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Editor's Column

By Connie

LOOK UP, AMERICA-- INCLUDING WEIDMAN

If the Coca Cola folks would leave off the coke part of their "Look up, America, see what you've got!" spots on television, and run them as a public service, they'd really have something--the real thing.

It's time we Americans looked up and realized what we've got--and that goes for the village of Weidman along with the nation.

Weidman also has "the real thing". We have some wormy spots, true; but we'll take care of that. We have the real thing in many areas we often overlook.

First (and pardon us if we seem "pushy"), we've got a real local newspaper devoted to the well-being and betterment of the town of Weidman and its trading areas.

The village weekly newspaper has become almost as rare as the whooping crane--definitely on the endangered-species list.

Barryton had its own weekly newspaper for over 50 years, and finally Barryton merchants decided they'd place their advertisements elsewhere ("for wider circulation").

No medium, printed or oral or visual, can give the concentrated circulation coverage that the village newspaper gives.

Farwell has a "local" newspaper devoted in large part to state and national politics with some coverage of the town's weekly high spots.

Blanchard had its own weekly newspaper once and let it die. Remus never would support a local newspaper.

Since 1912 when Rolla and Minnie Roe established the Weidman Messenger, the town has supported its local newspaper, more or less, through the years.

The Messenger lives on, one of the vanishing phenomena of small-town life.

Besides its own newspaper, the village of Weidman has a zillion other things to be proud of: Our business district, concentrated on one block of Woodruff Road (downtown Weidman), continues
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30--Temp. 50, clean green grass, a soft breeze that felt like spring.



MONDAY, DEC. 1--Temp. 14, snow, winter back. Same lawn, same location. Winter came suddenly, here, and to stay. Now we're in the tight-cold area of the season, for a couple of months--but look over your seed catalogues, order seeds and plants--and first thing you know it'll be spring! Messenger photos

WEIDMAN MAN REPORTS THEFT FROM HIS HOME

Robert Wright, who lives in the old home of William Haviland next to the old ball park in Weidman, reported the theft of a stereo set and speakers from

the house over the weekend.

Sheriff's officers were investigating the incident.

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Joy Gillespie of Bay City spent the weekend with her niece, Mrs. Leila Shook.

NEXT SILENT AUCTION WILL BE JANUARY 17

The next "Silent Auction" at the old bank building and sponsored by the Weidman Business Association will be held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 17, 2 to 5 o'clock.

Silent Auctions are lots of fun; but they need participation by the general public to continue successfully. You're asked to look around your house and see if you haven't items you haven't used or aren't using, and donate them to the auction. That's the only way for its continued success.

Any stray or broken-set dishes, any kind of costume jewelry, miscellaneous hardware items not in use, used electrical appliances, any kind of usable clothing, any kind of tools, or any item that can fit into a 2x2 foot space on the auction tables is earnestly solicited.

Portable radios not in use are hot items for the auction. Knickknacks, any usable things, are good for the auction.

Baked goods don't last long at the auctions. They're one of the best bets.

Donated items may be left at any business place in Weidman from now till 2 p.m. Jan. 17.

Dig out some old but usable thing, and go and browse around the tables.

Go and browse around even if you can't contribute.

It's a lot of fun.

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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT PIG ROAST PLANNING SESSION

There was a very good attendance at Sunday afternoon's planning session for the Lil' Mac Pig Roast Sunday afternoon at the Fire Hall here.

Some suggestions for added or different attractions were made and recorded.

As of now, donations are the main requirement: Donations of work and time; donations of money--always helpful; and if anyone wishes to donate a pig, everybody will love you.

This year only three loaves of bread from women of the Fire Department and WBA and Beal City Business Association are requested, instead of five.

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NEWS WRITER FOR
LAKE ISABELLA

The Messenger is pleased to announce we have persuaded Mrs. Ruth Yabs to write news from Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Yabs is highly intelligent, well educated, and has a general capacity for sorting the wheat from the chaff, so to speak.

We think she will make a good writer for Lake Isabella. Give her your news items--everything from what you think the Lake needs or might have, to the folks who have visited you or the trips you have taken within the week.

