

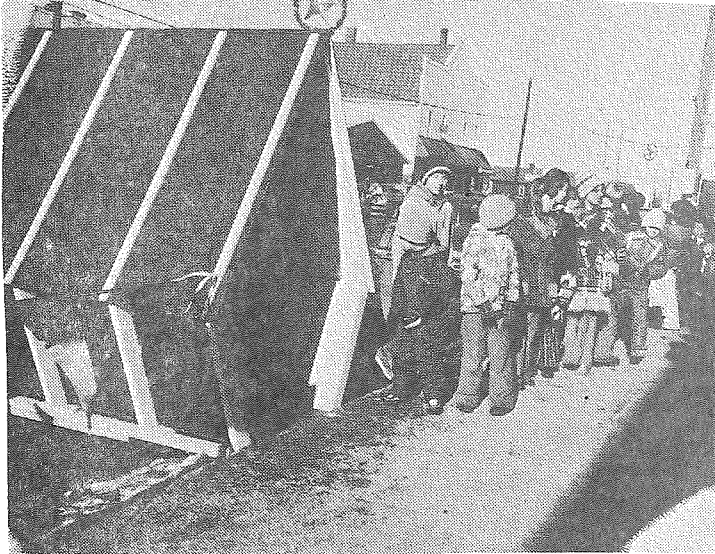
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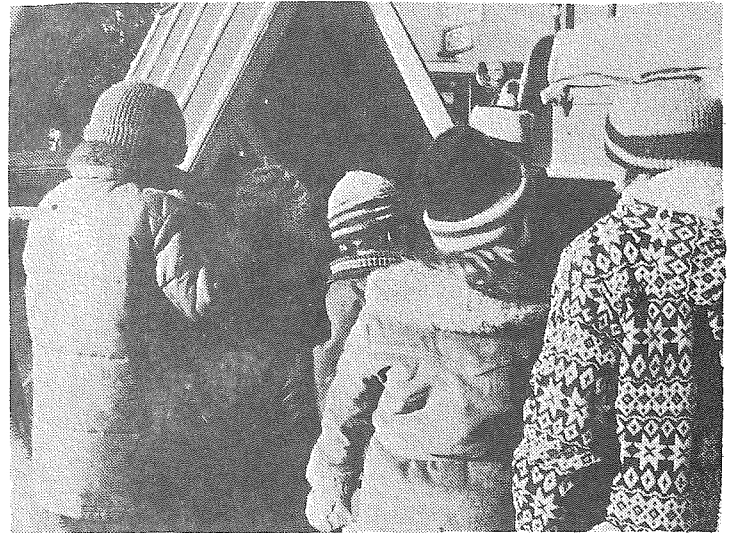
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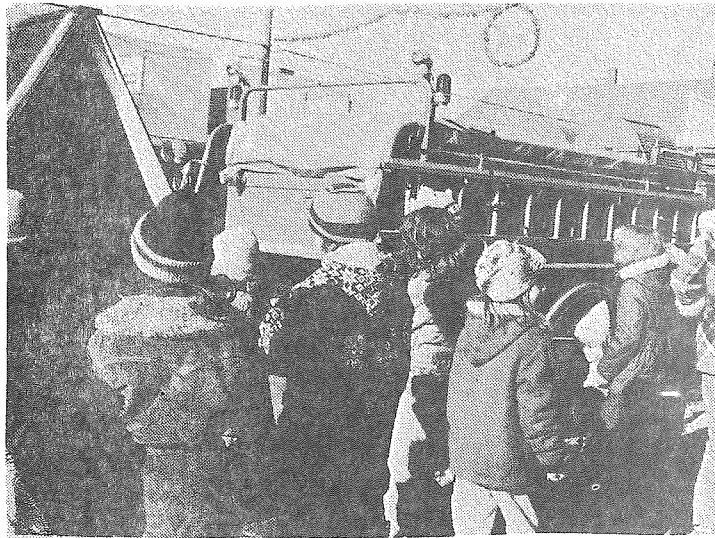
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**WAITING FOR SANTA--**About 230 kids of all sizes stood in front of Western Auto Store Saturday noon, awaiting his arrival.



**WAITING THEIR TURN--**To go in and talk with Santa are a few of the children who talked with him Saturday.



**HE CAME TO TOWN ON THE BIG FIRE TRUCK--** As usual at Christmas time. He also had a pretty little house where he could sit and talk with youngsters. An added feature this year was the parking of the fire truck at the curb beside Santa's house, and the kids got a close-up view of the big red fire-fighter.



