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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WAS A GOOD ONE FOR MOST

Most folks we've talked with report that this year's Christmas and the accompanying holidays were the best they'd had in a long time. (Maybe we were all grabbing at happiness for fear of what may be coming at us during 1974).

Anyhow, reports from friends and neighbors hereabout are that Christmas was purely gorgeous, with families together and gifts and goodies and holiday dinners out of this world.

A check among Weidman retail stores and services shows that business generally was very good, usually up decidedly from last year's holiday season.

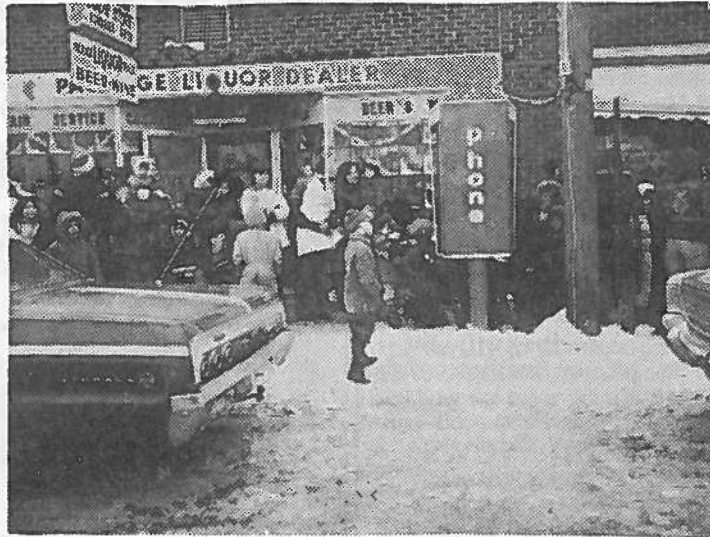
In the stores depending on out-of-town trade, business was not so good, reported Lou Fiorillo of the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy. (Gift items offered there were, of course, on the luxury side, and dependent to quite an extent on the usual winter influx of lake lot owners coming up from urban areas in southern Michigan. The gasoline shortage and the general uncertainty of future national prosperity makes down-state people stop and think before making the long trip up here.

(The Pharmacy, by the way, is putting on an After-Christmas sale on its gift items beginning this week. Lou's extensive clientele for prescription-filled drugs and medicines is not affected by gas shortages. Local people are depending on him for their prescriptions, and that part of his business is expanding steadily.)

Abbott's Furniture Store reports a better-than-usual holiday business, as did Fox's Hardware Store.

The food stores did very well, both Clark's Market and Baumann's IGA reporting excellent sales during the pre-holiday food buying weeks. The holiday buying was definitely up from last year, both stores reported.

Bud's Party Store reported an
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TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY KIDS WAITED FOR SANTA--On Weidman's street in front of Bud's Party Store Saturday, Dec. 22. It was a raw, chilly day, but children and their Moms didn't seem to mind--Santa was coming, and they had to see the jolly old fellow.



HE ARRIVED ON THE BIG RED FIRE TRUCK--As usual here, and took kiddies in his arms for real personal chats. After he had talked with all the little ones here, Santa went over to Beal City on the big red truck, and left the remainder of his 300 bags of goodies there. Messenger photos

In a drawing sponsored by the Weidman Business Association after Santa had gone about his happy business, Norman Neubecker was winner of the \$50.00 prize in the WBA's 50-50 club.

The club is a continuing program, with tickets available at most Weidman places of business.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Clara Grewett of Mt. Pleasant called us and said Carl suffered a heart attack the evening of the Thursday before Christmas. He was on a monitor and oxygen Monday, Dec. 24, in the hospital at Clare. He was expected to be home next week. t.

Mrs. Mona Wood and son, Jonathan, of Lansing spent last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and family.

Debi Graham has been spending a few days with her sister, Becky, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox entertained 44 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse were on their way home from Florida, after a three weeks' winter vacation at Tampa.

Mrs. Ula Cummins went with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White to the home of her son, Larry, at St. Louise, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins had spent the week there. They all enjoyed a housewarming, with about 22 relatives present.

Mrs. Cecilia St. Germaine of Indiana is spending a month at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur, and family.

Sunday, Dec. 23, Jeff and Jerry Hampton of Benton Harbor came and took their grandmother, Edna Schultz, to their home for a few days. Ike Hampton brought his mother home last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon drove to Rockford Friday, to visit friends from Mississippi.

