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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: WEREN'T THEY WONDERFUL?

So the Christmas holiday was purely wonderful, especially for slightly weary old gals like Ye Ed.

We had a ball during the holidays, doing nothing. And we received some lovely cards and gifts from unexpected sources, which is always delightful.

Among our prized gifts was the Florida package from the Earl Clarkes--they do it every year; and every year we protest, "You shouldn'ta!" But we received the gift with joy.

Other gifts and cards and visits and caroling youngsters were duly enjoyed during the holiday period.

'Twas a wonderful time.

Thank you all.

Now back to the mines, for that weekly stint till the last week of March and the first week of April.

Wonder what those two near-spring months will bring?

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And speaking of weather (who was?), we can remember a winter, either in 1934 or 1936, when the thermometer went to 36 below zero, and heavy snow piled up drifts on the Airline Road.

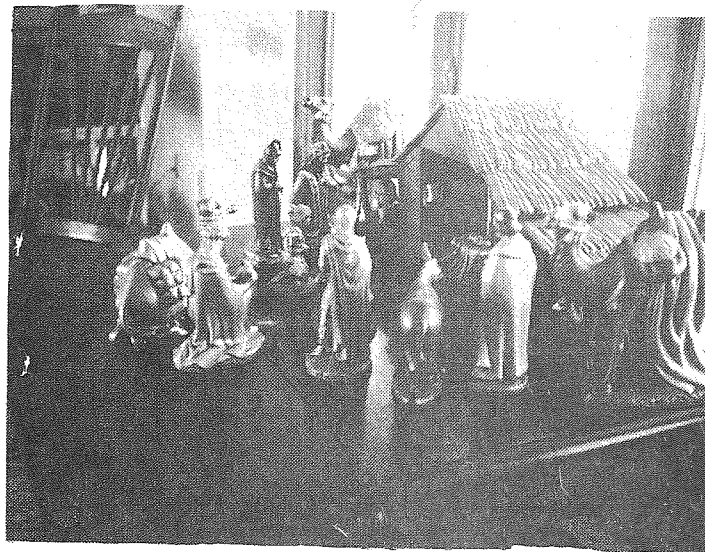
The County of Isabella didn't have the big snowplows then it has now, and it was about a week, as I remember, till the Airline was cleared.

Allys, Paul, Frances and Connie Roe were driving back and forth to Mt. Pleasant daily to work and college classes, and during that cold snap and heavy snow, Paul had to leave his car at Junie McClain's Garage downtown in Weidman, and the four of us waded waist-high drifts from the garage to the Roe farm a half-mile west of town.

Today, if we had 36 below, and snow like that, we'd say,



REV. AND MRS. ATHEL LYNCH--Moved into their beautiful new parsonage on the north shore of Lake Weidman in December. Above, they confer on his writing of a sermon, while their pet bird looks on.



ONE OF THEIR PRIZED POSSESSIONS--Is their collection making up the Natal Scene at Bethlehem, and it is very beautiful, with some pieces being rare art objects. Messenger photos (More photos on another page)

"It's the atomic tests!" or, "The world is cooling off, getting

ready for another Ice Age!" That's the way it was. In 1936 (or was it 1934?).

### LIL MAC HOG ROAST MEETING NEXT MONDAY

A second meeting of Firemen, their wives, Weidman and Beal City businessmen and their wives, and all interested persons will be held next Monday, Jan. 10, at the Fire Hall here at 8 p.m.

It is expected that committees will be organized at this meeting.

All kinds of help are needed, and the public is urged to participate.

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### LIL' MAC PIG ROAST COMING UP FEB. 20

The fourth annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast and outdoor festival will be held as usual on the beautiful hills and slopes of the Elwood and Iola Miller farm northwest of Weidman, on Sunday, Feb. 20.

The public is cordially invited by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, the Beal City Business Association and the Weidman Business Association, all of whom will be doing the preparatory work for the event--and, of course, by the generous and friendly Elwood and Iola Miller and their family.

Snowmobiles are there by hundreds, campers come in Fridays and stay till Sunday night; and parking spaces are filled. So plan to come early.

