

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### TAXPAYERS ARE BEGINNING TO ASK, "MAY WE KNOW?"

Tom Eynon, CBS newscaster on WNEM, Channel 5, television, Bay City, has devoted his half-minute editorials lately to inquiries into school expenditures, especially the mania for new buildings.

He received so many howls from Bigger Is Better believers that he devoted his time Monday evening to answering one question: "By what right do you presume to criticize our schools?"

His answer: As a taxpayer with a home and a mortgage; and as the father of two teenagers, whose education he has entrusted to the schools. He's standing pat.

And in Saturday's Times-News there was an editorial bravely claiming that the taxpayers have a right to know how their school-tax money is being spent.

Could it be taxpayers are beginning to stir?

Tune in on Tom Eynon, Channel 5, at 6.25 p.m., just before Huntley-Brinkley. He's worth your while.

In other columns we are printing a couple of letters on school situations, specifically the Weidman School. They are from earnest workers for consolidation.

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### COLDWATER EXTENSION STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Coldwater Extension Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Lou Gray Jan. 13. There were nine ladies present, with Mrs. Ollie Denslow a guest. Miss Ellen Geasler conducted the meeting, as Mrs. Ray Geasler, president, was absent, due to being called back to teaching school. Mrs. Harris Brown was selected to fill the chairman vacancy.

An expression of sympathy was sent to Mrs. William Beck in the loss of her husband.

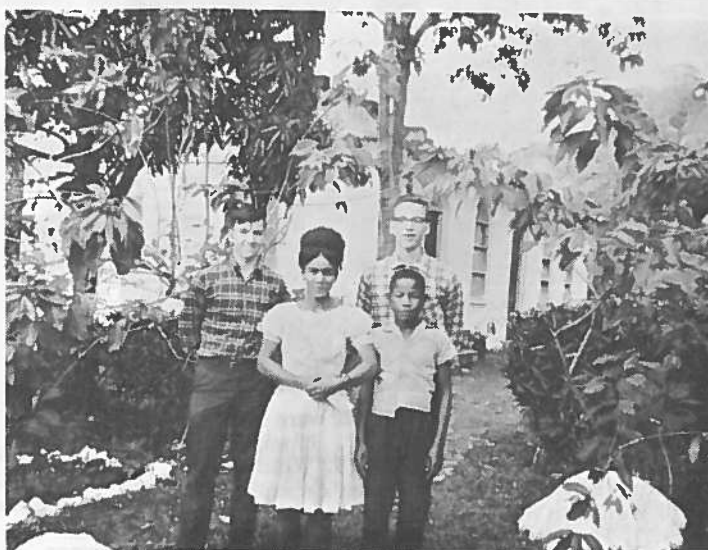
The roll was called by having each person present tell something that "bugged" her when she was getting ready to go some place.

Mrs. Eva Gray and Mrs. Marilyn Fosberg gave an interesting presentation of the study topic, "Selection and Care of Household Textiles".

The hostess served a delicious lunch.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harris Brown Feb. 10, at 1.30 p.m. Each member is to bring a favorite household hint for roll call.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



WINTER IN JAMAICA--In the midst of our blizzards and sub-zero weather lately, the above picture really warms us. It shows Rick and Steve Johnson with two of the many friends they made in Jamaica, posed with a background of Jamaican house and native shrubs. The boys were in a group from the Forest Hill Church of God which made the trip at Christmas time to a mission there. Others in the group included Lynn Ann Warner, and Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Spires and daughter, Anna.

### WEIDMAN FIREMEN CONSIDER GETTING RESUSCITATOR

At the first 1967 meeting of the Weidman Fire Department, a discussion was in order on the need for a resuscitator, the life-giving artificial-respiration machine, in the Weidman area.

The meeting was held last week Tuesday evening at 7.30, with 15 Volunteer Firemen present. Fire Chief Ed Fox called the meeting to order, and new projects were discussed.

The majority of the Firemen felt that, on drilling a well for water supply at the Fire Barn, there should be a direct pump from the well. This was tabled, and at the next meeting more information from well drillers will be available for the Firemen to decide on.

Discussion on changing the outside fire pushbutton to the inside of the building resulted in a decision to have one outside and one inside.

A debate on the necessity of the Fire Department's having on hand, with properly trained Firemen, an artificial respiration machine, a resuscitator, resulted in the appointment of Ted Smith to look into the project and report at the next regular meeting.

The need for a vacuum pump was discussed, for use on the auxiliary truck. Ralph McCreight was named to look into the price of one to take care of the work

it has to do for us.

Also discussed was the White Elephant Sale to be held March 11 at the Village Inn tavern in Weidman, with all benefits to go to the Firemen's fund. All articles for donation for the sale may be left at the Weidman Fire Hall or the Village Inn tavern, or contact Walt Smith, Ray Smith or Dan Wernette for pickup of articles.

Fire Chief Ed Fox explained to the Firemen how house numbers are numbered in Sherman, and Nottawa Townships.

The meeting was adjourned, and some cards were played. The next regular meeting of the Weidman Fire Department will be the second Tuesday in February.

Walt Smith, Secretary.

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### BILL AND GERTRUDE STEWART OPEN LEONARD STATION HERE

The big Leonard service station in the center of Weidman opened Saturday with Bill and Gertrude Stewart as new managers. The station has all facilities for servicing cars, except repair, which we all hope will come later.

Weidman needs an auto repair shop, and it is the hope of us all that some day a leading service station will take it on.

The young Stewarts have a host of friends here, and we join them in wishing them success and happiness in their new venture.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Men in Uniform

John J. Fox entered the U.S. Navy Dec. 27, 1966. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fox of Beal City. He graduated in May, 1966, from the Beal City High School. His address:

S.R. John J. Fox, 13512764, Co. 749, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. 60088.

