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Editor's Column

By Connie

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL: BARN CALLS YES, HOUSE CALLS NO

We found out, during the holiday season, that veterinarians will not make house calls--except for Dr. Craig Thompson of Clare, bless his heart.

Craig reminds us of the writer of those three famous books on the life of a veterinarian in rural England: He gets home sometimes around midnight after struggling with cows or horses needing medical attention; he returned my frantic call at 7 a. m. the morning after I'd called him and he was tied up at a farmer's place tending animals.

He rushed down here to tend my Sadie Thompson cat, but she had died a few minutes before he arrived.

Craig is the only veterinarian I found in central Michigan who will make house calls for small animals. The others make regular calls to farmers' barns, to attend cows and horses--but no house calls.

That we can't understand. They would be paid at the same rate as a barn call, and ordinarily the job of tending our pets would be far less messy than a cow having trouble birthing a calf, for instance.

(You see, I've read the books by James Herriot, and I recommend them to animal lovers.)

My Sadie cat gobbled a frying pan full of beefsteak trimmings, mainly fat; and there was a lot of it. My other cat, Mrs. Vanderbilt, also tried to get her share, but Sadie always was a bigger eater than Mrs. V., so she got the main part of it.

Sadie crammed her poor little stummick jam-full of beef fat, and it caused an intestinal knot that finally killed her, after a solid week of agony.

We tried to get help for her, but area vets (except Craig Thompson) aren't unduly interested in cats.

All vets except Craig scoffed

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NO LIL' MAC BRIDGE CELEBRATION THIS YEAR-- There will be no Lil' Mac Bridge pig-roast celebration on the beautiful farm of Elwood and Iola Miller this winter, according to Fire Chief Spike Branson. "Maybe next year," Spike said. The Lil' Mac pig roast has been an annual event for the past years, and each year drew more people from far and near. Above is the Lil' Mac Bridge (snowmobiles only) across the Chippewa River, built by neighbors and friends of the Millers, using mainly brawn and native know-how. Messenger photo



EVELYN HACKNEY WON'T BE STIRRING HER FAMOUS SOUP This year (with plenty of help, as shown above from last year's celebration). Ev's secret-recipe bean soup was as much a part of the Lil' Mac Day as the bridge itself, or the pigs roasting over charcoal fires. Messenger photo

FIRE DESTROYS HOME AT COLDWATER LAKE

Fire destroyed the home of Duane Evans at Jordan and Johnson Roads south of Coldwater Lake

last Wednesday evening.

The fire call came in here at 6.12 Wednesday evening, and the Volunteer Firemen were at the scene about an hour and a

FIRE CAUSES EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO GARAGE

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called to the home of Richard Touchinski at 11.30 Monday morning to quench a fire in his garage.

The fire is believed to have started from a stovepipe from a wood-burning stove. Firemen reported that the stovepipe extended some distance across the ceiling of the garage.

No damage was reported to the house, as the garage was not attached to it.

The stovepipe was a long length extending horizontally, and apparently tar built in the pipe, which can happen in a horizontally-place stovepipe.

Dick's wood-carving tools were saved. The fire was contained in the ceiling.

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Both Mr. and Mrs. Evans were away from home, at work, at the time. The home was a well-built wood-frame house, and was a total loss, according to Fire Chief Spike Branson.

Cause of the fire was undetermined, as there was an oil furnace in the house, and also a wood-burning stove.

However, Spike said in an interview Saturday, he rather leaned toward the oil furnace being to blame for the fire, as there was no one home to replenish the wood-stove fire.

It is believed the fire started either in the oil furnace, the wood stove, or the chimney.

"Those people putting up just a regular stovepipe through their roofs are just asking for catastrophe," Spike said.

Those using stovepipes through ceilings and roofs should have regular brick chimneys built, Spike said.

Saturday evening at about 6 o'clock another call came through, from the Wayne Fox home on Woodruff Road across from the Methodist Church.

This was a car fire, but it was just a carburetor blaze and no damage was reported.

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K. C. Charnes spent the weekend at Traverse City, skiing.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Ethel Beers passed away Saturday night at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant. She had suffered heart trouble, with complications.

Graveside services were held at the Brinton Cemetery Friday, Dec. 23, for Sarah Jane Fields, who passed away at the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. The family have the sympathy of her many neighbors and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tower entertained her parents from Lakeview at Christmas dinner.

