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Editor's Column

By Connie

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish our readers and friends a week of happy holidays and a year of all good things.

We're rather quiet, here at the Messenger office and home, with only a Christmas dinner with the Barney Tranbargers and possibly WCEN news director Jim Hughes.

But we do hope all you folks with families, friends and relatives have a wonderful holiday time.

And with this issue, Ye Ed begins her semi-annual week's vacation, along with her faithful news writers.

No Messenger next week.

The next issue will be Jan. 8, 1970, and from here that seems like a blissfully long time away.

News writers will take a rest, then, along with Connie; but we all start again in time to get the paper out Jan. 8, which means that Connie starts work the Saturday before that, and her writers will send in their news letter on the Monday before Jan. 8, or specifically, on Jan. 5.

Meantime, we'll all enjoy the holidays--and rest!

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LIBRARY MEETING JAN. 7 IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A meeting of Friends of the Weidman Library will be held Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria in Weidman.

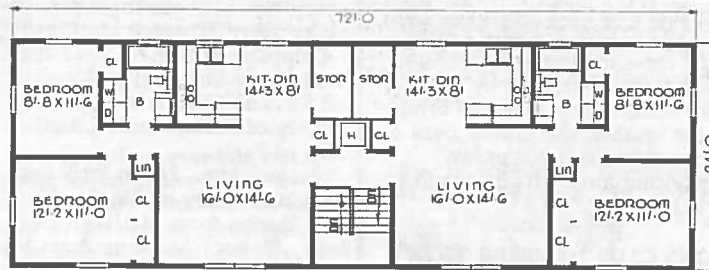
Mr. Hanson, head librarian of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, is the scheduled speaker. Mr. Hanson is available for speaking to any interested group, it was announced this week.

At a meeting of interested persons last Thursday evening at the Mt. Pleasant Library, the Mt. Pleasant Library Board suggested that Weidman form a group such as "Friends of the Library," with a 50-cent annual membership fee. The public is urged to join the Weidman Friends of the Library; and if you cannot attend the meeting Jan. 7 but wish to become a member, just mail 50 cents to Diane Benn or drop the money off at her home. You will be duly credited and awarded membership.

At the meeting last Thursday evening in Mt. Pleasant, those

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ALLEN APARTMENT HOUSE HAS INTERESTING FLOOR PLAN: FOUR APARTMENTS IN BUILDING



FIRST FLOOR

Weidman's first apartment house is going up, built by Ivan Allen, of Allen Lumber Company. It will contain four two-bedroom apartments, each with kitchen and living room, and large storage rooms, and a washer and dryer in each apartment.

The builder hopes to complete the project by the last of March. It will be heated electrically, and apartments will rent with utilities paid.



WEIDMAN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN BATTLE BLAZE--The Weidman Fire Department was called out at 12.40 Saturday afternoon to a house owned by Charles Loomis, on the Denver Road. This was one the Firemen couldn't save, as the fire had too much headway before discovery.



RUEFULLY, FIREMEN SURVEY THE RUINS--They worked nearly all afternoon Saturday, and lost the battle. The house was listed a total loss. It was unoccupied and uninsured, according to Firemen's records. Cause of the blaze was unknown. Photos by Fire Chief Branson

Men in Uniform

Dear Editor:

Just a note to tell you my new address:

Sgt. Kenneth E. Bowen, P.O. Box C, Post Vets, Ft. Benning, Ga. 31905.

I received my promotion to Sergeant while home on leave.

I am working with private pets here at Benning. I was supposed to go to the Scout Dog unit but they changed my orders when I arrived here.

Thank you.

Sgt. K.E. Bowen.

(Editor's Note: And thank YOU, Sergeant Bowen, and congratulations on your promotion.)

(We received this note in a Christmas card from his parents, and we do appreciate it.)

Dear Mrs. Skinner:

I would like to take this chance to thank you for printing my address and sending the birthday card.

Your many acts of kindness will not be forgotten.

Sincerely, Bruce A. Reed.

