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Editor's Column

TRUTHS AND HALF TRUTHS

Our good friend, the Barryton Press, ran a front-page story in its March 4 edition, headed, "New K-12 School Districts Must Have 2,000 Students". This release was credited by our friends in Barryton to "G. R. Press." We assume that means the Grand Rapids Press, a major daily newspaper.

And that's our beef. The major newspapers, along with radio and television major newscasts, appear to be going along with half the truth on many of the new developments of the Great Society, which the delegates to Con-Con (remember that?) really started when a committee spent years remaking the Michigan State Constitution.

The news media were woefully remiss in giving out details of Con-Con. How many of you understood that the new State Constitution we voted on gave absolute powers over every school in the state to the State Board of Education? That small item was overlooked so far as I ever read. If we had been informed of the real contents of Con-Con, I doubt if it would have passed in the referendum.

Anyhow, here's the half-truth presented by the Grand Rapids Press, and the first part of the news story is true, the last paragraph is the half-truth:

We quote from the Barryton Press, quoting from G. R. Press: School districts formed under the 1964 School District Reorganization Act should have minimum enrollment of 2,000 pupils.

The recommendation was spelled out in guidelines received by intermediate (county--our words) school districts.

The guidelines were drafted by the State Committee for Reorganization of School Districts for use in preparing local school consolidation programs.

The high school enrollment in a school district with 2,000 pupils would be about 500.

However, George Schutt of the Department of Public Instruction (Who's he?--our words) pointed out that the recommendation carries two qualifications. It reads:

"Wherever population density permits, the proposed districts

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ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Hiram (Ted) E. Nutt, Keene, Texas, formerly of Weidman, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elsie Mae, to Mario De Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ma. De Leon of San Andres, Panama. The bride-elect is a graduate of Andrews University and is currently teaching at the Keene Adventist School. Her fiancé is currently enrolled in Southwestern Union College. A May 30th wedding is being planned.

MANLEY SHURLOW

Manley Shurlow died last Thursday, March 11, at the Alma Hospital, after a 12-day illness. He was a resident of this area in the years past.

He was born June 21, 1897, at Millbrook, in Mecosta County. He lived near McBride and Stanton for a time, and played baseball with a team at Alma. That was at the time when Art Cross was a locally famous pitcher.

Funeral services were held at the Evans Funeral Home in Edmore, with interment in Vine-wood Cemetery at Edmore.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel; three daughters, Mrs. Lois Leach of Indiana, Mrs. James Beech of Edmore, and Mrs. Veregene Van Wagoner of Midland; three sons, Robert and Don of Edmore, and Merton of Sidney; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Gross of Weidman; and 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross and Ernest attended the funeral services Monday.

ANNA COTTER

Anna Cotter of rural Weidman passed away March 9 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, at the age of 85 years.

She was born Nov. 20, 1879, in Clinton County. Most of her life was spent in Isabella County. Her husband preceded her in death 11 years ago.

Rosary was recited Friday evening at the J. J. Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with Rev. Father Hugh King officiating. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Rachel Berg of Chicago, Mrs. Christine Cullimore of Lansing, Mrs. Mildred Cahill of Belding; six sons, William of Mt. Pleasant, John of Weidman, Luke of Farwell, Harold of Lansing, Wilmer of Weidman, and Bernard of Rosebush.

Also 41 grandchildren, 84 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild;

Also one sister, Mrs. Rose Schaffer, of Lansing, and one brother, Henry Schaffer, of Beal City.

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MRS. ETHEL GARRETT

Mrs. Ethel Garrett of Two Rivers died Saturday, March 13, at the home of her son, Edward. She was born April 22, 1900, and had spent her life in this area.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with interment in the Two Rivers Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer; four sons, Ernest, Edward, Charles and Clayton; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Martin; and a brother, Ernest Courser;

Also 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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LENA HALL

Lena-Hall died Tuesday, March 9, at Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. She was born Dec. 29, 1897, in Isabella County.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock a.m. Friday, March 12, in St. Joseph's Church at Beal City, with interment in Riverside Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Esther) Swan of rural Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. John (Ruth) Stahl of Lansing; three brothers, Ernest, Alfred and Victor Pohl of Nottawa; and 16 grandchildren.

YOUR HOME PAPER

COMMUNITY MOURNS

DEATH OF GLADYS McARTHUR
Mrs. Leon McArthur (Gladys) died Monday evening at Ford Hospital in Dearborn after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 27, 1897, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Carr, and lived most of her life here.

She was a life member of Wau-benoo Chapter of Eastern Stars, and was active in that work up to recent years.

She and Leon were always tireless workers in the Weidman Methodist Church, of which she was also a member. She was a devoted wife and mother, and yet gave a great amount of time and energy to civic and church work. She will be missed by the whole community, as she was loved and respected by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Leon; four sons, Gerald of Walled Lake, Col. Stuart McArthur of Berlin, Mitchell of Weidman, and Leon, Jr., of Brighton; one daughter, Yvonne Pitts, of Nottawa; 16 grandchildren; and one brother, George Carr, of Ypsilanti, and an uncle, Fred Carr, of Escanaba; and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Weidman Methodist Church Friday afternoon, March 19, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Arlo Vandlen of Lakeview and Rev. Williams Reynders officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

Friends may call at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton until noon Friday.

