for every last person in the west half of Isabella County (which is the Messenger's territory), as well as for everyone in the USA, when we wish all servicemen good luck, good holidays, or as good as these holidays can be for you, and above all, a safe return.

May you all have lots of mail and gifts and a good Christmas dinner, wherever you are. May you enjoy this holiday season a little bit, even in Vietnam.

That's our hope, and our wish for you out there. We know we are joined by every person in your home area, as well as the whole United States.

Have fun. Come home soon and safely.

Bud Tabor wishes to thank all the friends and neighbors who have helped his wife, Brenda, and girls in any way while he has been in Vietnam the past year.

And a great big Thank You to his sister Katie for all she has done for them. He really appreciates their help.

Bud and his wife and three girls have bought a new home on wheels, in which they expect to live while they are at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I want to thank you and all the friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, and letters, while I was in the hospital and while I'm still shut in. I do appreciate them very much.

As I won't be able to send cards and letters to everyone personally, I wish you all Merry Christmas and the best of New Years.

Sincerely, Blanche Carr.

Would you mind sending the paper to me at Medical Care Facility, Alma, Michigan 48801, please?

(Editor's Note: Yes, we'll send your paper to you, Blanche, and our best wishes for a good recovery and a good Holiday Season.)

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We were sorry to hear of the passing of little "Chuckie", son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss of south Weidman, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss. He passed away Friday morning, and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. We extend our sympathy to the parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock paid respects at the Daggett Funeral Home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon visited Mr. and Mrs. Schrock Saturday night. Mrs. Schrock and Philip called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Brian, Jill and Kathy called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Juanita Struble is staying with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow. We are sorry to hear she has the flu.

Mrs. Clarence Ley of Conklin visited her daughter, Mrs. Gary Portenga, and family Friday, bringing Kimberly and Lee Ann home. They were all dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Scott and Curtiss went home with their grandmother, Mrs. Ley, and came home with their father, Mr. Portenga, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Portenga and Mrs. Gray were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday. Mrs. Gray reports that her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray, and their five daughters of Mt. Pleasant flew to Florida Sunday morning, where they will spend a week. It's the girls' Christmas gift from their parents. Michael, who attends Ferris State College, was unable to go because of basketball activities.

Mrs. Harry Rupp of Coldwater Lake called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Clyde Emmons came home from the hospital Thursday. Little Eddie John and Sarah Bobroski are ill with colds and flu. Robert Kirvan called on Mr. and Mrs. Emmons and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Barryton were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were recent visitors. Mrs. Annette Sherman returned home with them and they will take her to Grand Haven, where she will visit her sister and other relatives over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda of Big Rapids were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. Miss Lori Jorgenson of Barryton was a weekend guest of

Miss Denise Denslow. Mrs. Mabel Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons were Sunday guests at the Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lena St. John, Mrs. Cleo Conley and Mrs. Nina Forbes of Weidman visited Mrs. Jennie Krauser of Big Rapids Monday.

Mrs. St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalizky and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were among those attending the community Christmas dinner at Brinton Saturday evening.

Mary, Eddie and Susan Schrock spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Philip stayed with his grandparents Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson have a telephone now. Their number is 644-2528.

Mrs. Thompson is home from studies at CMU a week earlier than planned, because of the flu epidemic.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson visited her mother, Mrs. Ernest Courser, of Two Rivers, Saturday evening. Mrs. Thompson also called on her Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family. Arthur Loomis spent Sunday at Keith's home.

Cheryl Leiter spent Friday over night with the Keith Loomis family. The occasion was the fourth birthday of Jean Ann, on Saturday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley enjoyed a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wawersik and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wawersik, at the formers' home, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Sandra of St. Johns and Debbie Pung of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen, Lee Stockwell of Chippewa Lake and Mrs. Mabel Campbell of Farwell, and son, S/Sgt. Bruce Campbell, of the Armed Forces, were Saturday night guests at the Stanley home. S/Sgt. Campbell had just returned from a 48-hour flight from Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley accompanied their grandson, David Moore, and friend and daughters to St. Johns, where they were dinner guests of Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mary Lou. Susan Barclay was also a dinner guest. They also visited Mr. Moore at the hospital, and found him in good spirits and improving in health.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger. Mike Forbes and Mike Adams called on Dale Friday evening. Joyce and Geraldine Olger called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham will be Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham, for the Latham Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and Randy of St. Louis plan to spend Christmas Day with the Harold Skinners. The girls' mother, Elana Miller, of Farwell, will also be a guest along with Pvt. Wallace Skinner and Sharon of Fort Sill, Okla. Wally will have from Dec. 20 till Jan. 5 till he must report back to Fort Sill.

