

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WE MISS THE WATER WHEN THE WELL RUNS DRY

Or rather, we miss the Weidman laundromat when we have flood rains, the storm drain lines all over town back up and the Weidman laundromat is flooded.

The result is the same. We couldn't use the laundromat for 24 hours or so. That was last Friday.

Water was pouring into the basement of the laundromat from all sides, Leon McArthur said, and quantities of detergent stored down there were ruined. Also, electrical circuits and gas lines were endangered.

Also, the storm sewer in front of the laundromat plugged, and water from all sides of the business street poured into the basement of the laundromat.

Area women realized then (those of us who have discarded our automatic washers) how we do depend on that laundromat.

The Department of Natural Resources is constantly at Leon's elbow, as well as other government agencies, as the laundromat does, indeed, dump its wastes into the Coldwater River.

But when the laundromat's chlorinator is working, which is usually, the laundromat's dumping into the river does not constitute pollution, even by the admission of these government agencies.

There are, however, some private places in Weidman with sewer lines hooked into the storm drain lines, and this does constitute pollution.

We are sitting here on a powder keg, doing nothing about policing ourselves, waiting for the DNR to order the village to build a million-dollar sewage-disposal system, when a few dis-connections from that storm drain would get us off the hook and the government off our backs.

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Too bad the tax notices have to come when the holiday season is just beginning.

Over 90 percent of the people in Sherman and Nottawa Townships are hollering, "We can't pay it!" and we don't blame them.

We are losing our property rights through the proven method



Y' THINK WE'VE HAD BAD WEATHER?--The above photo was taken after an ice storm hit Weidman in 1922--just about 50 years ago. View shows the old George Drallette house on West Main Street, with trees sheared of limbs and power wires carrying a load of ice weighing 12 pounds per foot of line. Photo loaned the Messenger by Blanche Carr.

### NO DOG VACCINATION CLINIC THIS YEAR?

So far as we have been able to learn, there will be no local dog vaccination clinics in Isabella County this year.

To get a dog license, your dog must have been given a rabies shot within the past two years. A rabies shot is good for two years according to county health estimates.

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### SCHOOL KIDS GET CHRISTMAS VACATION

Kids in the Chippewa Hills School District will enjoy Christmas vacation from Dec. 17 to Jan. 3, according to word received this week.

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### BETTER THAN A LETTER

of confiscation by taxation.

Karl Marx had something to advise about that. It's the bloodless way to take over a country: legally, inexorably, completely.

### SANTA WILL BE HERE THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Santa Claus will be in Weidman this Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, from 1 to 5 o'clock, to talk with small fry about the coming Christmas holiday.

Santa will have his own little house here for the first time, and kids can see him and talk with him there. The house was borrowed and decorated by Weidman business men, who want the jolly old fellow to have a comfortable place of his own in which to visit with children.

Santa will have bags of candy and nuts for all children visiting him this Saturday afternoon.

Bring the little ones in to Weidman this Saturday. They'll be thrilled with Santa in his specially-decorated little house which will be just inside Marshall's Garage showroom. A portable tv set will be given away at 4 o'clock, by the WBA.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

### ALL ABOUT TAXES....

THAT WE KNOW OF, THAT IS Real estate taxes in Isabella County are frightening to land owners, to say the least, and many are confused as to when they must be paid without penalty.

As we understand it, most taxpayers have till Feb. 14, 1972, to pay the township treasurer without interest percentages being tacked on.

We understand that after March 1 you must pay your taxes at the office of the county treasurer in Mt. Pleasant, and there's a 4% interest, or penalty charge on and after that date.

Most townships charge a 1% collection charge which is figured in with your regular tax bill.

Sherman Township does not do this. But Sherman Township Treasurer Alma Dosenberry says that if you want your tax return receipted after you make your payment, you'll have to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

Alma says that over 70% of Sherman Township's tax money goes to the Chippewa Hills School District. She says that three-quarters of Sherman's tax bills are on lake lots, mainly Lake Isabella, owned by absentees living down-state, and that Sherman gets no refund monies from the state on these lots, as refunds are figured on population basis.

She says that Sherman Township's tax take this year will be \$6,000.00. Seems a puny piece when you figure the millions of assessments for taxation in Sherman Township. And the big-big monies collected on taxes in Sherman.

