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Editor's Column

By Connie

IT'S THE CHRISTMAS SEASON (BEGINNING)

We knew the Christmas season was beginning when Ye Ed was serenaded with Christmas carols by a delightful group of 4-H girls from Beal City with their two adult leaders, who appeared at our door and sang Christmas carols, Sunday.

And then--they presented me with a lovely gift box of Christmas fruit, with a beautiful card.

There's nothing more warming to an old frost-bitten heart than a bunch of youngsters offering good wishes to their friends--and to many whom they do not even know. They're still friends, to these spirited young folks.

Thanks, Beal City 4-H girls! You made my day.

COLD SNAP BRINGS OUT THE HAUL-IN-THE-WOOD IMPULSE IN ALL OF US

The intense cold of the past week really brought out the desire to carry in wood for our old wood-burning cookstove in the kitchen, and for our gold-plated fireplace.

Which can keep a person hopping, especially when a person is "going on" '76.

Oh, well. I had to have that fireplace, and it's a blessing in the small living room on a snappy afternoon.

The old kitchen stove warms the entire house, if the wind is in the north (the kitchen, as I've always claimed, is in the north forty, or on the back-side of the house, to the north).

And yes, we've had the kitchen chimney cleaned and checked, and we're tossing in anti-soot stuff now and then so fire hazardous gunk doesn't pile up. The fireplace chimney is brand new, so we feel it should be clean and safe.

And still that old gas-fired furnace chugs along much of the time (except when we really put our mind to it and stoke up the fires but good).

Have a warm Christmas. But have your wood-burning apparatus checked out, if you haven't al-



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN--In Weidman this Saturday, Dec. 17, and will stay and visit with the kiddies from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. He'll be in his little house on the west side of Woodruff Road (the downtown business street) in the lovely little park between the old bank building and Pitts Realty's office. All kids from 1 to 80 are cordially invited to come to town and talk with the jolly old fellow. Santa is invited here by the Weidman Business Association, with the co-operation of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department. (Santa always arrives on the Department's biggest truck!) The big lighted Christmas tree also will be in the small park area beside the old bank building, instead of on the street or in the middle of it, an acknowledged traffic hazard. Messenger photo

ready, for safety's sake. Wood is wonderful for providing warmth--there's nothing quite like it; but it can be dangerous if your stove or fireplace isn't ready for wood-burning.

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A BOY FOR THE BUD FREDRICKSONS

Bud and Ginny Fredrickson became the parents of a fine and healthy eight-pound, 11 ounce boy Monday, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

The little fellow has a half-sister and half-brother waiting at their home at Coldwater Lake. Most Weidman folks were agog the first of the week, waiting to find out when the baby was to be born. Ginny was taken to CMC Hospital Sunday night, and the baby was born Monday.

Weidman congratulates them!

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EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING-- A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION!

PAT DILLENBECK RECOVERING IN ALMA MED. FACILITY

Pat Dillenberg, long-time owner of Dillenberg's Drug Store now (Bud's Store) is recovering in the Medical Care Facility at Alma, after a recent illness. He was expected to be there probably two or three more weeks. He is receiving therapy, and was reported as doing fine.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simon were also visitors.

Marie Smith fell on the ice and broke her shoulder Monday morning as she tried to cross the street to get her morning paper. She is at home, recovering somewhat painfully.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Christmas

By John A. Wright, Weidman

It seems to me that once a year
The Lord of Heaven comes
very near;
To gently touch this heart of
mine,
And do the same for all man-
kind.
And love is borne upon the air,
To heal and lift men every-
where.
The dreariness of common days
Is lost in self-forgetful praise.
And beauty doth on earth abound
Where e'er the love of Christ is
found.

We celebrate His lowly birth
For He has changed the whole
of earth.
And as we spread our gifts around
We're thankful for the Gift we
found.
The smiles we see in market-
place
Are proof of His abounding
grace.
The joy we feel at Christmas-
tide
Assures us that He doth abide.
Oh God! How great Your love
has been,
With peace on earth, good will
to men.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion spent a night with their sister-in-law, Claribel Beutler, recently. They were leaving for their winter home on Big Pine Key, Florida.

Marge Mullet and Nina Forbes spent Sunday with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson. They were dinner guests; and in the afternoon Jim and Ila Snyder of St. Louis were afternoon visitors.

