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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT COMES EARLY

So the holiday spirit comes on us early this year, as we approach our winter vacation (between Christmas and New Year). The calendar came out slightly unhandy for a weekly paper to take its holiday vacation; so we're getting out next week's edition (Dec. 20), and then skipping the traditional Christmas holiday week. There will be no paper for Dec. 27.

Our faithful news writers will get their copy in next week as usual, and then, with us, take a holiday. News for the Jan. 3 issue must be mailed as usual on Monday, Dec. 31, for us to get it in by Thursday (or rather, Wednesday morning, when we get the paper printed).

So--we'll all get out next week's paper and then, oh bliss, we'll all sit back and enjoy the Christmas holidays.

We're proud to live in Weidman. Weidman merchants and business people have put on a Christmas display (without undue lighting facilities) that is outstanding.

Individual stores and offices are more beautifully trimmed this year than ever, we feel. Leading in elegant trim is the Weidman Branch of the Isabella Bank and Trust, with its interior purely beautiful with professionally-done Christmas trim.

All our places of business are trimmed up, with some in the forefront of beauty, including Abbott's Furniture Store with its window trim and its regular outdoor carpeting on its outside step doing a lot for the holiday display.

Among others outstanding are Bud's Party Store, Lou Fiorillo's Weidman Rexall Pharmacy, and the Weidman Family Restaurant, which really went all-out on the Christmas spirit and produced probably the gayest and loveliest, all told, trimming of its interior in town.

Homes are decorating with wreaths and ribbons instead of lights. Some have lovely com-



WEIDMAN MARINA OPENS FOR BUSINESS--Jack Houghton stands beside one of his Evinrude Skimmer snowmobiles as he opens his doors for business beginning this week Monday. The marina, on Lake Weidman, has been in the construction stage during the past year. Pre-construction work involved extensive landfills on the site, which was swamp and often covered with water in the old days. The marina is a great addition to Weidman's business places. Messenger photo

The marina also will have a complete line of sporting goods, not yet installed.

It also has the dealership for a complete line of Allis-Chalmers home tractors and lawn and garden accessories.

It also has a complete line of Evinrude products, such as snowmobiles, boat motors, and so on.

The Weidman Marina will offer snow removal on call to Weidman people this winter, for driveways and walks and general business-place cleanup. Jack Houghton said he has a snowblower on one of his Allis Chalmers home tractors, but also has a blade for those who prefer snow pushing to snow dispersal in winter cleanups.

Jack will also offer small-engine repair, with a completely equipped workshop, for lawn mowers, snowmobiles, garden tractors, boat motors, etc.

We're lucky to have this welcome addition to our town's offerings of services and sales.

binations of greenery and red ribbons, and Christmas trinket decorations.

We're doing fine in Weidman, Mich., thank you.



CHESTER VORE

HONORED ON RETIREMENT--Chester Vore and his wife, Jean, were guests of honor at a dinner party Saturday evening hosted by Ivan and Rowena Allen at their home.

Chet retired after 12 1/2 years with Allen Lumber Company in Weidman, and preceding that, 15 years with the Little Rock Lumber Company in Alma. He was employed as a carpenter in both places.

Chet says now he is thoroughly enjoying his leisure time, and plans to have a hobby shop at his home, and perhaps do some traveling with his family, a dream of long standing. They would like to visit relatives and friends ranging from New Jersey to California.

Seven employees and their spouses were guests at the Allen home Saturday evening, at a dinner party. His colleagues presented Chet with a gift of money.

store.

Police said the back door of Baumann's was pried open, as was the back door of Weaver's. At Palmer's it was the front door that was demolished in gaining entry.

Bud's Party Store escaped robbery, due to a stout bar across the back door. Bud said that apparently the thieves tried to pry open his door but gave up.

Robbery and breakins are becoming a serious problem in the life of Weidman. Lou Fiorillo's Weidman Rexall Pharmacy was broken into earlier this fall and \$500 in cash and a quantity of narcotics were stolen.

Police have not solved the pharmacy robbery.

ROBBERS GET MONEY, LIQUOR, CIGARETS IN STORE BREAKINS HERE

State police have been investigating the breakins of three Weidman business places which occurred some time late last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

Broken into and robbed were Baumann's IGA Store, the Idle Hour Bar and Weaver's Tavern.