Irene Bowen attended a Christmas party with the Haenke family near Blanchard, Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend with their son, Verl, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and family of White Pines spent the New Year's holiday with their parents, the Ken Bakers and the Clarence Chaffees, return-

ing home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leiter near Flint, returning home Wednesday.

Rita Horrigan and son, Terry, of Greenville, called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright and me Friday. Russell, Micky and Bobby Slupe of Grand Rapids spent the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright, also.

The Baker families enjoyed a family dinner with the Keith Bakers in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon and her mother of Battle Creek called on me Tuesday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

Eunice La Londe had her family all home for Christmas dinner. That included the Larry Strangs, the Gary La Londes, and the Wayne La Londes, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Beers were scheduled for Wednesday at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with bur-

ial in the Brinton Cemetery.

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Local Items

Visitors during the holidays at the home of Mrs. Edna Bowein were her daughter, Maureen Phillips; John Gleason of Lansing; Clarence Lorenz, Lois Ritter, Mrs. Albert Kew and Carol Harner of Lake Odessa; and Donna Windham of Charlotte, N.C. She missed her daughter, Mary Lou, who was unable to be here because of family illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middleworth called on the Pat Dillenbecks Sunday. Pat is home, and is improving well.

Mrs. Nina Forbes and Mrs. Glad-

ys Wilson called on their sister, Margaret Mullet, at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann at their cottage on Lake Windoga.

Mr. and Mrs. "Buz" Smith of New Jersey spent the New Year's holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell. Bill and Vada spent Christmas with the Bill, Jr., family at Grand Haven. Robert Louisell and family of Mt. Pleasant were also holiday guests of their parents.

Tony Parker was home for Christmas, from his base in Georgia. He has been in the Armed Services two years in April.

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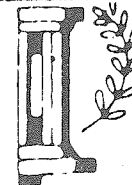
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Branson for bringing hot coffee and cocoa to the Firemen.
 Richard Touchinski
 And Family

Obituary

EATHEL BEERS

Eathel Beers of Brinton died Sunday at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. She was born Feb. 9, 1889, and moved with her parents to Brinton when she was five years old.

She was married to Alfred Beers 69 years ago, and they lived in Brinton all their married lives.

Alfred worked in the historic old charcoal kilns in Brinton back in the lumbering days, and he also was a master mason, building superb fireplaces throughout this area, and doing other masonry work.

Eathel is survived by one son, George, of Brinton; a sister, Eunice La Londe, also of Brinton; a brother, Floyd Sowles, of Brinton; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her daughter, Fern Verette, died earlier this autumn.

Funeral services for Eathel Beers were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

The Beers family have very many friends in the Brinton and Weidman areas, who are saddened by Eathel's death.

Since her daughter Fern died, she had lived alone in the Beers farm home just west of Brinton.

Her family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Obituary

EARL N. RUNYON

Earl N. Runyon died the first of this week at his home here in Weidman. He was 87.

He lived alone in a neat little house on Main Street, for many years here. He was a retired baker.

He was a member of the Weidman Baptist Church.

He is survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. Richard Smith, of Midland; a sister, Mrs. Virginia Gifford, of Mt. Pleasant; and nieces and nephews.

He had many friends here. Funeral services were held Wednesday of this week at 3 p.m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

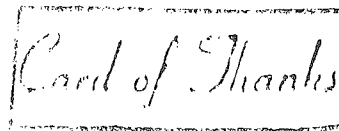
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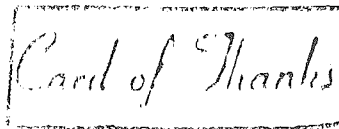
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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailer

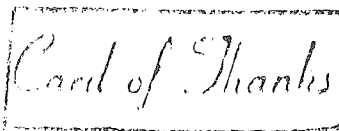


I want to thank very sincerely all my friends and relatives who visited me, sent cards, and sent flowers, while I was in the hospital.

Also friends and relatives who have called on me since I came home.

I'm doing fine, expect to recover, and thank you for your remembrances.