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MARATHON GAS STATION OPENED BY WM. CUMMINS

Wm. Cummins, son of the Alva Cumminses of Horr, has opened the Marathon Service Station at the south end of town.

He and his wife, Ula, will live at their home on Six Lakes west of town, where a building development is taking place.

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DR. RONDOT HAS BEEN ILL, BETTER NOW

Mrs. Miles Miller received a letter last week from Dr. Rondot, and he said he had been ill, but was improving and expected to be all right.

Mrs. Miller gave us the Doctor's complete address, which we figure many will want:

Dr. E. F. Rondot, 2856 Riverside Drive, Villa Maria, Windsor, Ont., Candada.

His birthday is April 7.

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WANT ADS

CHINA CABINET, large, will exchange for smaller one. Mrs. Bert Estes, ph. 644-3637. Feb. 18tf

ICE

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FIVE LOTS--In one parcel, in Lansing, will trade for property in the Central Michigan area, Mecosta, Barryton, Weidman. Must have buildings. Raymond Earl Gardner, Gen. Delivery, Weidman.

Mar11t4p

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

Notice is hereby given, that the next Township Settlement Meeting of the electors of Sherman Township, Isabella County, will be held at Sherman Township Hall on Tuesday, March 23, 1965, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The next Annual Meeting of said Township will be April 3, 1965, Saturday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

IOLA MILLER
Township Clerk.

FOR SALE--Oat straw, 3 bales for \$1.00. Orrie Merrihew. 18Mar t3p

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18Mar t1p

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Vada Block, Mrs. Geraldine Horan and Mrs. Carol Marchiano and baby of Coldwater Lake were in Mt. Pleasant, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horan in Rosebush, Friday. Mrs. Horan visited at the Harry Hauck home Saturday. She spent Sunday at the home of her daughter at Coldwater Lake.

On Sunday, March 7, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zuker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zuker and family went to Lansing for the birthday party held for three-year-old Steven Zuker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Zuker. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bauer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bauer also attended. While in Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zuker called on Miss Angelica Cler, formerly of Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred near Blanchard. Mrs. John E. Schafer spent last

Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Theisen, in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer.

Mrs. Rose Schafer of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cahill of Bel-ding, Mrs. Frank Berg of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cotter of Lansing were here to attend the funeral of Anna Cotter Saturday.

The parishoners were very pleased to hear that Rev. Father Neubecker was recovering very nicely at the Petoskey Hospital and that he would be back with us soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred spent Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

We were very sorry that our boys, the Aggies, lost their basketball game Saturday to Barryton. But boys, you sure did very well this season, and we are all proud of you.

Mrs. Mary Pung and two children, and Mrs. Vada Tilmann visited Mrs. Amy Courter in Forest Hill Tuesday.

Mrs. Karleen Pung and son, Scott, and Mrs. Mary Pung and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courter in Midland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith called on Mary Ulrich Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen called on

Louise Smith Sunday evening. Billy Smith of Beal City is home from the hospital, feeling much better.

Mary Smith, Bernard Smith's daughter, was home over the weekend.

Louise Smith called on Mrs. Laubenthal Thursday. The latter is staying with the Harold Blocks this winter.

Delbert Pung and family of St. Johns spent the weekend at the Joe Pung home.

John E. Gross, who was 89 Friday, thanks everyone for the many cards he received. He is not so well at this time.

Arnold Simmer and family of Reed City called on Louise Smith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Margo Smith spent the weekend with her mother and family. She works in Muskegon.

Mrs. Charles Schafer called on Leona Simmer last week Monday evening.

Miss Virginia Rau was home over the weekend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen, who have been enjoying the Florida sunshine around Ruskin, near Sarasota, were expected home some time this week. They have been enjoying a two weeks' vacation in the South.

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Callers of the week of the Rolland Merrihew family were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner Tuesday evening; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tupper of Mt. Pleasant Wednesday; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Husted Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew Sunday. Rolland spent the weekend home from his work in Belleville.

Ronna Dutcher was sick with flu this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler entertained the Farm Bureau Club last Tuesday evening, with five couples attending. Mary entertained the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon. Twelve ladies and three children were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Larry Dutcher of Mt. Morris visited their parents, the Clayton Dutchers, over the weekend.

Marion Beutler, Lucille Merrihew, Vada Louisell, Virginia Saunders and Irene Reynders attended the "Day of Hearts" service at Shepherd Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher and children spent Sunday afternoon with the Clayton Dutchers. Ivan Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant was a forenoon caller. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDaniels and children of Lansing spent the weekend with the Houston McDaniels family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis and Kathy and Mick spent Saturday afternoon with the Gary Dutcher family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended the Young Couples meeting at Weidman Friday evening.

Beth Merrihew and daughters of Pontiac came Friday and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orville. They went home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended the annual meeting and oyster dinner of the Remus Creamery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines attended the Remus basketball game at Big Rapids Thursday evening. They attended the Barryton game at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Thursday with Mrs. Robert Hogg, while Ervin attended a meeting at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville spent the weekend with her folks, the Clarence Chaffee family.

Douglas Dutcher stayed Thursday night with his grandparents, the Clayton Dutchers.

Bobby Oplinger took Rozena Merrihew to Mt. Pleasant to the doctor Tuesday, as Rozena was having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin spent Wednesday evening with

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDaniel, Jr., are the proud parents of a baby girl, Patricia Kay, born the last of February.

