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**THE WORD IS WOOD**--Wayne Steiner shows how a birch log goes into a wood-burning stove that looks exactly like a good oil or gas circulator heater, at Allen Lumber Company in Weidman, of which Wayne is manager. Area people are listening to Morbark's 11.55 (or five minutes till noon) Winn Centennial program, with its urging to burn waste wood--"the dead, the down, and the dying". Many of us hereabouts can scare up some amount of waste wood, from tree trimmings, downed trees, and such, and many lucky ones with chain saws and pickup trucks can get free wood from friends and neighbors anxious for cleaning out woodlots or lawn areas. Morbark's claim to have the technical know-how even to take "chiparvestered" bits and make them into attractive logs for fireplaces and heating stoves. Messenger photo

## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT BEAL CITY

About 18 to 20 Senior Citizens enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the K. C. Hall in Beal City, sponsored by the Isabella County Commission on Aging. Folks who enjoyed the turkey dinner took "dishes to pass", salads and desserts, etc., their own table service, and local women pitched in to help with arrangements and the serving. The dinner was greatly enjoyed by those who live alone and would have had to eat alone on Thanksgiving.

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Stuart McArthur returned to his home in Alexandria, Va., Tuesday morning last week, after spending 10 days here with his brother, Mitch, and sister-in-law, Jean, for deer hunting.

## BAND BOOSTERS' BAKE SALE NETS \$80.90

The bake sale put on by the Chippewa Hills Band Boosters last Saturday in the Weidman Western Auto Store netted \$80.90, according to word from Band Booster leaders.

There were good donations by Band parents, with small contribution from the general public.

The amount realized was considered very good indeed.

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Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes were Mrs. Ruth Blesch and Jo Alkofer of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelsey of Midland, Norma Middlesworth, K. C. Charnes, and Joan's mother, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.



**THE GIANT CHRISTMAS STOCKING**--Filled with gifts of all descriptions, at the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy. Ula Cummins shows some of the many gift details the stocking is loaded with. The truly giant gift stocking will be raffled off Thursday, Dec. 23. Details of obtaining tickets may be had at the store. The stocking is about 10 feet long (high?) and is filled with gifts for everyone in the family. Messenger photo

## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SO WE ENTER UPON THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

So, with the beginning of December, we enter upon the holiday season. Leave us be merry.

For families with children, this is especially a busy but gratifying month--December. Plans for the big day of Christmas, with the tree, the trimmings, the presents.

Plans for relatives' arrival, and that of other company.

For elderly folks, such as Ye Ed, it's a time of happy observation of children, families, and their own quiet plans for Christmas Day.

For the churches, it's a time of joyous music and the relating of the birth of Christ.

For small towns, it's getting those durned old Christmas trimmings up before Christmas Eve, and after the New Year, getting the blasted things down before

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter  
**MARRIED IN REMUS CHURCH**  
 Miss Janice Leptinsky and Jeff Martin, son of the Joseph Martins, were married at 12 noon Saturday in St. Michael's Church in Remus.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the reception later at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

The bride is a graduate of a Pontiac high school and took a secretarial course at CMU.

The groom is a graduate of the Chippewa Hills High School, and is engaged in farming.

The happy couple will make their home on a farm on Sherman Road.

Congratulations!

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bill and Bob and Miss Shirley Fox enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with the Chuck Wilson family in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence

and Pam were Thursday afternoon callers of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Garth and Larry Cummins also called Friday.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, the Robert Denslow family, the Fred Kent family, and Mrs. Barbara Stazely and family enjoyed a delayed Thanksgiving at the Mack Denslows' home Sunday.

Duane Peletier was a Tuesday guest at the Pete Wood home. Thanksgiving guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Michael Wood. D.J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents.

The Harold Krueger family, the Johnson family and the Chuck Roberts family were Thanksgiving guests at the Gerald Dent home. The Roberts family stayed over till Saturday. Gerald and Mabel called on the Pat Dillenbecks Sunday afternoon.

**HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY**  
 Word has been received that Allen Nutt is in intensive care at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, after suffering a severe heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and

Kenny and Ed, Miss Sandra Dutcher and Miss Debbie Slider and Danny Madigan enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Thanksgiving guests at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci, and I.

Harold and Ron Losey were out and fixed the windows for their folks Saturday afternoon.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

Greetings in '76.

Connie, I have not received the last four issues of the precious Messenger. Sorry. Hope you are not ill. May God give you daily strength.

I am losing my eyesight and

my hearing.  
 "Hello" for me to all my friends and relatives, please.

Respectfully,  
 Maggie (Kent) Exevea  
 714 W. 72nd Place  
 Chicago, Ill.

(Ed's Note: Dear Maggie: No, I'm not sick--I'm too ornery for that. I have checked with the Weidman post office as to failure of your Messenger to reach you, and they say a center such as Chicago would be near impossible to trace.

I'm sending you the back copies this week.

Take care of yourself. I'm so sorry to hear about your impaired sight and hearing. Hope you have adequate help and care.

Connie

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur entertained all their children and their families Sunday.

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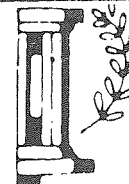
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# Want Ads

WANT AD RATES: 75 cents per week, unless very long. Over 1 inch in length, regular advertising rates. Cards of Thanks \$2.50, unless very long.

LEFT AT MESSENGER OFFICE-- Man's glasses, gray plastic rims. Owner may call for same.  
 Dec. 2tf

WANT TO HELP A SCOUT?-- The Weidman Girl Scouts will have a bake sale Saturday, Dec 4, at Fox Hardware. Donations of baked goods, and customers to buy same, will be appreciated. Sale will be from 9 to 12 noon.

TO GIVE AWAY--Two black kittens, one male, one female. Litter trained. Ph. 644-2028.  
 Dec. 2t1

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 Dec. 2t1

FOR SALE--One white Frigidaire electric cook stove, \$30.00, one black Naugahyde sofa with matching M. and Mrs. chairs, one black and one gold, \$100. 1/4 mile east of Weidman. Call 644-3000. after 5 p.m.  
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## Obituary

**DONALD E. URIE**  
 Donald E. Urie died Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Medical Care Facility in Alma.  
 He was born in the Winn area June 1, 1903, and was a life-long resident.  
 He had a store at Deerfield Center, at one time, and one at Winn.  
 He was a well-known and greatly respected citizen.  
 He is survived by his wife, Opal; son Donald of this area; daughter Jean Rosier of Merrill; and seven grandchildren.  
 Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Lavendar of the Mt. Pleasant Church of God officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Winn.  
 The family have the sympathy of their many friends.  
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## Obituary

**CLAYTON RAUB**  
 Clayton Raub, a long-time resident of Weidman, died Tuesday, Nov. 23. He was born Jan. 16, 1897.  
 He had lived in Weidman the past 20 years. He retired from Douteil Driveway, Flint, in 1962.  
 He is survived by his wife, Sally; daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Norma) Gillis, of Grand Blanc; Mich., and Athena Mellberg of Battle Creek; a son, Elsmore, of Bellevue; and eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.  
 Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 26, from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with interment in Forest Hill Cemetery at Horr. Rev. James Linton officiated at the rites.  
 Clayton had very many friends here, and will be missed. His family have the sympathy of all.  
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**WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Athel J. Lynch, Pastor. Ph. 644-3336.  
 Church School, 9.45 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
 Pot-luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.  
 Sharing and Prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.  
 Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.  
**HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY**

## Card of Thanks

I want to thank all the friends and relatives, the Busy Bees, and the Weidman United Methodist Church, for all the lovely cards sent me for my birthday.  
 Mrs. Ina Gillett

## Obituary

**DONALD TERRY**  
 Donald Terry, of the Ojibwa Recreation Area, died Nov. 25, at Veterans Hospital in Dearborn. He was 51.  
 He was a recent permanent resident of the Ojibwa Area, coming here from Allen Park, where he was retired. He was acting caretaker of the Ojibwa property.  
 He is survived by his wife, Patricia; three sons, Kenneth, Donald and David, all of Allen Park; one daughter, Barbara Villella, of Allen Park, and David, of California; two sisters, Marlene, of Allen Park, and Mary Caldwell.  
 Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 29, from the Thompson Funeral Home in Allen Park. Burial was in Allen park.  
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**the Churches**

**WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 (1 Mile West of Weidman)  
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge. Ph. 644-3504.  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Central Michigan Association of Regular Churches will have its quarterly meeting at First Baptist Church of Carson City Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.  
 We went to the Brinton Hall for Thanksgiving dinner with Brinton Chapel folks Sunday evening. There was a nice turnout, and lots to eat.  
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**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 1/4 mile south of Weidman School, corner of Coldwater and Weidman Roads.  
 Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
 Youth Service, 6.15 p.m.  
 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

## Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Atherton had a lovely Thanksgiving day, as we all did. Their son, Duane, of Lansing, arrived here to spend the day with his parents.

Miss Jo Ann Schneider of Lansing spent Thanksgiving Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider, her sister Doris and brothers Dave and Donnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando and family had Thanksgiving Day with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horan, and family, of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKenzie drove to Grand Ledge Wednesday and spent a few days visiting their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKenzie, and Kathy, Mark and Dan. They enjoyed their Thanksgiving meal together on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brazier of Grand Blanc and Bob Smith of Saginaw spent the Thanksgiving weekend with Jo Allen.

Jerry and Jan Mitchell and boys, Mike and Rusty, traveled to Houghton Lake last Friday to visit Jerry's father, Jack Mitchell. While there they got in some rabbit hunting.

Marion and Glenn Kemmis of Lansing were up here for a few days at their cottage. Glenn is doing nicely, and is feeling bet-

ter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider and Don spent Saturday evening at the home of JoAnn and Don Atherton, playing cards and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Holliday of Lansing and Mrs. Judy Hemstreet and Jenny and Jeff, also of Lansing, spent Thanksgiving with the Jerry Mitchell family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reihl spent Saturday evening playing cards with Joe and Carol Marchiando.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kemmis went to Weidman for dinner last Friday evening.

Walt and Della Wischmeyer are back from a two months' vacation in Novato, Calif. They stayed with their daughter, Donna McDonnell, and children. They said it was warm and the beautiful scenery was appreciated as they traveled around and visited friends. Last Thursday they went to their son's home, that of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer, and Carrie, Kelli and Heidi, who live in Alma. They all enjoyed Thanksgiving Day together.

The Donald Harter family went to Carson City to spend the Thanksgiving Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tomlinson and Kay traveled to Battle Creek Thursday and took along Bud's mother, Mrs. Helen Tom-

linson, of Lansing. They spent Thanksgiving Day with their aunt, Mrs. Mary Kress.

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## Local Items

Marlene Bierschbach Phillips and friend, John Gleason, of Lansing spent the Thanksgiving week with Mrs. Edna Bowein. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cripps and son, Keith, of Detroit were Thanksgiving and weekend guests. They visited their aunt, Loretta Lorenz, at the Clare Nursing Home, while here.

Emil Phillips is in the Clare Osteopathic Hospital, suffering from a heart ailment. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Clarence Dillenbecks.

The Bill Jr. and Dick Louisell families were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wood and children of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple of Lansing, and Darryl Pitts, also of Lansing, were Thanksgiving guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts.

Rick McArthur did a steel welding job for Connie Skinner last week, with the help of his instructor at Chippewa Hills High School. The job was to replace very small ears on four stove griddles, and Rick did a workmanlike job. He's an A student in the welding class at the high school.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Al Tilmann, Mrs. Walter Rau and Ginny Rau went shopping Friday in Saginaw.

Dale Rau was home this week-end from Gregory, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge in Midland.

The Beal City Football Awards Banquet was held Monday of last week at Plesko's in Edmore.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with her son, Edward, at Coldwater Lake.

Ed and Marge Schafer of Coldwater Lake spent Thanksgiving with their son, John, and family in Bay City. Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush were also guests.

