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VACATION WEATHER? PHOOEY.

So we had ten days of vacation from getting out the Messenger, from Wednesday, Dec. 25, till Saturday, Jan. 4, and had planned a doozie of a schedule of ramming around the county making calls on folks we wanted to see and haven't, and also having a few sessions of euchre with old friends, at our house.

So--the weather said, No.

So we stayed at home, in the house, not even going fishing, during that wonderful vacation that started with freezing rain Christmas Day and went on from there to what we have now--an accumulation of snow and snow drifts over an ice foundation.

We still don't go anywhere we don't have to, and naturally would not ask our friends to drive when we wouldn't do the same.

But we had a wonderful vacation regardless, with lots of heavenly loafing and a few odd chores accomplished.

Now we're ready for another six months of weekly schedules on the Messenger.

We hope you all had as good holidays as we did. And we hope 1969 looks as good for you as it does for us. Which is to say, a possibility of progress in our various projects among us all here in Weidman, Mich.

WINTER BIRDS ARE COMPANY FOR MANY

More and more people are beginning to take an interest in feeding our winter birds, here in Weidman and surrounding areas.

The birds reward us with their bright colors on a drab winter background, and some of them with their antics at the feeders.

At our place, and the Tranbargers' next door, we have had a great number of evening grosbeaks, beautiful birds which are fairly rare here in winter.

This year they're here in flocks, and we have read that they are migrating down from Canada, and that they're eating growth-buds on pine-tree plantings.

We don't think of these things as we watch the pert charrtreuse, yellow, black and white birds at our feeders. They are just a beautiful sight, to us.

We also have, of course, the cardinals, and in great numbers this winter; the ever-present bluejays, amazingly big when they come close to the house; and of course the charming little chick-



A FEW OF OUR WINTER BIRDS--At our feeder just outside the dining-room window. It takes time and patience to get a bird picture, as the little rascals are frightened by a camera. They don't seem to object to us "big folks" at the window, but they definitely are camera-shy. We managed to get a couple of evening grosbeaks and the smaller birds coming to the feeder. Photo taken through our rose-brambles outside the window.

adees and the clowning junkos. One of winter's compensations is the sight of many birds on our lawn and at the feeder close to the house. They have become quite tame, and don't mind the big people moving past windows as they gobble up wheat, sunflower seeds and otherwise just anything we put out.

Just a feeder somewhere in your yard will bring the birds to keep you company.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CARD PARTY SET FOR JAN. 16

The twice-a-month Senior Citizens' pepper party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 2, was canceled because of bad weather and treacherous roads.

The next party will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 16, according to word from the new officers, Rose Hauck and Hulda Stevens.

The Beal City parties draw Senior card players from all parts of the county. All are welcome.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

WEIDMAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The regular monthly meeting of the Weidman Business Association (WBA) was held Monday evening, Dec. 30, at the Weidman State Bank. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President, Mick Schmalbach, Weidman barber; Bernard Pitts, of Pitts Radio and Tv Store, Pitts Real Estate and McArthur Insurance Co., vice president; Don Abbott, of Abbott's Furniture, was re-elected treasurer; and Walter J. Smith, of Walt's Bait Shop and Birch Hills Associates on Lake of the Hills, was re-elected secretary.

Auditors for the year will be Raymond Shook, of Ray's Shopping Center, and Ed Fox, of the Fox Hardware.

Named to the park committee for a three-year-term was Bud Fredrickson of Dillenbeck's Store; for a two-year term, Evelyn Hackney, of the Village Inn Tavern; and Jim Palmer, of Palmer's

Men in Uniform

Here's a new address:

PFC. Bruce A. Reed, RA-68012253, Hq., A Co., 9th Med. Bn., 9th Inf. Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96370.

Bruce arrived in Vietnam Dec. 19, as a medic, but has written his parents his occupation may be changed. He was stationed at Dang Tan when he wrote his folks.

Sp/4 Terry Schafer left Sunday to drive his own car to Fort Carson, Colo., after a 10-day furlough home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, of Beal City. This was the first time Terry had attempted to drive through.

Pvt. and Mrs. Wallace Skinner visited Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner Friday morning, on their way back to Fort Sill, Okla., after spending a holiday furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner. Wally is in the Artillery, and has five weeks to go at Fort Sill and then will be sent to Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey of Two Rivers have heard from their son, Virgil, who spent some time in a hospital in Japan and was sent back to Vietnam.

He was in Headquarters, but said he had been sniped at recently while on patrol duty.

His address:

Pfc. Virgil I. Harvey, 2420942, Hdq. Co., Hdq. Bn., 3rd Marine Div., FPO San Francisco 96602.