(This is from Sp/4 Bruce Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed. He is in Vietnam.)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp drove to Detroit Saturday to meet their son, Douglas, who came home on a two weeks' furlough.

Sp/4 Paul E. Sanders is in Germany, near Nuremburg. He is assigned to a tool room, and is with a mechanics outfit. He also types out orders.

He will be home in March, to stay. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders, and plans to work with his father in making wood pallets for manufacturing firms.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger hosted a family gathering at the Moose Hall in Mt. Pleasant, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wes Conley. He is in the service, and they will leave for Germany next Wednesday.

The Christmas card from the Roy Reeds is most unusual. It is imprinted "Saigon, Vietnam," and apparently Bruce bought some and sent them to his folks for giving.

It is a typically Vietnam landscape, with a Vietnam shepherd, and we think printed by silk screen.

LIBRARY

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from here who attended were Ruth Momany, Leon McArthur, who bought the building and is waiting to turn over title to the Township of Sherman; Clyde Beutler, Supervisor of Sherman Township; and Diane Benn, who has done most of the work of organizing the attempt to get a library for Weidman Town.

The Mt. Pleasant Library Board expressed itself as being in favor of establishing a library branch in Weidman, which will give the Weidman Library access to all the books, supplies and services of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library.

J. Allen Lampman, attorney for the Mt. Pleasant Library Board, suggested the three townships, Coldwater, Sherman and Nottawa, get together and decide if the townships will support the library with annual appropriations.

Help is needed from the townships only for lights, heat, and insurance, not a large sum annually.

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Lampman said he would prepare legal papers to clarify the townships' obligations, should they decide to help maintain a library in Weidman.

Inasmuch as the village of Weidman lies in both Nottawa and Sherman Township, it is expected these townships will give the unincorporated village some help. Coldwater Townships, always a friendly neighbor, at present allots \$100 annually to the Barryton Public Library, and sentiment in Coldwater Township is fair and generous in relation to matching this amount for Weidman.

Weidman will have its library, there is no doubt of that. The only questions unanswered at this time are those of maintenance which the library will ask the townships to take over or at least help in managing.

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WORK BEE AT LIBRARY SATURDAY, DEC. 27

Another work bee is scheduled at the Weidman Library building, for this Saturday, Dec. 27, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The initial work bee was not entirely productive, as the heating stove had not been fired up, and the place was very cold. This time it is planned to have the building warmed by 9 a. m.

Volunteers are asked to bring paint brushes and coffee cans or other containers for paint.

Working help will be much appreciated.

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LIONS CLUB MEMBERS TREAT THEIR WIVES TO PARTY

Members of the Weidman Lions Club treated their wives to a Christmas party at the Coldwater Lake Inn last Wednesday evening, with 31 present.

The Lions had small gifts for their wives at the party, and all enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner.

A surprise birthday cake was presented to Herman Cook honoring his 89th birthday.

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NO WALKER CREEK NEWS THIS WEEK; MRS. STANLEY'S FATHER REPORTED VERY ILL

We will have no Walker Creek news this week, as our very able correspondent, Mrs. Esther Stanley, has been at the bedside of her father, Andrew Irwin, Sr., a great deal, at the Clare Nursing Home.

Mr. Irwin was reported very ill. Our sympathy to her and the family.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Raymond Wood called at the George Pitts home Saturday evening.

The Merry Go Round Club met at the home of Wanda Graham in Weidman last Thursday. It was a Christmas party. Secret Sisters were revealed and names drawn for next year. Around 30 ladies were present, and enjoyed the party. The January meeting will be at the home of Nora Geasler, weather permitting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel and family left Friday for Miami, Fla., for a Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Fordyce left Saturday morning for Sarasota, Fla., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Pitts of Manchester spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts.

Mrs. Emma Phipps had to enter

the hospital in Midland again last Tuesday. She will have more surgery on her leg, which was broken.

A week ago last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts were surprised by her relatives, about 45 in number. Her nieces and nephews, from Detroit, Lansing, Saginaw, Mt. Pleasant, Manchester, Ypsilanti and Merrill, dropped in with well-filled baskets and a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake. George and Ruth have been married for 60 years, and they have enjoyed every one of them together. Many more, George and Ruth!