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Pvt. James H. Vogel of Fort Hood, Texas, spent the holidays home with his mother and family in Mt. Pleasant. Jim called on his grandparents, the Andrew Vogels, while here. He will be through basic training this week.

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FA Harold Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Gross, left Saturday for his Naval base in Yorktown, Va. His parents took him and a buddy from Saginaw to Flint to catch their plane to Virginia.

Harold enjoyed his leave very much, but didn't get to see everyone he wanted to. He wants his friends and relatives to know he did appreciate the gifts, letters and cards he received at Christmas time.

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### DON AND BIRDIE ABBOTT ENJOY FURNITURE SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott, of Abbott's Furniture Store in Weidman, spent a couple of days last week at the Furniture Market in Chicago.

They went by car, about a four-hour trip, they said. The show was excellent, and they enjoyed seeing the very newest in furniture design.

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### ANOTHER BLIZZARD CLOSES MOST AREA SCHOOLS

Central Michigan is having a rough winter, and our latest blizzard, roaring in Monday, closed most area schools for Tuesday and probably Wednesday.

The Weidman School was no exception, and administration officials said there was little probability of the school's being open Wednesday.

Tuesday marked the fifth day the Weidman School had been closed due to severe weather conditions this winter. The lost time will not be made up come spring, the administration said.

In other areas, snow and cold hold back lake development in this area somewhat, although the Gatehouse crews have been working steadily all winter on clearing for Isabella Lake. On Lake of the Hills, a drag-line has been working on the Smith and Drallette sections of the project.



ON THE CHIPPEWA RIVER--The Sherman City Mills were built by Bert Estes' grandfather, and were run as a gristmill. It was later sold to Lynn Smith, who had gone to work in John S. Weidman's mill at Weidman. Picture taken from Rosie Hogen's scrapbook, a clipping from an old Weidman Messenger which printed it from a photo loaned by Mrs. J. H. Clark.

## HISTORY OF SHERMAN TWP.

By Fred L. Kent

(Editor's Note: Again this week we are happy to present Fred L. Kent's History of Sherman Township, from his priceless writings of 1914. The narrative takes up from our last instalment:

The first township meeting was held at the residence of Cyrus Dunbar in the spring of 1869. Wesley Ellis, who with his brother, Frank were temporary residents of the town, was elected Supervisor; Daniel Flinn, clerk; and John Souls, treasurer. In the spring of 1870 there were 12 votes cast. John T. Cahoon was elected supervisor. When the writer came here in January, 1870, there was not a town road, and the state road had only been completed as far as Curtis Camps, now Woodin's Mills or Drew. In those days there were three commissioners elected.

John Kent was one of the three in 1870 but I am not sure who the others were. They opened the road south of the Gibbs Bridge, nearly one and one-half miles to the "Ward Tote Road," and west to Dunbar's and Burgess' on the county line two and one-half miles during that year.

In 1870 the population of the county was 4,113, and of Sherman Township, 134.

In the fall of 1869, E. K. Woods, Giles Gilbert and Amos Johnson built a log store on the Sherman side of the town line at Sherman City.

Later, Mr. Johnson became sole owner and built a two story building on the present site of L. C. Mendel's store, which, on

Sept. 19, 1878, was blown to pieces by the cyclone which also carried away the school house and other buildings, doing \$10,000 worth of damage.

The first school house built in the town was in Dist. No. 1, Sherman, at Sherman City.

It was a log building with shake roof and cost the district \$225. Wm. K. Gibbs was the contractor. The first term of school was taught by Samuel Gettings, in the fall of 1870. School officers; director, John T. Cahoon; assessor, A. F. Swem; moderator, David R. Hayes.

The scholars who attended the first term of school were Fred Cahoon, Charles Cahoon, Henry Swem, Lizzie Hayes, Celestia Hayes, Calvin Hayes, Royal Gibbs, Ansel Gibbs, Albert Gibbs, Adelbert Butterfield, and Parry Butterfield.

Lizzie Hayes, now Mrs. O. E. Kent of Weidman, is the only one left in the county who attended the first school, 44 years ago (this was written in 1914. --Ed.). The first school house built in Dist. No. 2 was completed in 1871. John Kent was the builder and received \$80 for his labor.

The first school officers were: director, Wm. Connor; moderator, Alexander Miller; assessor, Cyrus Dunbar; (Connor having moved away, James H. Tinker was director in the fall of '71.)

The first term was taught by Miss Anna Ingerson of Allegan County in the winter of '71-'72. (She is now Mrs. Ansel Gibbs of Barryton.)

The first scholars were Christopher Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, Ettie Tinker, Alice Tinker, Amos Tinker, Ellen Tinker, Eudora Tinker, Wm. Miller and

Fred Kent.

The first term of school in Dist. No. 3 was taught in a small board house on the James J. Bennett farm, Sec. 36. A board school house built on the northwest corner of the Bennett farm, which cost \$300, was later used until the present house was built on the southwest corner of Sec. 25. I am unable to say who the first teacher was or the names of the scholars, as none of the inhabitants of the district at that time is left in the township to tell the story.

In Dist. No. 4, the first term of school was taught by Miss Addie Woodin. The scholars in attendance were Jennie Burd, Luella Woodin, James, Hiram and George Smith. A log shanty which stood on the farm now owned by Mrs. John Hine was used as the first school house.

School Dist. No. 5 was organized in 1879. Wm. J. Darnell and H. M. Goodenough built the first school house, for which they received \$50.

The first school officers were: Director, W. J. Darnell; Assessor, H. M. Goodenough; Moderator, Winfield Bly.