Ernie Dell and Willard Ransom were Sunday afternoon callers at the Harry Hardenburg and Emory Dell homes. Emory is having the flu at this writing. Butch Hardenburg is also sick.

Bill Hardenburg stayed overnight with Brian Dutcher Saturday, watching the late-late movie.

Jim Dutcher called on Brian Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

Harry Hardenburg, Jr., went with the Remus School Band to Lake City Friday evening.

Clayton Dutcher called on Frank Second one day last week. George Second and Bill Millard were also helping Frank.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cotter of Lansing visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler Friday morning. They attended the funeral of Harold's mother, Mrs. Anna Cotter, Saturday.

Mrs. Shirley Van Tassell and children of Marshall were at the Gene McArthur home the first of the week, during their mother's serious illness. Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her father, Lew Frantz. Mrs. Van Tassell is spending the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., were last Thursday visitors of Mrs. Ina Gillette.

Mrs. Wm. Nass of Ashley spent from Thursday night till Saturday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sprague. Jodi returned home with her for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carey of Mt. Pleasant spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith at Flushing. They took Mrs. Leah Scharrer with them, to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus of Flushing, after which she expects to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed at Algonac. Mrs. Scharrer was feeling better, after suffering a heart attack.

Clarence Higbee of Flushing called on his sister, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming of Marion were Thursday callers. They also called on Wm. Higbee at the Broomfield Memorial Hospital. Mr. Higbee was reported as remaining about the same.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow called on Mrs. Lydia Snider last week Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. David Kyser of Winn had dinner with her sister, Lydia Snider, Wednesday, and found her feeling much better, after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williamson of rural Mt. Pleasant were Satur-

day evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were also visitors.

Mrs. Arlene King and family had a nice surprise visit from her sister, Miss Delores Purdy, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Ann Purdy, of Flint, Sunday. This was the first time Delores had been here since last September.

Mrs. Nina Forbes and Alton Brien attended a school play in Ithaca Saturday evening. Mrs. Forbes' grandson had the leading role in the Senior Play.

Connie Skinner called on Geraldine Horan and Leona Simmer in Beal City last Thursday morning. Geraldine seemed vastly improved, and we think she'll be back at piano playing in the near future. Leona was leaving that morning for a visit with her children in and around St. Johns. She had just returned from the hospital, after a painful illness undetermined but thought to be kidney stones. Hope you're felling better now, Leona!

Blanche Cliff called the Messenger Saturday afternoon to say that she returned to her home in Weidman the first of last week, after spending the winter in California and Washington State. She had a wonderful time, and visited her nieces and nephews, the Wileys. Blanche took a plane from Seattle to Detroit, coming home, and was met, to her surprise, in Detroit by Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant, a former Weidman resident. The two took a bus to Mt. Pleasant, and Beth brought Blanche home from there.

Mrs. Vada Block, Mrs. W. J. Laubenthal and Mrs. Geraldine Horan were in Clare last week Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams of North Weidman spent a recent Sunday with their son, C. M. Adams, and family, at Reed City. They recently called on their daughter and family, the Bob Embreys, of Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight. The two couples were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson of Deerfield Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky were last Wednesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummings of Farwell were also callers. Thursday visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Cook of Clare.

Mrs. Esther Akins of Carson City and Hubert Bunker, also of that city, were last Tuesday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halfman, observing the birthday of Mrs. Akins, Mrs. Halfman's sister. Mr. Bunker is her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley, Sr. and Mrs. Martha Ebelt, and Miss Joni Donley, all of Big Rapids, were Sunday guests at the Richard Donley, Jr., home here.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

JESSIE HAS PAPERED OUR HOMES 26 YEARS

Jessie Rosencrantz started into her 27th year of putting on new, fresh wallpaper in Weidman area homes (and many other places) on March 9. She completed 26 years of papering March 8.

That's a lot of wallpaper to hang. Jessie has kept scrapbooks of her papering, and can tell you what family had what papering, and in what year. It's all there in her books of samples.

We think her work has given more people happiness than any other job we can think of. She puts bright, fresh, new walls and ceilings in our homes, where there was faded and grimed and cracked old wallpaper.

Everybody has always been happy when Jessie comes to paper. We got new rooms for old, and we offer her our appreciation for her many years of service to our community in this respect.

Thank you, Jessie, for those many happy times you gave the old Roe house a new inside. We always love to have you come.

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BROOMFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor
Sunday School, 9.45 a. m.

Church service, 11 a. m.

Services are held each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock during Lent.

WEIDMAN METHODIST

Lenten Series of Sermons: Magic Moments with the Master. No. 3: A Man Up a Tree, Sunday, Mar. 21.

The monthly pot-luck Fellowship Dinner will be held Sunday, March 21, at 1 p. m. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers will represent the church at the Lake Huron Methodist Camp, 14 miles north of Port Huron, at the Spiritual Life Retreat, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 19, 20 and 21.

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD

Missionary meeting will be held at the annex next Thursday afternoon at 2, with Mrs. Hulbert and Mrs. Lydia Snider on the refreshment committee. The ladies will tie quilts.

Young People will meet next Monday, March 29, at the Hulbert home to plan and prepare young people's programs and the new material.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hulbert and family plan to go to Rochester Saturday to stay at the home of her brother, Harold Bullis, and family. Rev. Hulbert will deliver the sermon at the Troy Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Our robins are still with us, in spite of all the various kinds of bad weather we've been having. Hope they stick it out till spring breaks through!