Charles E. Brien of Mt. Pleasant took his mother, Mrs. Nina Forbes, to a Christmas party Dec. 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huffman of rural Mt. Pleasant. The Briens brought her home after the party. Among those present were Mrs. Harvey Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Littell and family, all of Ithaca; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brien and daughter, Lisa, of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bahr of Spalding; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brien of Mt. Pleasant, Robert Holt, Sr., and Russell, Diane and Roger, and Mrs. Robert Delong and two children.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Leila Shook entertained her children and grandchildren Christmas Day. Dick was home from Bay City, and stayed till Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family of Flushing spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Leah Scharer.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The Don Alwoods had all their children and grandchildren home for Christmas Day. Bill and Joy Alwood and son, Troy, of Hemlock brought Hermione Smith of Mt. Pleasant for turkey dinner and gift exchange. Rusty and Fonda Alwood and Heather were guests later. Callers during the holidays included Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith, Mrs. Jeanne Smith and Wally, Mrs. Louise Smith and four daughters.

The Bill Smith family hear from their old friend, Ann Snyder, of Marshfield, Wisc., at Christmas time. Ann writes, "Glad your mother is able to be up and around. Doesn't seem like 26 years since I left Weidman. I hear you have many more business people. And you have lots of robberies, and kids wrecking things. I don't know what ails people that they want to destroy everything. I'm glad I'm old and won't live too much more. Our country is in an awful mess. As ever, and old friend only older, Ann Snyder."

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood and son, Danny, of Warren, and Denise Ptak and Dave Stafford of Royal Oak visited Mr. and Mrs. Ptak from Thursday through Sunday.

The family of James Kennedy met at the home of Mrs. Lois Knollenberg Sunday for a pot-luck dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys, Muriel Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and children and her father, Dewey Ball, and Carol Ball of Eaton Rapids had Christmas dinner with the Norman Abbott family. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott are spending some time with his parents.

Melanie McClain has been home from her nursing studies from a school in Kalamazoo, for the holidays. She will graduate as an R.N. in March. Congratulations, Melanie!

Donny Alwood, John Davy and Craig Battle were among Eighth Graders basketball team at a practice game in Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning.

The Don Alwoods heard from Della Warner from Colorado Springs at Christmas time. "I was glad to see my picture in the paper. Bill and Gertie Stewart stopped to see me on their way home from hunting. I am at my daughter Ethel's. Her husband passed away last December from a heart attack. Would love to see all my Weidman friends, but my age won't let me."

Our family had our Christmas party and exchange of gifts Saturday evening, Dec. 22. Sunday visitors included our son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott, of Elwell. Monday, Dec. 24,

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton spent the day with us. Wednesday, Dec. 26, Bessie Allen of Farwell and daughter-in-law, Joan Allen, and two children spent the afternoon here. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen and children of Mason called in the forenoon, then went to the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bush, near Blanchard. Thursday we spent some time with Wanda Graham and girls and Bruce Parks. Albert Gott called on us Friday.

Word has been received that Basil Godbold, 56, a teacher at the old Weidman High School in 1939 and early 19403, died in November from cancer. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Beutler used to keep in touch with him and his family when he lived in the Houghton Lake area.

Laura Latham and Al Woodbury left for Freeland Friday, where they stayed over night at the home of her daughter, Jeanette Hard. Saturday they took a plane for Punta Gorda, Florida, where they will visit the Fey Johnson family a couple of months.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter announce the arrival of Angela Rae, born Dec. 26 at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Congratulations, Homer and Gilda!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls spent the weekend in Petoskey.

Guests over the holidays at the Russell Wright home included their son, Veryl, and family, and their daughter, Evelyn, and family of Grand Rapids.

The Merry Go Round Club will meet with Wanda Graham Jan. 13, with its Christmas party taking place, due to bad weather for the December meeting.

Leonard Durkee of Beaverton called on his mother, Mrs. Whaley, and took her to the hospital in Clare for x-rays, Saturday.

Holidays callers of Jane Fields and Alfred Bartley included her son, Mike, and family and her son Jesse and family, all of Grand Rapids.

David Sisco entered CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Dec. 27.

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NEWS NOTES

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Louisell and family of Mt. Pleasant, the Wm. Louisells, Jr., of Grand Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather of Spring Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of New Jersey, Ward Dell and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck and Linda Wolters of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. John Showalter of Mt.

