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Editor's Column

By Connie

OOPS

So we stated last week that the Lil' Mac Annual Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm would be the last Sunday in February.

We messed that one up.

It's the third--repeat, the THIRD--Sunday in February.

The first workshop in preparation for the big event will be Wednesday evening, Jan. 4, at the Fire Hall in Weidman.

So--remember the date, the third--repeat, the THIRD Sunday in February--will be the annual pig roast on the Miller farm.

Sorry about our error.

It's just before our semi-annual 10-day vacation, and every time we seem to sag in efficiency, right at the last.

We'll be getting out the paper next week, dated Dec. 25--yes, that's Christmas Day--mailed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and on newsstands Wednesday afternoon.

After that we take a 10-day vacation, Ye Ed and all her faithful news writers, and will be back on the job for the Jan. 8, 1976, edition.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

So we finally caught the little bugger that was driving Gretch (and also me) frantic evenings.

It was a half-grown opossum, and the poor thing had to stay in the live-trap all that night and next day, till the Allen twins got out of school and could take it to the woods and release it.

DIDJA KNOW DEPT.

Didja know that a tablespoonful of vegetable oil in a small dish of milk will stop your dog's hair shedding?

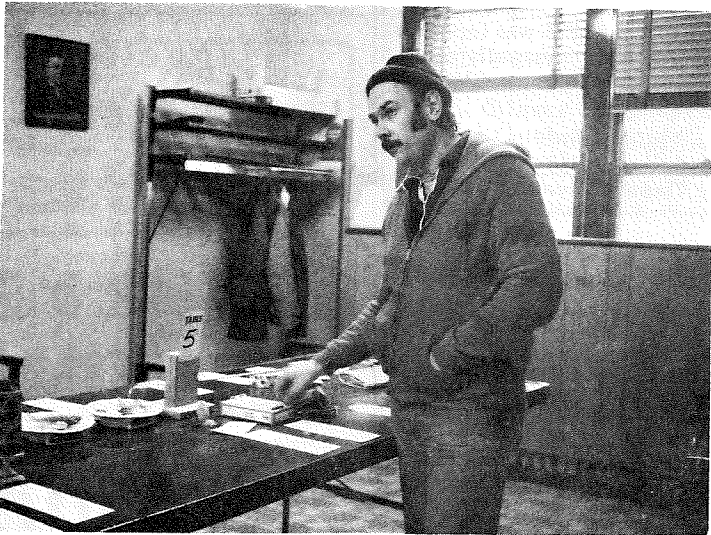
It will. I tried it. My mongrel-but-part-shepherd Gretch was shedding her short hair terribly, and a week of vegetable oil did the trick. (She loved the oil!)

And Frances Trambarger thinks the oil-in-milk dish cured her wooly-haired Laddie of dandruff, after no other treatment touched it. All dogs seem to love the corn-oil-in-milk.

BETTER THAN A BETTER



AT THE SILENT AUCTION SATURDAY--Folks wandered around three rooms in the old bank building, where uncluttered tables showed just about anything you might want to buy. And for prices that were way down low, too. Messenger photos



AT THE SILENT AUCTION--Tables were not cluttered, but they held some fascinating articles at low, low starting prices. Bidding was rather slow, which was expected at the first auction.

WEIDMAN LEADS COUNTY IN DOGS INOCULATED

At the annual dog-inoculation and license-selling session last Thursday night at the Weidman Fire Hall, 90 dogs were inoculated against rabies, and 56 dog licenses sold.

Officials at the Isabella County Humane Society said Weidman leads the county, percentage-wise, in number of dogs treat-

ed and also licenses purchased.

Of the remaining dogs not licensed at Thursday night's session, owners will have until March 1 to buy licenses, and after that there will be a delinquency charge.

Unlicensed dogs running at large may be picked up by the dog warden, after the expiration date has passed on obtaining license.

FIRST "SILENT AUCTION" WAS GREAT SUCCESS: ANOTHER SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY

After giving a 25% commission to one donor, the Silent Auction came out with a net profit of \$116.60. A very good showing, especially for a first-of-its-kind event here.

At the tables there were many items of dizzying variability, and one could write a bid on the paper and wander off to the next tables. Fun.

Much credit must go to the hard-working sector of the Weidman Business Association, a relatively small handful of men who worked long and hard to make the event a success.