Employees of the Weidman Branch of Isabella Bank & Trust attended a Christmas party for all bank employees at the Embers, Saturday evening. The Weidman Bank folks went to the Gary McArthur home for breakfast.

Kristina Davy was admitted to CMC Hospital Dec. 10.

The Churches

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 Sunday School, 10.00 a.m.
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 Preaching Service, 11 a.m.
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 downstairs.)
 Evening Service, 7 p.m.
 Our Christmas program will be
 Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m.

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.
 The Weidman Church of the
 Nazarene will be doing some-

thing different Christmas Day
 and New Year's Day, since
 they both fall on Sundays this
 year.
 There will be no evening ser-
 vices, but there will be a one-
 hour morning service starting at
 10 o'clock on both Sundays.
 See you there!

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 Church School, 11 a.m.
 Midweek Services Thursday,
 7.30 p.m.

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 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Joshua died Sunday. He was
 born Oct. 14, 1977, in Lake-
 view.
 He is survived by his parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook; a
 brother, Shawn, at home; his
 grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-
 win Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Ray-
 mond Walker, and his great-
 grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Noble.
 The family have the sympathy
 of their many friends.
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Obituary

JOSHUA EDWIN COOK
 Funeral services for Joshua Ed-
 win Cook, two months of age,
 were held Tuesday at 1 pm. at
 the Crittenden Funeral home in
 Remus, with Rev. Leroy Bruce
 officiating. Burial was in the
 Broomfield Township Cemetery.

NEWS NOTES
 Blaine Stansell was released
 from CMC Hospital Dec. 8. He
 is well known in this area.
 Our deep cold loosened Tues-
 day, and we had a thaw. Of
 course it won't last, but hurray!

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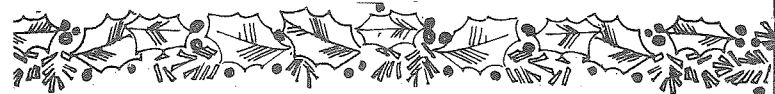
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PIANO TUNING--And service. Russell Merrihew, West Broomfield Road, PO Remus 39340, ph. (Blanchard) 561-4043. Pd. to Feb. 1, 1978

FOUND --A stray pony, Appaloosa, five years old, stallion. Picked up Friday at Uncle Benny's Rest Home west of Weidman. Owner may reclaim animal by calling the Isabella Co. Humane Society, 773-9721. Dec. 15t1

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In the Editor's Mail

We received a good letter from Gerald McArthur of Hayward, Calif., which we hope to print in this issue or one soon. Gerald is vice president in charge of operations for the ETEC Corporation, makers and world's largest supplier of scanning electron microscopes. Its "Autoscan" reveals details under microscopic scrutiny never before seen, the company says. With its Autoscan SEM, it is possible to transfer biological specimens to its vacuum chamber without exposure to air and without raising the temperature of the specimen above minus-140 Centigrade; it can analyze specimens by x-ray spectrum, all without exposure to atmosphere. The company is the world's leader in the art of scanning electron microscopy. (And if those descriptions don't enlighten you, take heart. Ye Ed is just as much in the dark when it comes to scientific goings-on as the worst of us. But Jerry McArthur is really going places.)

Dear Connie

My subscription is past due again. Sorry to be so neglectful. We are so busy that time really flies. All of the Jerry McArthurs are in the West now, but we rarely get them all together.

Alice is in Tucson, attending Arizona State University, Nancy and Terry, her husband, are living in El Cerrito, Ca. Terry is attending Law School at Golden Gate University, and Nancy is

working for the U. S Postal System. Mary Kay is living in San Mateo, Cal., and is employed as a computer programmer. Richard is in Corvallis, Oregon, working on his Ph.D. at Oregon State University.

Helen is working as a school librarian, in addition to many other activities she always seems to find.

I am with E. T. E. C. Corporation, a small but aggressive company in the electron beam technology field. It is the world leader in the manufacture of scanning electron microscopes.

During the past year we captured about 95 percent of the market in electron beam lithography

for the semi conductor industry, more than doubled our number of employees, and opened offices in Europe and Japan. Little wonder we're busy!