Ed, Regina and Leona Faber and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Streng attended the wedding of Miss Geraldine Thielen and Chester Dudek Saturday, Nov. 20, at St. Isadore Catholic Church in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith were home this weekend, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau had Anne Smith, Dora Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau as Thanksgiving dinner guests.

Fred Gould went hunting with his dad, Don Gould, over the weekend, up near Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel, Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike Gross had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gross.

Marie Rahl had company Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Ann Profrock and girls and Elaine Simmer of Reed City visited Anne Smith, Dora Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday afternoon.

Ken Kavanaugh was home Saturday, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau drove to Kalamazoo Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Yuncker entertained company Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Streng entertained company Thanksgiving.

Charlotte Slater of Traverse City was home over the holiday.

Matie Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tilmann, Charlotte Slater and Denise Slater had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Thanksgiving.

Louis Rau had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schafer are new members of our parish. Mrs. Helen Simmer, Lavina

Elias and Mrs. Ella Tilmann all are in CMC Hospital.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes of Harrison visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes. All went to Evart Monday, where they visited their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus called on the Paul Coles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Straus and Mark and Margaret and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean spent Thanksgiving at Drummond Island with their sister, Janet Shepherd.

Mrs. Pat Masiwchuk remained quite ill, and will return to her doctor in Detroit this Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and Jackie and Mary and Jennie and Angela of Mishawaka, Ind., spent Thanksgiving with their grandparents, the Paul Coles. Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes were also dinner guests.

Sunday dinner guests of the Dan Kripas were the Paul Coles, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, and Melissa and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and girls.

Mrs. Helen Allbee and Mrs. Hilda Sampson were dinner guests of Mrs. Coranna Shaner for Thanksgiving.

Your reporter is a victim of a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole of Detroit spent several days at their farm. Saturday evening the Coles attended a party for a 100-year-old friend, at or near Baldwin, who befriended her when her parents were killed in an auto accident.

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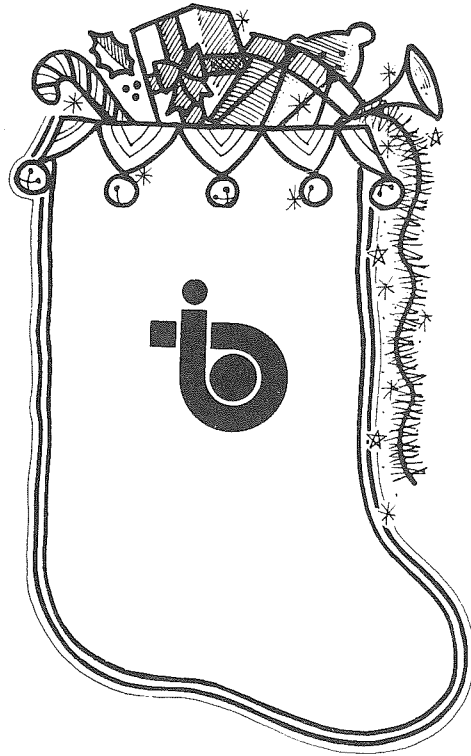
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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Barbara and Patti Dutcher attended the wedding of Jeff Martin and Janice Leptinsky Saturday at Remus. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher attended the reception at the K. C. Hall in Beal City in the evening.

The Howard Beutler family were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Carl Beutler family.

Howard and Marion visited Jeanette Johnston Thursday afternoon. Jeanette had just returned home from CMC Hospital, after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher of Seattle, Wash., visited his father, Floyd Dutcher, recently. They called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant and Floyd Dutcher were recent visitors of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Diane Pettigrew spent Thanksgiving weekend with the Garry Dutcher family.

Lois Cain and Les Rhode and son, Dave, of Grand Rapids had Saturday dinner with her folks, the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland were recent visitors of her folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon had Friday supper with us. Jim and Mike Dutcher had lunch with us Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls of Lake Orion spent from Thursday till Saturday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Sylvia Remington and children of Saginaw came up Wednesday night and stayed till Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher were Friday guests. Floyd Dutcher was a Thanksgiving dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bob visited the Clayton and Jim Dutchers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent from Thursday night till Sunday morning with us. Gena stayed with Deanne and Danelle Yuncker the weekend. Larry and Carol visited them Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys, and Clayton and I had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and family. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn were evening visitors.

