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Editor's Column

By Connie

YOUR SCHOOL TO CONTINUE AS IS, IF CONSOLIDATION IS TURNED DOWN SATURDAY

The question of what happens to the Weidman School if the Big-Big District consolidation issue is turned down in Saturday's election has been put to us, and at first we couldn't answer. So we called James Knapp, Isabella County School Commissioner.

Mr. Knapp said the Weidman School would operate just as it has in the past, in that event. It would stay as it is, he said.

We had heard reports that The State would step in and "put us where it wants to," in case we failed to consolidate with the Mecosta County schools. Mr. Knapp said this is totally erroneous.

Under Public Act 289, made law by the legislature of 1964, there are two "units" of action, Mr. Knapp said. The first was the Ultra-Big Area of the entire Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, taking in great areas including Ewart and Big Rapids.

The second unit is the one we are voting on this Saturday, that is the proposition to consolidate the Weidman School District with the Barryton-Mecosta-Remus-Fouts Districts. If this is defeated at the polls, then nothing happens. The State can't tell us where we're to send school children, Mr. Knapp said.

If a school district is not satisfied with its status, he said, it can ask the State Board of Education to sanction a consolidation vote or election. But The State will not and can not step in and "put us where it wants us."

The coming vote on consolidation with the Mecosta County districts completes the powers of Act 289, Mr. Knapp said.

It has been pointed out that the Weidman District, if given time, can satisfy State requirements of acceptable education in our local school. The Weidman area has three lake resort developments in progress, one of them huge; and in a foreseeable number of years we will have a tax base that can take care of educational needs in the Weidman School.

This column was written after local citizens had called the paper asking what happens if the consolidation is turned down.

Well, that's it. Nothing happens. And, according to Mr. Knapp, we'd have time to develop our local resources for taxation purposes for our local school.

Another detail we cleared up

MORE AREA FOLKS APPEAR IN GRIT MAGAZINE

Below is a photo of a Rosebush couple whose picture appeared last week in the family newspaper-magazine Grit.

We congratulate the Edgar Fetterlys on their big squash, and their nice picture in Grit.



TOP BANANA: This jumbo banana squash, weighing 91 pounds, turned up last season in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fetterly, of Rosebush, Mich. It was 42 inches long and 39 inches around.

WEIDMAN TOPS CLUB GETS NEW NAME

By Joan Burden

We are now called the Hep TOPS Club of Weidman. We started our weigh-in at 7 p. m. Monday evening. We had two gains. Our Queen for the week is Etta Skalitzky.

We had a roll call of 22. We had a vote on colors for our club. We picked pink and white.

We had one new member, and three guests, at our meeting.

Our next meeting will have weigh-in time at 7 p. m. Monday, Feb. 13.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

through our conversation with Mr. Knapp is the question of whether the Weidman District is in fact now a part of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate District.

It is not, Mr. Knapp said. Only if we vote Saturday to consolidate with the Mecosta County districts will we become a part of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate District.

As it is, at present the Weidman School is under jurisdiction of the Isabella County School Commission.

Obituary

RUSSELL L. MacKERSIE

Russell L. MacKersie died unexpectedly at his home in Barryton Sunday morning, Feb. 5.

He was born May 15, in South Dakota, and had lived 56 of his 58 years in Barryton. Since 1951 he was employed at the MacKersie Bros. Supermarket in Barryton.

He was licensed as a mortician in 1943, and practiced under the Laflin, Ward & Soper Funeral Home in Barryton till 1951, when George Daggett purchased the establishment.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Daggett Funeral Home, with Rev. Harry Johnson of the Barryton Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Flake Cemetery at Barryton.

Surviving are his wife, Bernice; one daughter, Marcia, at home; four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Velma Butts of Barryton, and three brothers, Ronald, Howard and Harland, all of Barryton.

The family has the sympathy of all.

MRS. LUCY WRAY GREEN

Mrs. Lucy Wray Green died Friday in the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant after a five-months' illness. She was the widow of Roy Green of this area.

She was born in Bastrop County, Texas, Aug. 8, 1887, and had been a resident of this county for 24 years. She was a member of the Pentacostal Church, Anchor Bay Evangelistic Association.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday of this week, at 10 a. m., from the Stinson Funeral Homes in Mt. Pleasant, with interment this spring in the Bennett Cemetery near Weidman.

Surviving are two sons, Ellis Green of Jasper, Ind., and LeRoy Green of Cadillac; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Green had lived in Weidman several years before Roy's death.

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REGULAR MEETING OF WEIDMAN FIREMEN

The regular meeting of the volunteer firemen of the Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department will be next Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at the fire barn, at 7.30.

All Weidman firemen are requested to attend.

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Roderick Nicholson got a five-pound pike on Coldwater Lake Monday. Rod has his fishing shanty there.

Fishing generally has been slow here, during the cold weather.

