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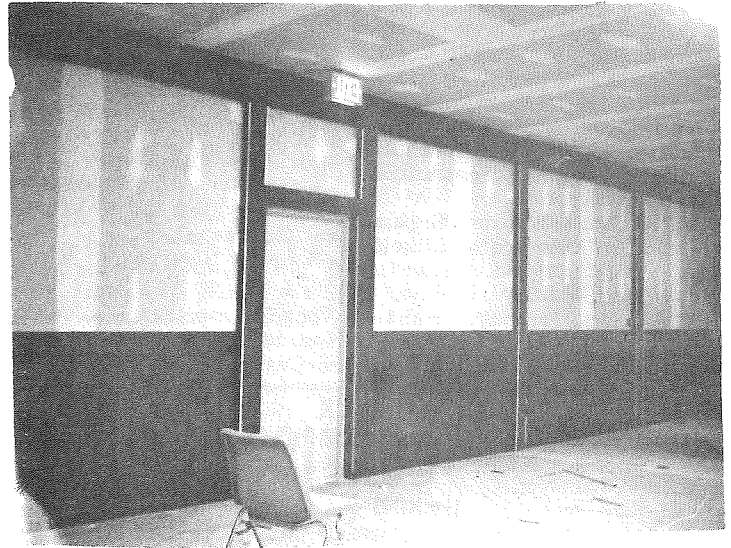
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WORKMEN ARE FINISHING--The inside of the new Community Building in Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman. They're working on side walls, and next will be floor finishing. Weidman Business men plan to paint the floors of the huge building.



A CLOSEUP OF SIDE WALLS--In the new Community Building. They are beautiful. Very soon now the building will be put to use, with the regular weekly bingo games moving there, and many other gatherings scheduled. The community building has been the dream and prodding-work of Gary McArthur for years, and the Weidman Business Association took on the project without any government-grant help or any government aid whatever. Weidman businessmen have worked tirelessly on the project, with many outstanding workers doing more than their bit on the community undertaking. It's financed through bingo-game money, plus bank-financing backed by the WBA. Messenger photos



THE BIG SNOW CAME EARLY--As compared to last year's January blizzard that stopped everything for two days and nights. Snowfall over the New Year's weekend, however, was heavy enough to block roads, load telephone and power lines with soft slunk, and generally make life difficult for those of us who had to get from here to there. Above is a quick shot at landscape in Frances Tranbarger's back yard (which is landscaped like you wouldn't believe), and this beautiful scene was captured on film from Frances' laundry-room window. Messenger photo

Editor's Column

By Connie

HAPPY 1979--WE HOPE!

After reading my Sunday paper, I began to doubt the usual rosy predictions for the coming year(s).

In a full-page feature titled, "1980s: End of Easy Street for America?", various economists and financial experts predicted various situations for you and me.

Here are some of the predictions of some of the economists:

The Detroit Free Press interviewed over two dozen professional futurists and economists, asking their opinions on what the 1980s will be like.

Most concurred on these points, among others:

The 1980s will lead us into a deeply uncomfortable transition from our current industrial system and an unknown but basically different one.

Our standard of living probably will decline, as inflation continues to erode buying power.

More lives will be centered around family, church and service to community as traditional values make a comeback.

Crime and violence will increase as a result of unemployment.

Gasoline will cost over \$2 per gallon by 1985. Electric bills may triple. Conserving energy will become more and more in our conscious lives, as will also passive solar energy.

Populations will migrate to the smaller communities. The northern Lower Peninsula, for instance, will have the most rapid growth rate in Michigan.

Areas of the projected greatest population growth will be northern Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, followed by the Ozark states, the Texas areas, and foothills of California.

Dr. Hazel Henderson, co-director of the Princeton Center for Al-

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Mrs. Marjorie Tibbetts of East Lansing and son, Jim, and Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler were Friday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Walter Ewing, formerly of Weidman and now of Shepherd, is spending the holidays home from his work in Philadelphia, Miss. Walter is a counselor at a reservation there.

The Ewings gave a party Friday evening for brothers, sisters, and nieces and nephews. They plan to move to Mississippi next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing of Vassar called on their parents, the Paul Coles. They also attended the Ewing party at Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward of Mt. Clemens have a new baby boy, born Dec. 18. Mother and baby doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk are the proud grandparents of the Ward baby.