The first teacher was Miss Maggie Ruxton. The scholars were Marion F. Martin, Lyman and Sammie Goodenough, William, James, Elijah and Alvira Darnell and Charles Sutherland. Dist. No. 5 was divided between Dists. No. 2 and 4 several years ago.

The first term of school in Dist. No. 6 was taught by Miss Sadie McCombs, in an old log house built by Walter Lyon on the farm of Jesse Thompson, in 1881. Richard Alderman was Director, Thompson Assessor, and Mr. Diamond Moderator.

A log school house was built on

the farm, at this date, 1914, occupied by R. D. Ellsworth. A few years later the present Darnell School house was built on Sec. 10.

The first scholars to attend school in this district were Edward and Frankie Alderman, Eva, William, Ida, Lillie and Edith Thompson, and John and Dell Rodgers.

The resident ministers of early times were A. F. Swem, Alexander Miller, and later, Elder Burret. Sunday School Organizer Densmore of Greenville organized the first Sunday School, in Dist. No. 2, in the early '70's.

The earliest inhabitants of the township now living here (1914) are:

Mrs. Margaret Darnell, Bailey Darnell, Sr., Mrs. Lizzie Goodenough, wife of Elmer Goodenough, who came in 1868; Oscar E. Kent, who came in the fall of 1869; Dell and Fred Kent, and Mrs. Ida M. Shook, wife of John Shook, who came in January of 1870; Mrs. O. E. Kent and Mrs. Millard Pennington, who came in the winter of 1870.

James H. Tinker and John B. Tinker came in 1871. The former was treasurer and supervisor for many years; the latter, clerk and justice. Both died many years ago.

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## In the Editor's Mail

The Weidman News  
Dear Madam:

It has been quite a few years since I have been in Weidman.

My father was pastor of the Free Methodist Church, which has been moved to some small town near Weidman.

There are probably not many in Weidman whom I knew years ago.

I came to Ohio in 1911 and except for a couple of years, have lived in Findlay.

I am a Licensed Practical Nurse, and in October started working again at Blanchard Valley Hospital as a special nurse.

At my age--75--the hospital does not hire, but the patient does. When my patient went home in November, I came with my patient to North Baltimore, and I work 12 hours every night. I don't have any nights off. I thank God every day that I am able to work.

It seems that whenever it is Celebration Time in Weidman, that is my very busiest time. Maybe sometime I can visit your city. I'm sure there is news of some whom I used to know, in your paper. I read in an Ohio paper that there is a Weidman News.

I am sending a dollar bill and will send whatever more is needed. Please address to:

Mrs. Gertrude Vanlue  
130 Locust St.  
Findlay, O. 45840.

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**WANT ADS**

WANT AD RATES: 50¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rates of 50¢ per col. inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks: 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000, Weidman.

DUE TO AN ACCIDENT--Marjorie Schafer, your Nottawa Avon representative, will not be making her rounds for some time. If you need anything, call at my home at Coldwater Lake or telephone, 644-3967. Thank you.

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FOR SALE--Alcohol burning stove for fish shanty. Brand new. Cost over \$20, will sell for \$10. Small, neat. George Skinner, 6298 Air Line Road, Weidman.

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**Card Of Thanks**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my many friends and relatives for all the lovely cards and letters sent to me while I was in the hospital and since I have been home.

Also for all those who called on me and brought flowers; for those who brought food, and the ones who are helping with the work, and every thing.

I will always be very grateful  
 Hattie Losey.

**THANK YOU, JESSIE WILEY!**

Ye Ed was among several recipients of very nice gifts from Jessie Wiley Schneider of California.

Jessie sent all the various gifts by which she wanted to remember friends here, to her aunt, Blanche Cliff, with instructions to open the large package and thereafter deliver the various smaller packages as directed.

Blanche and Beth Jackson appeared at our door last weekend, and handed us a package, to our amazement. It turned out to be a beautiful perpetual calendar, in metal, which we love. Jessie sent comparative gifts to other friends here. Thank you, Jessie!

**SMALL OR LARGE SEPTIC TANKS**

CLEANED  
 500-gal. tank \$20; 750-gal. tank \$25; 1,000-gal tank \$35. New prices for this area.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN SEPTIC TANK SERVICE  
 Call Stan Phelps, Mt. Pleasant, 772-9154, after 4 p.m., or call Don Smith, Weidman, 644-2224.

**Nottawa**

Amelia Wieber, Reporter  
 Margaret, Regina and Walter Wieber spent a week ago Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Faber.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gallagher of Coldwater Lake enjoyed company from Grand Rapids Sunday. They enjoyed the visit very much.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faber spent a week ago Sunday evening with their daughter and family, Mrs. Louise Riley, and children.

Mrs. Mary Schroeck was taken to an Ann Arbor hospital Monday of this week. She had trouble with her eye for a long time. It is scheduled for surgery, and we all hope she will be better soon.

Bernie Campbell of Mt. Pleasant is fishing at Coldwater Lake every day. He enjoys dinner with the Gallaghers.

Jake Weber was discharged Saturday from CMC Hospital. He has trouble with his leg, but was feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers and family of Lansing spent Sunday with her folks, the Joe Wawersik family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faber and Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl spent Monday with the Herman Martins. They enjoyed dinner with them. It was Mrs. Faber's 71st birthday.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Ruth Hutchins of Rosebush was a Sunday afternoon guest of Blanche Cliff and Beth Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spice and family of Carson City spent Saturday and Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family.

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO meeting in Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Saturday evening guests of the Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Dale Klumpp family. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and family were Sunday evening guests of the Loseys.

Mrs. Marilyn Losey and Beth Ann were Monday dinner guests of Mrs. Janice Gross, helping her celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bob and Billy attended Junior High basketball game at Mecosta. Bob plays in the game. Jeff Martin also attended. Mrs. Thompson also called on Mrs. Phyllis Weidman that evening. On Friday evening, Mrs. Thompson and Bob attended a Student Council carnival at Remus.

