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Editor's Column

By Connie

SO WE SPENT OUR VACATION BATTLING AN EAR INFECTION

Vacation--yah!
We look forward to our semi-annual week-off vacations with all sorts of plans of what we'll do during that nine-day period when we really don't have to do anything.

So this Christmas vacation we put in running back and forth to doctors' offices with another ear infection.

Ye Ed has had ear infections for years, and after we'd routed Dr. Kowaleski out of his warm home on several cold Sunday mornings, he sent in a culture to Lansing to see what caused the darned things anyhow.

The report came back erysipelas. Erysipelas is a most unhandy disease, any way it hits you.

It appears to hit Ye Ed in the ears, in her old age.

Connie Roe had a serious case of erysipelas when she was fourteen old, and was she sick!

Doc Gillett did what he could (they didn't have antibiotics, in those days), while Connie's face and scalp area swelled and hurt like the dickens. She also had a high fever, we remember that, and altogether was in bed a couple of weeks.

Erysipelas in the ear canals has not put her in bed so far, but it is still darned unhandy.

Actually, it was coming on before the Christmas vacation, and we didn't get all our Christmas cards mailed--for the first time in a hundred years or so.

Our humble appreciation to the very many who sent us cards, and our apologies for our failure to send out ours.

It was a heckuva Christmas season for us. *****

TAXPAYERS FLOCK TO MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

All over the county, taxpayers are flocking to meetings of the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association, and their main plea is to either make the Board of County Commissioners aware of the power of the taxpayer or get the Commissioners out of office.

A meeting held at the Weidman School Monday evening drew a capacity crowd in the school's

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4-H TEENS ATTEND RECREATION TRAINING

One hundred forty 4-H teen leaders and their advisors attended a three-day training workshop at Camp Kett last week.

Those who attended from Isabella County include (left to right, in above photo):

Ann Clark, Nancy Straus, Pat-

ty Moss, Gary Pyles, Marge Block, and Tye Caszatt.

They received training in song leading, games and party planning, musical mixers and folk dances, and puppetry.

They will be conducting training sessions and making themselves available to local groups and clubs upon request.



THEY HAD A NICE PARTY--Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler as they appeared at their party Dec. 27 at the Brinton Community Hall. Ray closed his store and the two plan to live quietly at home through this winter, with perhaps a plane trip to Des Moines, Ia., to visit their son, Mitchell, and family. Messenger photo

About 75 relatives and friends gathered at the hall to wish Ray and Joyce all good things in the coming years.

All their children were home for the occasion, and Emily and Marilyn (Fosberg) served ice

cream and cake to the guests.

There were beautiful flowers, and the Geaslers say they loved the party.

Mitchell and his family returned home safely to Des Moines after spending a week with his

Men in Uniform

Gerard Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus, is home on leave from Fort Knox, Ky., and has been enjoying a good time at home.

Pvt. Richard Smith of Fort Hood, Texas, was home for Christmas, from Dec. 20 to Dec. 27.

Richard is on the job training in heavy artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman were Sunday dinner guests of the Jerry Cooks. Bruce returned to Great Lakes, Ill., after spending a 14-day leave at home.

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SNOWMOBILES CAUSING DAMAGE TO SMALL TREES

Mrs. Veronica (Tvorik) Campbell reports that snowmobiles on a back piece of her land have caused untold damage to small evergreen trees she planted.

The trees are about a foot and a half tall, and snowmobiles have broken them down and otherwise trampled them to a serious extent.

Snowmobiles zooming round and round in Mitchell Memorial Park after midnight are also a local nuisance.

Ruth Momany and the Jerry Hörstman family have reported the new sport vehicles roaring across their lawns, around their houses and generally all over their places, as late as 3 a. m. at times.

Snowmobilers will have to take to routes laid out for them, or restrictions are bound to come in the form of licensing of machines and drivers.

folks and hers, the Geaslers and the Don Swindlehursts, at Rosebush.