The Masiwchuks spent the past week in Mt. Clemens with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Frances and Mark of Drummond Island spent several days with relatives and friends here.

They called on their cousins, the Paul Coles, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Ronnie called on the Paul Coles last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes spent Christmas and several days in Flint with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yambrick, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailent and Amy and Heather and Leslie and Chrstie of South Bend, Ind., spent several days with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

The Balents called on their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Merchant, of rural Harrison, last Wednesday. The Balents were also callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon last Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Allbee spent several days in Flint last week with her granddaughter.

A Happy New Year!

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Zeke Tanner has been in CMC Hospital for treatment of infected fingers.

NEW YEAR'S DAY... WE WERE SNOWED IN!

Fortunately for them, most business places in Weidman were closed for New Year's Day. Most could not have opened anyhow.

During Dec. 31 and through the night, this area experienced the heaviest snowfall since the big storm of Jan. 29, 1978.

Roads were clogged; home places were piled high with snow and drifts. Schools were closed for the holiday, fortunately.

County snowplows did their best but some were stalled in high drifts on some roads.

"The morning after" for many became a time of rest and relaxation of necessity, welcomed by many.

But for some businesses, like getting out a weekly paper, work had to go on, even if it stumbled most of the way.

Central and northern Michigan really had a winter storm, predicted a day later than it arrived. So we begin a new year, 1979.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider had all their children home for the holidays.

Local Items

Mrs. Rowena Allen and sons, Geoff and Greg, and daughter, Vonnie, spent the weekend with relatives at Jackson, returning Sunday evening. All the Allen young folks are in college, Greg in his second year at Michigan State on a horticulture course, Geoff at Ferris State College at Big Rapids on a builders' course, and Vonnie will graduate in October from the Marietta, Ga., Life Chiropactic College, taking internship along with her five-year training. On graduation she will be eligible to start practice as a full-fledged chiropactic doctor. On their trip downstate, the Allens reported Sunday evening, on arriving home, that roads downstate were beginning to ice up, and as they arrived farther north, heavy snow definitely was a warning to get home as fast as safely possible---and stay home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hart of Iron River spent the holidays with their daughter and family, the Walter J. Smiths.

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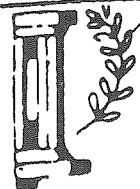
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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our relatives, friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness during our brother's and uncle's illness and death; For the beautiful flowers; A special Thanks to Rev. G. Leroy Bruce. Your kindness will always be remembered. And a special Thanks to Bob and Christina Cook.
The Family of Jay Leinaar

No newspaper deliveries on motor routes hereabout were delivered Monday.

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Obituary

ALICE K. BREUER
Alice K. Breuer of Gilmore Road died last week at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. She was 58.
Funeral services were held last Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City. A rosary service was held Tuesday evening at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.
She was born May 29, 1920, in Isabella County, and attended the Beal City High School. She married Gerald Breuer in Mt. Pleasant Nov. 7, 1942.
She was employed at the Mt. Pleasant's Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities.
She is survived by her husband, Gerald; two daughters, Mrs. Beverly Cole of Mt. Pleasant,

Marilyn Breuer, at home; four brothers, Ed and Bernard Smith, of Mt. Pleasant, Lyle Smith of California, and Earl Smith of Alma; and five sisters, Mrs. Gretchen David of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Lenora Allguire of Indiana, Mrs. Josephine Cuthbert of Flint, Mrs. Freda Price of Mt. Pleasant, and Mary Lou Smith, also of Mt. Pleasant.

The family have many friends in this area who offer sympathy.

Obituary

HARRY F. HOFFMAN

Harry F. Hoffman of Coldwater Township died Wednesday, Dec. 20, at his home after a lingering illness. He was 69 years old.
Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 23, from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Bruce Brown of Big Rapids officiating. Burial was in the Flake Cemetery at Barryton.
Harry was born Feb. 9, 1909, in Coldwater Township, son of Ivan and Pearl (Dangerfield) Hoffman. He married his wife, Florence, in 1964.
He was a lifelong resident of Coldwater Township, and leaves many friends in this area to mourn his passing. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; an uncle, Roy Hoffman, of Barryton; two foster children, Mrs. Emerson (Wanda) Blodgett; and Ted Norwodd of Texas.

