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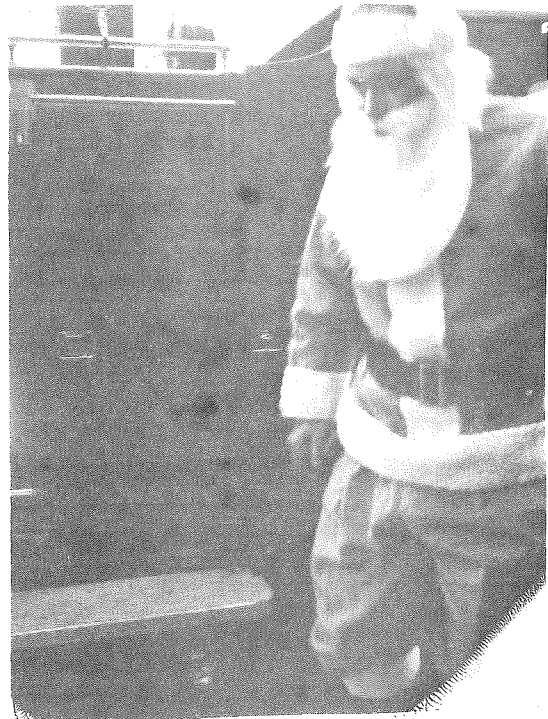
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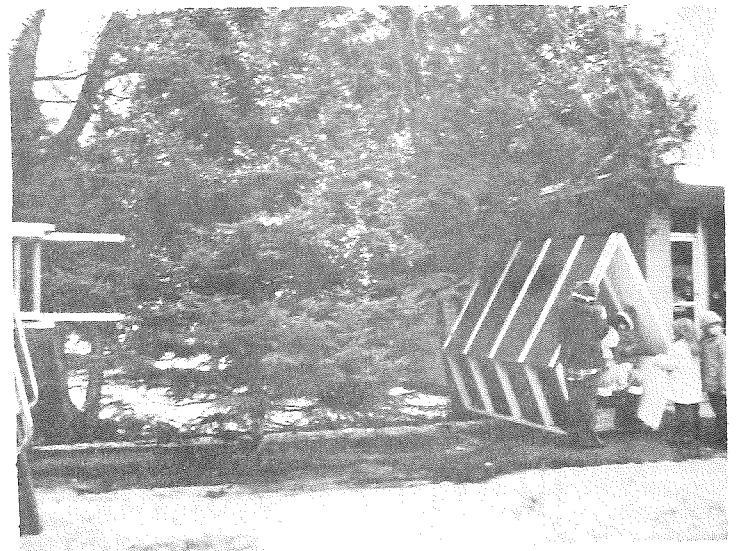
**SANTA IN HIS LITTLE HOUSE**--Took children on his knee and listened to their requests for Christmas gifts. The tot shown above was pleased with what Santa was saying.



**NOW THIS LITTLE GIRL WAS SKEPTICAL**--Of the old Saint's promises, apparently, even though Santa was promising everything the tot wanted for Christmas. Santa is invited here each Christmas by the Weidman Business Association, with the co-operation of the Volunteer Firemen, who see that the jolly old fellow gets here on time--and leaves at the appointed moment, to get on with his further journeys. Messenger photos



**SANTA HOPPED DOWN FROM THE BIG FIRE TRUCK**--Right on time Saturday noon, and a big crowd of waiting kids were there to greet him.



**SANTA'S LITTLE HOUSE**--Was stationed next to the lighted Christmas tree, on the west side of downtown Weidman's business street (next to the old bank building). Together they made a beautiful Christmas scene.

**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK**--So we get out no Messenger next week Thursday, Dec. 29. Our

next issue will be Thursday, Jan. 5, 1978. See yuh then.

## S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen of Midland visited the Bob Dutcher family Friday. Dale Dutcher and family were Saturday visitors. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent Sunday afternoon with them.

