

VANDALISM IN WEIDMAN IS BECOMING SERIOUS

Year or two ago we never thought of vandalism by teenagers or grown boys as a possibility in our town. Why, we're right out in the wide-open rural area, we said, vandalism and juvenile delinquency belong to the bigger places, thank heaven country kids will never be affected by modern-age urge to destroy obviously afflicting the city kids.

Well, a small segment of our teen-age or over youth are now infected. Weidman has suffered vandalism this past year out of all proportion to the ordinary urge to mischief recognized as a part--and a legitimate part--of youth.

Last fall Mitchell Memorial Park was wantonly damaged by boys big enough to do men's work at destruction. At Christmas time, lights were torn off the Christmas tree set up and decorated by the Weidman Business Association, the lights thrown into the street to be crushed by the wheels of cars.

Latest outrage we've heard of is the destruction of a large sign at the north edge of town showing the location of Ruth Momany's boat-and-bait place for fishermen. This last really gets us. Nobody could possibly have anything against Ruth Momany. Destruction of her advertising sign must have been perpetrated for the sheer pleasure of destruction as such.

Three of the boys active in the park at Hallowe'en time's vandalism are known; all of the teenagers at Christmas time's insult are known. So far we've not heard who might have pulled off this latest bit of mean-destructiveness, but you never can tell. Somebody just might have seen the one or ones who did it.

Officials of the Weidman Business Association are fresh out of patience, they have announced, and will round up the guilty youngsters and see that they repair their damage, or they'll turn the problem over to the sheriff's department. Which last is too bad, for once your name is on the police blotter, you've got a police record, boy, that stays with you the rest of your life.

We thought it only fair to announce publicly that these acts of destruction in Weidman are not being ignored, and that serious consequences await the doers.

The most drastic instance of youngster-defection occurred late last October, when Walter J. Smith's house was broken into by a band of three boys.

"I surprised them," Walt told the Messenger reporter. "They thought I was away, but I was home, in bed. I heard the front door open, and then I heard a funny rattling-around sound on the dining room table and couldn't figure it out. I sat up on the edge of my bed and waited.

"In a minute a boy came into my bedroom--and was he surprised! We looked at each other face to face, and finally he stammered, 'Have you got any minnows?'

"What do you want with minnows," I asked, "when

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The Weidman Messenger

Lions Club Formed

For the first time in its history, Weidman has a Lions Club. An organizational meeting was held last Thursday evening, beginning with an entirely scrumptuous chicken dinner at the Weidman Restaurant, at which 39 men did full justice to Flossie Davy's good cooking and baking. After dinner, or about 7.30, they went across the street to the Masonic Hall basement and got down to business on organizing a Lions Club here.

Present for the occasion were Gordon H. Smith of Lansing, state secretary, Lions International; Dr. George Nelson, district governor, Dr. Herbert Marshall, district cabinet treasurer, and Malcolm McShea, president of the Lions Club of Mt. Pleasant; all these were from Mt. Pleasant, along with Steve Fox from the Mt. Pleasant club. Ehrmann Long of Edmore, deputy district governor, was also present.

Main speaker and spark-plug was Mr. Smith, who held an audience of business men, farmers and job-holders of all kinds, spellbound for over an hour as he explained and illustrated with anecdotes the history and workings of Lions International.

Established in 1917, Lions spells out "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety." Today, he pointed out, there are 12,750 Lions Clubs with 570,000 members in 77 countries and geographical locations around the world. It is the largest service club organization in the world, Mr. Smith said.

Lions Clubs work for local civic or charitable improvement, with projects chosen by the members themselves.

At the conclusion of his explanation of the origin and works of Lions International, Mr. Smith asked for a motion to form a club in Weidman. Wayne Charnes made the motion, seconded by Jerry Middlesworth. Mitchell McArthur was elected secretary, and immediately was put to work.

Thereafter, officers were elected for the Lions Club of Weidman, as follows: Rex Wood, president; Ed Fox, Leon McArthur and George McClain, Jr., vice-presidents; Harry Herman treasurer; Lion Tamer, Wayne Charnes; and Tail Twister, Orval Branson.

Fey Middlesworth, Walter Davy, George Beutler and Carl Embrey were named to the Board of Directors.

Committee chairmen were named as follows: Charter presentation, Jerry Middlesworth; membership, Fay McCrimmon; finance, Harry Herman; and constitution and by-laws, Barney Tranbarger.

Dues were set by vote at \$16 per year, payable semi-annually, with a \$5 membership fee for charter members and \$10 after Charter Night. Charter Night was set for Mar.



OFFICERS OF LIONS CLUB OF WEIDMAN. Twenty-nine charter members signed up last Thursday evening, with more expected to join before Charter Night March 4. Left to right, above, are Orval Branson, Ed Fox, George Beutler, Harry Herman, Walter Davy, Rex Wood, Mitchell McArthur, Wayne Charnes, George McClain, Jr., Leon McArthur, Carl Embrey, and Fey Middlesworth. Photos by Garth Lawrence



4, and it will be "the biggest event Weidman has ever seen," Mr. Smith said Thursday night. Twenty-nine charter members signed up at that time, and more are expected to join as charter members. Membership is open and all interested men should contact any one of the officers or directors as soon as possible.

Meeting night was set for the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. The Lions Club meetings are dinner-dates and take up about an hour and a half, it was pointed out at the organizational meeting.

This organization of the Lions Club here was made possible by a committee of three men appointed by the Weidman Business Association, into which organization the problem of beginning machinery was tossed last month. Organizing committeemen were Rex Wood, Mitchell McArthur and George McClain, Jr. Evidence of their good job was manifest at the perfect turnout at the first meeting last week.

The Lions are famed for their peculiar ability to have fun-packed dinner meetings and still do a prodigious amount of service work and yet get their meetings over with in an hour and a half.