Company at the Walter Faber home over the weekend included Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle and family of Paris, and Ed Battle, also of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and Greg and Terry of Big Rapids and Sharon from Milliken College, Tenn., Marlene from Joplin, Mo., College, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goudie and family.

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

Mrs. Arthur Converse of Farwell. In the afternoon the ladies filled fruit baskets for the shut-ins and the sick.

Christmas programs were held at the Gilmore Church Sunday evening and Wednesday evening, Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas, everybody!

Local Items

Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Brown (Jean) of Mt. Pleasant were afternoon and supper guests Saturday of Connie Skinner, their aunt. They also called on their uncle and aunt, Barney and Frances Tranbarger. They brought both houses holiday gifts of antelope and elk meat. Dr. Brown went ice fishing on Six Lakes and caught some whoppers just before dark.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey attended a Christmas party Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray in Mt. Pleasant. The Embreys attended the Belles and Beaux Christmas party Saturday evening at the Pullen School in Mt. Pleasant.

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 cial events, or just for fun.
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Card of Thanks

To all the people at Central
 Community Hospital, Dr. Cham-
 berlain, Dr. Nosan, the ambu-
 lance drivers, Rev. McDuffee,
 Rev. Kawka, and Rev. Hart-
 wig;

All who sent cards, flowers,
 and other gifts, and to all who
 came to see me during my stay
 in the hospital:

Thank you, and may God bless
 all of you for your kindness.

Catherine Pasch.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere
 appreciation to the many friends
 and neighbors who were so kind
 to us in our recent great loss.
 The Archie Powell Family

Obituary

(The following obituaries were
 supplied this paper by the Dag-
 gett Funeral Home of Barryton:)

WILLIAM PLUMMER

William Plummer of Barryton
 died Dec. 10 in a nursing home
 in Grand Rapids. He was 85.

He is survived by three sons,
 three daughters, 21 grandchild-
 ren, and 43 great-grandchildren
 and four great-great-grandchild-
 ren.

Funeral services were held Sat-
 urday, Dec. 13, at the Daggett
 Funeral Home, with burial in
 the Flake Cemetery.

He was a lifelong resident of
 the Barryton area.

JENNIE MAYNARD

Jennie Maynard died unexpect-
 edly at her home in Barryton.
 She was 84. She had lived in
 Barryton 70 years.

She is survived by her husband,
 John; three daughters, three sons,
 24 grandchildren and 25 great-
 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held
 Dec. 17 at the Daggett Funeral
 Home, with burial in the Flake
 Cemetery.

JON VAN DELLEN

Jon Van Dellen was killed in
 an auto accident Sunday eve-
 ning, Dec. 14, on M-46 near
 Amble. He was 21 years old.

He was born March 29, 1948,
 in Grand Rapids. He was mar-
 ried to Kathy Sowle of Barryton
 June 8, 1968.

He was a veteran of South
 Vietnam, where he was wounded
 in action, and discharged from
 the military service in October,
 1969.

He is survived by his wife,
 Kathy; his parents, and five
 brothers and one sister, all of
 the Grand Rapids area.

Funeral services were held
 Dec. 17 in the Daggett Funeral
 Home, with burial in the Flake
 Cemetery.

ORVILLE DRAKE

Orville Drake of Midland died
 unexpectedly Dec. 15 in the
 Midland hospital. He was 46.

He was born May 26, 1923, in
 Barryton.

He is survived by his wife,
 Fern; three sons, one daughter,
 and four grandchildren; and his
 mother, Mrs. Esther Drake, and
 brother, Colin Drake, of Barry-
 ton.

Funeral services were held
 Dec. 18 at the Daggett Funeral
 Home, with burial in the Brown
 Cemetery.

MRS. IRENE BUTTS

Mrs. Irene Butts of Barryton
 died Thursday, Dec. 18, at her
 home, after a long illness. She
 was 88.