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Shari and Ron, and two of Ron's friends were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Whitey McCreight and Sunday supper guests of the Lynn Johnsons.

Mrs. Minnie Reed helped Mrs. Deborah Benn with her housework Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were Tuesday afternoon callers at the Sidney Lawrence home. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were weekend guests. Mrs. Ula Cummins was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mrs. Doris Tiani and Donna spent from Thursday till Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger.

Kenny Oplinger went to Lake City Saturday to play in the Band Festival. The Junior High School Band, the Junior High School Orchestra and the Senior High Orchestra of Mecosta-Remus were among bands there. Kenny plays in the Junior High Band and J. H. Orchestra. They did fairly well.

the Junior High Band getting 3, Junior High Orchestra one and two and Senior Orchestra one.

Mrs. Eva Denslow returned from Ann Arbor Saturday. They found no cancer, but she will go back the 30th for more tests on her voice.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Billy and Bobby were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson. The Jim Thompsons went to Lansing Wednesday to see her mother.

Mrs. Betty Thompson, Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Margie Denslow and Mrs. Deborah Benn attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Mary Beutler last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended an oyster dinner at the Remus Creamery Saturday.

The Rosencrantzes accompanied the Gerald Losey family up toward Barryton Saturday evening to see the deer herd that has been feeding in an old corn field. It is located a short distance west of M-66 as you go out the Air Line Road, then cross 66 and shortly there's the corn field. Various estimates have put the herd at about 300. Deer no doubt had a rough time getting feed this winter, as we had a lot of snow a lot of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtis and Mike were Saturday evening guests of the Gerald Losey family.

Gerald Dent's finger is coming along fine, but now Harry has bro-

ken one of his fingers. Hard luck. The Dent family went to see the deer Sunday evening.

Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Sunday evening guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents.

Raymond Kirvan and son-in-law, Eric Anderson, of Big Rapids, were Wednesday evening callers at the Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Navarre were Wednesday evening guests. They spent the evening playing cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Well, we have more good neighbors, and more fish, thanks to the Charlie Loseys. In fact, they are getting to be quite fishermen, and that includes Miss Nancy Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller and Mrs. Flora Wood attended the funeral of Mrs. Edna (Williams) Cole at Winn Saturday afternoon.

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Local Items

Mrs. Howard Bywater took her husband to Grand Rapids to his new job, Sunday. The Bywaters had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater of near Two Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon Sunday afternoon, to see the new granddaughter, home from California, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Maxon (the former Mary Paisley).

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George A. Lackie and wife to Donald D. Hetherington and wife s 1/2 se 1/4 sec. 23, Lincoln.

Frank Verleger and wife to Russell B. Francis and wife, pt. sw sw sec. 27, Union.

Robert H. White and wife et al to Gerald L. Netzley, e 1/2 w 1/2 se 1/4 sec. 3, Coe.

Bruce E. Hoyt and wife to Geo. R. Wheeler and wife, s 1/2 s 1/2 ne sec. 33, Union.

Robert Gilpin and wife to Leo Beard, pt. sw sw sec. 8, Coe.

John H. Squires and wife to Klein Homes of Mt. Pleasant, Inc. Lot 2, pt. Lot 6, Belmont Park.

Olaf Nordquist and wife to Clifton Wood, pt. se se sec. 18, Deerfield.

Harold Verleger and wife to William H. Rea and Mary S., pt. Lot 8, Westchester.

George W. Maxwell and wife to Louise Alta Williams, Lot 8, blk. 6, Brown & Leaton's Add.

Inez B. Hayhoe to Gale D. Wheeler and wife, s 1/2 Lot 6, blk. 1, Village of Winn.

Mary T. Little to Iva E. Long, w 1/2 Lot 7, blk. 2, Kinney's and Richmond Add.

Francis H. Bauder and wife to Ivan L. Miller, Jr., and wife, nw sw sec. 12, Wise.

Sylvia Fasquelle Maguire to B. R. Gillett and wife, pt. Lot 4, pt. Lot 3, blk. 27, Original Plat.

William J. Schafer and wife to Herman T. Schafer, nw se sec. 18, Nottawa.

Neil Litwiller and wife to Victor Litwiller and wife, nw ne sec. 32, Lincoln.

G&G Realty Co. to Famous Foods, Inc., pt. Lot 5, 6, blk. 27, Village of Mt. Pleasant.

Ben Traines to Cortes O. Lovejoy and wife, pt. Lot 5, Stones Outlots.

Est. of Mary J. Donahue to John F. Hackett and wife, pt. Lot 8, blk 26, Village of Mt. Pleasant.

Edna G. Shangle to John W. Fluharty et al, nw nw sec. 26, Isabella twp.

Joseph W. Grace and wife to Arthur J. Grace and wife, Lot 15, blk. 20, Village of Shepherd.

Raymond McConnell and wife to Clarence V. Methner and wife s 1/2 nw; nw nw sec. 6, Denver.

Alvin T. Keller and wife to Clarence Methner and wife, ne se; s 1/2 sw ne; e 1/2 nw se, sec. 9; pt. sw se sec 9; se nw sec. 10, Denver.

Jesse L. Rarick and wife to Jerome Simon and wife, e 1/2 nw; sw ne sec. 32, Rolland.

