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Editor's Column

By Connie

THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

There really is a Santa Claus in the Weidman area, and you can ask the Don Smiths for fervent verification.

Don completed his evening stint cleaning up the Weidman school one time just before Christmas, went out to his car and lo and behold!!

On the front seat was a 24 3/4 pound frozen turkey, sitting there, bold and uncommunicating as you please.

No clue from the person who put it there. Don says he still hasn't had a glimmer of who it was--but the turkey sure made a wonderful Christmas for the Smith family. In fact, it made two sumptuous dinners, Don said.

That night he found it on his car seat, Don was petrified. He took the turkey to the school principal, and said, "What'll I do? Suppose it's stolen? Suppose one of the stores reports thefts of turkeys tomorrow morning? I sure don't want to have anything to do with anything like that!"

The school principal told Don to take the turkey home and have his family enjoy it at Christmas dinner. Don went to several other people for advice as to whether or not he should take the turkey home. Finally he was convinced, and the family had a wonderful Christmas.

This week Monday Don said he's been hoping the giver would let him thank him or her, for the bountiful gift.

We say that's the kind of Christmas giving that really comes from the heart: When you don't expect any recognition for it.

WE CLARIFY OUR POSITION ON TOWNSHIP OFFICERS' PAY

We hasten to clarify this paper's stance on salaries of surrounding township officials' salaries and paychecks.

Our first and foremost concern is keeping township control as nearly local as possible under our modern administrative set-

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THIS LOOKS COLD FOR ROAD BUILDING--An old photo showing men with teams of horses and sleighs with boxbeds for hauling, putting the first gravel road through Sherman City, probably soon after the turn of the century. This shows how Isabella County's first gravel roads were built.

SECOND ANNUAL LIL' MAC PIG ROAST SET FOR FEB. 17

The second annual "Lil' Mac" pig roast and snowmobile gathering is scheduled for Feb. 17 this year at the Elwood Miller farm on the Chippewa River, with an alternate of Feb. 24 if weather is too bad on the 17th.

It's an outdoor fun-day, with the lovely rolling acres of the Miller farm an unbelievably beautiful background for the tummy-filling feature of the day, a dinner of roasted pig, Evelyn Hackney's gourmet bean soup, and this year added features of dressing with the meat, and home-made bread.

Last year Evelyn took a bushel of navy beans, put them in a huge outdoor kettle, added water and whatever else makes her bean soup inimitable, and cooked it all morning over an open wood fire. We never tasted anything so good.

Harry Pung did the chore of roasting two pigs on spits over charcoal fires last year, and this year he'll be roasting four pigs over charcoals. The charcoal-broiled pig meat is also out of this world in taste. This year he'll be burning up 800 pounds of charcoal to roast the

four pigs.

Evelyn will be using 200 pounds of beans for the delectable soup. Bob Block is furnishing bread for the dressing for the pork.

A wood-cutting bee was held Saturday, with 15 men from the Fire Department, Beal City Business Association, and the Weidman Business Association present. They took tops from a timbered-off piece across the road from Sonny Lowery's place, and cut them into firewood. Bill Donaldson had his winch truck there and hauled the treetops out of the woods into an opening, and men with chain saws did the rest. Nine men tossed the cut-up wood on a Bader Milling Company truck and hauled it to the site of the big event on the Miller farm.

Committees, besides those mentioned above, include Jane Blubaugh and Carol Schafer, in charge of butter and oleo; Vic of Vic Gulf Service will have gas mixtures for snowmobiles available on the celebration grounds; Ronnie Sprague, in charge of obtaining stamps for customers, and also is treasurer for the event; Bill Stewart will be bar tender, for beer, pop and mixed drinks (furnishing

mixes only); Carl Straus and Bob Bleise in charge of portable toilets (there weren't any there last year); Ed Ley in charge of litter barrels.

Transportation from the parking place at the turn-off onto the Miller farm will be furnished, to the tents and dinner far back in the hills.

Twenty-five hundred Lil' Mac buttons have been purchased, and are on sale from any Fireman and most business places in Weidman and Beal City.