She had lived in the Barryton
 community 73 years, and was a
 member of the Barryton Rebekah
 Lodge and a charter member of
 the Barryton Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband,
 George; two sons, William of
 Reed City and Harland of Barry-
 ton; three daughters, Mrs. Mil-
 dred Hyatt of Flint, Mrs. Ber-
 nice MacKersie of Barryton,
 and Margaret Tice of Manistee;
 and 16 grandchildren, 54
 great-grandchildren and two
 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sat-
 urday, Dec. 20, at the Daggett
 Funeral Home, with Larry Beard
 officiating. Burial was in the
 Flake Cemetery.

Local Items

Mrs. Lena St. John and Mrs.
 Nina Forbes called on Mrs.
 Queen Taylor of Mt. Pleasant
 last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater planned to
 spend Christmas with the Abra-
 hamson family at Evart, and
 Burr Abrahamson stopped from
 Mt. Pleasant and picked up
 Mrs. Ethel Bywater, his stepmo-
 ther, for a Christmas Eve party
 of the family. An older sister,
 Mrs. Doris Johnson, of Kalama-
 zoo, also was present, at the
 home of Mrs. Donna Knapp in
 Evart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Nash and chil-
 dren planned to spend Christmas
 with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nash of
 Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of
 Saline were Christmas guests of
 Mrs. Lela Whearett and Donald
 Clark. They spent some time
 with his mother, Mrs. Bertha
 Clark, at Pleasant Manor in Mt.
 Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen at-
 tended a Christmas party at the
 Cedar Rest Nursing Home in St.
 Louis, where Alton's father,
 Floyd Allen, resides, Tuesday
 evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz ex-
 pected all their children and

their families home for Christ-
 mas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boerema
 of Wyoming, Mich., were Wed-
 nesday visitors of her mother,
 Mrs. Ina Gillett.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer
 and baby of Lansing spent the
 weekend with their grandparents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Ernie Gross spent Sunday with
 Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pappas in
 Rosebush. Ernie went to Stanton
 Monday.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman planned
 to spend the Christmas weekend
 with her relatives in Allegan and
 vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman,
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and
 boys of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs.
 Wm. Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Tom
 Herman and Christy Sue planned
 to spend Christmas with their
 folks, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer left Mon-
 day to spend Christmas with Mr.
 and Mrs. Paul Straus and family
 in Flushing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and
 Jim planned to spend Wednesday
 and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs.
 Roger Smith and family in Flint.
 Mrs. Leah Scharrer planned to
 return home with them Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of
 Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald
 Dent were Saturday dinner guests
 of their mother, Mrs. Emily
 Wood. Walter Kirvan of Grand
 Rapids and Geraline Johnson and
 children were callers. Sunday
 guests were Mr. and Mrs. Otis
 Kirvan and son, Gary, who will
 leave Jan. 11 for Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. David Brown and
 Joe, Ellen Evans, and Karen,
 Dan and Pat Powell of rural Mt.
 Pleasant spent Sunday with Mrs.
 Kit Johnson. Mrs. Johnson plan-
 ned to spend Christmas at the
 Powell home.



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	W	L
Weidman Bank	30	18
Central Concrete	30	18
Wentworth IGA	27.5	20.5
Pabst Blue Ribbon	26	22
Beal City Tavern	26	22
Schlitz Beer	25.5	22.5
Household Appl.	25	23
Beal City Serv.	23	25
Lowery Northern	22	26
Coleman Furn.	20	28
Marchiando & Rau	19	29
Giant Super Mkt.	14	34

*End of First Half.

A rolloff will take place Jan. 4 between Weidman Bank and Central Concrete.

High Team Series: Weidman Bank 2987. High Team Game: Weidman Bank, 1036.

High Indv. Series: Ben Ball 571, Bob Lyon 571, Howard Kolarik 554. High Indv. Game: Bob Anderson 223, Ben Ball 222, Bob Lyon 210-202.

Turkey winners: Norm Rau, Ben Ball, Howard Kolarik.