Amanda Brant to Jerome A. Simon and wife, n 1/2 se; n 1/2 ne; se ne sec. 32, Rolland.

Frank M. Blesch and wife to Richard O. Walton and wife, Lot 1, Blesch Meadows.

Charles R. Woodruff et al to Lawrence L. Dell and wife, Lot 33, Ward's Add.

Harold R. Verleger and wife to Kenneth R. Green and wife, Lot 33, Southgate.

Bobbie R. Oake and wife to Janet Donaldson, Pt. Lot 20, Pt. Lot 19, blk. 2, Poulos Sub.

George Lewis Fisher and wife to Angus Lint and wife, Lots 1 to 10 inc., blk. 27, Village of Blanchard.

Wayne E. hall et al to Jerry R. Griffin and wife, pt. ne sw sec. 30, Union.

Carl P. Kentner and wife to Donald J. Petoskey and wife, w 1/2 Lots 2, 3, blk. 6, Smith's Add.

Estate of Frank Meyer to James Tolas and wife, pt. Lots 1, 2, blk. 43, Village of Mt. Pleasant.

John Stough and wife to Ruth A. Herron, Lot 13, blk. 9, Vernon City.

Bert Sanders and wife to Ronald R. Campbell, Lot 38, Sanders Sub.

Harold Snyder and wife to Gerald Uebele and wife, pt. Lot 1, blk. 1, Village of Dushville (Winn).

Estate of Mary D. Dent to Walter D. Utterback and wife, Lot 1, blk. 4, Kinney's & Richmonds Add.

Francis L. Shouey and wife to Hugh G. Riley and wife, w 1/2 Lot 36, blk. 23, Village of Shepherd.

Blanche I. Thren to Gordon L. Hall and wife, Lot 7, blk. 27, Village of Mt. Pleasant.

Blaine Linville and wife to Harvey Fair and wife, pt. se sw sec. 12, Chippewa.

Robert H. Williams and wife to Franklin E. Williams and wife, pt. sw sw sec. 11, Village of Calkinsville.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Leon Schafer of Weidman called on the Paul Coles Sunday.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart and Mrs. Hugh Douglas were in Clare Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ellsworth of Blanchard.

Mrs. Mattie Wood, Mrs. Verna Seymour and Mrs. Pearl Geasler called on Mrs. Otto Skalitzky last Thursday, to see her very pretty quilts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas received word Tuesday evening that their son-in-law, Father Leo Schendorff, had passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas attended the funeral Thursday.

The Coles didn't go hunting, neither did they go sightseeing, but Monday morning at break of day we did see a red fox trotting down the road with his breakfast.

In our excitement, we forgot we could have shot him, as we hurried to get Velma to the window to see him. We even forgot the

40 chickens that foxes have destroyed (last summer). On Monday, as we were traveling to Blanchard, six deer crossed the road too close for comfort. One didn't think he could make it.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor of Mt. Pleasant attended a birthday party Friday evening in honor of their granddaughter, Miss Linda Hart, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart. Larry Sisco was also in attendance at the party.

Mrs. Hattie Baker and Mrs. Agnes Fuller will be hostesses at the next meeting of the Merry Go Round Club April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family went to Lansing Sunday to help Mrs. Geasler's sister celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Clarence Shaner called on

her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Saturday evening. Stanley Shaner and Roxann Hart spent the night with Grandma Hart, as did her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis, of Shepherd.

Norma Geasler was a recent dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole received word Sunday evening that their granddaughter, Mary Lou Mossell, has the German measles. The doctor ordered her to bed for seven days. The Mossell children have just got over three-day measles and mumps.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. John Beutler of Marine City were Monday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

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Two Rivers

Mrs. Singleton Moses, Reporter

Roxie and Gary Leiter have moved into their new home and are busy getting settled.

Lewie Abair and Dick Darnell of Battle Creek called on Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughner and children and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughner.

Mrs. Raymond Flaughner attended a stork shower honoring Mrs. Gary Latham Saturday evening.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughner, who celebrated their 30th anniversary March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Saunders of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Saturday evening guests at the Oral Bunting home were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bollman, Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting, and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bunting and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bunting and children of Belding were Sunday callers at the Oral Bunting home.

Mrs. Burton Ward returned home from the hospital Thursday and is feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and children called at the Arnold Krueger home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Chuck Martin of Alma called at the Moses home Sunday afternoon.

Walter Bugbee has been ill the past week. We hope he is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stansell and Miss Beverly Stansell spent the weekend of March 6 with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Pantenburg.

Mrs. Joe Durham spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Wise.

Visitors this past week at the Bernice Wise home were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zegler from Ohio.

Mrs. Chris Larson is home after spending some time at the Midland hospital. We're glad to have you back and feeling better, Mrs. Larson.

We wish to extend sincerest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Elmer Garrett, who passed away this past weekend.

Also to the family of Lester Craven, who was killed in an automobile accident near Flint, Saturday, March 13.

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YOU CAN HELP US--By telling our advertisers you saw them in the Weidman Messenger, the Home-Town paper.

North Weidman

Wanda Graham, Reporter

John Gott returned to the doctor in Clare Wednesday, then he and Mrs. Gott visited their granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Aldrich, and also called at the home of Shirley Gott to see their grandchildren, Rusty, Julie and Tina.

Debbie Graham spent Wednesday afternoon with Diane Aldrich of Clare.