Men in Uniform

Here's a new Viet Nam address:

Pfc. Donald D. Abbott, R. A. 10852085, 529th Transport Co. (light truck), Hq. Phan Rang Suboera Command, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96321.

Corp. and Mrs. Kenneth Abbott of New Providence, Tenn., announce the birth of a baby girl, named Christina Marie, on Jan. 15. Ken will be discharged in June, after three years in the service.

Sp/4 Patrick Loomis arrived home Friday night for a 30-day furlough from Germany. He arrived in Saginaw, and his sister, Mrs. Willard Denslow, and Brenda, Diane and Annette, of Free-land, brought him to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.

Stephen Pasch, HM3, U. S. Navy, is enjoying a month's furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pasch.

Steve was in Viet Nam 13 months, last year, and was awarded the Purple Heart for a wound in combat. He took part in the Hastings operation in Viet Nam, with the Marines. He was with a hospital unit. Now he is back in the Navy, and when he leaves for duty about March 1 he will go to Quonset Point, R. I., to board the aircraft carrier USS Essex, for duty in the Atlantic till his discharge next year. He arrived home a week ago last Sunday for his furlough.

Jim Dutcher graduated from basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., Jan. 20, and has gone to Fort Sill, Okla., for eight weeks.

His new address is: Pvt. James C. Dutcher, US-54960997, A-3 ATC, FA 4th Plt., Fort Sill, Okla. 73503.

Mr. and Mrs. Modred Methner and daughters, Fonda and Brenda, attended his graduation at Fort Knox.

Bill Hardenburg's ship, the USS Hancock, is at Viet Nam, his family learned last week.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Flossie Davy was reported feeling fairly good, at the home of her daughter in Howell.

Word was received here of the death of Grover Kirvan Saturday night, in Hurley Hospital in Flint. The funeral was Wednesday, in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were Sunday morning callers of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter
HAS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE
IN TRAIN-TRUCK CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley received word Tuesday night that their son, Rev. Russell, Jr., had a miraculous escape Tuesday afternoon, when the truck he was driving hit a train. He heard the whistle, but couldn't stop because of the icy road, and the truck hit the cab of the train, throwing him out.

He was taken to a Mt. Clemens hospital, where it was found he had a mild concussion and a cut on the head requiring seven stitches. He was able to return home Friday, and called to let us know he was feeling fine.

The truck was a total wreck.

ANOTHER NARROW
ESCAPE FROM DEATH

David Moore of Saginaw visited his grandparents over the weekend.

He said the heavy snowstorm had almost buried his car on the street where he lived.

He called his parents at St. Johns Sunday afternoon, and his mother told him his father, Thomas Moore, had a narrow escape from carbon monoxide poisoning.

He was driving from Lansing, where he worked, and the fumes from a leaky tailpipe overcame him. His car left the highway and stopped.

Some children found him and revived him.

We are convinced miracles do happen!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill of Grand Haven, and Miss Janet Dillenbeck of Detroit were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Miss Lucinda St. John spent the weekend with Miss Bonnie Brasington of Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire of North Britton were Sunday afternoon visitors of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill.

Miss Patty McDonald and friend, Dan Durham, were visitors of her grandmother, Mrs. Isabella Hamel, at the Zill home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock were Monday evening guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock.

Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at Riverdale Saturday, and plowed the snow from her driveway.

We are glad to report Mrs. Lena St. John is able to be in her own home again.

Sorry to hear that Clark (Red) Sowle became ill Sunday morning, and Mr. Daggett of Barryton took him by ambulance to the Lakeview Hospital. Floyd

Sowle went with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil LaLonde of Brinton to visit him Sunday afternoon. He was to have tests Monday concerning his condition.

Wm. Uhl of Gladwin and Arthur Schrock were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock and family.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock reports her father, Edmund Owens, entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital Saturday morning. She went with her mother Saturday evening to visit him, and visited him Sunday evening. Archie Powell of West Brinton was a Sunday supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. Sorry to hear of the death of their nephew, Russell McKersie, of Barryton. We wish to extend sympathy to his loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky were Sunday dinner guests of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, and Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise spent the weekend in Lansing, at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney, to make the acquaintance of their new grandson, Michael Todd. Mr. Denslow and Denise returned home Sunday night. Mrs. Denslow remained a few days.

Miss Minnie Reed visited Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray accompanied their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray, to Big Rapids Monday night to attend a basketball game between Illinois State and Ferris State Colleges, with Illinois the winner.

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

Lewis Bobroski of Lansing came Tuesday evening to take his wife and baby home. They had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons.

Sorry to hear Clyde is suffering a black-and-blue arm. He fell on it about two weeks ago, and recently fell, hurting it again. He won't be able to work for some time.

Mrs. Edward Osborn visited Mrs. Ethel McLean Friday, and they went to Barryton and Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miller of Lansing visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller, over the weekend, also calling on his grandmother, Mrs. McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Paul and Keith. The occasion was celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Patterson, which was Saturday.

