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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### THE GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION REFORM

(High points of some of the bills now before the State Legislature: Courtesy of Friends of Michigan Schools, Box 1151, Lansing, Mich. 48904.)

**SENATE BILL 1076:** Sets up the procedure for reorganization of the state of Michigan into 10 to 15 "educational regions" by a five-member "regional development commission" appointed by the Governor. The power and responsibility for the "regional office" shall be vested in a director appointed and serving at the State Superintendent's pleasure.

The "education region" is an administrative unit in the Department of Education (Lansing) with many functions, including transportation services in lieu of such services in local districts.

Each "regional" Board shall be made up of one board member from each local district, with weighted voting depending on the size of the districts.

**TIMETABLE:** On or after Nov. 15, 1970, a "central regional board" shall be established and a director appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. July 1, 1972, the "regional office" becomes fully operational. July 1, 1972, the intermediate school districts are abolished and accounts and property turned over to the "regional" office.

**SENATE BILL 1081:** Reorganization Bill. It establishes a State Reorganization Committee the same as in the 1964 K-12 Act. Two new terms are introduced:

"Eligible Districts" (eligible for liquidation): Districts that have less than a K-12 program OR LESS THAN 2,000 STUDENTS. (The 2,000 and less student schools are the ones nearest the people, and the ones doing the best job of education for our kids.

"Designated Districts": Districts selected by the state committee to develop a reorganization plan with one or more "eligible" districts.

The state committee shall identify all districts marked for oblivion.

The board of an "eligible"

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**BARK SLASHINGS FROM JOHN S. WEIDMAN'S MILL--**Show up on the bed of the Weidman Mill Pond, dry since last June 30. This Messenger photo was taken to the north of Ruth Momany's home, looking across what used to be water to the McClain place.

While the Weidman sawmill and shingle mill were south of this area, waste from peeling the logs was simply dumped overboard, into the water.

At that time no one dreamed of the Mill Pond becoming a prime recreational area some time in the future. In 1893 to 1908, the only reason for the Mill Pond's being was to float logs for the Weidman Mills.

Actually, debris such as that shown above makes for good fishing lakes. A "cleaned-out" lake bottom has no place for fish to hide from predators and for bottomland creatures that make for fish food to thrive on.

A lake with a truly "clean" bottom is a good place for swimmers and skiers, perhaps, but not for fishing.

The desolate Mill Pond stands useless and ugly, after its draining last June when the east dike gave way in two places, at least one place being where Willard Searles had dug out the original dike built by John S. Weidman in 1893 (without an engineer and the high-falutin' handspings we go through nowadays!) and which had held through worse floods than last June's.

Word has it that Searles planned to rebuild the dike, do some further removal of larger stumps, and be ready to flood it again by spring.

We can only hope he will get at it.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Men in Uniform

Rick Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus, has undergone surgery for transplant of a bone from his hip to his shattered leg. He was reported as doing fine the first of the week, in Veterans Hospital, Allen Park, Mich. He was wounded in action in Vietnam.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner received word from their son, Walter, after two months of not hearing from him.

Walter, who expected to be home Dec. 12, has signed up for four more years in the U.S. Army, serving his country.

He is in Vietnam.

## NOTICE TO MESSENGER NEWS WRITERS--

We'll get out a paper next week, dated Dec. 25, and then skip the next week, no paper on Jan. 2. Please get all Christmas news possible in advance, this next week, as Jan. 9, our next issue after the Dec. 25 issue, is quite late for Christmas news. So--please send in your news next week as usual, then take a vacation along with Ye Ed. Thank you. Connie.

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## MERRY GO ROUND CLUB MEETS THIS WEEK HERE

The Christmas party meeting of the Gilmore Merry Go Round Club was postponed last week, due to the death of Mrs. Mattie Longton.

The Club will hold its Christmas party this week Thursday at the home of Wanda Graham in Weidman.