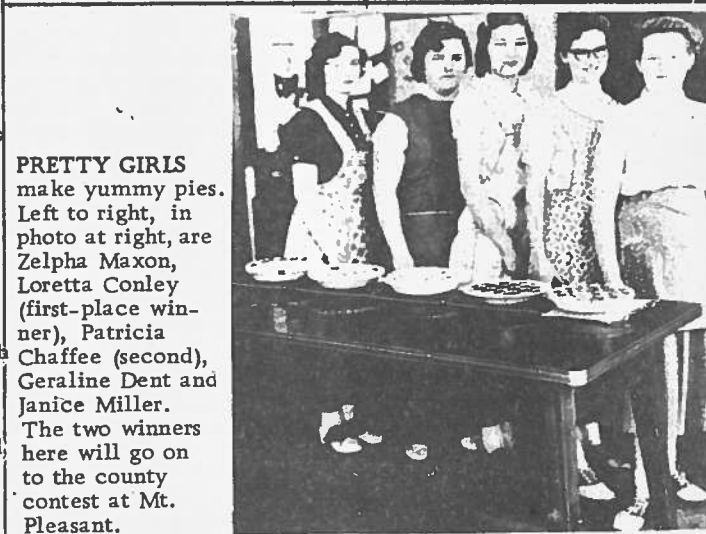
The Lions Club of Weidman was specifically sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant club, which

will help to get the local club started out in its programs, procedures and acquaintance with Lions Club procedures.

Charter Night's date was set ahead after it was discovered the desired speaker would not

be available till March 4.

A directors' meetings was held last evening, Wednesday to set dates for first meetings of the local club, tentatively set for Wednesday evening, Feb. 6.



PRETTY GIRLS make yummy pies. Left to right, in photo at right, are Zelpha Maxon, Loretta Conley (first-place winner), Patricia Chaffee (second), Geraldine Dent and Janice Miller. The two winners here will go on to the county contest at Mt. Pleasant.

JUDGES enjoy the job in last week's cherry-pie-baking contest at the school here. Left to right; Mrs. Bob Hahnenberg, Mrs. John Heron, Arlo Vandlen, and Supt. Rex Wood.



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Editor's Column

By Connie

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you're wearing hunting togs?" "At that he turned and ran--and I mean ran --out of the house.

"It was a moonlight night, and I could see a car standing out front, and I recognized it. I discovered that the odd sound on the table was the kid taking six 20-gauge shells out of a full box I had. They had stolen a dollar's worth of change I had in a box on the porch for fishermen wanting bait when I wasn't home."

Asked why he didn't notify police at the time, Walt said, "I hate to see young boys get into police trouble. That boy knows I know who he is, and I figured that would stop him from further steps along the road to crime."

Walt went on, speaking to the Messenger reporter, "If I had a son, I'd have a man-to-man talk with him, no matter how good and honest I knew him to be. I'd make certain he knew right from wrong, and I'd also make certain I knew where he was at all times and what he was doing. The young things need the authority and guidance of their parents."

Editorially, we agree with Walt. Hooliganism by teenagers or older boys is directly due to a lack in their parents' relations with them.

We also agree with Walt that Weidman's troubles in this line are not attributable to the majority of Weidman's teenagers. As Walt said, we believe this is a small gang of three or four boys big enough to act like men.

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Obituary

JOSEPHINE PASCH

Funeral services were held Monday morning in St. Philomena's Church in Beal City for Mrs. Josephine Pasch, 73, of Route 1, Weidman, who died Friday in the Broomfield Memorial Convalescent Hospital. Burial was in St. Henry's cemetery, Rosebush.

Mrs. Pasch lived in Beal City for 70 years. She was married to John McGrogan who passed away, and later married Andrew Pasch who also died.

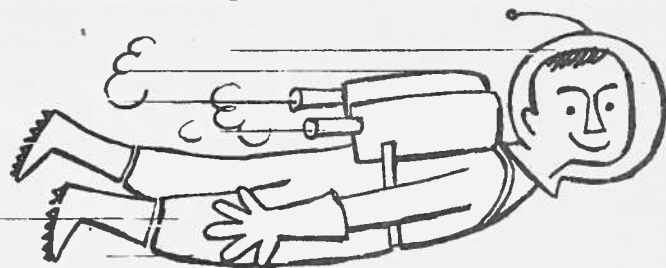
She is survived by two sons, William McGrogan and Theodore McGrogan of Beal City; a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Fisk, of Mt. Pleasant; brothers, John and Frank Gross of Beal City, Michael Gross of Lansing, and Bert Gross; sisters, Mrs. Kate Gachter of Weidman; Mrs. Lizzie Schneider of Ludington and Mrs. Tressie Graham of California.

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ANNUAL LIVESTOCK BANQUET TONIGHT

Buyers and sellers at the 1956 County Fair will be honored guests of the Isabella County Livestock Producers Association, Thursday evening, January 24, at the second annual Livestock Banquet. An outstanding program has been planned climaxed with movies of the University of Michigan-MSU football game presented by Bob Devaney, assistant football coach at Michigan State University.

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Mrs. F. Sisco, Reporter

Lillie Wright returned home Friday from visiting her sons at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sisco had Sunday dinner with their son, Harry Brown, and family. Elwood Brown is quite sick with a cold like everyone is having and also he has a bad case of poison ivy.

David Ray, son of the Charles Browns, burned his hand badly Saturday on an electric iron. They took him to the Clare Hospital and called Dr. Fitz of Barryton to dress his hand. He has second and third degree burns. He's only a year old.

Sharon and Loretta Conley spent Saturday night with Mrs. Elizabeth Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited their son, Don, and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Sisco received word Tuesday that her brother-in-law, Harry Shilling, of Owosso had passed away suddenly with a heart attack. They were not able to attend the funeral on account of sickness.

Lillie Wright called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whaley Sunday.

We are glad the weather has warmed up.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes were in Barryton Saturday.

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Two Rivers

Mrs. Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Wm. Cahill and Mrs. Frank Cotter of Belding called Friday at the Blaine Stansell home. Mrs. Don Woodruff and Marsha called Sunday. In a previous news item it should have been Mrs. Frank Cotter instead of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cotter, as Mrs. Cotter is now a widow.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and family of Midland called Sunday at the Don Swan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan and family were visitors of the Chester Swans Sunday.

Miss Marilyn Culp of Blanchard was a weekend guest of the Clair Moses family. Miss Culp and Mrs. Moses visited Sunday at the Theodore Case home at Titus and saw a new niece, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson of Saginaw spent the weekend at the Chris Larson home. Louis brought his snowmobile and tried it out.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rogers spent Saturday evening at the Ray Flaughter home and Sunday with their son, Bill, and wife, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter and sons were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Flaughter of Kalkaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Jones visited at the Ray Flaughter home recently.

Sunday guests at the Elton Carr home were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and children of Shepherd.

LaVerne Boge called Sunday night on Norman Carr.

Dalton Carr visited Robert Johnson in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mrs. Blanche Carr called on Mrs. John Freeze of Mt. Pleasant Friday.