Alma says that Sherman Township has more tax statements to send out than Union Township, where Mt. Pleasant is located. Mt. Pleasant, of course, is incorporated; but its outskirts are in Union Township, and houses go up all around Mt. Pleasant's edges every day.

So--taxation; the scourge and the threat of free people and personal ownership.

That's the way we heard it.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann Sunday, on their way home from Saginaw.

**Central Gilmore**

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mrs. Mattie Maguire was taken to CMC Hospital last Tuesday night, following a heart attack. Mr. Maguire entered the hospital for surgery. They were both there as we went to press this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Seymour and son of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Kenneth Seymour and son, were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau met this Monday evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bell, for their Christmas party. A ham dinner plus pot-luck was enjoyed by all.

We are sorry to report that Elsie Wood was taken back to the Mt. Pleasant hospital Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips left for Port Ritchie, Fla., last Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle of Paris are the parents of a new son. This is their third boy. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber are the grandparents.

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**JIM HUGHES OF RADIO STATION WCEN IS GIVEN AWARD BY FARMER CO-OPS**

Jim Hughes of Radio Station WCEN in Mt. Pleasant has been given an award by the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-Operatives at its annual meeting in Lansing.

In a letter to the station manager, Chuck Anthony, Executive Secretary L.A. Cheney said, in part:

"At the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-Operatives, we like to recognize those who have contributed to the promotion of agriculture and co-operatives.

"Our awards committee and membership have nominated your Jim Hughes for the award this year. I would like to invite Jim to attend our luncheon and receive the award."

Our congratulations, Jim!

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey attended the Christmas program at the State Home and Training School by the children at the Home.

Mrs. Martin Boger, Mrs. Wm. Estes and Mrs. Nina Forbes were shopping in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman has heard from the Wilbur Edmondses in Florida, and they are doing very well in their new location, in a new trailer court, where they have purchased a permanent home. They will be back here next summer for a couple of months. Mrs. Edmonds said she does much better in Florida in winter, enjoying the hot sun.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Veteran Passes****AMBROSE HARRIS DIES AT HIS HOME HERE**

Ambrose Harris

(From an Old Copy of Rolla E. Roe's Weidman Messenger)

Ambrose Harris passed away Wednesday at his home in Weidman at the ripe old age of 91. He was one of the very few Civil War veterans left in Isabella County.

He was born in Naples, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1841. He enlisted at Naples in the United States Army May 27, 1861, and was discharged March 28, 1865.

He took part in the following battles: Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Mavern Hill, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, first and second battles; Gettysburg, Mine Run, and the Battle of the Wilderness.

He was also in Andersonville Prison 10 months and four days.

Mr. Harris was the grandfather of Frank Benn, his mother's father. He died probably in the 1930s, though the yellowed clipping gives no clue as to what year it was.

For eight or 10 years he owned a variety store in Weidman, and on his retirement the store building was bought by Rolla E. Roe, and it became the Messenger building.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests at the home of Mr. Holt's mother-in-law, Mrs. Nina Forbes. The occasion was Bob's birthday.

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Mrs. Vincent Brown (Jean) and daughter, Bonnie, of Mt. Pleasant were Friday afternoon callers of her aunts and uncle, Connie Skinner and Frances and Barney

Tranbarger. Rex Garner of Vassar was a later visitor of his aunts, and he and Connie enjoyed an early supper at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Where To Write Your Congressmen**

U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart  
Old Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20315

U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin  
Old Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20315

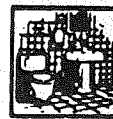
Cong. Elford A. Cederberg  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Legislators**

State Sen. John R. Toepp  
State Senate Building  
Lansing, Mich. 48901

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### Legal Notice

ISABELLA COUNTY PROBATE  
 COURT

Estate of ROBERT O. DAGUE,  
 Deceased.

THE COURT ORDERS:

Petition of Delbert Dague pray-  
 ing his Final Account be allowed  
 and residue of said Estate assign-  
 ed to persons entitled thereto  
 will be heard January 12, 1972,  
 at 9.30 A.M. at Probate Court.

Publication in Weidman Mes-  
 senger. Court Rule Notice.

Dated December 6, 1971.

BURKE McCLINTIC  
 Judge of Probate

Attorney:

Stephen W. Fox  
 102 Hersee Bldg.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 Dec. 9-16-23p

### Legal Notice

ISABELLA COUNTY PROBATE  
 OFFICE

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 Estate of EARNEST A. GROSS,  
 Deceased.