Archie Jerore operated his public address system all afternoon, announcing tables open to bidders, and the closing of tables a few moments later to allow buyers to take their precious purchases. And there were some precious purchases.

Harry Herman, Bud Fredrickson and Gary McArthur were at the old bank building, with Archie, from 9.30 a.m. until the sale was over, setting up tables, marking items, getting ready for the fun.

Only about half of the merchant members of the WBA donated articles for sale.

And it was a great deal of fun. As local folks find just how enjoyable a Silent Auction can be, it's expected that bigger crowds will be attending, though Saturday's attendance was very good for the first appearance of a new game-sale.

Another Silent Auction is being planned for Jan. 17, in the afternoon.

Keep your eye out for further announcements.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Alton Allen has moved to St. Louis, where she bought a home.

Mrs. Clara Smith received a letter from Marie Smith in Fort Myers, Fla., saying she was nursing a sore toe, having a tumor and two corns taken off it. Mrs. Smith also received a long letter from Alice Terry from California, saying she was thinking of her. They were schoolmates in their youth.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES ON UP TO DATE LAWS REGARDING VEHICLES

The Isabella County Sheriff's Department has received paperback editions of the current up-to-date snowmobile laws. The books are free to the public and are available at the Sheriff's office in Mt. Pleasant.

The final snowmobile safety class for the year will be offered at the Isabella County Court House in Mt. Pleasant Dec. 29 and Dec. 30, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Classes will meet from 6 to 9 p. m. in the Commissioners' Room at the court house. These classes are for two nights instead of the usual three, and this fact should assist parents who might have to drive their children some distance.

Instructors are Deputies Barry DeLau and John J. Bradac.

The Sheriff's Department and Deputies DeLau and Bradac have presented six programs in six different county school areas this year. More than 75 students received their certificates this year.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Harold Losey called on the Charlie Loseys and me Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called at the Losey home Sunday evening, and Ardis also called on me.

Mrs. Norma McCarey and daughter called on Mrs. Flora Wood Tuesday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended a farmers' petroleum meeting in Grand Rapids Tues-

day. Later they called on the Chuck Wilson family.

Mrs. Thompson attended Busy Bees Thursday at the home of Mrs. Cleda Navarre. There were 17 in attendance. It was the Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam called at the Alva Cummins home Sunday.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow attended Busy Bees last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Navarre. They were presented with going-away gifts. Mrs. Margie Denslow and Mrs. Fahnestock and Opal Denslow also attended.

Thursday evening Rev. and Mrs. William Hurt hosted a going-away party at the Nazarene parsonage honoring Mrs. Beatrice Allen, Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow. They were presented with gifts. Mrs. Allen has moved to St. Louis. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Denslow will move this week to River-view Apartments in Mt. Pleasant.

Bernard Wood has purchased his mother's place, and will be living there.

Callers during the week at the Gerald Dent home were the Lynn Johnson family, the Harold Krueger family, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fahnestock, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent, Walter Kirvan, and Mrs. Emily Wood. Pat and Harriet Dillenbeck were this week Monday callers.

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Local Items

Mrs. Clara Smith was reported as coming along normally after a cataract operation at CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins attended a farewell party Thursday evening at the

Nazarene parsonage for Beatrice Allen, who has moved to St. Louis, and Flora Wood and Eva Denslow, who are moving to the new Senior Citizens' apartment building in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were in Mt. Pleasant Sunday, shopping. They visited their aunt, Mrs. Bessie Price, while there.

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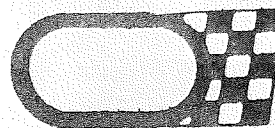
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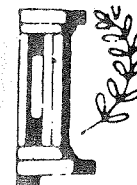
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Nov. 20t8

FOR SALE--Brand new Western Flyer bicycle, won in a raffle. Original cost \$110, will take \$85.00. The bike has never been ridden. Ph. 644-2278.

Dec. 11t2p

PICTURES--Lots of them, piled up at the Messenger office. Owners may pick up any time after noon Wednesday, or any days thereafter. Please!

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Card of Thanks

Members of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department wish to express their deep appreciation to the following for their help on the finishing of our new water-tank truck:

Don Battle, for welding; R.D. Sprague for the sanding-off job; Max Aldrich, for painting the tank truck; and Harry Pung for his invaluable assistance;

Also Otis Loomis, who donated steel for the truck; and Randy Branson and Calvin Frantz, who helped with the sanding on the paint job.