Charlie Losey called on Howard Wood one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood and family were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Dorothea Bergquist has had a heavier cast put on her leg, and it will have to stay until in February.

Callers at the Charlie Losey home during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Florence Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, and Harold and Ron Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent and Larry, and Bobby, Carl and Kimberly Krueger were Saturday evening guests of the Gerald Dent family.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Busy Bees Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edna Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and children were Saturday overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys for Sunday dinner.

Miss Susan Fisk, a student at the college, was a weekend guest of her uncle and aunt, the Joe Martins.

Mrs. Gordon Fisk and daughter of Copemish were Sunday dinner guests of the Martins. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and Walter Davis of Mecosta were Friday evening guests.

Jeff Martin played basketball Thursday evening at Sacred Heart in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn attended the smorgasbord supper at the Broomfield Grange Hall Saturday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow called on her aunt, Mrs. Dussie Lyon, at Barryton, Sunday, and was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson

were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fountain and daughter were Friday evening guests of the Benn Johnson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and children spent Sunday afternoon with the Harold Krueger family, tobogganing, and were supper guests of the Lynn Johnsons.

Mrs. Elwood Miller called on her sister, Mrs. Edmond Owens, Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Miller spent Saturday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, and spent Saturday evening with the Ronnie Sprague family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday evening guests of the Millers.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner are driving a new pickup.

Mrs. Paul Cole visited Mrs. Charlotte Hart and sister, Mrs. Violet Lowery, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner took their mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, to her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. Mrs. Hart's doctor will let her do a half-hour's work at a time.

Martin Boger returned home from CMC Hospital Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart are driving a new pickup. Mrs. Hart started work at the Home and Training School this week.

The Wm. Beck family have our sympathy. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Orville Sisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa Friday evening. Paul Cole and Helen Kripa both had birthdays Friday, the 13th.

Paul Cole caught four pike on his birthday. He thought his Senior Citizens fish license at 50¢ might have had something to do with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and four children of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with their parents, the Paul Coles. The Mossells took the Coles to Detroit Saturday, to see Paul's brother at a rest home there. George is feeling fine, and would like to come to his home in Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Albee and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, Mrs. Coranna Shaner and three daughters and Mrs. Hilda Samson and Pattie had dinner with Mrs. Helen Wardwell in Mt. Pleasant, and helped her celebrate her birthday.

Merry-Go-Round Club meeting will be Feb. 9, at the home of Mrs. Agnes Fuller and Mrs. Harriett Baker.

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**NEWS NOTE**

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts of Gilmore were Wednesday evening visitors of the George Skinners.

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Beck, and other relatives of Wm. Beck of Brinton, who passed away Friday morning at the Clare General Hospital. Also to Mrs. Orville Sisco, relatives and friends, in the loss of her husband, who was interred at Brinton Cemetery last week.

We are glad to report Mrs. Lena St. John is on the gain.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky joined the Knitting Club at Barryton, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denslow Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Thursday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock entertained a group of friends Saturday evening, honoring their son Dale's fourth birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, Norman Geasler, Archie Powell, and Wm. Uhl of Gladwin.

Miss Mary Jane Schrock will enter the Mt. Pleasant hospital Thursday to have a cyst removed from her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock took a group of children to the roller skating rink at Lake Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenberg were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson. Mrs. Ollie Denslow visited at the Thompson home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, the Lou Grays.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and children of rural Remus were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Lonny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, spent the weekend with his cousin, Timothy Leiter, at the Warren Leiter home, while his parents were in Lansing.

Mrs. Leo Denslow and daughter, Denise, Mrs. Mabel Cummings and Mrs. Carol Baumgardner and children of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott Dean and other relatives Sunday in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen of Mt. Pleasant Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons visited Mrs. Ethel McLean Wednesday evening. Clarence Koyle and Mrs. McLean called on her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Koyle returned to the home of his son at Eaton Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller visited his mother, Mrs. McLean, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were dinner guests Sunday.

Visitors and callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and Valerie and David, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis, Virgil Loomis, and Mrs. Max Kimball of Barryton.

Mrs. Thomas Loomis and four daughters spent Sunday at the Loomis home.

Howard Monroe accompanied Rev. Marvin Eldridge to Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Shook of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons are proud to report that Edward John, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces, was born to their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski, of Lansing on their 38th anniversary, and the first anniversary of the happy parents, which was Jan. 9. Mother and babe doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmons attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Bagger, at Belting Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Paul and Keith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine of Mt. Pleasant called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, Sunday, en route to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dague, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary with a family gathering. Clyde was celebrating his 24th birthday, also, so we wish to extend best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dague, and Happy Birthday, Clyde!

Chester Lynch has been staying at the Stanley home the past few days, helping Mr. Stanley get the old car running. Walter Faber has been the Good Samaritan, to let them use his new garage to work in.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Friday evening. Mrs. Stanley went home with them and spent Saturday at the McLaughlin Rest Home with Mrs. Gorby, who was caring for patients.

She was pleased to visit with Mrs. Carrie Waddington, who knew her parents from childhood. Mrs. Eva Johnson of Barryton and Mrs. Esther Hostling of Morley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kesling of Lansing called on Mrs. Gorby and Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Kesling and Mrs. Gorby brought her home Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Chester Lynch visited Mr. and Mrs. Wal-

ter Faber Sunday evening.

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## Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Paulo Kullock, an exchange student from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is a guest of the Norman Brines family, and attends the Weidman School. The young folks of the church had an ice skating party at Gray Lake Sunday afternoon, after services.