Janet Battleslaw and children of Mt. Pleasant called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters, recently.

Vernon Miller was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller.

Mrs. John Gott attended the Merry Go Round Club meeting Thursday, at the Brinton Hall.

A reception was held at the Methodist Church basement in Weidman Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller, sponsored by church members and the Weidman Lions Club. Mr. and Mrs. Miller received many lovely gifts.

Laura Latham returned from the hospital last Tuesday, feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Chel Latham and Mr. and Mrs. Dan King were callers at the John Latham home over the weekend.

Mrs. John Latham was hostess at a Pink and Blue shower honoring Mrs. Gary Latham. Games were played, and refreshments served. Mrs. Latham received many lovely gifts.

Mrs. John Gott, Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell, Mrs. Don Alwood, and Kathy and Donnie, Mrs. Arlene King and Wanda Graham spent most of the day Monday in Mt. Pleasant. Bessie, Donnie and Kathy had to visit the doctor's office.

Carolyn Abbott was on the sick

OPEN HOUSE FOR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Open House was held Friday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Don Curtiss on their 25th wedding anniversary, at the Masonic Hall in Winn.

Over 150 relatives, neighbors and friends were present to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss.

Mrs. Robert Curtiss and Mrs. Jim Yost of St. Clair were co-hostesses for the occasion, and presided at the guest tables for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss received many beautiful gifts.

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BIRTHDAY SURPRISES FOR MRS. SHELDON

Mrs. Joe Wilmot, Mrs. Millie Voss, Mrs. Laura Latham and Mrs. Rosie Hogen surprised their stepmother, Mrs. John Sheldon, on her birthday Friday.

The girls took along a lovely lunch, and gifts, and spent the afternoon with Mrs. Sheldon. Friday evening Mrs. Sheldon's

list the weekend, and visited her doctor Monday.

Judy and Jerry Abbott have missed some school because of illness.

Mrs. Meryl Graham and Debbie took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, to Cadillac Saturday, to see Mrs. Gott's sister, Mrs. Gladys Ackles, who is in the hospital there.

Don Abbott is now working at the Ace Hardware in Mt. Pleasant as manager of the furniture department.

Carol Abbott and Fran Chapman were in Grand Rapids Saturday, while Duane Chapman was on business there.

Becky Graham spent Saturday afternoon with Mary Blodgett.

Oscar and Ward Dell have been having the flu. Oscar took a fall in his home. He saw the doctor Tuesday.

Rusty Alwood was home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gott and Larry of Winn called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Sunday evening.

Carl Gott of Ionia called on his parents Sunday also.

Jeanne Smith and Joan Burden called on Marilyn Losey Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams called on their son and family in Clare Sunday.

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WELL CHILD CLINIC TO BE HELD MARCH 26

The Weidman Well Child Conference and regular immunization clinic will be held Thursday, March 26, at the Weidman Methodist Church basement.

This conference is for well children three months to three years only.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Robert Bruce and baby, Billy, of Ashley spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sprague. Mrs. Bruce is Mrs. Sprague's sister.

daughter, Mrs. Art Preston and two sons of St. Louis visited her. Sunday Mrs. Alvin Cummins and husband and family were visitors, honoring Lucille Cummins' and Mrs. Sheldon's birthday with another lovely dinner and birthday gift.

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TO THE MESSENGER:

I was looking at the pictures in the Messenger (March 11 issue) and am enclosing one taken Feb. 22, 1922, of the terrible ice storm.

The picture was taken at my farm five miles northeast of Weidman.

Elden Jackson,
Fenton, Mich.

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(Editor's Note: The picture Mr. Jackson enclosed showed a tree broken down from weight of ice on its branches. Sorry, it didn't come out clear enough to print.)

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens were Monday evening visitors of Mrs. Minnie Rhode.

The Lutheran Ladies' Aid met Wednesday, March 10, with Mrs. Will Cook. The April meeting will be with Mrs. Bob Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Chilson of Sparata spent Tuesday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and brother, Jay Leinaar. Mrs. Grace Crowley was a Sunday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lueder of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder one evening recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Loomis and boys of Bath spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis.

Roderick Nicholson and Robert Hine spent Friday in Saginaw.

Mrs. Robert Cook and Sandra called on Mr. and Mrs. Neal Richardson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Glee Krueger and Mrs. Maycie Cook attended the Two Rivers club meeting at the home of Mrs. Lovica Krueger in Mt. Pleasant Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Cook, Tom Latham, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook, after attending church services.

Lenten services are held each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Lutheran Church in Broomfield. Visitors are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and family and Ed Turner of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and Darla and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook.

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NEWS NOTES

Lucinda Sprague called on her mother, Mrs. Lydia Snider, Sunday afternoon.

PINE GROVE TABERNACLE

There will be a special meeting at the Pine Grove Tabernacle, 3 1/2 miles north of Remus Sunday, March 21, and there will be continuous meetings through April 4.

Farmers will soon be tilling the land and the gardens will be worked upon; and so the Pine Grove Tabernacle will be thrusting in the syckle for precious souls whom God wants to satisfy.

Rev. Mrs. Bertha McCallie will be speaking this Sunday, March 21, through April 4, each night at 8.

Mrs. McCallie was in an accident where she had her neck broken in two places. The Lord marvelously healed those bones while she was in the hospital.