LOCAL ITEMS

Ray Baxter is still confined to the Gratiot County Hospital at Alma for observation and treatment.

Mrs. Wayne Charnes and Mrs. Fey Middlesworth were in Saginaw Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Mary Margaret, and Alton Brien, and Nina Forbes were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCarty of

Clare. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn of Shepherd called at the Wm. Kaninsky home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McClain, Jr., and daughters and Kitty Copen had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith at Midland.

Michael McHugh, III, is out of school with the mumps.

Ruth Momany called on Mrs. Don Thorpe and children last

Thursday afternoon.

Geraline, Linda and Harry Dent are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood, while their parents are in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and family were Sunday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ted Smith and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scharrer and Wm. Higbe drove to Clare

and near Harrison Sunday to see the destruction left by the two big fires of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith and daughter of Au Gres were Sunday afternoon callers of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Smith.

Jimmy Wilcox has been out of school with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams of St. Johns spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and family.

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Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Best and Mrs. Nellie Armock of Grand Rapids spent Tuesday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Maycie Cook and Roderick Nicholson spent Tuesday with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Handy, of rural Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fanning and Harold Rhode called on Ray Baxter at the Alma hospital Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode called on their mother, Mrs. Bertha Rhode, in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday evening. Bertha hasn't been very well of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Krueger and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krueger.

Karen Rhode was out of school last week, ill with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode called on Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rhode Sunday evening.

Mrs. Martha Fanning was called back to her work at Ferro's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Montgomery and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with Harold Rhode and Mr. and Mrs. Rhode.

Roderick Nicholson called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray McArthur Wednesday p. m.

Herman Cook and Aliance

had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Art Krueger.

Mrs. Alice Fox and son, Jimmie, of Lansing spent the week with her father and sister, Herman Cook and Aliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and Darla spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sawyer of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crowley were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Will Nicholson enjoyed dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and family, it being Will's birthday. Elsie Richardson was also a guest. In the afternoon they all enjoyed a ride to Clare and Snow Snake Mountain.

Terry Krueger is back in school this week after having measles. He had been ill since New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder and Karlene were at Snow Snake Mountain Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stilgenbauer spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Porter of Shepherd. The Porter children have all been ill with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hummel of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder of Saginaw attended the funeral of Mrs. Herman Cook Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lueder also called on Grandma Leinaar.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bessie Abbott is helping out at the home of her son, Norman, while Mrs. Abbott is in the hospital.

Basketball NEWS

BY BOB GROSS

WEIDMAN HALTS MECOSTA 53-42

The Weidman Wildcats took another step toward finishing in the first division in the Mecosta Isabella Conference by dumping the determined Mecosta Broncos 53-42 last Friday evening in a game played at Weidman. The Cats had defeated Mecosta in their first meeting, 60-49.

Despite the presence of newcomer John Stine, a flashy Lansing Sexton transfer student who scored 12 points, the Broncos were fairly easy to beat. The Cats led in every quarter but the last, 16-4, 15-10, 13-10, and the Broncos made a great attempt in scoring 16-11 in a last period splurge. The Red and Gold, led by Stine, who is a 6'3" center, were all arms in hitting from under-the-basket shots, and he looked sharp in controlling the largest share of Mecosta's rebounds.

Weidman is 4-1 in the Conference, and assured of at least a tie for second place and another crack at Remus.

Dennis Embrey once again led all scorers with 13 points, followed by Valdy Craven and Larry Gross each having 11. Don Andrews hit for eight, Gary Gatehouse six and Dean Den-slow followed with four.

Weidman Reserves dropped a 40-36 thriller to the Little Colts as Noel Flaughter and Harold Krueger hit for 16 each for Weidman.

The Cats play an all-important game at Morley Friday night, tomorrow. Weidman beat the Mohawks earlier, 56-42.

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Weidman School News**FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL**

12th Grade--Gerald Wood, Elsie Nutt, Sharon Smith, Janet Ehler, Karen Middlesworth, Janet Johnson, William Andrews, Garth Lawrence.

11th Grade--Carol Krueger, Barbara Fordyce, Carolyn Embrey.

10th Grade--Jean Wood, Harold Krueger, Richard Shook.

Ninth Grade--Garey Kent, Sharon Swan, Steve Saunders.

Eighth Grade--Jeanette Egbert, Eleanor Dent, Bob Garchow, Fern Chaffee.

Seventh Grade--Eileen Garchow, Nancy Johnson, Rita Scott, Joan Swan, Carolyn Andlen.

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Calendar of Coming Events

Jan. 29--Sherman Extension group meets with Mrs. Kit Johnson, 2 p. m.

Feb. 5--Regular meeting of Weidman Business Association.

Feb. 7--Father-Son Banquet, evening, Weidman Church basement.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were Saturday supper guests at the Don Alwood home.