Among the guests were two sisters of Ruth Blesch of Barryton (who was there with her daughter, Jo,) Marjorie (Stevens) Johnson and Grace (Stevenson) Hines, of Lake Odessa. The Stevens family is one of Coldwater Township's oldest and most successful families. E. B. Stevens raised sheep, in the old days, on a large farm adjacent to the farm where Ray Geasler was raised.

Brinton is one of our pioneer communities, and the closing of Ray's store will be a real loss. Nevertheless, everyone wishes Ray and Joyce happiness in their quiet retirement.

LIBRARY TO GET MAGAZINES REGULARLY

A list of national magazines will start coming to the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman in January, according to word from the Library Board. Library hours are 2.30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

CAR WRECKED ON CORNER OF DREW, WYMAN ROADS

There was a car wreck on the corner of West Drew and Wyman Roads Saturday afternoon.

Phil and Dan Mull were riding in a car with a friend, all from Saginaw, when a car came from the north and, not attempting to stop, they applied their brakes and swerved to miss the other car and ended up in the deep ditch on the southwest corner.

Dan Mull had two bones in his collar bone broken, and the driver was hurt. They were taken to CMC Hospital, where they were treated, then Dan was to enter a Saginaw hospital.

The side roads are real slippery at this time, and cars should be slowed before they get to the corner.

The car rolled over and was a total wreck.

The three were fortunate that they weren't hurt worse.

The Mull boys had bought the Gordon Smith place on the county line and were spending the weekend here, hunting. Their grandparents used to live here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper and Darrin and Clayton and myself spent Saturday evening with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas and Patti attended the Cases' Christmas get-together at the Ted Cases' at Barryton Dec. 26. Her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case, and Burgess, along with the rest of the family, attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent last Sunday evening with the Richard Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse went with Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant to Florida Dec. 21. They returned home Jan. 2.

Miss Vicki Martin spent her vacation with her folks, the Al Pettigrews, of Muskegon, returning home Sunday, Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish and girls of Pontiac came Christmas Night to spend the weekend with her mother and George (the George Merrihews). On Saturday, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and children of Mt. Morris were visitors, on their way to the Stanley Christmas get-together, also Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Nation and baby of Saline. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee, Mr.

and Mrs. Larry Boyd of Curryville, Pa., and Mrs. Larry Baker and son, Chris, of White Pine, U.P., and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew and son and a friend of Clio visited.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and two children spent Monday over night with the George Merrihews. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton called Wednesday.

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew called at the Crittenden Funeral Home to pay respect to Jack Thompson. They also visited the Dewey Kirvans of Barryton. Theron and Don Merrihew visited Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children, Joyce and Walter, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher spent Saturday with the Clayton Dutchers.

The Dale Dutchers are spending some time with the Clayton Dutchers, as they have sold their house trailer near Midland and are in the process of getting a home.

Sorry, folks, if I missed you this week, as our phone was out Monday, and I'm having the flu, so will try to catch up next week.

The Clayton Dutchers had all their children and grandchildren home on Sunday, Dec. 27, for their Christmas get-together and gift exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni of Clio and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn spent the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe, Jr., and Walter and Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Sandra and Steve were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and daughters, Debbie, Darlene, Cindy and Susie, were Sunday callers of the Clayton Dutchers Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent the New Year weekend with the Garry Dutchers.

The Larry Dutchers of Clio and the Dale Dutchers spent the weekend with the Clayton Dutchers.

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FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. MAGGIE BOGER

Her family helped Mrs. Maggie Boger observe her birthday Sunday, with all her children, grandchildren and her great-grandchild at the old home for dinner.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and sons, Tim and Bob, of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herman and daughter, Christy Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lowing and daughter, Stephanie, of Rockford, were also dinner guests.

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NEWS NOTES

Earnie Gross entered CMC Hospital Saturday.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Editor

Weidman Messenger:

Once again it is that time of year to renew for the enjoyable Weidman Messenger.

Sorry I am late, but since time is of the essence, this part of the seasons, I can just offer my apologies.

Hope the holidays will bring peace and health.

Sincerely yours,
Bereniece A. Baldwin
Detroit

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Dear Connie:

Enclosed find check for paper. We had a beautiful, sunny, warm day yesterday, 82 degrees, but it caught cold last night, so we

had to light the oil stove to keep warm this morning.