Clarence Dillenbeck



We want to offer special thanks to those wonderful Firemen of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, who answered our call more promptly than you'd believe, when our garage caught fire Monday morning;

Special thanks to Ronnie Sprague, Tracy Bywater and Spike Branson for transporting Dick's woodworking tools out to our folks' farm, the Elwood Millers';

Also special thanks to Pauline

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HARRY PUNG WON'T BE ROASTING HOGS--Over charcoal fires (with plenty of help from Weidman and Beal City men) this year, as he's done for these many years. We'll all miss the area's big winter event. Messenger photo



SNOWMOBILERS WON'T BE HAVING A FIELD DAY--This year, as they've done the past five years. There will be no Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm, due to circumstances not yet cleared up. Messenger photo

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer hosted a venison fry last Thursday evening. Present as guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kish of Marquette, and Glee Krueger and Aliance Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ziegler of Ann Arbor and Mary and David Smith were home with their folks, the Don Smiths, for the Christmas holidays.

Clayton Smith spent Sunday at the Ray Smith home here. He was also at Ray's for New Year's Day.

SPIKE BRANSON, Volunteer Fire Chief: "We can't say, at this time, how we will come out of the present problem, but we're hoping that maybe next year we can resume the annual celebration of the Lil' Mac Bridge Pig Roast."

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Cotter are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family spent Christmas in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould had a party for all the families of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith Christmas Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp entertained company New Year's Eve.

The 4-H Club had a roller-skating party Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family of St. Johns called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Danule of Chicago called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bowerman were home from Florida over the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble and family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau entertained company at dinner Sunday. Brian Gould spent a few days at the John Teeple's home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau entertained company this past week from Indiana.

Howard Schafer is home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent the weekend in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp spent Sunday at the rest home in Farwell, visiting his mother.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with the Bob Schafers.

Louise Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Malish.

Tillie Schafer spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Egbert are proud parents of a five-pound, seven-and-a-half-ounce baby girl, born Christmas Day. They are naming her Hilary Ann.

Mrs. Helen Zeien entertained company Christmas.

Leslie Block of Duluth, Minn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann entertained company Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen and family are home from Florida, after spending the holidays there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schafer entertained company Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando and family are home from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung also are home from Florida.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

At their Christmas party just before the holidays, the Beal

City Senior Citizens' card party had a pot-luck dinner at noon, which was greatly enjoyed.

After the meal, Ed Fedewa entertained with accordion music, playing many old-time songs and Christmas carols.

At the regular afternoon of pepper playing, Rose Hauck won first prize for the ladies, with Tillie Zuker second and Rose Cotter low.

Ambrose Thielen won first for the men, with Ed Faber second and Elwyn Cluley low.

Paula Doren won the pepper prize. Herman Grinzinger won the door prize.

A special prize from Rau's Foodland, much appreciated, was won by Kate Martin.

New officers were named, all volunteers: Joe Streng and Dora Streng, Ed and Leona Faber, who will be chairmen and vice-chairmen.

The next card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 5.

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Obituary

MARY J. ZEMKO

Mary J. Zemko of Rosebush died Dec. 22 at the Clare Nursing Home. She was 74.

She was born Sept. 17, 1903, in Czechoslovakia, and had been a resident of Rosebush for 50 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Francis (Mary) Engler; three sons, John of Lansing, Stephen of Clare and Thomas of Rosebush; a sister, Anne Wurth, of Lincoln Park; and 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Henry's Church in Rosebush with burial in St. Henry's Church Cemetery.

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Obituary

LAURA BELLE HYSLOP

Funeral services for Laura Belle Hyslop, formerly of Coldwater Lake, were held Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Pederson-Pierce Funeral Home at Rockford, with burial in the Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

Laura died at the age of 95. She had been at the English Hills Nursing Home in Rockford for some time, and she died there following an extended illness.

A service was also conducted at the Weidman United Methodist Church last Tuesday, with Vance Dimmik officiating.

Laura was the daughter of Bob Hyslop, owner of Hyslop's Hotel at Coldwater Lake, now the beautiful home of Florence Rupp, whose husband was a master car-

pent and remodeled the sturdy old building into a lovely home.

Many will remember the Hyslops of Coldwater Lake. Before the 1920s, Bob Hyslop had bath houses on the lake shore, and rented bathing suits, mainly to Weidman kids who walked from here to the lake for a swim.