Dawn Flaughner and children of Alma are expected to spend Monday through Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children spent last weekend with

her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux, and Randy, of St. Louis.

The Harold Skinners plan to spend Christmas Eve at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller, for the Miller Christmas dinner party. Others present will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and Randy, Elana Miller, and Pvt. Wallace Skinner and Sharon.

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'TIS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Carolers have been around the area this week, and we all appreciated their lovely singing.

The Messenger people were among those receiving gift Santas from the Methodist Youth Fellowship. A red-and-white Santa made of an apple, plenteous marshmallows, and a piece of gumdrop. Cute as anything.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Riley attended a dinner for General Telephone employees Saturday evening, at the VFW Hall in Mt. Pleasant.

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FOR SALE--Good house in Weidman, next to Mitchell Memorial Park. 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, bath, utility. \$6500. Edna Hammond, 807 Harris Street, Mt. Pleasant. Dec. 19t1p

THERE'S STILL TIME--To order subscriptions to the Messenger for Christmas gifts. We'll send a gift card to the recipient. \$5 locally, anywhere in the world \$7.50.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to our relatives, neighbors and friends, for their kindness, the beautiful flowers, and their cards of sympathy sent to us during our bereavement in the loss of our husband, father and grandfather, Ernest Courser. Also thanks to Rev. John

Murphy for his comforting words. Also for the food, and the ladies who served the dinner.
 Mrs. Leona Courser
 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Redfern And Family

Obituary

STUART VOSS, JR.
 This area was deeply grieved last Friday by the death of little Stuart C. (Chuckie) Voss, 17-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss. Little Chuckie died at his home, after combating leukemia the past year. Every person around here was his friend, and everyone was hoping and praying for his recovery.

He is survived by his young parents, and both sets of grandparents: Maternal grandparents Loyal Sanford of Lansing and Mrs. Kenneth Rowe; the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss of Coldwater Township.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 15. at 2 p. m., at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge of the Weidman Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery. The family have our deepest sympathy.

OUR ANGEL BABY

God sent us a precious Angel For just a little while. But he was very fragile And was too weak to smile. Just a few months on this earth, But the little guy was brave; Very ill, almost from birth, The outcome looked so grave. A beautiful little baby boy With strong determination to live; A twelve-pound bundle of joy-- Perfect health, we couldn't give.

But this blessed baby was born For a special purpose, and so We really should not mourn -- He's God's "little Angel," you know.

By Mabel Chaffee (Chuckie's aunt.)

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Obituary

MRS. RAYMOND BECKER
 Mrs. Raymond (Margaret H.) Becker died at her home in Edmore last Tuesday, Dec. 10. She was 63.

She was born Sept. 24, 1905, in Barryton. She was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 2292 in Edmore, and was a member of the Women of the Moose of Mt. Pleasant.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, Dec. 12, at 2 p. m., with burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery. The VFW Auxiliary conducted memorial services during the funeral.

Surviving, besides her husband, are three sons, four daughters, a brother, Wilbur Edmonds of Weidman, a sister, Mrs. Vera Hagerman of Weidman, and 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family has the sympathy of all.

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Obituary

EBEN CRAFORD

Eben Craford died Dec. 9 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Sherman, of Coldwater Township. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 1.30 at the Daggett Funeral Home, with Larry Beard officiating. Burial was in the Garfield Cemetery at Lake. Mr. Craford was 70.

He was born April 22, 1898, in Coldwater Township. He spent most of his life in the Coldwater area.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Sherman, with whom he made his home in Coldwater; Mrs. Catherine Miller of Grand Blanc; and one brother, John Craford, of Harrison, and nieces and nephews.

His family is offered sympathy.

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Mrs. Emily Wood is spending a few days in Evart with friends.

Obituary

EDWARD BAUMANN
 Edward Baumann of Remus died Dec. 13 in Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview. He was 95. He was born in Canada April 2, 1873.

Besides his wife, Lena, he is survived by four sons, Albert, Edwin and James, all of Remus, and Julius of Southgate; and two daughters, Mrs. Cecelia Main of Mecosta and Mrs. Rosina Stamper of Remus; and 27 grand children and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 16, at 10 a. m. in St. Michael's Church in Remus, with burial in the church cemetery.

