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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WEIDMAN'S CHRISTMAS GREETING CARD WAS PERSONALLY DESIGNED

We hope you like the back-page greeting card from Weidman area business people. We designed it ourselves.

We gathered up pictures from back copies of the Messenger showing some of our happier moments here in Weidman;

Ray and Leila Shook's store anniversary, Bud Fredrickson's purchase of Dillenbeck's Store, Evelyn Hackney's big coho salmon, Bud Regener's big pike out of Lake Windoga, Rusty Alwood, first of our local boys to return safely from Vietnam (for we all have Vietnam with us), and so on.

And our lakes and landscapes. Like we said, we dood it, and we do hope you like it.

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### SO WE START OUR HOLIDAY VACATION

So, with the mailing of this edition of the Messenger, George and Connie start their annual winter holiday ten-day vacation.

Whee. We aren't going to do anything except some entertaining, some visiting, get a start at writing a book, and a few other such items.

Otherwise, we'll be totally unoccupied.

Happy Holidays to all our newsgatherers, and our readers.

See yuh in the Jan. 9, 1969, issue of the Messenger.

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### SERVICEMEN MEET IN GERMANY

Word from M/Sgt. Ross Momany and his family from Frankfurt, Germany, the last of last week was that they had finally got in touch with Gary Thomas by telephone, and they were getting together a week ago Sunday, and expected to get in touch with Tom Flower, whose address Gary has. The Momanys expected to have both boys with them for the holidays. Ruth Momany had sent her son Gary's telephone number, and he finally reached Gary and the reunion was made possible. All have been in Germany for some time.

All have wanted to get in touch with one another, but this, by a sequence of unusual reasons, has not been possible till last week when the contact was made.



THREE PURPLE HEARTS, BRONZE STAR, SILVER STAR FOR SPEC/4 T. R. SCHAFFER

Terry Schaffer's mother took this picture March 17, 1968, just before he was sent to Vietnam. Since then he has earned the Bronze Star and now will receive the Silver Star, besides having three Purple Heart medals in his service in the Vietnam war.

Terry Schaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schaffer of Beal City, has been given a Silver Star ci-

tation "for gallantry in action Aug. 23, 1968." Terry is finishing out his time at Fort Carson, Colo., after spending months in hospitals for treatment of a shattered right wrist and resultant tendon damage.

He was wounded shortly after going into the field in Vietnam, a gash in his side giving him a four-day rest period but not hospitalization. Then he was sent back into the field, in reconnaissance.

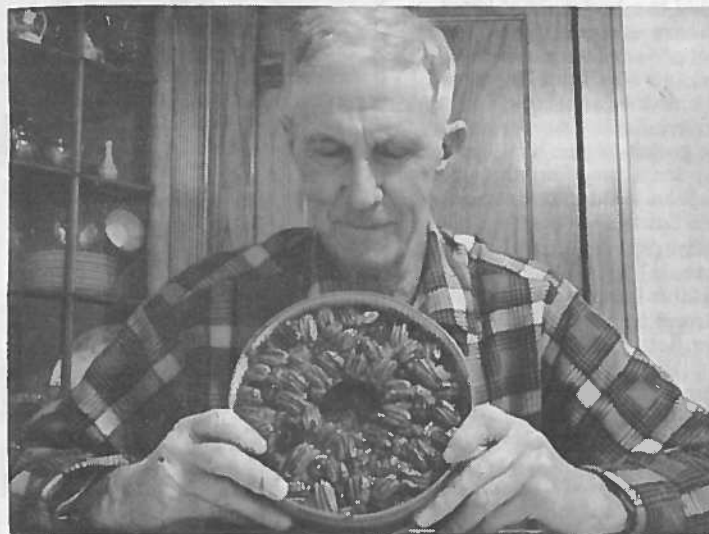
His Silver Star citation reads, in part:

"For gallantry in action in conflict with armed hostile force in Vietnam;

"Reconnaissance--rifleman operation near Loc Ninh; A Company moving behind his element was suddenly engaged and pinned down by heavy fire from a large North Vietnam Army force on its right flank.

"His platoon moved on line to assault the enemy in order to relieve pressure on the beleaguered company.