Laura was a shy, retiring person, but nevertheless had many friends around here, who will remember her.

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Obituary

SARAH (JANE) FIELDS

Sarah (Jane) Fields, widow of Jesse Fields of the Brinton area, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

She had been a resident of Brinton before her recent illness, and has many friends there and in this area.

She is survived by three sons, Alfred, Henry and Jesse; two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Ethel) Squires, Mrs. George (Wilma)

Holland, of Grand Rapids; a brother, Alfred Bartley, of Brinton; a sister, Tillie Spencer, of Grand Rapids; and many grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday morning, Dec. 23, at the Sullivan-Borr Funeral Home in Grand Rapids, with interment in the North Brinton Cemetery.

Jane Fields had many friends in the Brinton area, who will miss her.

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TOWNSHIP OF COLDWATER
An Ordinance to adopt the Michigan Electrical Code and Enforcement thereof.

Ordinance No. 3

Be it ordained and enacted by the Township Board of the Township of Coldwater, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 230 of 1972, and in particular Sections 8 and 9, the Township of Coldwater hereby elects to adopt by reference the Michigan Electrical Code, and enforce the same within the Township limits. It further is ordained that the enforcement provisions of Public Act 230 of 1972 hereby are adopted by the Township of Coldwater.

It further is ordained that the Township of Coldwater designates the Electrical Inspector as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibilities of the Township under this ordinance. It further is ordained that enforcement of the Michigan Electrical Code shall come and be of effect November 10, 1977.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Should the courts declare any provision or section of this ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, then such decision shall affect only the section or provision so passed upon, and shall not affect any other section or part of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

Members present: Lewis Bowen, Norman Geasler, William Estes.

Members absent: Delmar Geiseler, Lorraine Conley.

Ayes: 3.

Nays: 0.

Adopted: November 7, 1977

LEWIS BOWEN

Township Supervisor

NORMAN GEALSER

Township Clerk

A true copy:

Betty Prout

Isabella County Clerk

Filed Nov. 15, 1977

County Clerk, Isabella

County, Mt. Pleasant,

Mich.

Jan. 5t1

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent last week in East Lansing, visiting her son-in-law and daughter, the Robert Tibbettses, and family. She returned home Sunday night.

Forrest Johnston of Rosebush is in St. Joseph's Hospital at Ann Arbor, seriously ill. He is a son-in-law of Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

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Notice

TOWNSHIP OF NOTTAWA
An Ordinance to Adopt the Michigan Electrical Code and Enforcement thereof.

Ordinance No. 3

Be it ordained and enacted by the Township Board of the Township of Nottawa, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 230 of 1972, and in particular Sections 8 and 9, the Township of Nottawa hereby elects to adopt by reference the Michigan Electrical Code, and enforce the same within the Township limits. It further is ordained that the enforcement provisions of Public Act 230 of 1972 hereby are adopted by the Township of Nottawa.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Ernest Schmidt, Virgil Smith, Bernard Rau, Robert Finnerty, Norman Gross.

MEMBERS ABSENT: 0.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: 0.

Adopted Nov. 7, 1977.

ERNEST SCHMIDT

Township Supervisor

BERNARD RAU

Township Clerk

A true copy:

Betty Prout

Isabella County Clerk

Filed Nov. 15, 1977

County Clerk

Isabella County

Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Jan. 5t1

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts had all their children and their families home for Christmas: David and Mona Wood and boys, Paul and Cheryl Barbour, and Janet and Ron Apple and baby, for a New Year's celebration, Saturday and Sunday.

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Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN
An Ordinance to Adopt the Michigan Electrical Code and Enforcement Thereof.

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Be it ordained and enacted by the Township Board of Sherman, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, as follows:

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Members Present: Earl Oplinger, Keith Loomis, Keith Thompson, Vance Wood, Alma Dosenberry.

Members absent: 0.

Ayes: (5) Five

Nays: (0) None

Adopted: November 7, 1977

EARL OPLINGER

Township Supervisor

KEITH LOOMIS

Township Clerk

A true copy:

Betty Prout

Isabella County Clerk

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Margaret Johnston and Mrs. Marie Smith enjoyed Christmas with the William Stewart, Richard Stevens and Mary Wendrow families.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bigelow of Winn were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Obituary

LESLIE T. DOWNING

Leslie T. Downing died Friday, Dec. 22, at the Midland Hospital after a long illness.