Pleasant is in CMC Hospital. She is the mother of Mrs. Mitch

McArthur and Mrs. David Flow-er.

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WILL THE PERSON--Who has the old photo of Dr. Rondo please return it to me? Apparently I gave it to someone by mistake. I'll appreciate your co-operation. Connie Skinner. Jan. 4tf

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Wanda Graham attended the wedding of Butch Sowles and Juanita Skodak in Big Rapids Dec. 28, and took photos for them.

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Frances Tranbarger
 Connie Skinner
 Jan. 3tf



in loving memory

In loving memory of our dear wife, mother and grandmother, Theresa Bunting, who passed away Jan. 1st, 1973.

We can't recall a day gone by
 Since God took you away,
 That you are not remembered
 In some special treasured way.
 Deeply missed by the Oral
 Bunting Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brien of Mt. Pleasant took Mrs. Nina Forbes to the home of Mrs. Harvey Brien in Ithaca for Christmas Eve dinner and family party, bringing her home the same evening.

Obituary

Wendell Patterson of Grand Rapids died suddenly of a massive stroke, at his cabin at Tustin, Mich., after working to get his pickup truck and camper out of deep snow. The car incident occurred Friday evening, and he died Saturday morning, Dec. 23, at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac.

He had many relatives and friends in this area. His wife, Mildred (Kirvan) Patterson, was born and raised in the Horr area.

His survivors include his wife and five sons.

Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids, with burial in Jennison.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Claude Cassidy wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, flowers and food;

A warm Thank You to Dr. Dunlop for his special consideration;

To Rev. Miller for his comforting words; and to Carl Stephenson for his kindness;

To the IOOF Lodge for the use of the hospital bed; to the Congregational Church and the ladies who served lunch; and to the pallbearers.

To all we are grateful.

Elsie Cassidy

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deck

And Family

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gingery

And Family

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cassidy

And Family

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Benic

And Family

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleise

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all the good friends who sent cards, brought flowers, and who came to see me, and the prayers for me while I was in the hospital; And the nurses and Dr. Dean. Dorothy Smith

Obituary

EDWARD OLGER

Edward Olger died Sunday night at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant after an illness of two months. He was 90 years old.

He was born May 17, 1883, in Lincoln Township, Isabella County, and was a resident of the Brinton, rural Barryton and rural Weidman areas. He and his wife have lived on Woodruff Road north of Weidman for the past four years.

He is survived by his wife, Zena; one son, Dewey, of Lake; five daughters, Mrs. Mae Theisen and Mrs. Helen Letson, both of Mt. Pleasant; and Gertrude Wood and Mrs. Gladys Williams, both of Farwell; and Mrs. Delma Conley of Apache Junction, Arizona. Also 33 grandchildren and 68 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 2, from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

Mr. Olger was a retired farmer, moving here from Brinton. They family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Happy New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad returned to their home in Norfolk, Va., Thursday, after spending Christmas here.

Callers at the Gerald Losey home over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Mick, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and girls, Mrs. Jan Gross and Amy, Mrs. Donna Gross and Curt, Casey and Cory.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Eva Denslow attended the funeral of Mrs. DeWitt (Lena) Denslow Saturday at the Lutheran Church at Big Rapids. She was buried in the Stanwood Cemetery. They also attended the funeral of Mrs. Magial Denslow Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson called at the Rogers Funeral Home in Big Rapids Thursday to pay respects to Mrs. Lena Denslow.

Tim Workman was a Thursday overnight guest at the Thompson home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bill and Bob and Brenda Wager attended the wedding of Miss Emily Hyder in the chapel at Michigan State University Saturday afternoon, and also called on Mrs. Thompson's mother.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood, and Mary Ellen, Dean and Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Antcliff and Chris and Brad, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Metcalf and Dennis. Mrs. Pete Wood was a this week Monday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blodgett were Sunday evening callers at

the Benn Johnson home.

Mrs. Minnie Reed entertained her children and their families during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hunt and family of Warren are spending a few days here at their mobile home at the corner of Airline and North Sherman Roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and Christine and Cheryl were Wednesday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad were evening callers. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mrs. Marlene Tiedeman and Christine and Cheryl called on me Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins spent last week with their grandson, Larry Cummins, and Mrs. Cummins and son, Dewane, at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent had their children all home over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts stayed till Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent attended the funeral of their cousin, Wendell Patterson, Wednesday, at Grand Rapids.