She'll record them faithfully and accurately, we're certain. Welcome to the staff, Ruth Yabs of Lake Isabella!

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT WARNS
OF RABBIT FEVER

Because of an increase in the numbers of rabbits in the state this year, there has been an increased number of young hunters that may not be informed of the possible danger associated with the cleaning and eating of wild rabbits. The Central Michigan District Health Department reminds rabbit hunters and trappers of proper procedure to help prevent such diseases as tularemia.

Tularemia, or "rabbit fever", is found throughout the United States and the major source of infection in Michigan is from muskrats, beavers and wild rabbits.

Tularemia spreads from animal to animal and from animal to man. It is not spread from man to man. Among animals the disease is spread by the bites of ticks, flies and similar insects which can, in turn, give the disease to man.

Tularemia, however, is most commonly spread by handling the raw flesh of an infected animal or through eating infected meat that has not been thoroughly cooked. Cases also have been reported as a result of drinking water from streams containing the germs.

The tularemia germ gets into the body, usually, through a break in the skin of the hands or arms. It can be carried by the hands to the eyes, nose or mouth.

When a rabbit is shot, a bone fragment may be present, and, in dressing out the animal, a bone fragment may pierce the skin. Infection can enter at that point.

Usually a pimple-like elevation of the skin occurs at the point of infection, which may become an open sore with inflammation of glands in the region around the sore. Fever commonly accompanies the condition.

To protect yourself against tularemia, the health department offers the following suggestions:

Do not handle rabbits that are found dead.

Shoot only those rabbits that are running--a sluggish or slow-moving rabbit may be infected with tularemia.

Destroy all rabbits, muskrats or beavers whose internal organs are studded with white spots.

Wear rubber gloves when dressing a rabbit or skinning a beaver or muskrat. Take care that a sharp bone does not pierce the glove.

Cook rabbits thoroughly, until no red meat or blood remains. Thorough cooking destroys the germs of tularemia.

Drink water only from approved sources--never from a stream or lake.

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In the
Editor's Mail

I didn't forget you, but the weekend before Christmas I was having difficulties.

Two pipes burst and sprayed a lot of my furniture with hot water. I didn't like the idea of the pipes being in the attic in the first place, but I couldn't out-talk two men. So, after all these years, what I had dreaded came true.

I had to shut the furnace off to take the pressure off. I had fire in the fireplace and wood cook-stove in the kitchen, and I dressed warmly, wearing the clothes four days and four nights without taking them off.

The repair man had so much work ahead of him, I had to wait. It was fixed the Tuesday before Christmas, so I had a good day. And I hate to think what the room would have looked like if I hadn't been home. I guess there have always been problems, but they look larger when you are alone.

Thanks for the pretty card. It made me think of home in Gilmore. Thanks for the lovely card with the rose you sent in April. Roses were his favorite flowers.

Hope you have a good New Year. I'm just waiting for spring. Best wishes from

Helen Hudson
Midland

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Dead Editor Connie:

For the first time in a few years, I have managed to get a subscription to the Messenger in the mail before expiration time.

I would be lost without this paper, as I remember Grand-Dad La Pearl bringing it home when I was age seven, and I'm now 72 years of age. That's a long time to have kept track of events in a small town.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bernice Bamber Baldwin
Detroit

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Nov. 20t8

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

FOR SALE--Two 14-inch Ford wheels with snow tires mounted. Excellent condition. Paul Cole, ph. 644-2088.
Dec. 26tf

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Jan 8t1

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Jan. 8t2

NEW STORE OPENING--Jan. 19, Western Auto Store of Weidman. We'll have sporting goods, appliances, batteries, tires, hardware goods, paint, Etc.
Jan. 8t1

Card of Thanks

I want to thank the many relatives, neighbors and friends for their cards, flowers, plants, and visits while I was in the hospital.
You all helped to make my stay there brief and happy.
God bless you.
Rosa Hauck