Special thanks to Bunk Wood. And all others outside the Fire Department who helped us get the new water-tank truck ready for fire runs.

The Firemen

Card of Thanks

Words are inadequate to express the sincere appreciation that we feel for our friends and neighbors of Weidman.

The cards, the flowers, the many acts of kindness all through those months of Ivan's illness, will always be remembered with love.

The Ivan Allen Family

Local Items

Fred Wilcox was very ill last week. He suffered a slight stroke.

Mrs. Edna Bowein was a Monday visitor of Loretta Lorenz, before Loretta entered the Clare Osteopathic Hospital for tests. Loretta was still in the hospital Monday.

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 HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

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 Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 Sharing and prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.
 Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.
 U.M.W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.
 Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Broomfield: Located six mile south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, pastor.
 Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.
 Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

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Rev. William Hurt, Pastor
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 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

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George Getchel, minister.
 Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
 Bible School, 10.45 a.m.
 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Friend Connie:

Am enclosing \$8.00 cash for which please renew the subscription to Weidman Messenger for the Elmer Kysers, 617 No. Henry Street, Mt. Pleasant.

How is the ankle coming? Hope you have the cast off by now, and are getting ready for the holiday season.

I haven't met up with any more bicycles lately, but have had a few close calls.

Carl is coming along fine, has a few off days, but that's to be expected, I guess.

Well, that's about all for this time.

Sincerely
 Clara Grewett
 Mt. Pleasant.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

In the Editor's Mail

(We received the following note in a Christmas card from Lylah Simmers from California:

Dear Connie:--The fight for the home town editor!

I read your editorials more than all the balance in each issue, and am still awaiting reaction to the anonymous letter from the "useless punks". Keep fighting! I've always been a fighter on social issues myself.

Have a nice Christmas vacation.

Our nicest gift is to be a new baby. Little Sarah is now past 17 months, and as advanced as her three-year-old cousin, so we need a BABY!

Affectionately,
 Lylah M. Simmers
 California

P.S. --Cesarian is scheduled this Dec. 10, so I'll hold this for statistics.

PPS. --Dec. 10--Little Rachel, seven pounds, three ounces. All is well.

I'm in a hospital with acute pneumonia.

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A renovated water-tank truck of 2,000-gallon capacity is now ready for use by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, according to Fire Chief Spike Branson.

Aided by skills of men outside the Department, the Firemen took a second-hand truck with tank and got it ready for fire runs. It is the Department's second water-tank truck now in use, and need for it has been established on many occasions when the tank truck had to dash back to Weidman for water to fight a fire in some area far from water supply.

Firemen and volunteers outside the Department have been working on the additional tank truck the past two and a half months, Fire Chief Branson said this week.

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PHARMACOLOGY CLASS OFFERED AT MMCC

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison is offering a pharmacology class (NUR 210), which will begin the week of Jan. 8, 1976. The class will be conducted at the Midland Area Hospital, and class nights will be determined upon registration.

The pharmacology class will be a five-credit hour course, and will include four hours of theory and one hour clinical. The cost will be \$62.50 for residents of the college district (Clare and Gladwin Counties) and \$92.50 for out-district residents.

The class will be of interest to RN.s, LPNs, and persons dispensing medicines. Many area hospitals require graduate LPNs to take the pharmacology course or it is a requirement for employment. A certificate will be issued by MMCC to persons successfully completing the class.

For more information call In-Serivce Director at Midland Hos-

pital at tel. 517-631-7700, Ext. 222.

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DOW COMPANY DONATES TOOLROOM SHAPER TO MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

The Midland division of the Dow Chemical Company last week donated a toolroom shaper to the Mid Michigan Community College for use in mechanical technology courses.

The needed equipment was provided MMCC to increase training opportunities in the industrial machine shop area.

The college is working hard to build its occupational programs. Currently more than 1,100 individuals are attending vocational courses at the college, and enrollment is expected to increase greatly.

The college is planning many new occupational programs to provide job training in a wide variety of job classifications.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Robert helped Debbie Miller celebrate her 10th birthday Dec. 12 with ice cream and cake at her home.

Laura Latham attended a party for her sister, Rosie Leiter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee, Wednesday evening. Rosie will soon be moving in her new apartment at the High Rise in Mt. Pleasant.

Don Alwood called one day last week to see John Gott. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott, visited and had lunch with us. Mrs. Bessie Allen took us to our doctor last Wednesday.

