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Editor's Column

By Connie

OUR VERY BEST WISHES

Our very best wishes to our very many readers, and other friends, for Happy Holidays.

Our heartfelt thanks to the many who have sent us holiday cards with notes of appreciation for our efforts on the Messenger as a community-service newspaper. They have really warmed the cockles of the old heart.

We are taking our semi-annual vacation next week, and will see you again Jan. 6, 1972.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Here's a bit that might be food for thought during these holidays.

At the Jan. 11 meeting of the Board of Education of the Chippewa Hills School District, the contract of James P. Jorgensen will come up for renewal or rejection.

We are paying "Paul," as his clique and most members of the Board fondly refer to him, twenty thousand dollars a year as superintendent of the Chippewa Hills Schools.

We are also paying an "assistant" nineteen thousand dollars a year.

As we figure it, that makes at least \$39,000.00 we are paying out of our real estate taxes for a school superintendent's services.

We presume that each man has to have a secretary--and the Chippewa Hills Schools pay secretaries very well indeed.

We haven't seen the office of the superintendent's "assistant", but we do know from personal viewing that "Paul's" office would stand out as a thing of beauty in Rockefeller Plaza.

Those taxpayers who would be willing to do some work before the next meeting of the Board may call me at 644-2000.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS NINE TABLES IN PLAY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last week Tuesday afternoon, there were nine tables of pepper in play.

Austin Dent won first prize for the men, with Coletta Gross winning first for the ladies.

Henry Schafer won low. Hattie Losey won the pepper prize, with the door prize going to Will Law-



SOME HAPPY MEMBERS OF THE NOTTAWA & SHERMAN Volunteer Fire Department started getting acquainted with the brand-new fire truck which arrived in Weidman Friday afternoon, late. To the left is the old 1949 truck with which the Firemen have been working since that date--1949. The new truck has all fire-fighting equipment on it a Fire Department could ask for--and local Firemen are indeed happy. Messenger photo



HERE'S THE ENTIRE OUTFIT THE FIREMEN NOW HAVE: At far left, the water-tank truck; the old 1949 fire truck; the new 1972 fire truck; and (far right) a jeep donated by the DNR and outfitted by the Firemen for grass fire-fighting. The area now has a first-class fire-fighting fleet--and first-class Firemen to operate it. Messenger photo

ens. A delicious pot-luck Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all, after the card-playing.

The next Rebekah card party will be Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 11, at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman.

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Mrs. Clyde Beutler planned to go to East Lansing Wednesday to spend the holidays with her daughter and family, the Robert Tibbetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kurtz of Doster and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert of rural Weidman were Friday evening dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. Sunday guests were Sherry Eberbach and friend of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Franks of Sunfield spent the weekend at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman, and family.

Men in Uniform

Steven Bridget, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bridget, arrived home a couple of weeks ago after serving two years in the United States Marines, with six months in Vietnam.

Steven enlisted on a four-year hitch, and will be free for civilian life except for two years of Marine Reserve membership.

His work in the service was as a mechanic on heavy equipment. Steve is applying for civilian work in that line, and hopes to land a job after the first of the year.

Douglas Klumpp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp, is home for Christmas. He is in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Dean Chaffee and Miss Cindy Courser went to Fort Knox Thursday and brought Dean back for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor, Jr., have returned from Albuquerque, N.M., he having been discharged from the Armed Forces. They are looking for a home, to get settled in civilian life.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY CARDS, CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THEIR PARTY

At their annual Christmas pot-luck noon dinner and card party last week, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 16 tables of pepper in play.

All enjoyed the bounteous pot-luck dinner at noon.

Leora Schumacher won first prize for the ladies, Margaret Lawens second.

Stub Beutler won first for the men, with Mr. Anasty second. Leona Martin won the low prize. Leora Schumacher won the pepper prize.

There were three door prizes, two of them donated. They were won by Austin Dent, Frank Benn and Katie Gross.

The next card party for the Beal City Senior Citizens will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6, at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

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Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of Sanford spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bonetto and sons of Freeland were Sunday afternoon guests.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Mary Courser and children went to the program and Christmas tree at the Coomer Church Saturday evening.

