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Editor's Column

By Connie

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's been said that Weidman-area business people just can't get together on any given project.

Once a year they do it.

They're all together, on the back page of the Messenger, to wish you a Merry Christmas and the best of all New Years.

It's their way of wishing you all that, and of saying Thank You for your friendship and patronage during the year just closing.

Yup, we're in there, too.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

There will be no Messenger in the mails and on the newsstands next week, as it's our semi-annual 10-day vacation time.

Twice a year we combine two issues in one, and get ourselves a vacation, along with our faithful news writers.

Your next Messenger will be dated January 3, 1974.

Let's hope the coming year will be at least as good as the one just closing (but don't bank on it). Out here in the country, anyhow, we can raise our own vegetables, and our own eggs and meat, if necessary. It may become necessary.

Anyhow: For this short time of holiday enjoyments, may we all have relief from nation-shaking "bombshells" of political and economic nature. (We can hope, can't we?)

This has been a year of turmoil and sudden changes in our lives by gov't pronouncement; we must somehow free ourselves of government control of our lives and get back to personal responsibility and personal endeavor; along with personal comfort and personal gain.

On this preachy note we'll close our column for this year. May we see daylight next year!

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake.

Mrs. Emily Wood entered the Clare Hospital last week.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



HE'LL BE HERE THIS SATURDAY--Santa will be in Weidman this Saturday afternoon, arriving at 1 o'clock and visiting with the kids until 3. He will arrive on the big red fire truck, same as last year. All area kids are cordially invited to come and tell the Jolly old fellow their Christmas wishes. Santa will have a gift of candy for every child.

Also this Saturday afternoon the first drawing of the WBA's Fifty-fifty Club will be held, at 2.30 p.m. There's a good money prize to be won there.

Weidman business places, as well as Weidman homes, are about ready for Christmas, with all stores decorated beautifully with Christmas trimmings.

Among home decorations we have seen, we're struck by the simple but very beautiful one at Ray and Edith Smith's. It's simply their carriage lamp in their front yard, its pole wound with red and white, and a big, big red bow just below the lamp.

Very simple, very beautiful. Like a Christmas card.

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TWO SHOPLIFTERS TURNED OVER TO JUVENILE COURT

Two 16-year-old shoplifters were apprehended at Bud's Party Store Friday and turned over to the Juvenile Court authorities.

Shoplifting here, as in all towns and cities, is an ongoing thing, and when culprits are children they are simply turned over to their parents.

In the case of 16-year-olds, however, a line was drawn and the two were arrested. Their loot amounted to about \$9 worth of merchandise from the store.

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Mrs. Wayne Smith and children of Wolverine called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Sunday evening, and took their Christmas gifts to them.

SNOWMOBILERS PLAY HAVOC WITH BEUTLER HERD OF COWS

Four snowmobilers played havoc Sunday afternoon with the milking herd of cows at the barn of Howard Beutler, it was reported Monday.

Howard owns the farm jointly with his brother, Carl, but Carl is not active in the farming operations, and Howard owns the stock.

The Beutlers reported that the four snowmobiles appeared Sunday afternoon and went on a racing spree around the barn and silo.

The herd of 50 cows (30 of them milking) was demoralized by the noise and speed of the small vehicles, and Howard lodged a complaint with the County Sheriff's department.

The Beutlers managed to get license numbers of two or three snowmobiles as the riders stopped at the office at Lake Isabella, which was closed.

Identifications indicated that one snowmobile driver was from Ludington, one possibly from Clio, and one from Mt. Pleasant. Identification of the fourth was not certain, the sheriff's office said Monday.

Sheriff Donald Gillis sent warrants to the county prosecutor's office Monday morning but was unable to see the prosecutor as the latter was in conference with the newly-appointed county controller.

The warrants were for prose-

BADER'S MOVING HEADQUARTERS TO WEIDMAN JAN. 1

Bader Milling Company has announced it will move its retail store and general headquarters from Mt. Pleasant to Weidman the first of the year. All their retail trade business will be done from the Weidman mill and office, Burton Bader said this week.

Mobile tank fertilizer and chemical service will remain in Mt. Pleasant.

The retail division of Bader Milling Company is a big addition to the Weidman branch of Bader's, bringing here the sole handling of feeds, seeds, lawn supplies, cattle and other animal medications and supplies, etc.

Baders have been dealing with the farm trade in Isabella County since 1931, Burton Bader said this week, and have earned the loyalty and patronage which Bader's appreciates.

