

Editor's Column

By Connie

TRIBUTE TO RUTH

So our Ruth Momany went to Community Hospital last Thursday afternoon, a week or so of bed rest. We've been so helpless without her cheery efficiency that we haven't been able to get much of anything done since.

Ruth took to newspaper work like the proverbial duck to water, and soon we were leaning on her for all sorts of skilled jobs we'd been doing ourselves and longed to share with some nice, competent person.

Ruth was it. Maybe we leaned too hard on her. Maybe it was too much to expect of one person: the news typing, the news calling for local items, the pasteup of Shook's Grocery ad on Saturdays, along with getting the pages stitched for next week's paper. Then, come Tuesday afternoon, Ruth went into the dark room and did the "shooting" and developing of the news-page films.

After that, on Wednesday morning she did the opaquing on the films and printed the plates, ready for the offset press. Quite a job, as we set it down on paper.

Probably the biggest help of all was Ruth's unvarying cheerful disposition all day every day--it did us more good than you could shake a stick at. But of course, her efficiency at anything she attempted was the great thing in a newspaper office.

Anyhow, we sure miss her. We understand she'll be back on the paper in a couple of weeks or so, for which we are deeply thankful. Otherwise, we'd be tempted to lock our door and go crawl in beside her. During her absence we've had to have a lot of help. Frances Tranbarger pitched in and has worked steadily all this last week at the Messenger. Ann Momany did the local news calling for us this week.

And our appreciation to Ray Shook, of Shooky's Superette, who went to a deal of work to do a holdover on his grocery specials he had last week, so as to ease the Messenger's burden while we're short of help. It's not easy for a store to put on specials on such short notice, but Ray dood it. And we are accordingly grateful.

Next week is a giant issue--watch for it; it looks like one of the biggest the Messenger ever put out.

(And if Ruth gets out of that bed when she reads this, we'll spank her good and tuck her back in.)

Meantime, along with her legions of friends and sincere well-wishers, we're sending in this column our appreciation of her goodness and efficiency.

Ruth came home from the hospital yesterday, Wednesday, and will be back on the job in a week or so.

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SAFETY POINTS ON ICE FISHING AT THIS TIME

By Walter J. Smith

Ice fishing, an enjoyable wintertime activity on many Michigan lakes, can be marred by accidents due to carelessness.

From now on, the ice will be getting honeycombed and rotten. Should you accidentally break through the ice, don't

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Rod & Gun Club Public Program

Eugene M. Little will be the speaker at a special program sponsored by the Barryton Rod and Gun Club, at the Town Hall in Remus March 18 at 8 o'clock p. m. Mr. Little, a travel and sports photographer, will show a series of hunting and fishing color movies made recently in Canada and Michigan.

His films have been well received by sportsmen's clubs, service clubs and churches, in recent months, and ticket sales so far indicate a good attendance at the Remus gathering.

Tickets may be had from any member of the Rod & Gun Club.

BEAL CITY SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AWARDED SAFE DRIVING CERTIFICATES

Two Beal City School bus drivers were recently presented safe driving awards for outstanding service, by Central Michigan College's Field Services.

William Jakad, consultant in school transportation and driving training at the College, reports that Leo Schafer and Clarence Schueller, both of Beal City, received individual recognition for safe driving.

Mr. Schafer has completed 18 years of safe driving without a chargeable accident. Mr. Schueller has completed 11 years.

The two Beal City bus drivers participated in a program of Bus Driver Education sponsored by Central's Field Service.

Safe-driving certificates are awarded to all bus drivers who reach a three-year period without a chargeable accident.

try to climb out.

Instead, extend both arms along the surface of the ice, then kick vigorously. This will help to lift the body forward, and then you can roll to safety.

When attempting to help someone who has broken through the ice, lie down flat and push some object such as a stick, plank, pole, or such, to him. Don't stand up near the edge of a broken ice field. Never attempt a swimming rescue.

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The northern pike and walleye season closes March 15. It re-opens April 27. This does not take in the Weidman millpond, as that is open.

Points for fishing here include: The Weidman mill pond is hog wild on bluegills, but again, we caution you to be careful on account of rotten ice.