Mrs. Choice Foster was a Thursday evening dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Johnston entertained the Farm Bureau Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Leon Bunker was hostess for the CMB Club at an all-day meeting and Christmas-gift exchange Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walker of Jackson were recent guests of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mrs. Jane Bacon, a former resident of the Two Rivers and Weidman area, passed away Friday at her home in Lansing. She was one of the Nixon family of early Two Rivers. Jane and her husband, Guy, once had a movie theater in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Woodruff were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson and Chris Ann of Tuscola were Tuesday guests of Mrs. Chris Larson.

Chris Larson was admitted to CMC Hospital Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larson of Saginaw were Sunday visitors at the Larson home.

Tom Harris of Wooster, Ohio, came Saturday to spend the holidays with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Sisco, and his grandparents, the Chris Larsons.

Mrs. Mark Mitchell and Mrs. Boyd Harless of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Thursday evening.

Mrs. Edith Urie is home from the hospital, and is recuperating from a badly fractured arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. They were Wednesday afternoon and evening guests at the Arnold Krueger home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Westphalia and Ed Martin of Lakeview were Friday visitors of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mrs. Martin and Ray attended a pre-Christmas dinner and gift exchange at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. John Wright and Blanche Carr helped tie a quilt for the Missionary Society and had pot-luck dinner at the home of Mrs. Flora Wood, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson and Lorraine of Newberry came down and took her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rogers, out to dinner on their 54th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Doris Wilmot celebrated her birthday Thursday. Her father, John Sheldon, and her sisters, Minnie Flaughter, Millie Voss and Rosena Leiter had din-

ner with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter were Saturday supper guests of the Russell Flaughers of Midland, and Sunday supper guests of the Richard Flaughers. Thursday they visited the Ron Flaughers. They had a call from Ralph from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Ivan Hines and Roxanne and Marty and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Sunday visitors at the Robert Hines home.

The family of Herman Cook met for a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp of Winn Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were dinner guests Sunday at the Warren Lears', to celebrate Gilda's birthday. They had ice cream and cake in the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Marshall and son, Kevin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Marshall and daughters of Yuma, Ariz., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Ella Cox, and other relatives, over the holidays.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mrs. Florence Badgley went to Lansing Sunday for an early Christmas with her son and daughter, as she and her son and family expect to leave Dec. 23 for Winterhaven, Florida, for three weeks.

Mrs. Elsie Wood passed away at the Mt. Pleasant hospital last Thursday evening, after a long illness. Elsie was able to come home for three weeks, but had to return to the hospital Saturday. Her son, Gerald, and family, arrived home from Clermont, Florida, Saturday afternoon, after leaving Friday morning at 5. Elsie will be missed by everyone. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2.30 from the Gilmore Church of Christ, with George Getchel officiating. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Verna Seymour is not so well at this time.

Miss Suzie Faber spent part of the week at Paris, Mich., with her sister Judy (Mrs. Battle), helping to care for the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Monty McAlvey and family of Lansing called at the Ed McAlvey home Sunday. They called at the funeral home in Farwell to pay respects to Mrs. Elsie Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle and children of Paris spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

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Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark plan to have Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Saline, Mrs. George Brew and children of Comstock Park, and Mrs. Glee Clark of Mt. Pleasant as Christmas Day and dinner guests.

PIONEER FARM BUREAU MEETS WITH THE BELLS

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township met at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell Dec. 13, for their annual Christmas party dinner.

The hostess served a delicious dinner plus pot-luck, before the meeting.

A short business meeting was conducted by the Vice-Chairman, Vaness Cook. Thirteen members were present, and one visitor.

Eulah McAlvey led in discussion of the topic, "Snowmobiles and Mini-Bikes: Are they a help, or a menace?" She also delight-

ed us with readings and a quiz which challenged our thinking.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman.

Mrs. Wm. Phillips
F. B. Reporter

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Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen plan to meet with the Allen family at the home of Alton Allen, Jr., Friday evening, Christmas Eve, in St. Louis. Mrs. Allen plans to spend Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. Clara Green. The Allens will have Christmas dinner with Mrs. Allen's brother, Don Green, and family, in Wheeler.