As usual, the menu will consist of pork roasted whole-hog over charcoal fires, baked potatoes, home-made hot-buttered and hot-served bread, home-made pork stuffing, Ev's famous bean soup (a feature and big treat of the meal), and coffee.

So--come for a day in the lovely open hillside fields of the Miller farm, and sledding, snowmobiling and hay rides over the snow.

Last year's event was marred by the fact of snow melting, rain falling with resultant deep mud--but the crowds came just the same, and had a ball.

Have a ball this year, too--on (Continued on Back Page)

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

A delayed Christmas get-together for the Thompson family was held last Wednesday at the Jim Thompson home. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Lori and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and Linda, Greg and Doug, and Miss Shirley Fox.

New Year's Eve Bill Thompson and Theresa, Jackie and Doug Higgins were guests at the Don Snyder home at Winn.

Bob Thompson and Miss Shirley Fox spent New Year's Eve at the Jim Strong home at Horsehead Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gross and family spent the week with the Gerald Loseys. The Losey family attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mary Grisdale, Friday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence entertained the following guests at Sunday dinner after Christmas: Mr. and

Mrs. Alva Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Duane and David, and Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins, and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam, who were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow entertained the following guests at a delayed Christmas party Sunday: Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stazley and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kent. Bob Denslow is recuperating from surgery on his knee two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills were Sunday guests at the Pete Wood home, celebrating Mrs. Mills' birthday. Michael Wood was a Wednesday guest. D. J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher spent New Year's Eve with the Bob Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Minard spent the Christmas weekend with the Paul Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bains at their cottage on Lake of the Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci and I were Christmas dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and Christie and Cheryl were Sunday callers, after Christmas. Last Sunday guests were the Harold Loseys and Ron and the Dan Lorenz family, who were snowmobiling.

Ray Fahnestock of Taylor spent four days at Christmas time with his parents, the Charles Fahnestocks. New Year's guests were their son, Bob, and family of Plymouth, and their daughter and family, the Nelson Bate-mans, of Lake Isabella.

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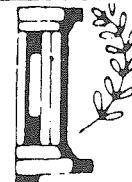
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## Obituary

**LEONA SHOOK**  
Leona Shook died Dec. 21 at St. St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. She was 45.  
She was born Aug. 7, 1931, in the Sherman City area, and lived her entire life there and in the Barryton area.  
She is survived by her husband, Dalton; sons Wayne of Arkansas and Edward of North Carolina; daughters Dolly, Susie, Sally, Peggy, Linda, Marie and Molly, all at home; her father, Glen Myers; and six brothers and four sisters.  
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with burial in the Flake Cemetery.  
The family have the sympathy of all.

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**Weidman Messenger**  
HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,  
I am writing to you concerning things that are taking place in the Barryton School that my husband and I don't approve of; and I am sure that other parents will agree with us.  
Mr. Soper (principal at Barryton) told the children that they had to get a Christmas gift that cost from \$1 to \$4. I think that from 75 cents to \$1 is plenty.  
Also, Mr. Soper told them that they could get gag gifts. There was a boy in the eighth grade who got a pacifier and baby rattle for his gift. I called Soper about it, and he said it was fine if they wanted to get gag gifts, and he told me he told all of the kids that.  
I think Christmas should be a serious time of the year. After all, we should remember that it is the time of our Saviour's birth. I don't believe in giving gag gifts myself, and my husband doesn't, either.  
I would very much like to have this put in the paper.  
Signed,  
A Concerned Parent.  
P.S.--I wonder how he would like it if he or one of his kids got the gag gift.

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One of the gifts Frances Tranbarger gave her sister, Connie Skinner, was a large painting she spent nearly all summer working on. Frances loves to paint the lake here, and this is a lakeside scene, in autumn.



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Evening Service, 7 p.m.  
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Sharing and Prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.  
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

HOW CAN I IMPRESS PEOPLE WITH THE NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL WITH FIRE THIS YEAR?