THE COURT ORDERS:

Petition of Bonnie Sprague pray-  
 ing instrument filed be admitted  
 as Last Will of Deceased and ad-  
 ministration granted Bonnie  
 Sprague and heirs be determined  
 will be heard December 29,  
 1971, at 9.30 A.M. at Probate  
 Court. Publication in Weidman  
 Messenger. Court Rule Notice.

Dated November 24, 1971

BURKE McCLINTIC  
 Judge of Probate

Attorney:

Stephen W. Fox  
 102 Hersee Bldg.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 Dec. 2-9-16

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 Come and enjoy good country  
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 Dec. 16t1

## Weidman Messenger

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## Notice

TO OUR MESSENGER  
 NEWS WRITERS

The calendar falls a bit on  
 the odd side this holiday season  
 for all the Messenger people to  
 take their semi-annual vaca-  
 tion.

We shall publish next week,  
 Dec. 23--be sure to send in  
 your news next week.

Then we'll all relax and we'll  
 take a vacation through the last  
 week of December, through  
 Dec. 31, and then get news  
 ready beginning Jan. 3 for the  
 Jan. 6 issue.

Again, send in your news  
 next week, but not the week of  
 the Christmas days following  
 Dec. 23. We will resume our  
 news reporting for the Jan. 6  
 issue.

And a suggestion: Please don't  
 "save up" news during the vaca-  
 tion week, unless it is some-  
 thing of unusual nature. We'll  
 have to skip the Christmas com-  
 pany, but we can report New  
 Year's, in the Jan. 6 issue.

Just one more issue after this,  
 gals, and we all take a breath-  
 er. Thank you. Connie

### Card of Thanks

Your thoughtful tribute to our  
 father, and the sympathy it con-  
 veyed, will always be remem-  
 bered with deepest gratitude.  
 The Family of Bert Estes

### Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends  
 and neighbors for the pretty cards  
 and gifts, and all my children,  
 who were so good to me while  
 I was in the hospital;  
 Also the doctors and nurses at  
 the hospital who took good care  
 of me.

Thanks to you all.  
 Verlia Wilcox

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Dec. 9tf

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## Real Estate Transfers

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 Martin L. Kelsey and wife, pt.  
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Roger N. Galer and wife to  
 Michael R. Boyer and wife, pt.  
 e 1/2 se sec. 22, Broomfield.

Richard G. Dutcher and wife  
 to Paul DeLorenzo and wife, w  
 10a e 30a sw sw sec. 13, Broom-  
 field.

Robert Vogel and wife to  
 Michigan State Highway, pt. se  
 se sec. 18, Deerfield.

Garold Lloyd St. John and  
 wife to Emil N. Phillips and  
 wife, pt. nw sw sec. 13, Sher-  
 man.

Walter Howe and wife to  
 James John Griffin and wife, pt  
 sw sw sec. 13, Deerfield.

Larry A. Dent and wife to Le-  
 land K. Aasved and wife, pt.  
 n 1/2 ne sec. 6, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to How-  
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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher (Connie Bowen) !!**

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock attended the wedding at the Church of God at Barryton, and the reception at the Brinton Community Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiles of Ludington visited at the Schrock home after the wedding and attended the reception with them. Mrs. Schrock reported it was a beautiful wedding, and the young couple received many nice gifts. Philip spent the evening with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip were Sunday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake.

Edward, Debbie and Susan Schrock of Coleman spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Edward helped his grandfather haul wood Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wysong and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wysong of Harrison were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and grandchildren Saturday. The latter attended the community dinner at the Brinton Hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky attended the dinner also, reporting a nice crowd, with lots of good things to eat. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Voss the previous Sunday, enjoying snowmobiling, as the latter recently purchased a new one. What a change in weather, since then!

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., of Lake Windoga visited his parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haskins at Barryton Friday night. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie of Big Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons Saturday. Mrs. Langworthy and daughter also visited them Sunday. Larry Zill reported Sunday marked the occasion of his 13th birthday. Happy Birthday, Larry!

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson went to Roger Heights, Big Rapids, Saturday evening, where they baby-sat with their grandson, Jon Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson. Jon Barry is now five months old, and cut his first tooth the past week!