This year the event is being sponsored and managed by the Firemen, the Weidman Business Association, and the Beal City Business Association.

It started out last year as a private party put on by Elwood, Iola and George Miller, but it got out of hand and ended with the Firemen managing it and charging a nominal fee for dinner, and realizing a profit.

The Millers again have offered their beautiful farm site for the celebration, and the three organizations are working closely together to make this a perfect dinner and day of fun for ticket purchasers.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Saturday evening visitors of the Keith Thompsons. Mrs. Thompson called on her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser, at Two Rivers, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eva Gray attended a quilting club at the home of Pearl Geasler Tuesday afternoon. Her daughter, Emma, of White Cloud was a Wednesday supper guest. Her Sunday dinner guests were Mrs. Duane Gray and daughter, Teresa, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis were afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed took their daughter, Tiffany, for a checkup with her doctor last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and family of Remus were Friday evening callers of the Lyle Denslows. Mrs. Denslow visited Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John hosted a birthday party for their son, Michael, last Thursday evening. Overnight friends were Donnie Loomis, Ross Blackmer and Tommy Congers. Michael was eight years old that day.

Scott and Kim Portenga have been ill with mumps this past week.

Callers during the week at the Warren Leiter home were Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis. Connie Loomis was a Sunday overnight guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and baby were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Harry Dosenberrys.

Sunday dinner guests of the Leo Denslow were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and family of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Tuesday evening callers of the Pat Dillenbecks. The Dillenbecks visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage at Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and family of Mt. Pleasant. Their son, Lonnie, called Saturday from Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

The Howard Johnson family called on his father, Charlie Johnson, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield and family of Barryton were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. The Emmonses were in Mt. Pleasant Friday morning on business, and spent the afternoon shopping in Big Rapids.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family were

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCaige, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell, all from Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Fenn and family of Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger were also weekend visitors. The Terwilligers have just recently moved to this neighborhood, and are living on Vernon Road.

Mrs. Violet Groh and Eva and Dwight were Monday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blaine. Mrs. Monroe has not been feeling too well this past week.

Miss Pam Riley spent Friday over night and Saturday with Teresa Loomis.

Esther Stanley came home a week ago last Thursday, feeling pretty good. She is staying at her home in Weidman. Welcome back to this area, Esther!

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and Curt, Casey and Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Klumpp and Paula, and Mrs. Al Cochran and Mick were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Harold Losey was a Sunday dinner guest at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bain were Saturday callers at the Elwood Miller home. Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood of Barryton were this week Monday morning callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall were Saturday supper guests of the Benn Johnson family, and they all went snowmobiling later.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood and Vance and Gale Wood were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. They cleaned the driveway, and Gale shoveled a path to the bird feeder. Mrs. Wood says, What would we do without our children?

Mrs. Wood reports that Ralph Bergquist is sitting up now, and coming along real well.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended a pepper party near Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and two granddaughters called on me last week.

Alva Cummins spent several days in the Edmore Hospital. He was expected home Monday of this week. Mrs. Alma White has been staying with her mother while her father was hospitalized.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague received a call Sunday from their son, Mike, from Fort Riley, Kansas. Mike is doing very well as an M. P., but he said it was real cold out there, as well as in Michigan.

Mrs. Denise Bellinger and

Cindy and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls were Monday morning callers of Mrs. Bonnie Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanders, who were moving on to the old Max Gray place in Coldwater Township, Sunday afternoon.

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INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE. Call Harland Snider, Weidman, phone 644-2381. Dec. 13tf

LOST--In Weidman Area: Medium sized long-haired dog, black with white chest and stomach and white markings on legs; answers to the name of Candy, and should be wearing a choke collar with tag showing her name, and name, address and telephone number of owner. Missing since Monday, Dec. 31. Any information leading to her location will be much appreciated. Doug McArthur, tel. 644-2337. Jan. 10tf

OVERDUE BOOKS--From the Gladys McArthur Public Library in Weidman. Please check your library books and bring in delinquent volumes. Jan. 10tf

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WILL THE PERSON--Who has the old photo of Dr. Rondo please return it to me? Apparently I gave it to someone by mistake. I'll appreciate your co-operation. Connie Skinner. Jan. 4tf

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH (1 mile west of Weidman) 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.

