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Editor's Column

By Connie

WHAT HAVE WE WROUGHT IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The last week's Chippewa Hills Courier (by its own admission the "official means for the Chippewa Hills School District to pass along school news, sports and upcoming events -- and all the school's paid legal advertising, we might add), printed a blistering editorial and also a news account of the last meeting of the School Board.

It concerned the naming of Gary Lowery, now "administrative assistant", to the post of school superintendent, with Lavern Alward taking on a newly-created post of "assistant superintendent of finance".

At that meeting Herb Serum of Lake Isabella resigned and nominated Rev. Vance Dimmick, pastor of the Weidman United Methodist Church, to membership on the Board.

Judy Browning, a Board member (the only woman on the Board) said, according the the Courier, that she was disappointed in the Board members for choosing a quickly-scheduled special meeting to consider this important subject.

Mrs. Browning said, "I knew nothing about the newly-created job of assistant superintendent of finance, and I did not know that Mr. Serum was resigning."

According to the Courier, Mrs. Browning described the hastilycalled the Board meeting as "good old boy philosophy and backroom politics".

What have we wrought in creating a huge school district?

With the appointment of Rev. Dimmick, we now have two Protestant ministers on the Board. (Dean Denslow is a "lay preacher" of the Methodist faith.)

I'd suggest that, in order to get a religious balance on the Board, we next elect a pastor from a Baptist Church, one from a Nazarene Church, and a Catholic priest.

That's tongue-in-cheek, of course. I personally do not ap-(Continued on Back Page)



THE WORKERS--Eight members of the Weidman Business Association met for their regular meeting last Thursday evening in the new community building, which obviously will take some finishing to become usable. Projections now are for about next March for renting to folks for wedding parties, social gatherings of any kind, the bingo games, and of course the regular WBA meetings.

Shown left to right are Evelyn Hackney, an old pro at pitching in on ABA projects; Thayne Sides (back row), secretary of the WBA; Bud Fredrickson, president; Dick Curtiss, on the Building Committee; Jim Carrick, and Whitey McCreight, treasurer of the WBA. This was the first meeting ever held in the new building. Messenger photo

Officers of the WBA and the bingo managers and leaders are, of course, the hardest working members of the organization. A great deal of credit must go to them--and also to other members who have done this and that in crucial moments in the history of the WBA (since 1948). It is true that the bingo games will pay, eventually, for the building, with the help of rentals for special occasions; but there are many others who have worked like beavers on this and other projects of the WBA.

Ed Fox, Pat Dillenbeck, Barney Tranbarger and Ray Shook were initial organizers of the Weidman Business Association 'way back in 1948. Ed was president and moving force of the group for 20 years. Barney Tranbarger was secretary, we believe, with Leo Neubecker

Those men served long and hard years, with no complaints and little public hoopla.

There have been crises in the WBA's history; there was a tussle (three years) to pry a deed for the park land from Bernie Woodruff; and the first project of the newly-formed WBA in 1948 was to get a Fire Department for this area. (We had absolutely no fire protection

at that time.)

The newly-formed WBA got the two townships, Nottawa and Sherman, to finance the purchase of a fire truck, the first the town had ever seen, so far as its own protective outlit was concerned.

Other projects followed, with many outstanding members busting tugs to get specific jobs done--and they got done.

All in all, the old WBA has a fairly long and very honorable record.

Now it is building (with the help of its bingo committee) a building for all kinds of community use, and nearly all WBA members have done at least something to further the

project.

At this time there are 28 members of the WBA, some non-dues payers. We have a figure of 18 dues-paying members who are supposed to be active in the work of the civic organization.

We repeat: There were eight members present at last week's regular monthly meeting.

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SANTA WILL BE HERE FOR THE KIDS DEC. 16

Santa Claus will be in his usual special little house next to the Pitts office building on the business street Dec. 16, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m., it was announced at the WBA meeting last

Christmas lights were to go up here this week. Thayne Sides was delegated to procure the festive Christmas tree for the street.

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CORRECTION

We stand corrected on our account of an auto accident last week involving the Lloy Sperrys.

We're informed the Sperry car was going north, not south; and a car parked on the opposite side of the road appeared a hazard to a driver who was southbound. He swerved in an apparent attempt to miss the parked car and hit the Sperrys.