Jeanne Bauw and girls of Grand Rapids spent the Thanksgiving

weekend with her folks, the Bert Chaffees.

The Jack Dutcher family had Saturday supper with the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family.

Lois Cain and Les Rhode and son, David, of Grand Rapids were Saturday afternoon callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Rev. and Mrs. James Linton called on the Howard Beutlers one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher hosted Thanksgiving dinner for Julie's folks, the Glen Owens family, and her sisters and their families.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Ina Gillett was reported as about the same, in the Midland Hospital, after a second stroke. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens, were in Weidman Monday, and called on a few old friends. Ina has been in the hospital since her birthday, Nov. 14.

The Orval Branson family has been suffering from flu--not the swine flu. Ordinary flu is making the rounds in this area.

Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Thanksgiving Day with the Robert Holt family in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Joe Kane's Thanksgiving Day guests were Sonny Hill of Shepherdsville, near St. Johns, Miss Annette Hill, also of Shep-

herdsville, and her fiancée, Eric Anderson, of Ovid. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cramer and Bill and Peggy, Jerry Cramer of Ovid, and Mrs. Verna Houck and mother, Mrs. Pearl Douglas, also of Ovid. Joe was transferred early last Wednesday morning from the Veterans Hospital at Saginaw to the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital. He was reported quite ill.

Charlie and Bea Gross have sold their home here in Weidman, and are living in a trailer home east of the Ernest Davy place. The Nailor family from Brinton bought the Gross house, and are caring for a few elderly people.

Joyce Smith of Ann Arbor and Mary of Mt. Pleasant spent the Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, the Don Smiths, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur had all their children and their families at their home for Thanksgiving dinner.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## the Churches

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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George Getchel, minister. Ph. 588-9731.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.  
Bible School, 10.45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
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Divine Worship, 10.45 a.m.  
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## Obituary

### BURDELLA MILLER

Burdella Miller of 5073 West Beal City Road died Tuesday, Nov. 30, in CMC Hospital.

She was born in Sherman Township Dec. 4, 1918. She was 58.

She is survived by a son, Ed, of Morrice; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Judy) Faber of Nottawa; and Marcia of Flint; and four grandchildren; also her mother, Mrs. Bernice Denslow of Fennville; a brother, Burdette Denslow, of Winn, and two sisters, Mrs. Michelene Thurlow of Midland and Mrs. Cleo Souder of Fennville.

Funeral services were scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. from the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Dean Denslow officiating.

Burial will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Also many other relatives, and a host of friends.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Thanksgiving has come and gone. The weather was nice, and many families were able to get together for that big turkey dinner. While enjoying that big dinner and fun together, did you remember to give God Thanks for all the blessings we have here in America?

We were thankful we could be with our son and his family and his in-laws at a family dinner in Lansing. No snow when we left there Saturday morning, and the temperature was 50 degrees, so we were surprised when we arrived this side of Mt. Pleasant, at the snow.

Saturday afternoon Matt and Ida Nager were visitors at the Julius Guerin home. They also visited the Billy Roy family.

Robert and Elma June Mays took her mother, Margaret Neely of Kelsey Hospital E. C. U., to Lansing Thanksgiving at the home of Verna and Doris Van Wingerden. Some of the older Barryton residents would remember the Rev. George Van Wingerden, their father. The family get-together included members from Bay City, Sand Lake, and Weidman.

WHO IS THE FATHER??? Robert Mays would like to know! He did not know an increase was expected in the family, until their little chihuahua presented him with two little puppies Nov. 19. If your dog was confined on your own property, he is not guilty. Come on, Neighbors, OBEY THE LAW and keep your pet confined on your own property. The rest of us will appreciate your co-operation.

Emily Stevens has been in the Gratiot Community Hospital at Alma since Nov. 22. She is in for x-rays and tests. She would enjoy a card from you, I'm sure.