"During the first minutes of the assault, Spec/4 Schaffer's right wrist was shattered by an enemy bullet, causing him to drop his weapon. Ignoring severe pain, he retrieved his rifle with his left hand and continued in the assault.



ANOTHER CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE--From Stanley Weidman.

For the past several years J. Stanley Weidman, of Durango, Colorado, has had mailed a three-pound fruit cake at Christmas time to George and Connie Skinner of the Messenger. Here George proudly displays the most delicious piece of bakery the Skinners have ever tasted.

You just haven't tasted fruit cake till you've had a piece of the confection Mr. Weidman sent us at Christmas time. It is mailed from Corsicana, Texas,

from the world-famous kitchens of the Collin Street Bakery, which does no other business, as we read their little leaflet, but

"He charged an enemy machinegun, holding his rifle in his left hand, and killed its three-man crew. He then picked up the enemy machinegun and continued to advance, firing it with one hand while cradling it in his injured arm.

"Spec. Schaffer aggressively pressed the attack until contact was broken by the enemy, and accounted for two more enemy killed.

"Only after the battle was over would he accept treatment for his wound."

Spec/4 Schaffer is quite a man, we'd say. His citation for the Silver Star medal was mailed from Washington to his parents. He will be given a formal presentation of the Silver Star at a later date.

Terry has contacted three men from his outfit in Vietnam at the base in Colorado, all wounded, and they all feel better at getting together again.

Terry Schaffer and Russell Tilmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tilmann, are expected home on furlough Dec. 31.

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Our very best wishes to all our Men in Uniform, all over the world. May you have a good holiday season, and get home safe.

concoct fruit cakes. Their cakes are sent, annually, all over the world.

Titled "A Legend in Its Own Time," the leaflet tells of the year 1896, when a young German baker, August Weidmann, formed a partnership with wealthy Thomas McElwee, whose promotional flair was already trained on Weidmann's wonderful "white fruit cake."

McElwee put up a new building for the bakery and turned the entire second floor into an elite private hotel to the visiting celebrities of that day: Enrico Caruso, the great tenor; Will Rogers, Gentleman Jim Corbett, and others. John Ringling and his circus troupers put the Collin Street Bakery on an international basis when they ordered several hundred Original Deluxe fruit cakes destined for foreign places.

Today, successors of the deceased Weidmann and McElwee carry on the traditional excellence (and we do mean!) and flavor of the famous cake's originality as put out by the young German baker in 1896.

Mr. Weidman's gift was our dessert as we entertained at our Christmas dinner.

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter  
Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson attended the Morbark employees' party Friday evening at Winn. The Johnson family attended the Christmas party at the Weidman church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and Mark spent Sunday with her grandparents, the Clinton Sloans, for a pre-Christmas dinner and family get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow expected to have their daughter and family, the Darrell Platicks, home for Christmas, and their grandson, Randy. Randy will leave from the Lansing airport Dec. 30 for Los Angeles and will go from there to Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children spent Wednesday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent.

Mrs. Linda Krueger, Mrs. Geraldine Johnson and Mrs. Mabel Dent spent Thursday in Lansing. Gerald and Mabel went to Saginaw Wednesday to see Gerald's doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children spent Sunday evening with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Dent expected all their children home for Christmas.

John Thompson called at the Frank Benn home Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Benn planned to have their grandson and family, the Benn Johnsons, at Christmas dinner.

The church program at the Forest Hill Community Church was held Sunday morning instead of evening, due to the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence will spend Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Thursday with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, and Pam will spend Friday with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller have been having a bad time with the flu, but are some better. They expected Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright to spend Christmas with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and family spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Irene Keck, in Ashley, for a pre-Christmas party.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her son, Vance, and family. Alan is home for 15 days. Mrs. Wood was a guest at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, for a pre-Christmas dinner and tree last Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bergquist were also guests. The Bob Bergquists will spend Christmas with her parents in Providence, R. I. Mrs. Wood spent Sunday afternoon at the Pete Wood home. Ralph and Dorothy left Monday by plane for Arlington, Va., to spend Christmas with their daughter

and family, the Richard Potters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Suman and family are moving to Grand Rapids Thursday, where he is employed as a draftsman.