Blane Dosenberry of Mt. Pleasant has been spending the week with both grandparents, the Stanley Dagues and Dosenberrys, while

his mother, Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry, has been on a New York tour. Clyde spent the weekend with his parents, building some new cupboards for his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Teresa and Jean Ann visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gross, and family of Big Rapids, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake. They visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, and Terri, of Weidman, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family visited at the Arthur Loomis home during the week, to see Patrick, who is home on furlough. Sunday visitors of their parents and Patrick were Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley called on Mrs. Donald Pung and children Friday afternoon. Debbie went home with them and spent Friday night and Saturday. Her

mother and Darlene and Donna came for her Saturday afternoon, and they and Grandma called on Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock were giving Poochie, their Alaskan collie, a bath in a large washtub, which thrilled the children.

Who says we don't have beautiful pictures? Our window panes were truly grand, with their icy trees and silver fernery, Monday morning.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim and Mrs. Leah Scharrer were in Flushing Sunday, spending the day with the Paul Straus and Roger Smith families.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Donley were coffee guests of the Dick Curtises after the basketball game last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtis were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sandbrook of Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. James Noe took her mother, Mrs. Lida Cole, to her doctor in Owosso last Wednesday. Mrs. Cole is 83, and the doctor's report was very good.

HOME PAPER--For the West Half of Isabella County.

THE SWEETEST
VALENTINE
OF ALL!

VALENTINE'S DAY IS TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 14

SCHRAFFT'S
CANDIES

ALL OCCASION
GREETING CARDS
VALENTINES

Dillenbeck's
STORE
Weidman Ph. 644-3500

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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.

NOTICE--All persons wishing to order cakes for special occasions, please call Mrs. Fey Johnson (Lela), ph. 644-2107, Weidman.

Feb. 9t1

LOST--Brown and white collie dog, medium size, male. Missing since last of January. Answers to name of Chum. Gerald Losey, ph. 644-2096.

Feb. 9t1

STEWART LEONARD SERVICE Weidman. Ph. 644-3450. Complete auto service and car wash. Good Leonard Gasoline and oil.

FOR SALE--Wringer type Maytag washer, in good condition. \$18. Helen Alwood, Weidman, ph. 644-3681.

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Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to our many relatives, neighbors and friends for the many, many thoughtful deeds and prayers, during the illness and death of our loved one. We are so very grateful.

Mrs. Joseph Neubecker
 And Family
 Bernard Neubecker
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paisley.

Card Of Thanks

Thanks, folks, for the many nice cards and telephone calls I received on and around my birthday last week.

I wasn't looking for these, and was doubly delighted to be remembered.

The old gal is now 65. Time to retire?

Connie

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.

SMORGASBORD--Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Broomfield Grange Hall, located corner S. Coldwater Road and M-20. Fish, chicken, ham, casseroles, salads, etc. Adults \$1.25, children .75. Pre-school children no charge. Serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Feb. 9t1

the Churches

GILMORE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

George Getchel, Pastor
 Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
 Bible School, 11 a.m.
 Gilmore Christian Youth, 6 p.m. Young people from 7th grade up are urged to attend these meetings and participate in the various projects.
 Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study. Eighty-four in attendance last week.
 Thursday, 7 p.m., North Central School of the Bible meets at Barryton. Just two more nights of this very profitable school.
 Coming up soon:
 Father and Son Banquet, Feb. 23.

State convention at Lansing, April 27, 28.
 Easter is early this year, March 26.

Women's Fellowship meets Feb. 14 at the home of Mrs. Don Luce at Eight Point Lake.

Sunday School attendance last Sunday, 123. Worship Service attendance, 195.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

the Churches

WEIDMAN METHODIST

Rev. Williams Reynders, Pastor
 The United Church Women are sponsoring two World Day of Prayer services for this area, one in the Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, at 1.30 p.m., and another in the Shepherd Church of the Brethren at 7.30 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 10.

The Deerfield Center Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Thursday, Feb. 9, at 1.30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Clayton Smith instead of Mrs. Wm. Roberts, as previously announced. Mrs. Wm. Dennis will present the program.

Next Sunday, Feb. 12, is Race Relations Day. Russell Rist, now a resident of Weidman, recently of British Honduras, will give some of his view on the race question during the morning service in the Weidman and Deerfield Center churches.

On Feb. 12, from 2 to 5, the Wesley Foundation of Mt. Pleasant will welcome anyone interested to their open house at the new parsonage, 1160 Glen. Ave.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
 Prayer meeting Feb. 9, at the parsonage.

Central Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches Feb. 10 at 1.30 p.m., Edmore Baptist Church.

Youth Rally Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Mt. Pleasant First Baptist Church. Film and refreshments.

