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Editor's Column By Connie

TAKE OFF YOUR HATS TO SPIKE BRANSON We call for a "Hats Off!" to

Orval (Spike) Branson, who has been plowing out people from snow every night since he re-turned from a two-weeks' vaca tion in Florida at Christmas time.

Spike has a backhoe machine, and a truck, and a couple of trac tors, and all of us holler at him to come and dig out our driveways every time we get new snow.

Spike holds a regular job in Mt. Pleasant, and does his local jobs after he gets home from that. Sometimes he works up to mid-night, as he did recently to get the huge piles of snow off Weidman's street so cars could get in and park so shoppers could shop. He keeps the village as clear

of snow as is possible without a real village streets department, as an incorporated village would have; and he works long and hard to give us workable drives and streets in emergency times such as we have had here since the holidays. Spike does this work more as a

public service than to make a buck (as we can testify, who have paid him his modest fee for clearing out our drive). We believe in letting folks know when we appreciate them. So we say Hats Off to Spike for his civic service. Weidman would be in a tough spot in winters like this one, without him.

THE BEST INAUGURAL

SPEECH WE HEARD

We took a few minutes off now and then Monday to watch and listen to the inaugural ceremonies of President Richard M. Nixon.

There were several inaugural speeches, we felt, including the divers "benedictions" by heads of all denominational churches; and by a few others.

The best one we heard all day came at 6.25 p.m. when we listened to Paul Harvey on

Television Channel 5, Bay City. We can't quote word for word, but here's the gist of what we got from his pithy, rapid-fire three-minute talk:

With all due respect, Mr. President, may we remind you that you are President of the (Continued on Back Page)

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20¢ per copy SUNDAY WAS A GOOD DAY FOR COUNTY WORKERS According to reports we have, Sunday was the first weekend day that local workers for the Isabella County Road Commission had a rest. Truck and snowplow drivers

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had been on the road and on emergency night calls every day and night since Chritsmas Day, and there were many night calls besides night work for many of the road workers.

Nearly continuous storms and high winds kept county roads blocked soon after the plows went through, and the crews did outstanding jobs at clearing out roads in emergencies and also in cleaning up roads after each new storm or winds that threw snow into road-blocking drifts. ---O---Mr.and Mrs. Clyde Beutler spent the weekend in East Lans-

sing, guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts.

ED FOX RESIGNS AFTER 20 YEARS AS FIRE CHIEF--At a reg-ular meeting of the Weidman Fire Department last week, Ed Fox resigned and Orval (Spike) Branson was named Chief, after serving many years as Assistant Chief.

Ed Fox was the first president of the Weidman Business Association when it was organized in 1947, and has served in all the offices of that organization, over the years. He is an active mem-ber of the Weidman Lions Club, and also of the Beal City Knights of Columbus.

He has given generously of his time and talents for the betterment of this area, for many years.

Here is his statement on leaving the Nottawa-Sherman Townships Fire Department:

"After 20 years as Fire Chief, I have decided to retire and be just a Fireman with the best

bunch of Firemen in the country. "Not one of these men has ever received one cent of pay, or pay for damaged clothing, shoes, etc., yet they are always will-

ing and eager to go. "These same Firemen have worked on projects to raise money to buy two trucks (one used. one new), two water tanks, and many smaller items.

"It has been a real pleasure to work with this group. I think it will be carried on in the same way with Orval Branson as Chief, Gene McArthur as First Assistant and Don Starr as Second Assistant.

"These are capable hands." The organization of a Fire De-partment for this area was one of the first objectives of the new Weidman Business Association (Chamber of Commerce) on its first appearance in the 1940s, and it was accomplished through participation of the two townparticipation of the two town-ships, Nottawa and Sherman, both of which pay an annual amount to keep the Fire Depart-ment going. Though, as Chief Fox said, no man has ever accepted a cent of pay or even compensation for ruined or damaged clothing. The Firemen go as they are, when that old siren lets loose, whether they're in work clothes, dressed up for Sunday, or wearing dry-cleaner business suits to work. It is indeed an outstanding Department,

and this area is lucky to have such devoted men to protect it. The Weidman Firemen serve in all surrounding townships, as well as the villages of Weidman well as the and Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill of Coldwater Township were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and fa mily.



NEW FIRE CHIEF -- Orval (Spike) Branson, who was named Fire Chief at last week's meeting of the Firemen.

Spike has been Assistant Chief since 1955, and is extremely well qualified to fill the post. He has been a member of the Weidman Firemen since 1953.

"I hope to carry on," Spike said in an interview. "I hope to keep the high morale and efficiency of the force which have been built up through these years. "I"ll just the best I can, that's all."

We are confident that Spike's "best he can" will be entirely adequate. He is a young and very capable Fireman, with experience in leadership.

West Gilmore Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole visited Mrs. Orma Kripa at CMC Hospital Tuesday.

Claris Allen, who had surgery Jan. 6, remains in the hospital but is on the gain.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner and aunt, Mrs. Wm. Sampson, went to Saginaw Thursday to see Mrs. Sampson's husband, who was very ill. Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler and

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler and daughter, Jo Lynn, spent the weekend at their cabin.