Bruce Reed left last Sunday for Washington. He went to Hawaii and then to Vietnam. Alice Reed and daughter will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed.

The community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Stanley Pridgeon. Mrs. Opal Denslow said she went to school with her, and they graduated at the same time.

The Losey clan plan to enjoy Christmas dinner at the Gerald Losey home, then the Gerald Loseys will spend the evening at the Charlie Gross home.

Mrs. Eva Denslow planned to have her daughter, Mrs. Nina Green, and son, Terry, as guests at Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Eva Denslow were entertained at Sunday dinner at the Dean Denslow home.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow planned to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow and baby at Christmas breakfast and a tree. Christmas night they will enjoy a buffet luncheon.

Mrs. George Peacock and son, Winton, were Saturday overnight guests of Mrs. Denslow. They came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bertha Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller planned to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski, George Miller and Mrs. Ethel McLean at Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended the high school band, orchestra and class program at Remus Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and children and Jack Thompson were Friday supper and evening guests of the Jim Thompsons, for a pre-Christmas party. The John Thompsons returned home Saturday.

Chuck Wilson came Saturday and took Jack Thompson home with him to spend Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bob and Bill planned to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Stoll, of Lansing.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Ruth Momany is great-grandmother for the second time, with the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cross of Buena Vista, Colo. The little girl has been named Connie Catherine, and weighed five pounds, 15 ounces. Mrs. Cross is the former Marian Thorp.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**MRS. GARY SPRAGUE INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT**

Mrs. Gary (Lucinda) Sprague suffered a fractured vertebra last Friday evening when her car skidded on ice on her way home from her work at the Home and Training School in Mt. Pleasant.

Her car landed in the ditch and she was thrown to the floor, but managed to pull herself up to the seat and she blew the horn in a steady blast, for help.

At least a dozen cars slowed up, it was reported, but nobody stopped to help her.

The younger Mr. Bowerman, who lives in the old Asa Andrews place on the Weidman Road, heard the horn and went out to investigate.

He immediately returned to his house and called State Police and Gary Sprague.

Lucinda was taken to CMC Hospital by ambulance, where she is being treated for her injured spine. Mr. Bowerman, besides helping Lucinda, got his tractor and pulled the damaged car into his drive to await a tow truck.

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IS YOUR MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION DUE? THE EXPIRATION DATE IS PRINTED EACH WEEK ON YOUR PAPER, BESIDE YOUR ADDRESS. WE HAVE VERY FEW UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

**Obituary**

**BERNARD FABER**

Bernard Faber died at 4.30 Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, at CMC Hospital, where he had been taken for treatment of pneumonia. He went into a coma and did not regain consciousness. He was 36 years old. He had been ill over a year. He had recently returned home from a Saginaw hospital.

He was born May 20, 1932, in Deerfield Township, and spent his life as a farmer on the old homestead.

Surviving are his wife, Alice; two children, Bruce and Becky, at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Faber; one brother, Robert Faber, of Owosso; and five sisters, Vada Dowling of Deerfield Center, Mildred Bullard of Yale, Mich., Dorothy Purtil of Deerfield Township, Georgia Mae Haney of Rosebush, and Eleanor Baker of Oakley, Mich.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 24, in the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in Memorial Gardens in Mt. Pleasant.

His family have the deepest sympathy of all.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls and Mrs. Bessie Teall planned to spend Christmas at the R.D. Sprague home.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and George Sunday afternoon.

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Donnie and Jim Alwood.

LOST--Male black and tan fox hound, six months old. Last seen five miles south of Weidman. Robert Cook, ph. 644-3570.

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**Obituary**

MRS. REGINA FABER

Mrs. Regina Faber of the Brinton area died Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Midland hospital. She was 65.

She was born March 7, 1903, in Cleveland, O.

Survivors include her husband, Clinton; one son, Edward, of Midland; one daughter, Mrs. Clifford McNally, of Coleman; three brothers, Carl Kampf of Mt. Pleasant, John and Hurley Kampf of Rosebush, and six sisters and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Funeral Home in Coleman, with Rev. Robert Huff officiating. Burial was in Midland Memorial Gardens. The family have the sympathy of all.