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT BEAL CITY DEC. 18

The Beal City School Band and Choir Christmas Concert, directed by Mr. O'Neil, will be held this Thursday, Dec. 18, at 8 p. m., in the multi-purpose room at the Beal City Public School.

The public is invited.

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## COMMUNITY DINNER AT BRINTON A HUGE SUCCESS

The Brinton Quilting Club hosted a community dinner Sunday evening at the Brinton Hall, with a very large crowd attending.

A delightful pot-luck dinner was enjoyed, and an evening of visiting among friends.

## WORK STARTED ON LIBRARY BUILDING AT BEE SATURDAY

Trouble getting the oil furnace started and the building warmed up hampered work at a bee Saturday to do this and that needed by the Library Building purchased by Leon McArthur for the Weidman Public Library.

Some work was accomplished, however, after the fire was started and the winter chill in the cement-block building began to ease.

Jim Palmer took a couple of men to the building Saturday morning but they could not work as the furnace had not been started.

Paul Lueder not only took his tools and volunteered to work, but donated \$5 to the Library Fund.

Wall board was removed from walls, and the furnace problem licked. Within this week it is hoped to get electric wiring done and insulation on, the latter a big help in heating the place.

Another work bee will be called, probably during the Christmas vacation, to paint the walls of the building.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and children were Sunday supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Jr., and family were also guests. All enjoyed snowmobiling.

**EAST  
Coldwater**

Esther Skinner, Reporter  
Esther Skinner was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wendt of Mt. Pleasant Monday evening. Later, Elva Garver and Lola Strandburg came to audit the books of VFW Auxiliary No. 3033.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Joyce Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and Alice and Brenda attended a children's Christmas party at the VFW Hall in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. About 75 children were present.

Raymond and Dick Skinner spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Elana Miller, of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hill of Holt called on Mr. and Mrs. Don

Lofgren and family Saturday. Dawn Flaucher and family of Alma were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Joyce and Danny Connor and his mother were shoppers in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Robin Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and baby, Maggie Boger, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family were among those attending the community Christmas party at the Brinton Hall Sunday evening. A large crowd was in attendance, and a lovely pot-luck dinner and exchange of gifts were enjoyed by all.

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**NEWS NOTES**

There was a nice turnout last Sunday for both church and Sunday School, at the Weidman Baptist Church.

The supper at the Brinton Hall was a very nice affair, the community's annual Christmas party. Mrs. Ida Bazaire of Weidman was among those attending.

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**S. W. Sherman**

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Here's the address of a lady who lived here in the oil field for years. I thought maybe some of her old friends would like to write her, as I believe she lives in a convalescent home. She lost her husband a couple of years ago. Here's the address: Mrs. Sam Sherwood, 240 Lafayette Ave., SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49502.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz at their home on their 50th wedding anniversary, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with the Harry Gatehouses. The Clarence Chaffees were afternoon callers of the Leo and Harry Gatehouse families.

Luanne Maeder spent Saturday morning with her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Gatehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. They spent Saturday evening with the Richard Dutchers and Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Edna and Lucile Merrihew, Marion Beutler and Goldie Dutcher enjoyed the afternoon at Busy Bees Thursday at the home of Mrs. Betty Thompson.

Mrs. Donna Thren and children visited Marie Thren Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pankhurst of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with the Garry Dutchers. Sam and his son, Ike, spent Monday with Garry, riding their snow machines.

Diane Beutler spent Saturday over night with her cousin, Laurel Beutler, and went to church with her Sunday, and they both attended a birthday party for Tammy Denslow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh of Pierson called on her father, Emory Dell, Sunday.

Butch Hardenburgh of Warren Dunes, near Chicago, came home Saturday and went back to his work Sunday.

Mrs. Barbara Dutcher and Douglas called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Sunday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Friday supper guests.

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE****CHANGE OF <sup>Banking</sup> HOURS**

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JAN. 1, 1970

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## Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heart-  
 felt appreciation to the Beal City  
 Senior Citizens, who sent Peter  
 the beautiful basket of fruit.  
 Peter enjoys company, and we  
 appreciate the many who have  
 called and visited with us.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz.