His first wife, Amelia, preceded him in death. Several brothers also preceded him in passing.

He is also survived by four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION MEETING SLATED

The Spina Bifida Association of Mid Michigan's regular monthly meetings are at 7.30 pm., at the Mary McGuire School in Mt. Pleasant, Crosslanes and Isabella Road, Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Handicapped citizens, parents and others concerned are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the SBA of Mid Michigan.

Charlotte Ison, occupational therapist, will address the subject of special clothing for special people. Design, construction, adaptations, and current manufacturers, will be discussed.

A question and answer period will be encouraged to solve particular problems.

All are invited.
Membership in this association is concerned with the problems of spina bifida, hydrocephalus, and other neuromuscular disorder.

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Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, at the McGuire School.

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In the Editor's Mail

1978

Dear Connie:

Gosh! My head is going round in circles, trying to get the new address out. Some had it, but I have many that didn't, even have many who didn't even know I planned on moving.

If all goes well, I'll sell next week. That will be a nice beginning for New Year's.

I'm still on 8-Mile. Thought I'd be there for Christmas. I might stay tomorrow night. Hard to wean away from here, but it's probably when it becomes someone else's responsibility it will be easier to leave.

You'll get this after Christmas, but Happy Holidays.

I saw Jessie Rosencrantz the day I saw you. She was pleased that I stopped.

Helen Hudson
Apt. 122, 2200 Cleveland Ave.
Midland, Mich. 48640

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Albert Gott of Winn took me out to lunch a week ago Sunday. We went to Carl Gott's at Stanton first, then came back to Albert's in the evening for dinner and had Christmas there. They brought me home.

I was at my daughter, Bessie Allen's, Saturday for Christmas. Christmas morning I had breakfast with Wanda.

Albert and Leona Gott called on me Sunday evening. I had Claribel Beutler as a dinner guest New Year's. Monday I had dinner with her.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carrick and family of Petersburg, Mich., were here for the Christmas holidays, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and family also spent Christmas with their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of Totowa, N.J., spent the holiday week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Louisell. "Buzz," as we know him, is pastor of a Baptist church in Totowa.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were home for the Christmas holidays, with their children.



A DEAR STORY--The Wayne Sisco family has had the unique experience of befriending--but not confining or trying to "tame"--a doe deer and her offspring. Sweetie Deer would come to the Siscos' back-porch steps nearly every day to get her ration of corn meal, then perhaps "visit" with the delighted family a few moments, and bound off. The Siscos never tried to detain her or her fawns.

Sweetie had twin fawns, both males, so the Siscos did not try to befriend or entice the small ones.

At different times, Sweetie suffered two broken legs. Sweetie was like a pet dog, however; she loved to have her neck rubbed, and otherwise enjoyed a short period of petting. But she never was tamed, and the Siscos never attempted to tame her. She was a wild deer, and lived as such, enjoying daily visits to the Sisco home for her "treats".

Naturally, the Sisco family fell in love with Sweetie. But they know the ways of wild things, and Sweetie lived out her life, 12 to 14 years, free and unhampered except by "accidents"--real or intended--by motorists or illegal gunners.

Sweetie liked to spend a short time almost daily in a chicken-house converted into a playhouse for the Sisco children. But just a short visit, and she was gone back into the woods till the next visit--and her next treat at the back doorsteps or in her own "house".

Sweetie gave birth to twin fawns in that converted "house of her own". One of the fawns was named Snookums by the Siscos. Once Snookums was cut up in a car accident at one time.

Sweetie took her fawns away from the Sisco place, into the woods, one at a time, after the little ones were 10 to 12 days old. Later she brought them back one at a time, into a nearby hay-field on the Sisco place.

Last autumn, before deer season opened, a poacher killed Sweetie with a single shot as she grazed in the Siscos' pasture. The Siscos discovered her and buried her with grief and love and all due respect to creatures of the wild.