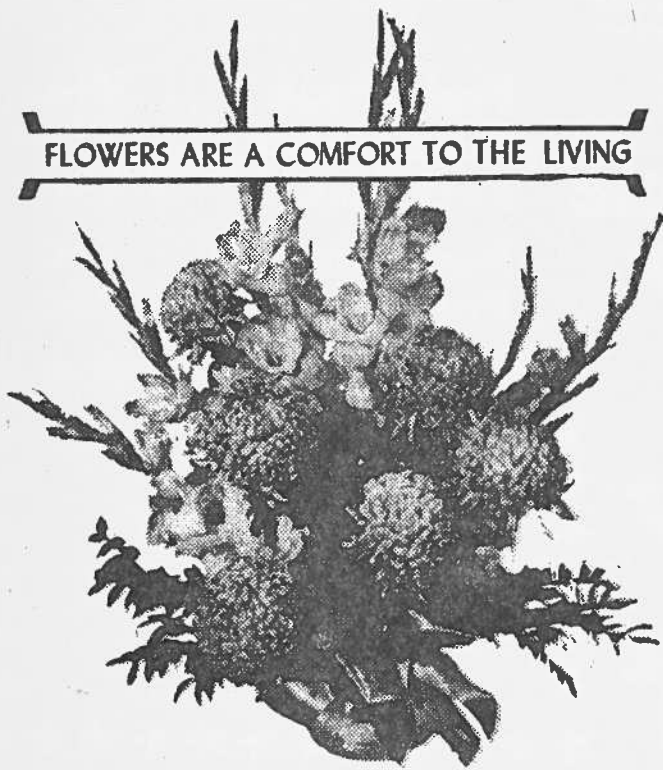
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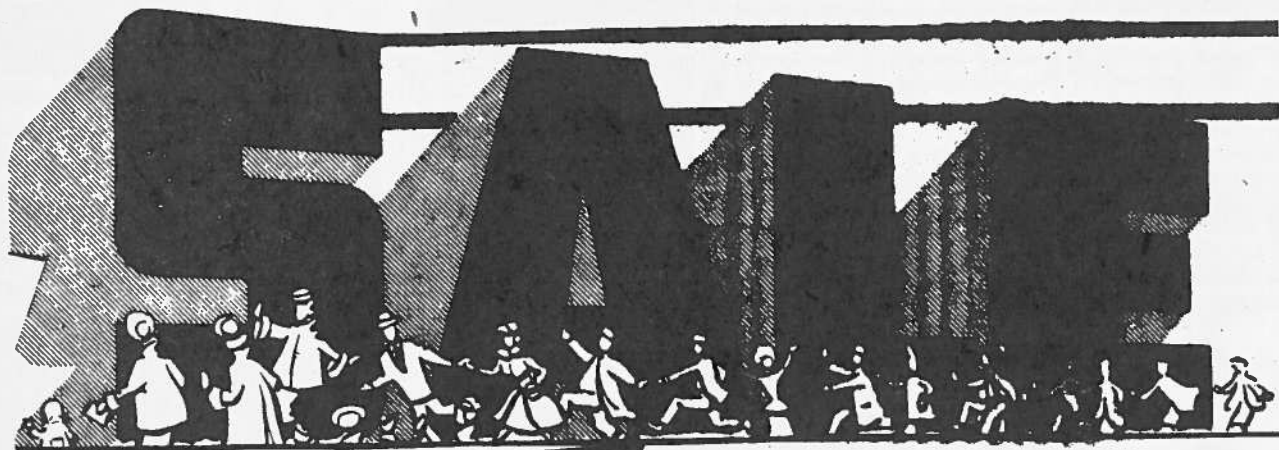
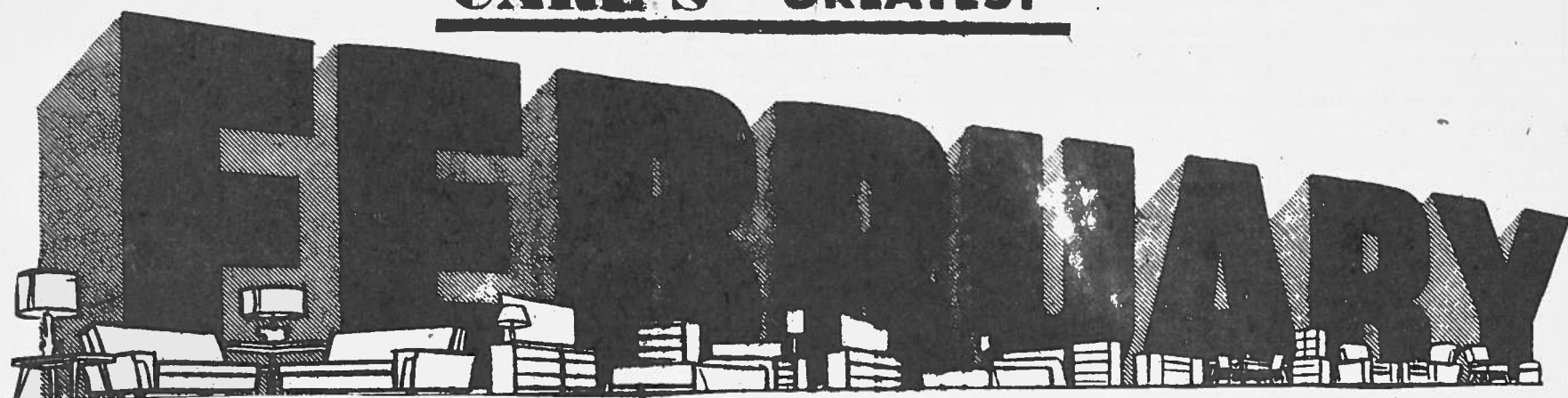
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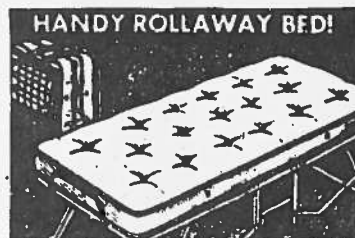
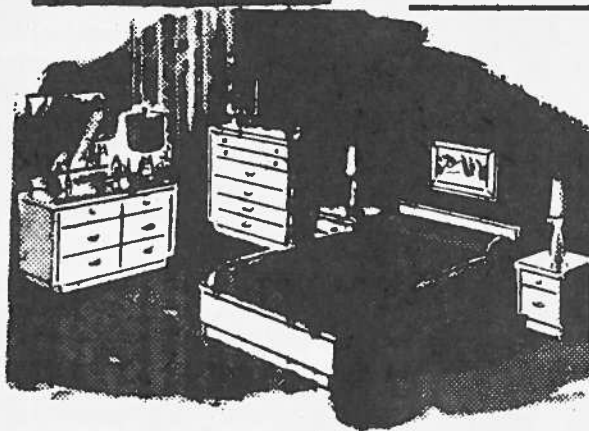
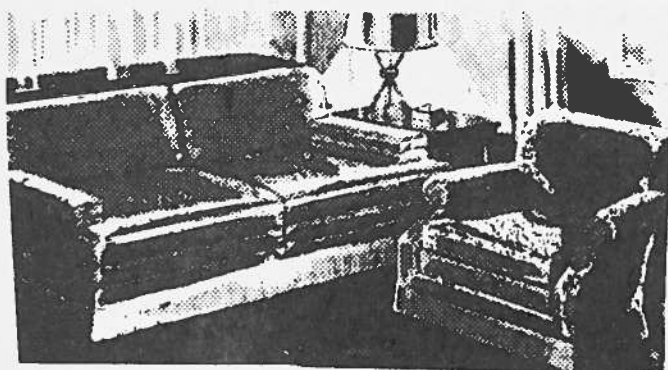
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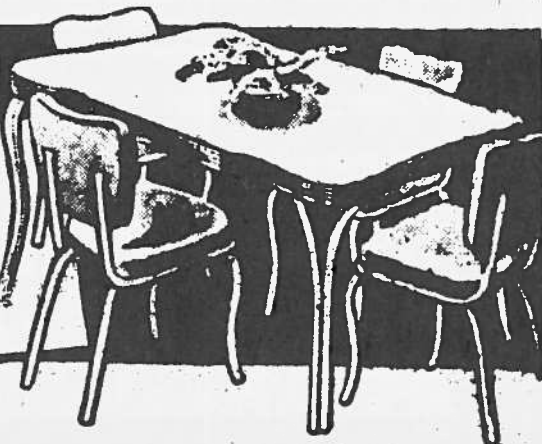