## the Churches

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST  
 Rev. Lawrence Smith, Pastor  
 Church School, 10 a.m.  
 Worship, 11 a.m.  
 M.Y.F., Sunday, 6 p.m.  
 Thursday evening, 7.30, choir  
 rehearsal.

Thursday afternoon, 2.30, Mc-  
 Arthur Circle. Hostess, Birdie  
 Abbott.

Sunday evening, 7.30, Dec.  
 21, program and candle light  
 service, followed by fellowship  
 in the church dining area.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 24,  
 Christmas Eve Communion Ser-  
 vice, 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 10,  
 the Methodist Men had Ladies'  
 Night. Twenty-two gathered at  
 the Weidman restaurant and had  
 a delicious dinner. After the  
 dinner the group went to the  
 church, where Mr. and Mrs.  
 Lowery of Rosebush showed  
 slides of their tour of Australia  
 to the group.

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 BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN  
 Located six miles south of Weid-  
 man on Coldwater Road.  
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 Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 10.30 a.m.  
 Ladies' Aid meets on second  
 Wednesday of each month.  
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WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
 Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Church Service, 11 a.m.  
 Our annual Christmas program  
 will be held Dec. 21 at 7.30 p.  
 m. Everyone is invited.  
 Our Christmas project this year  
 is canned food for regular Bap-  
 tist Children Home in St. Louis,  
 Mich.

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 HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## the Churches

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 Youth Service, 6.45 p.m.  
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 Mid-week Service:  
 Wednesday prayer meeting,  
 7.30 p.m.

The Weidman Church of the  
 Nazarene Sunday School schol-  
 ars and the Teen Choir will  
 bring a special program honor-  
 ing the "Birth of Our Lord" Sun-  
 day evening, Dec. 21, at 7 o'-  
 clock. Pastor Wolfgang extends  
 a welcome to all the commun-  
 ity to attend.

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GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 George Getchel, Pastor  
 Church Service, 9 a.m.  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Church Service, 11 a.m.  
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## N. Broomfield

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mead  
 were hosts to their relatives at  
 a pre-Christmas party Saturday  
 evening. Those present included  
 Herman Cook, Glee Krueger and  
 Aliance Cook, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Orves Cook, and Mr. and Mrs.  
 Orville Klumpp.

Callers of Mrs. Maycie Cook  
 at Edmore were her brother, Rod-  
 erick Nicholson, Mrs. Oral Bun-  
 ting, and the immediate family.  
 Mrs. E.R. Rhode has received  
 word of the birth of her seventh

great-grandchild, a son, Michael  
 John, born to Mr. and Mrs. John  
 Schultz of Swartz Creek Monday  
 of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher,  
 Sr., were Sunday dinner guests  
 of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.  
 Bill Van Zandt of Saginaw spent  
 Saturday with his mother, Mrs.  
 Gordon Schlegel.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Gordon Schlegel, were honored  
 with a charivari Friday evening.  
 Refreshments were served at a  
 late hour..

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder  
 entertained at a pre-Christmas  
 dinner party Saturday evening.  
 Present were Mr. and Mrs. Doug  
 Perkins and sons of Lapeer, Mr.  
 and Mrs. Dick Haney and daugh-  
 ter of Winn, and Mr. and Mrs.  
 Rudolf Lueder and sons. On Sun-  
 day the Rudolf Lueders were  
 hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder,  
 Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Harold  
 called on Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lue-  
 der recently. Mrs. Lueder is re-  
 covering from surgery.

The Lutheran Ladies' Aid met  
 with Mrs. Ralph Strong Wednes-  
 day evening.

Carl Cook is a patient at CMC  
 Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Benezette of Mt.  
 Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr.  
 and Mrs. Richard Lueder.  
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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton  
 and son of Ashley were weekend  
 guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie  
 Sprague and family. Mr. and  
 Mrs. Frank Williams and fam-  
 ily were Saturday evening vis-  
 itors. Mrs. Lora Roberts and  
 Kevin of Lake were Sunday ev-  
 ening callers.