**MORE LINE UP--**To have a chance at seeing Santa "up close" and talking with him. Santa gave each child a nice sack of good candy. Messenger photos

### HELP WANTED TO PREPARE FOR PIG ROAST

There will be a meeting for anyone wishing to work on the Little Mac pig roast this year, scheduled for next Thursday, Dec. 30, at 8 p. m., at the Fire Hall.

Needed are volunteer workers

on all kinds of helping to put the big event together.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bleise attended the wedding of her brother, Harold Cassidy, of Far-

well, and Mary Smith of Clare, at St. Cecelia's Church in Clare Dec. 18.

# Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith took Michael and Chris Gray to the Elks' Christmas party, and afterward they attended a Christmas party with the Grays at the Casanova.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dennis and family traveled to Carson City Saturday to spend some time with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Argersinger.

Thursday evening Gwen Tomlinson and Jean Schneider attended the Beal City Band's Christmas Concert. Gwen's daughter, Kay, plays in the eighth grade band, and Jean's son in the sixth grade band. The kids played beautifully, before a large audience, which gave everyone the Christmas spirit. Among some of our neighbors attending were Carol Marchiando, the Jerry Mitchells, the Flaughers, and the Schumachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Atherton

spent the weekend in Dansville, visiting JoAnn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laxton. While there they intended to go to Lansing for some Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith were guests of their neighbors, Cindy and Tom Tilmann, Saturday evening, for a lovely dinner.

Joe and Carol Marchiando entertained friends Saturday evening, hosts at dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Joe Smith. Then they went to the Marchiandos', and enjoyed visiting and playing cards.

Tami Doutre of Saginaw spent the weekend at their cottage, visiting with Doris Schneider before returning home.

Jack McKenzie enjoyed a nice visit Friday, when Herman Hemminger stopped by before traveling south to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando and family were guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Horan, of Rosebush, as they celebrated with a Christmas party, last Sunday evening.

Monday evening was the time and scene of a Christmas party hosted by Ula and Derry Dunn of the Coldwater Lake Inn, for their employees. After a delicious meal, gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening, in the true Christmas spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harter attended a United Parcel Service Christmas party Saturday evening at the Hospitality Inn in Lansing. They returned home Sunday.

Christmas Greetings and a successful 1977 to our friends, Andy and Beryl! From the Schneiders."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig spent Wednesday evening at the home of Sheri and Jerome Beck, helping her celebrate her birth-

day. They enjoyed a lovely dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck spent the weekend entertaining Jerome's children, Kim and Andy, and celebrating Christmas. Saturday afternoon they took the children to a Moose Christmas party in Mt. Pleasant.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell, and Mr. and Mrs. George Flaucher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill and family of Lansing, Mrs. Bessie Teall, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls and Roy Adams at a pre-Christmas party and dinner Sunday.

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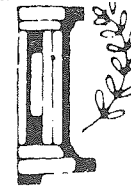
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Dec. 28, at 8 p. m. in Room 153 of the Isabella County Building in Mt. Pleasant.  
 Everyone is welcome to attend.  
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### A CORRECTION

Vada Abbott and Robert Cernek took Mrs. Verlia Wilcox out to dinner a week ago Sunday.

The item was incorrectly stated in last week's paper.  
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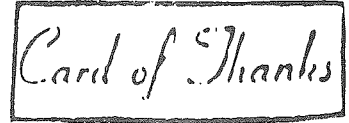
### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Due to the confusion of moving back to Weidman, we are taking this means of wishing all our friends and relatives in the area a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May friend and foe alike have a blessed holiday season.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel J. Lynch  
 United Methodist Church  
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beautiful plants, those who sent cards and visited me during my long hospital stay.  
 A special thanks to our children, and for the love, concern, prayers and good wishes of our many friends.  
 May God bless you all.  
 Beatrice Gatehouse



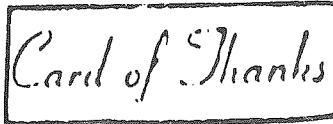
Special Thanks in appreciation to Central Michigan Community Hospital, staff, for their splendid care.

To Dr. Klickstein and Dr. Keating, for their deep concern.  
 To Father Dueueke for his visits.

Thanks to relatives, friends and family for their plants, visits, and showers of cards.

To all of you, I am grateful.  
 May God reward you.  
 Howard Schafer

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



I wish to thank my relatives, friends and neighbors for the

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 Dec. 16t2

WEIDMAN DRIVE-IN Restaurant is closed until spring. Thanks for a good season. Bud and Gwen Tomlinson.  
 Dec. 23t1

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brien of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson.