PFC. Walter Shaner was home from Fort Bragg, N. C., over the New Year's holiday. The children of the Clarence Shaners had dinner with them.

Idle Hour Bar, a one-year term.

A committee was named to work on new brochures for the village: Bernard Pitts, Ed Fox and Jim Clark, of Clark's Market.

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ABBOTT'S FURNITURE OWNERS ATTEND ANNUAL SHOWING IN CHICAGO

Don Abbott and son, Mitchell, left Tuesday of this week to spend several days attending the annual furniture showings at the Furniture Market and Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

Last-minute changes due to weather and road conditions sent Don and son Mitch to Chicago, with Birdie minding the store.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Dean and Nancy entertained all the family at Christmas time: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and son of Maryland, the Olan Marshalls of Belleville, and Anna Chaffee of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and family at Grand Blanc.

Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake called on the George Merrihews several times the past couple of weeks. Ervin Dutcher was a caller, and plowed out the driveways for the George and Orrie Merrihews and the Clayton Dutchers, for which we are very thankful.

George Woodin called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., during the week.

Miss Eva Merrihew of Leaton spent Christmas Day with the Orrie Merrihews. She called on the George Merrihews. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and daughters of Pontiac came the day after Christmas and spent a couple of days with his folks, the Orrie Merrihews, and Orval.

Merrill and Joyce Stanley of Mt. Morris called on their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family of Rosebush. Mrs. Johnston and family were Sunday callers of the Howard Beutlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family spent Christmas Day with her aunt, Mabel Kennicott, at St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hare of Northville visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew, the Monday before Christmas.

Theron Merrihew of Lake took his dad to the doctor Dec. 21. George is feeling some better at this time, after having flu.

The Clarence Chaffee family called several times on the Merrihews, and Aletha took George back to see the doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher had all their children and grandchildren home Christmas Day.

George Secord had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and their children and families. They called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher of Lake Orion spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas spent Sunday with her folks, the Theodore Cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and sons of Saginaw spent a couple of days last week with the Ervin Dutchers.

Emory Dell spent Sunday afternoon with Ward Dell.

The Gatehouse families all spent Christmas Day and evening at the Duane Thren home, with a gift exchange.

George Secord called on the Clayton Dutchers Thursday after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and girls of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and family were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and family of Belleville spent the New Year's weekend at home, to attend the funeral of Lavigne Albar, a friend of Alan.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher entertained at a New Year's party: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger, Douglas Struble, and Janet Fox.

New Year's Day Mrs. Katherine McDaniel and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family helped Kay Lynn Dutcher celebrate her fourth birthday. They all enjoyed ice cream and cake.

The McDaniel girls all got new roller skates for Christmas. Their mother took them and the Warner children roller skating Friday evening.

Rudy Tabor had Christmas dinner with his sister and family, the McDaniels. Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDaniel were recent callers of Kate McDaniel.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Mrs. Lillie Maddox was called to Saginaw Saturday to care for the home and her family, while her daughter is in a Saginaw hospital for a gall-bladder condition.

The Brines family are home now, after a week's vacation with the Zinskys of Dearborn and Norman's mother in Illinois. They report very little snow in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bazaire have sold their farm, known for years as the Royale St. John property, and plan to locate near Chipewa Lake.

A family dinner was held at the Martin Boger home Saturday evening. The occasion was Maggie's birthday.

The Merry Go Round Club meets Thursday with Mrs. Pauline Wendel, weather permitting.

The Brinton Church held a delayed Christmas program and treat for the children on Sunday evening.

The five-months-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place entered the Clare hospital suffering from pneumonia, and later had a case of measles. He is home now, and on the mend.

The Mitchell Geaslers of Lansing were weekend visitors of

the Geasler families here.

Mrs. Gordie Fosberg was in Grand Rapids Saturday, shopping with her sister, Emily Geasler.

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Local Items

Herb Lawrence stopped in at the Messenger office last Monday evening on his way to the regular meeting of the Weidman Oddfellows, to bring us an obituary for Kenneth Kent. The Oddfellows enjoyed their holiday oyster supper that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates of Clare Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hess of Auburndale, Wis., were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Saline and their daughter, Mrs. Helen Bartlett, and two little girls of East Lansing were recent Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark.

Mildred Tompkins of Barryton came Friday night to spend the winter with Blanche Cliff.

Mrs. Arthur Bazaire was a Sunday guest at the home of her

grandson, Gary St. John, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell. Mrs. Bessie Teall was a Sunday dinner guest of the Spragues.