Marvin Allen had supper with us Saturday evening. Wanda Graham stayed with her Dad while I went to the Christmas program Sunday. Debbie Graham and I came home and they had Sunday dinner with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bush of Blan-

chard called on us Sunday afternoon, and stayed for the evening.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended a Christmas party for the residents at the Provincial House Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. Helen's friends, Larry Smith, Kenny Wilkes and David Rescoe were very happy to see their old friends. Mrs. Pat Nance from the Ojibwa was one of the hostesses for the family Christmas party. The Peacemakers, a group of gospel singers from Vestaburg, provided music for the afternoon. Santa Claus and his clown helpers from Flint toured the building and gave everyone a treat.

Helen Alwood called on her mother, Hermione Smith, at Pleasant Manor last week. They visited Harry Hauck, Frank Fedewa, Mrs. Wendel, Mary Richardson, and Joseph Norman of Remus.

Several from this area enjoyed the children's Christmas program Sunday morning at the Baptist Church.

Don and Helen Alwood spent Monday in Mt. Pleasant. Don had therapy treatments on his back and hip, and Helen had to have a blood test at the clinic. Later they called on Don Battle at the hospital. He has been there about three weeks, suffering from a blood clot in his leg. He has been very ill, but was improving, and hoping to get home for Christmas with his family.

The Don Alwoods are hearing

from their boys, who are in Alabama selling Christmas trees. Rusty and Fonda and children are living in Ozark, Ala., and Jim and Donny are selling trees in Dothan, Ala. Rusty and family and Shelly Parker expect to have Christmas in Alabama before returning home. Jim and Donny are expected home before Christmas. The trees they trucked to Alabama have been selling real good, they say.

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Poet's Corner

"A MIRACLE"

A bright and shining star
Lighted their weary way;
Folks came from near and far
That Holy Christmas Day.

For a Baby Boy was born
In a Stable at the Inn;
Mary, weak and worn,
Knelt down beside him.

Animals stood patiently by,
Wise men joyfully wept;
Angels sang on high,
And the Baby Jesus slept.

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The stars shone bright above;
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Gross family had their Christmas party Sunday in the church basement, with 47 present. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed, and cards, bingo, and Ann Gross, daughter of Raymond Gross, played the piano, and they all sang Christmas carols. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Jody Marie Rau, daughter of Tim and Teri Rau, was baptized in St. Joseph the Worker Church Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Snider of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schafer, of Pewamo, and also visited the rest of their children in Hubbardston Wednesday.

The High School Choir went to Marysville Tuesday.

Beal City won the basketball game at Manton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend with Matie Pung.

Walter and Wanda Schafer spent Friday night with Tillie Schafer.

Theresa Fox is in the hospital. Al Klumpp and Irene Smith are also hospitalized.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Ed Schafer home at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and

family of Mt. Pleasant called on Anna and Dora Smith Sunday.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach during last week included Mr. and Mrs. John Ahlers and daughter of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lyon and family, Regina Faber, Mrs. Glenn Bierschbach and family, and Mrs. Velma Harkens.

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Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguelet and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr returned last week from their trip to Iowa. They took Dwight Garrison to his home there, after an extended visit here.

Glenn Kemmis returned to a Lansing hospital this week, where he will undergo surgery.

Robert Shelpp of Lansing spent

the weekend at his cottage.

Mrs. Leonard Schneider is working at the new Variety Store in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eilertson of Lansing are spending some time at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ward called on Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck Sunday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown drove to Farmington Sunday to visit the former's grandmother, who celebrated her 100th birthday Dec. 10. On the way home they visited his 80-year-old aunt, Flora Brown, in DeWitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck had their children and grandchildren home Sunday for a pre-Christmas party. The Becks left Monday for California to spend the winter.

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Floyd and Ray Dutcher left Tuesday for their winter home in Ruskin, Florida.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were among the bank officer-members attending the annual Christmas dinner at the Embers in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. Mitch is a Senior Vice President of Isabella Bank and Trust. All the bank's personnel attended.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. They attended the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reed in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. They spent Saturday evening with the Andy Belingers. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mrs. Ruth Wark is at the home of Mrs. Violet Carr, after being hospitalized. She expected to be home soon.