Mrs. Lyle Denslow has been home from her work at the Community Center, CMU, the past week, ill with the flu. Hope you'll soon be better, Ollie!! Hobart Abbott and sons, Dean and Dale, of Wyman, were Sunday dinner guests at the Denslow home, Mrs. Dale Denslow preparing it for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and Robbie and Kyle were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow. The occasion was Mr. Corwin's birthday. Happy Birthday, Bob!!

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray went to Mt. Pleasant in the rain and fog Friday. Mrs. Gray reported the weather was so bad they didn't visit any of their children, but got medicine and did a little shopping and came right back home. Mrs. Florence Hoffman and Mrs. Ward Loomis called on Mr. and Mrs. Gray Sunday afternoon. They had taken Mr. Loomis to CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant and he was scheduled to have surgery Wednesday. Mr. Gray planned to take Mrs. Loomis to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday, and she will stay at one of her nephews' homes, the Duane or Loren Grays. Hope you'll be improving in health soon, Ward!

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smoke of North Branch visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Saturday, and were supper guests. Blane attended a Youth Rally at the Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters attended the intermediate grades (7th and 8th) band concert at the Chippewa Hills High School Wednesday evening. Teresa plays clarinet in the band.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, and Denise, Sunday. Mrs. Mabel Cummings of Barryton visited at her daughter's home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry attended the Busy Bees meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow Friday. Mrs. Dosenberry went to Mt. Pleasant during the weekend, calling on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry, Blaine and Jamie, on the way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake visited Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare were Friday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited them Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ralston and Robbie and Jody of Mt. Pleasant visited Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley went to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, where Mrs. Stanley had her problem at the clinic. We met Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen at a shopping center, and had coffee and lunch with

them. Later we all visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests at his grandparents'. Weekend callers were Donald Stanley and sons, Ronald and Michael, Paul Wernette and Allen Snyder of Weidman, and Mrs. Willis Finney. Darlene Pung was a Friday over night and Saturday guest of her grandparents, the previous week. Sorry we missed this, Darlene!

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I was up deer hunting this fall and I was at my brother's place (Gerald Roberts') a few times.

I was reading one of your newspapers that his wife subscribes to. It sort of took me back a few years in memory, as I read of folks that I haven't seen or talked with in quite a few years.

Matter of fact, I haven't talked with you since my father passed away in January of '56. Time sure slips away in a hurry.

My father used to tell me when I was growing up, that the older I became, the faster time would seem to pass. How true that is. It doesn't seem that it has been 36 years this past June that I graduated from Weidman High. Today, only the foundations of that school are left.

I have been in Pontiac since 1942. My wife and I raised two

boys and two girls, and the youngest is 25 this Saturday (Dec. 4.) They are all married and have children of their own. We have nine grandchildren. All of our children live in this area, and we see them quite often.

My wife works at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital here in Pontiac. I work for a sand and gravel company at Oxford, Mich., have been there 20 years last May.

My main reason for writing to you was to inquire as to how much it would cost for a subscription to your newspaper per year. I kind of like to keep up with what is going on around my "old stomping ground". Doesn't make me have such an alien feeling when I visit up that way.

Drop me a line as to how much it is and I will send you a check and you can put my name on your mailing list.

Cordially yours,  
Wendell K. Roberts  
Pontiac

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The Weidman Messenger:

Am enclosing \$6.00 for another year of your so wonderful little paper. Thanks a lot.

Mr. Jesse Bunting  
Mt. Pleasant Route 3

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams (Mary Ann) of Weidman were host and hostess to the Snyder family, which includes Mrs. Ronnie Sprague. The families all enjoyed the day together, Sunday.

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### Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle are the proud parents of a baby boy. She was formerly Judy Faber.

Leo Battle and Corky Baumann were weekend guests of the Walter Fabers.

The Table Toppers Association had its annual Christmas party at Cascarelli's in Mt. Pleasant Sunday after hours. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, Jr., spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Jr., and family of Interlochen spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kavanaugh and family of Saginaw spent the weekend at the Ed Kavanaugh home. Mike and Paul Kavanaugh left Saturday for Florida.

Arnold Schohl had the misfortune to hurt his back while cutting wood.