Here in California we are entering our third dry year. We had one good rain a week ago, the first in over a year. Rainfall is still far below normal, and water is rationed. We have been getting by on less than 80 gallons per day for our household, by letting the grass die and using "gray water" for the garden. So far, it has been tolerable and we have flowers, vegetables, a lemon tree and an orange tree, all doing nicely.

I've rambled on enough for this

time. Best wishes for a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely

Jerry McArthur
Hayward, California

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Local Items

Clayton Smith spent Sunday at his home here, returning to the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant toward evening. Clayton is slowly improving, after a slight stroke. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and Bobbie of Wolvenine were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith also visited their father. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer of rural Remus were callers.



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Dora Smith, Reporter

COLETTA GROSS HOSTS FAMILY XMAS PARTY

Mrs. Coletta Gross was hostess at a family gathering for a pre-Christmas party in the church basement Sunday afternoon, for her entire family. About 50 family members were present, all the family except Anne Pasch, who is a school teacher in Indiana and was snowbound.

A bountiful pot-luck Christmas dinner was enjoyed, after which Santa Claus appeared and handed out gifts to all.

Everyone enjoyed the day, with entertainment of cards and bingo.

The church basement was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens, red and tinsel.

It was a great day for the Gross family.

St. Joseph's Parochial School scheduled their Christmas plays and program this Wednesday evening, at the Beal City High School.

The Beal City 4-H Club went caroling around the area Sunday afternoon. They even sang for Connie Skinner in Weidman, and gave her a lovely Christmas box of fruit and cookies, home-baked.

Mrs. Theresa Clark called on Mrs. Anne Schafer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shanahan spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung held a venison fry for friends and relatives Saturday evening.

The Giant Supermarket in Mt. Pleasant held its Christmas party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City Saturday evening.

Sr. Marie Alexander of Grand Rapids and Florence Schafer called on Tillie Schafer Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake spent Sunday with her. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer spent Tuesday night with her.

Louise Schafer went to Grand Rapids Sunday to visit Sr. Mar-

garet Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell visited Louis Rau Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith called on Mrs. Bernie Smith Sunday. Kitty Yuncker is in the Gratiot Community Hospital.

The new Beal City Branch of the American Security Bank began their Grand Opening last week, continuing this week. It has been a great success.

Mrs. Emily Goffnett and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Saturday.

Women of the parish held a Christmas party for the Dominican Sisters Thursday evening.

St. Nick visited the children around here Monday evening, bringing candy and nuts.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS ENJOY PLAY IN SPITE OF COLD

Cold weather kept some of the regulars at the card party at Beal City from attending, last week, but at that there were nine tables of pepper at play.

Mrs. Elwyn Chuley won first

prize for the ladies, with Isabel Martin second and Veronica Tilmann low.

Cliff Anstey won first for the men, with Herman Grinzinger second and Joe Streng low.

Agnes Thielen won the pepper prize. Isadore Schafer won the door prize.

The committee for lunch, consisting of Celia Pohl, Rose Cotter, Catherine Schafer, and Rose Hauck, served sandwiches and pickles for refreshments. Father Neubecker was also on the committee, but was absent that day.

The next party will be the Christmas pot-luck dinner at noon, Thursday Dec. 22. Meat, butter and coffee will be furnished. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

You're invited!

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and Bobbie of Wolverine were Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, and also visited their father, Clayton. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer of near Remus were also callers of Clayton.



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S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter
Mrs. Jack Gaudard and girls of Midland spent Saturday afternoon with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Ronna Jean and Ervin, Jr., visited them Monday evening.
Randy and Sherry Eberbach of Lansing were Sunday visitors of their mother, Pat Egbert. She returned home with them for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse.
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher enjoyed a pre-Christmas party with her parents, the Ed Wernettes, of Greenville.
Mabel Chaffee and Pat Egbert visited Doris Wilmot Tuesday afternoon. Thursday evening the Oren Sheldons, Pat Egbert and Mabel were guests of Millie Voss.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended a Christmas cantata Sunday afternoon at Warriner Auditorium on the campus in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger were Saturday guests of her parents, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler attended Farm Bureau Friday evening. Mary visited her aunt, Mrs. Ruth Wolfe, in Alma Sunday, while Diane and Laurel attended Job's Daughters at the Masonic Home in Alma.