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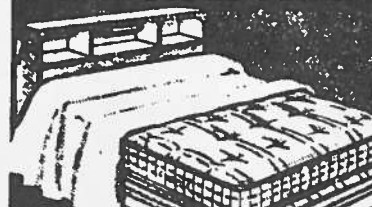
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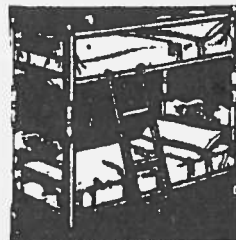
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JESSIE ROSENCRANTZ, Reporter

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosencrantz were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLong were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Maude Wagenman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Appelgreen of Grand Rapids and Connie Starr were Saturday p. m. guests of the Vance Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilson and children are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Pomeroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Denslow spent last Thursday in Grand Rapids, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denslow.

Ercil Williams was a Monday a. m. caller of Mrs. Maude Wagenman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cummins of Lansing spent Saturday with his

folks; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Jerry Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Gingrich were Sunday p. m. visitors of the Mack Denslow family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller and Randy of Clarkston spent from Wednesday until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Safford Terry called on the Alva Cummins Sunday p. m.

Mrs. Grace Heckart attended the benefit card party at the Rebekah Hall Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Orlin, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and family and Allie Gross were Sunday dinner guests of the Charlie and Gerald Losey families.

Mrs. Bobby Oplinger attended a shower at the Geo. McClain

home in Weidman Friday evening for Mrs. Bud Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nutt and Mary and Billy, Mrs. Don Lofgren and son and Mrs. Darlene Hill were Sunday p. m. callers of Mrs. Elsie Benn and Mrs. Mary Nutt.

Kenny and Eddie Oplinger spent Friday a. m. with Mrs. Mary Nutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carr spent Sunday in Sheridan and Lansing.

Mrs. Flora Wood spent last Thursday p. m. with the Richard Wood family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary Sunday. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and family. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nutt and Mary and Billy spent Saturday evening with the Rolland Dent family.

The Ladies of the Adventist Church wish to thank everyone who helped make their bake sale a success.

Pam Reddick spent Saturday night with Linda and Paulette Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Denslow and son and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow and Berl spent Sunday p. m. with the Richard Brownell family.

Earl Denslow and son, Eldon, of Owosso, and Mrs. Clara Price of St. Johns came after Mrs. Ella Denslow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nutt and Billy and Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Pomeroy were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Strait.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys were Saturday supper guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and family called on Al St. John Saturday evening, who has just returned from the hospital in Colorado.

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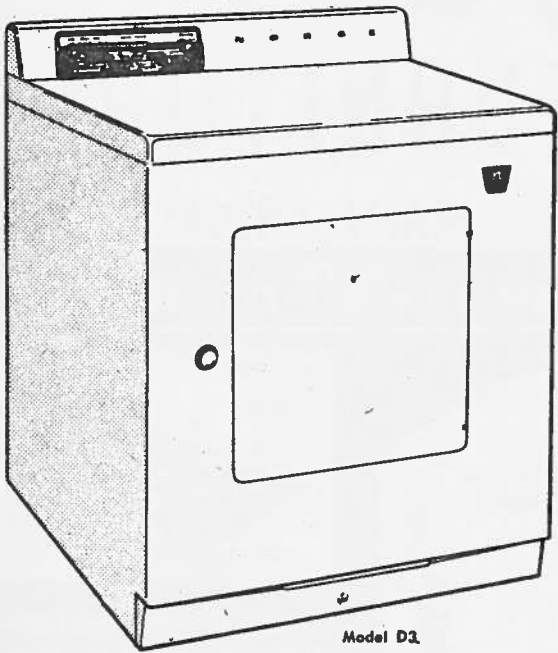
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WEIDMAN CHURCH NEWS

Ruth Momany, Reporter.

Thursday the Weidman Choir will meet for rehearsal at the church at 8:00 p. m.

Something over \$24.00 was taken in at the bake sale Saturday sponsored by the Youth Fellowship Group. They would like to thank everyone who in any way contributed.

The WSCS will have a Father-Son banquet Thursday, Feb. seventh. There will be a regular business meeting in the church basement preceding the banquet instead of at the home of Mrs. Leon McArthur.

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N. W. Sherman

Frances Shook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow and Sharon called Saturday p. m. at the Etta St. John home to see Albert, who is back from the Denver, Colorado, Hospital some better now. Ward Loomis went Friday night to the airport near Muskegon to get him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beutler and children of Beaver Creek spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lowery, Sr., spent Wednesday night with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and children, in Flint.

Mrs. Berniece St. John and Gary and Lucinda spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moore and children of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louiselle, Jr., of Armada spent the weekend here with the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louiselle, Sr., of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck and Janet.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLean and Mrs. Nancy Buckley were Weidman callers Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Miller, Mrs. Nancy Buckley and Mrs. Ethel McLean were in Mt. Pleasant

Friday.

Lonnie Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Loomis, was taken Thursday to CMC Hospital very ill. He is better at this writing and expected to be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis' daughter, Carol, has been ill but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and Carol spent the weekend in Grand Rapids with her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peabody. Mr. Peabody came home from the hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane of near Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Frances Shook.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Janice and George and James Gorby were sight-seeing Sunday. They saw where the fire was in Clare and also at Spikehorn Myers' near Harrison, then on to Snow Bowl Ski Slides near Houghton Lake.

Dalton Shook and son, Wayne, and George Shook of near Bar-

ryton called Saturday p. m. on the former's mother, Mrs. Frances Shook.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Janice and George, and James Gorby called Sunday evening on Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoover of Barryton.

Wm. Shook of near Barryton called Sunday evening on Frances Shook.

Miss Diana Stanley of Mt. Pleasant and Donald Pung of Beal City spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley, Sr., Donald Pung of Beal City and Miss Diana Stanley of Mt. Pleasant took dinner Sunday with the former's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stanley and children, near Brinton.