Several from the Weidman Baptist Church attended the Snowflake Retreat at the Gilman Springs Camp near Gladwin Sunday. All enjoyed the weekend outing.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a. m. 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, 5.30 p. m. *****

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor Sunday School, 9.15 a. m. Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.

NEWS NOTES

Gary Sprague was off work all last week, suffering from flu.

Obituary

HERMAN VOISIN

Herman Voisin of Mt. Pleasant died Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. He was 76.

He was born June 27, 1897, in Beal City, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Sacred Heart Ushers Club of Mt. Pleasant.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 11 a. m. at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, with Father John Thome officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters, Mrs. C. R. (Anne) Trussell and Mrs. Ed (Clarabel) Hoffman; two brothers, Ernest of Lansing and George of Mt. Pleasant; and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter and new baby of Brinton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and children, Pam and Lynn,

and Mike, visited his parents, the Charles Worth family, at Wellston, Sunday.

The Merry Go Round Club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wanda Graham in Weidman. It was decided to postpone the meetings of the club for two months, then it will be held at the home of Miss Ellen Geasler in April.

Several people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler last Tuesday and did some quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and four daughters of Mishawaka, Ind., spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Paul Coles. They helped their Grandpa celebrate his birthday Jan. 13. The Gansers were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon.

Paul Cole was scheduled to enter Saginaw General Hospital Jan. 16, for surgery Jan. 17.

The Coles had another helping hand Friday when our thoughtful kids, the Kripas, came with a big kettle of chili for supper, for 15 or 20 of us.

Tony Masachuk spent the weekend at his farm, and called on the Coles. He reports his daughter's home near Detroit was destroyed by fire, with loss of all belongings.

Mrs. Barbara Kripa Dennis entered CMC Hospital Sunday.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

CLIFF BEUTLER COMPLETES TECHNICAL COURSE FOR GT

Cliff Beutler, an installation and maintenance serviceman for General Telephone at Mt. Pleasant, has completed a technical course in AC/DC Theory at the company's service training center in Muskegon, the company announces.

Objective of the 10-day course is to enable the student to measure voltage, current, resistance, inductance, capacitance and impedance, and be able to apply the concept of magnetism electro-mechanical operation, relay design, ohm's law, and basic electrical terminology to the solution of practical problems involving telephone communications.

Cliff is the son of Clayton and Fern Beutler of Brinton, and a graduate of the Weidman High School. He has been a General Telephone employee since 1970, as a lineman and I&M serviceman. He and his wife, Maxine, live with their 1 1/2-year-old daughter, Melissa, in Mt. Pleasant.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright included their daughter, Evelyn, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew and family, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad of Detroit. They spent the weekend snowmobiling and fishing.

Nora and Ellen Geasler, Maggie Boger, Cleo Conley and I attended Merry Go Round Club at Wanda Graham's Thursday. The February and March meet-

ings are being canceled. The April meeting will be with Ellen Geasler.

Violet and Shirley Wright and Evelyn Slupe were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Connie Fletcher and her mother, Irene Bowen, were in Mt. Pleasant Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare spent Sunday with his mother, Edna Teeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blodgett.

Mrs. David Livermore's sister, Cathy, from Wisconsin, has been visiting her and other relatives the past week.

Nora Geasler was in Remus Friday, where she had a back treatment at Dr. Kowaleski's office.

Dean Beers of Kalamazoo spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beers, and spent some time with his grandmother, Eathel Beers.

Bernice Whaley was admitted to CMC Hospital Jan. 11. Fay Forbes was admitted Jan. 12.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Sixteen were present at the delayed Christmas party meeting of the Merry Go Round Club at Wanda Graham's home last Thursday. Dinner and a Christmas gift exchange were enjoyed. The next meeting will be in April, at the home of Ellen Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family Tuesday evening.