Mrs. Edna Teeter and Homer and Mrs. Earl Place were in Big Rapids Friday, where they called on relatives at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and children of Boyne City were Sunday visitors at the Virgil LaLondie home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler entertained the Farm Bureau group Friday evening. We meet with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky on Feb. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham and Jesse Lee spent Sunday with Mrs. Elinor Doerr and family of Mecosta. George Woodin was an evening guest at the Latham home.

The Richardson brothers of Clare were here at the church Sunday evening. One led the religious service and the other showed colored slides of the western states and trips the family had taken on their vacation.

One of this community's outstanding citizens, William Beck, passed away Friday, Jan. 13, at the Clare hospital. It was a shock to all his neighbors and many

friends, for Bill had lived his entire life on the home farm a mile north of Brinton. He was a wonderful neighbor and a true friend. The relatives have the sympathy of this community.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Nina Forbes and son, Alton Brien, called at the Russell Wilson home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Doris Wilmot entertained at a luncheon last Wednesday, at her home. Guests were Mrs. Wanda Graham, Mrs. Lela Johnson and Kevin, Mrs. Jeanne Smith, Mrs. Elvah Gott, and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halfman enjoyed a couple of afternoons last week fishing through the ice. Linda and Eddie Halfman stayed with Helen Alwood and Cathy.

Sgt. Otis Kirvan of Oscoda called on his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, last Wednesday. Thursday Raymond Kirvan of Big Rapids was a caller. Walter Kirvan and two grandsons of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. Wood Friday.

Mrs. Vina Bailey was among numerous cases of illness reported the first of this week in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their son, Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook are the proud parents of a new daughter, born last week.

# Attention:

THE BIG LEONARD SERVICE STATION IN WEIDMAN IS

## Now Open —

Bill and Gertrude Stewart invite you to drive in and let them service your car. We have the good Leonard Gas and the best oils.

Come in and Let us Serve You!



STEWART **Service** WEIDMAN  
Phone 644-3450

# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

## ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith entertained their club Saturday evening.

First prizes went to Mrs. Alvin Andres and Don Tilmann. Second prizes were won by Mrs. Harold Smith and Harold Block.

All reported an enjoyable time.

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## MARCH OF DIMES AUCTION NETS OVER \$400 HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert held their annual March of Dimes auction last week.

They took in over \$400 on it, and everyone had a wonderful time.

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Joseph Schueller is in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and family attended the wedding of Claudia Schafer and Edward Joslin at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant Saturday. They also attended the dinner at the Oddfellows Hall in Mt. Pleasant and the reception at the CSA Hall in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kavanaugh and son, Mike, and daughter, Patty, attended the Schafer-Joslin wedding reception in St. Louis Saturday evening, after which they went on to Saginaw to spend Sunday with their daughter, Sharon, and husband.

The Senior Citizens will have their meeting Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19, from 2 to 4 at the KC Hall.

Mrs. Peter Schafer is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer entertained company from Carson City Friday.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann returned home Saturday after a brief visit with her children in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Leo Gross is working for the Norbert Martin family.

Paul Smith has been spending a few days' leave from the Army with his mother and father, who is still in the hospital. Paul's friend from Grand Rapids also spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Killicut and family of Lansing spent the weekend at the Charles Gross home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zuker are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Jan. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sebenick spent the weekend in Kalamazoo with his sister and husband.

Mrs. Mae Fussman, Mrs. Lucille Schafer, Mrs. Christina Bierschbach, Mrs. Monica Grinzinger and Mrs. Isabella Martin enjoyed supper Thursday evening at the Town and Country in Beal

City. Later they all went to Mrs. Bierschbach's home and had a few games of cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Keiffer and family of Lansing visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer, and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung, Wednesday.

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## WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

### NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vogel are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Jan. 13 at CMC Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, six ounces. He had not been named as we went to press. The Vogels have three boys and two girls at home.

Miss Rose Ann Reihl cared for the family over the weekend. Grandma Vogel and Grandma Rahl and Mrs. Rita Vogel have been helping out since, until the mother returned home.

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### MERRY HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Merry Homemakers Extension Club was held at the home of Mrs. Brian Foster of Lake last Wednesday evening.

The project leaders, Mrs. Rita Vogel and Mrs. Leona Riley, gave interesting talks on "What To Look for in Linen Fabrics".

Games were enjoyed, and a lovely lunch was served by the hostess.

It was decided, as of the March meeting, no new members will be accepted until next fall, so if you are interested, contact Mrs. Katie Vogel or Mrs. Rita Vogel soon.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Leona Riley Feb. 15, at 8 p. m.

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### FLOSSIE DAVY IMPROVING AT CMC HOSPITAL

Scotty Battle spent Monday with Helen Alwood and Cathy, while Pearl went to visit her mother, Mrs. Flossie Davy, at CMC Hospital.

Flossie has been there over two weeks, and is beginning to feel better. She enjoyed a phone call from Walt and Ruth Davy of Seattle, Sunday evening. The Seattle Davys plan to come for a visit in July.

So glad you're getting better, Floss!

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Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ward and family were Friday supper guests at the Ernest Gross home. The occasion was Harold's 22nd birthday Saturday, Jan. 14.

Sunday dinner guests at the Don Alwood home were Mrs. Hermione Smith and Jerry Abbott. They enjoyed perch and pike which Don and his boys caught Saturday at Crooked Lake.

Mrs. Isadore Schafer received a card from Joyce Essenberg of Lansing last week, saying her mother, Mary Schafer, is out of the

Carson City hospital and is staying at her home till she is able to go to her own home in Fowler. The Gordon Essenbergs' address is 2341 Lyons Ave., Lansing.