More storage for grains will be built here next spring, with additional fertilizer storage space to built later.

Plans are for putting up facilities for an additional 25,000 bushels of grain storage, while the Weidman mill already has a good capacity.

Bader's has just completed installation of a new machine at the Weidman mill for processing protein feeds.

Bader's general headquarters and main office will be here at Weidman, with the Mt. Pleasant plant closed except for bulk tanks, which are in an area not affected by the closing of Bader's Mt. Pleasant retail outlet.

Bader's will sell or lease its main building in Mt. Pleasant, which is the old Borden milk plant on West Broadway.

Weidman gains substantially by this move of the Bader mill headquarters here, and enlargement of the Weidman mill.

cution on misdemeanor charges. It is unlawful to drive a snowmobile on private property without owners' consent.

The prosecutor declined to issue warrants on prima facie evidence. The Sheriff forwarded a copy of the complaint to the sheriff at Ludington.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Members and friends of the Broomfield Zion Lutheran Church are invited to attend the annual Christmas concert at the Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw this Friday, at 8:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve service at the church will be held with the children Saturday at 2 p.m.

SINGS IN RACKHAM CHOIR

Miss Helen Saunders sang with the Rackham Choir Friday evening, in their combined Christmas concert with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, in Ford Auditorium.

Richard Hayman, chief arranger for the Boston Pops Orchestra, was guest conductor. Helen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders of Weidman, attended the concert.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin spent the weekend with Roderick Nicholson, and were Sunday dinner guests of the Robert Cooks.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes.

Mrs. Glee Krueger was hostess to the Lutheran Ladies' Aid at the church parlors Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Grand Rapids shoppers Monday. Mrs. Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox attended the Coomer Aid Wednesday.

Mrs. Leon Bunker was hostess to the CMB Club Thursday, for a co-operative dinner and Christmas party. Twelve ladies attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Sunday dinner guests of the Russell Flaughners in Midland. They went tobogganing at a ski lodge near Midland, and enjoyed it very much. Minnie visited her sister, Laura Latham, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family and Mrs. Lovica Krueger were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing.

Mrs. Kate Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bennett and Frank Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin of Owosso, Wednesday.

Joe and Woodrow Martin were Thursday callers of Ray and Kate. The 4-H Carolers visited them Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and family attended a band concert in Barryton Friday evening, in which their sons, Mike and Mark, participated. Thursday evening

they attended a play in which Amy and Kevin had parts, at the Weidman school.

Herman Cook, his sons and daughters and spouses, were guests at the Ted Cooks' for a pre-Christmas party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and children. Later the family visited Herman Cook, to help him celebrate his 93rd birthday.

Mrs. Eva Denslow had luncheon with me Wednesday. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and daughter were guests. Mrs. Choice Foster was a caller.

Ernest Foster and daughter, Nancy, of Inkster, Mr. and Mrs. James Foster and son, Brian, of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., and Mrs. Judy Mikitaroff and Mike, Julie and Reuben, Jr., of Dearborn, were weekend guests of Mrs. Choice Foster and the Louis Fiorillos.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clare were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, everyone!

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey plan to have their children and families at their home for Christmas dinner. Carl and Daisy will stay here this winter, the first time in many years to miss the Florida sunshine in the cold months. Daisy is employed as bookkeeper at Allen Lumber Co. and Carl says he's "puttering around his shop".

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower plan to entertain their children and families at Christmas time.

Mrs. Wanda Graham called on Stella King in CMC Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Wager was a Sunday dinner guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick. She plans to spend Christmas Day with Dan and Nina.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell plan on having their children and families home for Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur plan to have their children and families home for Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls plan to have Janice's family, the Elwood Millers and George, as Christmas Day guests.

Mrs. Grace Pitts was a guest of her daughter, Elaine Esterline of Farwell, Sunday. She was a Friday evening guest of the Bernard Pitts family, celebrating Cheryl's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and sons of Algonac and Mrs. Lucille Smith and Jim were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Leah Scharrer. Sue and Bob Smith of Wolverine were Sunday call-

ers of Lucille and Jim.

Paul and Carl Snider and their band are playing a two weeks'

engagement at the Side Door Saloon at the Chieftain Hotel in Mt. Pleasant.

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Nov. 15t4

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Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the St. Ann Altar Society for the lovely planter; also the Senior Citizens and everyone who sent me cards and visited me during my stay in the hospital.