GUYS & DOLLS
Dec. 19, 1969

	W	L
Foster-Moore	38	22
Thon & Blake	35	25
Ecker & Eldred	34	36
Lyon & Wilson	31.5	28.5
Blehm & Moore	31	29
Bleise & Straus	30.5	29.5
Lawens-Pantenburg	30	30
McArthur-Anderson	30	30
Bierschbach & Zill	29	31
Green & McConnell	28	32
Nolte & Cook	23	37
Sharrar & Mattonen	20	40

High Team Series: Foster & Moore 2406. High Team Game: Foster & Moore 861.

High Series, men: Tom Bierschbach 579, Loren Eldred 569, Bob Anderson 567. High Game, men: Jerry Thon 226, Tom Bierschbach 222, Bob Anderson 212.

High Series, women: Leota Taylor (sub) 541, Mary Blake 507, Bonnie Lyon 454. High Game, women: Leota Taylor (sub) 184, 182, Mary Blake 183, Jan Moore 176.

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Local Items

John Hasty, president of the Great Lakes Bible College, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family. Leon McArthur was also a guest. Mr. Hasty was guest speaker at the Gilmore Church of Christ Sunday.

Leon McArthur left Wednesday to spend the Christmas week at the home of his son, Gerald, and family, at Wixóm.

The Garold St. John family planned to spend Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and family. The planned to spend Christmas Day with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates, of Clare.

Around HorrJessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Mrs. Nina Green and son, Terry, were dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow, on Christmas Day.

Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood and Ricky and Jeff, Jeanne Martin, Kathy Taylor, and Vance Wood. Mrs. Wood planned to have Christmas breakfast with her son, Vance, and family, dinner with her son, Pete, and family, and then on Saturday, a belated Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist.

Frank Benn was a recent caller of Jack Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller called on the Miles Miller family and Mrs. McLean Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Miller expected to have their children home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Harve Hunt and sons were Sunday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home. The Loseys expected their family home for Christmas dinner and the tree.

Frank Benn called on his brother, Wilbur, and wife, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys attended a Christmas party at the Remus Methodist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and boys expected to spend Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. Stoll, near Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and children are planning a delayed Christmas dinner at the home of their father, Jack Thompson, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys attended a high school Christmas band, orchestra and choir concert at Berryton Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and children, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow and baby of Lexington, Ky., were all expected home for Christmas dinner and tree with their mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller received word that her son, Wilbur Wright, was recovering from pneumonia. Mrs. Miller is expecting a visit from a granddaughter, Mrs. Jerry Ann Graham, and three boys of Seattle, Wash., some time between Christmas and New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Tuesday evening in Lansing with their daughter and family. Mrs. GERALINE Johnson and children called on her folks Wed-

nesday. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Saturday dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Emily Wood. Sunday they called on the Walter Kirvans at their cottage near Barryton.

The Harold Krueger family and the Lynn Johnsons expected to spend Christmas Night at the home of their parents, and also the Harry Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and baby spent Sunday night with the George Loomis family at New Era.

The Dents planned to spend their delayed Christmas party at New Year's, with all their children at home at that time.

The Earl Oplinger family expected to spend Christmas afternoon with Mrs. Oplinger's sister, Mrs. Marguerite Rice, and family, with supper and a gift exchange.

Mrs. Alma Byron and Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane were Sunday dinner guests of their brother and family, the Joe Martins. Afternoon callers were Terry Martin, Charles Garner and Harry Hardenburgh.

The Joe Martin family were Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Shippee and family in Mt. Pleasant, with a gift exchange. Next Sunday they planned to go to Copemish for a delayed Christmas dinner and gift ex-

change at the Gordon Fish home. Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss were Sunday callers at the Gerald Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Micky were Saturday evening guests.