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 IN THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE  
 OF WEIDMAN, SECTION 13,  
 SHERMAN TOWNSHIP

A petition having been filed in the office of the Isabella County Road Commission by the land owners for the closure of the alley in Block 22 in the Plat of Village of Weidman, Section 13, Sherman Township; a public hearing will be held at the office of the Road Commission, 2261 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, on Thursday, January 6, 1977, at 10:00 A.M.

At that time all objections to and/or support for the proposed closure will be heard by the Board of County Road Commissioners of Isabella County. Written statements regarding the closure will be received by the Board at that time provided they are received at the above address prior to the hour of the hearing.

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 Lionel Duncan, Chairman  
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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Sympathy goes to the family of Donald Brown of Crooked Lake, who passed away suddenly Saturday. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery Monday. Frank Sowle from here attended services at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell.

Mrs. Frank Sowle and daughter Penny spent the weekend in Lansing, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don Sowle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland of Grand Rapids spent Saturday with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Alfred Bartley. Jane and Joyce Cook were in Evart Tuesday, where they called on their doctor.

Edna Teeter returned home Saturday evening after two weeks spent with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Teeter near Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laing of Detroit spent the weekend with me, and called on Bud Longton at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Bill Livermore of Kansas, who is serving in the Armed Forces, and Michael Livermore of Great Lakes, who is in the Navy, are spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore.

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### BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 18 TABLES IN PLAY

At their pot-luck Christmas dinner and afternoon of cards, the Beal City Seniors had 18 tables of pepper in play last Thursday afternoon.

Bertha Smith won first prize for the ladies, with Rose Butler second and Gladys Wilson low.

Bill Appelgreen won first for the men, with Jack Cotter second and Will Martin low.

Joe Streng won the pepper prize. Monica Grinzinger won the door prize.

A special prize, a Nativity crib, donated by the Beal City Public School fourth graders, was won by Luella Martin.

Ed Fedewa entertained with his accordion, and led the singing of Christmas songs.

Members to take over next year's leadership of the parties, lunches, and special events include Mr. and Mrs. Ragolt Hauck, Jack Cotter, and Rose Schafer.

The next card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday, Jan. 6. Everyone is cordially invited.

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Mrs. Thomas C. Brien of Berkeley came last Wednesday evening to the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nina Forbes. She was an overnight guest, and picked up her daughter, who attends CMU at Mt. Pleasant.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Merry Christmas, everyone! Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Ed and Miss Sandy Dutcher attended the wedding of Mark Rice and Marcia Mey at Rosebush Saturday. Sunday they attended an early Christmas party at the Ed McDonald home. Mrs. Edna McDonald was here from Florida for the party.

Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Friday callers at the Alva Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark called Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family enjoyed an early Christmas with the family Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross of Mt. Pleasant. About 75 were present.

Bob, Charlene and Robbie Gross called on the Gerald Loseys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Brad, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Martin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Martin enjoyed a pre-Christmas party with Mrs. Joe Martin's father, Leo Bahr, at Copemish, Saturday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bill and Bob attended the wedding of Brenda Wager and Timothy Collin Sunday evening at the United Methodist Church in Remus.

Mrs. Thompson and boys plan to spend Friday at a pre-Christmas get-together with Mrs. Thompson's mother near Lansing.

Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. David Carroll and Joe Carroll were Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow plans to

spend Christmas with her daughter, Jean Platek, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother and Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Miller Thursday, and they were Friday supper guests of the Glenwood Holmes family.

Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Thursday supper guests at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Mrs. Susie Chapman and Jason

were Sunday evening callers. Harold Losey was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mrs. Janet Dent and children spent Saturday evening at the John Adams home, for a Christmas party. They had Thursday dinner with the Harold Krueger family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Watson spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

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**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK**

As is customary here on the Messenger, we take the Christmas-New Year's week for a holiday of our own.

Ye Ed and all the faithful news writers will skip next week, coming back to work for the Jan. 6 issue.

Happy 1977!

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**Beal City**

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Coletta Gross family held its annual Christmas party Sunday in the church basement. There were 55 members present and all enjoyed a sumptuous pot-luck dinner. After dinner, Santa Claus arrived. Bingo was also enjoyed, and various card games. Ann Pasch played the piano, and all sang Christmas carols. All had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schueller and family of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Tilmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer went to Hubbardston last week to visit their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer entertained their club Friday evening.

The Schafer Christmas party was held at the Mathidla Schafer home. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Wim, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schafer of Mt. Pleasant. A pot-luck supper was enjoyed, and the evening was spent playing cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family visited Mrs. Irene Smith the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa went to Lansing Saturday to see Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith's new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasen visited Oscar Fedewa at Houghton Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnet and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday evening.