Mrs. Lou Ann Maeder and her mother, Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, shopped in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Sherry Eberbach and nephew, Dale Kniffen, of Lansing spent the weekend with her mother, Pat Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simon and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg of Remus were Sunday evening visitors of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Mrs. Randy Smith and Donna Gaudard of Midland were their guests Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacDonald of Grand Rapids were Friday guests of the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Barry Babcock of Farwell spent Thursday afternoon with Steve Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger were Saturday evening guests of

the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Mrs. Brian Dutcher and son were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., spent Wednesday evening with them.

The Carl and Howard Beutler children took part in a Christmas play at the Weidman United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, with the Youth Group Program, and Christmas caroling taking place Sunday evening.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year; and may Santa be good to all of you.

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## LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Amid the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, the shopping, gift-giving and receiving, visiting families and friends, may we remember the true meaning of Christmas: the Birth of the Christ Child, the Savior of mankind.

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May you have silence, now and then.

And above all, beyond all else, may you have LOVE to give!

Wishing all our neighbors a Joyous Christmas.

A Healthy, Happy New Year!

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Word just reached me as I write this: A former neighbor, Robert Cramer, of Carmen Drive, now of Lansing, suffered a severe stroke last Wednesday, the 14th.

He was still in a coma in one of the Lansing hospitals. Their home address is 2815 Colchester, Lansing 48906.

Mimmie Carpenter is improving at CMC Hospital after her second hip surgery. She expected to be home this week.

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### NEWS NOTES

Lillian Johnston was a Saturday morning caller of Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brenay and his mother, Betty Brenay, and Frank Durham of Bay City spent Sunday with the Phillippses. They took them a nice basket of fruit. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were also visitors.

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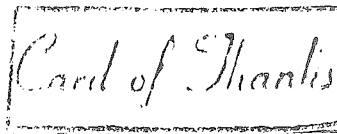
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Special thanks to Father O'Brien, Dr. Gruenwald, and the nurses, for their good care;  
Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ragolt Hauck and the Senior Citizens.  
All this made the days much shorter. Thanks again to all of you.  
Love,  
Joseph Lawens

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosenkrantz. Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger spent Saturday night with her folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. They spent Sunday night with the Richard Most family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller attended a pre-Christmas dinner at the Cloyce Miller home Saturday. It was for the Miller family and their mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean.

Mabel and Gerald Dent were Sunday dinner guests of the Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phyfer and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDaniel were last week callers at the Tracy White home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended their card club Saturday evening at the Bill Murphy home near Mt. Pleasant. Sunday they helped her sister, Eileen Rau, move into her new home. The new house is at Winn.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, of Farwell, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie were Saturday guests at the Pete Wood home. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olger were evening callers.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bill attended a Christmas band concert at the Chippewa Hills school Monday evening. Tim and Sally Workman were Saturday evening callers. Jim and Betty spent Sunday with the John Thompsons at Drayton Plains. Later they called on the Pobocik family in Grand Blanc.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home.

## In the Editor's Mail

Punta Gorda  
Florida  
Dec. 14, 1977

Dear Connie:

Am sending the money for the Messenger. Didn't plan on waiting so long.

Just would like to tell you a little about our trip down here on Monday the 5th.

When we got to the Mt. Pleasant Airport, they were talking about the weather, and phoning. Then they told us there was a storm coming, but we would be long gone before it came.

We were not far gone when the wind started, then snow came. It was a real blizzard by the time we got to Detroit.

We were quite late, and our plane had been there and gone, so we had to wait quite a while, standing up all the time, for another plane to come.

We could hardly see it when it did come, so much snow. They had to de-ice it, and the caterers had to put food on the plane. We hadn't had anything to eat yet.

Then we had to wait till we were out of the storm a little, it was so rough.

We were flying real high, and had to keep seat belts fastened.

We were about starved. Then, when we got close to Tampa, they told us there was going to be a bad storm, with thunder. They told us to fasten our seat belts again, there was turbulent weather ahead.

It was rough, but we got here at Lela's before we had the storm.

We really had a rough thunder storm, lots of rain and wind.