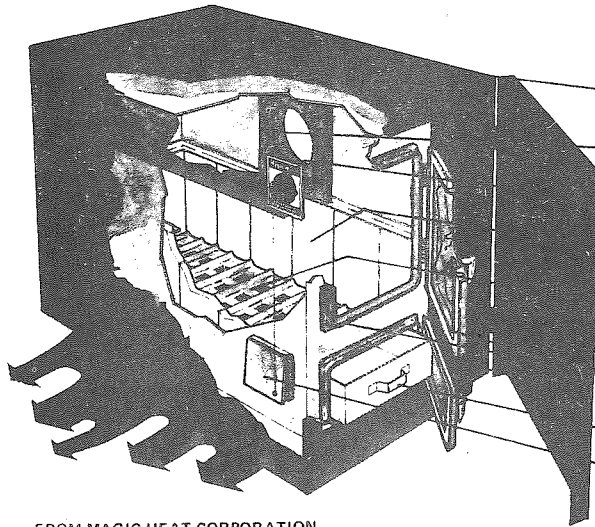
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The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer fire fighters answered two calls this week so far, one to Van Zandt's store, where the place was smoke-filled; the other Tuesday evening to Dennis Carr's west of town, for an overheated stove.



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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

LAS VEGAS NIGHT WILL BE JANUARY 27

The Beal City Business Association and the Beal City Knights of Columbus are planning a Las Vegas Night Jan. 27, at the K. C. Hall.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Proceeds will be used for Beal City community projects.

Fred Cashen and Ron Doerr were named to the Board of Directors of the Homebuilders Association of Central Michigan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lane returned to Gary, Ind., Sunday.

Tillie Schafer spent the weekend at the Bob Schafer home.

Sister Marie Alexander, Sister John the Baptist and Sister Herman Joseph spent the weekend visiting relatives around Beal City.

Louise Schafer spent Christmas with the Sunderman family in Shepherd.

Wayne Sherlock and family of Traverse City spent the weekend at the Ed Schafer home.

Danny Joe Schafer of Detroit spent Saturday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hoag have a new baby girl, named Christie Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Egbert, Mrs. Florence Ball and family all spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block and family.

Christmas Day the Blocks had Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and family and the Harold Blocks as Christmas dinner guests.

Mrs. Pearl Laskie made a visit to her sister's at Drayton Plains before Christmas, for a couple of days.

Mrs. Alice Reihl hosted a Christmas tea at her home Tuesday, with friends and relatives invited.

Donny Gould attended the Lions' Christmas party at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant last Monday evening with his grandfather, Don Gould.

Congratulations! The pastors baptized Sarah Dawn Vogel, daughter of Bill and Colleen; and Keith Douglas Cotter, son of Curt and Karen.

New parishioners we welcomed are Mr. and Mrs. Curt Cotter and son, Keith, of West Remus Road; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Huzzey, of West Baseline Road; and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pasch of West Rosebush Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick

Funnell, Sunday at dinner.

A large group attended the K. C. Hall New Year's party.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau entertained company New Year's Eve.

Eugene Curtiss spent Friday night with Brian Gould.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

At their regular card party Dec. 21, the Beal City senior citizens enjoyed a Christmas dinner, potluck, at 12.30; and afterward, an afternoon of pepper.

About 80 were in attendance.

Naomi Graham won first prize for the ladies, with Agnes Sheahan second and Luella Smith low.

Ragolt Hauck won first for the men, with Alwyn Cluley second and Ed Fedewa low.

Father Neubecker won the pepper prize. Father Hart won the door prize. Rau's Foodland donated a third prize, a package of groceries.

New hostesses for 1979 are Loretta Hesson, Vera McKenzie, Luella Smith, and Vada Block.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4.

Everyone is invited.

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HISTORIC SHILLING HOME ON THE MARTIN BOGER FARM (Continued from our Nov. 30 issue. Written by Virginia (Boger) Herman.)

Sometimes the horses and wagon were used for the trip, but often some of the family walked, following the familiar wagon trail. Shopping often meant trading butter, eggs, or farm produce for staples like sugar and flour.