Mrs. June Blasen and Theresa Smith visited Dora Smith Wednesday evening, and helped her with her Christmas decorating.

The Beal City Choir put on a program Sunday evening for the public, at the school. It was lovely.

The Altar Society put on a Christmas party for the Sisters last Tuesday evening. They received many nice gifts, and many people attended.

Chris Fussman is in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Loretta Lorenz is home from the hospital at Clare. She

is staying at the Max Straus home.

Mrs. Jane Cotter is in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Don visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould Saturday afternoon.

Louis Rau had dinner with the Walter Raus Saturday.

The Beal City Band put on a concert Thursday evening. It was very, very good.

Santa Claus came to Beal City last Thursday evening, and gave

nuts and candy to 300 enthusiastic kids.

John E. Forest is in the hospital for treatment of a burn on his leg.

Sheila Rau visited her mother, Mrs. Elsie McCall, Saturday.

Mrs. Sheila Pasch is home from the hospital with her new baby daughter.

St. Joseph's School put on a play Wednesday evening for the public. The whole school was involved in various programs

throughout the show. It was a really nice performance.

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Walt and Marie Smith have sold their home on the Caloosahatchi River in Fort Myers, Florida, and are here to stay. They are visiting their sister, Margaret Johnston, at present, until they get settled. They would welcome friends and old neighbors who might call on them. Margaret lives on North Johnson Road out of Weidman.

*Holiday Greetings*



As families come together in love and warmth, we wish you and yours a most joyous Christmastide... hoping every delight of the Holiday Season will be yours!

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**WEIDMAN BRANCH**

## In the Editor's Mail

HERE'S WHAT BECAME OF THE OLD WEIDMAN DEPOT Dear Connie:

Yes, I can tell what happened to the old Weidman depot.

I was agent there at the time they tore it down and hauled it away.

It was in the summer of 1943. George was agent at St. Louis, and we had moved there. I drove back and forth to Weidman to take care of business.

One Monday morning when I got there, the depot was half torn down.

I had to move the books over to the back room of the beauty parlor across the alley, and the auditor came and closed the books.

Hope you have a happy holiday season.

Sincerely  
Elsie Bolinger  
Grand Ledger

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Gene McArthur can remember helping tear down the depot, and that Stub Russell got part of the material for his auto garage, which was across from the Spike Branson place on West Weidman Road. Gene worked for Stub at the garage.

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### NEWS NOTES

Wayne Nolan of Mr. Pleasant spent Saturday evening with the Eugene McArthur family.

Michael Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, and Mrs. Wendy Whitman spent Sunday with the Woods. Their little grandson, D.J. Whitman, spent the weekend with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family were in Lapeer Saturday to attend a Christmas party at the home of Mary's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Glenn. On their way home their car struck a deer, and killed it. Gary got permission from authorities to keep it.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent last Wednesday evening with Mrs. Mildred Terry near Barryton. She was a Sunday guest of the Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush. The occasion was a family Christmas gathering. Their son, Ron, was home from Melbourne, Australia, for the first time in four years. Their son, Mark, and wife, Jane, were also there from Ohio, where he is enrolled in a theological seminary in Dayton.

The Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush had their presentation Saturday for the marker for their Centennial Farm. Russell and Ann Johnston also received their marker. Mr. Cummings from the Clarke Memorial Library on the campus at Mt. Pleasant gave a talk. Among our guests

were Miiss Faith Johnston and County Agent Lyle Thompson and wife, and many others. The Johnstons served coffee and cookies.

Mrs. Cleo Oligney has settled in her home in Weidman (she purchased the Blanche Carr house on First and Main Streets). Mrs. Oligney moved here from Cadillac, and is anxious to become acquainted with Weidman folks. She is the mother of Mrs. Einar Sandelius.

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### BIRTHDAY CLUB ENJOYS PARTY AT THE EMBERS

The Birthday Club members of Weidman enjoyed dinner at The Embers last Monday evening.

A gift exchange was also enjoyed during the party.

The January meeting of the club is with Mrs. Jean McArthur with Kate Wood as co-hostess.

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### LAKE ISABELLA

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas. Amidst the rush of parties, and family gatherings, may you take time to remember, this time of year reminds us IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR!

Let's take time to stop and honor Him.

A joyous Christmas to all!  
Ruth Yabs

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The smorgasbord hosted by the Maxfields at their beautiful restaurant Monday evening was a joy to all.

The Maxfields put on a sumptuous feast, and lot owners really enjoyed it.