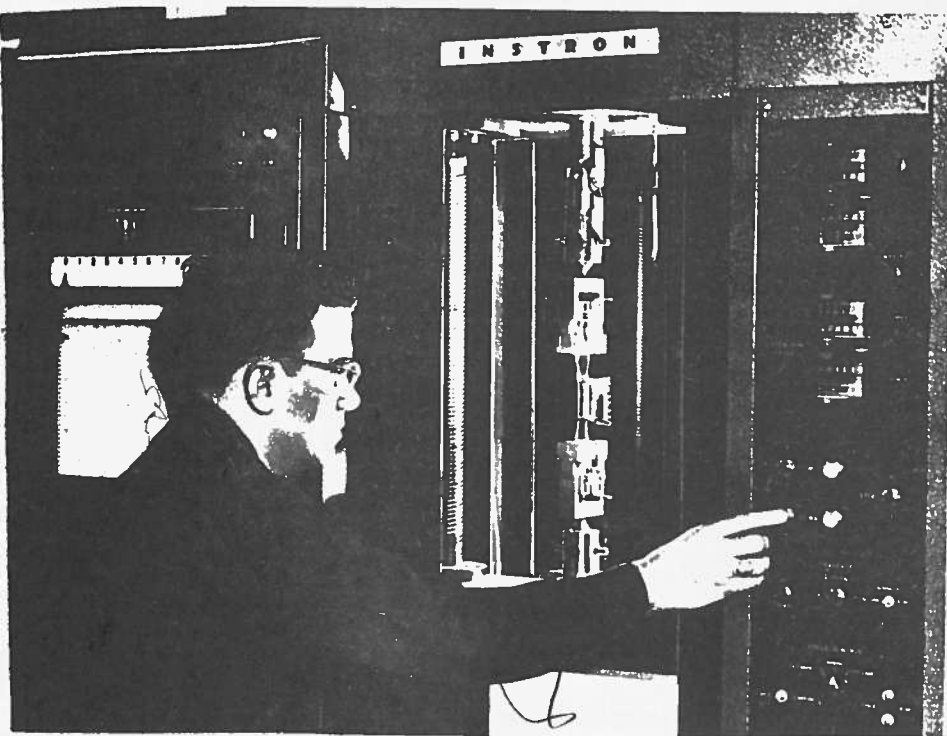
Coldwater Lake inlet and outlet for sucker fishing, hook and line with worms.

Houghton Lake north shore, very good for walleye fishing right now.

On Houghton generally except the north shore, ice will be dangerous and unsafe this week. The north shore, however, is believed to have about 2 feet of ice.

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Walt will have his Fishing Calendar back in the paper after the ice is out and seasons open for spring fishing.



THIS INSTRUMENT tests and records the tensile strength and elongation of a plastic sample. The two ends of the sample are grasped by the jaws of the machine, then the material is literally pulled apart. The chart on the left records the force in pounds necessary to fracture the sample.

Above photo shows Frank Esch, of Dow's Plastics Technical Service and Development Section, testing a Styrex formulation. Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Esch of Weidman. He was graduated from the Weidman Community School in 1953 with highest honors. Frank is married and now lives in Mt. Pleasant where he is attending Central Michigan College in addition to his work at Dow's.

Firemen's Ball Is Set for Apr. 27

At a special meeting of the Weidman Business Association Monday evening, committees were appointed for beginning preparations for the annual Firemen's Ball, which this year will be held Saturday evening, April 27, the night after the Junior-Senior Prom at the school.

Traditionally, the high school students do the work of decorating the gym and the Business Association pays for materials, and it was decided this schedule will be followed again.