Jeanette Kennedy and children and Lois Knollenberg and boys

called on the Abbott family Sunday, after church.

Mrs. Eileen Abbott and Mrs. Jim Abbott were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich.

We visited our doctor Monday morning of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott had dinner with us Sunday. Albert Gott was also a dinner guest.

Bruce Parks was a Sunday caller.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Tom Powell and daughter, Karen, of rural Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and two daughters of Mt. Pleasant were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Stanton. HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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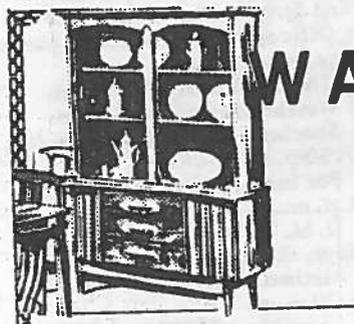
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Clara Fox is home from CMC Hospital, feeling better.

The Jack Pungs, Richard Schafers, Don Schafers, Frank Schafers, Floyd Haucks and Ron Neubeckers went snowmobiling up north over the weekend.

A number of boys took their snowmobiles and went to John Smith's eighty Sunday afternoon.

Gay Lynn Smith is home from CMC Hospital.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. John Smith and Gay Lynn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and daughter, Charlotte, returned to Grand Rapids Sunday evening after she had spent the weekend here.

Mrs. Leo Gross returned home from CMC Hospital last week, feeling much better. Her daughter, May, from California, has been caring for her.

Mrs. John Sheahan and Everett Schafer called on Mrs. Louise Schafer Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mildred Schafer brought her mother, Ida Tilmann, to Louise Smith's home Tuesday afternoon, and she spent the whole afternoon with Louise and Dora. They had a lovely visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith spent Friday morning with Louise and Dora Smith. Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent some time Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Haney near Wimm.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

Sharon Pung and Don Andres will be married in St. Joseph the Worker Church at Beal City this Friday.

Mike Gross returned home from CMC Hospital Sunday afternoon. He had had surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schumacher are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Jan. 12 at CMC Hospital.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY FOR JAN. 22 IS CANCELLED

The Rebekah sponsored card party set for Jan. 22 has been canceled, and a future date will be announced, it was stated this week.

At the card party last Tuesday afternoon, held in the Masonic Hall, there were six tables of pepper in play.

High-score prizes went to Edna Schultz and Herman Cook. Eva Phillips won the pepper prize. Nina Forbes won the door prize. Audrey Bushree won low.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Diane Beutler spent Friday over night with her grandmother.

SCHOOL ELECTION MARCH 12 WILL ASK FOR MILLAGE HIKE

The Board of Education of the Chippewa Hills School District set March 12 as a special election date to ask for renewal of a 12-mill levy with two mills additional and another mill for renovation of elementary schools in the district.

The millage was turned down last year by a whopping vote. The 12-mill renewal is expected to pass.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Marion, Mary and Claribel Beutler and Emma Middlesworth attended a clothing style show in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday evening.

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler picked up the children at school and visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, for the evening, and drove home in our big snow storm that night.

Glen Owen spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Robert Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bates and girls spent Sunday afternoon and evening with them.

Ivan Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant was a Monday caller of ours.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thren called on the Jimmy Cairns family of Six Lakes Saturday.

Nancy Baumann and Beth Hogg visited at the Ervin Dutcher home Thursday afternoon.

Kim Thren spent Sunday with Sandra Dutcher.

Pam Methner and Beth Hogg were last Sunday callers, and Keith Dutcher of Clarkston visited Sunday.

Keith Dutcher spent Saturday over night with the Ervin Dutchers. Beth Hogg was a Sunday visitor. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra and Kim Thren were afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald were in Grand Rapids on business Thursday. In the afternoon they called on an aunt, Mrs. Fred Mooney.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bobby had Sunday dinner with us. Callers were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons, Robert Dutcher and Glen Owen, Richard and Jim Dutcher. Evening callers were Gail Dutcher and Darlene Bates. Ervin Dutcher was a Monday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse. Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan and grandson, Darrell, of Mt. Pleasant, and Jeanette and Cindy Gatehouse were callers.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher were sick with a virus all last week.