Margie and Kathy Neubecker spent Friday over night at the Gary Wernette home. The Wernette family called at the Steve Schafer home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lonergan and Kenny were Sunday supper guests and visitors at the Clayton Garrett home. Mrs. Lonergan and son spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Ken Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Paisley and family spent Sunday afternoon at the Charles Halfman home. Dick is feeling better and is back at work, after his trip to the hospital.

Butch Miller of Lansing spent the weekend with friends in this area, and at his father's cabin northwest of Weidman.

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### NEWS NOTE

Mrs. Frank Gross entered CMC Hospital last week Tuesday. She was feeling better the first of this week.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**  
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Emory T. Smith and wife to Elmer E. Davy and wife, pt. Lot Outlot A, Village of Weidman. Jack Dedie and wife et al to James O. Fisher et al, ne sw sec. 22, Deerfield.

Clifford L. Brasington to Chester Lee VanBuskirk and wife, ne sw sec. 16, Gilmore.

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Chippewa Development, Inc., to Floyd R. Dain and wife, Lot 17, Rivercrest, Deerfield.

Ida Berniece St. John Zill et al to James P. Bishop and wife, sw nw; nw sw, sec. 34, Coldwater.

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## WEIDMAN METHODIST

Rev. Williams Reynders, Pastor  
Miss Mamie Baird, a Methodist missionary, will speak to the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Weidman church Thursday, Jan. 19, at 2.30 p. m. Members of the Deerfield Center Society and any others interested are welcome.

The Deerfield Center Woman's Society of Christian Service will have a bake sale in Oren's Annex in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, Jan. 21, starting at 9.30 a. m.

A meeting for the Central District laymen and ministers will be held in Greenville Sunday, Jan. 22, beginning with registration and coffee at 2 p. m. Dr. Hoover Rupert, senior minister of the Ann Arbor University Church, will be the speaker.

Another in the series of "Great Northern Hymn Sings" will be held Sunday, Jan. 22, at 7.30 p. m. in the Winn Methodist church.

The Deerfield Center Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, at 1.30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Leonard Ball.

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## FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.  
Youth Fellowship, 7 p. m.  
Evening Worship, 7.30 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. Spires and daughter, Anna, and Rick and Steve Johnson and Lynn Ann Warner all left early Monday morning, Dec. 26, for Jamaica, where Rev. Spires was scheduled to attend a General Assembly of the Gospel Centre Mission Association, of which he is foreign secretary.

This was a combined business and vacation trip, and several days were spent in Florida, where Rev. Spires has relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warner accompanied them as far as Florida, driving their pickup and hauling a trailer of supplies for the mission station, including several barrels of clothing and 130 tambourines.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner saw the others off at the Miami International Airport Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, and then started back for Michigan.

This was the first airplane flight for four of the party, and was an exciting part of the trip. After the initial nervousness, they all enjoyed the flight and none was sick. They purposely scheduled their return flight for night, and all spoke of the beauty of seeing the lights of Miami.

The General Assembly started Sunday, Jan. 1, and lasted through Sunday, Jan. 8. It was held at Mt. Shiloh Mission Station, about 100 miles from Kingston. It resembled any church conference or camp meeting, with vari-

ous services scheduled throughout the day. The large tabernacle seated 1,000, and was overflowing throughout the assembly.

This impressed our group because most of the people came by boat, and some as far as 100 miles away.

Very few Jamaicans own cars, and even a bicycle is a luxury. Shoes are so costly that they are carried on the head while the traveler walks the rugged terrain barefoot, and the shoes then worn for dress at the services.

There was rejoicing over a new car purchased and presented to the mission station. Our congregation, along with one from Pontiac and one from Ohio, raised enough for the down payment, and have enough pledges to pay the remainder in two years.

All six stayed at the mission house and ate as the natives do while there. They enjoyed most of the food, although they commented that it was different and richer than ours. The natives live almost entirely off the land, eating the fruits and other tropical plants that are in abundance.

They make much use of the banana. It is made into a breakfast cereal, and served boiled, as a main dish.

The natives butchered a goat to give their visitors fresh meat, and they found it very eatable, but enjoyed most the good old American chicken the few times it was served.

Their drinking water was boiled rain water, which was no problem to obtain because it rained at least once a day.

At the close of the assembly, the party took two days for sight-seeing on the island. They visited Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica, and also the largest and most modern. It was there they saw a group of the notorious Restifarians. These are men of violence, who hate the white man, and are recognized by their practice of gathering cut hair from the barber shops and matting this with their own, with the help of used motor oil. They congregate in settlements and are under police surveillance because of their brutality. They object to having their pictures taken, but our group was able to snap one and are hoping it will be good.

They also visited the famous resort town of Montego Bay, and took the beautiful Caribbean Shore drive through the mountains. Mrs. Spires, Anna, and Lynn Ann all took a dip in the Caribbean.

All in all, it was a wonderful trip, and a great experience for these young people. They came home, not only with memories of the beautiful sights they saw, but more thankful than ever to have been born in this great United States of ours.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## GILMORE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

George Getchel, Pastor  
Morning Worship, 10 a. m.  
Bible School, 11 a. m.  
G. C. Y., 6 p. m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday evening, 7.30.

North Central School of the Bible, Thursday, 7 to 9.15.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Renner, Miss Pat Pollington, Mrs. Betty Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel and Greg, Sharon and Marlene Pitts are attending the School of the Bible at Barryton.

Three car loads of young folks went to Lansing to the North American Christian Convention Rally at the South Lansing Church of Christ Monday evening. Russell Martin of Miama, Okla., was the speaker. This rally replaced the January Youth Rally.

There were 195 present for Morning Worship and 139 for Sunday School last Sunday.

Coming events:

Youth Week, Jan. 29-Feb. 5.  
Michigan Convention, April 27, 28.

Kiamchi Clinic, first week in May.