God bless you all.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann

NEWS NOTES

Alton Allen entered CMC Hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Wednesday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Graham of rural Farwell.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Obituary

CLAUDE CASSIDY

Claude Cassidy of rural Farwell died Sunday, Dec. 16, at the age of 83.

He was the father of Alberta Bleise and also the father-in-law of Rosemary Bleise Cassidy.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie; one son, Harold Cassidy; four daughters, Lulu Fay Deck, Alaine Benic, Margo Gingery and Alberta Bleise.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Doherty-Stephenson Funeral Home in Clare.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ethel Bywater plans to go with her step-son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Abrahamson, of Mt. Pleasant, to the home of Mrs. Harold Knapp, near Ewart, for Christmas Eve. It is a traditional family gathering.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. John A. Wright, Minister Phone 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Choir practice, 6.30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
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the Churches

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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

Choir Thursday, 6.30 p.m., at the parsonage.

There was a good attendance at our annual Christmas program Sunday evening. The children did a wonderful job in their various roles and numbers.

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Church School, 9.45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sharing and Prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.

U.M.W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

The Weidman United Methodist Church invites the public to slow down as they drive past the church this week.

Men of the church have constructed a Christmas manger scene which should be inspirational to all, particularly at night.

Slab wood for the stable was furnished by the pastor, Rev. Athel J. Lynch, and straw by Dan Wawersik.

Figures in the scene have been used during previous Christmas seasons.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Paul Cole called on Tony Masachuk Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa called on the Coles Friday evening. Wednesday evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dennis and my nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell, and their daughters, Joann and Annette.

Daryl Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes in the loss of their uncle.

Sunday dinner guests at the Paul Cole home were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon and girls, Misie and Ronnie, and Tony Masachuk.

The Christmas party of the Merry Go Round Club was postponed till January, and will still be held at the home of Mrs. Wanda Graham in Weidman.

Bobbie Worth was a breakfast guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, Sunday morning, and attended church with the folks, then returned to her work at the Clare rest home Sunday noon.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner has been on the sick list, and will have surgery at CMC Hospital soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler attended a Christmas party Tuesday evening at Canadian Lakes, given by Don Bollman for the staff.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Coles.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet were Friday evening guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes, and enjoyed lunch with her.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bentley (nee Candee Bazaire) are the proud parents of a daughter, born at the Clare Hospital.

Fern Beutler called on her aunt, Ethel Beers, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunn are now living on the place west of Brinton which they purchased from Wm. Lowery.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright received word last week Monday of the sudden death of their son-in-law, Robert Slupe, of Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held Thursday in Grand Rapids, with burial at Kalkaska Friday. Friends of the family extend their sympathy to his wife, Evelyn, and three children, and his mother, who resided with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and family from Colorado Springs came Friday. Eunice La Londe returned home with them, after spending a couple of months with them.

Alfred Bartley and Jane Fields were in Evart Monday.

Merry Go Round Club was postponed last Thursday, due to the bad weather.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes plan to have as Christmas dinner guests her mother, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Charnes of Mt. Pleasant, and Ruth Blesch and Jo Alkofer of Barryton.

Mrs. Nina Forbes expects to be among guests at the home of her grandson and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huffman, of rural Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 29, in the afternoon.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn called on us Wednesday evening. Albert and Larry also called Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis of Lake visited us Saturday afternoon.

Elvah Gott, Helen Alwood and Wanda Graham attended our Christmas dinner at the Gaslight Restaurant in Mecosta last Wednesday. It was our Birthday Club and exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and children spent the weekend with his parents, the Norman Abbotts.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman of Mt. Pleasant were shopping in Saginaw last Tuesday.

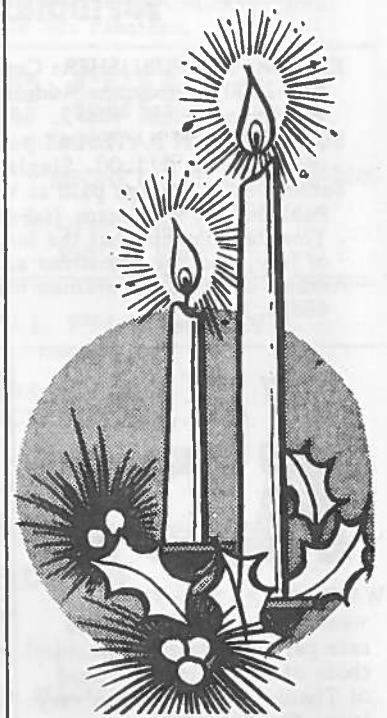
Debbie Graham spent Monday night with us. She spent Saturday night with Kelly Aldrich. They made Christmas candy.