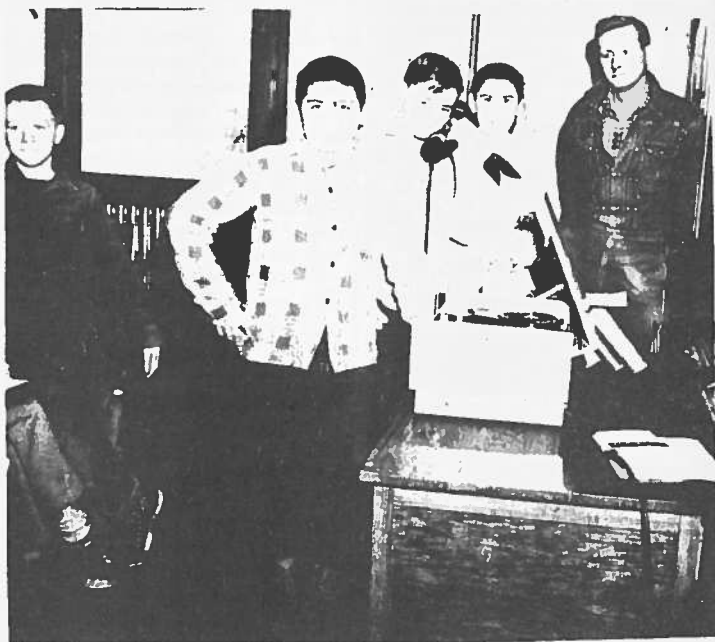
Alexander Bruder was made chairman of the music committee, to secure a good dance band for the occasion.

Mrs. Harold Davy is chairman of the Queen committee, and it is planned to have candidates from the Weidman High School, Beal City High School, and from Brinton, as the Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department serves all those areas and it was felt they should be represented.

Ye Ed was appointed publicity worker.

The Firemen's Ball is the one time of the year when the public can express its appreciation of our volunteer fire-fighters who leave their jobs and businesses when that old siren lets go. Tickets will be available beginning next week. Plan to buy some and let the firemen know you realize the extent of their unpaid protection to our area.

KEEP IN MIND--The date for the annual Firemen's Ball, set for April 27 this year.



TO SUPPLEMENT a unit study of communication which included the telephone, James Dudewicz, District Manager of The General Telephone Company, and Wayne Charnes, maintenance man for the company, spent Wednesday afternoon with the eighth grade science class from Weidman Community School. Mr. Dudewicz ably demonstrated an electronic secretary which was especially interesting to the students. He gave them many informative facts and statistics about telephones and about our own Weidman district in particular. The class then went to the telephone office in town where Mr. Charnes explained how the automatic switchboard operates. Mr. Dudewicz also left a display of the working parts of a telephone for the use of the class to culminate their study.

Shown above left to right are Elmus Brown, Bucky Denslow, Ted Maxon, Loretta Hess and Wayne Charnes.

WEIDMAN WSCS SERVES DINNER FOR 4-H LEADERS

The Weidman WSCS ladies served dinner Monday evening at the Masonic Hall to over 100 4-H leaders from Isabella County, and Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis members.

The Kiwanis Club entertained

the leaders in recognition of their invaluable service.

Last week the WSCS served the men making the annual Beef Tour in the county. The ladies are popular with these organizations because of their delicious dinners.

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Messenger Calendar of Events Want Ads

FOR SALE--If you need a nice, sharp used car, call Edmund Schultz, tel. MI4-2518, Weidman, any morning before 9, or most any evening. Feb. 28tf

HAY FOR SALE--Orrie Merrihew. Mar7t3p

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NOTICE

ANNUAL TWP. MEETING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Annual Township Meeting of the Electors of the Township of Nottawa, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, Will be held beginning at 1:00 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, the 30th Day of March, 1957.
 JULIUS BIRSCHBACH
 Township Clerk.
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March 19--Weidman Athletic Banquet, cafeteria, 7 p. m. Tickets \$1.25. Available from students or faculty. One of the year's big events.
 March 19--OES card party, afternoon.
 March 23--Bake Sale, sponsored by MYF, McClain's Garage, Weidman.
 April 26--Junior-Senior Prom, High School.

S. W. Sherman Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Reporter

Mrs. Frances Going and Mrs. Jewel Wagner recently attended an all-day meeting of the Extension Club at Ruth McClay's home in Mt. Pleasant, the Leader lesson being "Color in the Home."
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wagner and children were recent callers in Midland. They were also among the many attending the Lions Club banquet in Weidman last week.

Mrs. Kenneth Chaffee and daughter were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Embrey Sunday.
 Mrs. Lucille Merrihew and Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Friday evening with Mrs. Gertrude Hamilton. They took along colored slides and showed them.