Feb. 12, at 7.30 p.m., a missionary from Nigeria, West Africa, Ellis Howard, will be the speaker. ---0---

In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

I attended the meeting held at Mecosta concerning the state law Enforced Re-organization Act, which was by the Act to expire on or about Dec. 13, 1966, according to the law: Six months after the first vote on the Act. (Par. C, Sec. VII, P.A. 289 of 1964, Method No. 2.)

It was apparent there that those proposing compliance with this re-organization act are not entirely in accord, on their ideas.

Some are evidently for a new school building, others are quite evidently not so much for it.

If the re-organizers can't agree on what they are for now, I wonder what kind of confusion will result later on.

One thing is plain: The people who must pay, the children involved, any of them, do not have any assurance of anything regarding the results of re-organization, except that: That is what it is.

We don't know if, when, or where there will be a new school. Also, it is unknown what kind of,

or which subjects, more or less, than we now have in each school, will be.

It is said there will be 26 teaching stations. A station is not made clear as to what it is; maintenance and administrative positions appear to be included as teaching stations. Take out the janitors, clerks, cooks, etc., and I can not see any more teaching positions than we now have in each of the schools, certainly not any more subjects, perhaps not as many.

Are the re-organizers, advertising, maintenance and administrative positions listed as teaching stations? It would appear so.

Is it intended to operate all four schools at a lower level than they are now? I wonder.

There appears to be much disapproval in all districts involved. Remus voted the last re-organization issue down, as did Weidman and Barryton. Mecosta had a very strong No vote. The total of No votes in the now proposed area was more than the Yes votes.

This evident disapproval in all districts involved, and the lack of accord among the re-organizers, I believe, definitely indicates a very poor basis for re-organization in this area, and merits a strong No vote on this issue of re-organization, consolidation or whatever it may be called, for this area.

I believe that we might better keep what we have than exchange it for the indicated chaos, which also indicates to me much expense but not much benefit.

Weldon Brown

Barryton

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EAST

Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger and Delma Conley called on Ed's brother, Chan Olger, of Belding, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger, Mrs. Gerald Latham and Jim Latham called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hard and family of Freeland Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Voss were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family. Geraldine and Joyce Olger and Jim Latham were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. Stewart and Steve Voss and Terry Sisco were Sunday dinner guests of the Olger family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warner called on Joanie Sisco Tuesday evening. Lynn Ann Warner was a Friday evening caller of the Siscos.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren have been calling on her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Gross, at CMC Hospital every day and evening.

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Mrs. Howard Bywater had dinner last Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Neva Damon, in Lansing. She spent the evening with her brother, Glenn Gray, and family.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Burton Scott and son were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence.

Mrs. Irene Keck and family and a friend from Ashley were Sunday dinner guests of the Joe Martin family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin took their sons, Greg and Jeff, to a specialist in Midland Monday, for their checkup.

Mrs. Alma White, Ervin Dutcher and Harold and Ron Losey were callers at the Charlie Losey home last week.

Callers at the Howard Wood home last week were Dr. Kowaleski, Rev. and Mrs. Hulbert and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Gale, Mary Ellen, and Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller were Wednesday evening callers of Mrs. Margaret Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family were Saturday supper guests. Mrs. Denslow was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Word has been received that Grover Kirvan of Flint passed away Saturday evening. His funeral was Wednesday at 1.30 p. m., in Flint.

Mrs. Eva Denslow called on Mrs. Deborah Benn Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson of Pontiac were Sunday morning callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtis and Mike were Friday evening guests of the Gerald Loseys.

The Gerald Losey family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Harry, Mrs. Geraline Johnson and children and Bobby and Carl Krueger were Wednesday afternoon and supper guests of the Chuck Roberts family in Lansing, celebrating Mrs. Roberts' birthday.

Thursday evening guests, to help Mrs. Mabel Dent celebrate her birthday, were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger. Ice cream and cake were the refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew took her mother, Mrs. Hattie Losey, back to the hospital in Mt. Pleasant for her x-ray, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson of Pontiac were Saturday overnight guests of their son and family, the Benn Johnsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson were Saturday evening guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson took Mrs. Emily Wood to Mt. Pleasant Sunday to pay respects to Mrs. Roy Green, at a funeral home there.

**REBEKAH CARD PARTY
AT VINA BAILEY HOME**

The regular Rebekah-sponsored card party will be Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, at the home of Mrs. Vina Bailey.

Playing starts at 2 p. m. All

are invited.

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NEWS NOTES

Bob Kirvan and Ray and Otis Kirvan were in Flint Sunday, to visit Grover Kirvan, not knowing he had died Saturday night.

Mrs. Emily Wood received a letter last week from her friend, Meta Dieterle, in Florida, and Meta said a good number of her Weidman friends wrote her after the Messenger printed her address:
BETTER THAN A LETTER

MECOSTA - OSCEOLA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF Special ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in said Intermediate District on **SATURDAY,**

FEBRUARY 11, 1967

from 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, to vote on the following proposition:

"Shall the approved reorganization plan for a proposed local school district, composed of the present Barryton Rural Agricultural School, the Mecosta-Remus Consolidated School, the Weidman Community School, and the Fouts School, within the Intermediate District of Mecosta and Osceola Counties, Michigan, be adopted?"