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Tom Flower and family of Petersburg spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and Stacy were Thanksgiving guests, along with Tom's family.

# North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Miss Lynn Ann Warner of North Woodruff Road and Mrs. Smith, the leaders of a group of children from the Nazarene Church, called the Caravans, stopped in to wish us a Happy Thanksgiving and sing songs for us. We want to thank them, they were so nice.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family called on us the first of the week. We had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and boys had ice cream and cake with us Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and children stopped in Sunday afternoon and visited with us a short time.

Mrs. Zena Olger and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood of Gilmore. Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Mrs. Olger had dinner at the hall with the Senior Citizens last Monday. Mrs. Jerry Olger and daughter, Joyce Connor, and son called on Mrs. Olger one day last week.

Mrs. Laura Latham had Thanksgiving dinner with her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Zuker (Susie Latham) and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott had all their children and grandchildren home for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and son, Brian, spent Thanksgiving with Joe's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Magyari, near Gladwin.

Denise Ptak and Randy Gregory of Warren spent the weekend with her parents, the Joe Ptaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman went shopping in Saginaw last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott called on Mrs. Grace Swanson. She had broken a bone in her ankle.

The Don Abbott family had their Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott.

The Don Alwood and Chum Methner families had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Rusty and Fonda, in their new house at the corner of Wyman and Jordan Roads. Fonda's grandmother, Mrs. Ella Methner, of Mt. Pleasant, was also a member of the family gathering. The occasion marked the departure of Rusty's family and Jim and Don Alwood to Alabama, where they sell Christmas trees during the holidays each year, this being their third year in the project. They have holdings of young plantings of Christmas trees coming on for future business.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie  
(Continued from Page 1)

Easter.

The Christmas holiday time is a varied space between bone-chilling weather gripes and cleaning off walks and digging out driveways.

(This area has suffered a real drouth, beginning in late summer and going right through the autumn months and on into winter. Maybe we'll get those 10-foot drifts in January.)

Anyhow, we begin the holiday season with this week's advent, and we aim to make the most of it; with what decorations we can hatch up for our office and home, and with plans for Christmas Day. And for everyone, it's a time of planning for one big event--Christmas Day--with the tree and the presents and the Christmas dinner that rivals that of Thanksgiving.

So leave us be merry.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider are spending this week in Mt. Clemens, where Mr. Snider is working on an auditing assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Saturday supper guests of Gary and Lucinda Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Larry and Cheryl Cummins and two children, and Alva and Treva Cummins at Thanksgiving dinner last week.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

### CHRISTMAS FOR ZEKE

Bud Fredrickson is having his usual "gift box" for Zeke Tanner's Christmas this year. You can give articles, money, or canned food that doesn't have to be heated. Year before last, enough money was donated to enable Zeke to buy a much-needed new winter coat. Bud took him to Mt. Pleasant to choose it, and it was the world's greatest treat for Zeke. Any amount of money, large or small; and most any practical gift is Zeke's Christmas. He usually needs things to help keep warm. He can always use food that doesn't have to be cooked.

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### 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE DEC. 11

Open House will honor Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett of Flint on their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, 7 p.m., Dec. 11, at the Brinton Hall.

Both were raised in this area, and have many relatives and friends. They are all cordially invited to attend.

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### AUDUBON FILM SHOWING NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 5

"Pacific Shores" will be presented by Norm Wakeman next Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. in Warriner Auditorium on CMU campus in Mt. Pleasant.

This is the third film in the Audubon Wildlife Series, sponsored by the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club and the National Audubon Society.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were Saturday supper guests of the Paul Perrys at Lake Isabella.

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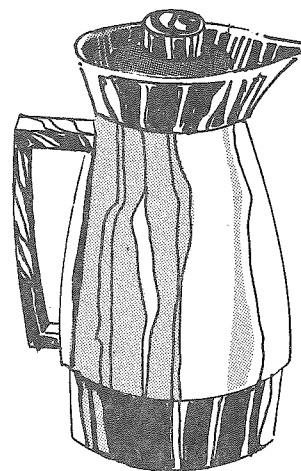


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