Carl Beutler of Lansing spent Sunday night and Monday with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler, and Howard.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and children of Midland spent the weekend with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. and Sylvia.

Mrs. Kenneth Chaffee and daughter and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee called on Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Grover Hines were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and children were Tuesday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Ervin Dutcher returned from the hospital Tuesday afternoon, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and girls were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Sylvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and children and Mrs. Minnie Hines were Tuesday evening callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dutcher and Jerry of Mt. Pleasant called Thursday evening.

Mary Louise, the tiny daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish, is still gaining, and weighed two pounds, 11 ounces at three weeks of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Van Syckle and family had dinner Friday

with the William Cornell family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Losey of Edmore spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Embrey.

Mrs. Ralph Wagner and Beth called on Mrs. Roy Embrey last Thursday and again on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosencrantz were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Embrey.

Carl Embrey called on his folks, the Roy Embreys, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Dougie called on Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Secord and boys Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gepford have moved from the Clyde Beutler house to Mt. Pleasant.

Jimmy Dutcher is having chicken pox this week.

Mrs. John Sheldon suffered a heart attack at her home a week ago Thursday. She is improving, but is unable to do any work yet. Her daughter, Geraldine Frye, is also ill and in the hospital.

Mrs. Eleanor Abbott was ill last week but is much improved.

The 4-H Sewing Class, Gun Club, and Handicraft Class are all busy finishing their projects for Achievement Week the first of April.

Mrs. Bessie Forbes was a Sunday dinner and afternoon guest of the Clifford Leiters.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rhode and boys of Barryton spent Wednesday evening with the Clifford Leiters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leiter spent Wednesday in Reed City and called on Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Watkins and family.

SHERMAN EXTENSION HEARS SOME NEW IDEAS

Fourteen members and a visitor attended last week's meeting of the Sherman Extension Club at the home of Mrs. Lillian Johnston.

It was voted to have an exhibit at the Spring Achievement May 2, ideas to be completed by the next meeting. A new board member was voted, and a questionnaire on members' outside activities was answered.

Lesson Leaders Frances Going and Jewel Wagner presented the first part of the Color in the Home lesson. The second part will be given in April.

The hostess served a delightful and different fruit salad with whipped cream, and cookies.

The next meeting will be the first Monday in April. Watch the Messenger for time and place.

Local Items

Dr. Bruce Bacon and wife and family and Mrs. Maude Bacon, all of Saginaw, called on Grace Morey one day last week. Mrs. Bacon is Grace's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Loomis of Lansing are the proud parents of a nine-pound, five-ounce son, born Saturday, March 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wood spent the day Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Erskine, of Vestaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swanson and son, Carroll, of Mt. Pleasant visited relatives in and around Weidman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and sons were Friday supper guests at the Walt Davy home. Wal-

ter Davy, Jr., stayed overnight with the Don Alwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Abbott and family and Mrs. Bessie Abbott spent Sunday afternoon in Barryton.

Donnie Abbott stayed with Billy Alwood Thursday night.

Rusty Alwood stayed with Chuck and Kenny Abbott overnight.

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 KEEP IN MIND--the date for the annual Firemen's Ball, benefit the Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department.

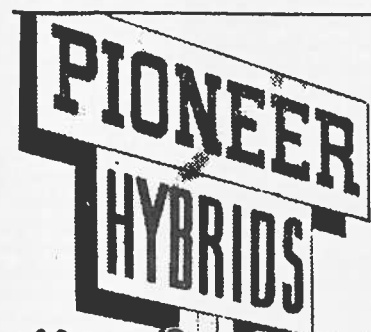
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JESSIE ROSENCRANTZ
Reporter

John Stedman did some carpenter work for the Gerald Dents Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Appelgreen and Tom and Lou Ann of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday supper guests of the Vance Woods.

Wm. Walsh was a Saturday dinner guest of the Howard Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baldwin of Sheridan were Sunday p. m. guests of the Guy Carrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan and Tommy and Dick, and a friend of Dick's, from Grand Rapids, were Sunday guests of the Gerald Dent family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Koch and Mr. and Mrs. James Koch of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday p. m. guests of the Otis Denslow family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent took their son, Harry, and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Aisher Dent, to see the doctor one day last week.