Mrs. Gary Sprague is home from the hospital, wearing a brace on her back after an auto accident two weeks ago Friday night. She has had many callers since her return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater and boys were last Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family. Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh of Saginaw were last Tuesday and New Year's Day guests. The birthdays of Gary and son Michael were observed.

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NEW MANAGER AT WEIDMAN LEONARD STATION

Harry Hardenburg has taken over the management of the big Leonard Service station in Weidman.

Bill is a mechanic, and is advertising repair on snomobiles, small machines and light car repair.

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WANT ADS

WANT AD RATES: 50¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rate of 50¢ per col. inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks: 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000.

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 Jan. 9t2p

ELECTRICAL WIRING--Lighting, heating and power. Call 644-3474, evenings. Lee Parker, Weidman, Mich.
 Jan. 9t2p

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

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NOTICE--To Farm Bureau members: Don't let your Blue Cross lapse. Pay your membership dues by Jan. 15. The County Office will be open Jan 11 from 10 to 4.
 Jan. 9t1

FOR SALE--Three bedroom house with oil furnace, electric water heater. Land contract. Inquire at 5678 W. Jordan Road. Edward J. Schafer.
 Jan. 9tf

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the many things done for us at the time of Chuckie's death; For the prayers the past year, the generous gifts of money, the beautiful flowers, the sympathy cards; To Rev. Marvin Eldridge for his words of comfort; to the Daggett Funeral Home, and to Dr. Brown. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten, and it made our holidays much happier. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss Mrs. Kenneth Rowe Mr. Lloyd Sanford

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank George McClain, Jr., for cleaning out my drive and getting my car out and making it so that fuel oil could be delivered. Also thanks to the Jerry Horstman family, and Jerry's taking me to the doctor in that blizzard a week ago Saturday. There's nothing like having good friends.
 Ruth Momany

Card of Thanks

The family of Tessie Pridgeon wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our relatives, friends and neighbors, for the cards, flowers, food, gifts of money, and many acts of kindness in our bereavement at the loss of our dear wife, mother and grandmother. We want to also thank the Barryton Rebekah Lodge for the lovely lunch; Central Michigan Community Hospital; Dr. Nowicki, Dr. Chamberlain; the pallbearers; Daggett Funeral Home; and Rev. Wayne Lyon for his comforting words. Stanley I. Pridgeon Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Pridgeon and Family Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tice And Family

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for all the cards and visits to Peter since he has been sick. It is all very much appreciated. We also wish to thank the Beal City Bairns 4-H girls, their leader and bus driver, for the lovely Christmas carols they sang at our house during the Christmas season. It was beautiful. Our heartfelt thanks to all, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz.

Obituary

MRS. DUSSIE LYON Mrs. Dussie Lyon of Barryton died Sunday, Jan. 4, in Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview. She was 78. She was an aunt of Mrs. Margaret Denslow. She was born March 19, 1890, in Ionia County, and was a resident of the Barryton area for 65 years. Her husband, Eli, and one son, Winfield, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Barryton Methodist Church, the Barryton Rebekah Lodge, and a charter member and past president of the Rural Letter Carriers Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, Richard of Manton and Hubert of Flint; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. in the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with the Rev. Thomas Tarrant officiating and Dean Denslow assisting. Burial was in the Flake Cemetery. ---0---

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Obituary

WESLEY E. BOUCHER, SR. Wesley E. Boucher, Sr., was born in Eaton Rapids, Mich., Aug. 22, 1877. He was 91. He was the oldest son of seven children born to Ammi and Jennie Boucher. He departed this life Dec. 24, 1968. He had been making his home among his children since the death of his wife in 1964. His funeral was held at the MacDonald Funeral Home in Howell, Mich., with Pastor Stuart C. Snyder officiating. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Holly, Mich. He is greatly missed by his three children: Mrs. Marvel Goodwin of Howell, Mrs. Beulah Moyses of Pontiac, and Wesley Boucher, Jr., of rural Mt. Pleasant. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Evalena Hibberd of Las Vegas, Nev., and Mrs. Allyance Kirby of Loma Linda, Calif; Also five grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus and Mrs. Virginia Baxter attended the funeral in Howell Dec. 27. ---0---