Lloy suffered a bad cut in the middle of his forehead, near the left eye. His wife suffered bruises. Lloy was in the hospital from Monday till Wednesday, with two black eyes from the bruises.

Mrs. Sperry says the corner of their windshield was broken, some glass also broken, and a front fender taken off.

---0---NEW VET IN THIS AREA

Dr. Weinstock, newest veterinarian to service this area, has announced that he is with the Mission Road Animal Hospital at Mt. Pleasant, 5450 South Mission Road (Old US-27).

He has joined in practice with Dr. Wendell Weber. Dr. Weinstock says he handles big and litlittle animals, with 24-hour emergency service.

He is a 1978 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Paul Coles received word last week that their grandson, Tom Mossell, had married a Korean girl Wednesday. The newlyweds will arrive home in March, when Tom's time is served for his country.
Paul and Lena Cole visited their

doctor Wednesday. Of course,

my sugar was high.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Van Buskirk visited their doctor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and the Coles were shopping in Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bukas visited Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes

Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and girls, Jackie, Mary, Jennie and Angela, of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

The Coles and Gansers were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Office 5th Street, Weidman

The Gansers delivered a beautiful carved cradle for Grandpa and Grandma Kripa to give their baby when it arrives.

Speaking once again of the cradle, it was sure beautiful. Mr. Ganser made it.

and Dad went to their doctor.

Mrs. Orma Kripa spent Monday with Velma Cole while Mom

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie were also guests of their parents, the Dan Kripas, Saturday.

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mrs. Karen Donley and Kim and Billy Beutler drove to Blue Lake Sunday, for a band rehear-

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg of Remus enjoyed Sunday with Mr.

and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin were Thursday guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler at-

Phone 644-3346

tended a Farm Bureau insurance dinner at the KC Hall in Beal City Saturday evening.

Harry Gatehouse, Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and Cindy, Mary Beutler and duaghter, Diane, Mabel Chaffee, Doris Wilmot and Linda and Jeff Helmer attended a concert at the Chippewa Hills High School Sunday afternoon. Cindy, Linda and Diane played in the band. Helen Alwood won the beautiful afghan raffled off at the concert. It was a very entertaining afternoon, and the ladies did very well with their bazaar. The proceeds went to help the band go to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and

sons and the Eddie Oplingers were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Ronna Jean Dutcher and Mabel Chaffee were shopping Tuesday. Mabel stopped in to see the beau tiful Christmas decorations that Ronna had made for her home.

Margaret Denslow will be hostess to the Drew Busy Bees Thursday afternoon, for their annual Christmas meeting. The ladies do many worthwhile things,

sending get-well cards to area folks and former members, serving funeral dinners, and whatever they can for others. They have been doing this for over 50 years. Nice work ladies! You have the Christmas spirit the year around.

Pat Kurtz returned home Sunday after spending a week in Lansing with her parents, the Frank Goodriches.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Henkels of Mecosta were Tuesday evening guests of the Carl Fitzgeralds.

The Bob Deckers of Barryton were dinner guests and spent the evening Friday, and the Fitzger-alds entertained their daughter, Florence, over the weekend, from her work in Lansing.

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MABEL'S BOOK IS SELLING WELL

Mabel Chaffee brought us the gift of a copy of her poems, newly printed in book form. They are lovely thoughts.

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Dec. 14tf

Obituary

FREDERICK SCHMIDT Frederick Schmidt died Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Soldiers' Facility in Grand Rapids. He was 85.

Funeral services were held Saturday noon from St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, with Rev. Father Hart officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

He was born in Saginaw County Oct. 5, 1893.

He was a veteran of World War I, serving in France, where his hearing was destroyed by proximity to artillery fire. He served in the 111th Field Artillery of the 29th Division.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Emma Tilmann of Beal City and Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker of Weidman and Florida; also two brothers, Ernest and Charles of Beal City; and 32 nieces and nephews, and a great many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Theresa Schmidt; a sister, Amelia Martin, and three brothers, Otto, Frank and Herman.

The families have the sympathy of their many friends.

Frederick Schmidt was buried with full military honors, the Honor Guard from the Mt. Pleasant VFW giving the gun salute and Taps.

Obituary

EDITH V. CRAVEN Edith V. Craven of Remus died Saturday at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility, after a long illness. She was 81.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in the Two Rivers Cemetery.

Edith was born in Gilmore Township Oct. 3, 1897, daughter of Adelmer and Clorinda Seymour.