Al and I both said we never wanted to go through that again.

We were lucky, though. We could have crashed.

We have been tired since then.

Laura Latham,  
1612 Mitchell Ave.  
Punta Gorda, Fla. 33950  
Florida 33950

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## Local Items

The Spike Bransons returned Saturday from a two week's visit in Florida. They stayed with Thelma Branson, Fay and Lela Johnson, and Don and Birdie Abbott, near Punta Gorda.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart had a beautiful 25th wedding anniversary Saturday evening, at the K.C. Hall in Beal. They received a wonderful gift from their children: They are sending them to Germany for a vacation trip, probably in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower are expecting their mother, Mrs. John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant as a Christmas guest. Also to be present are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and girls.



**HERE'S LITTLE BUD**--Otherwise known as Mahlon Gordon Fredrickson III. He and his mother returned to their home at Coldwater Lake from the Alma Hospital last Friday, both doing just fine. All his family are doing fine, also (relatively quiet nights with a new baby in the house--how's that?) and the grandparents are wearing their obvious pride well, also.

Dallas McClain started work on a job with M&M Chevrolet in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

**ARLENE WILCOX APPOINTED COLDWATER TWP. TREASURER**  
Arlene Wilcox has been appointed treasurer of Coldwater Township, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of O. Delmar Gieseler Nov. 30.

Arlene will fill the vacancy until next Nov. 20, Lewis Bowen, Coldwater Township Supervisor, said last week. She was appointed by a 3-1 vote of the Coldwater Township Board of Trustees.

Delmar Gieseler resigned Nov. 30 as part of a plea-bargaining deal he reached with the State's Attorney General's office, after being charged with seven counts of embezzling township funds and altering public records.

Arlene will learn several new bookkeeping methods from the auditing firm that disclosed Delmar's discrepancies. Several changes will be made in bookkeeping methods.

**DIAL A RIDE TAKES CALLS FOR SERVICE**

The Isabella County Dial a Ride transportation system began taking calls for trips starting or ending outside of Union Township and Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Due to vehicle problems, county-wide service has been temporarily cancelled. A sufficient number of vehicles has now been repaired, and the vehicles are ready to provide transportation for residents of Isabella County.

Out-county patrons are requested to call the Dart dispatch office, 772-9441, at least a day prior to the planned day of travel.

**LISTENING EAR TO BE ALERT THROUGH HOLIDAYS**

The Listening Ear at Mt. Pleasant, unlike most business and professional organizations, remains open for telephone service every day of the year, 24 hours a day, holidays included.

The staff and volunteers at Listening Ear are aware of the needs of people to communicate during holiday seasons.

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Among other things, a caller might have an emergency, whereby the "Ear person" would need to assist him in obtaining emergency aid from police or the hospital.

Listening Ear accepts all collect calls.

**Local Items**

Clayton Smith will spend Christmas at the home of his son, Ray, and wife Jean. Clayt has been coming "home" to Ray's place, not his own.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cole of Florida are here for the Christmas holidays, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts attended a Great Lakes Bible College concert at Rogers Heights, Big Rapids, Saturday evening. Their son, Darryl, is a member of the choir, and he came home with his folks for the two week's Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and children of Pontiac spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur. Tim also was home from Pontiac.

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# Beal City

## OVER A HUNDRED SENIORS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BEAL CITY SCHOOL

Dora Smith, Reporter  
Over a hundred Senior Citizen guests were entertained last Tuesday afternoon in the third annual Beal City Senior Citizens Christmas party put on by the Beal City Public Schools.

After a sumptuous turkey dinner with all the trimmings, a musical program was presented in the band room.

Several school departments and organizations took part in making the annual Christmas dinner for the elders a success.

The Home Ec Department, under direction of Mrs. Pattie Duvall, made cookies, while room decorations were created by Mrs. Arlene Cleveland's art classes and Mrs. Ann Brockman's civic classes.