Here is some news for the paper that I used to give to Jessie: Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were host and hostess at a bountiful turkey dinner Christmas Day near Ruskin, Florida.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Fred Rounds, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins, and another couple called Victor and Veva.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alva Cummins.

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Jan. 7t1

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere
appreciation for the many kind-
nesses shown at the time of the
loss of our father, Jack Thomp-
son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson
And Family
Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson
And Family
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson
And Family

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone for
the birthday cards, gifts, and
wishes on my 90th birthday.
Herman Cook.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks
to all those who so generously
gave their time and energy pro-
viding wood for us.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness
is greatly appreciated.
The Ed Gross Family

Card of Thanks

Many, many thanks to those
who took us places, gave of
their time and drove the icy
roads when we needed to go
places;

Those who sent in things to
see that we had hot food, and
other things;

Those who sent beautiful flow-
ers that showed us others cared.

We can only say Thank You.
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much for us.

Al Woodbury
And the Children:
Lela, Louise and Stanley.

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Obituary

JACK THOMPSON

The area grieved over the loss
of another of our old-time pio-
neers in the death of Jack Thomp-
son. The family have the sin-
cere sympathy of their many
friends.

John (Jack) Armstrong Thomp-
son was born Aug. 31, 1885, the
last remaining son born to Ade-
line and James Thompson.

Five sisters, Eva, Laura, Mat-
tie, Dora and Myrtie, and a
brother, Will, preceded him in
death.

On July 17, 1918, he was united
in marriage to Ellen Nee-
lands. To this union were born
two sons and two daughters.

In March, 1968, his wife Ellen
passed away, a little over three
months prior to their 50th wed-
ding anniversary.

He was a prominent farmer in
the community all of his life,
having been born only about a
half mile north of his present
home.

In the early 1900s he cleared
the land and built the present
buildings by the Chippewa Riv-
er, where he spent his remain-
ing years.

He passed away at his home
Dec. 30, 1970. Funeral services
were held at the Forest Hill
Church of the Nazarene Jan. 2,
at 2 p.m., with Rev. Donald
Wolfgang and Ercil Williams of-
ficiating. Burial was in the For-
est Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by two sons, John
N. of Drayton Plains, and James
P., of Weidman; a daughter,
Mrs. Charles Wilson (Vivian), of
Grand Rapids; nine grandchil-
dren, and several nieces and
nephews.

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Obituary

ANTHONY M. DOLE

Anthony M. (Tony) Dole of
Mt. Pleasant died Dec. 26 at
the Isabella County Medical
Care Facility. He was 82. He
was born Oct. 4, 1888, in Not-
tawa Township.

Funeral services were held Tues-
day, Dec. 29, at Sacred Heart
Church, with burial in Calvary
Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife,
Clare; two daughters, Mrs. Wm.
Clare (Margaret) Granger of Saginaw,
and Mrs. Clarence (Monica)
Barrett of Mt. Pleasant; four
sons, William of Clare, Leo
and Bernard of Saginaw, and
Donald of Spartanburg, S. C.;
one sister, Mrs. Julius Schuma-
cher of Weidman; 40 grand-
children, and 19 great-grand-
children.

One son, Stanley, preceded
him in death in 1950.

the Churches

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Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
Weidman Church:
Church School starts at 10 a. m.
Worship Service, 11.15.
Methodist Men, fourth Saturday
evening, 7 to 9.

WSCS, first and third Thursdays
2.30 p. m., at the church.

WINN CHURCH:
Worship service, 8.45 to 9.45.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.

COOMER CHURCH:
Worship service, 10 a. m.
Sunday School, 9 to 9.55 a. m.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 mile west of Weidman)
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Ph. 644-3504

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Choir practice, 6.45 p. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday,
7.30 p. m.

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man on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.30 a. m.
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Wednesday of each month.