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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and Yvonne of Mt. Pleasant arrived at Tri-Cities Airport last Thursday evening, the former visiting Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray at Midland, who brought them home. While in California they visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schalla at Ventura, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gray at Hennett. One of the highlights of the trip was visiting Disneyland. An all-around wonderful trip, Mrs. Gray reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family spent the weekend in Conklin. They were Friday and Saturday overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portenga. They were supper guests Saturday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ley, and visited the latter Sunday afternoon also. Mr. and Mrs. Larry De Voss and children also called.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda and Richard of Big Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski and children were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Robert Kirvan was a Sunday caller.

Mrs. Juanita Struble and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus were Sunday dinner guests of the Lyle Denslows. Mrs. Struble was a supper guest Sunday evening.

Miss Elaine McConnell was a Saturday overnight guest of Miss Cheryl Leiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter now play with the Eddie Adams Band every Friday and Saturday night, at Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage Saturday evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Sunday evening.

Arthur Schrock and grandson, Eddie, and granddaughter, Susan, visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, of Riverdale, Sunday. Miss Debbie Schrock was a Saturday over night and Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brines and family of Gray Lake.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. Schrock in the loss of his aunt, Mrs. Clyde Hapner, who suffered a heart attack while Christmas shopping in Florida, where they were vacationing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Tuesday evening.

Mr. Skalitzky visited his son, Ray, at the Lakeview Hospital Sunday. Ray had pneumonia, but was better.

Arthur Loomis was a Sunday caller at the Skalitzky home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were guests at an anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare, at the Surrey House in Harrison, Wednesday evening. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hemstreet of north Clare and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Clayton Beutler, and the parents, other relatives and friends, in the loss of Jack Pomeroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pomeroy, who is a cousin of Mr. Beutler. Jack was killed in Vietnam. Mr. and Mrs. Beutler visited the Stebbins Funeral Home Monday evening, and Mr. Beutler attended the funeral Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beutler attended the Christmas party for the Union Oil Company employees Friday evening at the Holiday Inn at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Russell Stanley spent Friday afternoon at the Donald Pung home at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and

children of Lake Thirteen visited his grandparents Friday night. Darlene and Doris Pung were Friday overnight and Saturday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns were Saturday night guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of Lake Thirteen. The occasion was the 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby, Mrs. Moore's parents. Glenn was released from the hospital Saturday, and we are glad to report the tests were good.

Miss Jean Ann Loomis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, was five years old Sunday. Happy Birthday, Jean Ann!!!

We extend our sympathy to Mr. Longton and Mrs. Beck in the loss of their wife and mother, Mrs. Mattie Longton. Also to Mrs. Powell and family and friends in the loss of her husband and their father, Archie Powell. Both Mr. Stanley and I were ill and unable to attend services.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## PIONEER FARM BUREAU HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook Dec. 8.

Fifteen members were present.

Mrs. Olive Irwin led in discussion on the topic, "Truth in Lending Law".

A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed prior to the meeting.

Lola Fordyce led in recreation, and all enjoyed a gift exchange.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts Jan. 12.

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Mrs. Virginia (Gachter) Averill of Prudenville visited the Messenger office Saturday morning, to buy some subscriptions to the paper. The Gachter family are an old-time Nottawa family, and many will remember them. Virginia graduated from the Weidman High School in 1946 as Valedictorian of her class. Her three children are college students or ex-students. Virginia also graduated from Central, at Mt. Pleasant.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Doug and David Theisen spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen.

Marlene Riggles and Coral Onstott were hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Frances Riggles Saturday evening. Her marriage will be Jan. 3. She received many lovely gifts. A delicious lunch was served the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reihl took Tim Hauck, Rick Yuncker, Harry Straus and Harold Reihl to Ferris State College Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Ball and children spent Sunday afternoon with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

A surprise baby shower was held honoring Mrs. Barbara Weber, by Veronica Hauck and Kitty Yuncker, which was well attended. Mrs. Weber received lovely gifts.