Obituary

AUGUSTA M. ANDRES
Augusta M. Andres died a week ago Sunday at the Medical Care Facility after a lengthy illness. She was 89.
She was born in Beal City Nov. 25, 1886.
She was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, St. Anne's Altar Society, and the Dominican Tertiary Society. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 1960.
She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. John (Sally) Hackett, Mrs. James (Pheo) Hackett, both of Mt. Pleasant; Sister Mary Theodine, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Clarence (Loretta) Schueller of Traverse City; Mrs. William (Agnes) Fox of Beal City; one son, Aloysius Andres of Beal City; two sisters, Mrs. Mathilda Starr of Mt. Pleasant and Sister Grace Ellen of Grand Rapids; two brothers, William Martin of Beal City and Wilfred Martin of Mt. Pleasant; and 31 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. last Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, with burial in the church cemetery.

Obituary

HOWARD G. JOHNSON
Howard G. Johnson died Dec. 28 at CMC Hospital. He was 41. He was born Nov. 22, 1934, in Isabella County.
Funeral services were held the following Tuesday, Dec. 30, at The Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with Rev. Charles Garrison officiating.
Burial was in the Sherman City Cemetery.
He is survived by his wife, Loretta; three children, Charles, Howard II, and Ginna, all at home; and his father, Charles Johnson, of Lake.
The family have the sympathy of all.
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Obituary

TAMMY LYNN NELSON
Tammy Lynn Nelson, infant daughter of Gregory and Diana Nelson, died Jan. 1 at the Midland Hospital after a month's illness.
She was born Dec. 2, 1974, in Mt. Pleasant.
Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Caro United Methodist Church, with Rev. Clive Dickens officiating. Burial was in the Caro cemetery.
She is survived by her parents, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Nelson of Freeland, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mantey of Fairgrove; her great-grandmother, Mrs. Fritz Mantey, of Caro; five uncles, two aunts, and four cousins.
Memorials were made to the Crippled Children's Association.

The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone: 644-3504.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Choir Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.
Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.
Church School, 9.45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sharing and prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.
Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Broomfield: Located six miles 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.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. William Hurt, Pastor
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Service. 7.30 p.m.

GILMORE CHURCH of CHRIST
Corner Coleman and Vandecar Roads, Gilmore Township.
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Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

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Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Frear entertained her sister, Elizabeth Schaub, from Green Bay, Wisconsin, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando and children have returned home from a Florida vacation. They visited Joe's parents who reside there, and also saw Disney World.

Penny Stacey has returned to Ferris State College after spending Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stacy.

Mrs. Herb Morford from McMillan, Mich., visited her sister, Mrs. Dan Stacy, and also called on Gladys Brown a few days before Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Morford stayed with their daughter, Sandy, who lives at Coleman. They returned north after Christmas. While here they visited their son, Jim, who lives at Auburn, and daughter, DeLores, who lives in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harter and children spent Christmas Day with her parents and grandmother at Carson City. The following Saturday they had another Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orley Harter, of Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beson entertained their friends from Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hayes and children, Corey and Michael for a Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown and children, Steve and Nora, of Big Rapids called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown, Sunday.

The people from the lake have been very successful in their ice fishing. The perch are really biting!!

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck have left for a three months' vacation in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Thursday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens and Dixie Gostola spent Sunday with them. They enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Will you please send the paper to our address in Texas again this winter?

I hope you and Frances are keeping well and happy, because we need people like you, talented and spunky.

As ever,
Lee Parks
Port Aransas, Texas

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Edna McDonald was a Thursday overnight guest of her daughter and family, the Earl Oplingers. She left Sunday morning for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti were Wednesday evening guests of the Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam returned home from a two weeks' vacation in Florida, and were Wednesday dinner and supper guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Sunday callers at the Mack Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Callers at the Gerald Dent home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Seagrove and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan, the Lynn Johnson family, the Harold Krueger family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Maxine Kyser, and the Chuck Roberts family spent a week with them. Gerald went to the doctor Monday this week, to see about the cast on his leg.

Bill Cummins returned home Saturday from a 10-day stay in the hospital at Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Dwane and David brought him home, and spent the day at the Alva Cummins home.