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George Getchel, Minister
Located six miles south of Far-
well; northeast of Weidman on
Coleman Road.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a. m.
Bible School, 10.30 a. m.
Youth Hour, 6 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7.30 p. m.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and
Barbara and Mr. and Mrs. Jack
Theisen and son spent New
Year's holiday with the Wayne
Smiths at Wolverine.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur
and family were New Year's din-
ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David
McArthur and family. Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Beutler also were din-
ner guests.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley
visited at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. David Moore of Lake Thir-
teen the previous Sunday eve-
ning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd
and Mrs. Doris Mitchell of
Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert
Pung of St. Johns and Susan and
Sandra were also visitors. We
also called on Mr. and Mrs.
Glenn Gorby.

Arnold Stevens of the Ojibwa
and Donald Zill called on us,
coming in on their snowmo-
biles. There were more snow-
mobilers out here Monday.

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

FAMILY KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT LAKE ODESSA RELATED TO MRS. MINNIE REED

Mrs. Minnie Reed was in Lake Odessa Sunday, as her niece, Mrs. Ruby Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Jarman, was killed in an auto accident New Year's Day, when the car in which she was riding collided with a train.

Her husband, Charles, and two children, were also killed in the accident, and a third child is in the hospital at Lake Odessa, seriously injured.

A fourth child was with his grandparents and so escaped the accident. All four children were boys.

Our sympathy to the relatives of this tragic family.

Our sympathy to the relatives and friends of Mr. Jack Thompson, who passed away last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson called at the funeral home to pay respects to Mr. Thompson, and attended the funeral Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, visited their parents during the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray visited Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray the previous Monday. Max and daughter, Melodie, were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell

of Rosebush were Sunday dinner guests of her grandparents, the Lou Grays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin were New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer and family of Deerfield Center, and Mrs. Wyona Risdon of Blanchard were New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin, and children.

New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sowle of Barryton, Burdette Reed, Loretta Clark, and Mrs. Barry Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons spent New Year's weekend with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finney, of Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow were recent visitors of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sowle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz were Friday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Bessie Loomis visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright called Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter called on Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening visitors of the Loomises. Arthur Loomis was a recent visitor.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge and sons, John and Kim, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Thursday evening.

Dalton Shook of Barryton called on the Monroes Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and family.

The Stebeltons' little daughter, Renee, has been in the hospital since the 24th of December, and was still there this week, for observation and tests for an asthmatic condition.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck enjoyed dinner at McNeilly's restaurant north of Barryton, and could hardly get back in the big snow storm. They plan to go to Florida soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey, Steven and Miss Cheryl Leiter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Linda of Weidman

were New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter of Two Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss were Sunday dinner guests of his parents.

Wedding bells will be ringing soon for Steven Voss and Cheryl Leiter.

Eddie, Debbie and Susan Schrock of Farwell spent their holiday vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Their sister, Mary, spent her vacation with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith, of Riverdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City.

Kurt Conley spent New Year's with his grandmother, Mrs. Otis Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and daughter, Mary, were New Year's Eve guests of her mother, Mrs. Lena St. John.

Mrs. Esther Bowers of Long Beach, Calif., visited her brother, Clayton Beutler, and family, and sister, and family, the Harold Strauses, during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock have been enjoying Skidooning with Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, during the New Year weekend.

Susan Barkley and Debbie Moore spent from Sunday night till Tuesday noon with us.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and Joyce and Paul of Mt. Morris were Tuesday dinner guests of their parents, the Russell Stanleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley went to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday morning, where Mrs. Stanley had a checkup at the Davis Clinic laboratory. They visited Mrs. Ray Elliott also.

They called at the Donald Pung home en route home, and Debbie came with us to spend the night and Thursday. We spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall and their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and daughters, Susan and Sandra, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family were dinner guests New Year's Day. Darlene Pung spent the night and Saturday with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman, were Saturday and over night and Sunday guests of the Russell Stanleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen were Saturday visitors.

Donald Pung and son, Dennis, came on their Skidoo Sunday afternoon and helped put down the nice rugs the children got us for Christmas.