A card from Mrs. Alva Cummins informs us they are fine, and were on their way back to Arizona at the time she wrote. She said it was 82 degrees that day, but went down to 40 at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nutt and family of Lansing were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Mary Nutt and Mrs. Elsie Benn. The Ted Nutt family were afternoon guests.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger spent the weekend in Dearborn with her daughter, Mrs. Denny Tiani, and family.

Cheri Heckart spent the weekend with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Heckart. Ben Dean, a nephew, was a Sunday dinner and afternoon guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pridgeon were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Denslow spent Friday evening with his brother, Mack, and family. Mrs. John Stoll spent from Thursday till Sunday noon with her daughter, Mrs. James Thompson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and sons called on the Steve Rau family, and Mrs. Edna McDonald Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nutt spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Strait.

Mrs. Grace Heckart called on Mrs. Jewel Wagner Friday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines were late Sunday p. m. callers of the Earl Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carr were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mrs. Mary Grisdale and Mr. and Mrs. James Knapp were Sunday p. m. callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and family were dinner guests.

Howard Wilson is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Pomeroy. Last Wednesday he was in Kentucky, and he said it was snowing there.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson were Saturday evening guests of the Gerald Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood and family were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood. Mr. and

Mrs. Vance Wood and children were supper guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and family were afternoon callers.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow called on the Lewis Young, Raymond Ferguson and Gordon Smith families Thursday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow and Berl were Sunday dinner guests of the Richard Brownell family of Edmore.

Miss Evelyn Dent spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Denslow were business callers in Grand Haven last Thursday. Mrs. Floyd Peacock stayed with her mother while they were away.

Saturday p. m. guests of the Vance Wood children were Wendy and Michael Wood of Mt. Pleasant and Beecher Hines of Auburn, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Denslow were Sunday guests of their son, Kenneth and family in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen and Karen of Saginaw were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carr.

Mrs. Jake Bechdolt of Rosebush and Mrs. Arwin Carr and Junior of Lansing were Saturday p. m. callers of the Guy Carrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Robert were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. El-

mer Sheets and family. Bud was home on a 14-day furlough from Great Lakes, and will then go to Washington State.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn called on Mr. and Mrs. Safford Terry Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence were Sunday p. m. callers of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Scott of Evart.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Wednesday evening callers at the Vance Wood home.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter and Mrs. Henry Vroman of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson had Monday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker and Jimmy visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt and family.

Leonard Johnston and Clarence Van of Clare flew to Lansing Sunday to attend a meeting of the Flying Firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Starr and Connie, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Appelgreen called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Appelgreen of Lansing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swanson and son of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Branson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fanning and Harold Rhode spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baxter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Curtis of Mio were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Heron.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnston were Mr. and Mrs. John Hogue and two children of Clare.

Mrs. Sarah Wiley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Aisher Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thorp and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Thorpe and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Schumacher and son were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorp. All enjoyed ice cream and cake, in celebration of Frank's birthday, which was Monday.

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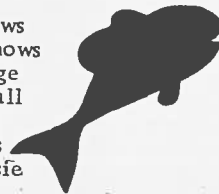
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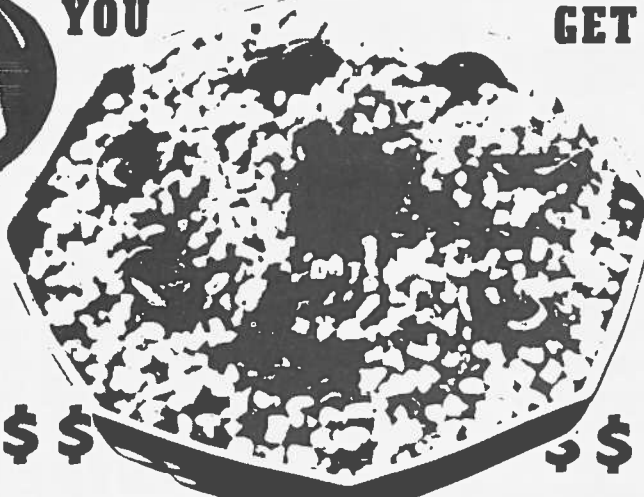
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On twice a day milking, the highest cows were owned by Fred Hauck at 83 lbs. of fat, and also one at 78 lbs. Brown Brothers had a cow making 77 lbs. of fat and Lloyd McConkie, one at 76 lbs.