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the voting places for said Special Election will be as follows:

1. For those electors residing within the Barryton School District, in the Barryton Rural Agricultural School.
2. For those electors residing within the Mecosta-Remus School District, in the Remus School and in the Mecosta School.
3. For those electors residing within the Weidman School District, in the Weidman Community School.
4. For those electors residing within the Fouts School District, in the Fouts School.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District

Dated: January 25, 1967

BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

RUSSELL E. DUFFEY

Secretary, Board of Education.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Johnny Shephers sprained his ankle and is on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Beal City Boy Scouts attended the Klondike Derby at Camp Weidman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred, near Blanchard.

The Senior Citizens will have their meeting at the K. C. Hall Thursday afternoon, Feb. 9. Everyone welcome.

Brenda Ball entertained her girl friends Sunday afternoon, it being her sixth birthday. All reported a good time.

Mrs. Effie Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge was baptized at St. Joseph's Church Sunday. Godparents were Jeanette Fox and Ronald Smith. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. James Trowbridge of Benton Harbor and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Head of Farwell. The young man has been named Williams James, Jr.

Miss Dora Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. W. J. Laubenthal.

Miss Sharon Pung spent Sunday with Miss Christie Pung, who is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engler.

The Varsity team at Beal City presented their mothers with corsages Friday evening, during the game with Lake City.

Paul Smith spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith in Kentucky.

Miss Dora Smith spent Friday morning with her brother, William Smith.

Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge came home from the hospital with the new baby boy, and stayed till the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen, and family.

The Trowbridges returned to their home in Midland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrews and family of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews, here.

The FFA and Home Ec classes of the Beal City School attended Farmers Week at East Lansing last Thursday.

Ambrose Thielen was the winner of a clock-radio raffled by the Boy Scouts.

Miss Gertrude Grodski and Mrs. Keenan of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday with Mrs. Louise Smith.

Miss Jean Elias of Big Rapids spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elias and family.

Miss Ginger Rau of Bay City spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung went to Minnesota to the Mayo Clinic for tests this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox entertained their club Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schafer and Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck attended the wedding of Jennifer Sowle and Ronald Aho at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant Saturday. A reception was held at the Holiday Inn.

Mrs. Louise Simmer visited her father, Henry Fussman, at the Medical Care Center in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. Leo Gross of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend at her home in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gross called on Mrs. Leo Gross Sunday afternoon.

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WEST

Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schafer entertained their club Sunday evening. High prizes went to Jack Cotter and Ella Yuncker, with low to Herb Yuncker and Lillian Johnston. Stanley Block won the pepper prize. Lunch was served, and a nice time had by everyone.

Mrs. Walter Faber returned home Saturday after spending 10 days in the Ann Arbor hospital, for exploratory tests and x-rays. In a few weeks she will return for heart surgery.

Sunday afternoon visitors at the Arnold Halfman home were Mrs. Joe Neubecker and four children. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette and family called.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reihl entertained their club Saturday evening.

Mrs. Gary Wernette and children called on her mother, Mrs. Joe Neubecker, last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Neubecker returned to her work at the school cafeteria in Beal City Monday.

Quite a few from this area attended a pre-Lenten dance at the KC Hall in Beal City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and family of Au Gres spent the weekend at the Harris Diehl home near Remus. This was the first time for them to meet the new baby, Roger. On their way home the Smiths called at the Don Alwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowers and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests at the Jim Epple home in rural Mt. Pleasant. Keith and Mary were godparents for Michael Joseph Epple when he was baptized at Sacred Heart Church earlier in the day. The Richard Smiths of Au Gres called at the Epple home Saturday evening to see the new baby, Michael.

Guests for chili and home-made bread at the Don Alwood home Saturday evening were Cecil Bovan and Karen and Larry of Mt. Pleasant, and "Butch" Miller of Lansing. Butch spent the weekend with Bill Alwood. Other callers were Don Smith, Jerry Abbott and Kevin and Kerry McClain.

We all want to wish Bill and Gertie Stewart the best of luck

in their new business at the Leonard Station in Weidman. It seems good to have this nice station open again, and by summertime business will be booming, with all our tourist people around. Both our gas stations are run by local town boys. Good luck to both Bills in their businesses.

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NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Muriel Miller called on her Grandmother Servoss at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Abbott and boys called on the Clarence Knollenberg family Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Janet Kennedy and children and Charmene Thering were Thursday afternoon visitors of the Abbotts.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Grand Rapids were weekend guests at the Jack Burden home.

Lloy Sperry was on the sick list last week. He was home from work Thursday and Friday.