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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Sisters of the Beal City parochial school called on Louise Smith Saturday after Christmas. They were Sister Theodine, Sister Magdaline Sophia and Sister Ermina.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach entertained all their children and families Dec. 26.

Callers at the Louise Smith home New Year's evening were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and Jane, Jerry, Gary and Janice, and Miss Janice Barger of St. Johns and Mrs. Walter Rau.

Louise Smith's family spent Christmas evening at the Walter Rau home. All had a good time. At supper Christmas Day, Mrs. Smith had her daughter, Nora Simmer, of Reed City, and her two daughters, Elaine and Susanne, and Dan Bovin of Lansing.

Callers of Louise Smith this week were the Wackers from St. Johns, Alfred, Mathilda and Dorothy and Al Rolph of Mt. Pleasant.

The family of Harry Hauck and relatives had a party at the KC Hall Dec. 26.

The New Year's party at the hall turned out good.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schafer had a party New Year's. They all had a good time.

Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Saturday morning with Mrs. Louise Smith.

Mrs. Margie Schafer and Bill and Bob and Mrs. Ruth Klumpp and Cindy and Donna spent Wednesday with Tillie Schafer. Mrs. Anna Eldred spent Wednesday with her.

A number from here attended the funeral of Tony Dole at Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday.

Mark Schafer has a new snowmobile.

The Tony Schafer family had their Christmas party at the KC Hall Dec. 27. All reported a good time.

Ed Schafer has returned home from CMC Hospital and is feel-

ing better.

Sister Marie Alexander and Sister Herman Joseph of Grand Rapids spent the New Year's weekend with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn spent Sunday with Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

Sister Herman Joseph and Sister Marie Alexander of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Mrs. Tillie Schafer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer left for Florida Christmas and returned on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Leo Gross and sister, a nun, spent a few days with Mrs. M. C. Grinzinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman and family of Lansing and Mr. Gerald Schafer and son, Steve, had dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer, Saturday. They are from Hubbardston.

Mr. and Mrs. August Benaske are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Benaske is the former Dianna Faber.

Larry and Wayne Egbert spent Monday evening with their father, Larry Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schafer had a New Year's party at their home.

The bans of matrimony were announced for the first time Sunday between Michael James Pasch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ral-don Pasch, and Gail Ann Schumacher, daughter of the late James Schumacher and Mrs. June Wentworth.

The bans were announced for the second time between Richard Lee Klumpp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp, and Pamela Louise Safford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Safford.

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Jean Powell, Joey Evans and Linda Brown were Tuesday dinner guests of Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and will have a very nice New Year.

We had a nice Christmas dinner with the George Bader family. Craig and Linda Kandaris, Jerry and Jane Schafer and Mrs. Bader's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, were also guests.

Tuesday afternoon Don Schafer left for Brush, Colo, to get his wife, Judy, and daughter, Jo-sette, who had spent a couple of weeks there with her sister, Helen Seeley. They returned Saturday morning.

Saturday evening our children and families had dinner with us. Those attending were John and Sharon Schafer and children of Bay City, Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and children of Kal-kaska, Jerry and Jane Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, and Don and Judy Schafer and daughter, Josette.

The Wayne Sherlock family spent the night with Jerry and Jane Schafer in Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday we had our annual Christmas dinner (Anthony Schafer family) at the KC Hall. All seven children were there, but not all grandchildren. We had a real good pot-luck dinner and

afternoon with a program and exchange of gifts.

Leo and Lucille Schafer, Walt and Johanna Smith and Ed and I went to Mecosta for New Year's Eve, and had a real nice time.

We spent Saturday evening with Jerry and Betty Wilson and had a very nice time.

Leo and Lucille Schafer had dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday. After dinner they came down and had a few games of cards with us.

We see by the hospital news that Dorothy Schaefer was released, and another neighbor, Eileen Harkins, was admitted.

I couldn't use the telephone this morning. It rang in a couple of times but when I answered it just kept on ringing. Guess it didn't like this weather, either.

Until next week, Marge

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Orville Bates and son, Marty, of Clare were New Year's Day dinner guests of the Garold St. John family.

Jodi and Pami Sprague spent Thursday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague, and the girls, were Friday dinner guests.