The Gerald Loseys planned to spend Christmas Eve with her folks, the Charles Grosses.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson expected to have the family Christmas dinner at their home.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls attended a family Christmas gathering at the home of her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Snyder, at Ithaca. The Spragues planned to have Christmas dinner and spend the day with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mrs. Bessie Teall was also expected to be a guest. Mrs. Teall is enjoying her stay at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen planned to go to the home of their son, Rev. Carl Allen, and family, of Lansing, for Christmas. Alton, Junior, and family, and Ivan Allen and family also planned to be there. They had their Christmas dinner Wednesday evening.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

IMPORTANT NOTICE
CHANGE OF BANKING HOURS

The Weidman State Bank announces a change of Banking Hours as of Jan. 1, 1970:

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Dora Smith, Reporter
ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Straus entertained their club Friday evening, with enjoyment of cards and an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Prizes went to Vernon Halfman for high score, with Max Straus low; Donna Murray, high score, and June Wentworth low, with Donna Murray winning the pepper prize.

The hostess served a delightful repast.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Wednesday, Dec. 17. Mother and child returned home Friday.

The Pung family had their Christmas party at the K of C Hall Sunday, with everyone in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmer of Rosebush, Mrs. Paul Smith and Julie Ann Smith of Big Rapids, and Mrs. Walter Rau spent Sunday afternoon with Louise Smith.

Delores, Brian and Debbie Rau and Ann Smith, Patty Schafer and Theresa Smith drove to St. Johns Sunday afternoon to visit the family of Howard Blasen.

Dora Smith baby-sat for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gross Sunday. Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike Gross were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Big Rapids spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and family had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Travis Sunday, and a gift exchange.

Sister Marie Alexander of Santa Maria, New Mexico, is spending a few weeks with her father, Peter Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpff were Sunday evening guests of the Schafers.

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Local Items

Earl Sanders, who with his wife bought the Bill Wilcox home on the Airline Road, is timbering on 200 acres he owns at the corner of Woodruff and Vernon Roads, and building wood pallets for General Motors and other manufacturers. He says he has orders for all the pallets he can turn out.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen spent Sunday with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Green, of Wheeler, and her mother, Mrs. Clara Green, who has been ill.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter
 Mrs. Ella Swan returned home Sunday after a two weeks' visit at the home of her son, Russell, and family, of Midland. The Fred Swans planned to entertain their children and grandchildren at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Westphalia were Friday guests of Mrs. Herman Martin. The Philip Meads and the John Schupbachs expected to be Christmas guests of Mrs. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bunting and Stacey and Steve of Belding were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting, and spent Wednesday afternoon at the Ed Carey home in Mt. Pleasant. The Buntings' annual Christmas family gathering was planned at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bunting of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser attended a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of her parents, the Russell McDonalds, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and family, Mrs. Ella Cox, and Mrs. Leona Courser had Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee.

Mrs. Maude Johnston entertained the Farm Bureau Wednesday. Mrs. Johnston has gone to spend the winter at the home of her daughter and family, the Leon Dells, of Mt. Pleasant.

The C.M.B. Club met with Mrs. Florine Haupt Monday evening for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Nettie Baker was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Van Horn of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Letson visited Mrs. Charles Harvey Sunday.

Blanche Carr was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr of Shepherd. Blanche planned to have her family for

Christmas next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Majewski of Detroit came Saturday to the Vern Foster home and took Connie back to Detroit to spend Christmas with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson are expecting their grandchildren, Tom Harris and Kathy Emery, as Christmas guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family were weekend guests of the Harold Krueger and Jack Leider families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy and family visited her mother, Mrs. Minnie Dunn, of Grand Rapids, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter enjoyed fish supper Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughter. Minnie visited her sister, Laura Latham, Monday. Ray and Minnie expect to have Christmas

dinner with the Richard Flaughers at Lake Thirteen, near Farwell.
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REBEKAHS HAVE CHRISTMAS CARD PARTY

The Weidman Rebekahs held their annual Christmas party last Tuesday, and everyone was admitted free, to show appreciation for attendance through the year.

Prizes were won by Rose Schafer, Will Lawens, Jessie Rosenkrantz, and Leona Martin. The door prize was won by Tress Bunting.

Lunch was served with a Christmas theme, and everyone enjoyed the day.

The next card party will be Dec. 30.