Mike Dent spent last week with his grandparents.

Mrs. Alma White called on Mrs. Nettie Lawrence Christmas Day.

Mrs. Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, of Ewart Sunday, and also called on Mrs. Edna Merrihew at Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Martin are spending this week in Minnesota.

Sunday callers at the Joe Martin home were Mrs. Alma By-

ron, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cole and family, Leo Bahr, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bahr and family.

Jim Wright spent the week at home with his parents, the Wilbur Wrights. The Norman Millers were callers. Wilbur says he is enjoying snowmobiling.

Saturday evening guests at the Paul Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Miller and two daughters. They enjoyed showing old slides taken 30 years ago, a regular old-time show.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Thursday supper guests at the Norman Miller home. Debbie and Terri Touchinski were Friday overnight guests of their grandparents.

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Local Items

Mrs. Alton Allen has been spending a few days at the

home of her son, Rev. Carl Allen, in Midland. Alton was reported as slightly improved, at CMC Hospital, the first of the week.

Mrs. David Garrett and daughter Big Rapids were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Karen Powell of rural Mt. Pleasant was with them. Mrs. James Millis and son of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors.

Joyce Smith spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, and family, from her sudiest in the nursing school at the University of Michigan. She will return to Ann Arbor Jan. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips returned home Friday night from a three weeks' visit in Arizona. They went with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Valentine of Midland, to the home of the Valentines' sister there. They enjoyed the Western country.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Families entertaining company at Christmas time included Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yunker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hauck and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and family entertained at a Christmas supper.

Louise Schafer and Dora Smith spent Sunday night with Mrs. Tony Schafer. Dora called on Mrs. Louise Schafer Saturday.

Oscar Fedewa of Houghton Lake spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Mrs. Jack Pung was hostess at a bridal shower for Sharon Pung Saturday afternoon. All enjoyed the party.

Douglas Schafer went to Ann Arbor for a checkup last Thursday.

Clara Fox entered CMC Hospital last Thursday, Dec. 27.

Janet and Kenneth Neubecker also entered the hospital the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent the weekend in Detroit.

Jerry Schafer drove to Chicago last Wednesday.

The Tony Schafer family had their Christmas reunion at the K. C. Hall Christmas Day.

The Pung family had their reunion at the hall Sunday, Dec. 23.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. John E. Schafer and Mrs. Joe Sheppard Wednesday. Dora returned home from CMC Hospital Monday. Gerald Smith brought her home. Dora called on Mrs. Tony Schafer and Louise Schafer Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Sheahan and son and Dora Smith spent Wednesday evening with June Blasen and Theresa.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer.

The family of Louise Schafer spent Christmas at the hall in Shepherd.

Sherry Reihl had a slumber party for several friends Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Penny and Carol Klumpp spent Sunday with Cindy Klumpp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp spent Sunday at Remus with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Klumpp.

Rose Schafer came home from the hospital in Midland Saturday.

Alfred Pohl is home from the hospital.

Liza and Chris Smith called on Grandma Smith Monday. Bob Schafer and Mrs. Tony Tilmann took Louise Smith a nice box of home made cookies and fruit, the day before Christmas. They

were delicious.

Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday afternoon with Louise and Ann Smith.

Howard Blasen and Annabel, Greg and Janice and Mrs. Henry of St. Johns spent Wednesday with Louise and Ann Smith.

Doll and Walter Rau had the Smith family at their home for Christmas Night. Thirty-two were present, but it was an awful night, so not everybody attended. Those who did had a wonderful time.

Howard Schafer and his sister, Maria Alexander, and Sister Herman Joseph called on Louise and Dora Smith Saturday afternoon.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. It certainly was an icy one. The Tillie Schafer family had their annual Christmas party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City Christmas Day. There was a very small group this year, around 55, due to the icy roads and other Christmas get-togethers. The "Easy Living" band entertained, as well as the Bob and Jerry family groups. A pot-luck dinner and supper were enjoyed.

Danny Schafer of Detroit, son of the Gerald Schafers, spent Christmas with his family.

Ed and I called on Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer Wednesday evening and played cards.

Friday evening the Leo Haynes family of Winn called on Don and Judy Schafer.