Mrs. Flora Wood moved into the Riverview Apartments in Mt. Pleasant Friday, and says she loves it there. She would like to have relatives and friends call on her. She is in Apartment 506.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Jane Fields returned home with her son, Mike, and family, who spent Christmas with her, and for a few days' visit with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr and boys of Lansing spent the Christmas and New Year's holiday period with her mother, Edna Teeter.

Lillie Maddox of Saginaw spent Friday night, Dec. 26, with me, and attended the wedding of her grandson, Richard Irish, and Marion Boatman of Harrison. The wedding was held at St. Cecelia's Church in Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes were also among relatives attending from here. Congratulations to Richard and Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Seymour and boys called on Dad and me Sunday evening.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker included their sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker, and children, Mr. and

Mrs. John Baker and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker. They had a family dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker of Berrien Springs. Ken and Oraulea returned home Sunday.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright during the holidays included their daughter, Evelyn Slupe, and family; their son, Verl, and boys of Flat Rock, and Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Merrihew of Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang of Richmond, Va., returned home after a week with her mother, Eunice La Londe, and other relatives.

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Local Items

Mrs. Rowena Allen and sons, Gregory and Geoffrey, took their daughter and sister, Vonnice, back to her college studies at Olivet College at Kankakee, Ill., over the weekend. They reported a nice trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague call-

ed on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent at Farwell Saturday afternoon.

The card parties at the Rebekeh Hall have been closed for the winter.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were a week ago Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur entertained at a New Year's Eve party. About 22 guests enjoyed the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur Thursday afternoon, to admire their Christmas tree and decorations, which they made entirely themselves, in the old-fashioned way, very beautifully.

Marlene Phillips of Lansing spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Edna Bowein. Loretta and Clarence Lorenz were visitors.

Ida Bzaaire, Kenneth Saunders and Cheryl Loomis all were admitted to CMC Hospital Dec. 28.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer entertained company at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Friday evening, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Ithaca spent a few days here at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Schumacher spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach, to see the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Anna and Dora Smith had New Year's Day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith. Gerald came out to get us, and we sure had a nice time.

The Robert Blocks had Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Egbert, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schumacher entertained company for Christmas.

Anna and Dora Smith entertained company Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer

entertained company for Christmas.

Oscar Fedewa of Houghton Lake spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and family. They also had the rest of the family at dinner.

Tom Bierschbach got his deer Dec. 25, with bow and arrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau entertained their family and Anna and Dora Smith at Christmas dinner.

Loretta Fox of Rochester spent a few days with her mother and sisters.

The Bierschbachs had company Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at Christmas time.

G. V. Grodski and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family and Ginger and Deb Rau called on Anna Smith Sunday afternoon.

Alfred and Ruth Klumpp attended a party at the Milo Eldred home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family of New York spent Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer at Coldwater Lake. The Wayne Sherlock family of Traverse City and the John Schafer family of Bay City were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pung and family spent Sunday with Matie Pung.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home at Wimm. Maxine and Donna Klumpp and

Ruth drove to Ann Arbor Wednesday.

Larry Kish spent a few days in Missouri and Detroit.

Louise Schafer spent Christmas at the Fran Schafers'.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with the Walter Schafers in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith and boys spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen, Theresa Smith and Kathy Pung called on Dora Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Ithaca spent a week around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elias entertained company Wednesday evening, for New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Deb Pung spent the weekend with Matie Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer of Hubbardston visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer had their Christmas dinner with their son, Thomas Schafer, and family at Pewamo.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Straus and family of Missouri spent a few days here during the holidays.

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George Miller visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and girls. George called on several old friends in Weidman that afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake were Saturday evening guests at the Touchinski home.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith entertained friends New Year's Eve. About 17 guests enjoyed the evening.

Tammi Sprague stayed over night Thursday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Davis of Lansing were Sunday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Clair Oberlin were New Year's Eve visitors.

Mrs. Bonnie Sprague called on her mother, Mrs. Leon Snyder, of Ithaca, last week Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children and Mrs. Claribel Beutler enjoyed dinner a week ago Sunday with the Robert Tibbetts family in East Lansing. Claribel stayed for a visit, returning New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague enjoyed New Year's Day dinner at the Ronnie Spragues'.