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**Obituary**

BERTHA NASH

Bertha Nash died Thursday morning, Dec. 19, at the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hoffman, where she made her home. She was 80.

She was born Aug. 27, 1888, in Ontario, Canada. She had made her home in the Barryton area the past 78 years.

She was married to Charles Nash, who preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Bruce Brown officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

She is survived by two half-sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Sherman of Maple Rapids, and Mrs. Florence Richter of Vermontville; and nieces and nephews.

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**Obituary**

ARCHIE SAMPSELL

Archie Cleveland Sampsell of rural Mt. Pleasant died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at CMC Hospital. He was 83. He was born in Isabella County June 7, 1885.

He is survived by four nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 20, at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in Union Cemetery.

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NEWS NOTES

Winter came to Weidman, Mich., on schedule Dec. 21, with freezing rain, snow, and the usual cold temperatures. The first of the week roads were still slippery, and it looked like a White Christmas here.

**N. Broomfield**

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Marty Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines, had the misfortune to break his collar bone while sleigh-riding.

The Robert Hogg family, the Bud and Ivan Hines families, and the Gene Flachs family were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, Christmas Day.

Roy Adams, on Coldwater Road, is confined with the flu.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold attended a family dinner Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Holt.

Tuesday evening the Francis Mead family were guests of Herman Cook and family.

The Paul Lueder family were Christmas Eve guests of their daughter, Dorothy, and family of Greenville.

Mrs. Maycie Cook attended a birthday dinner at the home of her son, Robert, to honor the birthday of her granddaughter, Sandra, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and family and Mrs. Margaret Freeman of Albion left Saturday to spend some time in Florida.

Chuck Cook of Canadian Lakes was a guest of Terry Lueder the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fanning were hosts to the Ehlers of Shepherd, the Dean Denslows of rural Weidman, Mrs. Hattie Harris of Mt. Pleasant, the Larry Fisher family and the S. Kunik family, all of Shepherd, at dinner Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode and Karen were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott of Mt. Pleasant. Herman Cook celebrated his 88th birthday anniversary Wednesday by attending the Weidman Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were hosts at a pre-Christmas dinner Friday evening. Their guests were the Richard and Jack Cook families.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Bonnie and Mike and Dixie and Jerry Loucks were pre-Christ. as dinner guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lueder and sons left for Florida for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fanning and Michele spent Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Harris, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder are confined to their home by illness.

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NEWS NOTES

Roy Crowley and son of Coleman were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. Crowley's uncle, George Skinner, and Connie. Roy is a son of Mrs. Dora (Skinner) Cole, and Dora makes her home with Roy and his family. HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

# BOWLING

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE

Dec. 18, 1968

Final Standings

|                     | W      | L      |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Marchiando & Rau*   | 30     | 18     |
| Fortino Beverage    | 29     | 19     |
| Weid. State Bank    | 28     | 20     |
| Household Appliance | 28     | 20     |
| Central Concrete    | 27     | 21     |
| Rosebush Leonard    | 26     | 22     |
| Beal City Service   | 25 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Lowery Northern     | 22     | 26     |
| Beal City Tavern    | 22     | 26     |
| Giant Supermkt.     | 20     | 28     |
| Pabst Blue Ribbon   | 19 1/2 | 28 1/2 |
| Wentworth IGA       | 12     | 36     |

\*First Half Champions.

High Team Series: Household Appliance 3030. High Team Game: Household Appliance 1020. High Indv. Series: Dale Lawens 594, Bob Bleise 559, Roy Freeborn 546. High Indv. Game: Dale Lawens 222, Jack Pung 202, Roy Freeborn 198.