Obituary

KENNETH K. KENT Kenneth K. Kent, a son of Fred Kent, pioneer of Sherman Township and in his lifetime owner of the Horr Store, died Dec. 25 in St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids from injuries suffered in an auto accident Dec. 4. Grandville police said Mr. Kent was injured when his car went off old M-21 and lodged on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad tracks. He attempted to flag down an approaching 90-car freight train, but the train could not stop in time. It struck the car, which struck Mr. Kent. Kenneth Kent was born in Weidman May 10, 1893 and died at the age of 75. Surviving are his wife, Rosemary, of Grand Rapids; a daughter, Mrs. John (Hazel) Kersting, of Holland, Mich.; a son, Leonard, of Colorado; one sister, Mrs. Millie Dent, and one brother, Arthur Kent, both of Grand Rapids; and seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10.30 a.m. at the Sullivan Chapel with burial in Kent Memorial Gardens. Edna Merrihew, Herbert Lawrence, Jay Denslow and Bob Elliott were among his schoolmates as a boy in Weidman.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons were New Year's Eve and overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. Saturday supper guests of the Denslows and Denise were Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Miss Lee Ann Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy spent Christmas Eve with her mother, Mrs. Ernest Courser. Christmas Day guests at the Thompson home were Mrs. Courser, Hazen Thompson and son, Ralph, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson. Kenneth Henning of Detroit and Miss Kathy Block were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Roddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson.

Mrs. Annette Sherman returned to the home of Mrs. Ethel McLean Friday, after spending the holidays with relatives in Grand Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski visited Mrs. McLean Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Paul and Keith, during the New Year's holiday.

Ernest Gray entered CMC Hospital a week ago Saturday. His room number is 224, and I'm sure he would like to hear from neighbors and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray visited him several times the past week.

Mrs. Clarence Ley of Conklin spent the past week with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and family. Other members of the family were also guests.

The bad weather and icy road conditions hampered our Christmas get-together the 28th. About half the family were able to come, so we still have a lot of gifts piled around.

New Year's Day we got a message that our little granddaughter, Deanna, daughter of the Donald Pungs, was taken to the hospital with meningitis. She is still in an oxygen tent, but is reported slightly improved.

Our son-in-law, Thomas Moore, a patient at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns, is still quite ill, so the beginning of our New Year has been sorrowful.

Merrill and Joyce Stanley of Mt. Morris were Friday overnight guests of the grandparents. Merrill spent Saturday and Sunday

with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley and family at Barryton. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby and Marianne, Debbie and Pam of Lake Thirteen, David Moore of Saginaw and Joyce Stanley were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill of Grand Haven and Miss Janet Dillenbeck of Spring Lake returned home Sunday afternoon after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests at the Dillenbeck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalityk Friday evening. Mrs. Skalityk spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Showers and Mrs. Darnell were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Skalityk.

We didn't get to call all of our neighbors this week, due to illness in our family. Hope to see you next week!

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys spent a week ago Sunday with the Chuck Wilson family in Grand Rapids, and brought Jack home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and boys attended a get-together and midnight service at Hall's Corners on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow received word that her aunt, Mrs. Dussie Lyon, who was a patient in the Lakeview Hospital, passed away Sunday morning.

Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny spent from Thursday through Saturday in Detroit.

Leo Bahr of Copemish spent last week with his daughter and family, the Joe Martins.

The Martin family attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin at Beal City Saturday evening.

Mrs. Irene Keck of Ashley and Miss Ila Davis of Breckenridge were Saturday guests of the Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood and Ricky, Tim and Jeff were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Sunday dinner guests.

I wish to correct a mistake in the last paper, and apologize to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed. The item should have read, Miss Alice Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed, spent Christmas with her parents, instead of Alice Read and daughter spent Christmas.

Harold and Ron Losey were Sunday callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bond and children of Lansing spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed.

Mrs. Alma White called on Mrs. Nettie Lawrence Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss were Friday evening guests of the Gerald Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski called at the Olen and Lewis Bowen homes Saturday evening. Sunday they called on the Miles Miller family and Mrs. Ethel McLean.

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Local Items

Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake reports spearing a 30-inch pike on the lake this past week. He is one of the hardier fishermen defying this winter's weather.

Beulah and Earl Moyses, well known among residents here, are both in a medical facility building in Pontiac.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman returned home Christmas Day after spending the holiday weekend with her daughters in Allegan. They all enjoyed a family reunion on that occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and two daughters of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Mrs. Jay Tuttle and daughter of Howard City were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Fey Johnson.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Joyce and Geraldine Olger called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garold Latham, Thursday.

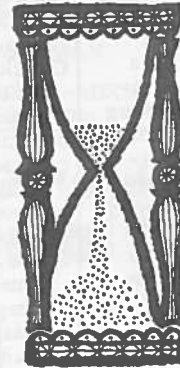
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family Sunday after Christmas to see Wallace and Sharon Skinner, who were home on Christmas leave.