Mrs. Mary Beutler, Mrs. Marion Beutler and Mrs. Claribel Beutler attended a party Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jeanette Johnston in Rosebush. It was a shower for their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hansen, who have a new daughter, in Norfolk, Va. They adopted their new daughter.

Russell and Diane Holt of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday and had dinner with their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes. They all went to the Russell Wilsons' new house, and enjoyed supper there. Russell and Gladys Wilson spent New Year's Day with Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hammink of Mecosta were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe had Thursday supper with the Jim Dutchers. Friday afternoon Jim's visited at the Walter Howes'.

Linda Dutcher visited Betty Dutcher Saturday evening.

The Brian Dutchers had Sunday dinner with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Sandra Dutcher and Ed Oplinger spent New Year's Eve with the Brian Dutchers.

The Dutcher clan had their Christmas get-together at the home of the Robert Dutchers Dec. 26. We were all together except for three of our grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., had Christmas dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles and Marion's three sisters and their families were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children on Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children had New Year's dinner with the Howard Beutlers.

The Robert Dutchers and the Jim Dutchers visited the, Garry Dutchers New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of Mt. Pleasant visited us Sunday. They called on the Jim Dutchers Sunday evening. Dale and boys called on the Dick Dutchers also.

Dawn Dutcher spent New Year's Eve over night with us.

The Bill Maeders visited the Harry Gatehouses Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hansen of Mt. Pleasant were callers of the Robert Dutchers during the week.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., Brian Dutcher and Jim Dutcher were snowmobiling Sunday. They called on the Robert Dutchers. Garry and Bonnie Dutcher were also callers. The Rick Maeders were Friday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher went to Muskegon New Year's Day and got Becky and Kaye, who had spent the week there visiting. They visited relatives in Montague and came home Friday.

Karen Dutcher spent the week with Joan McDaniel in Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger.

Ronna Dutcher was a Thursday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and me. Bob Hogg called on the Ervin Dutchers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children visited us and were dinner guests New Year's Day. Jim Dutcher had dinner with us also.

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

Mary, Marion and Laurel Beutler and Claribel Beutler attended

a baby shower Sunday afternoon for the new adopted baby girl, age six months, of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler, of Rosebush. The Hansens were visiting her folks. They are from Norfolk, Va.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mrs. John Ockert and Mrs. Jim Kuhlman and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Devine near Traverse City.

Julia Bowen of Mecosta was a Thursday afternoon visitor of the Carl Fitzgeralds. Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Garner of Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. William Barkyoub of Lansing were Friday visitors.

Mary Ann Karup and her brother, Peter, of Denmark, visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Her brother had come over from Denmark to spend Christmas with her, as Mary Ann is an exchange student here, going to the Beal City School.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald of Grand Rapids and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howard, of Toledo, O., last Sunday.

The Carl Beutler family had supper with the Jim Beutlers of Rosebush one evening last week.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher visited the Theodore Cases Saturday.

The Robert Dutcher family and Garry and David and Karen Dutcher were our callers during the week.

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

New Year's Greetings! Having been asked by Connie Skinner to report news from this area, I would appreciate having items of interest phoned me. Call 644-2706. Thanks!

LIPOA office will have a new secretary beginning the first of the year. Introducing Mary Fussman from Beal City. Welcome, Mary!

The party honoring our patrolman, Ted Krauss, was well attended, and all those present enjoyed a most delicious meal. Much time was spent just getting better acquainted. Ted continues our patrolman for some period yet. His services are greatly appreciated.

Building seems to be slow during this season. However, some permits have been issued.

During this holiday, many property owners have come up to enjoy the snow by using their snowmobiles. One family was found to be enjoying the old-fashioned sport of sliding down hill on just a hand sled.

We have had many on the sick list around the lake. Those I know of include Robert Farnum, who is recuperating from surgery in the Saginaw General Hospital.

His parents, Doris and Julius Guerin, have been visiting him most every day since before Christmas.