Clayton Dutcher has been off work with it a few days.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

At the old rate, my Messenger is not due till February. You may credit this money as you see fit and I'll watch my label for next due date.

The Messenger is biggest little paper I have ever taken, and would hate to be without it.

I don't think many of the old folks like me are left up there any more. I was 90 Jan. 3, and am able to cook and wash dishes three times a day and do a little bit of housework, and YES, I play Bingo once a week.

I don't get up to Brinton much, as a back injury bothers me to ride any distance, and since Lizzie, George and Uncle Joe Tower are all gone, not much attraction for me.

Ten years ago I moved here with Flossie and Jack, to help care for Flossie after she had open heart surgery, and it was followed by six strokes and she became helpless. She could sit here in her chair, but could not walk around, and last Sept. 28 Flossie passed away, so I still stay here with my good son-in-law, Jack; but I am very lonely for Flossie. She was 72.

We are having a typical old Michigan winter at present, with ice, snow, and bad driving conditions.

You know, Connie, I read names of women and men too that I use to do housework for, around up there, and helped get the babies in the world before the doctor could get there.

More power to the Messenger, and best of luck to you.

My eyes are getting very tired, so now I hope this reaches you safely, as I can't get out to get a money order.

Mrs. Edith Kennedy
2213 Delaware
Flint, Mich.

(Editor's Note: Thank you so much for your good letter, Edith! And my very best wishes to you. ---Connie.

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Dear Connie:

Am enclosing my check for \$3.95 for the Weidman Messenger for four months.

It hasn't started coming yet, but am looking for it every day now.

Hope you don't have too hard a winter. We are having nice summery weather here now.

Sincerely

Edith Craven, Bushnell, Fla.

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Local Items

Mrs. Claribel Beutler has been getting beautiful postcards from her grandson, who is teaching in a Melbourne, Australia, school. He has been on vacation, and sent some cards from Adelaide, and from Perth, across the continent from Melbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were last Tuesday dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts. Ruth Pitts and sister, Lena Rathburn, and Mrs. Chuck Fox of rural Shepherd were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Pitts. Mrs. Pitts spent Sunday with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family enjoyed a goose dinner Sunday at the home of her brother, Paul St. Germaine, and family at Cadillac. Mrs. Cicilia St. Germaine accompanied them for the family get-together.

Mrs. Ruth Momany reports the birth of a new great-grandchild, Ronald Bruce, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cross (Marian Thorp) of Arkansas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Brien and son, Timmie, of Sumner, were Thursday afternoon and supper guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet and Mrs. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Thursday evening

luncheon guests.

The Frank Graham family of Gilmore were Sunday dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

Frances Tranbarger missed the bottom step into her utility room Monday and wrenched her left foot. By Tuesday evening she was recovering nicely.

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Mrs. Paul Lueder was a Monday visitor of Mrs. E. R. Rhode. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder were Tuesday evening guests. Emil Lueder was a Wednesday evening caller.

The Broomfield Lutheran Aid met in the church parlors Wednesday evening with Mrs. Gale Krueger as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Race of Coral called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen Thursday. The Allens visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hamilton of School Section Lake Saturday. Sunday they called on Miss Donna Sheathelm of Horsehead Lake. Tim Jackson called on the Allens Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family spent Saturday with the Arnold Kruegers and Mrs. Lovica Krueger of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward spent Sunday with the Allen Wards of Ovid, and went to see their grandsons bowl in the tournaments.

Mrs. Kate Martin spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her daughter and family, the John Schupbachs, of Mt. Pleasant.

The CMB Club met Thursday with Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew of Blanchard.

Mrs. Kate Gillis and Miss Mildred Benson of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter, Mrs. Lucille Dibble and Mrs. Lydia Martin called on Mrs. Virginia Leonard at the Alma Medical Facility Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby were Saturday dinner guests of Blanche Carr. Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Friday caller.