He was 53.

Funeral services were held last Tuesday at 1.30 p. m. at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Dean Burns of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Cedar Lake officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Downing was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Mt. Pleasant, and was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Moose Lodge, and was employed by the Mt. Pleasant Schools system.

He is survived by his wife, Ida; three sons, Mark, Gary and Tom, all of California; two step-sons, Jack Keene of California and Walter Van Horn of Mt. Pleasant; three step-daughters, Ida Otteman of Mt. Pleasant, Ginger Claybaugh of Shepherd, and Midge Prout of Rosebush; his mother, Edith French, and his step-father, Forrest French, of Alma.

Also surviving are two brothers, Othel and Tony of Mt. Pleasant, and a sister, Arthel Beebe, of California; and 15 grandchildren.

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HARRISON COLLEGE TO OFFER NURSE ASSISTANT CLASSES

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison will conduct a Nurse Assistant class at the Clare Nursing Home beginning Monday, Jan. 16, which will run through Friday, Feb. 10.

The class is for those interested in becoming nurses' aides or orderlies. Those completing the class will be issued a certificate as Nurse Assistant. Training will be in the technique and skills of basic patient care, and will prepare students for employment in hospitals and nursing homes.

Four hours of credit will be earned at the completion of the course.

Classes will be held Monday through Friday, from 8 a. m. to 3.30 p. m., in the conference room at the Clare Nursing Home, 600 East 4th Street (US 10) in Clare. Nina Sprayman, R.N., is instructor.

Registration and purchasing of textbooks for the class will be held the first morning of class, at the nursing home.

For pre-enrollment in the class, interested persons may call the college, Allied Health Division, tel. 386-7792, ext. 265.

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Darryl Pitts has returned to Great Lake Bible College in Lansing, after spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts.

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Pat Egbert spent the Christmas holidays in Lansing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich, and her children, returning home Tuesday.

Jeanine Bauw and daughter, Robyn, of Grand Rapids and Michelle of Atlanta, Ga., spent a week during Christmas vacation with Mabel Chaffee. They all enjoyed Christmas dinner with Doris Wilmot and Linda in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger and the Brian Dutchers family were Christmas dinner guests of their parents, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mike Sheldon of Cheboygan spent Thursday with his father, Oren Sheldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Alwood returned home last week after being in Alabama the past three weeks, selling Christmas trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doremire held a neighborhood Christmas party at their lovely home Thursday evening. Folks around here enjoyed the buffet luncheon, candy and nuts, and mixed drinks, and chatting with their neighbors around the fireplace.

The Oren Sheldons, Pat Egbert and Mabel Chaffee attended a birthday party for Doris Wilmot Thursday evening. She was born on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and the Duane Threns enjoyed Christmas dinner with the Leo Gatehouses.

Harry and Bea Gatehouse celebrated their wedding anniversary New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. were guests of their son, Ervin, Jr., and family, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family of Clarkston, the Jack Dutchers of Lake Orion, and the Keith Dutchers were callers of the Ervin Dutchers over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family were holiday dinner guests of Carl and Mary Beutler and children.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Margaret Denslow recently served a birthday dinner honoring family members with December birthdays.

Those honored included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, Mrs. Celia Backus, and Miss Linda Backus.

Margaret also had a December birthday, her 72nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children enjoyed an early Christmas dinner,

followed by a Christmas tree and gift exchange, at the home of their mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow. Sunday, Dec. 18.

Margaret Denslow flew to Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 22nd, to spend Christmas weekend with her son and family, the Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Denslows, their children Brenda and Mark. Stuart was home from his work in Alaska, and Brenda from her studies at Mt. Holyoke College at Hadley, Mass. Margaret returned home Wednesday, Dec. 28, and reports a very pleasant and happy holiday.

Christmas dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey, and Gary, Nancy Losey and Bill Dunn; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and boys, and me.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and girls were Christmas visitors of the Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Patti and Gary were Thursday evening callers of Charlie and Hattie.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bob and Bill spent Christmas with Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Myrl Stoll, near Lansing.

Pre-Christmas dinner guests at the Thompson home were Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Laurie and Randy of Drayton Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gudelsky of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and son, Greg, of Grand Rapids.