**HANK, THE FOUR-MONTHS-OLD SQUIRREL**, knows loving hands at the Don Smith home. "The children found him out in the yard this fall," Louise said, "apparently abandoned. So we took him in." Hank wears a snappy high-falutin' collar, which he apparently loves; and he loves, besides the Smith family, bananas, apples and Cheerios. He is very meticulous about his tail's grooming, combing it out with his claws and preening proudly afterward. Messenger photo

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Margaret and Mark and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean returned Sunday from Drummond Island, where they spent Christmas with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yambriek and family returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk returned home Sunday after several days spent with her parents near Bloomingdale. They returned to Lake Orion Tuesday, where Mrs. Masiwchuk had an appointment with her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa Sunday.

Carol Ewing of Vassar spent the week with her grandparents, the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Helen Allbee, Mrs. Hilda Sampson and William Wixson were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes spent several days with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes. The Sebastian Pfanneses have very bad colds, and are on the sick list.

New Year's dinner guests of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell of South Bend, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing of Vassar, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, and Mr. and Mrs. John Balent and Amy and Heather, and Leslie

and Christie.

Supper guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser won a 10-day trip to Acapulco. It is an expense-paid trip, and they expect to have a wonderful time.

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## Local Items

Holiday visitors of Mrs. Edna Bowein included her daughter, Marlene Phillips, Don Gleason of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacobs of Flint, the Simmer girls, Lois, Lisa and Laura of Littlefield Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and son of Traverse City called on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and grandson of Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening visitors.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and family of Pettersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and Stacy, and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch are planning to have an Open House in their beautiful new Methodist parsonage on the north side of Lake Weidman, as soon as they get settled (they moved the last of their furniture on New Year's Day). The public will be invited, and, as Rev. Lynch said, "All denominations and those of no denomination will be more than welcome." It probably will be held on a

Sunday afternoon, with date to be announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Sunday guests of their sister Marge Wilson.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and family of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and Stacy, and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant.

Mary McCarthy died in Lansing Saturday, Jan. 1. She had many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes entertained at New Year's dinner with the following guests: Prof. Penhen Wen, of China and the University at Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughter and her husband of Midland, Ruth Blesch and Jo Alkofer of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth.

The Johnston and Beutler families gathered Sunday for dinner at the Masonic Hall in Weidman. A special guest was Ron Johnston of Australia. Others included the Athold Johnstons and children and grandchildren of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Todd and families of Flushing, and the Robert Tibbetts family of East Lansing, the James Beutler family, the Carl Beutlers and the Howard Beutlers; also Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Mengot of Ludington, and Mrs. Tom Han-

sen and daughter of Norfolk, Va. After dinner, Ron showed colored slides of Australia. He is a geography teacher in a suburb of Melbourne. He gave a travelogue Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the hall for Senior Citizens and the public. Ron will leave Jan. 17 for Australia.

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

We are in Texas again this year for three months, so would like to have the Messenger sent here.

The weather is terrible, cold, rain and fog. Water and mud everywhere. At least, we don't have to shovel it.

The crowd is 'way down. Usually we see many Michigan people here. So far, I know of only two couples besides ourselves here for the winter, so far.

Say Hello to Frances for me, and the very best for the both of you.

As ever,  
Lee Parks, Port Arkansas, Tex.

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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Louise Schafer spent Christmas with the Norman Schafers in Shepherd. Her family had their Christmas party Sunday in Shepherd.

Tillie Schafer spent Christmas with the Al Klumpp family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Gary Ind., spent Christmas at the Bob Schafer home.

Art Funnell and family had their Christmas party at the Glenn Mathews home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer and family spent the past week with relatives in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger and Mr. and Mrs. Cluley of Mt. Pleasant spent two weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Traverse City, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schafer and son and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Christmas at the Ed Schafer home at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Pung and family had their Christmas party Friday at Matie Pung's.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mike Gross, Coletta Gross and Matie Pung spent Sunday at the Jack Schafer home in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Parker of St. Johns and Mrs. Stanley of St. Louis spent Thursday at Matie

Pung's.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Sunday at the Al Klumpp home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Camp, Jerry Smith and Jane Smith visited Anne Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen visited Anne Smith Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau had all their children home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block and Mr. and Mrs. Harv Schafer went to Colorado over Christmas to see Mr. and Mrs. Jim Block and family.