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Season's Greetings

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THE CHARLIE CARR HOME--Built in 1881, a couple of miles southwest of Weidman. This picture is an old family treasure of Mrs. Oren Bellinger (Etta Carr), who brought it to the Messenger office last week. Mrs. Bellinger is a healthy and active 90-year-old who lives with her son near Winn. Her sister Ella married Roy Green's father, Clyde Green. Her sister Martha married Harry Bellows.

The place now is owned by the Fred Rescoes, and Fred is building a brand-new house on the place.

When the Roes came to Weidman in 1912, Charlie Carr ran a livery stable here. He rented out horses and buggies or wagons at so much per hour.

We well remember the Charlie Carr livery stable.

After the above picture was taken, a kitchen was added to the house.

Essentially, though, it has remained much the same in looks through the years.

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RETURN FROM CHRISTMAS VACATION IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Starr and family returned Saturday from a two weeks' vacation at the Port Richey Mobile Home Park, where the Wilbur Edmondses spend their winters.

The Starrs say they enjoyed 85-degree weather Christmas Day.

They ran into snow and slush in Alabama, on their way home, and stopped at the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, and other sights along the way.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Morey of Flint spent Christmas with his sister and family, the Ray Smiths.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Guests over the holidays at the Kenneth Baker home were Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family of Grand Rapids, and Jack Baker of Berrien Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and son of White Pine, Mich. Larry and family remained a week, and visited the Clarence Chaffee family and Ken and Oraulea, returning home Sunday.

Rex Van Sickle and Clinton Sloan called at the Lewis Bowen home Sunday.

The Van Sickles and Clinton Sloan are leaving this week for Arizona, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Guests over the holiday period at the Russell Wright home were Mr. and Mrs. Junior Goodwill of St. Charles, Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tupper of Mt. Pleasant, also on Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright of near Taylor spent from Tuesday till Thursday with the Wrights. Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys of Detroit spent the Christmas week with his folks. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slupe and family spent the Christmas weekend with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe,

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls of Petoskey and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and family were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe of Barryton.

Richard Irish spent the New Year's weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irish, in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler and family of Iowa spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler. They left to return home last week Monday. They attended Open House here for their parents, Ray and Joyce Geasler, held at the Community Hall in Brinton Sunday, where their friends and neighbors attended. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. There were refreshments of cookies, ice cream, coffee and punch served. Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids also came home for the day.

George Beers was a patient in the Clare hospital from Sunday till Thursday. He was taken ill Sunday and was taken by ambulance to the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and Dickie spent Sunday with their parents, Lewis and Irene Bowen.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell spent Sunday at the home of their son, Bob, and family, in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy of Harrison were Tuesday guests of the Weidman Louisells.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Frantz of Clio were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and son, Davy, of Toledo spent the Christmas and New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. Tom returned to work for four days during the 10-day visit, but returned to finish out the holidays. Young Davy observed his first birthday while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Orla Allen of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Don Green and Mrs. Clara Green of Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman and family spent New Year's Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Franks, of Sunfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur of Wixon and Leon McArthur were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family, in their new home on Lake of the Hills. The Gerald McArthurs spent Friday and Saturday with Leon McArthur.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Miss Jola French of Morley and Virgil Harvey, son of Florence Harvey, were recently married by Rev. Wm. Livingston.

Blanche Carr and Eva Denslow called on Blanche Cliff and Mary Richardson, and Margaret Stansell at the Medical Facility and Mrs. Bessie Teall and Mrs. Adelia Green at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Lovica Krueger, also of Mt. Pleasant, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and Pamela and Elton were Wednesday supper guests of Blanche Carr.

Blanche had Wednesday dinner with Eva Denslow. She visited her first great-grandchild last Thursday, a little girl, Jennifer Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clare Dec. 13.

Mrs. Leona Courser attended a family New Year party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Strong in Lansing Friday.

Ray Tuer and grandson, Jim Duff, of Detroit brought Connie Foster back to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Verne Foster, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson and son, Ray, of Rockford, Ill., were New Year's weekend guests of the Louis Fiorillos.