Keith Baumann told the Messenger that \$111 in change was stolen, along with 20 cartons of cigarettes.

Betty Palmer said the thieves got 12 cases of whisky, five cases of beer, two cartons of cigarettes and \$35 in cash. The thieves also wrecked the front door of the Idle Hour Bar, or Palmer's, and a new one would have to be purchased, Mrs. Palmer said.

Evelyn Hackney told the Messenger that Weaver's Tavern lost \$400 in cash, a few cigarettes and her Michigan Lottery money, but the thieves left lottery tickets and records.

The breakin of Baumann's store was discovered by a truck driver at about 5 a.m. as he drew up to deliver goods to the

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey, Mrs. Jessie Rosencrantz, Mrs. Virginia Lyness and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen were Tuesday evening guests at the Gerald Losey home, celebrating Chad Chapman's first birthday, which was Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Wednesday evening guests of the Loseys were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Les Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Chapman and Amy, Jim Chapman and Janette Flachs. Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy were Sunday callers.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the Vance Wood home. She announces the birth of a great-grandson, a nine-pound, four-ounce boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Antcliff of Grand Ledge. He will answer to the name of Bradley William.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wood.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Margie Denslow called on Mrs. Hattie Losey and me Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were afternoon callers.

Jim Wright of Clarkston spent the weekend with his folks, the Wilbur Wrights. Mrs. Katie Smith was a Sunday dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich were callers.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on the Junior Denslows Sunday at

Lakeview. They are building a new home there. Later she called on Mrs. Milford Denslow at the hospital in Lakeview.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW meeting of the Remus Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon. She will be hostess to the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon. It will be the Christmas party, with gift exchange. Everyone welcome.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Card of Thanks

THEISEN

I would like to thank everyone who remembered me in any way while I was in the hospital and during my recovery at home.

Also Frank and I would like to wish all our friends and neighbors a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

Frank and Frances

Obituary

JOHN G. SPAYD

John G. Spayd of rural Remus died Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Edmore Hospital. He was 80.

He was born May 7, 1893, in Gratiot County, and formerly worked for the Gratiot County Road Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie; two sons, Clair and John, Jr., both of Remus; three daughters, Marie and Lena M. Olger, Remus, and Elva Criss; and 17 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Thanks for sending the papers. Am enclosing a check for \$1.00. The extra will help pay for your bother.

We got here Dec. 4. It was real warm then, but has turned colder. It's about 52 degrees today, and a real hard rain. The rain was needed. It was very dry.

Thanks again.

Beulah Soott
Zephyrhills, Florida

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler were dinner guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended a lodge meeting at Millbrook Saturday evening.

Gilda Teeter and I were in Mt. Pleasant Monday, where she called on her doctor.

Jane Fields and I were at Winn Friday, where we purchased some hens from the Crosby chicken farm south of Winn.

Eathel Beers was a caller of her granddaughter, Echo Godwin, Tuesday.

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Small Rebecca Vore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Vore, had surgery for removal of tonsils and adenoids at CMC Hospital last Wednesday. She was reported doing fine.

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Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Sgt. and Mrs. August (Skip) Merritt and three children are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlo (Ike) Allen. They have returned from Germany and will leave Jan. 26 to make their home at Fort Hood, Texas.

Callers here this past week were Josephine Allen and granddaughter, Pearl Jack of Howard City, Don and Judy Schafer and daughters Josette and Heather, Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, and Vera Kavanaugh.

I had coffee with Edith Lueder Saturday morning.

Ed and I took Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, to look over their land they have purchased on Woodruff Road, south of here.

Walt and Johanna Smith took Ed and me to Fowler Sunday.

Loretta Lorenz received word that a friend, Louie Bowein, of Detroit, wasn't feeling too good.

Flo Haupt called on Loretta Lorenz one day last week.

Chris Smith of Lansing called on her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Sunday. Another daughter-in-law, Shirley Smith, and sons of Eaton Rapids, called on the Smiths the first of the week. Saturday their son, Gary, and Shirley returned for a visit.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Harold spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis returned last week Friday from a four-week trip to visit their son, Nelson, and family, in Casper, Wyoming. They went down into Mexico, and then across the southern states for a tour of Florida.