## GUYS & DOLLS

Dec. 20, 1968

|                     |        |        |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Knapp & Bouck       | 38     | 22     |
| McArthur & Anderson | 39     | 21     |
| Lawens & Pantenburg | 37     | 23     |
| Foster & Moore      | 37     | 23     |
| Thon & Blake        | 32 1/2 | 27 1/2 |
| Nolte & Moore       | 32 1/2 | 27 1/2 |
| Lyon & Bierschbach  | 32     | 28     |
| Sharrar & Mattonen  | 31     | 29     |
| Green & McConnell   | 28     | 32     |
| Bleise & Straus     | 26     | 34     |
| Blehm & Moore       | 22     | 38     |
| Burggraaf & Zill    | 5      | 55     |

High Team Series: Knapp & Bouck 2499. High Team Game: Knapp & Bouck 875. High Series, men: Pete Knapp 614, Bob Anderson 570, Bob Lyon 555. High Game, men: Pete Knapp 213, 210, Mitch McArthur 204, Bob Anderson 204.

High Series, women: Mary Blake 572, Carol Pantenburg 523, Diane Knapp 500. High Game, women: Mary Blake 212, 192, Louise Bouck 188, Carol Pantenburg 188, 181.

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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

### WEIDMAN TOPS CLUB HAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, Mrs. Vada Conley, Mrs. Ollie Denslow and Mrs. Esther Stanley, members of the Weidman "Hep" TOPS from this community, attended the club's Christmas party last week Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, the Weidman school.

Mrs. Shirley Brecht, chairman of the decorating committee, with her co-helpers, Mrs. Alice Brown and Miss Kay Hart, very colorfully decorated the room for the occasion. Secret Sisters were revealed, gifts exchanged, and Christmas carols sung. A tasty lunch of low-calorie cookies and jello was served by Mrs. Beatrice Sheahan, Mrs. Betty Schafer and Mrs. Ann Schafer of Beal City, as hostesses.

Mrs. Denslow won one of the beautiful centerpieces as a door prize. Mrs. Stanley won a dessert set for counting calories, and a pair of candlesticks in another drawing.

Mrs. Skalitzky and Mrs. Conley are two of the KOPS in our club. Our hats are off to them!

We'll have to watch those calories, TOPS members, over the holiday season!

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Our community was saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Stanley Pridgeon (Tessie Sisco) of Barryton. She spent her girlhood days in our community. We extend our sympathy to her husband, son and daughter, and their families, other relatives, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Abbott of Edmore and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and children of Chipewa Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow Monday evening. Mrs. Corwin and children visited Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow planned on having their children and family home on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton was a Thursday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, and attended the Senior Citizens Christmas party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City with them. They report a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky planned to spend Christmas Day with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and Terri of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley enjoyed supper out, at Farwell, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock wished us a "Merry Christmas." They expected their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip, for Christmas Eve. Mrs. Schrock has to work at the Medical Care Facility Christmas Day, and I'm sure she'll try to bring a bit of cheer to the elderly folk. Mr. Schrock may visit his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at Riverdale.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck is home for holiday vacation, from her teaching duties at Spring Lake, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck spent the previous weekend with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, at Grand Haven. They expect the Louisells Christmas morning to spend the day with them.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire of Deerfield Center, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and Deana and Michael of Weidman, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie of Big Rapids enjoyed a pre-Christmas get-together Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and Terry, Larry and Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and family, Mrs. Lena St. John and Floyd (Buck) Sowle planned to spend Tuesday together for their Christmas dinner and party. Mr. and Mrs. Beutler and family will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Beutler of Holland, Christmas Day. Mr. Sowle will be a guest of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe, of Brinton.

Mrs. Ethel McLean was a guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, of Barryton, the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller visited her Sunday afternoon. She planned to go to the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, Tuesday morning, and stay over Christmas, enjoying the holiday with them and other guests.

Mrs. Clyde Emmons is home from CMC Hospital, and is improving in health.

Mrs. Russell Stanley accompanied Mrs. Walter Faber to Mt. Pleasant Friday, doing Christmas shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Faber spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. David Moore of Saginaw visited his grandparents over the weekend. Marianne, Debbie and Pamela Gorby of Lake Thirteen were Saturday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie, Susan and Sandra of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City were Saturday evening luncheon guests. Mrs. Stanley spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family in Weidman, making cookies for the holidays. Robert

Reihl and Wm. Maeder were recent callers at the Stanley home.