Blane Stansell spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting and Gala and Douglas were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Buntings. The Buntings were New Year's visitors at the Kenneth Bollman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing and Mrs. Lovica Krueger were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family.

New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot, and Steve Voss and friend, Miss Cheryl Leiter.

The Ray Flaughers had Sunday dinner with their son, Russell, and family, in Midland.

Mrs. Florence Maxwell was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Flaughner.

Lloyd (Buck) Swan of Drayton Plains spent the New Year's weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of the Swans.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson and family spent Sunday with the Chris Larsons. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson and family of Birch Run were Tuesday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Martin and Tim Passerillo of Saginaw spent a few days with Mrs. Herman Martin and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. John Passerillo came and took their son back home Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Martin visited at the George Herdlein home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper of near Kalamazoo spent the weekend with the Bob Hineses and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young and family of Remus were Sunday guests at the Hines home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lueder and son, Fred, returned Saturday from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse also returned Saturday from Florida.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon guests of his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were afternoon and supper guests Saturday at the Arthur Goudie home in rural Clare.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Just a note with your card, and a really sincere wish for your happiness and health for the holidays and New Year.

We are having some of your weather. Have had a lot of cold rains in the last two weeks. It's raining today, and we are due for more tomorrow, also had some yesterday.

Thanks for the picture of you in the paper. Hope you have recovered from your cold. What a session!

But don't think you have a monopoly on all such sessions. My boss had one yesterday, as to California State Medical College. You probably saw it in the papers. It's sure something.

My son, Earl, is administrator in a hospital in Bellflower. They are affected by it also.

Am sending you some pictures you may like for your paper. I took them on one of my visits back when.

Take care. Yours ever,
Dollie Bower
Sylmar, Calif.

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(We received these two notes on lovely Christmas cards. We appreciate the cards, AND the messages.)

Hi, Connie:

Want to wish you a very nice Christmas and a wonderful New Year with good luck and every day a happy day.

We sure got the snow down here, about a foot of it. Hope this melts off before the heavens open up again.

Can't get along without the paper, so I'm sending the money to pay for another year, 1971.

Mrs. Edith Neelands
Pontiac, Mich.

Dear Connie:

You should be commended on your articles about the state of affairs of our country and state. We thoroughly agree with you. Keep up the good works. A very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zeien
Mt. Pleasant.

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Real Estate Transfers

Phyllis A. Darling to Larry L. Williams and wife, pt. ne ne sec. 36, Deerfield.

Paul E. Miller and wife to Gerald Wright and wife, se nw sec. 17, Sherman.

Edward Gross and wife to Ronald W. Wawersik, pt. s 1/2

sw sec. 19, Nottawa.

Peggy Mae Cooper to Franklin R. Blankenship and wife, Lot 168, Ojibwa Recreation Area No. 2, Sherman.

Clynton Sloan and wife to Norma Clark pt. e 1/2 sw sec. 7, Coldwater.

Clynton Sloan and wife to Norman Rex VanSyckle and wife, pt. s 1/2 sw sec. 6, Coldwater.

Stanley A. Stealy and wife to Robert J. Neyer and Kenneth D. Neyer, s 1/2 ne sec. 26, Deerfield.

Kenneth Bollman and wife to Olin Hayward and wife, Lot 62, Bayou Vista No. 4, Gilmore.

Robert N. Rovenko and wife to Dennis A. Pompilius and wife, Pt. se se sec. 9, Deerfield.

Fred J. Snyder to Archie F. Wilson and wife, e 1/2 se sec. 4, Gilmore.

Benjamin J. Beaton and wife to John P. Hoogterp et al, nw ne; e 1/2 ne nw sec. 15, Coldwater.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

cafeteria. A meeting Tuesday night at Blanchard filled that town's school gym to overflowing

At the Weidman meeting, 42 taxpayers signed up as dues-paying members of the permanent organization (dues \$1 per year). At Blanchard, 65 paid their dollar each and signed as permanent members.

The feeling of the lowly taxpayer finally is running high, and it is against excessive taxation and irresponsible spending by elected or appointed officials.