Mrs. Justine Foster was hostess at a get-acquainted coffee hour at her home Tuesday morning. Twenty ladies were present, with newcomers Mrs. Lee Thompson, Mrs. Connie McWilliams and Mrs. Anne Den Halhigh from the Lake Isabella area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin and family of Saginaw were Sunday guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lovica Krueger.

Louis Larson and son, Lars, of Tuscola visited the Chris Larsons Monday.

Mrs. Herman Lueder was hostess for the Birthday Club last week. Guests were Mrs. Edith Lueder and Mrs. Vida Lueder, Mrs. Hulda Stevens, Mrs. Nettie Crowley, Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Mrs. Ethel Wager and Mrs. Lydia Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses were hosts to their pinochle club Friday evening at their

Mt. Pleasant home. Guests included the Emil and Herman Lueders and the Jack Lieders.

The Broomfield Lutheran Ladies' Aid members were Friday evening guests of the Remus Lutheran Ladies, at a pre-Christmas party.

Mrs. Richard Flaugh and children were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaugh. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaugh and family of Midland were Friday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and Beth, and Ivan, Shelly, Robbie, and Donnie Hines, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, Jr., and baby, Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor and children and Mrs. Emily Martin were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and family.

Mrs. Loretta Lorenz and Clarence visited Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

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GIRLS FROM THE 1939-43 BASKETBALL TEAM OF WHS

By Helen Alwood

Would you like to make your old coach Holly (Fechner) Stibitz happy this Christmas by sending her a card?

Holly has retired from her teaching career. She'll be 58 Christmas Day.

After Christmas she is going

to have throat surgery, and she is about to have her gall bladder out.

Her husband, "Butch", is fine since his open heart surgery.

Holly's son Jeff is in a State office in Lansing, and her daughter, Mary Jo, is a teacher near home.

The Stibitzes spent a long weekend with Jo and Don Ritchie in Port Huron this year.

Holly was one of four teachers making their home in Mrs. Edna Schultz's house in Weidman, now owned by the Bob

Suman family. The Bill Smith family looked out for them, as they called their place "The Hags' Haven". The other teachers staying there were Jo Ritchie (Don was in service at the time), Jenean Atkinson (deceased) and Fran Osborn. Holly's address: Mrs. Holly Stibitz, 1903 Crestwood Lane, Muskegon, Mich. 49441.

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Mrs. Howard Monroe is in CMC Hospital, seriously ill, her husband reported Tuesday morning.

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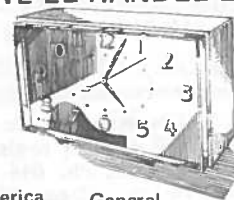
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Dora Smith, Reporter

Norman Schafer and family and Jim Schafer and family spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Walter Schafer home.

Alfred Klumpp spent Saturday and Sunday in Saginaw, at the Naval Reserve headquarters.

Ruth Klumpp and girls spent Sunday with Maxine Klumpp in Mt. Pleasant.

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

This community was saddened by the sudden death of Joe Bollman. He was buried Monday in Mt. Pleasant.

All the children of the Ed Kavanaughs were home Friday evening to help celebrate Ed's 73rd birthday.

The Earl Tilmanns had a party Saturday evening. They are planning on going to Florida.

Matie Pung had company from Portland last week, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pung and Martha Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and Renee called on Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rau Sunday afternoon.

The Beal City Business Association put up Christmas decora-

tions Sunday afternoon. They really look nice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber and Gertrude Gross went to Grand Rapids Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block entertained company Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Donald Pantenburg had a birthday party for her daughter, Donna, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Theisen entertained her employees and their husbands at a Christmas party Saturday evening.

Mary Pung visited Dora Smith in CMC Hospital Friday afternoon. Ann Smith visited her Sunday afternoon. Dora had been in the hospital over a week, for tests and x-rays. She hoped to be home early this week.

Tillie Schafer visited Louise Smith Thursday. Dan and Susanne Bowen of Grand Ledge stopped on their way home from Reed City to visit Louise. They bought two hand-made quilts from her.

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Sp/5 Bruce Reed is enjoying an extended leave from his Army base in Texas. He is staying at the home of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Reed, and enjoying visits with old neighbors and friends.