A number of years later S. A. Letson put in a grocery store on the corner of Coleman and Brinton Roads. Compared to their previous trips for shopping, Let-

son's Store seemed like the corner grocery to those isolated families of the area.

The first postoffice to serve the area was established after 1870, and was located on Coleman Road a half mile east of Brinton Road, in the home of M. M. Ryerson. It was called the Nero Postoffice. Mail came in from Big Rapids once a week, carried on foot in a pouch on a man's back.

It was a two-day trip, one coming from Big Rapids and one returning. There was no rural delivery, each family being responsible for picking up the mail at the post office at the the Ryerson home. Later the post office was moved to Brinton.

One of the main concerns of all early settlers was education for their children.

The first school was a temporary building constructed of poles and covered with branches. It was called a "bowery". School was in session only in mild weather, and when it rained, the students grabbed their belongings and ran for home.

The next year a log building was put up, to house grades 1 through 8, and the school was taught by a Mrs. Alexander.

This log building was later moved to the A. J. Bellows farm and was used as a barn.

Then, about 1884, land was purchased for a permanent school site, and a building of frame construction was erected. This was known as the Conley School, and is now the lovely remodeled home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

The first teacher in the new building was James I. Morey. School was held in this building until 1934, when the district consolidated with the Weidman area schools.

All of the Shilling children attended school, and my grandmother, Louisa, went through

the 8th grade, wrote the state teachers' exam, and taught one year.

Louisa was the oldest of the Shilling children. She was a small woman, less than five feet tall, but in complete control of every situation. She taught the first term of school in the Brown School District in a log building located on the land where Charles Nelson now lives. Many times she was called to nurse a sick family or preside at the birth of a baby.

At the time she met my grandfather, she had left a job in an Evert hotel to work for the Letson family.

My grandfather, Henry Boger, was born and raised in Pennsylvania. When he was 21 he made a trip to Michigan to look for his sister, Lisa Wagerman, who had not been heard from for a long period of time. He took a job working in an area lumber camp. He and my grandmother were married in 1886.

They bought 40 acres of the original 80 acres homesteaded by Solomon Shilling; and, working together, they cleared it and built a log house.

During the winter months they worked in the lumber camp, which was located at about the place where Clarence Shaner now lives. Grandma was camp cook and Grandpa was camp "chore boy". He cared for the horses, looked after equipment and helped with the heavy work in the kitchen.

My father, Martin Boger, was born in 1892. As he grew up, more acreage was added to the farm, and he and my grandparents worked together, sharing the joint responsibility of the farm.

Fifty years ago Aug. 29, my father married Maggie Geasler.

(This account was written in 1974, when Martin Boger was alive.)

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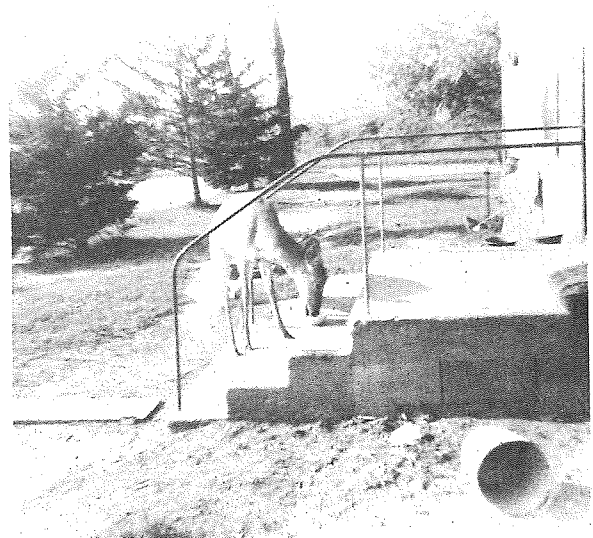
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THIS IS SWEETIE--The wild doe deer befriended--but never imprisoned--by the Wayne Sisco family of Coldwater Township. Photos on this page were taken in 1965--but the Sisco family will never forget Sweetie, her fawns, her life with the family, her voluntary friendship--but not her residence with any humans. All photos by the Sisco family. See the Sweetie story on Page 4.



IN THE SHEEP PASTURE--Sweetie nuzzles her buck lamb Snookie, while a sheep looks on and Lila waits for Sweetie to notice her. Sweetie often grazed in the Siscos' sheep pasture.