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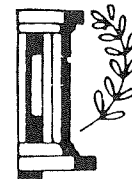
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 THE COURT ORDERS:
 Petition of Delbert Dague praying his Final Account be allowed and residue of said Estate assigned to persons entitled thereto will be heard January 12, 1972, at 9.30 A.M. at Probate Court.
 Publication in Weidman Messenger. Court 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

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our father, Jesse Richmond;

The food to the house, and the lovely dinner at the Brinton Hall; A special thanks to Rev. Lyons for his comforting words; George and Fawn Daggett, and the Ardis Nursing Home.
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 Mrs. Edna Gilpin And Family
 Mrs. Helen Richmond And Family

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 The Christmas program was a great success, Sunday.
 The young people enjoyed a Christmas party Saturday evening at the Walter Graham home at Lake Windoga.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Joel were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

Obituary

ELSIE WOOD

Mrs. Elsie Wood died last Thursday night, Dec. 16, at CMC Hospital. She was 73. She was a lifelong and loved resident of Gilmore Township.

She was born April 28, 1898, in Gratiot County. She was an active member of the Gilmore Church of Christ since 1926.

Surviving are her husband, Alvin Wood; two sons, Kendall Wood of Clare and Gerald Wood of Clermont, Florida, and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; also one brother, Carlyle Gallagher, of Vestaburg, and one sister, Mrs. Doris Cameron, of Rosebush.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 20, at 2.30 p.m. from the Gilmore Church of Christ, with George Getchell officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter
 Deana and Danny St. John spent Monday afternoon with Laurel and Donald Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended the dedication at the Weidman church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles spent last Monday with the Beutlers.

The Clayton Dutchers expect their children and grandchildren Christmas Day, for a family get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant were Friday afternoon visitors of the Clayton Dutchers. They had supper with the Garry Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher visited the Richard Dutchers Friday evening. The Richard Dutchers visited the Theodore Cases Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland spent Saturday over night and Sunday with the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni of Flint spent Saturday over night with them also. They were Sunday dinner guests of her folks, the Mike Simkinses, of Remus.

Karen Dutcher spent Sunday over night and Monday with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children plan to spend Christmas Day in St. Charles, with her folks, at a family get-together. They and the Carl Beutlers planned to attend the Christmas program at the church Tuesday evening.

The WSCS had their Christmas party Dec. 16. They invited the Coomer ladies over.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited the Robert Hoggs Monday evening. They were visitors

of the Robert Hineses Sunday evening.

Diane and Billy Beutler attended a show in Mt. Pleasant and the Christmas party at the Farm Bureau office Sunday.

Eva Merrihew of Leaton was a Sunday visitor and Aletha and Nancy Chaffee called Saturday evening on the George Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family of Clarkston and Teresa and Kathy Fish, and Mr. and Mrs. Davy Kirvan of Barryton, and Mike Merrihew and boy friend of Taylor were dinner guests of the George Merrihews Saturday, helping Edna celebrate her birthday. Ruth brought her mother a birthday cake. Many more Happy Birthdays, Edna!

Karen, Becky and Kaye Dutcher spent Sunday afternoon with Grandma Dutcher. Becky spent Monday over night and Tuesday with me. Walter Howe and Jim Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer and family spent Friday evening with the Garry Dutchers. The Robert Dutchers were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Friday evening with her aunt, Mrs. O.F. Wernette, of Mecosta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Sandra and Connie Foster visited Steve at Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher spent Saturday with her folks, the Ed Wernettes, of Greenville. They visited Steve Sunday and his folks Sunday evening.

Barbara and Beth Hogg called on the Ervin Dutchers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald took Mrs. James Taylor of Mecosta to Grand Rapids last Monday, and while there they visited Steve Dutcher at the hospital, and found him in good spirits. Wednesday evening they visited the Bob Deckers of Barryton.

The Ervin Dutchers, Jr., plan to bring Steve home from the hospital Thursday for Christmas and take him back Sunday.

The Monroe Dutchers of Clarkston spent Saturday over night and had Sunday dinner with the Ervin Dutchers.