Mrs. Ruby Combs of Lansing spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Ella Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall and children and Emerson Marshall and daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ruth Momany received a call Sunday from her daughter, Coralie, saying that her husband, Harold Thorp, was in the hospital in Denver again, suffering from a back injury he received in a molybdenum mine. The Thorps live at Buena Vista, Colorado.

Mrs. Mabel Dent took her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, to her home for Sunday dinner, and a nice ride. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were callers during last week.

SAFETY IS PRIORITY PROJECT FOR FB WOMEN

Farm and bicycle safety are two priority projects which Farm Bureau Women are stressing in Isabella County.

Parents are urged to provide only fiberglass safety poles with flags for their children's bicycles. If they are made of a fluorescent fiberglass material, the flag and pole can be seen by motorists at a safe distance from the bicyclist.

A farm safety kit has been designed, and is available. It is made of a waterproof substance, and is unbreakable. Contents are those items needed to administer first aid while working around farm machinery and/or the home. They are available from the county Farm Bureau office in Mt. Pleasant.

Bud Stilgenbauer, Farm Bureau membership chairman, met with the women's committee in December and outlined objectives and benefits of membership in the Farm Bureau. Membership goals have been nearly reached, but many need to be contacted to make certain the Jan. 15 deadline for Blue Cross purposes will not go by without members paying their dues.

A highlight of the state annual meeting in Grand Rapids was the reception of a Gold Star plaque for outstanding membership achievements. Verna Walkington accepted the award on behalf of Isabella County during the Awards program in Grand Rapids.

The Michigan Week smorgasbord in May was discussed, with plans now being formulated for the event.

The Farm Bureau Women's committee voted to make a monetary contribution to any family within Isabella County experiencing the misfortune of losing their home and belongings to fire. Members are urged to notify the County Farm Bureau office or any officer if need arises in their communities, so that the contribution can be sent early to assist the unfortunate family.

Boycotts of national chain stores prompted the Isabella County Women's Committee to go on record as opposing such tactics, and stressed the importance of a task force being prepared to counteract this type of action.

The Jan. 22 meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Hugh Swindlehurst near Rosebush, with potluck dinner at noon. The 1 p. m. business meeting will include reports on the MacKenzie Trust Fund and membership drive.

Mary Beutler
Secretary

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Garth Lawrence and daughter, Pamela, of Laingsburg were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith. Ula drove to Ewart and Lakeview last

Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague

enjoyed Sunday dinner at Kirvan's Restaurant in Barryton.
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Editor's Column

By Connie

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ups in Michigan.

Our second concern is keeping competent persons interested in tending the business of township residents on a local scale, as compared to control from Mt. Pleasant or farther down the line toward Lansing.

In speaking of Bobbie Oplinger and her "being on call 14 hours a day," we did not mean to say she works 14 hours a day, necessarily. She will answer a telephone call at 8.30 p.m. from a Sherman Township taxpayer and help unsnarl items fogged up by the new county-controlled computer system on taxation rolls.

We would propose to pay the wives of Supervisors up to \$3 an hour if they work on the Supervisors duties (or books). Not \$3 an hour for an eight-hour day, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. Maybe up to two or three hours a day through the busy months of the Township Supervisor's duties, such as December and January.

With more and more townships finding it difficult or impossible to interest local citizens in taking on the job of running the local township's business, we believe that township officials' salaries should be adequate.

We do not advocate a millage vote to lay our hands on extra money. We advocate arguing the august county commissioners into parting with a mill extra for township administration, probably deducted from the county's sacred grab of a good hunk of millage (tax monies, to you and me).

Weidman is definitely growing. New businesses are coming in, new buildings going up, and rumors are for a big-moneyed shopping mall to come in.

The Village of Weidman needs its own administration and its own tax monies.

So the west half of the village of Weidman lies in Sherman Township, the east half in Notawa.

How's about Weidman incorporating as a village and getting shet of begging two townships for money we never have got in all the years since 1893?