SWEETIE CAME TO THE KITCHEN STEPS--For her ration of corn meal set out for her by the Sisco family. She came, ate, perhaps visited one moment with the family, and then--back into her woods, to disappear perhaps till next treat-time.

In the Editor's Mail

Sunshine and
Warmer Today, 72

Hi!

I thought I'd drop you a few lines with my (Christmas) card, thinking you might like to hear that my mother is getting along fine in a nursing home in Lansing. She's closer to my two sisters and families, who visit her often. Mom's under a new doctor's care, so she's still with us,

thank God for that. She's getting good care.

We are all fine here, and busy with the holidays and all the activities. I keep busy, too. My volunteer work and all.

So take care, 'bye for now,
Rosalie Winn
California

P.S. Mother's address is: Marie Kaninsky, % Provincial House, Whitehills, 1843 N. Hagadorn Rd. West Lansing, Mich.

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

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse drove to Cleveland, O., last Wednesday. Gary entered the hospital there for tests for a heart condition. Good luck, Gary!

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., the Bill Remingtons of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children were last Tuesday guests of Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush.

Bill Maeder underwent surgery for hernia last Wednesday morning at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Get well soon, Bill!

Jeanine Bauw and daughter, Robyn, of Grand Rapids, and Michelle Bauw of Atlanta, Ga., spent the holidays with Mabel Chaffee. Michelle flew back to Georgia Friday.

Aletha Chaffee, Vada Gatehouse and Mabel Chaffee spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse.

Par Kurtz enjoyed the holidays in Lansing, visiting her parents, the Frank Goodriches, and her two daughters.

Oren Sheldon took his son, Alan, to Cheboygan for Christmas vacation from school. Alan returned home Sunday night.

Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing was a holiday guest of her parents, the Carl Fitzgeralds.

The Carl and Howard Beutler families planned to spend New Year's with their mother, Claribel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and family of White Pine, U.P., spent Christmas with Aletha Chaffee. They all enjoyed Christmas Eve with the Alan Marshalls.

Lou Ann Maeder and Mark visited the Harry Gatehouses Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard of Midland were Sunday guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. The Les Rhodes were also Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburgh entertained their children Christmas Day.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Stanley Darnell in the loss of his beloved wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse, the Bill Maeders, and Bea and Harry Gatehouse enjoyed Christmas Eve with the Gary Gatehouse family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., enjoyed having their son, Brian, and family, and the Eddie Oplingers over the Christmas holidays, sitting around their beautiful fireplace, chatting, and enjoying their gifts.

A Happy, Healthy New year to you all.

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Sunday's blizzard continued into late Monday night.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Barbara Irish of Lake Thirteen called on her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irish, Sunday.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Marvel Sowle in the death of her sister, Eathel Darnell, of Mt. Pleasant. Eathel passed away Dec. 23, after a long illness.

Pat and Chris Dunbar of Traverse City spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beers, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers and baby of Lansing were also Monday callers of George and Cora.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright attended the funeral of Eathel Darnell at Shepherd last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cook spent the Christmas weekend with her parents at Redford.

Echo Godwin called on her aunt, Eunice La Londe, Christmas Day. Eunice's family and their children were guests of Eunice for Christmas Day dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright attended the wedding of their daughter, Evelyn, Dec. 23, at her home in Grand Rapids. They spent Christmas with their son, Verl, and family, near Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe had their two granddaughters from Ohio as Christmas holidays guests.

Emily Geasler of Ohio spent the Christmas weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler, and other relatives.

I spent Christmas and Christmas Day with Don and Grace Seymour.

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Local Items

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Johnston and son Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnston and baby of Germantown, O., and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brecht were also guests.

Bob Branson and friend of Bath, Mich., spent New Year's Eve and Day with Bob's brother, Spike Branson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent Christmas Eve with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague, and family. They were supper guests as also were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer, Jr., and Heather, and Mrs. Bessie Teall. The Sunday before Christmas, R.D. and Jennie had the family at their home for dinner. Christmas Day, Paul and Jodi Simmer and baby had dinner with Paul's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague attended Walt and Jeanne Smith's annual New Year's party Sunday

evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Grice of Sanford, Bob Valentine of Midland, and Ted Valentine of Ves-

taburg, had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips had later dinner with Bob Valentine.