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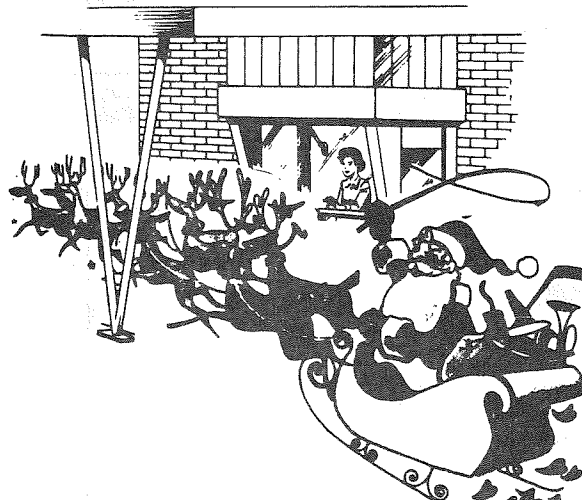
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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Harry and Bea Gatehouse attended a band concert at Barry-ton school Thursday evening. Marian Beutler attended Busy Bees last Thursday. She stopped in on her way home and brought me a plate of cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Mary Beutler called at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant to pay respects to Frances Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw visited the Ervin Dutchers Sunday evening. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Richard and Keith Yuncker called on the Garry Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Rex and Dawn Dutcher spent Sunday evening with the Garry Dutcher children.

The Robert Dutcher family called on Floyd and Ray Dutcher Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher had a wild-game supper with Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hansen of Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Richard, Garry, Robert and Dawn Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us.

The Robert Dutcher family

were our Saturday callers.

Ivan and Floyd Dutcher called on us Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and Richard and Garry Dutcher were Monday evening callers.

Floyd and Ray Dutcher left for Florida Tuesday morning, taking a bus.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Frank Sowle came home Wednesday from the hospital, where he has been, due to a back injury.

Nora Geasler and her mother, Flossie Forbes, were in Remus Friday, where they called on their doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright attended a fish supper at Farwell Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker were in Bay City Wednesday.

The Merry Go Round Club met with Carol Cummings Thursday, with 28 in attendance. The annual Christmas party consisting of gift exchange and revealing secret pals during the past year were greatly enjoyed. Dinner consisted of a lovely turkey with all the trimmings, and pot-luck. The January meeting will be with Wanda Graham in Weidman, on Jan. 8.

Joyce Cook and Jane Fields were in Clare Friday, and attended the opening of the Fellers Store there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Graham called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler Thursday evening.

Eunice La Londe came home from CMC Hospital, where she has been undergoing treatment for a back ailment. Dwayne La Londe, son of Wayne and Linda La Londe, has been confined at home with the mumps.

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Local Items

Mrs. Eva Merrihew of Barryton says she has received a letter from Beatrice Truesdale of Pontiac, saying her mother, Edith Neelands, is in the hospital after suffering a fall on the pavement in that city. Her address is Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac. Beatrice's address is 2618 Lapper Rd. Road, Pontiac, 48057. Mrs. Neeland would like to hear from her friends around here. She was semi-conscious, suffering a possible concussion.

Mrs. Bernard Pitts received a letter from Anita Blackmer, saying that her father, Glenn Frantz, is in the Clare Hospital.

The Ray Merritt family of Rosebush were Sunday dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

The Weidman Birthday Club had its Christmas party at the Weidman Restaurant Tuesday. Sixteen members were in attend-

ance.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and Kevin were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith and Wally.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller observed their 35th wedding anni-

versary Sunday evening, at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchsinki, and girls. Present, besides the Millers, was their son, George, of Mid Michigan Community College.

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Place and family at Odin, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes received word Sunday that their little granddaughter, Jennie Yamblick, is in the hospital, very ill with pneumonia.

They also received word from her father, Edgar Walters, that he had returned to his home at Houghton Lake, and remained seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee returned to their home in Mt. Pleasant after spending several days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee.

There is very little change in the Allbees' condition.

The Paul Coles called on the Julius Allbees Thursday.

Miss Lynn Worth has a month's vacation from her studies at Wayne University. She is spending the time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

The Brinton Church will have its Christmas program Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m. All are welcome to attend.

Miss Bobbie Worth and friend, Danny Castel, called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, Sunday.

The Merry Go Round Christmas party was held at the home of

Mrs. Carol Cummings Thursday. The next meeting will be with Wanda Graham in January, at Weidman.

Mrs. Beulah Pfannes has been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck are at their cabin on North Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauck called on the Paul Coles Thursday afternoon.