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N. Broomfield

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hyder Dec. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fanning and Michele visited their uncle at Harrison Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode called on her sister, Mrs. Mary Cook, Friday.

Vern Badgley underwent surgery at the Edmore hospital. He returned home Saturday.

Carl Cook, who was a patient at the Lakeview hospital, has returned home, much improved.

Herman Cook and daughters, Aliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger, and family, enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cook, Jr., of Lansing.

Visitors of Mrs. Maycie Cook at Edmore the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder, Roderick Nicholson, Mrs. Johanna Smith, Mrs. Robert Cook, and Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Mrs. Gene Flachs called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, recently.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold called on the Robert Fannings and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola of Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Loucks and Kathy were also guests. They are residing in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook called at the Jim and Lloyd Bergquist homes in Marion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Terry spent Sunday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schug and family of Adrian and Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Burdick of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook.

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Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham and baby, Mr. and Mrs. John Latham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham and family and Mrs. Laura Latham had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Joyce, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller and family of Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and boys of Minerva, O., and Ella Wardwell of Farwell had a Christmas Eve get-together dinner and exchange of gifts with their mother and sister, Mrs. Elana Miller, of Farwell. The Skinners and Routheaux stayed the night with Mrs. Miller, and the Skinner children are spending the week with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren and family attended a concert at Barryton Wednesday evening.

Dawn Flaughner and family of Alma spent Christmas with her brother and family, the Lofgrens.

Alice and Brenda Skinner spent the week with their grandmother, Mrs. Elana Miller, of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Dent of Farwell, Doris and Terry Sisco of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill and family of Holt, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger and family of Brown City enjoyed a pre-Christmas potluck dinner with Dawn Flaughner and children of Alma, Sunday.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Bill Forbes of Pontiac spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Flossie Forbes. She went home with him for a couple of weeks. She plans to go to Florida after the holidays.

Fern Verette and Echo Godwin and Eathel Beers were in Saginaw shopping, Monday.

Ken Tupper and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Violet Wright and Linda La Londe were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent Monday and Tuesday with her folks, Ray and Joyce Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Haenke spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes' baby has been in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant since last Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family of Rosebush.

Local Items

Christmas programs were held Sunday evening in area churches, with the Weidman Methodist Church reporting a good turnout and enjoyable evening. The Baptist Church also reported a lovely program, with a full house.

Mrs. Hermione Smith and Mrs. Irma Kische had Sunday dinner with the Don Smith family. Mrs. Smith planned to spend Christmas Day with the Walter Smiths, while Mrs. Kische was a guest of the Don Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan planned to be dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and son, Sean, of Lansing, and Mrs. Mary Clark of Mt. Pleasant were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family.

Susan Sanders of Pontiac planned to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wagenschutz of Lake also planned to be guests at the Sanders home.

Mrs. Nina Forbes attended a family Christmas party at the home of her son, Charles E. Brien, in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Brien and two sons of Berkley were Friday overnight guests of his mother, and also attended the party.

Monday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Nancy and Grant of Rosebush.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Frank Wixson of Lake City has been staying with his mother, Mrs. Beulah Wixson, and working in Mt. Pleasant. Frank went to his home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas attended the funeral of her uncle last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma and grandson, William Ewing, attended a shower for Miss Diane Kripa at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Billy Alwood and Treasa of Brinton also attended the shower for Miss Kripa. Her wedding was Monday, Dec. 22, at the Free Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Wm. Ewing of Vassar spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas went to Belding Friday for the wedding of her granddaughter Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell of Mt. Pleasant spent several days with her granddaughter, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkie, and April.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert were expected to be Christmas dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Burgess, Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Steve Dutcher were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher, helping Douglas celebrate his 13th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Burgess and Mrs. Barbara Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cole and daughters of St. Louis Sunday.

Monday's snow storm didn't set a very good prospect for holiday visitors who have to drive any distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher expect to have their children and grandchildren all home on Sunday for their annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange, as several had to work Christmas Day.