Lee Vande Mark is at home now, after several stays in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital for treatment of a heart condition.

George Hager has had surgery and is going every week to Mt. Pleasant for treatments.

We wish all of these a complete and speedy recovery.

We wish to express our sympathy to the Gregg Nelson family, who lost their year-old baby this past week.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Friend:

We are enjoying the weather out here so much, to say nothing of the scenery. The San Bernardino Mountains surround us on the north and east.

We go for a drive nearly every day. Yesterday we went to Hemet. It is in a valley which is irrigated, and we loved it there.

Will you send our paper to the address on this letter until further notice? Please.

Hope you had a nice Christmas and do have a Happy New Year.

See you in the spring.

Sincerely,
Andy and Beryl Beck
Yucaipa, California

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Weidman Messenger

Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Happy New Year, everybody!

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and children, Robbie and Kyle, Darlene Dargitz and baby Ryan, and Christie Ann. Miss Kathy Dargitz has been staying a few days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett were Thursday evening callers at the Lyle Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abbott and granddaughter, Christine, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Denslow Sunday.

The Gary St. John children have taken their turns with flu or bronchitis since Christmas.

Vada Conley, her granddaughter, Terry Lynn Brown, and Ollie Denslow were at the basketball game Friday evening at Chipewa Hills High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley expected to start for Florida Tuesday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent Thursday evening.

Mabel wasn't feeling very well. Gerry was expecting to get his walking cast soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow and Lyle had rabbit supper with Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and children Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ollie Denslow called on Mrs. Mrs. Dorothy Bellinger two weeks ago at the Ingham Medical Center in Lansing. Her foot operation turned out real good. Her toes have all been straightened on both feet. She suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. She will be able to wear shoes again, after several years.

Ollie Denslow called the hospital Friday evening, and she has been scheduled to have a new hip joint put in Jan. 6. She also is going to have her fingers straightened on both hands, and will have pins put in her knuckles. She has been confined at the hospital since Dec. 4, but has not been in bed all the time. Dorothy was raised north of Deerfield Center, and has friends in that area, as well as elsewhere.

Her address: Dorothy Bellinger, Room 306, B1, Ingham Medical Center, Green Lawn, Lansing, Mich. 48910.

There were 30 relatives of the Donald Zill family who spent Christmas with them, from Saginaw. They all enjoyed pot-luck dinner. Her mother, Ida Bazaire, and her son, Gary St. John, and family were among the guests. The Saturday after Christmas Ida Bazaire was taken ill and was taken to CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant, suffering from a blood clot in her leg. Ida is 84 years old, and has been very active.

Pat and Hriret Dillenbeck spent Christmas with their children at Grand Haven and Spring Lake. They were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent.

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Local Items

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were George Darnell and family of near Stanton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower of Petersburg, Monday, Dec. 29, a daughter. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Flower, thrilled over the arrival

of little Marie Kathrine. She has three brothers at home. The Tom Flower family are spending this week with Dave and Helen.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Russell Wilson, at dinner, were Mr. and Mrs. James Snyder of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis of Mt. Pleasant were supper guests.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
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to prosper, with two hitherto empty buildings occupied by new businesses.

We have brand-new business buildings, as the giant new Baumann IGA Store, the new Isabella Bank and Trust building, the new Allen Lumber Company building, the brand-new Abbott's Furniture Store building.

A gas station smack in the middle of the "downtown" area was closed for years, but now is back in business and thriving.

Another service station, at the corner of Woodruff and Weidman Roads (entering Weidman from the east), an on-again-off-again business for many years, has been rebuilt into a handsome place by Ray Battleshaw, and is thriving. It's a boost for the appearance of the town as the driver approaches us.

We have two recreation lakes within the town's boundaries: Lake Weidman and the east half of Lake of the Hills. We have recreation waters right here in town.

We're also surrounded by lake developments, biggest being, of course, the Ojibwa Recreation Area and Lake Isabella. Cold-water Lake is just three miles out of town; Littlefield Lake, that huge body of water, is a few miles north and east.