John L. Forest had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart attended a Christmas Table Top party Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fox and family had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Clara Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau, Mrs. Wm. Gross and Effie Schafer had supper with Mrs. Fox one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer attended the wedding of her granddaughter at 1 o'clock Saturday

afternoon in St. John's Catholic Church in Hubbardston.

Virginia, Brian, Debbie and Dale Rau spent Sunday afternoon with their grandmother, Mrs. Louise Smith, and took her a Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tilmann came and got Mrs. Lavina Elias and took her to their home to spend a few weeks with them.

Lawrence Schafer of Detroit spent last Wednesday night with his mother, Mrs. Effie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Tony Schafer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Saginaw spent the weekend with their father, Peter Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and Joe and Bob of Coldwater Lake spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, I suppose everyone is pretty busy these days, getting ready for Christmas.

Last Monday, as it was a holy day, we went to church, then we took Ed's mother, Mrs. Tony Schafer, to Mt. Pleasant Christmas shopping.

We have been so busy we did not know our neighbor, Mrs. Emil Lueder, had been in the CMC Hospital for a week. She came home last Saturday. Edith had surgery on her foot, and will be laid up for a few weeks. Her foot is in a cast, and she can get around on crutches.

Thursday evening our son, Don, and family, came over and we played cards.

Friday evening we went to St. Joseph's Church at Beal City to have our family pictures taken. The church is publishing a pictorial directory in which will appear the names and portraits of each family in the parish. A very nice idea, we think.

After our pictures were taken, we and our sons, Jerry and Bob, played cards with Grandma and Grandpa Schafer. Son Bill went to the show with his friends.

The Walter Wischmeyers have rented their house for three months and have gone to California to spend the winter with their daughter, Donna, and family.

Sunday evening my brother, Russ Klumpp, and wife, Pauline, of Remus, came over and played cards.

This past week we had another telephone call from our son Ed at Plattsburgh, N.Y. He said his son, Steven, had been back in the hospital for three days. He has an allergy, but they can't find the cause.

Our daughter-in-law, Judy Schafer, received word Sunday that her brother, Michael Haynes, was in an accident early Sunday morning and was in serious condition at CMC Hospital.

Loretta Lorenz called to say she had quite a bit of company this past week. Wednesday af-

ternoon Kate Martin and cousin, Leah Wright, of Muskegon, visited, and stayed for supper. Leah returned to her home Sunday. The Straus girls called Wednesday evening. Friday, Ragolt Hauck called and presented the Lorenzes with a fruit basket from the Senior Citizens of Beal City. Sunday visitors were their children, the Paul Simmer family, the Ron Lorenz family, the Bob Theisen family and the Bill Lorenz family of Mt. Pleasant; and Vera and Max Straus. Ernie Voisin of Mt. Pleasant also called.

Must sign off now, hoping everyone has a very merry and blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Marge Schafer.

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## Local Items

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John were recovering the last of last week, after suffering from flu.

Larry Zill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill of Brinton, was ill with Flu last Thursday.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire and Mrs. Fred Wilcox attended the funeral of Mattie Longton of Brinton Thursday.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire is enjoying gas heat, as the gas company ran the line into her trailer home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens and friend of Sanford were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ina Gillett.

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson of Remus spent Sunday afternoon at the Edwin Courser home.

Mrs. Roscoe Bugsby and Mrs. Wallace Bugsby were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Nettie Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors.

Clarence Harvey of Grand Rapids came to visit his folks, the Charles Harveys, Wednesday, and took his brother, Tom, back with him. The Clair Letsons and Bill Sweets were Sunday visitors. Mr. Harvey was reported as not so well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Thompson of Hersey and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nichols of Shields spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson. Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Campbell of Mt. Pleasant were Wednesday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family spent the weekend at the Singleton Moses home in Flushing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leider attended church in Mt. Pleasant and spent Sunday with the Arnold Krueger family.