Bob Embrey and brother, Jim, of Farwell called at the Roy S. Adams home while hunting in the

vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger called on the Lathams' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hard, and family, of Freeland, Friday.

John Gott visited his doctor in Clare Wednesday afternoon.

Becky Graham stayed with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Monday night.

Lela Johnson, Wanda Graham, Helen Alwood and Elvah Gott were in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Debbie Graham stayed the weekend with her grandparents, then went skiing in the afternoon.

Rusty, Julia and Tina Gott stayed over night Thursday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott. Mr. and Mrs. Gott were guests at the Richard Gott home in Farwell Sunday after church.

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family and Mrs. Shirley Van Tassel and son, Kenny, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family. Freddie Beutler was also a dinner guest.



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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and George Woodin were Thursday supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and family spent Sunday afternoon and evening with the Clayton Dutchers.

Mrs. Carol Dutcher and baby of Mt. Pleasant and Miss Fonda Methner were Thursday evening callers.

Sandra Dutcher had the flu last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leward Smith and baby spent Saturday afternoon with the Harry Hardenburg family. Mr. and Mrs. Hardenburg had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Al Miller of Mt. Pleasant.

Harry and Butch Hardenburg attended the snowmobile races at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

George Woodin called on the George Merrihews Wednesday. He had supper Friday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Misses Linda and Cindy Wernette of Remus were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family of Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

Gerald Losey called on the Clayton Dutchers Monday, and helped Clayton get his car started. It had refused to start, in our 12 degrees below zero weather.

Mrs. Katie McDaniel and family spent the weekend in Lansing, as Rudy had to see his doctor. She says the streets in Lansing and Holt are in very bad shape, due to their snow a week ago. In Holt, the school had been closed for over a week, and groceries were being delivered by snowmobiles, during the worst part of the storm.

George Woodin called on Joe and Bill Ockert Friday afternoon.

Beatrice and Vadah Gatehouse and Donna Thren and baby visited Dorothy Chaffee Monday afternoon. Dorothy had just come home after being a patient at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher called on Mrs. Carol Dutcher and new baby daughter last Monday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson arrived at Ruskin, Fla., last week, reporting a delightful trip. They say they like it very much. Harold met an old friend, a man with whom he worked in Lansing and also with whom he played in a band, and the Bransons were having a wonderful time. They rent a trailer house near the Bill Joneses, Thelma's sister and brother-in-law, and are enjoying the winter with the sizeable Weidman contingent at Ruskin.

BROOMFIELD GRANGE NEWS

Grace Crowley, Reporter

A very beautiful wedding reception was held in our hall last Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Bill White. Mrs. White was Linda Kimball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kimball. The hall was very well decorated with white wedding bells.

Mrs. Cleo Kimball served the wedding cake. The young couple received very nice and useful gifts.

Our card parties are the first and third Saturday evenings of the month. We welcome all comers.

Plans are made for our smorgasbord supper Feb. 11, looking for good weather to help us out.

We had to cancel our last Grange meeting. Most of us were snowed in because of bad roads.

Fish has been added to our menu for the smorgasbord supper Feb. 11.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

The Edwin Amy family of Saginaw were Sunday visitors at the James Maddox home.

Glen and Albert Amy and Jim Maddox report they have shot, trapped and dug out six foxes so far this winter. They are a very destructive animal, and we're glad the fellows keep after them.

The Farm Bureau group meets this week Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

Our Quilters Club has changed its meeting day to Tuesdays.

The next card party will be Feb. 18. There was a small party Saturday evening, due to poor road conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Page of Lansing spent Sunday with Mrs. Page's father, Thomas Latham, and family.

Pfc. Harry Lee and girl friend visited his grandfather, Jesse Lee, Thursday. Another caller at the Latham home was a brother, Carl Latham, of Millbrook, on Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Voss took her son, Tracy, to Grand Rapids Friday for treatment at a hospital. Tracy has been ill since early fall.

Mrs. Flossie Forbes, who has been in the Lakeview hospital since August, is now able to eat with other patients in the dining room, and can use the foot to stand on for a few minutes.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater were last Tuesday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater. Callers at Tracy's were Harold Rescoe, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rogers of Mt. Pleasant, and Bob Bywater and Bruce Hamilton.

The Wayne Fox family have purchased the big Bartlett house across from the Methodist Church, and were moving in this week.

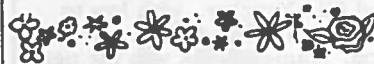
Local Items

Mrs. Hermione Smith was a Sunday dinner guest of the Don Smith family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth enjoyed a birthday dinner Friday evening at the home of their son, Terry, and wife, at Clare. It was Terry's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith announce the birth of a baby daughter, born Feb. 6, at CMC Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 13 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Abbott and girls of Middleton spent a few days last week at the Charles Kent home. One their way home last Wednesday evening they called at the Orval Abbott home. Chuck is laid off from his work at the Fisher plant in Lansing.