Donald Pung of Beal City and Miss Diana Stanley of Mt. Pleasant called Sunday p. m. on the latter's friend, Miss Darlene Denslow.

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Fishing Calendar

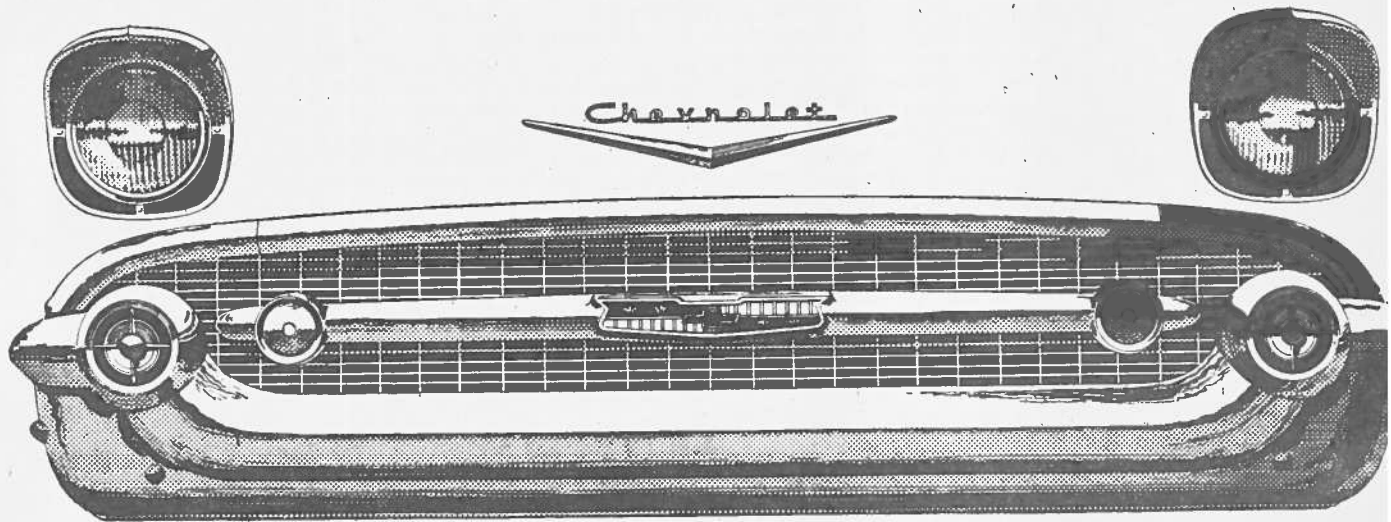
COURTESY OF WALT'S BAIT SHOP

HERE'S HOW THEY WERE HITTING ACCORDING TO FISHERMEN'S REPORTS TUESDAY, JAN. 22

Lakes	Very Good	Good	Fair	Slow
Weidman Pond		B-S	P-PR	
Crookedwater x	P-SR			S
Seco				B-B-PR
Littlefield x	B-PR		SR-P	
Six Lakes x	B-S	SR	P	
Hanna			PR-B-B	P
Horsehead x	B-PR-S	P		
Tubbs x	P-SR	B	PR-S	
Boom x	B-S-P	PR	SR	
Pretty x			B-PR-S	P-SR
Evans		B-S	P-PR	
Crooked x	P-SR	PR-B		
Chippewa		S-B	PR	P
Lily	B-PR			

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Mrs. Helen Alwood, Reporter

Joe Stevens entered Community Hospital last week Wednesday for minor surgery. He was released the weekend.

Mrs. Lucille Schafer called on Mrs. Dorothy Breuer last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Black of Carson City spent the weekend with her parents, the Jack Cotters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Gallagher visited Mr. and Mrs. Nick Breuer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis called on Mrs. Nina Forbes last week one day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis visited Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Going Saturday evening.

Wayne Barrett of Winn spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Breuer.

Quite a few households were upset this Monday when the little ones changed from morning to afternoons and afternoons to mornings, starting the second semester in the school term. Little Casey Straus started on afternoons and at 10 in the morning he wanted his lunch so he wouldn't miss the bus.

I would like to make a correction in one of last week's news items. It read "Mrs Harold Straus spent Tuesday night at the Alma Hospital with ear infection." It should have been from Tuesday night until Friday night at the hospital. Please excuse us, Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Breuer and Mrs. Howard Kolarik and children went to Clare Sunday to see the fire damages.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schumacher entertained the Lucky Eleven Club Friday evening. Cards were played and nice prizes won! Mrs. Schumacher served

a delicious lunch later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of St. Johns. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schafer in Fowler Sunday on the way home. Mrs. Schafer wasn't feeling very well. She had been laid up the past week with her back and "Joe" was doing the cooking and housework.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus and children spent Sunday at Harrison. They visited Mr. and Mrs. George Sian and Mr. and Mrs. James Gatten and family. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Simon and family and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan.

Mrs. Don Alwood and sons called at the Wm. Fox and Joe Sheppard homes Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann and sons called on his parents, the Will Tilmanns, last Wednesday evening.

This reporter talked to Gerald Grewett Tuesday, and he reports his mother, Zulu Grewett, who is at Broomfield Memorial Hospital, seems to be a little better. Zulu enjoys her visitors who have been able to call on her, because she is very homesick.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Gross spent Tuesday in Lansing visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tilmann and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verleger of Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Billy and Raymond Neubecker were Monday supper guests and stayed overnight at the Arnold Halfman home.

Saturday evening visitors at the Howard Kolarik home were Bob VanAucker and Kathleen Hoag of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fox and daughters visited at the

Arnold Halfman home Sunday and were supper guests. Mrs. Annie Halfmann and daughters called in the afternoon.

Mrs. Lura Beutler, Fey Beutler and Nancy of Roscommon spent Saturday at the Harold Straus home. Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd were dinner guests also.

Mrs. Don Alwood and sons spent Monday evening and were supper guests at the Joe Breuer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tilmann and sons visited at the Bill Tilmann, Jr., home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Minnie Schafer held a quilting at her home last Wednesday. Eight ladies enjoyed the day quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich of Remus and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith Sunday and enjoyed dinner with them.

Mrs. Marie Urie called on Mrs. Viola Curtis last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sebenick of Mt. Pleasant spent a week ago Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dole.