A few ladies met at Wanda Graham's home Thursday for the Merry Go Round Club's Christmas dinner, but it was postponed, so we ate lunch with Wanda and have been eating ever since. We'll have the Merry Go Round Club another time with a Christmas party when the roads are better.

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NEWS NOTES

Miss Cheryl Pitts and Paul Barbour of Lansing were Friday evening guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, for dinner honoring Cheryl's birthday. Mrs. Grace Pitts was also a guest.



All of us here at

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Two groups of Beal City carolers were around Sunday afternoon and evening, and their music was greatly appreciated. A group of 4-H girls came to Louise Smith home at 5 p. m., and a group of grownups came at 9. They all sang very nice, and their Christmas music was beautiful and we loved it.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kieffer spent Sunday evening with Louise Smith.

Mrs. Smith had a phone call from Ida Tilmann. She is home from the hospital and is staying with her daughter, Mary Court-right, and is getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung spent a few days last week in Maine with their daughter, Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau entertained Mrs. Rau's brother and sister Sunday evening at dinner honoring Renee's first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen spent Saturday in Midland with their daughter, Kay, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin were Tuesday afternoon callers of Connie Skinner and Frances

Tranbarger in Weidman.

Dora Smith was still in CMC Hospital the first of the week. She has been there two weeks this Tuesday.

Visitors of Louise Schafer Sunday were Orielda Farner, Everett Schafer, Fran Schafer and Beatrice Sheahan and boys.

Mrs. Ann Eldred of Winn and Mrs. Alice Tate spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Robert Klumpp went to Ann Arbor last Monday for a complete checkup. He returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 13 at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Joseph Tilmann was admitted to CMC Hospital Dec. 13.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday day at the Al Klumpp home.

Terry Klumpp went to Grand Rapids to Butterworth Hospital to have his walking cast removed. He is now walking on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin plan to have Christmas dinner at the home of his son, William, Jr., and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleise

were last Tuesday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cassidy, of rural Farwell.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all friends here and in many states.

Last Monday evening Ed and I called on Bob and Renelda Klumpp. Bob spent Tuesday until Thursday in Ann Arbor hospital having tests last week. He will have to return again in about a month. At this time he is unable to work at his job.

Tuesday I and my grandson, Billy Schafer, had to see our eye doctor. Billy and his sister Kelli spent the rest of the day with us. Their parents, Jerry and Jane, came in the evening and took them home.

Thursday afternoon and evening our granddaughter, Heather Schafer, stayed with us while her parents, Don and Judy Schafer, were shopping.

Wednesday evening Ed and I and son Bob called on Don and Judy Schafer, and played cards.

We got a letter from our daughter Ruth Ann Sherlock of Morristown. She said they had had a slight earthquake recently in the early hours there.

Terry Klumpp had the cast removed from his leg last Thursday at Grand Rapids. On his way to the hospital he had

to walk in his cast the last one and a half blocks because of the deep snow due to last Thursday's storm.

Herb Morford has been in the hospital with an ulcer, but expected to be discharged Monday of this week. His daughter, Delores West, is also in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant. She had surgery, and expected to be home by Christmas.

Laura Hyslop, formerly of Coldwater Lake, is in a nursing home. She would like to hear from her friends. Her address: Laura Hyslop, English Hills Nursing Home, 1050 Four Mile Road, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504.

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Local Items

Sp/5 Bruce Reed was a Saturday afternoon caller of Connie Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts plan to have their children and families home for Christmas.

Mrs. Lela Whearett and Donald Clark plan to entertain Mrs. Jean Brew and family of Comstock Park, and Mrs. Glee Clark as dinner guests the Sunday after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon of rural Remus.

Mrs. Helen Smith goes back to Grand Rapids to have ex-rays taken on her hip, on which she recently had surgery.

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BREAKIN AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL

The Weidman school was broken into over the weekend, on Saturday or Sunday night, it was reported this week.

Entry was gained through an entrance door at the west side of the building, through a reading room, where two stop watches were stolen.

In the school's office, the secretary's desk was ransacked, a file cabinet was broken open and ruined, and the lock to a door in a closet in the office was broken.

Total loot was estimated at about \$25.00.

State Police were notified.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTIES CLOSED UNTIL APRIL

The Rebekah sponsored card parties at the IOOF Hall in Weidman are discontinued for the winter, to resume next April.