Northmen, Aug. 1, 2, 3.

Now is the time to set vacation schedules so that you might take in some of these inspiring events. Don't forget the wonderful experiences of Rock Lake coming also.

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## NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

### THE GERRY SPERRYS HOME FOR FEW DAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Sperry and girls from Florida were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry, for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sperry, Lloy and Gertie, took a few days off their work at Mt. Pleasant to get acquainted with their grandchildren, whom they had not seen in three years.

Sunday guests at the Sperry home also included Mr. and Mrs. John Latham and family, Mary Groves and girls of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sperry and daughter of Barryton, and Jack Coughlin of Big Rapids.

Earlier in the day, the Lloy Sperrys had noon dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett at Houghton Lake.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams and family of Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Embrey and family of Farwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams Sunday. The boys installed a new light over the kitchen sink Saturday, and made ice cream in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Powell of Saginaw called on his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott, last weekend.

Visitors at the Clayton Miller home the weekend were his son, Martin Miller, and Susie Knol-

enberg of Mr. Pleasant. Mrs. Lee Parker and her mother, Mrs. Fred Wilcox, called Monday morning at the Millers'.

Visitors at the Micky Abbott home the weekend were Gregg Knollenberg and Mike Jones of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden called on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach Saturday evening, and enjoyed playing cards.

Edith Burden has been sick the past week. Her mother, Mrs. Joan Burden, took her to the doctor for shots Thursday and Friday. She returned to school Monday.

Helen Alwood talked to John Johnson in Weidman recently. John has been home three weeks from the Veterans' Hospital in Saginaw. Besides undergoing surgery, he had his teeth out, and expected to go back Mar. 1 for his new dentures. John is a veteran of World War II, and said he certainly got wonderful care at the hospital. John's young son, Jim, is in advanced training in Georgia, in the Army.

Mrs. Al Clevenger started to work at the Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spice and Connie of Carson City called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott Sunday afternoon.

Connie and Peggy Wernette stayed over night Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott.

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## Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Hank Thayer of Ionia called on Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted Sunday afternoon.

Ellen and Nora Geasler were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren and Carl and Ellen Geasler called at the funeral home in Barryton Sunday to pay respects to Bill Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger took Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger to Barryton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Livermore of Evart called on Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted last week. Wednesday evening the Husted's called on her sister and family, the Russell Emlingers, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Salisbury of Marion called on the Husted's last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger had dinner Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham. The Gerald Lathams and Johnny called the Dewey Olgers Sunday, and watched the Globe Trotters on color tv.

Esther Skinner and Brenda, Ray and Dick called on Elana Miller of Farwell Sunday evening. Mrs. Miller had been ill with flu and sore throat, but was somewhat better.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Haas of Alma were weekend guests of Mrs. Eda Van Zandt.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Strong of Elwell were Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Latham spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Will Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Strong went Sunday to see their mother, Mrs. Ralph Strong, who is a patient in the U. of M. Hospital at Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Mary Cook is a patient in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Jack Cook and children and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and family. Mrs. Jack Cook is in the Edmore Hospital, suffering from a whiplash neck injury. Darla Cook, who has been ill, spent the weekend at home. She went back to her work at Tri-County Hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin were weekend guests of Maycie Cook.

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## Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and boys were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter and family spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Woodruff, and got acquainted with their great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Chris Larson went to Saginaw Monday to see her sister, Mrs. Schram, who is in Saginaw General Hospital.

Sue Ward spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Virgil Harvey spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister and family, the Wm. Sweets, in Mt. Pleasant.

Bertha Ward entertained the CMB Club Thursday, with a good attendance. The next meeting will be with Markeith Bunker in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gruss, and Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heins at Remus.

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Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls have been enjoying skiing at Mott Mountain this winter.

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williamson of Mt. Pleasant Friday evening. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Whittaker in Mt. Pleasant last week Monday evening. Meryl took some of his pictures over, so the Saginaw Camera Club could see them. Mr. Whittaker is a member, and the occasion was a meeting of the club.

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## In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

Connie, usually I agree with your editorials, but I heartily disagree with the one in Jan. 12 issue. I feel that I must come to the defense of our school district and our school board.

The "Or Else" for our school district would only mean higher taxes for us. If this reorganization should fail (as it has before) we could only continue as we are. An excellent elementary program (with reorganization) could be enlarged to provide more for our grades. Oh, yes, our high school students are receiving a good education, but we want something better.

I've never heard a present board member or our teachers downgrade our school.

I use the 4H motto, "To make the best better."

We (citizens) made several trips to Lansing a number of years ago. Even at that time this Big, Big plan was in the making. The map hung on the wall. A plan to make the best use of our tax dollars.

Beal City may be left as a single district for the present as many of their students go to church school (nothing against that).

Put their public high school with our high school and we still wouldn't be making the best use of our money, as it wouldn't increase our enrollment that much. Graduates from Weidman High School have always done well in any college or job. I could quote a number of cases.

Let's give them the best. If we should reorganize our district according to the Plan, we would have \$5000 more state equalized valuation behind each student.

We should see that every one votes so that we might have a true picture of the district. This is what we both want.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Dan Carrick.

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To the Editor:

Sorry I'm late, but my brother, Mack Kent, and I want the paper. Please let us know when our subscription runs out.

Our parents were Darcy and Elsie Kent, and we want the

stories about our grandfather, Fred L. Kent.

Thanks.. Marie Bowen, Grandville.

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Hi, folks:

I am the party who phoned from Grand Rapids, daughter of Mrs. Millie (Kent) Dent, and granddaughter of Fred Kent.

Am sending the \$7.50 for the year, and I sure will appreciate that first paper, with his picture.