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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.
 Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7.30 p. m. will be our annual Christmas program. Everyone is welcome.

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 children's Christmas program at the Lutheran Church is Dec. 24, at 8 p. m.

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Stanley L. Spires, Pastor
 Our pastor is back in harness again, after several days' bout with the flu. There were several absentees from church due to illness.

The Youth group will put on the program Sunday evening, Dec. 22. Everyone is welcome.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

CHRISTMAS Gifts

**TIMEX WATCHES

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**WOMEN'S PERFUME

**MEN'S COLOGNE

**GIFTS... TOYS

Many Other Items

Dillenbeck's STORE
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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter Monroe Beckwith was a Wednesday supper guest at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Minnie Strauch spent from Wednesday night through Friday morning with her sister, Hattie Losey. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Thursday evening callers.

Mrs. Flora Wood enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday with her son, Richard, and family, who left Wednesday for several days in Florida. They were going to Cape Kennedy.

The Christmas program at the Forest Hill Church will be held Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with the Chuck Roberts family in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent are spending their vacation with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Warren and daughter were Saturday afternoon guests of the Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Coffell and daughter were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Navarre and children were also Saturday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Donna Gross and Curt and Carey were Sunday guests of Mrs. Marilyn Losey and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss and Mike were Saturday evening

guests of the Gerald Loseys. Nancy Losey went to Lansing Sunday with Mrs. Bea Gross and Charlene.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO meeting at Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Oplinger and Kenny spent Sunday with their cousins, the John Carrs, in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow attended a surprise birthday party for her uncle, John Tice, at Clare Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Denslow called on Mrs. Deborah Benn Saturday afternoon.

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NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors at the Earl Blodgett home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Helmer of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett and Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham Sunday.

Visitors at the Norman Abbott home Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jewell and children of Mt. Pleasant. Susie Faber had dinner with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott enjoyed a supper at Cadillac, put on by the Jenkins Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Helen Alwood were in Clare Tuesday afternoon. John had his eyes tested.

Becky and Debbie Graham visited their sister, Mrs. Judy Stan-

ton, in Chicago, from Friday till Sunday night.

Mr. Tanner of Barryton called on Ward Dell one day last week.

Russell Schohl has been in the intensive care unit at CMC Hospital with a bad heart, and now is in Room 222 at the hospital.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham Friday afternoon. They took them a nice box of fruit and nuts from the Merry Go Round Club. Gerald and Laura have both been ill and in the Clare hospital recently. We all hope you both get to feeling better soon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley, Sr., and Mrs. Martha Ebelt of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goethal of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests at a pre-Christmas observance Sunday. The Donleys plan to leave Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, the Gerald Middleworths, at Bradenton, Florida.

Schools

JOYCE McCLAIN WILL TEACH AT MECOSTA SCHOOL

At a meeting of the Chippewa Hills Board of Education Dec. 10, a teaching contract was signed with Joyce McClain, to fill a vacancy in the fourth grade at the Mecosta school.

Bills amounting to \$106,033-.01 were approved to be paid as funds become available.

The Board studied a report on projected financial aspects of the school district for the remainder of the school year, which showed an ever-increasing operational cost. The Board voted to hold the line on spending.

The next meeting of the Board will be Jan. 14, at 8 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family plan to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mary Clark, of Mt. Pleasant.



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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Norman Tilmann and baby girl came home from the hospital Sunday.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Florence Andrews Friday. Mrs. Andrews is home from the hospital, feeling some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith attended the funeral of his cousin, Lester Smith, in Fowler, Saturday.

Ida Tilmann, who was taken sick last Wednesday, was taken to the hospital with a heart attack. She was in intensive care and was still quite ill but was some better the first of the week.

Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Louise Smith Saturday afternoon.

Susanne Simmer of Reed City, who attends college in Mt. Pleasant, and Dan Boven of Lansing spent Saturday afternoon and had supper with her grandmother, Mrs. Louise Smith.

Fred Zeien and family are still living in Beal City, as their house is not ready to move into yet.

Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh underwent surgery last week at the Alma hospital. She was reported as getting along fine.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent the weekend at her home here. She is taking care of Joseph Schueler in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors at the Tony Schafer home.

Mrs. Effie Schafer has been in the hospital in Mt. Pleasant for observation.