Gertrude Grodski visited Anne Smith Sunday.

Darwin Schafer and friend of Chicago are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Schafer a few days.

Charlotte Slater was home at Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann's over Christmas.

Mrs. Ann Dean and Patty Schafer of Chicago visited Mrs. June Blasen Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Theisen came home from Florida last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Theisen entertained all the Theisen families at Christmas time.

Mrs. Dick Andres visited Dora Smith last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith visited Dora Smith one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen had their children home Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould entertained the Smith family Christmas night.

Louis Rau entertained company New Year's Eve.

The K. of C. New Year's Eve party was very well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer had their children home Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Irene Zeien visited Ginny Rau Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Snider and family of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer New Year's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman of Hubbardston were Christmas dinner guests.

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**Smokey Says:**



# Poet's Corner

Alma Dosenberry

Why is it more fun to be Grandma than Mother?

The child is no brighter, no cuter nor other

Charms than that of your own.

Could it be when he's naughty you can send him back home?

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If we could go back to yesterday, The days when we were young,

We'd really stop along the way To savor all the fun.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

# In the Editor's Mail

Merry Christmas from Our House to Yours!  
Family News:

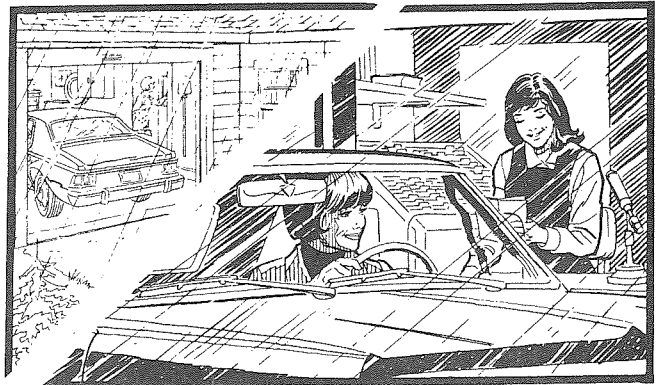
Sorry I am late, just got past me.

Very busy in the movement of mail. It sure takes a long time for mail to move, but let me assure you, when we get it on the truck it gets to the post office where we are going in a hurry. After that we can do nothing about it. Keep up the good work with the paper--we sure wait for it, as it keeps us informed of the people in Beal and Weidman.

C.J. Schueller  
Traverse City

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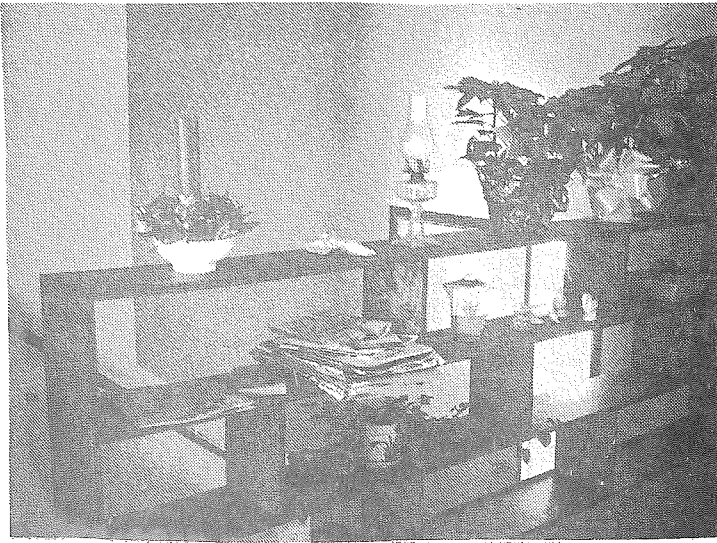
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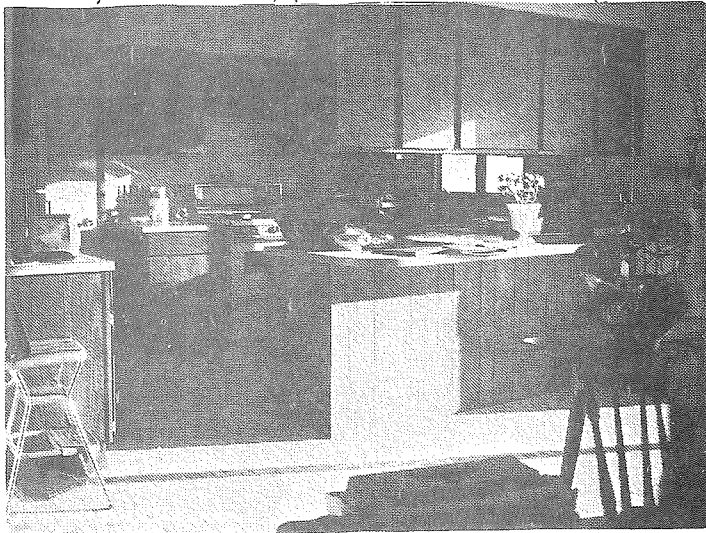
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THE STAIRWELL--At the lovely new United Methodist parsonage on Lake Weidman has many-sectioned shelves instead of wrought-iron railings. The house is very large, with three bedrooms, three baths, and hobby room and study (could be used as bedrooms).