A program of Christmas songs and dances was presented by students in Mrs. Sally Mayes' kindergarten, Mrs. Jean Reihl's second and third grades, Paul Deni's and Miss Ann Miller's fifth and sixth grades, and the seventh grade chorus directed by Mrs. Linda Louisell.

The Student Council served dinner, with Supt. Carl Mayes and Principal Lawrence Kish as hosts. The dinner was prepared by the

school's kitchen employees. Door prizes were given by the school, the Beal City Branch of the American Security Bank, and Rau's Foodland.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

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A Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jute Schumacher Sunday for their children and families.

The Beal City Band held its annual Christmas concert Thursday evening.

Santa Claus visited Beal City Thursday evening at the K. of C. Hall. Lots of children went to talk to him.

St. Joseph's School put on its annual Christmas program Wednesday evening. It was well attended.

The Senior Class of the High School put on a feather party Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Deb, Dale, Ginny and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family attended a birthday party for Renee Rau Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau.

Brian Gould attended a birthday party for Danny Pung Sunday afternoon.

Tina Ball was home from college this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Don called on Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble Sunday.

Anne Smith visited Mrs. Irene Smith Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Elsie McCall visited Mrs. Sheila Rau Saturday.

The families of Mrs. Ida Fussman had their Christmas party at the K. of C. Hall Sunday afternoon.

The Bernie Rau families had their Christmas party Sunday afternoon.

The family of Louise Schafer had their Christmas party in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

The Francis Schafers entertained their club with a Christmas party Saturday evening.

Mary Ellen Simon called on Louise Schafer Friday.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Gary, Ind., called on Mrs. Schafer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer had their family Sunday for a Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer had their family at home Sunday for a Christmas get-together.

Joe Lawens was released from CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant last week, after being there since Nov. 7.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter  
Eileen Abbott, Judy and baby,

and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and family had Christmas at Holt with their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maeder called on her parents, the Norman Abbotts, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs called on Zena Olger Friday, and they tied a quilt. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts called Sunday and gave her a plate of fruit from the Church of Christ in Gilmore.

Mrs. Gladys Dush and Zena Olger Mefhour took Zena Olger a Christmas gift last week.

Mrs. Jeanne Smith and I attended the Merry Go Round Club last Thursday. We enjoyed a nice Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts. We had a lovely time.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gott called on me Sunday evening. Albert Gott took me out for dinner Sunday, and we stopped at the nursing home to see my brother, Ezra Rhynard.

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker got a telephone call from their son, Greg, in Germany, last Thursday. Greg said he's doing fine, and that winter has hit over there, as well as here.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

# Happy Holidays!

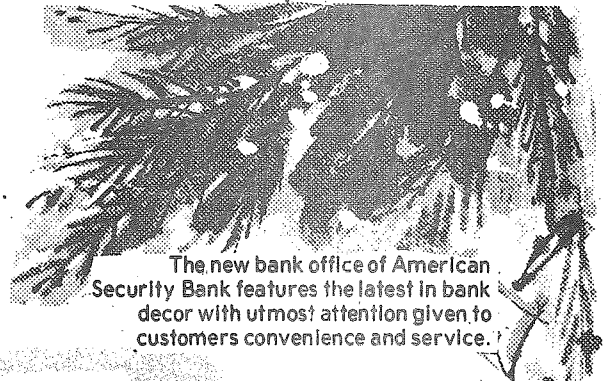
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**GREG PARKER AND GLENN RILEY FINALLY GOT TOGETHER--**  
 During their tour of duty in the NATO countries, in this case, West Germany. Glenn sent his family a wonderful batch of photos of the scenery and towns around the base where he's stationed (at Goppingen, shown in photo below.) Note the neatness of the village street, and the well-kept buildings. The photo of Glenn and Greg was taken at Heidelberg, apparently a favorite visiting place for enlisted men overseas.



(Editor's Note: We have a couple of long letters from Glenn to his parents, which we hope to print early in January. They are most interesting, describing the sort of training our boys receive overseas.)