Harry Gatehouse visited his doctor Monday and had x-rays Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines spent Wednesday evening with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish and daughters will spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children were supper guests of Rev. and Mrs. James Linton of Midland Saturday evening.

Diane Beutler spent from Wednesday till Saturday with her cousin, Laurel Beutler, while her parents were in Detroit, where her grandfather, Mr. Schultheiss, was having surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve, Sandra and Douglas Dutcher spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday afternoon. They spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland spent Sunday with his folks, the Clayton Dutchers. Richard, Douglas and Jim Dutcher were afternoon callers.

Opal Hardenburgh has been having the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh of Pierson called Sunday.

Orval Merrihew entered an Ann Arbor hospital Friday for a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew called on Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock Friday, to tell them of the death of a cousin, Arthur Gage, of St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hare of Northville spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. George Merrihew, and George. They had an early-Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Marion Beutler gave a birthday party for her niece, Diane Beutler, Saturday at the church. Ten of her little friends attended to help her celebrate

her seventh birthday. All enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream, and games and prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

The Carl Beutlers spent most of the week in Detroit, where her father was having surgery. Billy stayed with his grandparents, the Clyde Beutlers, and Diane stayed with the Howard Beutlers and attended school with Laurel.

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Coldwater Lake
Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Guess there must be a lot of last-minute shoppers, as the stores are sure busy.

My little granddaughter, Joesette Schafer, spent a couple of days with me while her parents, Don and Judy, were at the hospital to see Judy's brother, Michael Haynes.

Mildred Haynes, Judy's mother, flew in from El Cajon, Calif., Tuesday to be near her son.

Thursday evening our family was invited to Ed's sister's house for dinner (the Miles Eldreds). We took Ed's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schafer, along. We enjoyed a delicious dinner. (Ann is such a wonderful cook.) The evening was spent playing cards. Our son, Bob, spent the night with his grandparents, as he had basketball practice early Friday morning.

Sunday afternoon we went to the Shepherd High School for the Klumpp Christmas party. We enjoyed a pot-luck dinner. The afternoon was spent playing cards and watching home movies.

The Jerome Becks invited us over Sunday afternoon, as they were having the neighbors in for a get-together, but we were sorry we were unable to go.

Monday evening we called on the Emil Lueders and enjoyed a few games of cards. We are happy to say Edith is coming along fine. The Lueders planned on spending Christmas with their daughter and family, the John Pungs, of Beal City.

We are looking forward to our family Christmas next Saturday evening. The John Schafer family of Bay City and the Wayne Sherlock family of Traverse City plan on coming, and spending the night with us. Of course, the Don Schafer family across the road will be with us.

Then on Sunday the Tony Schafer family will get together for their Christmas party at the KC Hall in Beal City.

Best Wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

North Weidman
Elvah Gott, Reporter

The Don Alwoods and Bill Alwoods enjoyed a Christmas concert at Remus recently. Jim Alwood and Mary Lou Smith played horns in the band. This is their third year, and they are getting very good. Sunday evening the Alwoods attended a Christmas program at the Weidman Baptist Church. Donny and Cathy Alwood took part in a play.

Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Laura Latham last Tuesday, and took her to her doctor in Clare.

Mrs. Latham planned to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger of Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott had their children and their families home Christmas Eve, for lunch and exchange of gifts. They spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wernette and

family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and family enjoyed a pot-luck dinner at the Gilmore Hall Saturday evening, with a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. One son had to work. His family planned to come to the Gott home at a later date.

Mrs. Muriel Miller had a birthday party for Debbie Miller's fourth birthday Monday, with nine of her little friends present, at Lois Knollenberg's home. Cake and all the birthday trimmings were served. Debbie received many nice gifts.

The Norman Abbotts planned to have all their children home for Christmas.

Ilene Abbott is working again at CMC Hospital, in the laundry.

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Mildred Tompkins came Sunday, to spend the winter with Blanche Cliff.

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Here we show just a few happenings in our area during the past year. All of these photos appeared in the Messenger, with accompanying news stories.



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