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

Mrs. Leo Gross and family had their Christmas party at the church basement Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and Neoma Martin of Fowler spent Sunday afternoon with Louise and Dora Smith. Dora baby-sat for the Mick Schmalbachs Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger and Tillie Schafer spent Sunday evening with Louise Smith, playing cards.

Mrs. Joe Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lawens spent Sunday afternoon at Houghton Lake, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lowe.

Mrs. Walter Rau called on Louise Smith Sunday afternoon.

Louise Schafer is back home again, after hurting her back and staying with her son for a while.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nichols of Shields and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nichols of Saginaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Dubois and baby of Tuscola were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Clifford Wellis.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Arnold Krueger, and Marge and Jeff, were Sunday guests of the Harold Kruegers. Carl Spayd and friend were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughner and family of Midland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner. The Richard Flaughners were Friday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ehrhardt and Susan spent Sunday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mrs. Harriet Foults of Six Lakes was a Sunday caller of Mrs. Choice Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. The Tom Joneses of Evart were Thursday guests.

Terry Lueder spent Sunday with his sister, Sharon, and family near Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and girls of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of her mother and brother, Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross of Westphalia were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill were Sunday

evening visitors of Blanche Carr.

Blanche Carr and Claribel Beutler attended the Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Mack Den-slow Friday.

Mrs. Roscoe Bugsby, Mrs. Wallace Bugsby and Miss Mildred Benson were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook at the University, for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Sunday evening guests of the Jack Cooks.

Mrs. Harriet Foults was a Thursday supper guest of the Herman Cook family.

Mrs. Lucille Bollman and Mrs. Theresa Bunting visited Mrs. Irene Rayborn of Belding recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting and family spent Wednesday with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts attended the Gratiot-Isabella Board of Realtors Banquet at The Embers last Tuesday evening. Bernard was elected vice president of the organization for the coming year.

Harland Snider is taking his final exams at CMU in business administration, and will be an accountant. Carl Snider is also taking his finals at Mid-Michigan College, on a general course. The Sniders operate a gas station in Rosebush.

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## the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor  
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Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Preaching, 11 a. m.  
Evening Bible Study, 7.30 p. m.

Our Christmas program will be at 10 Sunday morning, Dec. 19. Everyone is invited.

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### WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor  
Church School, 10 a. m.  
Worship, 11 a. m.  
Choir rehearsal, 7.30 p. m.  
Thursday.  
Evening Service second Sunday, 7.30 p. m.  
Fellowship dinner third Sunday, 12.30 p. m.

WCS, first Thursday, 2.30, at the church. McArthur Circle, third Thursday, 8 p. m. Esther Circle third Tuesday, 8 p. m.

Methodist Men, fourth Wednesday, 6.30 p. m.

WINN-COOMER CHARGES  
Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor  
At Winn:  
Church at 9 a. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Youth Senior MYF meets second and third Sundays, 7 p. m. At Coomer Church:  
Six miles west, two and a half south of Mt. Pleasant.

Worship service, 9 a. m.  
Church School, 10 a. m.

The Weidman United Methodist Church will have a memorial and dedication service Sunday, Dec. 19, following morning worship

and fellowship dinner. Service will begin promptly at 2 p. m. Past ministers and members have been invited to attend, as is the general public.

Articles to be dedicated include the fireplace in the family room given by the Saunders family in memory of Virginia Saunders; a piano in the sanctuary given by Leon McArthur in memory of his wife Gladys; the new amplifying system given by the Merrihew family in memory of Lucile and Orrie Merrihew; and the outdoor announcement board and planter given by Leila Shook in memory of her husband, Raymond Shook.

Coomer Christmas program, Saturday, Dec. 18, 7.30 p. m.

Winn Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 19, 7.30 p. m.

Weidman Christmas program Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7.30 p. m.

The Weidman church family room was completed on schedule by Dan Carrick, George McClain, Harry Herman, Jack Houghton, Fred Rescoe, Ralph Turnbull, and Leon McArthur. So far furniture pieces have been donated by Albert and Florence Myers, Leon McArthur, and Athel and Harriette Lynch. We can use small tables, table lamps and more chairs or davenport. The pastor will pick them up at your home if you have something to donate.

Weidman WCS will host Winn and Coomer WCS at an afternoon Christmas pot-luck luncheon Thursday, Dec. 16, at 1.30 p. m. A \$1 gift limit exchange will take place.