She had been a missionary to India for a few years. Her messages are grafted in by personal experiences.

We invite the reading public to come.

Rev. Jay Dobben, Pastor.

Walker Creek News

Mrs. Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Keith Thompson informed us of the passing of her aunt, Mrs. Rose Garrett, Saturday evening. We knew her as a kind and loving person, a loyal and true friend. We extend our deepest sympathy to relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser were Saturday evening callers of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon guests of his brother, Arthur Schrock. They visited their sister, Mrs. Florence McMacken, at Alma Hospital, where she is a patient.

Mrs. Ollie Denslow took her sister, Mrs. Wynona Risdon, of rural Blanchard to Mt. Pleasant Community Hospital Friday morning. Mrs. Risdon suffered a slight stroke the week before.

Micky Dargitz of Big Rapids spent Saturday with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, and assisted his father-in-law with the chores. Lyle has been having a bout with "flu bug".

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz have purchased a new station wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were at their cottage on Lake Windoga Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis, of Sherman City, and niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Beutler, of Marine City.

Otis Conley and granddaughter, Terri, called on his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, and family, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beck of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Paulette and Denise were Sunday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and son, Pat, of Grand Haven, and Miss Janet Dillenbeck spent the weekend at the home of the girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck spent Sunday evening with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage, of Mt. Pleasant.

Fred Anderson of Grand Rapids spent Saturday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and attended the basketball game at Mt. Pleasant with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dosenberry and sons, Paul and Keith, were Sunday supper guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patter-

son, of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey Gatehouse of Weidman were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters were Wednesday evening supper guests of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were Sunday evening guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter.

Greg and Kay Loomis spent Sunday at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Zill, of Saginaw, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire, of North Brinton.

Lucinda St. John cared for the children of Donald Stanley Saturday afternoon and evening.

The Stanleys, as well as all the basketball enthusiasts, attended the game at Mt. Pleasant Saturday. Barryton won over Beal City, and was scheduled to play Chesaning Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday supper guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, and family. Her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Vinton, of Saginaw, called later and all attended the party at the Russell Stanleys'.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Moore of Big Rapids were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. About 40 friends and neighbors gathered at the Stanley home Saturday evening and enjoyed a pepper party, honoring their son and grandson, David, who has finished his college course at Ferris State College, Big Rapids.

David went to Saginaw Thursday and also on Friday, for interviews in regard to work in the trade as a tool and die maker.

Sunday dinner guests of the Stanleys were the Moores, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, Donald Pung and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family.

Had a call from a sister-in-law, Mrs. Andrew Irwin, Jr., to tell us Aunt Caroline Butts of Saginaw had passed away Saturday evening. She was 85 years old, and although she was confined to a wheel chair, having had a leg amputated, had been able to care for herself until the last year or so. She was the daughter of John David Seiter, an early pioneer of the Rosebush area. She and my mother learned to bake bread and sew, and all the cares of the household, when only eight and ten years old, as they lost their mother at that early age. Words can't express how much we thought of her.

East Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Clio, Thelma Jones and Coranna Shaner and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family Sunday.

Ellen and Carl Geasler took Maggie Boger to Lakeview Monday to see Martin Boger. Martin is still in the hospital there, for treatment of gall bladder trouble. Martin was feeling better Monday, and x-rays were scheduled for Tuesday, along with consultation with a specialist. Martin hoped to return home this week. Tom Herman has been staying with his grandmother, and Dewey Olger and Wendell Sisco have been helping with heavier chores. The Bogers keep stock, and Mrs. Boger said Tuesday they were getting along fine on their animal-care schedule, with the help of these neighbors for the heavier work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ona Blain of Harrison called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner Thursday afternoon.

Jim Latham and Mrs. Dewey Olger went to Clare Tuesday and brought their mother, Mrs. Gerald Latham, home from the hospital.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and children and Jim Latham attended a basketball game at the Field House in Mt. Pleasant. Barryton won over Saginaw Holy Rosary, 73-71.

Saturday evening Mrs. Dewey Olger and Joyce attended a stork shower honoring Mrs. Gary Latham, at the home of Mrs. John Latham. Mrs. John Latham and Mrs. Chelsea Latham were co-hostesses. Twenty ladies attended. Mrs. Latham received many lovely gifts. Cake and ice cream were served.

Saturday afternoon John Latham, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family attended a basketball game at Mt. Pleasant, Barryton vs. Beal City. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson while in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler and family of Allegan, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg and baby of Clare, and Ellen Geasler were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler.

Harold Skinner and Brenda made a business trip to Belding Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Esther Skinner and Wally, Alice and Brenda were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday. They called on Thelma Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, who had just returned from Florida, spent the weekend with Thelma. Thelma and the Wm. Joneses spent Saturday night at Thelma's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner took in the VFW 3033, Mt. Pleasant, barbecue chicken supper Saturday evening. Thirty-three were present.

Esther Skinner is now an agent for the Kollman Monument Works of St. Cloud, Minn.

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Lorena Moses called on her sister, Lydia Snider, Saturday afternoon.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE

Editor's Column

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unit should have or should have an early potential for a total K-12 (Kindergarten through 12th grade) public school minimum enrollment of 2,000 or more."

The 1964 School Reorganization Act requires intermediate school districts to prepare proposals that would eliminate all districts offering less than K-12 programs.