The next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners is Tuesday, Jan. 12. If the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association is unable to persuade the Board to reject the GEM evaluation survey of property in this county, then the Taxpayers' Association will ask for an injunction prohibiting the Board of County Commissioners to pay the GEM Survey people the remaining \$70,000 promised them by the Board.

Never have Isabella taxpayers become so aroused as this so-called property evaluation survey has aroused them. At last the lowly taxpayer, who supplies the money for politicians, township, county and state, to spend, is getting up on his hind legs and asserting himself.

There will be startling repercussions if the County Board refuses to throw out the Gem survey. Possibilities are recall of the Board members by special election (and anyone who received a GEM Survey statement on his property will vote on that) to a real taxpayers' revolt, with land owners withholding taxes for three years.

This last would be disastrous to county and state government if a large segment of taxpayers put their tax money in escrow and withheld it from the public trough (pardon us! public coffers.)

Any way you look at it, the taxpayer is finally fed up, and perhaps even at \$150,000, the GEM Survey might prove beneficial in the long run for waking up the lowly taxpayer to actualities of county government.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Claribel Beutler visited her daughter, Mrs. Robert Tibbetts, and family, in East Lansing a couple of days last week.

Mabel White, a former Weidman resident, has been in the Lakeview hospital with a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich spent New Year's Day with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

On the 30th day of December Mrs. Wilbur Wright says she saw a robin. This is the very earliest we have ever heard of.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent from Monday till Wednesday with the George Loomis family at New Era. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family of Lansing were guests from Wednesday through Sunday with her folks. Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle of Flint were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses of Flint were Friday and Saturday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and baby were Sunday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald called on me Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and baby were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Brad were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lena Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Woodrow Martin went to Ashley last Tuesday to see her father, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO meeting Saturday evening in St. Johns.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow says her children all got home for Christmas, and all got back safely to their homes. New Year's guests of Mrs. Denslow were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and children and Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Norma McCary was a Tuesday dinner guest of Mrs. Flora Wood. Other callers during the week were Mrs. Betty Thompson, Tressa Loomis, Ricky, Tim, Jeff, Mary Ellen, Gale and Dean Wood, and Jeanne Martin.

Mrs. Zola Wright was a Saturday guest at the Paul Miller home. She was here to attend the Jack Thompson funeral.

The Norman Miller family spent the weekend here at their trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carr of Pontiac spent a few days with her father, Frank Benn.

Mrs. Carol Johnson and children and Mrs. Merle Blodgett spent Monday with Mrs. Clara Lutz, celebrating her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson have moved to their home at Horsehead Lake. The Benn Johnson family spent the weekend at Lake City.

Mrs. Vivian Wilson spent Wednesday and Thursday over night at the Jim Thompson home. The John Thompsons and the Wilson family were all here to

attended their father's funeral Saturday. Other friends and relatives who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webster and Sally of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Truesdale of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Thompson and Sterling Thompson and friend of Muskegon, and several cousins from Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz were Wednesday supper guests at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman were New Year's dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and two couples were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and baby and George Miller and Mrs. Edith Touchinski and Jim of Marquette were New Year's dinner guests of the Elwood Millers.

Weekend guests of the Gerald Loseys were Mr. and Mrs. Don Gross and David, Deron and Judi of Milford, O.; other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross and Jack and Charlene, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Klumpp and Paula, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and boys, Mr. and Mrs. John Stroznanac of Grand Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook and Jeff and Jill, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss and Mike.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott spent Saturday till Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Gott. Then they called on Flossie and Don Scott at Lake.

Becky Graham had dinner Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger had breakfast New Year's morning with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and watched the Rose Parade on color television. They had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson last Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Latham spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger near Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ken McQueen and family, all of Flint, spent from New Year's to Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett and Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry. They called later that they got home safe. It sure was a bad storm.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gardner and children of Lansing spent Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Ina Gillett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey attended a New Year's Eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams. On Sunday they attended a family gathering at the home of her mother Mrs. Mary Clark, in Mt. Pleasant.

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