REV. AND MRS. LYNCH LIVE ON THE UPPER LEVEL--Of their bi-level home so far, with living room, dining area and kitchen area beautifully settled. Above is a view of part of the lovely kitchen.



THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF GLASS--In the new Methodist parsonage, and this view is from the dining area, looking out over Lake Weidman. The house is completely finished with Anderson windows, most of them of the "picture window" type. A redwood deck extends along the upper level, with a patio on the lower. Rev. Lynch is settling one room on the first level as his study room. Rev. Wadsworth of the Weidman Church of the Nazarene beautifully carved plaques of redwood both for the new parsonage and the Methodist Church.

Messenger photos

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Kline and Jamie spent Christmas with her mother at St. Clair.

Grace and Mary Seymour called on me Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Dwayne were at Petoskey Friday, where they spent the day with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang.

Just a reminder of the Merry Go Round Club's meeting Jan. 13 at the hall in Brinton. All members try and attend. Bring a friend.

We regret losing our neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter, who moved to their home they recently purchased in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe are in Cleveland with their daughter, Mrs. David Crook, for the holidays, and they then planned to go to Florida for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Vyril Wright and family spent the week with Russell and Violet Wright. Wednesday they all spent the day in Greenville, calling on relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields spent Christmas with his mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

George and Cora Beers were supper guests of their mother, Ethel Beers, for New Year's.

Mike and Bill Livermore, sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore, returned to their camp the weekend, Bill in Kentucky and Mike, stationed at Great Lakes.

Ann Crawford of Lake was a Sunday night guest of the Livermore girls.

Nora Geasler has been laid up with a back ailment. Dr. Kowaleski called on her one day last week.

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### HAVE A CHRISTMAS STOCKING!

The big gift-packed Christmas stocking displayed at the Weidman bank was won by Jason Elias, son of Doug and Arlene Elias.

The big stocking at the Weidman Pharmacy was won by Martha Huyser of Lake Isabella.

Sixteen-year-old Peter Smith, son of the Don Smiths, won the Christmas stocking at the Gamble Store in Mt. Pleasant.

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### LET'S GO SOUTH!

We hear of a man from Michigan who made his first trip to Florida for the winter.

At first he was delighted with the beautiful, sunny weather, the cloudless sky; but after a few weeks he looked out of the window and muttered, "Oh, rats! Another beautiful day!"

### GRANT GIVEN TO MT. PLEASANT DRUG PREVENTION CENTER TO STUDY TEENS

The Mt. Pleasant Substance Abuse Center has been awarded a special one-year research project grant from the Attorney General's trust fund. The funds will be used in this county to set up a project aimed at drug abuse prevention and education.

The target group is 15 and 16 year old individuals, students of the Mt. Pleasant High School and and juvenile offenders from the county probate and juvenile court.