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

WEST

Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter
PRE-CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mrs. Coletta Gross and all her family except Mary and family, who live in California, gathered at the Eddie Gross home Sunday for a pre-Christmas get-together and dinner.

Thirty-eight relatives attended, for a delicious dinner and a gift exchange and visiting.

Bill Stewart entered the Midland hospital last Thursday for surgery on his knee. He was coming along good at this writing. Bobby Latham came home Saturday from the same hospital.

Miss Karen Pohl of Grand Rapids has spent several days home from her work, to be with her father, Richard Pohl, who has been very ill in CMC Hospital. Richard has been out of the intensive-care unit since last Wednesday, and was feeling some better at this writing. Karen went back to her work last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette spent last Monday in Grand Rap-

ids. Gary had a checkup on his ear. On the way home they called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wernette, in Remus. The Gary Wernettes attended their club Sunday evening at the Ray Pung home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Kelley of Remus called at the Fred Smith home last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Helen Alwood called Monday.

Mrs. Vera Neubecker and children and Mrs. Carol Wernette called at the Charles Halfman home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Coletta Gross and Mike Gross were Wednesday supper guests at the Bernie Gross home. The occasion was Rose Marie's sixth birthday. Happy Birthday, big girl.

Mrs. Hermione Smith was a Sunday dinner guest at the Don Alwood home. She enjoyed some of Rusty's venison. Rusty was home for the weekend from his work in Flint. Mrs. Charles Holiday and Benny called on Helen Monday morning.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mrs. Ben Larrance of Littlefield Lake is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital with pneumonia.

Bill Dains is able to be home.

The Farm Bureau met at the home of Egbert Fordyce Friday evening for the annual Christmas party. There were 17 present. A delicious ham and pot-luck supper was enjoyed by all. We were sorry that some of our members were in the hospital and unable to attend.

Mrs. Dale Badgley's son and family of near Lansing were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Badgley.

The Merry Go Round Club met Thursday at the home of Mary Helen Pitts for the annual Christmas party and revealing of Secret Sisters' names. Santa Claus handed out the Christmas presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce went to Marion Sunday afternoon to visit her aunt, Mrs. Emma White.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Packard of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

Mrs. Elsie Wood had a cataract removed from her eye Tuesday and returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham.

Mrs. Judy Phillips had her operation last Thursday at Mt. Pleasant. She will be in the hospital about a week.

Mrs. Violet Love of Mt. Pleasant came Sunday and took her mother, Mrs. Mattie Wood, home with her. Mattie is not very well.

Little Julie Graham is having quite a time with her ears and jaws. She has been to Ann Arbor a number of times.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Vivian Hart visited her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis were also callers. Kay and Roxanne Hart were dinner guests.

A nice reception was held Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Van Syckle.

Mrs. Ann Muma and children spent Friday with her sister. Mr. Muma and Norman Geasler made a business trip to Grand Rapids.

Miss Joan Geasler has been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shaner are gaining slowly after their car accident Monday afternoon, when both were admitted to CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Irene Jones took her son, Martin, to the doctor Monday, where he got a cast on his hand, after a gym accident.

Henry Purdy suffered three fingers smashed and one taken half off.

Jay Purdy and brother-in-law, Mr. Shepard, of Flint and Angola, Ind., spent Saturday night with Jay and sister, Mrs. Irene Jones, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were in Saginaw Wednesday.

Mrs. Cole received word that her niece, Miss Janette Wardwell

had emergency surgery Thursday at CMC Hospital.

Wm. Wixson called on his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, Saturday.

Claris Allen is very ill. He expects to have surgery the first of the year.

Tony Muskuka of Hamtramck spent the weekend at his farm.

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Local Items

Larry Sisco is in the Midland hospital for treatment of a broken leg. Larry suffered five breaks in his leg when a tree hit him while he was working with a County Road crew. He was taken first to CMC Hospital and transferred to Midland.

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

Mrs. Florence Rupp of Coldwater Lake was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Connie Skinner.

Mrs. Vada Carroll left Sunday for Bridgeport, Conn., to spend the month at the home of her sister, Mrs. Izetta Drew and family. Her son, Robert, and four children of Plymouth spent Saturday night with her and on Sunday took her to Detroit to board a plane for Connecticut.

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Announcement: New Sunday
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- 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.

May the "Babe of Bethlehem"
bless you and yours because you
have accepted him as your Lord
and only Savior.