The Busy Bees met at the home of Lila Sisco Dec. 8, with 14 ladies present to enjoy their annual Christmas party. No meetings are scheduled for January, February and March, due to winter weather. Opal Denslow will entertain the club in April.

Larry Dutcher and daughter of Flint spent Saturday with the Bob Dutcher family.

The Carl Beutler children attended a Youth Retreat Friday and Saturday at the church.

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Local Items

Claribel Beutler attended memorial services for her brother-in-law, Ivan Cole, at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday evening. Mr. Cole died in Venice, Fla., after a long illness. He was journalism instructor at CMU for 25 years.

He was an avid fisherman, and hunted and fished in Sherman Township all his life.

Wally Smith and his mother, with Joan Burden and Helen Alwood, attended the band concert at Chippewa Hills High School Monday evening.

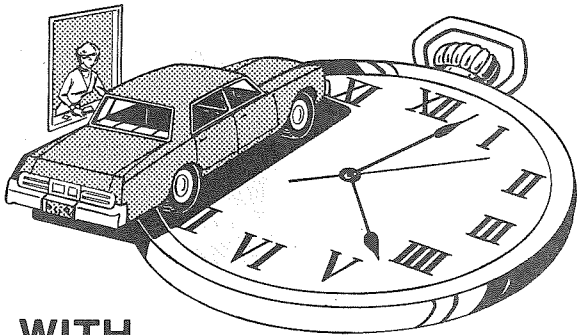
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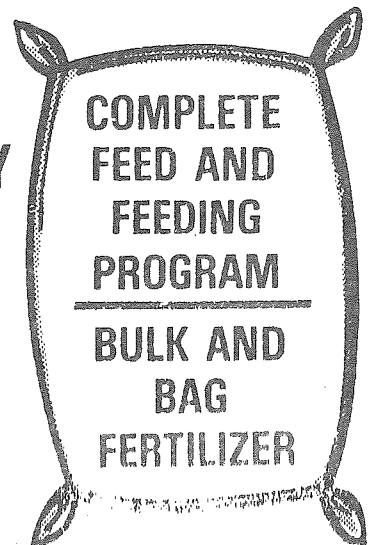
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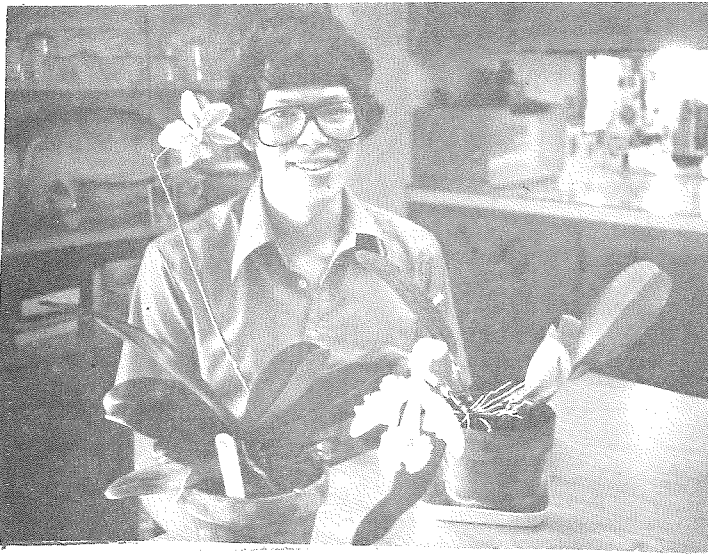
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HE'S ON A HORTICULTURE COURSE AT MSU--Is Greg Allen, an expert rare-plant grower in his own right. Here he's shown with a couple of his orchid plants, raised in his home across from the school. His twin brother, Geoff, is at Ferris State College in Big Rapids, on a building and business management course; a very practical undertaking, as he's a son of the Ivan Allens, of Allen Lumber Company of Weidman. Both the boys and their sister, Vonnie, will be home for the Christmas school vacation, the two young men from their Michigan colleges and Vonnie from her medical college studies in Georgia. When she graduates she will be a full-fledged Doctor of Osteopathy. Messenger photo

Weidman had a roller-skating party Dec. 1, at the Spinning Wheels in Mt. Pleasant.