Little Terri and Debbie Touchinsky spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Elwood Millers. Elwood and Iola went to Big Rapids Wednesday to visit his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent New Year's Eve with the Eddie Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

D. J. Whitman spent from Saturday till Tuesday morning with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.

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

Ray Fahnestock of Taylor and Linda Young, also of Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahnestock, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman and son were Christmas and New Year's guests of their folks, the Charles Fahnestocks. The Fahnestocks' other children who were unable to come called them by phone and wished them Happy New Year.

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Local Items

Christmas guests of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence

and Pam of Laingsburg, and Larry Cummins and two boys of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland and her daughter and

husband, Mr. and Mrs. Price, of Sanford were Monday after Christmas supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
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at the idea of a house call. Sadie was terrified of traveling in a car, so she had to be stuffed into a crate to go 15 miles in any direction to see a vet.

We called one veterinarian last Monday morning (Sadie stuffed herself Friday evening), and the vet's wife said, "Well, it's a holiday, you know!" And that was that. Tuesday we had to trundle poor Sadie 15 miles in an attempt to get help.

We didn't get the proper help, and Sadie died Thursday morning early of last week, exactly seven days after she stuffed down that beef fat I'd thought was safely out of reach of all my animals.

I had always thought that cats will never overeat; dogs will kill themselves eating, but not cats, I'd heard.

Not so, the animal doctors say. Cats will overeat if there's food especially appealing to them available.

So--Sadie's gone, buried under a pine tree on her home place here. She was the beautiful one, the long-haired, fluffy and affectionate pet.

Mrs. Vanderbilt is a good cat; but she's short-haired, sleek--and a clown.

This area, the Beal City, Weidman, Sherman City area, is lucky to have a friend like Dr. Craig Thompson, a good modern veterinarian who is devotedly practicing according to the tenets of the James Herriot tales: He tends sick or injured animals anywhere in this area (his home folks), any time of day or night.

He's the son of the Keith Thompsons, and he's with the Stirling Clinic at Clare.

We'd recommend that some of those older (and also younger) vets read the three Herriot books and learn about their roles in the lives of their people, if they condescend to acknowledge the people:

People with pets; lone-living men and/or women with a pet or pets; the farmers who must depend on them to save valuable livestock. But most of all, a heartfelt caring for "all creatures great and small!"

(And perhaps a smidgeon of caring for the people owned by those pets?)

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer report lots of fishermen on area lakes, with smelt running on Littlefield Lake. Their Weidman Archery is starting league contests next week, for both men and women. They plan some two-man teams for Thursday nights.



THE MILLERS--Iola and Elwood, who for the past five years have turned their lovely rolling acres over to the public for the annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast. The Millers took no part in financial benefits: "We just like to see people have a good time," they said. Hopes are that the present impasse will be resolved by next year.



L.A. Johns

ANOTHER HONOR FOR BANK PRESIDENT

Lawrence A. Johns, president of the Isabella Bank and Trust in Mt. Pleasant, has been named as a director of the bank's Detroit branch for a three-year term, according to Peter B. Clark, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Johns has a distinguished record in banking and civic activities in Mt. Pleasant. In 1973 he was honored as Mt. Pleasant's outstanding citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth hosted a dinner honoring Mary Middlesworth, Doug's wife, last Wednesday evening. Present were the Doug Middlesworths, the Richard Donleys, and the Wayne Charneses and K. C., and Emma Middlesworth.

Wayne Smith took his father, Clayton, home for half a day before Christmas.

COLLEGE TO OFFER EMS COURSE IN SPRING SEMESTER

The Allied Health Division of Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison is offering a medical emergency technician course during the spring semester, beginning the week of Jan. 16.

Two classes will be offered, evening and Saturday daytime, to be completed in 16 weeks.

The six-credit course offers students training in the care and treatment of patients, following course objectives recommended by the Michigan Department of Public Health, EMS Division for ambulance, firemen, law enforcement personnel, and ski patrol.

Instruction goes into cardiopulmonary resuscitation, shock treatment, control of bleeding, bandaging, and splinting of fractures, as well as treatment of medical injuries, oxygen therapy and suctioning the patient.

Completion of the course qualifies students to apply to the Department of Public Health for issuance of ambulance attendant permits.

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