The Sunday evening service
presented the Junior Youth Group
with a Christmas Sing Special.
The young people did a fine job,
and some beautiful music was
sung.

Thursday evening at 7 there
will be skating at the Din and
Racket for area churches.

Next Sunday evening the Bible
School will be presenting the
Christmas program. Practice for
this will be Saturday evening
from 6 to 8. All second graders
through high school classes plan
to attend.

The public is welcome to the
program, in honor of the birth of
Jesus, the Savior.

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Mrs. Vera Hagerman's family
all were here Dec. 12 to attend
the funeral of Mrs. Hagerman's
sister, Mrs. Margaret Becker.
While here they presented Mrs.
Hagerman with a color television
set as a Christmas gift.

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher,
Roderick Nicholson and Maycie
Cook enjoyed an evening of card
games with Mr. and Mrs. Bob
Hines Tuesday.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt entertained
the Lutheran Ladies' Aid Wed-
nesday evening with the usual
members present. After the bus-
iness meeting and singing of
Christmas songs and lunch, a
cookie exchange was enjoyed.

Lawrence Lovell spent Thursday
afternoon visiting Mrs. Nettie
Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were
Thursday evening guests of Mrs.
Nettie Crowley.

Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold en-
joyed Saturday evening with Mr.
and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode
and Karen were Sunday after-
noon visitors of Mr. and Mrs.
Harold Elliott of Mt. Pleasant.

Roderick Nicholson called on
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hines of Re-
mus Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster and
daughters, Nancy and Judy, of
Detroit, spent Wednesday eve-
ning with Mr. and Mrs. Verne
Foster, and attended the Christ-
mas concert at the Weidman
school, in which Connie took
part.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook, Her-
man and Aliance Cook, Mrs.
Glee Krueger and Terry and
other relatives from here attend-
ed a reception for Mr. and Mrs.
Dennis Fox, who were recently
married. The reception was

given by his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Bob Fox, at their home in
Grand Ledge.

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"I WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP A BEAVER..."

Mrs. Vincent Brown (Jean Gar-
ner), a niece of the George Skin-
ners and Barney Tranbargers, suf-
fered a broken left wrist recently
while trying to untangle a poplar
tree from a planting of young
pines, where the tree had fallen
as a beaver chewed through its
trunk.

Seems the Browns, Doc and Jean,
were tramping joyously over their
40-acre tract of wild land they
own south of Coldwater Lake, in
search of just the right Christmas
tree to cut for their home. They
have planted thousands of pine
and spruce trees on their beauti-
ful place during the 15 years they
have had it.

Sooo.. They came to a planting
of young trees, and a beaver had
cut down a poplar tree which
lay across the evergreen young-
lings. So Jean and Vince thought
they'd save their young trees and
"help the beaver" at the same
time. So they climbed into the
mess of evergreen trees and start-
ed to heave out the poplar trunk.

Jean slipped, fell, and broke
her wrist in five places. She is

recovering nicely, with her arm
in a cast.

The Browns' son, Steve, is
home on a 10-day leave from
Norfolk, Va. His ship is the air-
craft carrier Roosevelt, which is
being remodeled to the tune of
three million dollars' worth.

Steve is engaged to Miss Joan
Lea Ackerman, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Carl Ackerman, of Mt.
Pleasant. Miss Ackerman is a
1968 graduate of Mt. Pleasant
High School, employed by the
Cook Communications Company
of Mt. Pleasant. No date has
been set for the wedding.

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Local Items

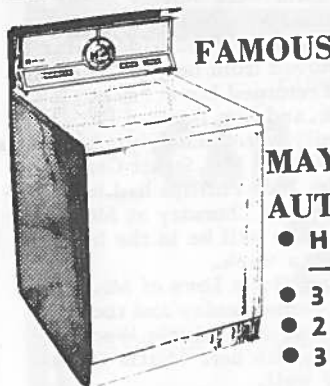
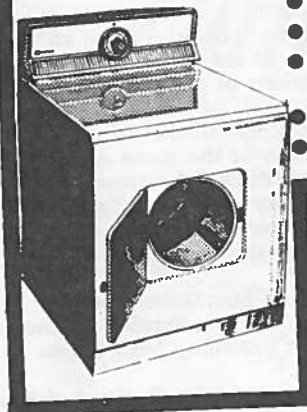
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Somers and
family of Mt. Pleasant were Sat-
urday evening guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family.
Mrs. Embrey attended a meeting
of the Young Homemakers' Ex-
tension Club, which went Christ-
mas caroling and on to the home
of Mrs. Harold Krueger for re-
freshments, a Christmas party
and gift exchange.