Mrs. Ed Clare spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Yuncker, and family.

Mrs. Miles Drallette had dinner Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tilmann.

Margaret, Regina and Walter Wieber spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riley and family.

Pete Martin of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ward and Roxy and Allan spent the weekend with his daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Westrick.

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In the Editor's Mail

The Messenger owes sincere apologies to Edwin Bierschbach for misplacing the following letter the past two issues. It reached us too late to go in the combined issue of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3rd, and we put it carefully (too carefully, as it turned out) in the basket and thus missed both the 10th and 17th issues. Our faces are red, but here it is, after the long delay.

EDWIN J. BIERSCHBACH SENDS GREETINGS

Dear Connie:

As one cannot reach everyone by greeting cards, I wish to send a greeting message in the Weidman Messenger.

Please put the following message in your next issue.

"Season's Greetings"

to

One and All.
Edwin J. Bierschbach,
20430 Westland Ave.,
Detroit, 19, Michigan.

I also wish you and yours the best of everything for the year of 1957.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth was discharged from Community Hospital last Saturday. She is unable to work, but is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott are the happy parents of a baby boy born Jan. 22, Tuesday morning, at Community Hospital. The little lad weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and has been named Gerald Norman. The baby was born on

the third birthday of his sister Judy, which makes little Judy very happy.

Carmaline Steele, a granddaughter of Joseph Otto of Weidman, was one of the Homecoming Queen's court attend-

ants at Pellston High School. A nice picture of the girls was printed in the Petoskey News-Review.

Miles Drallette and Bob Cale and son Donnie called at the Don Alwood home Saturday.

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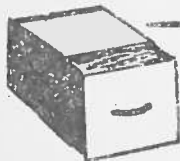
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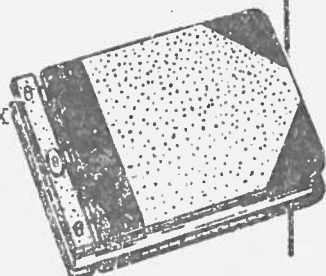
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Green View

Mrs. Wm. Tanner, Reporter

At last a break in the cold weather, but now it is slippery and we have to watch our step.

Wm. Phillips was able to be out to church Sunday after recent surgery at Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Owen Jarman took Wm. Tanner to the Davis Clinic Monday afternoon. From there he was taken to the Community Hospital and put in an oxygen tent.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wendell and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, of Flint spent the weekend at their farm.

Terence O'Rourke went to Ann Arbor last week for heart surgery, but returned home as his condition was not ready for it.

Tuesday evening, Don and Grace Seymour took Mrs. Tanner to see her husband. On Wednesday afternoon, Owen and his mother, Mrs. Ray Jarman, took her to see Bill's doctor and also to call on Bill. Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kent took her down to visit her husband.

The church men and Farm Bureau, also friends and neighbors, held a barn-cleaning bee this week for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips. Mrs. Ruth Pitts and the ladies served dinner.

William Tanner is a little better. His daughter, Mrs. Helen Johnson of Sanford, came last Wednesday afternoon and is staying with him nights at the hospital. He will still undergo more X-rays and tests and is under oxygen part time now.

Laura Dunninger, a former Gilmore resident, is in the CMC Hospital at this writing, receiving blood transfusions.

Ray Jarman helped Frank Walters work on his well last week. The rod broke and had gone to the bottom.

Mrs. Amelia Tanner still has a bad cough and is under the doctor's care but says she is much better.

Mrs. Mattie Shaner of Mt. Pleasant was out to her farm Sunday. Elmer Allen of North Littlefield Lake is receiving treatment for a very bad bladder ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ribar of Lincoln Park spent the weekend at their trailer house. They came to see their aunt and uncle, the William Tanners, who are ill, and also on business.

Don Seymour called on William Tanner Sunday and gave him a much needed shave.

Mrs. Ralph Carter is now doctoring at Mt. Pleasant and feeling some better.

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Local Items

Mrs. Eva Carr has been suffering with a bad leg for over a week. She appreciated very much the thoughtfulness of her good neighbors and friends who came bringing food already prepared. Among these good friends were Mrs. Deborah Benn, Mrs. Fay Smith, Gladys McArthur, Clara Fox and Bertha Fox. Mrs. Grace Smith and Vina Rufner also called. Mrs. Carr is able to be up a little.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Smith spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Beal City News

Mrs. June Smith Reporter

FAREWELL PARTY FOR DARLENE HUTCHINSON

Eight classmates met at the home of Bonny Bierschbach Sunday afternoon for a farewell party on Darlene Hutchinson.

After about an hour of sledding outdoors, they played indoor games and had dinner at 5 o'clock, after which they attended a movie in Mt. Pleasant.

Those present, besides Bonny and Darlene, were Milly Grinzinger, Delores Pohl, Sharon Kavanaugh, Mary Jean Schaffer, Judy Smith, and Janie Vogel.

Darlene, who received a blue wool sweater from the group, will attend the Mt. Pleasant school this next semester.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pung Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schaffer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Pantenburg.

Mrs. Ed Schumacher of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schumacher Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schaffer, Carol Miller and Joe Bleise made a trip across the Straits Sunday.

Ed Kornexl of Detroit spent the weekend with relatives here.

Bill Faber and Evan Yuncker returned Wednesday after a two weeks' vacation in California.

Mrs. Erma Thelen enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau entertained the Town Twelve Club Sunday evening. Cards were played, with prizes going to Mrs. Vada Tilmann high scorer, Mrs. June Smith second and Mrs. Ann Schaffer low.

Joe Lawens spent Sunday afternoon with John Gross.

Dora Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Dick Smith and family.

Mrs. Robert Schaffer and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Tony Schaffer.

Mrs. Louis Zeien called on Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Polly Courtwright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tilmann.

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Beal City School News

The Cherry Pie baking contest was held Wednesday at the Beal City school with 10 girls competing. The faculty constituted the judges. Marilyn Bleise, last year's winner from Beal City, who also went to State, was also one of the judges.

LaVerne Neubecker and Albert Westervelt, who have been teaching half time at Beal City while completing their Senior courses at CMC, are now employed full time. A new course in our high school is mechanical drawing, taught by Mr. Neubecker. It is available to Senior boys.