On three times a day milking, Penrose Farm had a cow that made 100 lbs. of fat and a second one at 80 lbs. of fat. The Mt. Pleasant State Home, also on three times a day milking, had three cows producing 88, 85 and 84 lbs. of butterfat.

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WANT TO SELL SOMETHING?
WANT TO BUY SOMETHING?
TELL PEOPLE ABOUT IT IN
THE MESSENGER.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harkness and son, Jimmy, of Edmore were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McHugh. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sides were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey Middlesworth were Sunday dinner guests of Blanche Cliff and Iva Hobart. In the afternoon, they drove over to Broomfield Memorial Hospital and called on Clara Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and K. C. went to Indianapolis, Ind., Saturday, to attend the wedding of Wayne's niece. They returned Monday evening.

Karen Middlesworth spent the weekend at Michigan State University with Dorla Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith visited Miss Faye Shoe at Shepherd Thursday evening, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scott and family and Mrs. Winnie Baker were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gingery of Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Switzer of Rockford were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague of Diamond Lake and Mrs. Kelsey were Sunday callers of Mr. and

Mrs. A. L. Sprague.

Mrs. Donna Beutler and children of Grayling and Mrs. Pearl Loomis of Coldwater were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and family were evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and family of Diamond Lake were Sunday dinner guests.

F. L. Yarnell, a friend of the Wm. Ohlsses, passed away Sunday morning. He lived near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis brought the small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Loomis, Jimmy and Allan, to spend the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorp.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Beal City Cinderella Cagers Crush Vestaburg, 68-49

Aggies Win Title



BEAL CITY AGGIES ARE CLASS D DISTRICT CHAMPS. Coach Don Trost's fine team beat Weidman consistently this season, and went through the District games to come out on top.

By Tom Bierschbach

Last Saturday night the Beal City Aggies became District Champions in the basketball tournaments at the Fieldhouse of Central Michigan College. They tromped over Vestaburg to the tune of 68-49 for the title.

Aggie teamwork and balance seemed to be the deciding factors in the victory.

Jack Jacobs scored 13 points. Bob Lyons 18, Jim Wilson 16, Ron Schafer 2, Dick Paisley 4, Lee Schafer 9, and Don Schafer 3.

The Aggies outscored Vestaburg in every quarter. Don Schafer was the star on rebounding. The Aggies controlled the boards.

The Aggie team under Coach Don Trost is so versatile that anyone on the starting lineup may be high point scorer for the evening.

The Aggies made 26 out of 42 free throws, while the Wolverines made 11 out of 18. Vestaburg committed 27 fouls while the Aggies committed 13; three Wolverines left the game on fouls.

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BEAL CITY SCHOOL NEWS

The Beal City Seniors will present a three-act comedy, "The Custers' Last Stand," Sunday evening, March 17. Members of the cast include Tom Thering, Ron Schafer, Patty Scott, Jim Schueller, Marilyn Bleise, Dave Schafer, Clara Frick, Carol Horan, Mary Beth Schafer and Don Schafer.

There will be an immunization clinic for Beal City School and pre-school children Friday, April 5, through the services of Dr. E. J. Brenner of the County Health Department. There will be a later announcement to parents from the school.

Beal City News

MRS. JUNE SMITH, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ahler and Ray and Ted spent Saturday in Lansing helping Johnny Ahlers on his house. Mr. and Mrs. Ahlers stayed till Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thelen and Mrs. Erma Thelen spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen of Hubbardston.

Frank Bauer is home after spending the winter in Lansing.

Theresa Smith spent Sunday night with Dora Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung and Jack and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa and Sharon, Linda and Connie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung in St. Johns. The new baby was baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dole spent Friday evening with Mrs. Mary Ulrich.

Miss Lucille Zeien enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher.

Frank Ulrich spent the weekend with Mrs. Mary Ulrich. Miss Dora Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Shurtliff.