**AN OLD BUILDING AT HEIDELBERG--** In a photo sent his parents by Glenn Riley. Glenn, by the way, has been promoted to Sp/4, equivalent to Corporal. Glenn is in the Medical Corps.

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# Notice

I will be at my home from 9 to 5 every Friday during December.

One percent collection fee will be charged through Feb. 28.

No taxes will be collected at my home after Feb. 28, 1978.

Arlene Wilcox  
 Coldwater Town-  
 ship Treasurer

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water Lake, and R.D. and Jen-  
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Greg and Geott Allen both are home from college for the Christmas holiday vacation period. Vonnie was expected home the middle of this week, from her studies at a medical school in the South.

The Volunteer Firemen were called to the Ojibwa home of Donna Meyers Tuesday afternoon when an overheated chimney resulted when electricity went off there. The furnace was a Ben Franklin-type stove.

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer were last Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. A family Christmas gathering at the Andy Bellinger home Sunday was enjoyed. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Art Dent of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill and family of Holt, and friend, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sprague and Pam, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer, Mr. and Mrs. George Flaughter and family of Cold-

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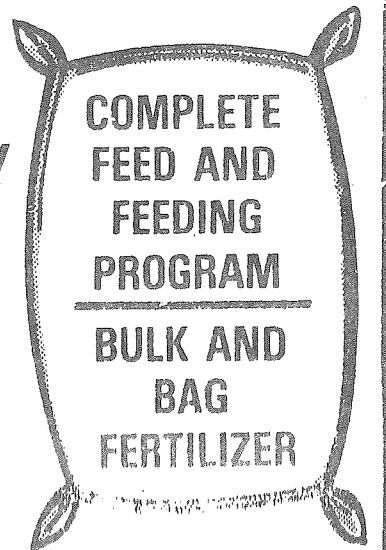
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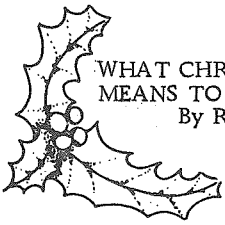
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By Rosie Leiter

When I was a little girl, more than 50 years ago, Christmas was very different than it is now.

But in my memory, it was better.

About a week before Christmas, Wilbur, Minnie and I would strike out right after breakfast to pick out the tree. It was always a very special tree.

We girls watched, wide-eyed, while Web chopped it down. Then we all grabbed hold of the trunk and dragged it home.

We got pine tar on our mittens, and Mom had to use kerosene to get it out.

We set the tree up in a tall pair of water, weighted with stones, and there it sat till supper was over and the dishes and chores done.

We made paper chains with strips of construction paper, and stuck together with flour and water paste.

We popped corn and strung it on long, long threads, strung cranberries and thornapples, and draped them on the tree. We drew, colored, and cut out Santas, snowmen, bells, camels, and reindeer, and tied them on and thought it was a sight to behold.

We took pine boughs and put them behind the pictures and mirrors on the walls, so the whole house smelled of pine.

The day before Christmas, we cooked and baked all day. We took pickles out of the barrels of brine and cooked them in syrup and spices.

We had an early supper, then made peanut butter fudge, chocolate fudge, and taffy; popped corn, brought up a dishpan full of apples from the cellar, crisp and juicy, and had hot cider.

Did you ever eat apples and popcorn at the same time?

Christmas Eve was the real Christmas, to us. Christmas morning the girls each got a rag doll Mom had made. The boys got a bag of marbles and a home-made whistle.

We always had a house full of company, so I always had to wait, at the table, eat.

Christmas to me was picked-over chicken and cold potatoes.

We'd clean up the kitchen and Christmas was over; except that I had a doll to sleep with.

Every Christmas was the same, and I never got over the wonder of it.

When I was 12, I was too old for a doll, so I got a toothbrush. I sure missed the doll, but was so proud to have a toothbrush of my own. Up to then, we had just

used the family toothbrush for all of us.