The Sunday before Christmas we had our family Christmas dinner at our house. John and Sharon Schafer and children of Bay City, Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush, Don and Judy Schafer and Bill and Lynn Schafer and son attended. We got a telephone call from son Ed and family of Morrisville, N. Y., and a nice letter from daughter Ruth Ann Sherlock and family of Morristown, Tenn., sending us best wishes for the holidays.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, attended a party at the Donald Appelgreen home on the south side of Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

We had a family get-together with pot-luck dinner at the home of Russ and Pauline Klumpp of Remus Sunday. Those attending included Bob and Nellie Klumpp of Beal City; Al and Ruth Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant, Alice Faber of Mt. Pleasant, Helen Scott of Shepherd and friend, Chet Brown of Mt. Pleasant; Norman and Viola Schafer of Shepherd, Ralph and Sophia Stowell of Shepherd, and Ed and I.

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Mrs. Ida Bazaire called on Mrs. Blanche Carr Sunday afternoon.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Wednesday dinner guests of the Leo Denslows were her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schroeder, and family of Big Rapids, and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and family of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and boys of Lake, and Denise from CMU, who spent the week with them.

The Mabel Cummings family had a pre-Christmas gathering at the Ronald De Vries home Dec. 23. There were 55 present in all.

Mrs. Eva Gray spent Christmas Day with her son and family, the Duane Grays, at Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray and Melody of Midland spent Sunday with her.

Mrs. Violet Groh and two daughters, Velma and Eva, called on the Howard Monroes Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Williamston and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and family spent Christmas Day with their parents, the Harry Dosenberys.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and girls and the Virgil Loomis family were Christmas supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Red Denslow and family, and the Charles,

Tom, and Pat Loomis families were callers during the day.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and Mrs. Mary Clark and Sandy and Debbie Clark went to Ann Arbor Saturday to see Michelle Clark, in the hospital there, at the burn center. Michelle was reported as coming along good, having had skin grafting last week. She was injured the first part of December in a home accident. She probably will be at the burn center another month. She is very happy when she receives cards and letters from any of the folks back home, all over this area.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Christmas Day with the Forrest Johnston family at Rosebush. Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and daughter, Caroline, spent the weekend with Mrs. Beutler. They all attended the Johnston-Brecht wedding at Center Church at Rosebush Saturday evening. Mr. Tibbetts and Jimmy came up for the wedding Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hansen spent the past two weeks visiting relatives in this area. He has been transferred from the Navy base at San Francisco to Idaho Falls.

Greg Allen will have surgery on his leg in Sparrow Hospital in Lansing the middle of this week.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The Carl Fitzgeralds spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton, and Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls of Lake Orion spent from Wednesday till Saturday with the Ervin Dutchers. Beth Hogg spent Saturday over night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti took her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case, and visited Mrs. Case's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buxton, of Flint, Wednesday. Mrs. Buxton suffered a heart attack early Friday morning and passed away shortly after being admitted to the hospital. Relatives from up this way attended the funeral Monday in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald returned home Dec. 22 after a two months' trip to visit friends and relatives in Iowa, Greybill and Casper, Wyoming, Arizona, Texas, California, and Florida, Georgia and Louisiana. They were in Honolulu, Hawaii, to visit their daughter, Florence, for Thanksgiving, where they spent two weeks sightseeing. They spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald of Blue Lake, Mecosta.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen and Kevin spent Saturday over night with Edna Merrihew at Barryton. Sunday they had dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and spent the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland were Sunday dinner guests of her folks also.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee spent Christmas at the home of their daughter and family, the Robert Bauws, in Grand Rapids. They spent from Sunday till Tuesday there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint, and Garry Dutcher and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls all had Christmas supper and gift exchange at the Robert Dutcher home Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent Saturday over night with us Dec. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Walter, Jr., were Christmas Day visitors of ours. The Richard Dutchers had Christmas dinner with us. The Dale Dutchers were callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad were Christmas Day guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Beth Hogg and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.,

and Monroe Dutcher and Jack Gaudard were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls spent Christmas afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Roomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke spent Saturday evening with Jim's. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children were Sunday afternoon and evening guests. The men went fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hardenburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and boys and Linda Hardenburgh of Flint and Bill Hardenburgh of Muskegon were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rondy Dec. 23 for their Christmas party. The Jack Cooks were vacationing in Florida, so were not present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and family and Garry Dutcher and children had Sunday dinner with us. The Richard Dutchers and Patti and Robert Dutcher and children were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and girls were Thursday evening guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

The Gary Gatehouse family have been spending their vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bates and girls of Midland spent Sunday afternoon with the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen and Terri of near Midland were last Thursday visitors of the Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and family were Sunday, Dec. 23, dinner guests of the Harry Gatehouses, for a pre-Christmas get-together. Mr. and Mrs. Maeder had the Maeder families Christmas Day for their get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren and family had the Thren families Sunday for a belated Christmas get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family spent Friday and Saturday over night at New Era and Montague, Dec. 21 and 22, for a family get-together with Bonnie's relatives.