We have a Volunteer Fire Department composed of dedicated men and women, ready and willing to rush to your aid any time of day or night.

The Weidman Business Association first got us the Fire Department (1949), then got us Mitchell Memorial Park, the latter absorbing thousands of dollars of hard-earned WBA monies, through bake sales, raffles, just about everything possible to make a little money to put into the park, for use by the public. The WBA went in hock for thousands to have built at the park a grandstand and dug-outs for one of the best softball diamonds in central Michigan, and for a refreshment-stand building containing flush toilets.

The WBA and the Weidman Lions Club built the pavilion at the park, now largely destroyed by vandals; but it could be restored if we can control the destruction.

And last but not least, we have a business section operated by young men and women, about half of whom are dedicated to the betterment of the town. (And that's a good percentage for any place.)

So look up, Weidman. We've got the real thing--we're gunna keep it, too.

ANNUAL LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST

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Walt and Jeanne Smith are in charge of donations. If you have any questions, please call them at tel. 644-2006.

Committee heads were appointed, and it was decided to get out "flyers" to hand out in stores describing the big event.

The next work meeting will be Jan. 18 at 2 p. m. at the Fire Hall. A meeting also was scheduled for Feb. 1, at 7 p. m.

The pig roast will take place Sunday, Feb. 15, this year. Pray for snow.

Snowmobiles are the main attractions there, on the lovely slopes of the Elwood Miller farm.

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WESTERN AUTO STORE OPENS HERE JAN. 19

A new store, Western Auto, will open in Weidman Jan. 19 in the former Shook building. The new store is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Whitey McCreight. The Johnsons have their lovely home two miles west of Weidman, while the McCreights live at Deerfield Center.

Both families are well known and highly respected in the area.

The store will carry a varied stock ranging from sporting goods to automobile batteries and tires, and on through household appliances and housewares.

We welcome this new store and these young store operators to the business street of Weidman, and wish them every success.

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HELP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN FILLING OUT TAX REBATE FORMS, AT BEAL CITY

A public meeting, open not only to the citizens of Nottawa, but to any and all Senior Citizens, will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City from 1 to 4 p. m. Friday, this week, Jan. 9, according to Supervisor Ernest Schmidt.

A representative from the Isabella County Commission on Aging will be present to explain the forms and help individuals.

Seniors wishing help should take their tax statements or receipts, and a statement of annual income, with them.

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Local Items

Mrs. Jeanne Smith and Mrs. Phyllis Sides and Lu Ann Maeder played Bingo at the Moose Lodge in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Cussrow also went. Phyllis won a hefty prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller at dinner Monday evening, honoring Iola's birthday.

John Gott was reported improving, at the Clare Hospital. He hoped to return home some time this week. Anna Kochensparger of Ashley has been spending the past week at the Gott home here, with Mrs. Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Oberlin of Lansing spent New Year's day and overnight with Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham and family of Rosebush were Saturday evening dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family. Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts of Big Rapids were Sunday evening guests.

Mark Johnston of Beverly, Ky., came and got Mrs. Claribel Beutler Christmas Day, and they spent the day with the Forrest Johnston family at Rosebush.

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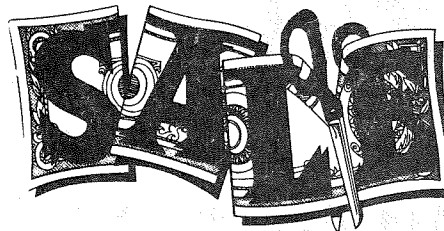
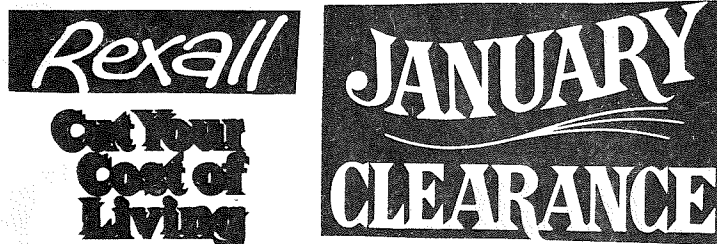
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