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Weidman Messenger

Court Blocks School Vote As Too Late

MANISTEE—A Circuit Court injunction has been granted here to stop an election on whether Filer City and Newland School Districts should be joined with the Manistee School District. The vote had been scheduled for Jan. 16.

Judge Charles A. Wickens ruled that holding a public hearing on the second reorganization plan advanced by the intermediate school district's K-12 committee was mandatory under the K-12 reorganization law as was giving a prior notice of the hearing. Wickens also ruled that holding the election within six months of the first election was mandatory.

For these reasons he said that "to permit an election in violation of the law would be for the court to breathe life into procedure which was illegal".

The injunction was asked by the boards of education of the Filer City and Newland School Districts on the grounds that the election did not fall within six months after the May 16, 1966, defeat of a proposed calling for a single school district for all of the area within Manistee Intermediate School

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Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter

SPECIAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ENJOYED

A busy week was in store for the youth of all ages of the Gilmore Church of Christ, observing National Youth Week.

It started Friday afternoon with 35 children of the Bible School gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carr to make valentines for the shut-ins, mothers and dads and whoever else they wanted to give them to. Mrs. Betty Wysong and Mrs. Lois Getchel helped. Refreshments were served, and all had a lovely time.

Three car loads of Junior Youth attended a youth rally at Vestaburg, Saturday afternoon. They missed bringing home the banner by three children and three Bibles. Let's work a little harder next time, kids.

Saturday evening the Senior Youth celebrated with a progressive dinner party. They arrived at the home of Mrs. Florence Kobel for the first course of juice and crackers, served by Mrs. Joyce Crane. Then they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood for vegetable soup. Mrs. Carl Carr served the next course, of delicious salads. From there they returned to the church for chicken and all the trimmings, served by Mrs. Elwyn Pitts, Mrs. Laura Cook, Mrs. James Pitts, Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and Mrs. Ethel Goudie. From there they dropped in on Mrs. Agnes Fuller and Mrs. Harriet Baker for cake and ice cream. They ended the evening with a quick stop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, and enjoyed their new fireplace with a marshmallow roast. Devotions were led by Miss Sharon Pitts.

Sunday evening the Senior Youth group were in charge of the complete service. The main event of the evening was a Bible bowl between the teenagers and the Elders and Deacons. All in all, it was a rewarding weekend for the youth of all ages and the Gilmore Church. Young people, you don't know what good times and Christian fellowship you are missing if you have not joined the activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips surprised Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce Monday evening when they arrived with a delicious steak dinner, all ready to sit down to and eat.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McAlvey were home from Bath, Mich., all last week, as the snow was so bad Eulah could not have school. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were supper guests.

Mrs. Vaness Cook entertained several ladies Tuesday evening

at a party at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davison.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook and girls Saturday. Sunday they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Raycraft of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fuller and family of Houghton Lake called on his mother, Mrs. Agner Fuller, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kobel and family of Lansing called on his mother, Mrs. Florence Kobel, Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips were Sunday afternoon guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens, of Sanford Lake.

Mrs. Eileen Faber returned from the hospital in Ann Arbor Friday. We hope you are feeling better.

Terry Pitts celebrated his 14th birthday with a party and all the trimmings Monday after school.

Darryl Pitts celebrated his ninth birthday with all the trimmings Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts and Leon McArthur were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Goudie and girls were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts.

Friends of Arthur Lynn Goudie were surprised Friday when they were watching the news on Channel 9 and all of a sudden they showed a picture of him, taken in Viet Nam. It seemed good to see his smile again.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Clarence Shaner has been laid off from her work at Evart.

Allen Shaner returned to work Monday, after being home due to a cave-in of the roof at the Olds plant in Lansing, where he works.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan Tuesday.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge and son, Brian, called on Mrs. Paul Cole and Vilma Friday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Charlotte Hart were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis, of Mt. Pleasant, and grandchildren, Roxann and Kay Hart, and Stanley Shaner. Mrs. Rosella Shaner visited her mother Thursday.

Mrs. Gerald Roberts and baby visited Mrs. Albert Geasler Sunday afternoon, while Gerald visited his mother, Mrs. Blanche Roberts, at the Broomfield Hospital. He also visited Ed Owens at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole visited Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee of rural Clare Friday evening.

Pam Worth missed school last week, due to a sore throat and ear trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger visited their mother, Mrs. Myrtle Geasler, of rural Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday.

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Mrs. Frank Gross underwent surgery last Wednesday at CMC Hospital. She hoped to return home this week.

Peggy McClain of Barryton spent last Wednesday with Leah Scharrer. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aubin of Standish were Saturday night and Sunday morning guests of Mrs. Scharrer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stamm of Saginaw were Sunday afternoon visitors of Emma Middlesworth and Vada Carroll.