The Howard and Carl Beutler families attended the wedding of Miss Nancy Beutler and Leeland Brecht at Rosebush Methodist Church Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children were Christmas dinner guests of the Howard Beutlers. In the evening they visited the Jim Beutlers of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns, Ruth Wolfe of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultheiss and family of Sandusky were pre-Christmas party guests at the Carl Beutler home Dec. 22.

Claribel Beutler had Sunday dinner with the Howard Beutler family.

Barbara Dutcher and Patti called on the Theodore Cases and

on us Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker. Deanne Yuncker went home with Kaye.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the mid-December meeting of the Senior Citizens at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City, there were 16 tables of pepper in play. This was the annual Christmas party, with a bounteous pot-luck dinner at noon.

Isadore and Catherine Schafer were elected chairpersons for the coming year. Weather was bad that day, but Senior Citizens turned out anyhow, and all had a wonderful time. By noon the weather had settled down into a beautiful day, which was enjoyed by all.

Albina Rau won high score for the ladies, with Tillie Starr second. Margaret Lawens won low.

Arza Mullet won high for the men, with Austin Dent second. Joe Keiffer won low.

Helen Schumacher won the pepper prize. Ruby Douglas won the door prize. A special door prize was presented to Father Edward Neubecker, who enjoys the card parties.

The next party is today, on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 3. Everyone everywhere is cordially invited to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur and family spent Friday evening at the home of their son, David, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan of Remus and Ray Kirvan of Big Rapids were Christmas dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were visitors of their mother. They had attended the funeral of Wendell Patterson in Grand Rapids.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Marshall of Lake Sunday. Friday the Allens and Tim and Lynette Jackson attended a horse sale at Shipshewana, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and sons visited her mother, Mrs. Ruth Keyser, of Midland, Friday evening.

Mrs. Minnie Dunn of Grand Rapids is visiting the Ernest Kennedys.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS AND WHERE:

The Russell McDonalds, Mrs. Hazel McDonald and Mrs. Matilda Starr at the Tom Coursers' Christmas Eve.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser at their home Christmas Morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy with their daughter, Donna, in Detroit.

Connie Foster with the Reuben Mikitaroffs at Dearborn.

Mrs. Leona Courser had her family at Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso at the Robert Cook home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter at Rons' Christmas Eve. Richard and Russell and families at Ray's Christmas Night.

The Philip Meade family and Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Les Seidel were at Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach's home in Mt. Pleasant, and were dinner guests of the Herman Martins, Jr., in Lakeview Sunday.

Choice Foster was at the Louis Fiorillos' for dinner.

Blanche Carr, the Doyle Planks of Wheeler, the Norman Carrs of Merrill and the Dalton Carrs of Saginaw and the Michael Clares were at Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmers'.

The Gale Krueger family and Richard Shook of Bay City at the Leila Shook home in Weidman.

The family of Oral Bunting were at the Dalton Rayborn home in Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson were with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larson, of Birch Run.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines hosted Christmas dinner for their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan had their family home for Christmas. The Lloyd and Lindy Swans and the Jim Coles were all there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin and Mrs. John Passeriello of Saginaw were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Bud Hines came and took his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, to his home in Barryton for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family and the Richard Cooks returned last week from a vaca-

tion in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder. Mrs. Lovica Krueger was a Saturday overnight guest.

Miss Mary Richardson and Miss Doris Ellis spent Sunday at the Bob Cooks'.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter were Friday evening guests at the Ron Flaughter's, to help Jeff celebrate his 12th birthday.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Roberts of Toledo, O., were Thursday overnight guests of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Miss Kathy Krueger and Miss Chris Karcher have been staying at the Orves Cook home while they were in Florida. They expected to return Monday.