She married Henry Craven in Gilmore Township June 27, 1921. Henry was Sheriff of Isabella County for a number of years.

Edith was a member of the Winn United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Winn Eastern Stars and the White Shrine of Jerusalem No. 26 in Alma.

She had served as Isabella County Undersheriff when Henry held the post of Sheriff.

She is survived by her husband, Henry; a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Janet) Himebaugh of Remus; and four grandchildren; and many friends who will mourn her passing.

Obituary

FLOSSIE SCOTT

The Brinton area people were shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death of Flossie Scott early Monday morning, Dec. 11, in the Clare Osteopathic Hospital.

She was born May 30, 1903, in Belding, but had lived in the Brinton area since 1942. Her husband, Henry, preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons: Truman of Lansing, Frank of Maple City and Donald of Lake, with whom she made her home.

She is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Elain Mercer, of St. Johns; and seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Also a sister, Mrs. Bessie Kaser, of Belding.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Pastor Edwin Self of the Nazarene Church of Big Rapids officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

Her many friends in this area will mourn her passing.

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Card of Thanks

A Thank You to the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant from the family of Clara Fox;

To Dr. Chamberlain, and the nurses; and the priests, Father Hart, Father Neubecker, and Father Fox.

Also the ladies at Beal City who prepared and served the dinner for the family after the funeral;

Those who donated food, Masses and Flowers.

The Family of Clara Fox

Card of Thanks

Your expressions of sympathy and words and deeds were deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the families of Winifred Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Dean Smith And Family Mr. and Mrs. Art Schrock And Family

This Saturday is graduation at CMU, where Robert Louisell, Jr., will graduate. Bob's grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Louisell, plan to attend the cermonies.



THESE FOUR PRETTY BAIRNS--And their leader, from the Beal City 4-H Club were the Messenger gal's first Christmas carolers, appearing Sunday and giving with a couple of the lovely carols--and also a beautifully decorated box of yummy fresh fruit and those wonderful home-baked cookies. Our thanks to you, bonnie Bairns from Beal City, and have a good holiday!

Messenger photo

FIREMEN RESPOND TO CALL AT 5.32 A.M. MONDAY

The nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department answered a call at 5, 32 a.m. Monday when a motor in a furnace burned up at the Bob Hamilton home at 6350 North Sherman Road.

Some smoke damage was reported to the house. Firemen removed the smoke which filled the house, with its smoke-remover apparatus.

They were back at the Fire Hall at 6.50.

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WBA VOTES TO AGAIN SUPPORT THE PIG ROAST

At last week's meeting of the Weidman Business Association, the first held in the new Community Building, there were just eight members present.

Great credit was given the bingo workers, some 15 faithful workers, headed by Gary McArthur, whose dream it was to one day build a Community Building for this area, in the town of Weidman.

At last Thursday night's meeting it was voted for the WBA to support again the Lil' Mac Pig Roast in February. There will be a Lil' Mac special meeting Dec. 18 at the new Community Building here. The heating system will be completed by that time, it was figured.

Gary Himebaugh saved the WBA an estimated \$2,000 by his help in laying tile for floors, yet to be done.

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Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush returned to her home after

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staying with her mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, about a month while she was waiting for furnace repairs.

Grant Johnston of MSU spent Friday night with his grandmother, Claribel Beutler. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur attended the bank Christmas party at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. The lovely dinner was for all employees of Isabella Bank and Trust, from Mt. Pleasant and Weidman.



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THE BEAL CITY BANK HOLDS 1ST ANNIVERSARY--Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday were Open House days at the American Security Bank's branch in Beal City. Coffee, and cookies made by the Beal City order of the St. Joseph Church ladies' Altar Society (yummy!) were offered visitors to the bank. The Beal City bank is a great addition to the village, and Beal City folks appreciate it. Shown above are Mike Goodyear, Manager (center), with Kaye Coston and Gail Cone, tellers. Messenger photo

Mrs. Irene Smith returned from CMC Hospital last Wednesday. Mrs. Delores Gould called on

Mrs. June Blasen Thursday afternoon.

We welcome to our parish Mrs. Sandra MacArthur and children, Scott and Jennifer, of Beal City Road; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher and their children, Lou and Jonathan, of Littlefield Road; Mrs. Mark Zitzelsberger of Lake Isabel-

Fred Schmidt was buried Saturday from here.

ing Sr. Marie Alexander.