Mrs. Lillian Wonsey and Paul Cole called on Mrs. Helen Wardwell to remind her she had another birthday.

Mrs. Martin Boger returned home Friday evening from Lansing, where she had been in the Sparrow Hospital for minor surgery. She spent the latter part of the week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart and Wayne Curtis visited Wayne's mother, Mrs. White Curtis, who had returned home from the Edmore hospital after spending several weeks there.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell and Mrs. Wm. Sampson went to Saginaw Friday to see Mr. Sampson, being called there due to the severe illness of Mr. Sampson, at the Saginaw County Hospital.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas called on Mrs. Kit Johnson Thursday.

Mrs. Pearl Geasler isn't so well again.

Mrs.Dan Kripa returned home Thursday after a week spent in CMC Hospital.

NorthWeidman Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors at the Earl Blodgett home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Blodget of Grand Blanc, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett and Staley, Wilma Nash and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams and family of Utica called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jewell and

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jewell and children of Oil City called on Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott Sunday. Dale Maeder was also a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys called on Mrs. Muriel Miller and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Larry took Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn to the Texan at Mt. Pleasant for Sunday dinner.

So sorry to hear Helen Alwood took her mother, Mrs. Hermione Smith, to CMC Hospital with pneumonia Friday.

Mr.and Mrs.R.D.Sprague were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs.Russell Seiler at Coldwater Lake. Local Items

Mr.and Mrs.Bernard Riley visited Mr.and Mrs.Bob Blasen Sunday.

Mr.and Mrs.Paul Creed and family of Algonac spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs.Leah Scharrer. Mr.and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim were also Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and children and Joyce and Mary Lou Smith called on Helen's mother, Hermione Smith, Saturday evening at CMC Hospital, and later attended the show, "Gone With the Wind." Mrs. Smith was reported as improving from her penumonia illness but had a diagnosis of asthma also, Helen reported.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall in Barryton.

Sherry Knipfer of Lansing spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr.and Mrs.Richard Donley and family spent the weekend with his parents, the Richard Donleys, Sr., in Big Rapids.

Mr.and Mrs.Dennis Embrey and children attended the Shrine Circus at Saginaw Sunday.They reported a fine show.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray, sponsors of the Main Bowling Team, were host and hostess at dinner at Falsetta's Casanova in Big Rapids Saturday evening. Thirteen people enjoyed the evening. They attended the Ferris State basketball game after the dinner. The Grays' son, Mike, is a player on the Ferris team. The Ferris team won.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Shepherd spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests of his mother, Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien of Mt. Pleasant were afternoon callers. Blanche Cliff and Mildred Tompkins were visitors of Mrs. Bessie Teall often last week. Mrs. Teall attended a birthday dinner Saturday for Jodi Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham and son Howard of Bay City were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fox took Mrs. Wood to her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Men in Uniform

Here's a new military address: P.F.C Randall L. Brownell, US54987385, Battery C, 3rd Bn., 16th Bde., San Francisco, Calif. APO 96374.

Randy is near the China Sea, centrally located, and he says he is well and things are much bet-

ter than he thought they would be. He is in a heavy artillery divi-

sion.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



(Printed in this newspaper through Courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Lake Isabella Corp. to William Harmala and wife, Lot 136, Lake Isabella Plat No. 2, Sherman.

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Richard A. Swain to James S Fox and wife, nw nw sec. 24, Deerfield.

Robert G. Ferguson and wife to Leonard Ronthi and Astrid, Lots 19, 20, Woodland Sub., Thursday, January 23, 1969 Sherman.

Melvin Hoffmeyer and wife to Ray M. Blake and wife, Lot 42, Bayou Vista No. 2, Gilmore.

Levi N. Metcalf and wife to Gilbert Taylor and wife, pt. nw nw sec. 13, Deerfield.

Earl L Gates and wife to David L. Tettaton and wife, pt. se se sec. 1, Deerfield.

Lee Ordiway and wife to Bard Investment Co., pt. sw se sec. 13, Sherman. Violet M. Carr to Archie A.

Violet M. Carr to Archie A. Powell, Jr., and wife, pt, ne sw sec. 14, Sherman. Paul M. Creed and wife to Richard G. Sprague and wife, Lots 6,7,8,9,10, blk. 34, Village of Weidman.

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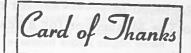
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WANTED--Photos of Weidman taken in spring, summer or fall. Especially wanted is a photo of the pavilion at Mitchell Memorial Park, showing family reunion or other group enjoying park facilities, especially the pavilion. Also desired are any fishing, boating or hunting pictures taken on nearby lakes or in woods. Pictures will be returned undamaged. Wanted by the Weidman Business Association for its new brochure circulated by the State Highway Department, state-wide. Please leave photos at Fox Hardware, Pitts Radio & Tv Store, or at Mick's

Barber Shop. Jan. 9tf in loving memory In loving memory of Howard Wood, who passed away one year ago Jan. 21.

Sadly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren.