BEAL CITY High School Honor Roll

12th Grade: Lynette Schafer, all A's; Rhoda Straus, Bob Straus, Lynn Starr, Lois Schafer, Jeff Schafer, Barb Hauck, Ken Gross, Becky Cook. B average: Becky Quillen, Tim Pung, Diane Sheahan, Steve Schmidt, Tom Ley, Julie Guthrie, Jeff Gruss, Mary Fussman, Don Barz.

11th Grade: Debbie Cook, all A's. Marian Clark, Jean Gross, Marlene Gruss, Cathy Tilmann, Leo Pasch, Linda Simmer, Ann Smith, Phil Tilmann. B average: Pam Block, Kay Brickner, Theresa Britten, Janice Clevenger, Marianne Faber, Paul Faber, Bruce Jackson, Dawn Luce, Janet Sheahan, Kim Stevens, Rose Zeien.

10th Grade, B or better: Gary Gross, Karen Miller, Kathy Onstott, Mark Rau, Dyana Recker, Margie Reihl, Cathy Schumacher, Wayne Smith, Jean Vandebossche. B average: Ed Clevenger, Frank Engler, Bill Funnell, Lynn Guthrie, Peggy Hauck, Joe McDonald, Dennis C. Schafer, Bruce Smith, Kathy Steffke, Tracie Wilson.

9th Grade, B or better: Tina Ball, Sharon Block, Debbie Coston, Bob Gross, Greg Klumpp, Diane Krueger, Ed McDonald, Carla Miller, Sandy Reihl, Deb Smith, Karen Straus. B average: Rose Clark, Cliff Deming. Bet-

ty Gross, Kit Hendrickson, Gail Luce, Brenda Pohl, Phil Schafer, Pam Simmer, Lesa Smith.

8th Grade: B or better: Debbie Rau, Doug Rau, Chris Schafer, Jane Schafer, Tom Smith, Louie Straus, Theresa Wilson, Barb Rau, Sue Schafer, Ellen Smith, Brian Straus, Denise Tilmann. B average: Geoff Brickner, Dave Starr, Kathy Zuker, Denise Bierschbach, Ken Miller, Jane Pohl, Tim Schafer, Tim Streng.

7th grade: B or better: Joan Barz, Mary Gross, Chuck Burr, Norma Clark, Sheryl Herdlein, Gay Smith. B average: Dotty Hoffman, Patty Ley, Kalvin Miller, Betty Simmer, Terry Starr, Keith Streng, Mary Zeien, Denise Finnerty, John Hendrickson, Cathy Luce, Eric McDonald, Lucinda Schafer, Denise Steffke, Scott Yunker, Tim Tilmann.

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NEWS NOTES

Small Michelle Clark, niece of Mrs. Dennis Embrey and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clark, is in the burn center at Ann Arbor. Her address is the Burn Center, University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. The four-year-old girl would appreciate get well or Christmas cards. She was burned over 35 percent of her body in a home accident. She is immobilized in an oxygen tent, unable to move.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The Don Alwood family heard from Arthur Pridgeon in Ypsilanti this Christmas season. He was feeling pretty good at that writing, but he had a very serious heart attack in December, 1963. He gets the Weidman Messenger, so keeps in touch with home folks. He has a different address. Here 'tis: Arthur Pridgeon, 108 Washtenaw Ave., Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

Mrs. Muriel Miller and family, Mrs. Dean Chapman and family and Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and family of Rosebush had lunch and spent the afternoon Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and children spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, and family.

Everett and Stella Gulembo wrote on their Christmas card to Helen Alwood that Everett retired July 1. They moved from Paw Paw to Traverse City Aug. 1. They plan to leave for Alabama Dec. 15, if the gas situation will allow it. Mr. Gulembo was the ag teacher at the Weidman High School at one time, and helped plant the school forest.

Friday luncheon guests at the Don Alwood home were Mrs. Fonda Alwood and Heather, Mrs. Elvah Gott and Miss Becky England. Callers through the week included Mrs. Leo Smith, Mrs. Nora Geasler and Mrs. Mildred Askegard of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on us Saturday morning, and took us for a ride north to Cadillac. We had lunch there.