At last week's party, Jack Cotter won first prize for the men, with Claribel Beutler winning first for the ladies.

Rose Schafer won the pepper prize. Hattie Losey won low. Russell Wilson won the door prize.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion were last Tuesday supper guests of Mrs. Claribel Beutler. The Downings are leaving this week for their winter home on the Florida Keys.

FERRIS DIEHL WINS FARWELL BUCK PRIZE

Ferris Diehl of rural Remus, twin brother of Harris Diehl, is the winner of the 1973 Farwell Chamber of Commerce Big Buck Contest prize of \$1,000.00.

His buck had a spread of 22 3/4 inches, with a total of nine points that measured over one inch. The deer weighed in at 153 pounds.

Ferris got his deer at dusk on Nov. 22, and had it in Farwell to be registered the following morning.

A dinner honoring Ferris and his wife was held at Mott Mountain Ski Resort Dec. 12, during which Ferris was presented his \$1,000.00 check. Winners of other prizes were also honored at the dinner.

This was the first year the Farwell Chamber of Commerce put on such an ambitious program with such hefty prizes. Chamber members say it was highly successful, and plan to continue it next year.

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Mrs. Gary McArthur and children were coffee guests of Mrs. Ronnie Sprague Monday morning.

Callers of Mrs. Helen Smith during last week included Mrs. Flora Wood, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins plan to have Ula's children as pre-Christmas guests this next Sunday.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

My, what changes there are in the temperatures lately. So nice one day and can be so bad the next.

My husband came home Nov. 16. Last Wednesday we were to his doctor's and he said he's doing fine. I guess he meant for his age. With heart failure you aren't supposed to lift or go up and down stairs, but it's hard to make him understand that. I'm glad this seizure didn't take place when we were in Weidman. So many friends ill.

Friends have started their good deeds again. Two have brought us home-made cookies, and one of them had fruitcake. The other made pumpkin bread. They taste so delicious.

A Merry Christmas and a Good New Year to you.

Helen Hudson
Midland

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Dear Connie"

I am not sure this two dollars is enough, if not let me know.

We have moved again. We sold our mobile home and bought a larger one. Put it in the same mobile home court.

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Sincerely
Mabel Walz

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NEWS NOTES

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen are expected as supper guests this Saturday evening, their Christmas gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Conner (Alice Reed), Misses Edith Reed and Nancy Nichols, all of Lansing, spent the weekend with Edith and Alice's mother, Mrs. Minnie Reed, and their brother, Sp/5 Bruce Reed. Bruce has been spending leave-time at home here, from his Army base at Ford Hood, Texas. He left the first of the week for Texas. Bruce said Michigan is awfully cold, after spending nearly three years in the warm-

er climate of Texas.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Merry Christmas, everyone! Mrs. Betty Jo Martin entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital Saturday. She is in Room 328.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, of Farwell, Saturday. Mrs. Lawrence expects her son, Garth, and family will spend some time with her over Christmas.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and her children enjoyed a pre-Christmas party at the Othel Denslow home Sunday, with a lovely dinner and nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and family expect to spend Christmas with her sister and family, the Steve Raus. The ladies' mother, Mrs. Edna McDonald, of Florida, will also be there.

Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows were the Robert Denslow children, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, and Mrs. Mary Strait. The Denslows are planning to have their Christmas next Sunday. Their guests will be the Robert Denslows, Mrs. Halla Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kent, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait.

Mrs. Betty Thompson was hostess Thursday to the Busy Bees. There were 14 ladies and three children present. The children received praise for the Christmas get-together.

Bill and Bob Thompson attended a Junior High School Orchestra Christmas concert Friday evening at Barryton.

Brenda Wager and Jan Wood were Sunday evening guests of Bob Thompson.

The Thompson family are planning to spend Christmas with the John Thompson of Drayton Plains. The Chuck Wilson family of Grand Rapids also will be guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White expect to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins.

Mrs. Flora Wood attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Betty Thompson's Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Mrs. Katie Smith are planning to spend Christmas at the Max Aldrich home. Jim Wright will spend Christmas week with his folks.

Wilbur Wright took Clyde Emmons to the hospital Sunday. He was suffering from gout, but the hospital was full and they had to bring him back home.