Terry Seybert of CMU called on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert, Sunday.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swan and son of Milan and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters.

Mrs. Minnie Flaughter, Mrs. Doris Wilmot, Mrs. Laura Latham, Mrs. Millie Voss and John Sheldon, Jr., visited their sister and family, the Bert Chaffees, in Grand Rapids, Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Martin and her house guest, Mrs. Leah Wright,

visited Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz Wednesday, and Mrs. Ida Keyser of Winn on Thursday. Mrs. Lucille Gross and children came Sunday from Muskegon and and took Mrs. Wright home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster attended the Chippewa Hills Band concert at Mecosta Sunday afternoon. Connie is with the band.

Karen Rhode spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Theodore Rhode. Karen teaches at Buena Vista in Saginaw.

Blanche Carr was a Wednesday luncheon guest of Mrs. Lovica Krueger of Mt. Pleasant, and called on Mrs. Elsie Aungst at the Medical Facility. Blanche spent Friday afternoon with Jessie Rosencrantz.

Sunday callers of Blanche Carr were Steve, Pamela and Rodney Simmer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ouder Kirk and Mary Lou.

Charles Harvey was admitted at CMC Hospital Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Aungst and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fore of Edmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Carroll and family of rural Winn were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser.

Mrs. Leona Courser, Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Maude Johnston attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Gretchen Nicholson of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woodruff spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Courser.

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### RUTH ANN RHODE ON NORTHWOOD DEAN'S LIST

Ruth Ann Rhode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode of Farwell, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood Institute. She is a Sophomore in secretarial science.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler. They are leaving for Brownsville, Texas, this week. James Beutler was a supper guest of his parents. He had been taking a short course on business administration at MSU.

# Wedding Rites In Remus

The marriage of Eda VanZandt and Gordon Schlegel was solemnized on Thanksgiving Day at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Remus, with Rev. E. Schmelzer officiating. The Benediction was given by the pastor's father, Rev. Ch. H. Schmelzer. Autumn arrangements graced the altar.

The bride wore a forest green Glen Gary three-piece dress and carried flowers of satin and lace ribbon in various fall colors.

The couple was attended by the bride's son and wife, Bill and Ruth VanZandt; and Donald and Edna Hatfield, niece and nephew of the bridegroom.

Ring bearers were Greg VanZandt, the bride's grandson, and Jeff Hatfield, nephew of the bridegroom. Peter VanZandt, grandson of the bride, presented the

marriage certificate. Dennis and Larry Hatfield were ushers and organ music was provided by Pamela Hatfield.

The Schmelzer children, directed by Mrs. Schmelzer, sang "Bless the Vows" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Following the ceremony, the wedding party and Rev. and Mrs. E. Schmelzer and family, and Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Schmelzer were served a dinner at the Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

### APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE AT GREAT LAKES BIBLE COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

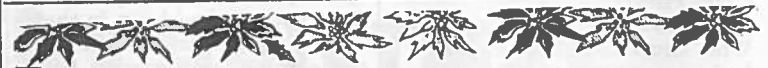
A large and appreciative audience heard the Great Lakes Bible College Concert Choir sing sacred music at the Gilmore Church of Christ Saturday evening at 7.30.

The 38-voice choir is on its annual Christmas concert tour, and will sing in a number of Michigan churches this week.

Mona Pitts and Barry and Christine Wood are members of the choir.

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Ernie Gross reports that his eye was classified as perfect by his doctor in Mt. Pleasant, after an operation for cataract.