I want one more Christmas Eve like the ones I used to have, so I'm staying right here and trying to relive the Christmas Eve of 1920. The popcorn won't be the big, fluffy kernels of old, but I'll pretend they are.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year!

Paul Cole received word Friday evening that his nephew, Fred Higgins, of Chicago, was found dead in his car Monday night last week. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Saturday at a DeWitt, Mich., funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck of Galien spent the week at their cabin on Grass Road. They called on the Coles Friday.

Paul Cole called on his doctor Friday. They are cutting some of his medicine, thinking some of it may not agree with him.

Mrs. Maggie Boger had her furnace repaired last week. Wedding bells will ring Jan. 7 for Miss Laura Ewing and Wayne Smeation.

A dinner for family and friends was enjoyed Sunday at the Paul Cole home, with gift exchange. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Steve, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kripa, Jr., and Lisa, Brian, Timmy, and Jamie. The Kripas' niece was

also a guest. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dennis and Rusty and Robin, and Jeff Wood and a friend.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright were in Edmore Saturday.

The Merry Go Round Club met with Nora Geasler Thursday, with 17 present. It was voted to discontinue the meetings until April.

Ralph Geasler and Clifford Jones were in Sheridan Thursday. They purchased some lumber there.

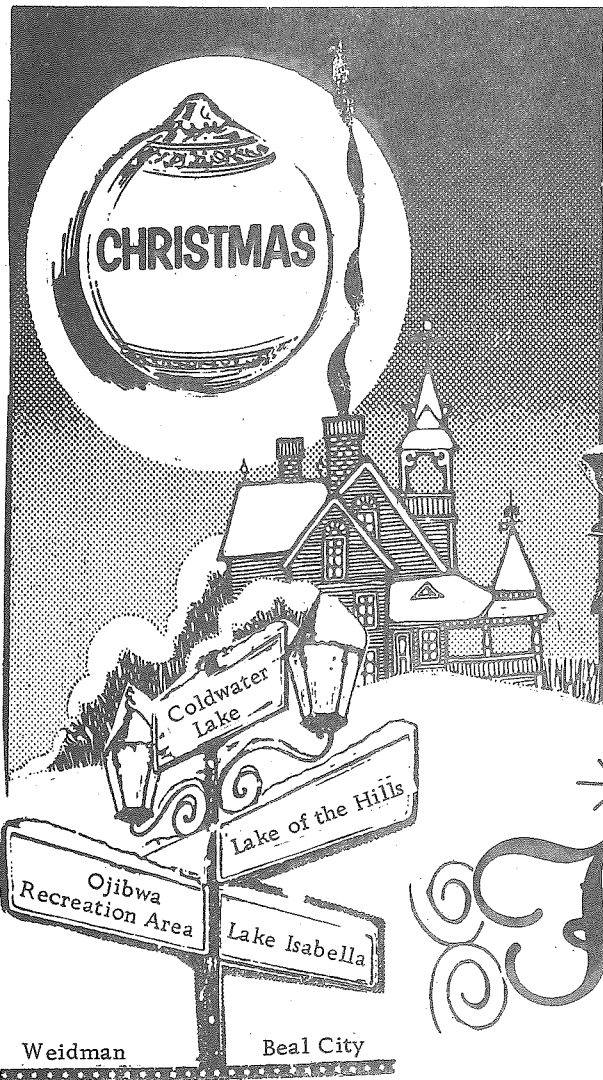
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sowle had their family at home Saturday, when they enjoyed a pre-Christmas family dinner at the Brinton Hall here.

Dean Beers of Kalamazoo spent the weekend with his parents, George and Cora Beers. Other callers included their granddaughter, Janet Beers, and friend of Big Rapids, Saturday. They were supper guests of her Grandma, Eathel Beers, Saturday.

# Happy Holidays

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EACH CHRISTMASTIME--We business and professional people of the Weidman and Beal City area band together on this page to wish each and every one of you, our friends, our neighbors, our associates--everyone!--a Happy Holiday Season and sincere wishes for a good year ahead. May your year be hopeful and happy.

# Holiday



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