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### WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wilhelm Falk, a missionary, spoke and showed films for Sunday School at church Sunday. He preached a lovely sermon. Jim Carr will speak this next Sunday, as our pastor is in Florida.

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### HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I hope you have as happy a holiday time as I'm already having.

I've had gifts from some of my teenage friends, and nothing could be more satisfying to an old cranky gal like me.

I've had a gift of the most delectable Christmas cookies and Christmas candy (all home-made) I've ever tasted. From a young family, too. Of course the candy and cookies were made by the young wife, but some of the young family brought them to me.

Thanks, young friends.

We were treated to Christmas carols by a group of young folks from the Weidman Church of the Nazarene.

They really can sing.

And it was gratifying to see--and hear--Rev. Wadsworth and his lovely young wife among the youth group.

Connie

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**S. W. Sherman**  
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Had a nice talk with Bea Gatehouse. She says she is slowly gaining. Their visitors Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gatehouse, and Herbert Hochrein. And of course their children visit often.

Our family get-together will be the 26th at the Richard Dutcher home, for our Christmas party.

Ronna Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday.

The Robert Dutchers visited the Walter Howe family last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg of Remus were Sunday morning callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of Mt. Pleasant were our Wednesday evening visitors. They also visited the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sons spent Sunday with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Harry Hardenburgh and Bob Paterson called on them Saturday.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Wednesday over night with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. He stayed Thursday over night with us, and visited Steve Dutcher and Floyd and Ray Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Garry and David Dutcher visited us Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family took Bob Martin home to Muskegon Friday night, then spent the weekend with Bonnie's folks at New Era and Montague, where they had a pre-Christmas party with her family.

The Robert Dutchers visited the Richard Yunckers Saturday evening. They spent Sunday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stephens of Lakeview Friday evening.

Clayton and Floyd Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Treckenridge last Monday. They were feeling pretty good, and busy.

Dianne Beutler had a slumber party Friday, and the girls of the Winning Pioneers 4-H Club went Christmas caroling. Dianne's birthday was Monday.

Marion Beutler attended a UM-MS Christmas party at the home of Nina Carrick Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family attended a pre-Christmas party with her brothers, sisters and parents, at the home of her sister at Midland, the Ratacaks, Sunday, after a Christmas program at the church.

The Carl and Howard Beutler families visited the Forrest Johnston family at Rosebush. Their son, Ron, had just got home from his teaching job in Australia.

lia. He is on his summer vacation from there, and will return in January.

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**North Weidman**

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Sunday guests at the John Gott home included Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard of near Lakeview, and John Gott and wife of Elwell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Wanda Graham and Debi had a family Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen and all their children, Sunday.

Saturday evening Al Gott took his folks to Barryton to dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Knorr of Shepherd Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott left for Greece last Tuesday. Rick is in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and family and Judy Abbott spent last weekend with Joan's father, Mr. Ball, in Eaton Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak are spending this week with their children and families in the Detroit area. Brad Hains is taking care of their place.

Visitors at our home were my brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard, of Six Lakes; our son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, of Elwell; Wanda and Debi Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bush. Our granddaughter took us to the home of our son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen. They had their family Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts Sunday, Dec. 19. Wanda and Debi were also there.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott took us out for dinner Friday evening and I did some shopping.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy called at the Dennis Hayes home Sunday evening after the Christmas program at the Weidman Baptist Church. It was a very nice program, put on by the Sunday School teachers and their classes. The Hayes family plan to spend some time with their parents during the holidays.

Jim Alwood called his parents Sunday evening from Dothan, Ala., to tell them the Christmas trees were almost sold out and they planned to be home for Christmas Day. Rusty and his family planned to leave this Wednesday. Fonda's father, Chum Methner, is in CMC Hospital with back trouble. He is in traction, and having therapy treatments.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts attended a cantata music program at the Shepherd Church of Christ Saturday evening, put on by the Great Lakes Bible College Concert Choir. Darryl Pitts was a member of the choir.

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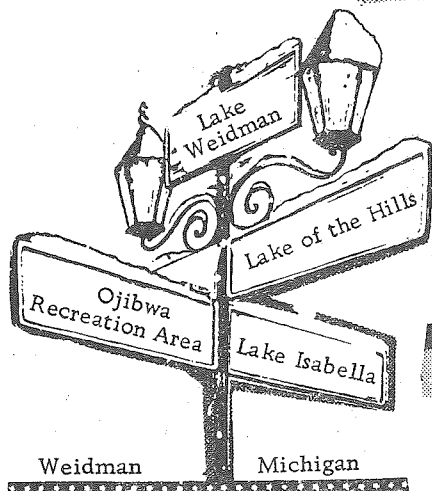
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