Mrs. Betty Elliott of Mt. Pleasant spent Christmas with Mrs. Mildred Rhode and Karen. Mildred and Karen were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens Wednesday evening.

Pre-Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen of Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Lange Summerville of Mason and the Stanley Jordan family of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family were Thursday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Sue of Virginia were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode were Wednesday evening callers.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner and gift exchange with the Fred Thompson family of Holt, Saturday. Christmas Day they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Helen Hartman was a guest of the Greer family near Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Ralph, and Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold enjoyed a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lueder Sunday evening.

About 20 relatives were present.

Visitors of the Rhodes the past week were the Jack Lieders, the Harry Allens, Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac, and Mrs. Bea Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder spent Christmas Eve with relatives in Greenville.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and son, Harold, visited Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder of Coldwater Lake Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Kennedy called on me Thursday morning.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Grace Pitts was a supper guest of the Bernard Pitts family Christmas Eve. She spent Christmas Day with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell. She was a Thursday supper guest of the Elwyn Pitts family in Big Rapids. She was a Sunday dinner guest of the Bernard Pitts family. The Bob

Finnerty family called on Mrs. Pitts Saturday evening.

Visitors at the Wanda Graham

home the Wednesday after Christmas were Bessie Allen of Farwell and Joan Allen and children of Lansing.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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over-all volume of sales definitely up during the Christmas buying season. Gift items were somewhat slow, but otherwise Bud said he couldn't see any difference in transient trade, especially from the Lansing area.

The McArthur Insurance Agency, which handles policies on winter vehicles, including snowmobiles, said they have kept what they had, with possibly a small increase. They blamed the gas shortage, general uncertainty of the economy, and cottage owners closing their places for the winter instead of coming up weekends.

Vic's Gulf Service Station reported an average business season, with no shortages so far. Vic is closing at 6 p.m. weekdays and all day Sundays. The station ran out of gasoline in November, Vic said, but with his schedule of early closing he has not encountered shortages--so far.

Frances Tranbarger, at The Flower Shop on Airline Road, said she did a record volume of business in Christmas wreaths and decorations in greeneries. She wants it known that she advertised exclusively in the Weidman Messenger. Thanks, Frank!

Our newest business, the Weidman Marina on Lake Weidman, also did well in the final weeks of 1973, just after opening for business. It's selling a good line of Evinrude snowmobiles and doing a whopping business in repair, maintenance and parts for all makes. They'll be tuning up lawn mowers and garden tractors soon.

Lilah (Fleming) Simmers writes that she has changed her address since the recent death of her son, John. Lilah had made her home at John's place for many years, but after his death she has moved to the home of her grandson.

Lilah said in a letter at Christmas time that she'd like her new address printed in the paper, as many old friends wrote her after her great loss. She would like to hear again from Weidman area friends. Here's her address:

Lylah M. Simmers, 8516 Haskell Ave., Sepulveda, California 91343.

Lylah's health is not robust, and she has suffered a tragic loss. Her many friends hereabout will sympathize with her.

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Wanda and Debi Graham enjoyed Christmas with the Miles Zimmerman family of Ashley the Monday before Christmas.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler called on their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Sunday, and enjoyed home made ice cream.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth were employees of the Lee Equipment Company at Mt. Pleasant, which burned again Sunday afternoon. The Worths have been furloughed because of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth and family and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and family spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

The Paul Coles and Velma enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner brought in by the Dan Kripa family, the Richard Mahons and the Russell Dennis families Sunday, Dec. 23. The

Coles had planned to go to South Bend Monday for Christmas, but due to Paul's illness were unable to make the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell of South Bend came Monday morning to visit their parents, the Coles. Our daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, and family, spent Dec. 26 with us. Russell Ewing is home on leave from New Jersey and returned to duty Friday, in Georgia.

We just received word of the death of our old neighbor and cousin, Ed Olger, at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant, during Sunday night.

Tony Masachuk went to Ludington Saturday to visit his father and his brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler called one day this week on his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee entertained company over the weekend. They all called on their uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles, and did some rabbit hunting.

A Happy New Year to all!

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth and family of Holt, Norma Middlesworth, Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Charnes and Mrs. Emana Middlesworth were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilcox Dec. 19, a boy, Jason William, at CMC Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Woody Reed of Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Bonnie and Jodi Sprague were Wednesday morning callers of Mary McArthur and family.

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