A survey last year showed that the use of alcohol and other drugs is on the increase among seventh through 12 graders.

It is expected the groups will start functioning the first week of January, each group of study lasting eight weeks.

If the program proves successful, other funds will be sought for continuation of the programs.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Mike St. Germaine and family of Harrison were Sunday guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur, and family. They enjoyed dinner and an afternoon of cards.

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# Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gaustad and family are visiting her parents, Bud and Gwen Tomlinson, for the holidays, all the way from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They spent Thursday in Lansing as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker, for a Christmas party. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tomlinson and Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopp from Florida.

Congratulations to Mike and Sue Pope! A son was born to them Dec. 22 at the Alma Community Hospital. Joshua Grant weighed in at seven pounds, 10 ounces. Lots of luck to the new family!

Mr. and Mrs. Don Atherton entertained Lonnie and Duane Atherton and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laxton, of Dansville, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fredrickson and children, Andy and Kim, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fredrickson, in Muskegon.

JoAnn Schneider of Lansing spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider, sister Doris, and brothers, Dave and Donnie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tyler of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilson and John Tyler spent Christmas Day at the Dick Tyler residence.

Mark and Cindy Tomlinson and daughter spent a few days with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tomlinson, for the Christmas holidays. Mark and Cindy

live in Livonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wischmeyer of Shepherd visited Walt and Della Wischmeyer Friday evening. They visited and played cards, and had an enjoyable evening together.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and family spent Sunday in Carson City, visiting his mother, Mrs. Geneva Bloomquist.

Walt and Della Wischmeyer spent Christmas with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer, and family, of Alma.

Glad to report that Harry Shaw left the hospital at Alma last week, to be home for Christmas. He had fallen and broken his leg in two places.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKenzie spent the weekend in Grand Ledge, at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jake McKenzie, and family, for the Christmas holidays.

Tom and Cindy Tilmann spent Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. La Lone of Shepherd, and Christmas Eve with Tom's parents in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stacy enjoyed a Christmas Eve get-together with their children. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stacy came from Mt. Pleasant, while Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris came from Harrison, and Penny Stacy was here from Oscoda. They also celebrated Penny's 21st birthday.

Susie Brown of Petoskey and Steve and Nora Brown of Big Rapids spent the Christmas weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith of New Jersey spent a week during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell. Bob Louisell and family of Mt. Pleasant were also guests.

Darryl Pitts returned to his studies at Great Lakes Bible College at Lansing after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts. He is leaving Jan. 7 on a tour of the southern states, with an instrumental group. All their children were home for Christmas with Bernard and Yvonne.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider entertained all their family for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hinton of Remus were Wednesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Pami Sprague spent Tuesday night with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinski spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banas at Lake of the Hills.