Mr. and Mrs. James Latham called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Olger and children attended the Olger Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon were Friday evening callers of the Olgers.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family were Pvt. Wallace Skinner and Sharon of Fort Sill, Okla., from the Friday before Christmas till the Friday after New Year's; Christmas Eve till New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and Randy of St. Louis; Christmas Eve till the Friday after New Year's, Elana Miller of Farwell.

Callers and dinner guests New Year's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller and children of Clare and Ella Wardwell of Farwell. Friday evening till Sunday evening the Skinner children helped their Grandmother Miller of Farwell clear her paths from snow and ice.



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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The KCs had a well-attended New Year's Eve party and a wonderful lunch.

Mrs. Marie Rahl spent an especially happy Christmas this year when she was surprised by her son, Sam, when he arrived home on leave for Christmas from Germany. Christmas Eve was spent with the entire family.

Mrs. Rita Doerfer and family visited her mother, Mrs. Margaret Wieber, at the Clare hospital Saturday. On the way home they visited her brothers and sister, Regina. Rita and family live at Yale, Mich.

Ann Schafer visited the Bob Blasen family Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Blasen and Theresa spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge.

The Town and Country had a well attended New Year's Eve party.

Howard Schafer is in CMC Hospital.

Ed Kavanaugh spent a few days the past week in Detroit.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Les Goshki are moving to Pontiac, and the Schafer apartment is now vacant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger entertained their daughter, Dorothea, and family of Detroit over the New Year's holiday.

Mrs. Emma Connors returned to stay at the Wm. Pung home after spending her Christmas vacation in Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent last Monday with relatives in Harrison.

Judy Smith and friend of St. Johns were here to attend the Martin-Garrett wedding Saturday, and called on her grandmother, Louise Smith, Saturday evening.

Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday afternoon at the Louise Smith home.

Mrs. Margaret Judge spent Saturday with Mrs. Clara Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zeien had their family home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen. It was Douglas' birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yuncker and son, Shirley Egbert and sons and Dale Anderson spent Christmas evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yuncker and family, for a lovely Christmas dinner.

Larry and Wayne Egbert spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman

and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer and family of Hubbardston had their family dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer had their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider and family of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Taft of Hubbardston called on Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer.

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WEST

Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Happy New Year to all my friends and relatives.

The big Alwood boys, Rusty and Bill, have just had another birthday, so they are 23 and 19 now. They wish everyone good cheer, good health and good wages in the coming year.

Gerald Grewett spent some time with his sister, Louise Phelps, in Cadillac over the holidays. Louise went back to full-time teaching since her husband, Leo, passed away a year ago this month. Leo had been in ill health the last few years.

John Forest spent a day with his uncle and aunt, the Frank Englers, during the holidays. The Englers' three children and their grandchildren were also home for a family gathering.

John Forest attended a family gathering at the home of Mrs. G.E. Thompson in Mt. Pleasant. John also tells us he got his deer the last day of the season.

Not much news. Just good snowmobile weather for the young guys.

Many relatives and friends attended the wedding and reception of Terry Martin and Emily Garrett in Beal City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Steinman of Sunnyvale, Calif., have returned home after a six-months stay in the Southwest. They are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus. Mr. Steinman is an electronics engineer.

While the Steinmans were on the West Coast they visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bower (Esther Beutler), of Long Beach. Don had been in the hospital since early November, suffering from heart disease, but was released Dec. 23. He was feeling better. He underwent heart surgery two years ago.

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Nottawa

Amelia Wieber, Reporter
Amelia Wieber spent three weeks with her granddaughter and family, the Ed Fabers, in Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wawersik and Ronnie spent Christmas with the Fabers and Amelia. Amelia came home with them and is staying with them a while.

Sylvester Dole and Ernie Rhode spent Christmas with Louise Schupbach in Mt. Pleasant. They

enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. Chris Fussman called on Mrs. Joe Wawersik Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman and family spent a recent Sunday with their son, Jack, and family in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Schroeck spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman had all the Kremsreiter family home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber and family of Shepherd spent Sunday with her folks, the Joe Wawersiks and Ronnie.

Dale Wawersik and family were also dinner guests, as was also Amelia Wieber.

Margaret Wieber was quite sick with the flu. The ambulance was called from Clare and took her to the Clare hospital, where she spent two weeks. She returned Saturday, feeling some better.

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NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett were dinner guests at the Earl Blodgett home Saturday. Other guests were Carol Johnson and children, Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Knorr and

family of Shepherd and Mrs. Grace Swanson of Mt. Pleasant were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Embrey and family of Farwell were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Larry called at the John Gott home Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gott and family called in the evening.