The Harry Hardenburgh family plan to have their family get-together Friday at the Jack Cook home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan are on a trip to Texas and Florida.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Booze and two children, Eddie and Laura, of Vickery, O., and Marifyn Vaness of Lindsay, O., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and Jane and Kathleen of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Tom Powell and Pat spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Johnson.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



CHRISTMAS IN VIETNAM--Above is an unusual photo, taken by Sp/5 Bruce Reed, son of Mrs. Minnie Reed. Bruce is a medic in Vietnam, spending most of his time "out in the bush." Evidently he does some traveling by helicopter as this and other photos he took in color show. Bruce is a fine photographer, and some of his pictures of Vietnam are outstanding.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Lyle Denslow (Ollie) entered CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday evening. She had pneumonia, and is still hospitalized at this writing. Hope you'll soon be better, Ollie! Mr. Denslow and other relatives visited her at the hospital during the week.

Mrs. Juanita Struble and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer and family of Deerfield Center visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray took his sister, Mrs. Pearl Loomis, to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. Mr. Loomis had surgery at CMC Hospital Wednesday morning. We are glad to hear he is improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray and Suzette and David of Midland visited his grandparents, the Grays, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell and Richard of Gaylord visited them Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Gray called at the Stanley home during the week, reporting that Lee Navarre was seriously ill in the Reed City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski of Lansing visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Friday. Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Fifield and children of Lansing were guests for a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday, enjoying turkey with all the trimmings, at the Emmons home. Mrs. Emmons accompanied Mrs. Robert Kirvan to Mt. Pleasant recently, where they did some Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and

family visited Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters Sunday evening. The latter plan to spend part of the Christmas holiday with his father, Arthur Loomis, and also visit other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson attended the Evert Products Co. office Christmas supper and party for the office employees and their families, at Evert Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip visited Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens of Lake Sunday. They plan to spend Christmas Eve at the Owens home, and have supper with them Christmas Night. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock also will be supper guests.

Edward, Debbie and Susan Schrock of Coleman spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and Linda of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and Angela of Leaton were visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Conley attended the wedding of his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conley, and also attended the reception for them at Clifford Lake Hotel at Stanton, Saturday evening. Later they went to Holland, where they were overnight and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Favreau.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Ma-

rie of Big Rapids, Christmas Eve, with a supper and exchange of gifts, and will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Zill at St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen, visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were Tuesday overnight guests at the Moore home. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall Thursday evening, and went to Mt. Pleasant Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley visited at the Stanley home Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abendroth of Lake Windoga, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley were guests at the Stanley home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley went to St. Johns Sunday with their grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, and family, where they enjoyed a bountiful pre-Christmas feast, and exchange of gifts, at his parents', Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore's. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle and Fran- ceen, Mary Kay and Tommy of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Powell and Stacie and Sherene of Fowler were also guests.

We expect to see most of our family Sunday, Dec. 26, for our Christmas get-together. Hope we'll have nice weather!

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Jamie were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry. Blaine spent the day with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dague.

Blane Monroe was a supper guest at the home of his teacher, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Baday, at Big Rapids, and attended the Christmas program at the Church

South of Chippewa Lake with them Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe and Blane were Friday supper guests of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and sons. Blane attended a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham at Lake Windoga Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise attended the pre-Christmas dinner and get-together of the Cummings family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sowle at Barryton Sunday. There were 55 in attendance, and all had an enjoyable day together. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow expect Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and Rhonda, Richard and Paul of Big Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael of the Coldwater oil field, to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with them.

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday!!

Ronald and Michael Stanley, Paul Wernette and Alan Snider came out Monday morning to hunt rabbits, and were luncheon guests. ---0---

MY RESPONSIBILITY TO FREEDOM

By Bill Thompson

People have many responsibilities to freedom, if they would just get off the sidelines and get involved in them.

Freedom must be maintained in the United States because without freedom we would be living under a one-man power or dictatorship. This is what I feel would be like living in a society filled with robots, all with a pre-

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mrs. Art Proefrock and children of Reed City spent Sunday afternoon with Louise, Ann and Dora Smith.