To a very Christian-hearted lady, Mrs. Tranbarger, a very sincere Thank You for the beautiful pink Christmas poinsettia. For understanding, concerr, and the first flowers every year that peek their cold petals through early-spring icy ground, God bless you, Mrs. Skinner, and thank you sincerely. Mrs. Noe.

FOR SALE--One 30-inch bottle gas range. Looks nice. Mrs. Paul Cole, tel. 644-2088. Jan. 23tf

KEEP carpet cleaning problems small--use Blue Lustre wall to wall. Rent electric shampooer, \$1. Fox Hardware, Weidman. Jan. 16t1

Obituary

DOUGLAS RANSHAW

Sp/4 Douglas Leroy Ranshaw of rural Barryton died of injuries sustained when he jumped from a moving truck and was run over in Vietnam Jan. 10. He was 18 years old. He was with the 25th Infantry Division in the Chu Chi area.

He was a graduate of Barryton High School and was married to the former Sandy Kay Knopp, on June 26.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ranshaw of rural Barryton; two brothers, Eugene, 16, and Ricky, 12; three sisters, Patricia, 14, Christy, 11, and Julie, nine, all at home; a grandfather, Gerald Ranshaw, of Barryton, and grandmother, Mrs. Doris DeHaen, of Mason.

The body arrived at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Tuesday morning, with funeral ser-vices scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m., with full mili-tary honors, at the Barryton Church of God, with Rev. Kenneth Brady officiating. Burial was in the East Fork Cemetery at Barryton.



PETER ESCH

Peter Esch, a resident of Weidman the past 20 years, died at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday, Jan. 15. He was 83 years old, his birthday having been Jan. 15, 1886. He was born in Westphalia and spent his life as a farmer in Broomfield until his retirement, when he came to Weidman.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 18, in St. Joseph the Worker's Catholic Church at Beal City, with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. Father Edward Neubecker officiated at the funeral rites.

Surviving are four sons, Louis, Paul and Bernard Esch, all of Mt. Pleasant; and Frank, of Fort Jackson, Texas; five daughters, Mrs. Vila Nelson of Lansing, Mrs. Mary Swan and Mrs. Ida Van Horn, both of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Dorothy Esch of Remus, and Mrs.

Anna Momany of Germany; Also surviving are two brothers, Frank Esch of Muir and Nick of Lansing; and 37 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. We mourn the passing of another of our pioneer farmers. --0---

bituary

HAROLD ELLIOTT

Harold Frederick Elliott of Mt. Pleasant died unexpectedly last Tuesday, Jan. 14, in CMC Hos-pital. He was 66. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Joe Stevens. He was born Oct. 13, 1902, in Isabella County. He had been terminal manager for Darling Freight Lines for 25 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife- Bet-

ty; a brother, Lanson, of Mt. Pleasant; sisters-in-law Mrs. Stella Elliott and Mrs. Stevens; and nieces and nephews.

Moose services were held last Thursday in the Stinson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Stinson Funeral Home, with Rev. Edward Krauss officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.



the Sam Waters home.

Fellowship Service at Brinton Chapel Jan. 26, 7.30 p.m. *****

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. *okxkok

FOREST HILL

COMMUNITY CHURCH Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Preaching, 11 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 6.45 p.m. Evangelical Hour, 7.30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday, 8.30 p. m.

***** WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST Dean Denslow, Speaker Sunday School, 8.45 a.m. Worship Service, 10 a.m. Esther Circle, 3rd Tuesday. McArthur Circle, 3rd Thursday. General W.S.C.S., first Thursday.

A church-wide Planning Conference was held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19, from 3 to 6 p.m. This proved to be a very fruitful conference, with many goals set, and plans made to meet these goals.

There will be a time change beginning Feb. 2. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. and the Church Worship Service 11 a.m. We welcome Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas Guy into the fellowship of the church as transfer members from Mt. Pleasant. ***

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST George Getchel, Pastor Worship Service, 9 a.m. Bible School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. We were glad to welcome the

Christian Puppeteers for our Sunday evening service. This group of young people have used this unique ministry for the Glory of God and teach some good lessons.

The young people traveled to Shepherd for the January Youth Rally. Dr. Ely of Great Lakes Bible College was the featured speaker.

Men's Fellowship dinner coming up at Alma on Feb. 3. BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News Cora Estes, Reporter

The Ray Olling family of Breckenridge attended church services here Sunday.

services here Sunday. Roy Phoenix, Jr., fell while playing at school, breaking a small bone in his wrist. He attends school in Barryton. The Weidman and Lake Bap-

The Weidman and Lake Baptist Churches will meet with the Brinton Church Sunday evening, Jan. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker spent Sunday with Oraulea's brother, Ross Cheadle, and wife, at Gladwin. They report more snow has fallen there than here.