Debbie Graham stayed with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, one night last week.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

NOTICE

To Senior Citizens of Nottawa Township

I will be at the Weidman State Bank on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 12 p. m. to 3 p. m., and at the Beal City Service Station on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m., to receive Senior Citizens' Homestead Tax Exemption Affidavits for 1969.

Ernest Schmidt
Supervisor
Nottawa Township
Jan. 9t1



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Obituary

MRS. MARION CUMMINGS
Mrs. Marion Cummings, a former Barryton resident, died Sunday, Dec. 29, in the Mecosta Memorial Hospital in Stanwood. She was 78.

She was born July 19, 1890, and spent most of her life in Coldwater Township.

Survivors include three sons: Harold of Lakeview, Ronald of Phoenix, Ariz., and John of Pierson; a daughter, Mrs. Stuart (Donna) Dague, of Coldwater Township; two sisters, Mrs. Luella Bonney of Barryton and Mrs. Rosa Bartlett of Saranac; a brother, Will Chapman, of Owosso; and 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 2 p. m. in the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with burial in the Flake Cemetery.

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Obituary

MRS. THELMA HYDER

Mrs. Thelma Hyder of rural Remus died Saturday, Dec. 28, in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. She was 69. She was born Oct. 11, 1899, in Wheatland Township, Mecosta County.

Surviving are one son, Fay, of Lansing; one daughter, Mrs. Reva Miller, also of Lansing; six brothers, Alfred, George and Simon Harris, all of Remus, Har-

ry of Edmore, Arden of Grand Ledge, and Robert of Milan; three sisters, Mrs. Fern Esch of Remus, and Misses Nila and Dorothy Harris, both of Mt. Pleasant; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Crittenden Funeral Home with burial in the Wambolt Cemetery at Remus.

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Arthur Cook of Huntington, Ind., spent last weekend here to attend the family Christmas party of Mrs. Mary Cook, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schumacher of Wyman. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook and Arthur called on Mrs. Maycie Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and the Herman Cook family.

Roderick Nicholson and Maycie Cook attended a family dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiley of Northville, recently. The Wileys' youngest son, Robert, leaves for Vietnam this month.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac, Mrs. Frances Handy of Evart spent several days with Maycie and the Bob Cooks and Roderick Nicholson.

Elsie Richardson and friend were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook.

Mrs. E. Rhode, who spent last week in the Tri-County Hospital at Edmore, suffering from shingles, hoped to be home the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Flachs of rural Remus.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt spent her holiday vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Zandt and boys in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lueder of Reed City.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haney and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Perkins of Lapeer were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Lueder, who had spent the holidays in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and family, who spent two weeks in Florida sightseeing and visiting relatives, returned home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Borders of Marion spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt spent Sunday with her brothers, Carl Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lueder, of Mt. Pleasant.

Connie Foster, who spent her holiday vacation in Detroit with her parents, returned Sunday to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster.

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Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce arrived in Brookville, Fla., last Thursday and spent some time visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, formerly of Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook and family of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, the Vanness Cooks. Other callers were the Stuart Grahams and the Kenneth Renners.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crane were entertained Saturday evening at an anniversary dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts attended Open House Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Graham, who were

recently married in California. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham were host and hostess.

We are glad that Mrs. Alvin Wood is feeling better.

The Gilmore TOPS Club met at the home of Mrs. Elwyn Pitts Wednesday afternoon. Weather has not permitted us to meet for two weeks. Mrs. Bessie Allen of Farwell was a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber attended the wedding of their niece in Big Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Wood will spend the winter at the home of her daughter and family, the Eldon Loves, of Mt. Pleasant. Mattie was not feeling well last week.

We are glad to see that Mrs. Judy Phillips is feeling better and able to be out again. The Phillippes were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vanness Cook last Thursday.

New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts were Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jarman and family.

The Elwyn Pittses and the Jim Pittses were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Warren McAlvey and family of East Lansing and Mrs. Lena Rathburn of Saginaw. They had just returned from a trip to Florida. Mrs. Rathburn has been spending some time with Mrs. Bernice Cook.

Mrs. Agnes Fuller was happy to receive a telephone call from her son and family, the Jack Fullers, of Nome, Alaska, wishing her a Happy Birthday.

You have all seen the advertisement on television about "Oh, Max, we love you." We from Gilmore have our own version. "Oh, Don, we miss you."

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Mrs. Grace Swanson and daughter were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Ina Gillett.