A large group of carol singers went around Beal City Sunday evening, singing beautiful Christmas songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus took Mrs. Gertrude Gross and Mrs. Clara Fox to the Broomfield Grange smorgasbord Saturday evening, and to see their Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung had all their families over Sunday for their Christmas get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, Jr., spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Bob Block and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson spent the first of the week in Duluth, Minn. Bob went to pick up his children for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Dora Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Shirley Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach and family took off for Florida for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Arthur Yuncker spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Shirley Anderson.

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Coldwater Lake

Marge Schaefer, Reporter

Hi:

Suppose everyone is busy preparing for Christmas. Well, I have had my family home for Christmas, last Saturday evening. Those here were John and Sharon Schaefer and three children of Bay City, Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and four children of Traverse City, Jerry and Jane Schaefer and son of Mt. Pleasant, and Don and Judy Schaefer and daughter of Coldwater Lake. We had our Christmas supper and gift exchange.

Walt and Della Wischmeyer have sold their trailer home and rented their home, and have left to spend the winter with their daughter and family in California.

Fred and Helen Graham of Mt. Pleasant visited us one evening last week.

Sunday the Tille Schaefer family held its Christmas party at the KC Hall in Beal City. There were 90 attending, from Beal City, Mt. Pleasant, Winn, Blanchard, Traverse City, and Coldwater Lake. A pot-luck dinner and supper were served. There was exchange of gifts and a program of singing Christmas carols.

Eula Dunn was released from CMC Hospital last week and was back on the job at the Coldwater Lake Inn. Derry and Eula's son, Bob, was in an accident, and is in the Alma hospital.

Leo and Lucille Schaefer have a

new granddaughter. Her parents are Floyd and Mary Beth Hauck. Virginia Beck and children called Monday afternoon of this week.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger spent a week with their daughter and husband in Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen, after they left the hospital. They came home Saturday evening, and were still improving. Mrs. Sidney Wood called Sunday.

The family of John Gott enjoyed their Christmas party and pot-luck lunch and exchange of gifts at the Gilmore Hall Saturday evening.

The Birthday Club met Thursday afternoon at Falsetta's in Mt. Pleasant, for Christmas dinner, two birthdays, and exchange of Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick England attended the wedding of Margaret Krabill of Lake and Bill Geyer, Jr., of Farwell, Sunday, at the Gilmore Church of Christ. A reception was held at the Garfield Township Hall in Lake. They received many nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family and grandson, Scott, called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish of Charlotte Sunday. Jerry Abbott stayed with them for the week.

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MY RESPONSIBILITY TO FREEDOM

By Bill Thompson
(Continued)

scribed plan for their lives, from a central power.

I feel freedom gives us (the people) the power in government. We are the main fault also for cutting down on our freedom. I feel the citizens who misuse their rights are not fulfilling their responsibility to freedom.

I feel it is my responsibility to try and locate these people and try to the best of my ability to correct them. And to tell these people they are to blame for the cutting down of freedom in this country.

Say the right to vote, for example. Some people will walk into the booth and vote for a man for an office without checking his background on the office he's running for. Maybe they like his voice, maybe they like his dress, but is it the dress of a person or the sound of his voice that runs the government? If you think so, maybe you are one of these people that don't know what's going on or don't know the issues or just plain don't want to get involved.

The few people that have the right way of doing things are the ones who are keeping freedom alive. These people use their own individual ideas to help them find out many facts on the

certain issues. How about those people who abuse their rights? They have their own minds, don't they? I think all they need is a little correcting. This is what I feel is another of my responsibilities, to help to correct these people by helping them with the various issues of today.

One way of "getting involved" is by public protests and petitions. People are scared to sign a petition because they "don't understand it," or "don't care about it." This, I feel, is another of my responsibilities, to show people what is meant by certain statements on a petition, and the problem with protest is they might be "infringing on other people's rights," and is why they don't get involved. I feel my responsibility to this is to give the person or persons assurance that the petition or protest is all right.

People want to be free and live in a society where they can have many freedoms with some legal obligations. People expect too much from a government because they feel they should have these many freedoms without the legal obligations.

I feel it is my responsibility to try and correct these people, because everything we do, even simple things, have rules or regulations, and without these the country would literally fall apart. Some people say that the country has already fallen apart but really I just think it is these certain people who are making it seem that way.