Noticed in last week's Messenger that Verena Ferguson Gingrich knew Cora Estes. The Kent and Ferguson families were neigh bors for years. They lived a short distance from our home. Verena's mother had a loom, and wove carpets for many years. From our back porch, on still mornings, we could hear her at work. Nearly every neighbor had one or more of her woven rag carpets. They were woven in strips the length of one's room, then sewn together with heavy cord. A layer of straw was placed on the floor and the carpet was then laid over this and tacked alongside of the wall. These car-pets never wore out, they just faded out. Rug lengths are made the same today, but one seldom sees a wall-to-wall rag carpet. Mr.and Mrs.Kenneth Baker

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker and Jack and John are leaving on a 12-day trip to Florida Thursday, Jan. 23. They plan to spend a few days with their son, Larry, and family at Camp Meade, Md., before starting for Florida.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



Central Gilmore Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter

Terrance O'Rourke was taken to the hospital last Tuesday with a possible heart attack. We hope he is better now. Mrs. Beth Jackson is staying with Marjorie. Callers this week at the Alvin Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Garshaw of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Wood of Clare and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cameron of Rosebush. George Getchel was also a caller.

Elwyn Pitts flew to Sheboygan and Plymouth, Wisc., last Friday and Saturday on business. Mrs. Wm. Phillips is confined to her home and must stay off her feet. We hope that you are better, Judy, before Sunday,

better, Judy, before Sunday, Jan. 26, so you can celebrate. The Gilmore Women's Fellowship met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs.Elwyn Pitts. There were 19 ladies present.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vanness Cook last Monday evening.

The TOPS Club met at the home of Mrs.Wm.Phillips last Wednesday afternoon.

Arthur Jahn of Northville spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts. Thursday they were supper guests of Mrs. Elaine Esterline. Mr. and Mrs. John Sanburn and son of Lansing visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Badg ley. John is returning to Viet-

nam. This is his second tour of duty there. Agnes Fuller and Harriet Baker

spent Sunday with Mrs. Ethel Johnson of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Converse of Farwell. They also called at the nursing home to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family. Other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox and family of Shepherd.

The Senior Youth group had a sliding party on the big hill Saturday and then returned to the home of Marlene Pitts for hot cocoa and cookies.

Dale Badgley is sick with flu. We all welcomed the January thaw. It is nice to drive on

good blacktop again.

PIONEER FARM BUREAU OF GILMORE

Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips, Reporter The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township met at the home of Mr.and Mrs. D.C.Cook Jan. 13. A short business session was conducted by Chairman William Phillips.

Thirteen members were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr.and Mrs. Frank Newman Feb. 10 at 6 o'clock. Carol Graham gave a report of the Farm Bureau Women's meet-

ings to be held, and also read a letter she received from Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lowery, who are vacationing in Australia. We all enjoyed hearing it.

Mrs.Olive Irwin led us in discussion on the topic, "What Price Situation," and also gave a very humorous reading, "No Hogs in My Heaven," which we all truly enjoyed.

Laura Cook served beef stew and pot-luck dinner prior to the meeting.

Thursday, January 23, 1969

NEWS NOTES Clyde Beutler attended a meeting Monday evening of the Tittabawassee River Watershed Management Steering Committee. This was a dinner meeting in the Heather Room at Alma. Clyde has been vice-chariman of the Executive Committee the past two years, representing Isabella County on the Watershed Management Steering Committee since its authorization three years ago.



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Dora Smith, Reporter

53 MILES TO HOUGHTON LAKE ON SNOWSHOES

Rick Maeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maeder, and Leonard Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox, walked 53 miles on snowshoes to Houghton Lake last weekend and won a light-hearted wager with a classmate, Tim Hauck. All are Seniors in the Beal City Public High School.

It started as a joking argument. the boys' parents told the Messen ger, with Rick and Leonard saying they could, too, walk to Houghton Lake on snowshoes.

They did. They left the Beal City School last Thursday afternoon at 2.30 in a freezing rain, heading cross-country to old US-27. They had a sled loaded with a tent and

a sied loaded with a tent and sleeping bags, and food supplies. They stopped at 7 p.m. Thurs-day evening, heated canned soup over a canned-heat fire, and slept in their tent. They were up at 7 next morning, and they made it to Harrison, where they ate a restaurant meal and slept in a motel cabin. That was Friday

They arrived at Houghton Lake Saturday afternoon before five, and spent the night with friends in Houghton Lake Heights.

Just out of Houghton Lake their snowshoes and a flag they intended to place in the ice carnival going on there were stolen, but the boys got them back Sunday.

They did some ice fishing Sunday, with one keeper pike to their credit, which they gave another fisherman.

It has been figured that they averaged 23 miles per day on their trip, something like 2.3 miles per hour--on snowshoes! Tim Hauck was at Houghton

Lake Sunday and brought them back--his part of a wager he lost.

The boys' parents were among many from here who were at Houghton Lake Sunday for the Tip-up Town celebration.

Mr.and Mrs.Wm.Trowbridge spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs.Ed Blasen. Mr. and Mrs.Wm.Faber are the

proud parents of a baby boy, born last Wednesday.

The funeral of Peter Esch Saturday was well attended. The nine children were all home. Anna came from Germany, Frank and family from Texas, and two brothers, Frank from Muir and Nick and son from Lansing. Dinner was served the family in the church basement.

Lucinda Schafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schafer of Beal City, celebrated her eighth birthday Sunday.