The Paul Coles and Velma were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Orma and Velma went shopping, while Lena went for blood-sugar tests and a visit to her doctor.

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Two Rivers

Minnie Flaughter, Reporter

Dick Rayborn of Detroit spent the weekend with his grandfather, Pat Bunting. Other guests over the weekend were Olen Bunting of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Bunting, and Miles Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLo Gifford of Winn and Wayne Barrett were Wednesday evening guests of Nettie Baker. Sunday afternoon visitors were Mildred Benson and Ella Mae Bugbee.

Minnie Flaughter attended a going-away party for her sister, Rosie Leiter, Wednesday, at the home of Mabel Chaffee. Rosie is moving into the new River-view Apartments in Mt. Pleasant.

Leona Courser attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the home of Gretchen Nicholson Wednesday.

The Two Rivers CMB Club met at the home of Markeith Bunker Thursday for a pot-luck dinner and Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged, and Secret Pals revealed.

Carl and Vida Lueder spent Tuesday afternoon with Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Bill and Sylvia Remington and children of Saginaw and Goldie and Ervin Dutcher were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Christmas Time is almost here! I can't believe it's been a year since I was making such a fuss over what to get for Ron, Ralph, Rick and Russ!

The daughters-in-law are all very sweet, And 13 grandchildren you just can't beat!

But my back and feet hurt, and I start to groan!-- I'm doing my shopping by catalog and telephone!

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Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pamela of Laingsburg were early Christmas callers of Mr. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins Sunday afternoon. They planned to leave for Florida Friday, for a two weeks' vacation.

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 Messenger photo by Bud Fredrickson

CRUCIAL MEETING BETWEEN TOWNSHIP BOARDS, VILLAGE MEN TUESDAY NIGHT

A crucial meeting between the two Township Boards of Nottawa and Sherman and two members of a committee from the Weidman Business Association took place Tuesday night, after the regular annual meeting between the Boards and the Volunteer

Firemen.

The village men, representing the Weidman Business Association, asked the two Boards to adopt an ordinance specifying curfews for minors, loitering, and vagrancy, aimed at keeping gangs of teenagers off Weidman streets after 12 o'clock midnight.

We'll have to give you the out-

come of the meeting in next week's Messenger.

Archie Jerore and Lou Fiorillo represented the Business Association's committee.

Also present were scheduled to appear Capt. Bliss from the Sheriff's Department, and possibly, County Prosecutor Robert Kennett.

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THREE NEW DEPUTIES HIRED BY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

County Sheriff Donald Gillis has announced the selection of three additional deputies for his department, among a list of 57 applicants.

He described the three as "real good qualified people, chosen for best fitness for the job".

They are:

Richard Allen Croton, 25, Mt. Pleasant. He will begin duty work the first of the year. He worked 11 months for the Wexford County Sheriff's office, has adequate police training, and is certified.

Mark Elmo Mogg, 23, 813 East Battle Road, has a BS degree from CMU. He will take training at the Police Academy at Delta College in the Bay City-Midland area.

Robert J. Byron, 1084 East Remus Road, is a graduate of CMU and Ferris State College. He will

take two months' police training at Delta College.

The county is fortunate in getting these young officers as enlargement of the force.

The additional deputies' posts were made possible by an enlarged portion of the county budget for next year, by the Board of County Commissioners.

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BEAL CITY FFA MEMBERS BRING CAROLS TO WEIDMAN

Sunday afternoon the Messenger home was delighted with the beautiful Christmas carol singing of a group of wonderful young boys and girls from the Beal City Future Farmers of America organization.

The Beal City carolers went to many homes in Weidman that afternoon, bless 'em.

We are thrilled with the good looks, words and deeds of some (most) of our young folks.

Thank you, Beal City FFA carolers!

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CHRISTMAS FOR ZEKE

Gifts of canned food, money or clothing may be left at Bud's Party Store for Zeke Tanner, whose Christmas depends entirely on his friends in Weidman. Zeke is everybody's friend here, and he lives alone.

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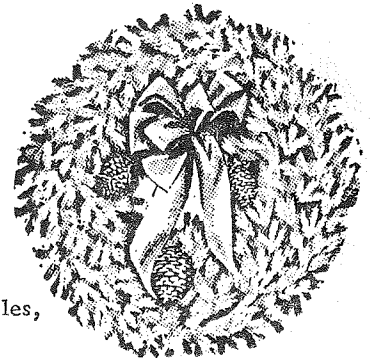
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