People also should get involved with the problem of pollution. After all, they are living in it every day. This is a standing issue that needs immediate action. I feel my responsibility to this problem is to get involved with a certain group that wants to clean up the nation. People do a lot to contribute to pollution, shouldn't they be able to help clean up their own mess?

Another standing issue is traffic safety. People take the drunk drivers to be a hazard to public safety, but then again these same people who contribute to pollution don't do a thing against drunk driving. I feel my responsibility to this problem is to get involved and get the facts on drunk driving.

The whole problem is the people not wanting to get involved in something they know nothing about. The solution: Tell these people about their responsibilities to each problem.

GET INVOLVED!!!

CONCLUSION: People in the United States are human beings and should use their minds to the fullest when voting for important men or issues. They should also be treated like humans, not like animals or robots. This is why I say freedom must be maintained in the United States!

(Editor's Note: Bill is a Junior student at Chippewa Hills High School, and his essay now goes on to enter a district contest involving 18 VFW Posts.)

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LOCAL GROUP TOURS THE HOLY LAND--Ten of our area people enjoyed a tour of the Holy Land recently, and the above picture shows them on the shore of the Dead Sea (it's behind the building) in Israel. Left to right are: Lorna McCollum of Detroit, Yvonne Navarre, Bernard Navarre, Flora Wood, Cleda Navarre, Florence Hoffman, Rev. Wayne Lyons of the Barryton Church of God, Mrs. Lyons, and Clenard and Opal Starks.

By Flora Wood

On a snowy, dreary morning, Nov. 29, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Lyon of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Clenard Starks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Navarre, Florence Hoffman, Cleda Navarre, her daughter, Mrs. Lorna McCollum of Detroit, and Flora Wood began a 10-day tour of the Holy Land and Athens.

There were 260 people in the group, from all States of the Union, when we arrived in New York.

It was a wonderful trip, but don't put off going until you're not able to climb stairs and stairs and more stairs.

Our plane stopped at Rome. Some got out, just to say they put their feet down in Rome. We flew over the Alps both going and coming home, saw the moon so pretty. We were flying at 5,600 feet.

We took a bus from Tel Aviv for Jerusalem, a 61-mile drive. It was 12.30. We had flown all Monday night and we were up at

6.30 Wednesday morning.

(Editor's Note: Flora has written a detailed and fascinating account of the entire tour, which we will continue in our Jan. 6 issue.) ---0---

NEWS NOTES FROM BROOMFIELD

Mrs. Richard Lueder entered CMC Hospital a couple of weeks ago following a heart attack. Report is that she is out of the intensive care unit.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold enjoyed a fish fry with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Evert Tuesday. They spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Rhode and Harold.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler enjoyed dinner Monday evening at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler. The occasion was Diane's



SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED ON THE NEW FIRE TRUCK--Saturday afternoon, and Weidman's biggest crowd of kids (with mothers) came to talk with him.

Photo by Jeanne Smith



MICK SCHMALBACH, for the Weidman Business Association, pulls out the winning ticket for the new portable television set from Pitts Radio & Tv, and Shirley Nolan's ticket was it. The drawing was Saturday afternoon. Photo by Jeanne Smith

ninth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Normand Schultheiss of St. Johns were also guests.

Sharlene Wood spent Sunday night with the Bernard Pitts family. She is the daughter of Gerald Wood of Clermont, Florida. She was here for the funeral of her grandmother, Elsie Wood.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman plans to entertain her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Querbach, and family, of Allegan, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hagerman of Mt. Pleasant as Christmas weekend guests.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended a dinner at Falsetta's in Mt. Pleasant, a Christmas party with Mrs. Clara Ellis of Mt. Pleasant as hostess, last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower plan to entertain their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter, at Christmas dinner. They are from Selfridge Air Force Base, Mt. Clemens. They all will spend Christmas day with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and other family members also will be guests of the Showalters.

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A very Merry Christmas, and the very best during the New Year to all my friends wherever they may be. The best to you always.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

CONNIE BOWEN MARRIED IN CHURCH DEC. 11

Miss Connie Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, was united in marriage to Wilbur Fletcher, Jr., of Farwell, in a candlelight ceremony at the Barryton Church of God Dec. 11.