Florence Pung is out and around again, looking quite well. Ida Tilmann is still in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and

WEIDMAN MESSENGER

Louise Smith went to the wake for Peter Esch Friday evening at the Crittenden Funeral Home in

Remus. --0--MARIAN FUSSMAN QUEEN OF AREA TOPS CLUB

The Weidman Hep TOPS Club held its second annual anniversary banquet in the Okiou at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant last Thursday evening with 60 mem-

bers and guests present. A buffet-style dinner was served at 6.30 p.m., with a pro-

gram following. Marian Fussman of Beal City was crowned Queen of the year and presented with a dozen red roses.

Ann Schafer of Beal City was presented an arm bouquet of a half-dozen pink tea roses as runner-up to the Queen.

Terry Sowle was presented with a dozen pink roses and crowned Princess of the year. These presentations were made by the club's leader, Bessie Al-

len, of Farwell. Division winners were honored and presented with a single pink carnation. The runners-up were

presented with a single white carnation. The KOPS were recognized, and each was presented a yel-

low carnation corsage by Ann Lawler of Mt. Pleasant, Mistress of Ceremonies.

Names were drawn throughout the program for door prizes do-nated by TOPS members and many generous business men of Weidman, Barryton, Beal City and Mt. Pleasant.

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY DRAWS BIG CROWD ON STORMY DAY

Sixty-two Senior Citizens from this side of Isabella County at-tended the regular card party at the Beal City Knights of Colum-bus Hall last Thursday afternoon, braving a freezing rain on already icy and snow-filled roads. The rain warmed somewhat during the afternoon and the trips back home were not so hazardous as the early-afternoon drive to the

card party. Eleven games were played, with Mrs. Kate Darnell winning highscore prize, and Mrs. Celia Sim-

mer winning second. First prize for the men went to Harold Schumacher, with Louis Rau winning second. Julius Schumacher won the pepper prize. The door prize was won by Bill

Appelgreen. The committee, composed of

Lillian Zeien, Marie Block, Rose Hauck and Kate Cotter (filling in for Hulda Stevens) served coffee and donuts.

The next party will be Jan. 30.

Richard Pohl re-entered CMC

Hospital last Monday. Harley Sampsel has been in the Mt. Pleasant hospital, suffering from a heart condition.

ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus entertained their club Sunday evening, with eight couples present. Prizes for high score went to Gary Wernette, and low to Bernard Riley; Leona Riley won high for the ladies, and Carol Wernette low. Pepper prize was won by Gerald Vogel. The hostess served a delightful

lunch for her guests.

Coldwater Lake Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mr.and Mrs. Walter Wischmey er called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward Schafer Wednesday even-

ing. Mr.and Mrs.Wayne Sherlock and daughter of Kalkaska spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer, of rural Mt. Pleasant. Thursday evening they had supper with the Edward Schafer family. Our deepest sympathy to the families of Peter Esch and Fred

Jacobs, who died this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer, Mr. and Mrs. Max Straus and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lo-renz, Thelma Kolarik, Clar-ence Lorenz and Mrs. Peter Lorenz attended the funeral of Fred Jacobs in Flint Saturday.



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Mrs. Bob Theisen and children of Mt. Pleasant spent the day with her father, Peter Lorenz, Saturday.

Sunday morning Mrs.Edward Schafer received word their granddaughter, Leanna Sher-lock, was admitted to the hos-pital at Traverse City. Leanna is four months old, and had the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schafer attended rosary for Peter Esch at Remus Friday afternoon and funeral services Saturday

at Beal City. Mr.and Mrs.John McKenzie called on the Edward Schafer

family Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Ruth Lorenz and son, John, and Jack Perrin of Saginaw called at the Peter Lorenz home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer and girls spent Sunday at the Walter Wischmeyer home.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR DANNY ST. JOHN

Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John gave a birthday dinner Sunday honoring the first anniversary of their small son, Danny. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Or-

ville Bates and family of Clare and Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh of Saginaw.

Beal City

Walker Creek

News

Esther Stanley, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson attended the lovely wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kenoah Henning (Kathy Block) at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City Saturday morning, and the reception at the K.C. Hall in the evening. Mrs. Craig Thompson participated as a bridesmaid.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were her mother, Mrs. Courser, and Mrs. Dorothy Brewer. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ercel Williams, of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda of Big Rapids visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler of

Remus, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buckley and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Snyder of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Ethel Mc-Lean. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother en route to their work at the State Home and Training School in Mt. Pleasant. Arthur Loomis was a recent visitor, fixing the pump for Mrs. Mc-Lean.

Mrs. Clyde Emmons reports she is feeling lots better.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry is very busy these days, in her duties as treasurer of Sherman Township. Many residents have called to pay taxes.

Mrs. Gary Portenga returned home from the Mt. Pleasant hospital Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Por-tenga went to Conklin Saturday,



visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ley, and bringing Lee Ann home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray brought his father, Ernest Gray, home from the hospital Thursday. He was feeling some better. Ward Loomis of Sherman City called at the Gray home Sunday, reporting that Mrs. Loomis (Pearl) was quite ill with flu.