Grandfather was such a wonderful, wonderful man, and he has so many living relatives and friends who are going to enjoy his writings.

I was born over near Titus.  
Mrs. Arthur Schneider

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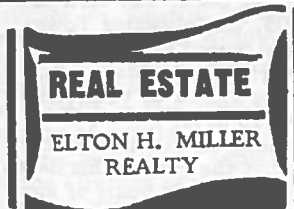
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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Edward Schafer and Donald Pung had their pictures in the Times-News last Tuesday. They are working for Walt's Builders, on the Commercial Building in Mt. Pleasant.

Those attending the Schafer-Joslin wedding from here were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and son, Mike.

Guests at the Edward Schafer home Sunday were Rick and Ted Klumpp, Tom Tilmann, Tom Fussman, and Mrs. Betty Klumpp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lorenz and family called at the Peter Lorenz home Sunday.

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## Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter

### GILMORE LADIES FELLOWSHIP MET TUESDAY EVENING

Twenty-eight ladies of the Gilmore Church of Christ gathered at the home of Mrs. Ethel Goudie of rural Clare for the first meeting of the New Year 1967. If a good attendance means anything, we have a good year ahead of us doing things for the Lord.

The meeting was called to order with our president, Mrs. Goudie, leading us in prayer.

Old business was taken care of and among the new business was the election of officers. Mrs. Edna Converse was elected president, Mrs. Marilyn Pitchford secretary, and Mrs. Mary Helen Pitts treasurer. Mrs. Grace Pitts and Mrs. Laura Cook will be in charge of the quilting committee. Mrs. Glenna Cook is in charge of the gift committee, and Mrs. Alma Perry takes care of the cards.

Plans are in the early stages for the first annual Father and Son Banquet to be held in February.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Glenna Cook. She chose "The Tool of the Builder, or the Master," as her topic. Encouraging each of us to use the tools or talents that God has given us to use as we look forward to a new year. Mrs. Marilyn Pitchford closed the meeting with prayer.

Lovely refreshments were served by Mrs. Mary Helen Pitts and Mrs. Yvonne Pitts.

Some of the regular members were absent, and we also had some new ladies present. We invite them back next month, and hope each one will bring a friend with her. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Don Luce at Eight Point Lake Feb. 14.

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Word has been received that Ralph Woodward, a former minister of Gilmore, fell at Christmas time and received head injuries. His wife, Doris, is not

in very good health either. She will have surgery next month. Their address is Elsie, Mich.

Mrs. Emma Perry is at the Ardis Nursing Home and would like to get mail and have her friends come and see her.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Bernice Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook called on Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham and family also were callers.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Wm. Beck and family in the loss of her husband. Bill was a brother of Mrs. Grace Seymour.

Mrs. Grace Seymour is a patient in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mrs. Thelma Renner underwent surgery last Thursday at the Midland hospital. She was not feeling too good Saturday.

Callers to see Mrs. Lola Fordyce last week were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fordyce, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Honeywell of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts, Mrs. Harriet Baker, Mrs. Agnes Fuller and Mrs. Florence Kobel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and family of Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts went to Midland Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Perry. LaVern is feeling better.

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## Obituary

WILLIAM F. BECK

William F. Beck, son of Fred and Minnie Beck, was born July 29, 1905, in Coldwater Township, and passed away at Clare General Hospital Friday, Jan. 13, at the age of 61 years, five months, 15 days.

He resided on the farm where he lived at the time of his death since he was eight years of age. His parents and two brothers preceded him in death.

He had served two terms on the Isabella County Board of Supervisors, and also two terms as treasurer of Coldwater Township.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; three sisters, Mrs. Neta Seidel, of Prescott, Ariz., Mrs. Hazel Carson of Wayne, Mich., and Mrs. Grace Seymour of Gilmore. Also one brother, Harley Beck, of Gilmore; and nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 16, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, Rev. Beard of the Barryton Church of Christ officiating. Interment was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

The family have the sympathy of their very many friends.

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## In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

As a member of the 18 Man Board, appointed to study the organizational problems of the school districts of Isabella County, I have been asked to present my views concerning the question to be voted on at the election Feb. 11th.

It was the opinion of the majority of this Board, that if a school district offers an adequate educational program, based on today's concept of what this program should cover, it should have sufficient area, valuation and membership, to make this possible.

A study of the problems of the Weidman Community School district showed a definite lack of these basic requirements. Also the recent withdrawal of large areas of property from the district has created a district pattern which is both inefficient and costly to operate.

It was never the responsibility or desire of this Board to liquidate any school district or force them to be absorbed by any BIG Organization where they would lose their identity and local interest in school problems. But this Board felt the best interests of this district were to become an active and important unit in the consolidation of the present Remus-Mecosta, Barryton and Weidman districts. This combined district would provide the necessary requirements for area,

valuation, and membership, to support an educational program comparable to any in the state.

There is no question that the cost of education is high, and that some other form of taxation based on a larger segment of society is necessary. I also believe we will have to be organized as efficient districts before we will qualify for these funds.

Before we decide how we will vote in this election, let us remember that school districts are organized and school buildings built, not as a monument to the pride and ego of a local community or individual, but they are built for one basic purpose, to provide an equal opportunity for every child to develop his imagination, ability and ambition for a profitable and useful life.

Clyde J. Beutler.

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## REBEKAH INSTALLATION POSTPONED TILL NEXT WEEK

The installation of officers for the Weidman Rebekahs, scheduled for Monday evening of this week, was canceled because of illness among the membership.

The installation ceremonies will take place at the regular meeting night, Jan. 23.

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## NEWS NOTE

Harold Love of Lake George was a Saturday caller at the Meryl Graham home. Jerry Yelland of Brinton was a dinner guest. Lee Sowle of Owosso was an evening visitor.

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