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ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Blackmer of R. 1, Remus, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dolores Jean, to George Michael Lackie. George (Mike) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lackie, R. 2, Mt. Pleasant. Miss Blackmer is now a senior at Chippewa Hills High School. Her fiancé is a 1965 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, and is employed at General Electric Co. in Edmore. A June wedding is being planned.

March of Dimes Auctions To Begin

A series of March of Dimes auctions will begin with one at the Town and Country in Beal City Saturday, Jan. 11.

Items for sale are being solicited and discarded items of all kinds and baked goods are especially sought.

Other auctions are scheduled for Lyll Rhynards in Shepherd on Feb. 1, Sahn's Restaurant in Rosebush on Feb. 8, and a third in Mt. Pleasant with place and date to be announced later.

All of the auctions will be preceded by a free movie explaining the work of the March of Dimes with victims of birth defects.

The movies will begin at 8:30. Bob Meyers of Rosebush will again be the auctioneer and donated items should be left at the place of the sale.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie and George:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I have wanted to write ever since I read about Philip Barnum. I saw him when he was a little boy when they came to visit at his grandparents' home.

Dr. Frye passed away some time between Christmas of 1937 and Christmas, 1938. I received Christmas cards from them nearly every year after I left High School. Both names are on the 1937 card, but only her name on the one in 1938.

They were wonderful people. I liked them very much. I practiced my piano lessons on their piano when I was in High School.

I didn't get to Weidman this year. I wasn't up to Gilmore very often. Hope to do better next year.

Seems like this past year has flown by. I guess I'm getting old and slowing up.

We had a nice long fall but winter has suddenly set in. Hope you have escaped the flu. Seems like it just about gets to everyone some time or other. I hope it passes us by.

Season's Greetings to all, Frances and Barney included.

Some friends brought us a beautiful box of fruit yesterday. Yes, there is a Santa Claus.

As ever,
Helen B. Hudson, Midland.

Thank you, Helen. --Connie.

Dear Connie:

Christmas always brings memories of the old times and our old neighbors.

Mama has been enjoying so many cards and letters from back home, and of course I get to read all the news, too.

Nelson and I have bought an old house, moved into it, and are in the process of renovating it. This is our first project of the kind, and if we fail, it likely will be our last. But it's fun to try.

Mama keeps us fed and our clothes and beds clean, while we scrub, chip paint, and fill nail-holes. When the weather warms a bit will take on the neglected gardens. Meanwhile, wish us luck.

Have a nice 1969.

Sincerely
Ruth and Nelson Smith
Evalena Hibberd
Las Vegas, Nev.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor

A Snowflake Retreat for the Junior High and Senior High young people will be held Jan. 11, 9, 30 a.m. at Mystic Lake Camp.

Tobogganing, skating, dinner will be enjoyed, with the music of a quartet from Grand Rapids Baptist College. A Christian film will be shown, as part of the Retreat program.

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11 a.m., Morning Worship.
6 p.m., Youth meetings.
7.30 p.m., Evening Worship.

Our attendance has been down because of bad roads and sickness, but we will be continuing with our double service until further notice. The first Sunday service begins at 9; Bible School at 10; and second service at 11. This is to ease the crowded conditions of one church service, for which we are very thankful.

Wednesday evening the Bible Study Hour resumed as usual at 7 with a class for each age group. Come and learn more of God's word.

Women's Fellowship met Tuesday with Mrs. Elwyn Pitts.

BOWLING

GUYS & DOLLS

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End of First Half

McArthur & Anderson First Half Winners

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McArthur & Anderson	42	22
Knapp & Bouck	41	23
Foster & Moore	41	23
Lawens & Pantenburg	40	24
Thon & Blake	35 1/2	28 1/2
Nolte & Moore	34 1/2	29 1/2
Lyon & Bierschbach	33	31
Sharrer & Mattonen	32	32
Green & McConnell	32	32
Bleise & Straus	26	38
Blehm & Moore	22	42
Burggraaf & Zill	5	59

High Team Series: McArthur & Anderson 2497. High Team Game: McArthur & Anderson 875.

High Series, men: Pete Knapp 581, Dale Lawens 579, Bob Anderson 562. High Game, men: Bob Anderson 230, Tom Bierschbach 213, Bob Bleise 210.

High Series, women: Leota Taylor (sub) 531, Shirley Foster 523, Jean McArthur 510. High Game, women: Linda Anderson 207, Leota Taylor (sub) 206, Jean McArthur 200-188.