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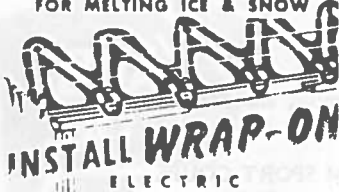
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**RECEIVES DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE**

Mr. and Mrs. John Tilmann of Beal City attended the graduation and reception of their daughter, Sr. Jean Paul, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Saturday, Dec. 13. Sr. Jean Paul was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Arthur Tilmann also attended his sister's graduation.

Sister Jean Paul graduated from the Beal City High School, after which she continued her studies at CMU before entering the Dominican Community.

She joined the Aquinas College faculty in Grand Rapids as an instructor of geography in the fall of 1964, and began her doctoral studies in the history and philosophy of geography at the University of Michigan in the fall of 1966.

She returned to the Aquinas faculty in 1968.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

**BRINTON CHRISTMAS DINNER WAS WELL ATTENDED**

A Christmas community dinner was held at Brinton Sunday evening, at the hall.

About 80 were in attendance, and all enjoyed a sumptuous potluck Christmas dinner and visiting together.

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Supper guests Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan of Mt. Pleasant. Thursday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee of Lake Thirteen and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant. Evening callers were Miss Barbara Kripa and Diane Kripa and friend of Nebraska.

Wedding bells will be ringing

Dec. 22 for Diane Kripa and Milan Anderson of Nebraska.

Our sympathy to the family of Mattie Longton.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sampson of Mt. Pleasant, Thursday.

Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shaner and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Lane Chapman were breakfast guests of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Sunday.

Mrs. Ver Weebe of Lake Thirteen called on Mrs. Hart Saturday. Mrs. Ruby Douglas was a Friday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ver Weebe visited Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour Saturday.

Sunday callers of the Paul Coles were Richard Mahon and Steve Kripa of Mt. Pleasant, and Milan Anderson of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and boys of Lansing called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, the weekend.

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**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mrs. Ruby Douglas was also a caller.

Jessie Rosencrantz, Hattie Losey and Connie Skinner enjoyed a smorgasbord supper at the Broomfield Grange Hall Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague called on her sister, Mrs. Bertha Zuke, and family, at Big Rapids, Sunday. Micky and Tricia Straus, the Spragues' grandchildren, accompanied them.

Five girls of the Great Lakes Bible College Concert Choir of Lansing spent the weekend at the Bernard Pitts home. Miss Mona Pitts was among the members of the choir, and enjoyed the visit with her family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Mrs. Nina Forbes attended the Christmas supper at the Brinton Hall Sunday evening.

Mrs. Glenn Frantz returned Friday from the Clare hospital after spending a week there for treatment of pneumonia.

Saturday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn in Weidman were Janet McCreight and her mother, Mrs. Johnson, of rural Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Clark of Marion, and Jan Carrick.

**In the Editor's Mail**

Dear Connie:

I am sorry to be late with my payment. We enjoy the paper so much.

Thank you.  
Erma Elliott, Rosebush.  
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Dear Connie:

Please renew my subscription to the Weidman Messenger for six months, \$2.50 enclosed.

My deepest sympathy to you in your deep loss of your husband, from one who understands, as I lost my husband two years ago, too.

Nellie Nutt, Remus.  
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Dear Connie:

Arrived safely Sunday. All well here. Our address is Coach House Trailer Park, Box 1034, Palmetto, Fla. 33561.

Carl and Daisy Embrey.  
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Weidman Messenger:

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And subscription for Millie Dent, Michigan Veterans Facility, 3000 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, Mich.

We enjoy the Messenger very much. Thank You.

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**BOWLING**CONTINENTAL LEAGUE  
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Weidman State Bank	28	17
Central Concrete	28	17
Wentworth IGA	26.5	18.5
Beal City Tavern	26	19
Schlitz Beer	23.5	21.5
Household Appl.	23	22
Pabst Blue Ribbon	23	22
Beal City Service	22	23
Lowery Northern	21	24
Coleman Furniture	18	27
Marchiando & Rau	18	27
Giant Super Mkt.	13	32

High Team Series: Central Concrete 2981. High Team Game: Schlitz Beer 1106.