Elementary districts could either merge with K-12 districts or new K-12 units could be formed by one or more elementary units.

Consolidation plans adopted by local study committees will require voter approval before they take effect.

It's that last paragraph we object to. It's a half-truth. Voter approval will be required, that's true, but not voter-approval by school districts.

It will be voter-approval by the "proposed" new school districts laid out by 18 men forming a committee, and the voting will be mechanized so as to merge any or all districts as they now exist into the "proposed" new district. You must vote as one district in the "proposed" new district, whether it be Barryton-Remus-Mecosta or Weidman-Beal City-Mt. Pleasant. If Barryton had to vote in the Remus-Mecosta setup which Barryton School District voters turned down four times, the numerical balance would be with Remus-Mecosta, and Barryton would be in.

If Weidman, or Weidman-Beal City, had to vote in a "proposed" district including Mt. Pleasant, Weidman-Beal City would have no vote, as we'd be swamped by numerical superiority of the Mt. Pleasant District.

If the Weidman district were to be tossed into the Remus-Mecosta-Barryton proposal, as it has been a couple of times in the past, the Weidman School District people would have no vote as they'd be overwhelmed by numerical superiority of the Barryton-Remus-Mecosta complex.

So--we object to big newspapers like the "G.R. Press" assuring the dumb, trusting people that "Consolidation plans adopted by local study committees will require voter approval before they take effect."

They'll require voter approval, all right, but the G.R. Press does not say what kind of voter approval. It's a close-to-home illustration of the dictatorial trend in all government in these United States in the last three decades.

You will not choose your school district's boundaries or status after the 18 men get to work figuring out what's "best" for Isabella County schools.

You will be told.

WE HEARD FROM READERS THE IDENTITY OF LAST WEEK'S ICE PICTURES

About as soon as last week's Messenger was out, we began hearing from readers about the ice storm pictures we printed, unidentified.

Mitchell McArthur was first to call, and he identified the top picture as Middlesworths' old store and home building, which was later made into a theater.

The lower picture was Briggs' Blacksmith Shop, with the dance floor on the second story. (Old timers will remember those dances, and also the traveling shows that came along and put on their acts in Briggs' Hall.)

Among the many who called was R.D. Sprague, who thought the pictures were taken in 1926, and he pointed out that there were three very bad ice storms, in 1922, 1923, and 1926.

He called Briggs' Blacksmith Shop the Clarence Beebe shop, as Mr. Beebe apparently had the place before George Briggs.

The circular thing showing in the foreground of the blacksmith-shop picture was a wooden form on which Mr. Briggs used to repair wagon wheels, it was pointed out.

Gerald Middlesworth said the Masons tore down the old blacksmith shop, intending to use the lumber to build their new hall in Weidman. But after completing the tearing-down job, the Masons changed their minds and built the cement-block structure now standing on the site of the old Frantz blacksmith shop. (How many oldsters remember when that was there?)

(In 1912, when the Roe family came to Weidman, the Frantz blacksmith shop stood there, and Mr. Frantz and his sons did brisk business shoeing horses and repairing wagons and buggies.

(There was a rambling wood building next the Frantz shop, and Rolla Roe rented printshop space there for a time. Dr. Clark also rented space there for a while.)

Consensus of opinion seems to place those pictures of last week in the 1922 ice storm. As was stated, however, there were three bad storms in close order around then.

Anyhow, we're glad to know just what those old pictures were, and revive a small portion of the history of our village.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Berg and son, David of Grand Rapids and Steve Starks were Sunday dinner guests at the Roy Adams home.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Appelgreen called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Appelgreen in Big Rapids last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews, of Nottawa.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

N. Brinton

CORA ESTES, Reporter

The Kenneth Baker family were Saturday and Sunday visitors at the home of the son, Keith, and family, in Grand Rapids.

Coldwater Township Farm Bureau group met with Mrs. Lena St. John last Friday evening. This was the first meeting in three months, and only a few members were present. The April meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Callers during the week at the Bessie Forbes home were Clifford Leiter and daughter, Linda Foster, Harry and David Lee of Sears, and Mrs. Art Bazaire.

Visitors at the Raymond Husted home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hatt and baby of Barryton, and the Russell Emmlinger family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower and Mrs. Laura Pifer spent Saturday with the Towers' son, Darrel, and family of Brighton.

Mrs. Minnie Sisco, who has been in the Clare Hospital for some time, was expected to return to the home of her son this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts were Sunday visitors at the home of a sister in Carson City.

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Mrs. Russell Wilson spent last Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

SOUTHWEST GILMORE

VFRNA SEYMOUR, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wendel of Flint came up to their farm Friday and stayed till Sunday. They also bought 80 acres of land of Juanita Jarman, adjoining their farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Silvers and children of Mt. Pleasant called Sunday afternoon at the Norman Buchel and Elam Seymour homes.

The Merry Go Round Club met at the Brinton Hall last Thursday and tied off two quilts and had pot-luck dinner with the ladies of the Quilting Club of Brinton. We enjoyed it very much, and hope we can get together again some time. Mrs. Agnes Fuller will have the club in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Abbott and daughters of near Weidman came with filled baskets and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Abbott and daughters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hatch and family of Jackson spent Sunday with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent, and Joyce.

Mrs. Walter Wood received word last week of the death of a relative in Ohio.

Harley Beck of Farwell spent Sunday with the Don Seymour family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth.

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