Mrs. Milo Eldred and son spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Wm. Bleise entertained her club Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home near Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schafer of Saginaw spent Sunday at the Peter Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Monday at the Tony Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Funnell spent the weekend at their cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung spent Sunday with them.

DON GROSS PITCHES THREE SCORELESS INNINGS

In an exhibition game at Tampa, Fla., Sunday, March 10, our Don Gross pitched three innings for the Cincinnati Redlegs, holding the Chicago

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CHURCH NOTICES

WEIDMAN METHODIST CHURCH
Ruth Momany, Reporter
 Sunday School, 10 a. m.
 Worship Services, 11:15 a. m.
 Mid-week services every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
 Choir rehearsal every Thursday at 8:30 p. m.
 Next Sunday there will be a District M. Y. F. Rally at the Ithaca High School gymnasium, 3:30 to 8 p. m., with election of officers. Two of our M. Y. F. members have been nominated for district officers, Stephen Saunders for vice-president, and Richard Shook, Christian Citizenship chairman.

Evening services will be held this Sunday at 8 p. m.
 On Saturday, March 23, the Youth Fellowship will sponsor another bake sale at McClain's Garage, Weidman.

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD
 Rev. E. A. Ronk, Pastor.
 Sunday School---9:45 a. m.
 Church Service---10:45 a. m.
 Sun. Evening Service--7:45
 Wed. Evening Service--7:45
 All are cordially invited to attend.

 The Messenger welcomes all church notices of every denomination. They must be in the office early Monday.

West Nottawa

Coldwater Lake

Mrs. Helen Alwood, Reporter

Kathy Straus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus, is entertaining the mumps.
 Sunday visitors at the Paul Simmer home were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Verway of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heronamus of Detroit, Mrs. Leo Lynch and daughter, Pat, of Rosebush, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lorenz.
 A number of friends and neighbors helped celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Mabel Walz and Jack McKenzie Saturday evening. Visiting, card playing and dancing took up the evening. A delicious lunch was served later in the evening.

Bain Hyslop passed away last week at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. Laura Hyslop has our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Lura Beutler of Roscommon spent Friday till Sunday with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lorenz called at the Frank Haupt home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd were Sunday dinner guests at the Harold Straus home.

Mr. and Mrs. Redge Bush and children of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walz.

Mrs. Flo Haupt and Sharon and Johnny visited Mrs. Loretta Lorenz Friday p. m.

Mary Jane Kolarik stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Breuer Tuesday forenoon, while Mrs. Kolarik took Donnie to the doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Beutler and Nancy of Roscommon stopped at the Harold Straus home Sunday on their way back from Lansing, after visiting Mrs. Beutler's sister there. Mrs. Lura Beutler returned to Roscommon with them.

Please try to call or send your news in to this reporter, as she is on a busy party line and can't possibly call everyone without a little help. Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hoag spent the weekend in Flint with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bauer and son of Lansing brought Dick's father, Frank Bauer, home Saturday. He had spent the winter in Lansing with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Cook Saturday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Ley and family of Jackson spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin in Farwell. They also visited relatives around Beal City.
 Amelia Wieber spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook. Frank came home Saturday from Community Hospital, feeling quite good.
 Little Della Mathews spent last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Drallette.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clare of near Mt. Pleasant had dinner Monday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker.

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Mrs. George Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hamilton of Ionia were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner, and also called on the George Hamiltons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ockert and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee, playing pepper.

Mrs. Clayton Beutler has the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Molyneux and Jeannie were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and Mr. and Mrs. William Estes visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger and Miss Ellen Geasler called on Mrs. Joe Geasler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wardwell and Ella spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Beutler

and family of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis.

Mrs. Ed Olger is home from the hospital, feeling much better.

Mrs. Mattie Shaner spent the weekend with her son, Clarence, and family.

Ray Jarman was taken ill in church Sunday, but is feeling better now.

Mrs. Clarence Shaner and Mrs. Mattie Shaner called on Mrs. Ed Olger Sunday.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Amelia Tanner isn't very well.

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hummel of Shepherd called on Mrs. Mary Cook and Arthur, and also at the E. R. Rhode home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fanning visited relatives in Harrison Saturday.