Mrs. Etta Skalitzky, Mrs. Vada Conley, Mrs.Eileen Faber and Mrs.Doris Wilmot accompanied Mrs.Ollie Denslow to The Embers in Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening, where they attended the Weidman Hep TOPS Club's second anniversary banquet and awards meeting. They report a wonderful time. Mrs. Evelyn Denslow also attended, with her daughter, Linda (Mrs. Finney), enjoying the event.

Mrs. Robert Corwin and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Sunday evening. Mrs. Corwin began work at Ferro's in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. The Corwins now live on the Airline Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock arrived home Wednesday night from their vacation in Florida. They report a nice time, but had cool weather and frost, also her mother, Mrs. Sherman Smith. had broken some ribs when she fell in her bathroom, striking

against the tub in the mishap. Eddie, Debbie and Susan Schrock were Saturday overnight guests of their grandparents. Their father, Rodney, came for them Sunday, and all were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake visited Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Chapman of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suman of Weidman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.Barry Conley

Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton was a Thursday guest of Mr. and Mrs.Otto Skalitzky, attending the Senior Citizens card party at Beal City with them. She won the ladies' first prize. Mr. and Mrs. Skaliztky visited Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler, Mrs. Lena St. John and Mrs. Eunice La Londe went to Flint Tuesday, where they attended the funeral of their cousin, Robert Pratt, at Parkland Congregational Church.

Mrs. R. Stanley was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley Monday, going to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday morning with them, and was a guest of

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elliott Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Elliott took her to her doctor, and also to the hospital for x-rays. Glad to report there were no broken bones, but the arthritic pains in the hip joints are almost unbearable at times.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall of Coleman visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Saturday evening.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis on the birth of their daughter, Jennie May, Fri-day morning, Jan. 17. She weighed over eight pounds. Their son, Lonnie, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage of Mt. Pleasant.

Happy to report that Deanna, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung, was released from St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw Tuesday and brought home. She had been in hospitals since New Year's Day. She was taken first to the Mt. Pleasant hospital and then transferred to St. Mary's, with a tentative diagnosis of meningitis. Skull xrays were taken at St. Mary's, with everything apparently okay. -0-

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR JODI SPRAGUE SATURDAY

Mrs. Ronnie Sprague gave a family birthday dinner Saturday honoring the eighth anniversary of her daughter, Jodi.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mrs. Bessie Teall. BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Maycie Cook, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Tuesday evening guests of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold. Mrs. Bea Adams and Vida and P Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lu. der, Miss Bonnie Gostola and Jerry Loucks of Mt. Pleasant

called later in the week. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin were weekend guests of Maycie Cook.

Mr. and Mts. Theodore Rhode were Sunday visitors of Mr.and Mrs. Joe Stevens.

Roderick Nicholson entertained the Farm Bureau Thursday evening. It will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Bergey and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook enjoyed a drive to Houghton Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook entertained all the Cook relatives Sunday, to honor their daughter, Darla, who has enlisted in the W.A.V.E.S and left Wednesday for Bainbridge, Md. It was also their grandson Allen's birthday.

Karen Rhode, who attends CMU in Mt. Pleasant, is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Harold Elliott, since the recent death of Mr. Elliott.

Mrs.Bud Hines and daughter, Rhonda, were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. The Hines' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Flachs, of rural Remus, were among the 175 couples, all Surge milking machine dealers, who went on a chartered plane to the Bahamas for several days' vacation last week.

Mr.and Mrs.Bob Hogg and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Hines home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines and Roderick Nicholson enjoyed an evening of cards with Mrs.Flossie Sellers Saturday evening.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



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WEIDMAN LEONARD STATION NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT AS

Thursday, January 23, 1969



WEIDMAN MESSENGER



OLD OLDEST LANDMARK--Is the Caldwell Hotel at Two Rivers. The above photo was taken by the Messenger last fall, and it was taken because we feel that some day, perhaps soon, it will either fall down or be torn down. In this building J. C. Caldwell and his wife conducted a prosperous hotel business during the early years of development of Isabella County. It seems incon-ceivable today that cooking for hotel guests could have been done in the lean-to kitchen at the back of the building.

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versed were rendered bearable in

lover by surprise. Reaching Mt. Pleasant early in

the forenoon, she procured a liv-ery team and started for "Two

Rivers," fondly anticipating the

joyful welcome she would re-

The day was very cold, and

the few persons venturing out were closely muffled to protect

them from the frosty air. Mr. Caldwell was coming to

meet his intended, and, to do

the thing up in style, had en-gaged a driver, while he lay back in the sleigh covered by robes of fur, with a big stone, carefully heated to keep his fact warm. tucked heated to the

feet warm, tucked beneath the

the bride to be, passed her sleigh in blissful ignorance of

its fair occupant. Mr. Caldwell arrived in due

season in Mt. Pleasant, and was soon made presentable through the skill of the tonsorial artist

Time hung heavily on his hands while awaiting the arrival

of the evening train. He ner-vously paced the platform of the

depot until the passengers had

alighted. The object of his affections

not appearing among them, he

became uneasy and telegraphed

to Ohio for particulars. An answer was returned stating that

she had started the day before and certainly expected to arrive

patiently for the morrow. The

morning train carried him to Coleman, where he confidently

expected to meet her, but again

he was sorely disappointed. Realizing that "there is many a

that evening.

and a well paid tailor.