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By Connie

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ternative Futures, sees friendlier 1980s, with more food co-ops and small-town stores.

Dennis Little, specialist in futures research for the Congressional Research Service in Washington's Library of Congress, says, in part: "Many will decide (city living) is not worth it and drop back to jobs that pay less but be closer to home, where they'll try to be more self-sufficient."

"(But) people need to learn that our knowledge is based on assumptions which are partial and incomplete. ... You should do what makes you happy. ... My advice would be to stay flexible and adaptive--and buy that farm!"

Let's stay put, right here in the rural Weidman-Beal City area! Happy New Year.

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Around Horr

Betty Thompson, Reporter (Filling in for Jessie Rosencrantz while Jessie's in the hospital.)

The Norman Millers spent the Christmas holiday with their son, Randy, and family, at Clarkston. Holiday guests of the Millers were their son, Terry, and family, of Oxford, and Rick, home from Alma College.

The Elwood Millers spent Christmas Day with Dick and Janice Touchinski and girls. George Miller of Lansing also spent the day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Madigan and daughter of Monroe spent from Friday till Monday afternoon at the Earl Oplinger home. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger also spent New Year's Eve with them.

Christmas Day the Earl Oplingers spent with her mother, Mrs.

Edna McDonald.

Holiday guests of the Pete Woods were D.J. Whitman and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Greenway.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent Christmas with Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow had 19 family members home for Christmas dinner Friday. Last Wednesday they attended the funeral of Eathel Darnell in Shepherd. Wednesday evening they had Christmas dinner with the Jay Darnell family.

Hattie Losey spent from Saturday till Monday with the Theron Merrihews. Sunday they had Christmas dinner with their family. Monday they called on Jessie Rosencrantz, then home to Hattie's, for Christmas Day dinner. Hattie spent New Year's Eve with the Gerald Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock had their granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Green, and Holly, of Redford, as weekend guests. They enjoyed the snow and snowmobiling.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and three children and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell and two children spent several days in Missouri over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren First, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow spent a few days in Rochsster, N. Y., helping Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Denslow celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bill and Bob and Shirley Fox spent the Sunday before Christmas with Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Myrl Stoll, near Lansing. Jim Stoll was also a guest.

Bill Thompson spent New Year's Eve and over night with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Higgins of St. Louis.

Bob Thompson, Shirley Fox, Jim and Pat Strong, spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood. They all spent over night at the Thompspon home.

Local Items

The Snider boys have been playing at a bar down in Bay City. They were snowed in here, but the bar owner sent a vehicle up and took the boys down. The New Year's Eve event was a sell-out as to tickets.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Charnes enjoyed the play, "Annie," a stage play, in Detroit Friday. They stayed at the Plaza Hotel at the Renaissance Center, returning Sunday. They encountered the big storm beginning at Midland. They went to Detroit Saturday and returned Sunday. Gary McArthur and small son

and daughter spent New Year's Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

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DIES OF HEART ATTACK WHILE SHOVELING SNOW

Sebastian Pfannes of Coldwater Township died suddenly Monday while clearing snow from his home's doorstep.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfannes live on the former George Skinner home on 10 acres they bought from Thelma (Skinner) Branson.

George Skinner maintained a beautiful planting of small fruits on the 10 acres, which Mr. Pfannes was trying to revitalize.

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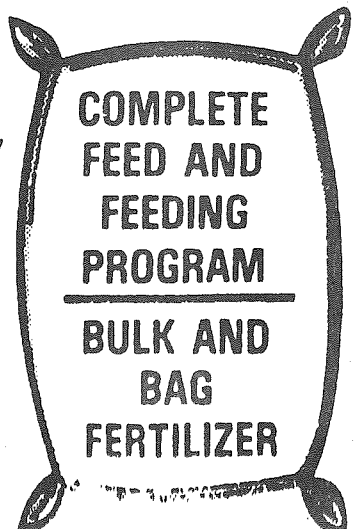
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