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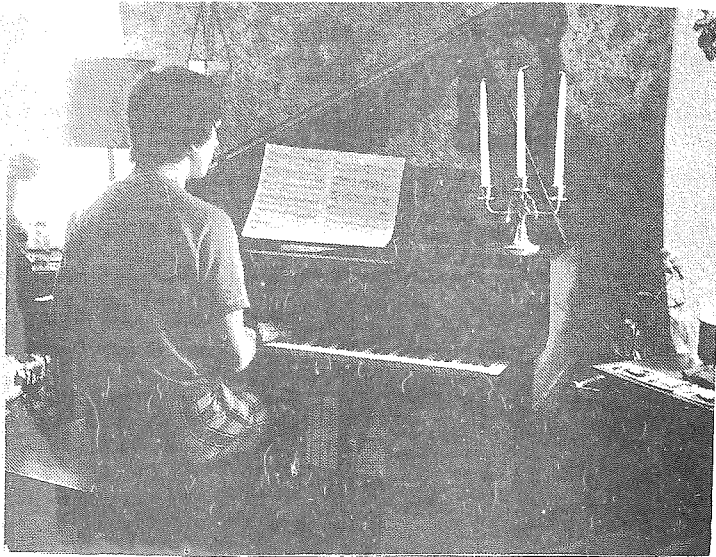
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**JOSEPH SMITH REFINISHES OLD PIANO**--He bought it Jan. 19, 1976, from the Ivan Allen family. It was in hard shape, Joe says, down in the basement, finish beyond recall, etc. The hoist-mover tractor from the lumber yard transported it from the Allens' to the Smith home, where Joe spent six months stripping off old varnish, wax, and such, sanding it to a beautiful smooth finish, and then re-doing it in black walnut finish. Today it is a lovely instrument in the Smith home. Joe is an expert wood finisher, and showed Ye Ed an antique chair he stripped and refinished, now a beautiful piece in any home. He bought the old chair for one dollar--now it's worth real dough. Joe is a Junior in the Chippewa Hills High School, has been in athletics and now plays in the High School Band, as do others of the Smith youngsters; he got Connie Skinner's old piano-tuning kit as a Christmas present, and proceeded to tune his mother's upright piano (via the instruction book and what the Old Gal could remember). After that, he'll bring his beloved baby-grand piano up to tune (it will take some doing). Joe also refinished an antique sewing machine. All of the Smith children of Don and Louise are brilliant students, talented all, and all have worked at odd jobs most of their young lives to save money for their educations. The oldest daughter graduates from the University of Michigan Hospital as a registered nurse; next girl is a student at CMU, majoring in education with counseling her goal; David, a Senior at Chippewa Hills this year, plans also to enter CMU next fall. All of the kids have special talents--and they know how to work. They'll do okay. Messenger photos

#### LIL MAC PIG ROAST (Continued from Page 1)

snow. We're guaranteeing that by keeping our fingers crossed. Advance tickets may be obtained at any business place in Weidman or Beal City, or from any Fireman or Business Association member.

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#### NEWS FROM THE GLADYS McARTHUR LIBRARY, WEIDMAN

Our thanks to Ray Dutcher, who donated jigsaw puzzles to the library. These are now available for two-week checkouts.

The library building is gradually being insulated with carpet samples donated by area dealers. The front ceiling was painted by Burdette Reed and Stacy Voss. They did a fine job. The ceiling looks lots better. Thank you, men!

Friends of the Library appreciate all the support you people

have given to keep the library functioning. We appreciate you!

Anyone with books, puzzles, patterns, may donate during library hours, 2.30 to 5 Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; or call 644-3316.

Anyone interested in becoming a librarian please call 644-3316.

Sincere Best Wishes to all, and Happy New Year!

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#### 4-H CLUB KIDS GO CAROLING

Among several groups at Christmas time, the Winning Pioneers 4-H Club members went caroling in Weidman Dec. 17.

They delivered fruit baskets made by proceeds from their Saturday, Dec. 11, bake sale.

Jamie Carrick  
Reporter

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

#### MIKE KOWALESKI JOINS LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Richard Nowak, medical director of the Central Michigan District Health Department headquartered at Mt. Pleasant, has announced the appointment of Mike Kowaleski as staff environmental health sanitarian for Isabella County.

The 32-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. E.H. Kowaleski of Remus is a graduate of CMU with a Bachelor's degree in biology. He has worked as a staff sanitarian for the health department in Gladwin County for six months prior to being transferred to the Mt. Pleasant office.

Dr. and Mrs. Kowaleski have eight children, Patrick, the eldest, being an attorney in the State's Attorney-General's office at Lansing; Ed, 26, is a medical student at Wayne State University; Anne is completing her Master's Degree at CMU, specializing in counseling; Nancy Jo will be married Jan. 15 to Timothy Sweeney, and she plans to drive up from St. Johns daily to continue her valuable work in her father's office.

Timothy is a pre-dentist student at the University of Michigan; Mary Sue also assists in Dr. Kowaleski's office.

Jim, youngest of the family, is a Junior in the Chippewa Hills High School.

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#### NEWS NOTES

Guests of the Carl Beutler family at dinner in Mt. Pleasant New Year's Eve included Mrs. Claribel Beutler. The occasion was the birthday of their daughter, Brenda. After dinner they

called on the James Beutlers and the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush.

Frances Tranbarger has been suffering from an inner ear infection.

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