The bride was lovely in a gown of white organza with high neck and Empire waist, trimmed with lace; and sleeves puffed in two places, with lace trim between. Her chapel length train was detachable, fastened at the waist. She carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations and peach-colored roses.

Mrs. Wanda Haenke, her sister, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Debbie Fletcher, sister of the groom, and Virginia Hoffman, a friend. They wore dresses of melon-colored silk organza in style similar to the bride's. They carried baskets of mixed colors of mums, carnations and rosebuds.

Dick Haenke was ring bearer. A small flower girl wore a dress of peach-colored organza matching those of the bridesmaids.

The bride's mother wore a melon colored lace dress, with a corsage of white carnations and peach-colored rosebuds. The bridegroom's mother wore a light-blue dress, with a corsage matching Mrs. Bowen's.

A reception was held at the Brinton Community Hall following the wedding. The couple received many lovely gifts from the very many friends who attended.

The happy young couple are making their home at Clare. Mr. Fletcher is employed at Thayer's in Clare, and also works at his father's gas station. Connie works three days a week at Bobby Jane's Beauty Shop in Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted attended the wedding of their niece, Gail Ann Goodwill, at St. Charles, Saturday evening, Dec. 11.

A very nice Christmas program was put on Sunday morning at the Brinton Church. Saturday evening the young people from the church were out showing their Christmas spirit by singing carols throughout the neighborhood.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Alvie Moore in the passing of her father, Jessie Richmond, who died at the Ardis Rest Home Monday afternoon last week, after a long illness. Services were held at the Daggett Funeral Home Thursday, with burial in the Chippewa Cemetery near Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Richmond was 94 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing spent the weekend with

their mother, Edna Teeter, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wright.

Fern Verette, Echo Godwin and Oraulea Baker were shopping in Saginaw Tuesday. Nora Geasler and I were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencranz, Reporter
Merry Christmas, everyone!

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and Terri were Sunday dinner guests of the Elwood Millers. Later they called on Mrs. Ethel McLean at the Lakeview Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Miller expect to have their children home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bill and Bob attended the combined musical concert at the high school Wednesday evening. Bob and Bill went with other members of the UMYF group, caroling, Saturday evening, and enjoyed refreshments at the Joe Chapin home later.

The Jim Thompsons expect to visit her mother during the holiday, and along with the Chuck Wilson family of Grand Rapids, will have their Christmas get-together Sunday with the John Thompson family at Drayton Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey expect to have her family at their home for Christmas Eve, with a tree and gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Saturday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Sunday afternoon callers. The Loseys expect their children and their families home for Christmas dinner and tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and family and Frank Benn expect to spend Christmas with the Del Johnson family.

Pammie and Jean Denslow were Sunday overnight guests of their grandparents, the Mack Denslows. The Denslows expect all their children and their granddaughter and family, the Jerry Norths, of Blooming Grove, Texas, for Christmas, on Sunday. Mrs. Joyce Chaffee will be home from Spain Tuesday. She has been gone a month.

Mike Merrihew and a friend were guests over the weekend at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mrs. Eva Denslow expects to have Christmas dinner with the Derry Dums at Coldwater Lake Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Menard spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, and brought them a color television set.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Wood expects to spend Christmas with the Bergquists.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Friday with the Harold Kruegers.

Kimberly Ann came home with her grandparents and spent Saturday with them. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family were weekend guests of her folks. Mr. and Mrs. Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts called on the Walter Kirvans at Barryton Saturday. All the Dent children and their families were Sunday dinner guests of their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan and Mrs. Emily Wood expect to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan. Gerald and Mabel expect to have all their children home next week Tuesday for their Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Dent are going to Akron, Mich., to visit Joan Osborn, Thursday evening.

Ethel McLean's new address: Green Ridge Nursing Home, Fuller Avenue, Big Rapids, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Gerry Royce attended graduating exercises of nurses at Mid Michigan College Thursday evening. There were 44 students. This completes the first half of the course.

Kenny Oplinger is taking the course. They took vows to become nurses, and the girls received their caps and the boys received pins.

Mrs. Oplinger expects her mother to fly home Monday from Florida for Christmas. Other expected guests will be Mrs. Marguerite Rice and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McDonald and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rau and family.

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