The Norman Millers will spend the Christmas week at their cabin here.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent Sunday afternoon at the Derry Dunn home, enjoying sitting by the fireplace. She attended the Christmas program at the Baptist Church in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Ron Losey and John Beutler were Sun-

day dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home. The Gerald Loseys and Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad were evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Tuesday evening guests. The Charlie Loseys expect to have the family Christmas dinner at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens were Sunday guests at the Elwood Miller home. George Miller of Gray's Lake was also home. The Millers and George expect to spend Christmas with the Dick Touchinski family.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and girls had Sunday dinner at Wyman. They were celebrating Beth's birthday and Bob and Eloise's 20th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children spent Friday evening with the Jim Dutchers, at a pre-Christmas party.

The Jim Dutchers visited her folks, the Stan Roomsbergs, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher attended the funeral of Julia's aunt, Sadie Mercier, of Midland, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yunker and Danelle had lunch with us Friday.

Harry Gatehouse has been having the flu.

Luanne Maeder spent Monday afternoon with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark had a pre-Christmas and birthday party with the Gary Gatehouses Dec. 9th.

Percy Secord had supper with the Rusty Alwoods Monday evening. Tuesday evening he had supper with the Robert Dutchers.

The Robert Dutcher family spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen, and family, of near Midland, for the Christmas gift exchange.

The Carl Beutler family and the Howard Beutler family have been having the flu.

Mary and Marian Beutler and Mabel Chaffee attended Busy Bees for their Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the home of Betty Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Remington and family of Saginaw spent Monday over night and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith are expected to be guests of their son and family, the Ray Smiths. Ray and Edith expect to have to have all their family home as well, including her brother, M.D. Morey, and wife, of Flint.

Everybody's getting read for the Christmas season. Greetings.

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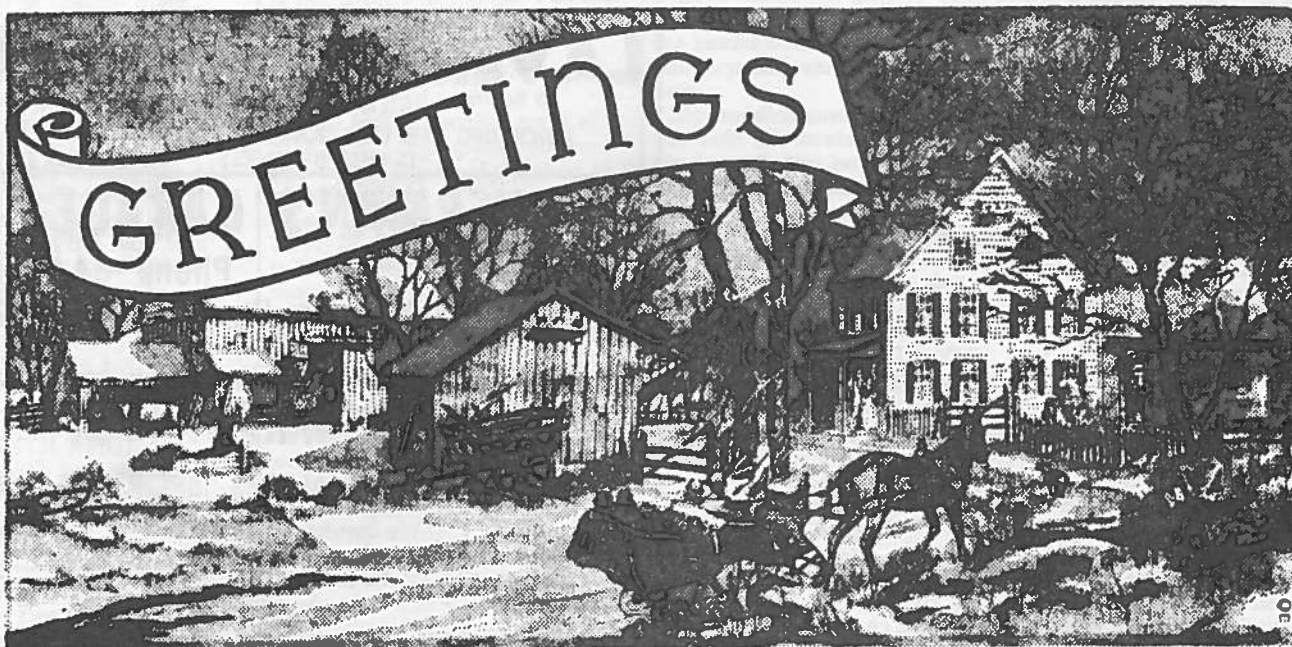
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