We planned to go to Clare Sunday to take my father, Andrew Irwin, Sr., his Christmas gift, but weather was too bad. We hoped to go Monday, and then spend Christmas Day with my sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd, of Clare. Our family will hold its Christmas get-together Saturday evening, Dec. 28, at our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray went to Tri-Cities Airport at Freeland Sunday night, to meet their son, Duane, of Mt. Pleasant, who flew in from his Florida vacation. Mrs. Gray and daughters were scheduled to arrive Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray also visited Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray, and new baby, Suzette. Michael Gray of Ferris State College was a Sunday overnight guest of his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant planned to spend Christmas Day with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family are spending Christmas weekend with their parents and other relatives in Conklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline and family Sunday. They planned to visit his father and brother, Arthur and Patrick Loomis, Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family also planned to visit them. Happy Holidays!

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Helen Alwood, Reporter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our faithful readers. A very special greeting to the ill and the shut-ins, and I pray for a brighter year for all of us. Our prayers go all over the country for safe return of our servicemen.

Larry Schmidt of New Jersey and Kenny Schmidt of Lansing spent the weekend home with their parents, the Charles Schmidts, for a pre-Christmas get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hengesberg and family of Freeland spent a day recently with Bill Faber, Sr.

Mrs. Bessie Sexton is spending the holidays with her mother and other relatives in Sturgis. Bessie is getting along some better since her stroke a few weeks ago when she was visiting in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Halfman, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette and Mrs. Vera Neubecker and family will be gathering at different homes for Christmas get-togethers and gift exchanges.

Tom Taylor, who lives in the farmhouse of Mrs. Lillian Johnston, with his lovely family, has been helping at Clark's Store.

Rusty Alwood of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Hermione Smith plan to spend Christmas at the Don Alwood home. George Stevenson of Stanton was a recent caller of the Alwoods.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Tessie Pridgoen, who passed away after a short illness. Tessie and her family lived for years in Weidman before moving to Barryton. She will always be remembered as a very lovely person, with lots of friends in this area. She was a sister of Mrs. Gertie Sperry.

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**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maeder, of Coldwater Lake and Florida, were here last week and called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. The Maeders were called home by the death of her brother-in-law and a stroke suffered by the brother-in-law's widow before his funeral. The Maeders were staying at their sister's home in Webberville during the funeral and visitations to the stricken wife.

Pvt. and Mrs. Wallace Skinner of Fort Sill, Okla., and Raymond and Dick Skinner were Sunday evening visitors of their grandfather, George Skinner.

Pvt. and Mrs. Skinner are on a holiday furlough and are spending their time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner. Wally is in training in the light artillery of the Army.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**Beal City**

Dora Smith, Reporter

**ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB**

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross entertained their club last Tuesday evening.

Prizes went to Jerry Schafer and Joyce Schafer, high scores, low to Steve Simmer and Bethel Schafer, with Ruth Simmer winning the loners prize.

The hostess served a delightful lunch.

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Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh returned home last Thursday from the Alma hospital, having undergone a gall bladder operation.

Mrs. Matie Pung and her children and grandchildren had a family reunion and Christmas party in the K. C. Hall Sunday.

Mrs. Effie Schafer returned home from the hospital last Monday.

Connie Clevenger flew home from Puerto Rico for the holidays. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger, met her at the airport in Detroit last Tuesday. She is an exchange student, and will return to Puerto Rico Jan. 16.

The family of Louise Smith held their Christmas gathering at the Walter Rau home Christmas night.

Delbert Pung and family of St. Johns were here over the weekend.

Donald Rau and family of Lansing were here over the weekend, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tilmann, who came out from Arizona to see his mother, Ida Tilmann, in the hospital, called on Louise Smith Monday morning. Mrs. Tilmann is expected to remain in the hospital two or three weeks yet, but was reported as improving after a heart attack.

Mrs. Graham of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Smith one day last week.

The Billy Smiths of Beal City planned to have their family home for Christmas the Sunday before the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger enjoyed a family gathering Monday evening, Dec. 23, at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Straus.

Mrs. Earl Miller and family and friend of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Anna and Dora Sunday afternoon.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., were Saturday guests of her mother, Mrs. Ina Gillett, and brought Christmas to her.