Jan. 3, 1969

Lyon & Wilson	4	0
Thon & Blake	4	0
Nolte & Moore	4	0
Bleise & Straus	3	1
Lawens & Pantenburg	3	1
Blehm & Moore	3	1
Bierschbach & Zill	1	3
Knapp & Bouck	1	3
Green & McConnell	1	3
McArthur & Anderson	0	4
Sharrer & Mattonen	0	4
Foster & Moore	0	4

High Team Series: Thon & Blake 2415. High Team Game: Lyon & Wilson 839. High Series, men: Buck Nolte 564, Tom Bierschbach 555, Bob Lyon 554. High Game, men: Bob Lyon 218, Buck Nolte 203, 202, Gary K. Moore 195.

High Series, women: Mary Blake 512, Bonnie Lyon 490, Louise Bouck 477. High Game, women: Kitty Moore 197, Louise Bouck 190, Dianne Knapp 184.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Notice

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will service only items of merchandise which we have sold.

This is as of Jan. 1, 1969.

We're sorry, but this is a necessity.

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RADIO AND TELEVISION
WEIDMAN

FIRE KILLS 40 CALVES, ONE COW, AT FINNERTY FARM SUNDAY NIGHT

A fire of undetermined origin killed 40 calves and one cow at the dairy barn of Robert Finnerty on North Nottawa Road, besides wreaking heavy loss of hay, grain and machinery, and the milk house.

The Weidman Fire Department was called, and firemen saved a pole barn and other buildings. The loss was heavy.

Eighty milking cows were rescued before flames prevented further effort. They were taken to a neighbor's barn for shelter and Monday morning milking.

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SNOWMOBILE HITS AUTO ON BEAL CITY ROAD CORNER

A snowmobile driven by Frank Wagner of Vandecar Road hit a parked car owned by Otis Loomis Sunday at the corner of Weidman Road and the Beal City Road, according to State Police.

According to the police report, the Loomis car was parked, empty, on the road's shoulder, and the snowmobile, attempting to turn around in the intersection road, had a stuck accelerator, according to the operator, and hit the parked car.

No injuries were reported.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and daughter, Leanna, of Kalkaska spent a few days at the Edward Schafer home.

Joe, Bill and Bob Schafer and Ruth Sherlock called on Mr. and Mrs. George Klumpp in Mt. Pleasant New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schafer and daughter, Josette, spent Wednesday at the Edward Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer enjoyed a few games of cards with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer Thursday evening.

Wayne Sherlock came and took Mrs. Sherlock and baby back to their home in Kalkaska Friday evening.

Joe Schafer spent Friday evening with his brother and family, the Don Schafers.

Quite a few in this area have been sick with the flu. Mrs. Dorothy Tilmann was in an accident the past week, but was not seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer attended a family gathering at the Alfred Klumpp home near Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Paul Simmer called at the Edward Schafer home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer and family of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer had supper Friday evening at the Town and Country in Beal City. Kelli, Karri and Heidi spent the weekend with their grandparents and returned home Sunday after-

noon.

The Jerry Wolfersberger family have moved to Battle Creek. Mr. Wolfersberger was offered a better job in their home town.

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ROLLER SKATING CLUB

TO MEET JAN. 11

The Racket Roller Club will meet Jan. 11 at the Din 'n Rac- ket north of Mt. Pleasant on old US-27.

This being a special family night, parents and their children are welcomed. Skating will be from 8 to 11 p. m., with some added surprises.

Membership in the club is available to anyone 18 years old and up.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson and children spent the Christmas holidays with his father, Harold Branson, and Thelma, in Englewood, Florida. They report nice warm weather there, with good driving conditions on the way back until they reached Ohio when they encountered our ice, snow and freezing rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaninsky of Blanchard were visitors at the Fey Johnson home during the holiday weekend.

Mrs. Emily Wood returned Saturday night after spending 10 days with the Darrell Kirvan family in Flint. She reports that Flint had ice, too. The Kirvans stayed over night, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Local Items

Mrs. Wanda Graham and girls are enjoying skiing at Mott Mountain weekends and holidays. The girls are becoming quite advanced skiers.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy of Harrison and Emory Dell spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and family were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley, Sr., in Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus of Flushing brought Mrs. Leah Scharrer home Saturday, after she had spent the past three weeks with them and with her other daughter and family, the Paul Creeds, of Algonac.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiggins and family of Farwell were Saturday evening visitors at the Wm. Wilcox home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley returned Friday night from a two-weeks' vacation in Florida, visiting her parents, the Gerald Middleworths, at Bradenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey had word from Carl and Daisy Embrey that they had returned safely to Florida after visiting their daughter, Caroline Baker, and family in Denver, Colo. They spent Christmas there, and ran into a few storms on the drive back to Florida.

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