The driver failing to recognize

the anticipation of taking her

In the 1884 "Portrait & Biograph-the long miles which were traical Album" of Isabella County, an account of Mr. Caldwell's second marriage is given, which we present verbatim as it was written at that time, 1884:

J.C.Caldwell, the proprietor of the Two Rivers Hotel, is a vigorous man of 60 summers. He was recently married to a handsome lady from Ohio, which occasion furnished a great deal of amuse-

ment to his neighbors. He had been a widower but a short time, when the "tender pas-sion" became as firmly planted in his anatomy as it would had he been a youth of 20.

Mrs. Sarah Griswold, of Bissell, Ohio, was visiting in the neigh-borhood, and her charming manner and handsome face complete

ly captivated him. Shaking off the mental depression which had clung to him for four long weeks, he began pay-ing court to the handsome wid-, and his suit met with favor. OW

Her visit nearing its end, she had fixed upon the day to return to her native village, but Mr. Caldwell's persistent pleading had a fitting reward, inasmuch as he had her promise that she would return and become his bride. After her departure, let-ters from the twain were mailed regularly each day, but this mode of correspondence seemed too slow for the restless nature of our venerable friend. He longed to possess in reality what was his own by right of conquest, and the day had scarcely arrived in which his bride to be would return from her eastern trip, when he started from Deerfield, ex-pecting to meet her in Mt. Pleasant.

She was expected on the evening instead of the morning train, but, equally as impatient as him-self, had started one day earlier than was originally intended, and slip" etc., he returned to Mt. Pleasant. In the meantime, he had sent his team home, and was obliged to call on the livery for favors. Here he was informed that his lady had arrived the day before on the morning train, and was now safely quartered at the hotel in Two Rivers.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, a team was procured and the excited man started post haste for home. On the way he stopped at the house of Justice A. J. Stansell, and the worthy functionary dressed and accompanied

him. When the pair arrived at the hotel, everybody had retired for the night; but the case being one which would not admit of delay, the household were aroused and preparations made to celebrate the nuptials of the pair who had been by accident so rudely sep-arated for so many hours!

The meeting of the lovers was affecting; and, after explanation were made and their exuberant feelings somewhat calmed, Jus-tice Stansell pronounced them nated for life.

No happier couple reside in the township, and their romantic courtship and marriage gives the story a place in the history of Isabella County. xxxxxx

The 1884 Album says this of Deerfield Township: Deerfield is well drained by both branches of the Chippewa and the Coldwater Rivers. These streams abound in fish, and the waters are as clear as crystal. Owing to the numerous springs in

the bed of the Coldwater, the waters are cool and refreshing even during the warmest weather. In the springtime, great num-bers of logs are floated down to the large mill near the junction of the Coldwater with the Chippewa.

Deerfield has one small hamlet, located on section 7, with The provide the section of the secti lished here, in compliance with a petition containing over 200 signatures of voters residing within three miles of the place. Thus the Portrait and Biograph-

ical Album of 1884. ---0---

THE WEIDMAN MESSENGER GETS AROUND--AND AROUND We are often told by our sub-scribers, "We read our Messenger through and then every week we send it on to Aunt Maude," or

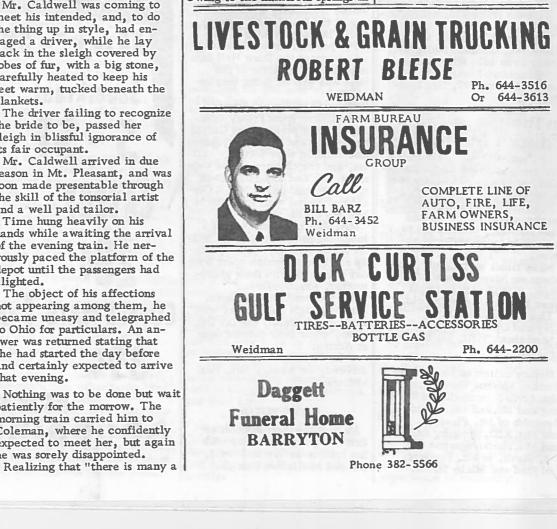
Sister Jane, or Brother Bill. Each copy of the Messenger reaches at least three families, on the average, each week, so that our real circulation is much more than the postoffice mailng figures show. We don't mind this at all. Go

ahead and send the Messenger to a friend or loved one.

We are flattered by this interest of our readers.

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Weidman State Bank	3	3
Wentworth IGA	2	4
Marchiando & Rau	2	4
Fortino Beverage	2	4
Giant Super Mkt.	2	4
Central Concrete	2	4
Pabst Blue Ribbon	1	5
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High Team Series: Beal City Tavern 2990. High Team Game: Weidman State Bank 1047. High Indv. Series: Doug Hethington 556, Bob Lyons 555, Bob Mur-phy 553. High Inv. Game: Bob Cotton 225, Tom Bierschbach 225, Bob Lyons 208.