We had more than 65 kids show up. Everyone had a good time, and would like to go again.

The roller-skating committee did a great job in organizing everything.

Our general business meeting was held Dec. 13. All members were urged to attend.

Linda Roy, Reporter

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sperry, and children, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott and Robert went Christmas shopping last week. They called on her father, James Kennedy, in Rosebush.

Ileen Abbott, Judy Abbott and Paula Maeder were in Lansing Christmas shopping one day last week.

Mrs. Wayne Peacock and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Diana called on me Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood, Mrs. Claribel Beutler and I went to Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Connie Bushre and Wanda Graham were in Greenville one day last week. I went with them and visited my son, Carl Gott, at Stanton, and had supper with the family. Leona Gott took me to Mt. Pleasant Thursday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Diana stopped in and had coffee with me. They had been to Clare Hospital to visit our brother, Ezra Rhynard.

Zena Olger went shopping Saturday.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyder of Rockford spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler.

Eunice La Londe and Linda La Londe were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Linda La Londe and Shannon and Dwayne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Bazaire of Evart.

Last Week's News

Helen Strang and Echo Godwin were in Saginaw Wednesday, on a shopping trip.

Fern Beutler spent a couple of days with her son, Clifton, and family of Mt. Pleasant, during the week.

Lori and Amy Strang spent Saturday with the Godwin boys, while the parents were in Saginaw with his father, who is a patient there in St. Mary's Hospital.

Amy Strang accompanied Jane Tower and girls to Greenville Sunday.

Evelyn Slupe of Grand Rapids called on her parents, Pete and Violet Wright, Sunday. She and Violet called on Verlia Wilcox in Weidman during the day.

Eathel Beers and Eunice La Londe spent Monday at the Godwin home, caring for Jeffrey while his parents were in Saginaw and Lansing.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger spent Saturday evening with the Joe Raus.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee spent Sunday with her folks, the Mack Denslows.

Betty Thompson attended the UMW at the home of Mrs. Violet Billings last Wednesday afternoon. Thursday afternoon she attended the Drew Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Lila Sisco.

D. J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie were Saturday guests of the Woods.

Mrs. Edna Watson, Mrs. Charlene Merrihew and Brenda were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad and Jason were Wednesday luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Gerald Losey were Saturday evening callers of Charlie and Hattie.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Orma Kripa took Velma Cole Christmas shopping in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday.

Paul Cole went to his doctor, also on Wednesday. He called on Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan. He reports that Mrs. Swan was quite cheerful. He also took them some green eggs from our chickens, and told them they were his Easter present.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Miss Carol Ewing, of Vassar, and Aaron Ruttan, of Flint. No date has been set for the wedding, as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee have moved back to their farm on Stevenson Lake Road.

Velma Cole was rushed to the emergency room at CMC Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Lester Swan was not quite so well this Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa called on the Paul Coles Saturday evening.

Tony Masiwchuk has been suffering from chest pains.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk were very much surprised to receive a letter from State Senator Jack Toepp, with a clipping about their daughter, Cindy. It mentioned that the Masiwchuks were Cindy's folks, and her husband had won quite an honor at an air base in Nebraska.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Minnie Carpenter has again entered CMC Hospital, this time for corrective surgery on her left hip. She has made a rapid recovery from surgery on her hands, feet and right hip. Minnie is a real fighter of arthritis. She comes through with great courage.

Otto and I went to Lansing Saturday afternoon and took gifts for our grandchildren. We visited our son, Edwin, and wife and our grandchildren Saturday. Sunday we went to church with my sister, Faye Stephenson, who will be leaving for California Dec. 16 to spend the winter with her son.

We also visited other relatives and friends in Lansing and East Lansing. Then to Corunna for dinner with my oldest sister and husband, Elsie and John Loder. A good trip, the highways all dry.

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WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Christmas program will be Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.

Our Fellowship meeting was held last Wednesday evening at the Mercel Graham home. It was pot-luck dinner and a short devotional. Games were then enjoyed, and all had a nice time.

Happy Holidays!

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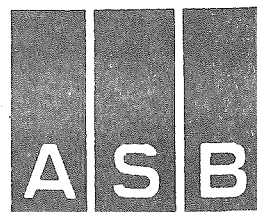
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