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COUNTY CONTROLLER CALLS MEETING OF SUPERVISORS

County Controller Richard Morton called a meeting of the county's Township Supervisors last Thursday evening at the Court House in Mt. Pleasant, to discuss the upcoming schedule of dealing with unlicensed dogs in Isabella County. The County Board of Commissioners came up with a plan

to get all dogs licensed or have the dog warden pick them up and destroy them. The plan was adopted last autumn.

At Thursday night's meeting there was a good representation of the county's supervisors, Mr. Morton said, and also present were Jaynice Bierschbach, County Treasurer, through whose office the crucial portion of the dog licensing law will pass come next March; and representatives from the County Humane Society. Absent was the county prosecutor, who might have answered some questions put forth by some of those attending.

It was pointed out that the Humane Society has a budget of \$28,000 for the year, and its figures revealed 2,700 cats and dogs killed during the past year, with 655 of these picked up by the dog warden.

Mr. Morton told the Messenger the meeting was called for informational purposes, and to make certain the plan adopted by the Commissioners last fall was workable.

Burton Ward, Supervisor for Deerfield Township, told the meeting of his experience last autumn when killer dogs slaughtered most of his sheep flock. He pointed out that the county law enforcement agencies were of no help, and that finally the State Police went out and gave him assistance in the situation.

Crucial to the success of the new plan for control of animal population (dogs) in Isabella County is County Treasurer Jaynice Bierschbach's role in turning over her list of unlicensed dog owners after March 1; and then, the actions of the dog warden in getting licenses or picking up unlicensed dogs and destroying them.

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DRUG USE PREVALENT IN CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOLS, SAYS CAPT. LOUIS KEMPTON

Drug use in the Chippewa Hills Schools system is prevalent, said Capt. Louis Kempton of the Mecosta County Sheriff's Department at the regular meeting of the Board of Education last week, but "similar to problems in surrounding schools," he said.

The board authorized the superintendent of the Chippewa Hills Schools to investigate the drug problems. He was expected also to study possibilities of starting a drug education program for third and fourth graders.

The board planned to send a team to Lansing to study the problem, the report from the Board of Education said.

In other action, the board gave a one-year extension to the contract of Supt. Lavern Alward, extending through 1976.

The board also paid bills for the month in the sum of \$171, -164.96.

1899 TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE PLATS ON SALE IN WEIDMAN

Reproductions of township and village plats from an 1899 Isabella County plat book are now on sale in Weidman, through the Weidman Business Association.

The individual plats are from a large county plat book owned by Mabel Allen, of Sherman Township and Lansing.

Available this week are plats of the townships of Coldwater, Gilmore, Broomfield and Deerfield, with village plats of Brinton, Winn, Sherman City and Weidman on separate printings.

The historic plats may be obtained at the following places in Weidman: Weidman Rexall Pharmacy, Isabella Bank and Trust, Bud's Party Store, Mick's Barber Shop, McArthur Insurance Agency, the Weidman Family Restaurant, and the Weidman Messenger.

Many of the land-owners' names on the old plats are the familiar names of descendants of those old pioneers of 1899

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and family of Petersburg were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower.

ICE FISHING GETS UNDER WAY AROUND HERE

With good ice on all lakes in this area, hardy fishermen are staking out their spud-holes and starting some serious ice-fishing.

Last week Jim Damitio got a 25-inch pike through the ice on Lake of the Hills. He said he hadn't got any panfish yet.

Reports of excellent smelt fishing on Littlefield Lake come in, with some saying it's the best year ever for that sport.

One report came in last week of a catch of an 11-inch bluegill out of Littlefield, weighing 15 ounces. That's a real bluegill.

We haven't had reports of ice fishing on Lake Weidman, or the old Mill Pond, as yet, but last autumn some fabulous bluegills were taken out of there. Seems the fish hurried right back to the Pond as soon as there was water there.

Don Smith says he and his boys were ice fishing on Lake of the Hills during the Christmas vacation, and got 17 bluegills in an hour and a half, and later got 14 bluegills. They were not of good size, Don said.

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