GUYS & DOLLS

Jan. 17, 190	9		
Lawens & Pantenburg	10	2	
Nolte & Moore	10	2	
Lyon & Wilson	9	3	
Thon & Blake	8	4	
Bleise & Straus	7	5	
Blehm & Moore	7	5	
Sharrar & Mattonen	7	5	
Knapp & Bouck	4	8	
McArthur & Anderson	3	9	
Green & McConnell	3	9	
Foster & Moore	2	10	
Bierschbach & Zill	2	10	

High Team Series: Nolte & Moore 2389. High Team Game: Blehm & Moore 855. High Series Men: Pete Knapp 557, Gary D. Moore 553, Mitch McArthur 514. High Game, Men; Gary D.Moore 257, Buck Nolte 214, Mitch Mc-Arthur 197.

High Series, Women: Mary Blake 542, Gertrude Nolte 506, Bonny Lyon 483. High Game, Women: Mary Blake 192, 191, Gertrude Nolte 179, Dee Lawens 178.

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in the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Please find check for \$5 for another year's subscription for the Messenger:

The little paper that covers and reaches out to such a far and wide territory; which helps to keep us in touch with one another.

Many times we read of people whom we haven't heard of for years. It is so easy to forget when we are all growing old.

Thank you, Connie. Jay and Opal Denslow.

(And thank YOU, Jay and Opal. --Connie.) ---0----

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schumacher of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reynolds of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague, and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague and son, Steve, of Mt. Pleasant, and Fred and Micky Straus.

Column

By Connie (Continued from Page One)

United States, not President of the World as our Presidents have seemed to consider themselves these past 30 years and more.

We say, for the Messenger, that certainly would be a switch: For an American President to put America first and the rest of the world second, in the spending of our blood and treasure.

The above is our own observation, not Mr. Harvey's.

There was more, and, for fear of misquoting him, we are writ-ing Mr. Harvey for a copy of his editorial and shall ask permission to print it.

It's worth reading--and worth listening to. He comes on for a short three minutes preceding the Huntley-Brinkley news report on Channel 5. ---0--

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter Mr.and Mrs. Lawrence Graber were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were afternoon callers. Mrs. Verlia Wilcox was a Wednesday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO meeting at Beaverton Wednesday evening, and one at the Deerfield Township Hall Thursday evening.

The Joe Martin family attended a party at the Drew Hall Sunday evening for some of the boys who will be going into service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children spent Friday even-ing with her parents, the Gerald Dents. Mr.and Mrs.Lynn Johnson and children were Saturday callers, and the children stayed over night. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent spent the weekend at home.Gerald and Mabel went to Saginaw Monday of this week.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a luncheon guest at the Floyd Mil-ler home Saturday. Jamie, Cindy and Bryan Denslow spent Sunday afternoon with their grandmother, Mrs. Denslow.

The Brownell children spent Saturday night and Sunday with their grandparents, the Jay Denslows, while their parents were at Adrian.

Miles Miller plowed out the driveway for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller. ---0----

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bischoff of East Tawas spent Sunday with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Carrick.

AUTO LICENSE PLATES ON SALE HERE FEB. 5 A representative from the Shepherd Secretary of State's Office will be at the Allen Lumber Co. offices Feb. 5 to sell auto li-

cnese plates. Weidman area people find this a welcome arrangement, saving many the task of waiting in line at Mt. Pleasant. ---0-

GETS BIGGEST PIKE FROM HORSEHEAD LAKE

Herbert Lawrence called at the Messenger office Monday evening to tell us he had speared the biggest pike ever taken from Horsehead Lake, an 11-pound, 36-inch fish.

His other big pike was a sixand-a-half-pounder, 30 inches long.

Herb has been a resident of the lake area in Mecosta County the past ten years.

HOLSTEIN BREEDERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING AT THE JOE STEVENS DAIRY FARM

The Isabella-Clare Holstein Breeders Association held their annual meeting at the Joseph Ste vens & Son Dairy Farm Wednesday, at 1.30 p.m.

Attending members inspected the highly-rated barn and milkhouse facilities of the Stevens farm, as well as the very highly rated quality registered Holstein cows in the Stevens herd.

Youth activities in connection with dairy exhibits at the county

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fair and other fairs were discussed.

Mr. Stevens is president of the two-county Breeders Association, with Norman Gross secretary-trea surer.

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Editor's Mail

Dear Editors:

Another year has passed. I will have to say I am just getting in under the wire.

Keep the good news coming. I enjoy the Messenger very much. We used to have severe storms way back, say 1914. I have traveled to Smiley's Store at

Two Rivers across the fields for groceries, as it was impossible to get horses on the road.

The best to you for the New Year. Sincerely yours, Harold D. Bartholomew

Blanchard.

-0--Local Items

Mrs. Richard Sprague received a telephone call from her brother, M/Sgt. Harland L. Snider, from his station in England, Saturday night. He will be home in September of this year.

Mr.and Mrs.Russell Wilson and Mrs. Pat Hathaway spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mrs.Glenn Frantz was reported as improving the first of the week, in the Clare Hospital. She was recovering from pneumonia.