Frances Beck, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen.

Brinton News

I spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cook, having supper with them.

Alfred Bartley returned home with Don Lee to Grand Rapids, where he will spend some time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cook were in Ionia Monday.

The neighborhood was shocked to learn of the death of Flossie Scott Sunday at the Clare Hospital, where she was admitted Saturday.

Helen Strang called at the Coker Funeral Home Sunday evening, paying respects to Mrs. Winfield Godwin of Farwell. Mr. Godwin was that city's policeman for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sowle and family enjoyed a family get-together Sunday, with dinner in the hall in Brinton.

Ray Geasler returned home last Thursday from CMC Hospital, where he was admitted Monday. He is feeling some improved at

this time.

Sorry to hear of the misfortune to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson when their home north of Brinton was badly damaged from fire last Tuesday morning.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and son of Ashley were Saturday support guests of the Ronnie Sprague family. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer and Heather of Gladwin were Sunday supper

Robert Valentine of Midland was a Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Friday overnight guests at the Bernard Pitts' were Arthur and Myrtle of Pickford, Mich. They are fellow insurance agents Bernard and Yvonne met while on a trip to Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams of Midland were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips, for an early Christmas celebra-

Rowena Allen and son, Greg, attended the wedding of Larry Winckles, son of an old college friend of Mrs. Allen, at Spring Arbor, south of Jackson, Saturday. They stayed over night with their uncle and aunt, the Richardsons, who live at Jack-

Greg Allen is home from his studies at Michigan State University for the Christmas holiday.



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Reminds them of you 48 times

Beal City Dora Smith, Reporter

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

Tillie Schafer and Mrs. Hackett spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home at Dream Lake.

A large number from here attended the funeral of Joe Theisen in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Howard Schafer and wife spent Thursday in Grand Rapids visit-

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend with relatives around Beal City.

Congratulations! The pastor baptized Jonathan Edwin Fletcher, son of Tom and Mary Fletcher; Emonalee Roselene Schafer, daughter of James and Janice Schafer.

"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" play will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, by students of St. Joseph's School.

Prizes won at our Christmas bazaar: picture, Vera McKenzie; quilt, Ray Endres; maternity set. Édna Rau.

Mrs. Mag Noble and Lou visited Louis Rau Sunday.

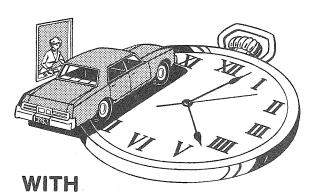
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace and Jennifer called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and

family called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell Saturday avening.

Beal City 4-H girls went caroling around Beal City Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Shirley Block had a baby shower for Mrs. Vern Hoag Wednesday evening.



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The family of Frederick Schmidt wishes to expres its. gratitude for the help and the sympathy extended to the family of Frederick Schmidt;

Also to Father Hart, and the VFW Honor Guard of Mt. Pleasant, who acted as pallbearers and gave a gun salute and played Taps.

Also our thanks to the Lux-Rush Funeral Home for its consideration of all of us.

Also our thanks to the Beal City ladies who prepared and served the delicious dinner.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all relatives and friends for the flowers and their personal kindness during the time of our sadness in the loss of our beloved son, Ray L. Fahnestock, age 46.

Also the Busy Bees for the lovely flower.

God bless you all
The Family of
Charles Fahnestock
Nelson Bateman
And Family
Ray was Renne's brother.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMING DEC. 17

Weidman United Methodist Church will observe its annual Christmas program and dinner with a special presentation by the children, followed by other musical numbers. This will be followed by a covered-dish meal, with all the congregation sharing.

Following the meal, members will go throughout the community caroling, especially at the homes of older members of the community. The carolers will return to the church for hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn. All members and friends of the church are invited.

Dec. 24: Weidman United Methodist Church will observe its Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. with a special service of candle light, carols, scripture and the Holy Eucharist. The service is adapted from a Christmas Eve worship celebrated at King's College in England.

There will be special choral and instrumental music presented by members of the congregation. The Holy Eucharist will be served, using a new communion set purchased in memory of Kenneth Saunders. It is a hand-made cer-

amic set consisting of chalice, paten and flagen.

The church also will follow a tradition begun last year. Each family or individual will bring a candle which will be lighted from the Christ candle, then placed on the communion table. Following the service, the candles will be taken home and burned during families' Christmas celebration.