Mrs. Emily Wood attended the
wedding of her granddaughter,
Nancy Kirvan, and Milo Earls,
in Vassar Saturday evening. Mr.
Earls teaches school at Clio,
where they will make their home.

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A concerted effort to prosecute vandals who use electric insulators for target practice should pay off this year, according to Consumers Power Company Senior Vice President Harry R. Wall.

The company recently increased a reward offer to \$500 from the original \$100 leading to the arrest and conviction of persons deliberately interrupting electric service.

Mr. Wall said the first six months' report for 1968 shows a drop to 16 incidents from a high of 19 for the same six-month period in 1967. During this same period several prosecutions were made under the terms of the increased reward offer.

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Local Items

Mrs. Emily Wood plans to spend Christmas with the Darrell Kir-

vans in Flint.

Harry Kurtz of Delton spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goddrich.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman plans to spend Christmas with her daughters in Allegan.

Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday afternoon and night with Blanche Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and boys plan to spend Christmas Day with the Bill Fox family in Beal City.

The Weidman Rebekahs held a Christmas party and meeting at the hall here Monday evening.

Mrs. Nina Forbes plans to have Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt of Mt. Pleasant. A family Christmas party will be held Monday evening, Dec. 23, at the home of Charles E. Brien, and family, in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Forbes expects her son and family, the Thomas E. Briens, of Berkely, Mich., Sunday.

Local Items

We were lucky to escape the storms the east had last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiggins and family of Farwell were Sunday evening guests of the Wm. Wilcox family.

The Weidman Eastern Stars were hostesses December 6 at a school of instruction, with the Remus Chapter as guests. Barbara Hickey of Bay City, the Grand Marshal, was instructor. Seven members from the Bay City lodge attended. A large crowd was present. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser and children of Belding were Sunday visitors at the Richard Sprague home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls plan to spend Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. Leon Snyder, of Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake were last Tuesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim plan to spend next week-end with the Roger Smiths in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nass of Ashley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nina Forbes attended a Christmas concert by a band under the direction of her son, Harvey Brien, at Ithaca, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Forbes and Kit Johnson attended the communi-

ty dinner and Christmas party at the Brinton Hall Saturday evening. Bill Estes entertained the gathering with pictures of other meetings of the community parties.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Kenneth J. Thomas and Toni Thorpe, both of Lake Windoga, were married Monday, Dec. 16, by Bert Estes, Justice of the Peace, in the Estes home. Jack Cheatham and Karen Mercer, both of Weidman, were their witnesses.

There was a large crowd out to the community party Sunday evening. The long tables were filled with all the eats one could wish for. William Estes showed colored slides of folks living in the community. A gift exchange and Secret Pal names were revealed, which ended the evening's program.

There was a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Rex Van Sickles, at the Brinton Hall Saturday evening.

Clinton Sloan, who had surgery recently in Grand Rapids, came home Thursday and is recovering very well.

Mrs. Bessie Latham of Remus reports her father, Jesse Lee, is ill, and a bed patient at her home at this time. The Lathams moved to Remus this fall.

A funeral was held Sunday for the 17-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss. He was an only child, and had been in poor health most of his life.

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Dec. 11, 1968

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Fortino Beverage	28	17
Marchiando & Rau	28	17
Weidm'n State B'nk	26	19
Central Concrete	26	19
Household Appl.	25	20
Beal City Serv.	23 1/2	21 1/2
Rosebush Leonard	23	22
Lowery Northern	22	23
Beal City Tavern	21	24
Giant Super Mkt.	19	26
Pabst Blue Ribbon	17 1/2	27 1/2
Wentworth IGA	12	33

High Team Series: Central Concrete 3020. High Team Game: Central Concrete 1088. High Ind. Series: Don McDonald 556, Bob Lyon 555, Gene Theisen 552. High Ind. Game: John Haupt 226, Don McDonald 212, 210, Russ Maeder 208.