Donny Alwood and Craig Battle went with their basketball

team and coach, Dan Rose, Saturday to Merrill for a practice game. Their first Junior High regular game was this Wednesday night at the high school, with Reed City.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and Casey called on us Sunday, and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Battleshaw and children.

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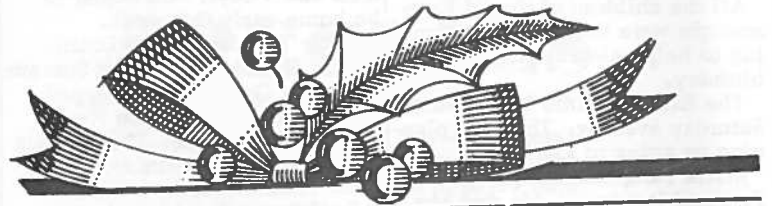
Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Brown and family of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family were Sunday morning visitors of the Ronnie Sprague family. They enjoyed admiring Christmas decorations there, and coffee with Bonnie and Ronnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug McArthur and son attended a retirement party for Chester Vore at the Ivan Allen home Friday evening. Also present were all the other employees of Allen Lumber Co., and their spouses.

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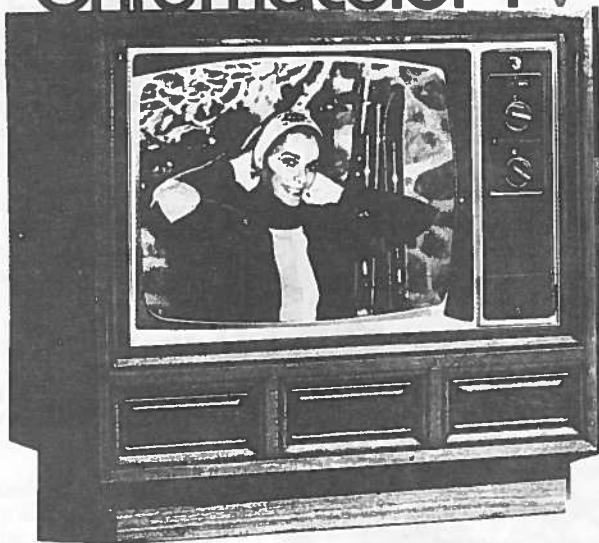
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Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and two daughters of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Ethel Wager attended the Birthday Club at the home of Mrs. Helen Lueder near Remus, Wednesday.

Ruth Blesch of Barryton was in CMC Hospital last week. Emma Middlesworth and Joan Charnes visited her Saturday. Lennie Otterbine was also in the hospital, and they also visited her. Mrs. Otterbine suffered a heart attack.

Bruce Reed called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Sunday evening. Bruce is home on leave from his Army base in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski were Christmas shopping in Flint last Wednesday, and visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew, while there.

Mrs. Wanda Haenke and boys of Blanchard were Tuesday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Janice Touchinski. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake were Thursday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Friday supper guests of his mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts.

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent Sunday with her son and family, the Elwyn Pittses, of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Skinner of Swartz Creek were Friday lun-

cheon and afternoon guests of Connie Skinner.

the Churches

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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

Choir Thursday, 6.30 p.m., at the parsonage.

Our Christmas program will be held Dec. 16 at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

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Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sharing and Prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.

U.M.W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

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Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
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Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.

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SANTA WILL BE HERE--In Weidman, about 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22. He'll

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MEETINGS SET TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS ON TAX EXEMPTION PAPERS

Sherman Township officials have set Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18, for Senior Citizens of the township to get help on their tax forms for homestead exemption.

The meeting will be held at the Weidman Elementary school cafeteria, from 2 to 4 p.m., with people urged not to plan to all come at the same time, if possible. There will be no speakers, but two aides from the Commission on Aging will be there to help individuals fill out their tax exemption papers, which go to the state instead of to the local Township Supervisor as before. Exemption forms will be available at the meeting. Anyone 65 years old or over is eligible to claim the tax exemption on his or her home only.

This will be the only meeting to aid home owners in making out the state forms, it was announced this week. Bobbie Opfinger said she would be there to be of what help she can.