The public is sincerely invited to share in this celebration.

Dec. 31: The church will have as guest speaker the Rev. Thomas Jones, head of the Wesley Foundation at Central Michigan University. Rev. Jones is responsible for providing pastoral services for students on campus. He comes from several years' experience in the pastorate, and with special interest in campus ministry. He will speak about his responsibilities, as well as the role of the Wesley Foundation on campuses across the country.

The public is cordially invited to attend the 9.30 service.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH (1 Mile West of Weidman) Pastor: Marvin Eldridge. Ph. 644-3504.

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Our Christmas program will be Sunday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Monday evening supper guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls, and all attended the school play.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes left Sunday for Washington, D. C., for the week. This is a business trip for Wayne.

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Editor's Column

By Connie (Continued from Page 1)

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Even on the School Board. ---0---

BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 50 AT CARD PARTY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 50 in attendance.

Coletta Gross won first prize for the ladies, with Isabella Martin second and Annie Schafer low.

For the men, Frank Bierschbach won first prize, with Jack Cotter second and Joe Streng

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize. Mike Gross won the door prize.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be a Christmas pot-luck noon dinner, at 12.30, Dec. 21.

Everyone is invited. ___0__

FIELD GEOLOGY CLASSES OFFERED AT MID MICHIGAN

A class in "Selected Topics in Field Geology" will be offered this year by Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison. The travel class will concentrate on regional geology of western United States; South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.

The class is scheduled for May 15-June 6, the field trip covering 5,400 miles. The course will emphasize structural components and their influence on the current and past landscapes.

Some of the locations of study will include the Badlands, Black Hills, Devil's Tower, Bighorn, Owl Creek, Wind River, Tetons, Yellowstone, Bear Mouth, and glacier areas. Other locations will allow collection and study of minerals in various mining

Total cost for the trip is set at \$225 for in-district residents, (Clare and Gladwin Counties), and \$245 for out-district residents, based on current prices of gas, food, etc.

Travel by car is included in the course fee, as are tuition, food and campground costs.

Students may earn three semester hours of credit in geology, and they're transferable.

Enrollment in the class is limited. Interested persons are urged to contact Paul Bazeley at Mid Michigan Community College, tel. 386-7792, ext. 245, for reservations in the class.

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Shirley Willoughby was a Sunday supper guests of the Gene McArthurs.

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

Harold Losey called on his mother, Hattie Losey, Sunday evening. Hattie was a supper guest of the Gerald Loseys. Ardith and Theron Merrihew were callers later in the evening.

Kenny Oplinger and Debbie and Jessica Madigan spent the weekend at the Earl Oplingers'.

Opal Denslow enjoyed having friends, Ollie Denslow, Violet Carr, Lottie Poquette, Marge Burgess and Maxine Mapes, in for Sunday dinner. In the afternoon they all attended the Chippewa Hills Band Christmas concert at the high school, and viewed their lovely display of home-made and other articles for sale to benefit the band's trip to Florida.

Phyllis Wood continues to improve from her bout with pneumonia, and is spending a few days with her mother in Mt. Plea-Pleasant, convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes and Mrs. Maude Cassidy of Lake were Thursday supper guests of the Elwood Millers.

Sunday, the Jim Thompsons and Bob, Shirley Fox, Bill, and Melanie Mayer enjoyed dinner at the Bonanza in Mt. Pleasant. Betty attended a UMW meeting at Violet Billings' in Remus Wednesday afternoon.

Margaret Denslow, Lois Strong

and Mildred Bachelor attended the Christmas meeting and last meeting till April of the Mecosta Literary Club Tuesday evening.

Don't forget the Drew Busy Bee Christmas meeting at Margaret Denslow's today, Thursday, Dec. 14!

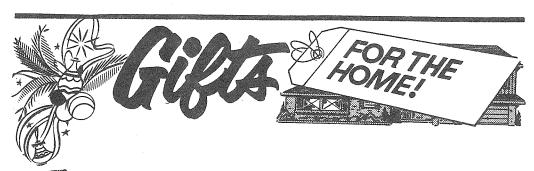
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Local Items.

Mrs. Clara Smith was among the many attending a Christmas party at the Methodist parsonage Friday evening. It was a party for Methodist women.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls were Saturday visitors of the Jacques Coons of Lake Saturday.

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