Mrs. Kit Johnson spent Sunday with the Charles Johnson family in Mt. Pleasant, at a pre-Christmas dinner and also to honor the birthday of little Jane. Mrs. Johnson enjoyed Christmas dinner with the Tom Powell family on Christmas Eve.

**NorthWeidman**

Elvah Gott, Reporter

We all wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs. Ella Adams returned home from the Clare hospital Friday afternoon after spending a week there, suffering from flu. She expects to return to her work at the State Home after the holidays.

Ward Dell plans to spend Christmas Day with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell, in Weidman. Joyce Smith of New Jersey will be home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott plan on having their children and families home Christmas Eve for treats, delicious food, and gift exchanges.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and children spent the weekend in Grand Rapids, for a pre-Christmas get-together with relatives.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John Gott gathered at the Gilmore Township Hall for their family pot-luck dinner, treats, and gift exchanges for Christmas Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family spent Sunday with

her mother, Mrs. Ruth Williams, of Dansville, for a pre-Christmas dinner. The Abbotts planned to have their family home for Christmas.

We were so sorry to hear of the death of Tessie Pridgeon. Our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry planned to have their family home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams planned to have their children home for Christmas, with a pot-luck dinner.

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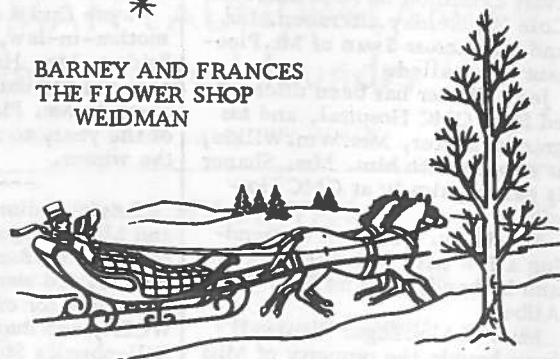
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**A NICE HEFIER CALF WITH THREE EARS, THREE EYES, TWO SKULLS--**And an enlarged tongue was born in the herd of Dale Denslow's Holsteins several weeks ago, and it is a very rare occurrence. The herd is kept in the barn at the Lyle Denslow place, and the calf is in good health. Veterinarian Harold Doneth was in this part of the county and went to see the calf. He said he had never seen anything like it, nor heard of such an occurrence. Dr. Doneth said he believes the calf started out to be twins, and the embryos fused early in their beginnings. A slight bump on the top of the little calf's head indicates a second brain, Dr. Doneth theorized, one small and not functioning. In the picture above, Mrs. Lyle Denslow held a white paper towel under the third ear. Very near the ears is the first eye, and then on down the cheekbone is the third one, a small slit but an eye.

Times-News photo

As we went to press, the Denslows said they probably would veal the calf, unless some college or institution might want it for research.

Dr. Doneth said in a Messenger telephone interview that, if raised, the calf might function normally as a female, that is, as a milk-producing cow; but on the other hand, if the calf carries some male sex organs from the twin-calf beginning, it would not function as a normal cow. This could not be determined for two years, he pointed out, the time required for a cow to mature. The calf has all the characteristics of a female animal.

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### West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell of Ewart called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant also called.

Jesse Shaner has been discharged from CMC Hospital, and his granddaughter, Mrs. Wm. Wilkie, is staying with him. Mrs. Shaner is gaining slowly at CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell is spending a few days with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell have bought the property of Miss

Alice Rickles on east Littlefield Lake, on the Stevenson Lake Road.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Ben Lawrence has been ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Irene Jones and family expected to spend Christmas in Flint.

Mrs. Carol Kunkle of Mecosta was in this community Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth expected to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth at Chippewa Lake.

The Paul Coles and Velma planned to spend Christmas at Vassar, at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler are spending Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornell.

Wayne Curtis called on his mother-in-law, Charlotte Hart, Friday. Mrs. Hart will go to the home of her daughter, the Curtises, in Mt. Pleasant the first of the year, to spend the rest of the winter.

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Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tranbarger; also invited were Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN, and Bud Fredrickson, of Dillenbeck's Store.

### SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

The Senior Citizens held their Christmas card party at the Beal City K. of C. Hall last Thursday, with a sumptuous ham and pot-luck dinner at noon and an afternoon of pepper.