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Sunday School, 10 a. m.

Morning Worship, 11 a. m.

N. Y. P. S., 7 p. m.

Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.

Next Sunday morning will be the Christmas program for the Sunday School. The congregation will meet at the usual time and go to classes, but the class time will be cut and the program will begin at 10 a. m. After the program there will be a short message from the pastor.

Quite a lot was accomplished on the new church building the past week, and a lot more would have been done if weather had permitted.

The church board decided at their regular meeting to add to the size of the board. It was felt that more families should be involved. An election has been set for next Sunday morning.

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Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor  
Parsonage: 370 Church Street, Remus, Mich. 49340  
Parsonage phone: 967-3411.  
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.

Worship Service, 10.30 a. m.  
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

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GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

George Getchel, Minister

Morning Worship, 9.30 a. m.

Bible School, 10.30 a. m.

Youth Hour, 6 p. m.

Evening Worship, 7.30 p. m.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger are out of the hospital, staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley, in Mt. Pleasant, for a while. They were reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett attended the wedding of their granddaughter Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chapman called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott, and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman called Saturday night. Both couples are from Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. John Gott received word from Mrs. Roy S. Adams in Bradenton, Florida, saying that Roy has been ill, but was better.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater and boys called at the Don Alwood home to purchase a Christmas tree from the boys, one day last week.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and girls and Mrs. Elvah Gott attended a band concert at the new school last Wednesday evening. Debbie Graham played in the band.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn called at the home of his

parents, the John Gotts, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Hermione Smith visited at the Don Alwood home Sunday afternoon, and enjoyed lunch with them.

Rusty Alwood of Grayling spent Friday over night at his parents' home, the Don Alwoods'. Rusty and brother, Bill, and Eric Methner of Blanchard had lunch with the Alwoods Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bobletts visited the Max Aldriches Sunday. Kelly Aldrich spent Sunday afternoon with Debbie Graham.

Jim Abbott was home over the weekend, from his work at Charlotte.

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THEY HAVE SNOW IN IDAHO

Ye Ed received a lovely Christmas card from Annetta and Harris Bellows at Calder, Idaho, in which they wrote:

"So glad we were able to make the trip back there and that we got to meet you, Connie. It would be nice if you could come out and see our country.

"We have about two inches of snow here in the yard, but on the higher elevations the snow is deeper.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter  
Emory Dell came home Saturday from the Edmore Hospital, where he had surgery a week ago.

Mrs. Opal Hardenburgh and Linda attended the wedding of Naomi Brodbeck and Eric Heckert at Woodland, Saturday.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended Busy Bees Friday afternoon at the home of Margie Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse had supper with the Garry Gatehouses Sunday, celebrating Steve's and Brian's birthdays and having their Christmas with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark spent Friday evening with her folks. The Duane Thren family attended the Packard family get-together at Mecosta Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., went with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Sandra and Connie Foster to Grand Rapids Saturday to visit Steve. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cain and boys also.

The Ervin Dutchers, Jr., are driving a new station wagon. They got it so they could bring Steve home more often.

The Clayton Dutchers and granddaughter, Patti, have been having the flu.

Jim Dutcher and Kim were

Monday evening callers of the Clayton Dutchers.

Joyce Yuncker came home from the hospital Sunday afternoon.

The Bill Maeders spent Sunday afternoon and evening with his folks, the John Maeders. His father hasn't been feeling well.

Hazel Sellers of Lansing spent from Tuesday till Friday of last week with the Ervin Dutchers. They took her to Mt. Pleasant Monday to the bus.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wiggins and Michael of Houghton, Mich., spent Thanksgiving week at the home of Irene Jones of Gilmore. Larry is attending Michigan Tech College, on a four-year course.

Mrs. Choice Foster was a last Tuesday caller of Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Stevens of Sanford were Wednesday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boerema of Wyoming were Saturday guests. Mrs. Gillett's daughter, Mary Ervin of Six Lakes, was reported as improving.

Faye Stephenson and Dorothy Poet of Clare spent Monday with their aunt, Edna Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family had Sunday dinner with his mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts, and his sister, Mrs. Elaine Esterline, at the latter's home in Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Graham and family of Farwell were Monday supper guests of the Pitts family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Saturday luncheon guests of his folks, the R. D. Spragues. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Wednesday supper guests. Jodi Sprague spent Friday night with her grandparents.