High Indv. Series: Bill Todd 554, Louie Van Orden 554, Don McDonald 548.

High Indv. Game: Ken Green 226, Don McDonald 213, Ken Tupper 212, Louie Van Orden 212.

**GUYS & DOLLS**

Foster-Moore	35	21
Thon-Blake	34	22
Blehm-Moore	31	25
Ecker-Eldred	31	25
Bleise-Straus	29	27
Lyon-Wilson	29	27
Bierschbach-Zill	28	28
Lawens-Pantenburg	27	29
McArthur-Anderson	26	30
Green-McConnell	25	31
Nolte-Cook	22	34
Sharrar-Mattonen	19	37

High Team Series: Ecker and Eldred 2425. High Team Game: Lawens and Pantenburg 829.

High Series, men: John Frisch (sub) 586, Bob Lyon 583, Dick Wilson 573.

High Game, men: John Frisch (sub) 235, Don Pantenburg 221, Bob Lyon 215.

High Series, women: Leota

Taylor (sub) 524, Mary Blake 499, Jean McArthur 477.

High Game, women: Leota Taylor (sub) 191, Jean McArthur 191, Mary Blake 189, Rose Wilson 177.

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**Editor's Column**

By Connie

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district may protest banishment by the state committee, and will be given opportunity to be heard. The state committee shall review its findings and issue a final finding which is final, Final, FINAL! No appeal.

That's our quickie review of one of the sections of Gov. Milliken's school "reform" package. No more local voting on school affairs. No more school elections for school board members. No more say in school affairs by the people who pay the taxes to run the schools.

You just pay the taxes--and they'll be plenty.

This once-free country of ours is falling apart--and Michigan's politicians appear bent on leading the way to ruin.

Merry Christmas.

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And, on the subject of schools, we were amused by a want ad in last week's "Chippewa Hills Courier-Shopper," the school-backed publication. Here's the want ad:

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**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller spent a week ago Saturday at Davison with their brother, George Peacock.

Mrs. Denslow was a Thursday supper guest at the Harvey Lowery home at Rosebush. In the evening they attended church at the Center Church, where Mr. Lowery showed pictures of their six months' vacation in Australia, which were very interesting.

Mrs. Eva Denslow spent Saturday over night with the Russell Swan family at Midland. Sunday they all went to Lansing for a pre-Christmas dinner with the Kenneth Denslow family.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest of her son, Vance, and family. Afternoon guests of Flora were Wendy, Beth Lynn and Mike Wood, Steve Goodall, and Tom Appelgreen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Sunday dinner guests of his folks,

the Charlie Loseys.

Bob Thompson was out of school last week, due to illness. Mrs. Betty Thompson entertained the Busy Bees Thursday, with 11 ladies attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing spent Friday evening with the Earl Oplinger family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Mrs. Blanche Carr was a Friday afternoon guest of Jessie Rosencrantz.

Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Tuesday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Dent. Mrs. Geraldine Johnson and Steven were Wednesday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Thursday night in Lansing with their daughter and family, the Chuck Robertses.

Gerald Dent went to see his dentist Friday, and Mrs. Dent went to see her doctor. She is hoping to go back to work soon. Mr. and Mrs. Dent called at the

Lynn Johnson home Saturday to see Lynn, who got burned quite badly on his face. The Lynn Johnsons and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and baby were Sunday dinner guests of their parents.

Mrs. Carol Johnson and children attended an anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, the Dick Touchinskis. Miles Miller was a Sunday evening caller at the Elwood Miller home.

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**Local Items**

Mrs. Clarence Geitman is spending a few weeks at the home of her son in Ithaca. Mrs. Geitman was very seriously injured when their house was destroyed by gas explosions last Aug. 22, and spent a long time in hospitals. Her burns were reported healing now, but her nerves were shattered by the terrible experience of that summer evening. The many friends of Clarence Geitman and his wife hope for her good recovery.

Mrs. Bessie Teall is at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant.

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