In spite of bad weather conditions, the Seniors turned out to put 14 tables of pepper in play. All enjoyed caroling by the Beal City Bairns 4-H Club. The tables were beautifully decorated with Christmas trimmings.

Minnie Schafer and W.A. Applegreen won prizes for high scores, Rose Beutler and Bill Lawens low; Marjorie Lawens won the pepper prize, and Jute Schumacher and Louis Rau the door prizes.

Rose Hauck and Hulda Stevens were elected the new officers for the coming year.

The next party will be Jan. 2.

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### REBEKAH CARD PARTY

Four tables were in play at the last card party the Weidman Rebekahs sponsored.

Prizes were won by Russell Wilson, Cecelia Simmer and Helen Alwood. The door prize was won by Claribel Beutler.

A very delicious lunch in the design of Christmas was served by the committee.

The next party will be Dec. 31 at the same hall.

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A beautiful detail of Weidman's Christmas season has been the Christmas music from Pitts Radio & Television Store loudspeaker, at just the right volume and with just the right selections. We have enjoyed being on Weidman's business street, hearing that music.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waters**

Patricia Ann Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch of Rosebush, and Kenneth Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Waters of Weidman, spoke their wedding vows in a double ring mid-November ceremony in St. Henry's Church in Rosebush.

The Rev. James Cusak performed the ceremony and Terry Joe Lynch, cousin of the bride, and Brad Horna served the mass.

Karen Trainor was maid of honor.

Bridemaids were Mrs. Sandy Clare, Mrs. Marsha Sexton and Jenny Blake and Judy Lynch, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Flower girl Kim Trainor wore a white floor-length dress with blue daisy trim and carried a bouquet of blue daisies.

Robert Battleshaw was best man.

Groomsmen were Jim Lynch, brother of the bride, Dick Sexton and Alan Ward with Terry Lynch, brother of the bride, as junior groomsmen.

Terry and Bill Lynch, uncles of the bride, were ushers.

The ringbearer was Joey Burch.

The parents and grandparents were presented with corsages and boutonnières.

A wedding breakfast was held in the church basement immediately following the ceremony.

The reception was held in I. O. O. F. Hall. Kathy Trainor was in charge of the guest book and members of the wedding party helped open gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Caldwell cut and served the cake.

Guests attended from Indiana, Ohio, Saginaw, Lansing, Alma, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Weidman and Rosebush.

Honored guests were the grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lynch.

The bride is a 1967 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and is presently employed at Jennie's Beauty Shop in Clare. The bridegroom is employed at Ferro Manufacturing in Mt. Pleasant.

After a short honeymoon to Rosebush, the couple are home in

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## Real Estate Transfers

(Published in this paper through courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Leo A. Dunbar and wife to Lyle V. Olger and wife, se sw sec. 26, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Orville Cotter and wife, Lot 108, Lake Isabella Woods Plat No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Kenneth R. Blakeslee and wife, Lot 93, Lake Isabella Woods Plat No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Bernard W. Buhner and wife, Lot 89, Lake Isabella Woods Plat No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to James Schuller, Lot 66, 67, Lake Isabella Woods Plat No. 1, Sherman.

Ward E. Loomis and wife to

Norman L. Silvermail and wife, e 1/2 sw sec. 35, Coldwater.

Alfred Pohl to John William Bollman and wife, pt. e 1/2 sw sec. 35, Nottawa.

Ojibwa Development Corp. to Howard B. Tilmann and wife, Lot 268, Ojibwa Recreation Area No. 4, Sherman.

Carl R. Gott and wife to Lonnie R. Wrinkle, pt. se sw sec. 16, Gilmore.

Birch Hills Associates to John J. Hathaway and wife, Lot 24, Lake of the Hills Sub. No. 1, Sherman.

Irvin D. Newman and wife to Kenneth E. Helber and wife, ne nw; n 1/2 ne sec. 25, Deerfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Stephen E. Stevens, Lot 1, Lake Isabella Woods No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Albert E. Thomas and Freda, Lot 181, Lake Isabella Plat No. 2, Sherman.

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