Those not certain of their 1973 total income should attend anyhow, Bobbie said in a telephone interview. Get your papers and be ready and able to fill them out, she advises.

Nottawa Supervisor Ernest Schmidt announces a similar meeting for his township Senior Citizens, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City on Monday, Dec. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Citizens will pay real estate taxes as billed by the townships, but if claims are made according to the regulation forms, monies will be refunded according to individuals' income and taxable property. Some say that, if the state forms are filled out properly and sent in promptly, refunds might be forthcoming before the tax deadline arrives. This is admittedly an "iffy".

It is important, it was stressed in the interview, that Senior taxpayers get their papers to be filled out, even if they don't plan to make out an income report and make their tax payments until January.

If this sounds confusing, we claim it is. Best thing to do is attend the meeting in your township and get instructions and help--also the state papers necessary.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Vida Lueder spent Friday morning with Mrs. Ethel Wager.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and family Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider were at the Lake Isabella Lounge Sunday evening, where their sons' combo played in a jamboree put on by the lounge.

In the Editor's Mail

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with much anger and concern that we write this protest about a problem that has grown very much out of proportion in the school systems in the State of Michigan.

We are referring to high school sports, which we are very much in favor of, but the hardship they place on some is very unreasonable and quite unnecessary.

We live in a very large consolidated school district and are many miles from the high school. This is our oldest child's first year in high school sports, and already we are in a state of confusion. All high school sports are practiced after school hours on every night of the week.

This district did not vote for the millage in the last election, so of course one of the first things dropped was the shuttle bus which brought those in sports back to their home towns. Many people live five to 10 miles from their home town. When you compound that with another 10 or 15 to the high school, the mileage to and from every night of the week gets to be more than many can manage.

The parent who must spend an hour on the road must also play a guessing game as to when the child gets through with practice or scrimmage or whatever the group might be doing that night. After driving many miles we have sat in a cold car (because of a gas shortage) for an hour waiting for our child to get through, while supper burned at home on the stove. If high school sports are important

enough to be practiced every day, why are they not added to the daily school curriculums as are other important subjects? Those who do not live in the inner circle of a school district are very much discriminated against. Perhaps it is not intentional, but facts are facts.

It also looks as if the energy crisis will be around for a long time. This is another good reason why the State of Michigan and the school districts should take a long hard look at their high school sports policy.

We need answers that all parents and students can live with. Surely there are many students who are denied the privilege of participation in sports because of the drawbacks mentioned above.

Won't someone please help, soon! A copy of this letter is being sent to the State Board of Education; State Representative Ralph Ostling; Chippewa Hills Superintendent Vern Alward; Weidman Messenger; Chippewa Hills Courier-Shopper.

Thank you.

(Name withheld.)

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Dear Mrs. Skinner:

Am enclosing check of eight dollars for my subscription. Am not sure how long this will pay for, but will check on my next copy. The one I checked was blurred so I couldn't make it out.

I came to Weidman in 1908 to teach the Conley School, and never left Isabella County to live after that, so can see why I want to continue my subscription to your newsy paper.

Like Mrs. Scott who passed away, I am a Scrabble fan, even though I passed my 84th birthday

in June.

After breaking a leg three years this coming February, I've pieced 30 quilts, tied and bound them for members of my family to remember me, if for nothing else. I enjoy it so much, and will say again, my daughter, with whom I live, and I, can't get along without the paper.

Sincerely

Mrs. Grace Monthei
Leaton (RFD Mt. Pleasant)

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BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS 16 TABLES IN PLAY

At the Beal City card party at the Knights of Columbus Hall last Tuesday afternoon, there were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Ann Schafer won high-score prize for the ladies, with Matie Pung second. Veronica Tilmann won low.

Henry Schafer won first for the men, with Ragolt Hauck second. Will Faber won low.

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize, Nora Gruss the door prize. A lunch of assorted donuts and coffee was enjoyed.

The next party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be the annual Christmas pot-luck dinner at noon.

Everyone everywhere is invited.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Mabel Dent took her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, to her home for Sunday dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood and Mr. and Mrs. William Wood of Bay City were afternoon and evening guests of Mrs. Wood.

Daisy Embrey attended a review in a financial accounting class (night school) at CMU Sunday afternoon. She took her final exam Monday night.

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