Flossie Forbes of Brinton left Sunday to spend some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Foulds (Rosamond), in Detroit. She will spend the later part of the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended the Delta Choir program at Bay City Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Hathaway and friend and Mrs. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Tuesday evening luncheon guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Paul and Carl Snider's group of musicians will be playing at the Sweetnote at Chippewa Lake this Saturday night, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Farmer and family in Lansing Monday afternoon.

A utility shed and its contents were destroyed by fire Monday evening at 6.45 on the Walter Hauck farm near Rosebush. Two tractors, other farm equipment and some seed were lost in the blaze.

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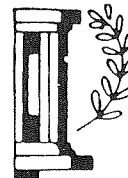
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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

### BILL THOMPSON READS ESSAY ON FREEDOM

Bill Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, was chosen from among five contestants in the Chippewa Hills Schools to read his essay.

He was sponsored by the Me-costa post of the VFW in its "annual boys of democracy" effort.

Title of Bill's speech is "My Responsibility to Freedom".

He read the speech last Thursday evening at the school. He is a Junior at Chippewa Hills. His essay will now go on to a national contest sponsored by the VFW.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and Vance, Gale and Dale Wood were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Flora Wood returned Dec. 9 from a trip to the Holy Land. The group left Nov. 29, and toured Jerusalem, Amsterdam, and other places. Mrs. Wood read an account of her trip in church last Sunday, and the Messenger hopes to print the very interesting piece next week.

Mrs. Wood will be hostess to the Missionary meeting Friday morning at 10 to tie off a quilt. Pot-luck dinner will be served.

Robert Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn, was in an accident last Friday, and the bones in his elbow were cracked. They took him to a bone specialist at the Gratiot Hospital in Alma.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Busy Bees Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Margie Denslow.

Mrs. Eva Denslow went to Midland Saturday, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan. Sunday they all went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow at St. Clair for a pre-Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called on the Lynn Johnson family Friday afternoon. They were Friday supper guests at the Elwood Miller home, and called on the Fred Rescoe family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cole and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll were Sunday evening guests of the Joe Martin family. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin were Saturday evening guests.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister and husband, the Myrl Scotts, Sunday.

Monroe Beckwith spent Tuesday and Wednesday over night with the Charlie Loseys. Ervin Dutcher was a Friday afternoon guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were Saturday supper guests of the Elwood Millers. Mr. and Mrs. Miller called on the Wilbur Wrights Sunday.

Mrs. Katie Smith was a Sunday

dinner guest of the Wilbur Wrights. Miles Miller is making a road for the Wrights.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ruby Douglas called on Mrs. Charlotte Hart Monday.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell and Mrs. Hilda Sampson called on their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, Thursday. Mrs. Ruby Douglas was also a caller.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner and family and Patty Sampson visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hoffmier visited the Paul Coles Sunday.

Miss Alice Rickles called on her cousin, Mrs. Wm. Sampson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and children called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth, near Rodney, Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Geasler and Mrs. Norman Geasler hosted the Merry Go Round Club last Thursday with 21 in attendance. Next meeting of the club will be at the Brinton Hall Jan. 13. Mrs. Jeanne Smith of Weidman will be hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart and Roxann and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis were dinner guests Sunday of their mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart.

Raymond Geasler spent several days at his cabin.

The Paul Coles and Velma have been on the sick list the past week. Paul had pneumonia. All were on the gain the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler spent the weekend at their cottage.

Tony Masichuck spent several days at his farm this week.

Miss Cindy Hart spent the weekend with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bierschbach, of Beal City.

Wm. Wixon was reported returning to work Monday, after his long time off due to surgery.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart received word that her brother, Milton Shilling, of Grand Rapids, was in the hospital, quite ill.

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### NEWS NOTES

Kit Johnson attended a bridal shower in honor of Pam McCrumb last Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Jim Millis in Mt. Pleasant. A delicious lunch was served, and the bride-to-be received many nice gifts. Mrs. Johnson stayed over night at the home of her son, Charles, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey attended a venison fry at the Jim Carrick home Saturday evening. Eighteen enjoyed the supper. The company was composed of men who had gone hunting together, and their wives. A pot-luck supper made the venison entree a most enjoyable meal, and a happy occasion.

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