GUYS & DOLLS Dec. 13, 1968

M'Arthur & Anders'	25	21
Knapp & Bouck	25	21
Lawens & Pantenb'rg	33	23
Foster & Moore	33	23
Thon & Blake	32 1/2	23 1/2
Nolte & Moore	31 1/2	24 1/2
Lyon & Bierschb'ch	31	25
Sharrar & Matton'n	28	28
Bleise & Straus	26	30
Green & M'Connell	25	31
Blehm & Moore	22	34
Burggraff & Zill	4	52

High Team Series: Sharrar & Mattonon 2465. High Team Game: Sharrar & Mattonon 853. High Series, men: Ken Green 563, Buck Nolte 557, Pete Knapp 552. High Game, Men: Mel Foster 224, Pete Knapp 224, Buck Nolte 224.

High Series, women: Mary Blake 522, Mickey Blehm 484, Harriett Mattonon 472. High Game, women: Harriett Mattonon 207, Mary Blake 183, Gert Nolte 178.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh of Saginaw were Saturday overnight guests of the Gary St. John family. Sunday they all visited Charles Hess at Beaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. David Brown of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mrs. Johnson plans to spend Christmas with the Fey Johnson family here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Noe plan to spend Christmas Day in Jackson with their daughter and family.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth plans to spend Christmas with the Wayne Charnes family. She will leave the following Sunday, Dec. 29, for Hollandale, Fla., where she will visit Mary (Crawford) McCarthy, and then will go on to Fort Myers, to the home of her cousin, Etha Oberlin, for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague and family plan to spend Christmas Day at the Fred Straus home.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

The donkey basketball game at Beal City High School was well attended last Monday evening. K. C. members won 20 to Beal City High Faculty 12.

C. Dorothy Schaefer was released from the Clare hospital Sunday. She had surgery on her foot last week. She plans to go to Syracuse, N. Y., around Christmas Day, to visit her adopted daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wischmeyer of Shepherd, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer attended a card party Wednesday evening at the Edward Schafer home. The group was also entertained by the Young Homemakers Extension group with Christmas carols. Many thanks to all the girls. We enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and son in Weidman Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafer baby-sat with their granddaughter, Josette, Friday, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer, shopped.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wischmeyer of Shepherd Saturday evening.

Jerry Joe Schafer spent the weekend with his sister and family, the Wayne Sherlocks, of Kalkaska.

Saturday visitors at the Peter Lorenz home were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin, Mrs. Thelma Bossche and daughter, Jeannie, and Marvin Reed of Barryton. Mr. Reed, a former resident of Coldwater Lake, brought sad news. His son, Charles Reed, of Saginaw, had passed away at age 49. Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Reed and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer and sons called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klumpp of Shepherd and had supper with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zeien of Beal City called on Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and son, Bill, called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klumpp of Shepherd and the Bernard Faber family of rural Mt. Pleasant, Sunday afternoon.

Ida Tilmann, mother of Albert Tilmann, is in CMC Hospital. She was a little better at this writing. Her son, Bill, was called home from Arizona.

Lela Davis, another neighbor, is in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Albert Tilmann is working in the office at CMU.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone, and a very special wish to all the servicemen.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, of St. Charles, for an early Christmas get-together. Marion's sister and brother-in-law from California were home also.

This community wishes to extend sympathy to the Stuart Voss family in the loss of their baby, Chuckie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wernette and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas called on Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case Monday evening.

Mrs. Marion Beutler entertained the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon at their Christmas party, with gift exchange. Twelve ladies attended.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday afternoon and over night with the Clayton Dutchers. She spent Sunday afternoon and over night with the Ervin Dutchers.

Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake was a Monday evening caller of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler attended the funeral of Mary's

cousin, Dennis Schultheiss, of St. Johns, Saturday. Mary also attended the funeral of Chuckie Voss at Barryton Sunday.

Anna Chaffee spent the weekend with her folks, the Clarence Chaffees.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family plan to spend Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates, in Clare.

Mrs. Edna Schultz left Sunday on her way South for the winter. Her son, Ike Hampton, took her to Benton Harbor, where she boarded a plane for Atlanta, Ga., the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Wiley. Edna will spend the winter there, though she said last week they may go on to Florida.

Mrs. Helen Adams and children plan to celebrate Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 22, with a family gathering at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler. Sunday the Beutlers visited Mrs. Mildred Terry and her mother, Mrs. Mabel White, of rural Barryton.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater plans to spend Christmas with the Burr Abrahamson family of Mt. Pleasant or with them and other relatives of rural Evart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim spent the weekend at Wolverine, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and family, and enjoying rides on the Ski-doo's.



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