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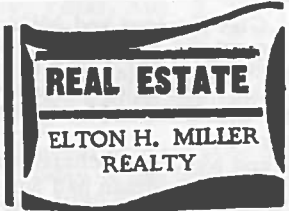
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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mrs. Edward Schafer spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Marchiando, working on a newsletter for the Coldwater Lake Cottagers Association.

Mrs. Roy Guthrie called on Mrs. Edward Schafer Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schafer in Beal City and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer in Mt. Pleasant, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Garrett Saturday.

Tom Tilmann spent Saturday night with Jerry Joe Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer entertained at a card party Saturday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gross, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith.

Guests at the Edward Schafer home Sunday were Mrs. Betty Klumpp and children of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh and son, Mike, and Tom Tilmann.

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Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting.

Ruby Schubach and two daughters, Connie and Jeanette, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz. It was the Lorenz's 44th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Reynolds at Nevins Lake. The Stansells spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Nate Briting at Forest Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey and son, Tom, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey and family at Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening at the Charles Harvey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Van Horn of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Nettie Baker. Wallace Bugbee was a Saturday afternoon caller.

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Dennis Embrey heard from his parents, the Carl Embreys, from Ruskin, Florida, saying they were enjoying themselves very much. There are seven Weidman families at Ruskin in the winter. The Embreys are staying at the Wright Trailer Park in Ruskin, and will take trips in their campers for other parts of the state.

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

FIRE BADLY DAMAGES THE THEODORE RHODE HOME MONDAY AFTERNOON

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode, a mile east of the Broomfield Church, was badly damaged by fire Monday after a chimney burned out.

Apparently the fire started from the overheated chimney and spread to walls inside, and the roof, which partly collapsed during the fire.

The Weidman Fire Department answered a call at 12.05 noon, and battled the fire till around 3 p. m., when it was thought the fire was out. Apparently smoldering continued in some areas, however, and the firemen were called again around 4.30.

Most of the fire was in the roof and the upstairs, according to Fire Chief Ed Fox. Damage was estimated at around \$6,500. Some furniture was carried out during the firemen's battling of the blaze.

The Rhodes had a terrible mess to clean up in the partially destroyed home. They have our sympathy.

Gale Krueger, Gerald Maeder, Maynard Strong, and Orves and Bob Cook attended a Church Officers' meeting at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lansing Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Friday evening guests of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Borders of Marion were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mrs. Glee Krueger and Aliance Cook spent the weekend in Lansing, guests of Mrs. Elinor McCrimmon, and enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer and children of Weidman had Sunday supper with Herman Cook and family, and brought Keith, Kathy and Terry Krueger home, after spending the weekend with them in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Montgomery and children of Coleman were Sunday callers of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meyers were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cotter of East Tawas. Mary Ann spent the evening after school with Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook called Sunday on her sister, Mary Richardson, who is still quite ill in the Edmore Hospital. She showed a little improvement Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Lueder, Minnie Rhode, Vida Lueder, Mrs. Carl Cook and Nettie Crowley enjoyed an afternoon of cards and lunch with Maycie Cook Wed-

nesday, in honor of her birthday, which was Saturday, Feb. 4. Maycie enjoyed birthday dinner with the Bob Cooks Saturday evening.

Rev. Schmelzer called on Roderick Nicholson after church Sunday, to see a lovely red aryllis plant which Roderick is enjoying. The stalk is 27 inches tall and has two blossoms, eight inches across.

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Obituary

MRS. ORA FERGUSON

Mrs. Ora Ferguson (Flora Putman), 80, passed away Feb. 4 at a nursing home in Denver, Colo. She was taken ill Dec. 17 at her home at Glendale, Ariz. She was flown to Denver to be near her grandson, Milo Struble, and family.

Also surviving are a granddaughter, Pat Meyer, and the three great-granddaughters, the daughters of Milo.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Vase Funeral Home in Rock Springs, Wyo., where she was buried beside her husband, Ora, daughter Pauline and son Elmo.

The Fergusons lived near Weidman for many years.

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Frank Tvorik returned home last week Tuesday night after five days in CMC Hospital. His illness was caused by ear trouble, Frank says. He was reported as improving the first of this week.

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In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

After our place was measured by the equalization department of Mecosta County, and upon checking the records at the office in Big Rapids, Michigan, we found that next year we will be taxed upon \$18,034.50. In 1966 we were taxed upon \$12,100.00, which is a 50 percent raise for the 1967 taxes.

Now, this being an example of the increase in taxes for 1967, many of the Senior Citizens who have been exempt this year will find themselves paying taxes again. The people who have a valuation of \$8,000 to \$10,000 will find their valuation over \$10,000, above which there is no exemption.

Another question in our minds is, How will these higher taxes affect the resort developments which are expected to HELP finance the proposed new school?

Roy Johnson
Remus, Route 2

Hi, Connie and George:
How are you up there? We are fine, and just had a nice rain. Will see you some of these days, before too long.

It has been real hot here, but cool nights.

Clara and Clayton Smith
Ruskin, Florida.

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