Mrs. Ralph Ehler and Mrs. E. R. Rhode spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Cook.

Harold Rhode and Bob Fanning called on Ray Baxter in Weidman one evening this week.

Mrs. Bob Cook and Sandra

called on Mrs. Lawrence Scott one day last week.

Mrs. Bob Hines spent Sunday night with her daughter, Mrs. Bob Hogg, and family, while Mr. Hogg was gone with a load of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and Harold Rhode spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and family at Winchester Dam.

Mrs. Mary Cook and Arthur spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hummel of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Melford Lueder of Coleman were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook of Blanchard were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rhode were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Fritz in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin were weekend guests of Roderick Nicholson. They, with Will Nicholton, enjoyed the pancake supper at the Grange Hall Friday evening.

Mrs. Rachel Latham and Mrs. Mary and Maycie Cook attended the Eastern Star card party in Weidman Tuesday afternoon.

Wm. Steele was a Saturday afternoon visitor at Will Nicholson's.

Herman Cook and Aliance had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook, in honor of Ted's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead came later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rhode, Will Nicholson, Arnold Bingham, Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Maycie Cook enjoyed a pepper party at the Grange Hall Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor of Lakeview and Mrs. Rika Walch and Myrtle of Remus were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook. Edward Hines

was an afternoon caller.

Leonard Lueder, Michael Doerr and Mrs. Janet Campbell of Lansing were weekend guests

of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder. Mr. and Mrs. Melford Lueder were supper guests of the Lueders.

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Mrs. Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and children of Midland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Carr and Janet were Sunday guests of the Don Swan family.

Mrs. Clara Martin and baby of Greenville and Mrs. Grace Abbott and baby of Lakeview spent Tuesday with Mrs. Rena Hochrein.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner and sons were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Flaughner and baby spent Saturday at the Ray Flaughner home.

Mrs. Basil Rogers went to Clare Hospital to see her new grandson, the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rogers, who was born Sunday, March 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Rogers and family of Mt. Pleasant called Sunday at the Basil Rogers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stansell and baby of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of the Blaine Stansells.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cahill, Jr., of Belding were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell. William Cahill, Sr., went back with them for a visit. The Don Woodruff family were supper guests of the Stansells Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Carr spent Saturday evening at the Fred Rescoe home.

Mrs. Elton Carr attended the special interest meeting in furniture refinishing in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Mary Larson, Mrs. Audrey Flaughner, Mrs. Viola Curtiss and Mrs. Blanche Carr attended the Extension meeting at the home of Mrs. Lillian Johnson near Weidman last Tuesday evening.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting were Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn and children of Belding, and Judy Bunting of Mt. Pleasant. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting and family of Holt, Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bollman and children of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser returned from their trip to Florida last Tuesday. They had a very nice time.

Mrs. Minnie Flaughner entertained the CMB Club Thursday.

Callers at the Ernest Courser home were Mrs. Ardith Thompson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Courser, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson were Sunday visitors at the Chris Larson home.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Sansote and family were Mrs. Emma Sansote and granddaughters of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sheldon and daughters of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kresnak and family of Elwell.

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

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Moses were Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and children, Orrin Moses, Miss Marilyn Culp and Noel and Donnie Flaughner.

Local Items

Rev. and Mrs. Arlo Vandlen and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Fordyce in Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur and family of Royal Oak spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leon McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family of Farwell were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Leon McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and family were Sunday supper geests.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Plummer and family of Kinde spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and family.

Mrs. Ray Baxter called on Mrs. Lura Beutler at the Harold Straus home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and family drove to Saginaw Bay Sunday, and on the way

stopped at Pinconning and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Sampsell.

Monday evening Herbert Lawrence of Blanchard called on Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood. Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Wood went to Remus, Mt. Pleasant and Mecosta, on business. On Friday they called at the Carl Shook home at Sherman City to visit Grandma Shook, who is very ill. Saturday, Mr. and Mrs.

Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan went to Saginaw to visit Grover Kirvan at the Veterans' Hospital. He would be glad to hear from anyone here. His address is: Grover Kirvan, 4A-11, Veterans' Hospital, Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan and Tom, and Dick Kirvan and lady friend from Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood.

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