S. W. Sherman

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Reporter

Chuckie and Jacklyn Jo Gaudard of Midland are staying with their grandparents, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., while their mother, Dolores, is in the hospital. Their other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Nixon, brought them up to the Dutchers' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher of Lake Orion are the proud parents of a baby daughter born Jan. 16. That makes two girls for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard of Midland are the proud parents of another son, David Allen, born Jan. 19. This makes two boys and a girl for Jack and Dolores.

Brian Dutcher is having tonsillitis. He has been sick since Friday.

Mrs. Jewel Wagner called on Ronna Dutcher Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ann Pennington and Floyd Dutcher are staying at

the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., while they get their house in Weidman ready to move into.

Verna Cornell called on her mother, Mrs. Charles Cummings, Sunday afternoon. Her mother had fallen on the cement steps and hurt her back.

Earl Dutcher spent Monday night with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., attended a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Bud Hines Friday evening at the home of Mrs. George McClain, Jr., in Weidman.

Mrs. Ronna Dutcher called on Mrs. Jewel Wagner Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ann Pennington spent Wednesday with Mrs. Clayton Dutcher.

Mrs. Pearl Case and Burgess were Friday evening callers of the Richard Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs and family were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Sylvia.

Ray Dutcher is spending this week with the Clayton Dutchers.

Earl Dutcher of Breckemridge helped Floyd Dutcher do some carpenter work Saturday.

Mrs. Marilyn Losey and Susie and Nancy called on Mrs. Barbara Dutcher and Dougie Saturday afternoon.

Ray Dutcher spent last week with the Miles Conroys of east of Mt. Pleasant.

Ervin and Clayton Dutcher moved Floyd and Ray Dutcher and Mrs. Ann Pennington back to Weidman last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher entertained with an 8 o'clock pot-luck supper Saturday evening for their mother, Mrs. Ann Pennington, on her 84th birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Sylvia, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dutcher and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey, Floyd and Ray Dutcher and Dougie, and their mother, Mrs. Ann Pennington.

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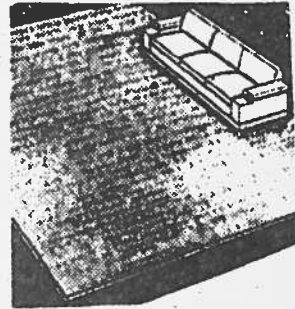
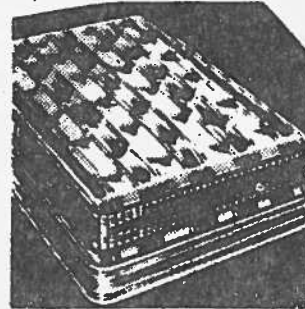
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REBEKAH CARD PARTY

The card party for the Polio Fund sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs was well attended. The pepper prize was won by Viola Curtis, women's high was won by Clara Fox, men's high by Russell Wilson and low by Charlie Johnson.

A cake-walk was held to help pay expenses and many beautiful cakes were won.

A lunch of "Sloppy Joes" and coffee was served.

The local Oddfellows and Rebekahs were saddened to hear of the loss of the Temple and all properties of the Clare Lodges by fire at Clare last Thursday night.

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PINK AND BLUE SHOWER

Mrs. George McClain, Jr., was hostess at a Pink and Blue shower Friday night, honoring Mrs. Bud Hines of Winchester Dam.

Fourteen ladies gathered to enjoy an evening of visiting and games.

Mrs. Hines was the recipient of many nice gifts from her friends, including a crib and a bassinet.

A lovely buffet lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. George McClain, Sr.

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E. Coldwater

Mrs. George Skinner, Reporter Al St. John came home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tower attended the funeral of Emmett Gardner of Flint last Thursday. Mrs. Tower stayed over a week to visit her daughter, Mildred, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hart are enjoying TV now days.

Mrs. Annie Cheadle has gone to Grand Rapids to visit for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cheadle are the proud parents of a nine-pound boy.

George and Harold Skinner went to Grand Rapids Saturday for apples.

Not a very large crowd at the card party and pie social Saturday night. Proceeds were \$42.00. We think that was a very nice amount for the size of the crowd.

Mrs. Fern Beutler has the flu. There are several cases of the mumps in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Skinner Monday evening.

Mrs. Warner was a caller at the Bert Estes home Sunday evening.

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Frances Tranbarger advertised kolanchoes plants for sale, in a modest ad in the Messenger couple of weeks ago. She was swamped with replies to her advertising.

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NEWS NOTES

Helene Esch, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esch, had surgery on her hand last Tuesday week at Blodgett Hospital at Grand Rapids. She was scheduled to return home Saturday.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Clayton Miller of Weidman announces the engagement of his daughter, Carol Mae, to Joseph F. Bleise, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bleise of Beal City. Miss Miller is a graduate of Weidman Community School and is employed by Clabuiesch Drug Store. Her fiance, a graduate of Beal City High School, is employed at Cement Products in Clare. A fall wedding is planned by the couple.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Sprague and family of Mt. Pleasant and Betty Kelsey were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and family of Diamond Lake were afternoon callers.

Mrs. John Heron was a Saturday caller of Mrs. Don Thorpe and children. Mrs. Joe Clark was also a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Appel-

green and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Appelgreen, all of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Appelgreen.

Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warner were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thorpe observed their fiftieth wedding

anniversary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood spent the weekend at Lake Orion with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper and family. Mrs. Cooper is Mr. Wobd's daughter.

Ruth Momany spent Wednesday and Friday afternoons with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Thorp and children.

Ruth Momany called on Gertrude Haight Friday.

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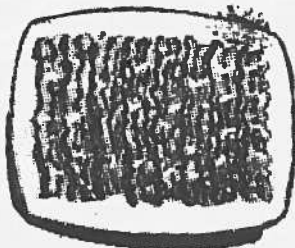
STORE HOURS

DAILY--8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

SATURDAY--8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

PRECOOKED
Picnics
LB. **35^c**

HOME SMOKED
Bacon LB. **49^c**



TRUEWORTH
EVAPORATED MILK Large Can **13^c**

Keyko

MARGARINE

 LB. **25^c**

AMERICAN LEADER
COFFEE
LB. **79^c**

Phillips
Tomatoes 28 OZ. CAN **19^c**

LARGE
Fresh Eggs DOZ. **39^c**

LIBBY'S
Sauer Kraut 16 OZ. CAN **10^c**

DEL MONTE
PUMPKIN 29 OZ. CAN **15^c**



Log House Pancake Mix 5-16^{oz.} bag **37^c**

Nabisco Waffle Creams 1-lb. pkg. **39^c**