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Editor's Column

By Connie

"WE" VOTED ON A QUESTIONNAIRE WE NEVER RECEIVED

Last week we received a gay little brochure printed in soul-blue, from State Representative Russell H. Strange, with his ever-smiling face on front cover and beside it these words:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPINION! Enclosed are the results of how YOU and over 2500 others responded to the 1968 LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE.

We thank YOU, Russ, but we never received any "legislative questionnaire". Somehow Ye Ed was not included in the 2500 faithful Republicans who apparently were asked how they felt about:

Crime and riot control; Firearm control; Civil rights; Abortion; Daylight Saving Time; Sunday liquor; Monday holidays; Recreation, sports and gambling; Public employee strikes; Taxes; Aid to non-public schools; State Capitol building; Highway litter; and --hold your hat!--Four-year terms for State Representatives.

According to Russ' "survey", "we" voted overwhelmingly to give the boys in Lansing four years of assured tenancy instead of two.

On Saturday's mail we received another six-cent envelope from Rep. Strange, this time addressed to the Weidman Messenger.

Inside was--you guess.

Another copy of the soul-blue pamphlet, with "THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPINION! Enclosed are the results of how YOU and over 2500 others responded to the 1968 LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE."

Dear Russ, the Messenger did not get a questionnaire, either. Is there a computer down there in Lansing with a hiccup in its goggle-rotor?

A couple of years ago we wrote Russ, asking if he would keep us informed of upcoming controversial legislation before it was voted on, such as the infamous PA489, which sent us into willy-nilly consolidation for the big-big schools.

Russ was too busy to answer a picky constituent, so he had us put on the mailing list to receive copies of the Journals of the
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HERE ARE SOME OF OUR MEN IN UNIFORM AT FORT KNOX-- Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus received a large photo of the 5th Platoon, 18th Battalion, showing their son, Richard, among the others in the platoon. The Messenger regrets it is not large enough to print a picture of the whole platoon, but we tried to show you some of our boys there. If we've made a mistake in choosing which section of the platoon to show you--let us know. This photo shows Stuart Rau, Stephen Wilson and Richard Straus. They are among seven boys who were graduates of the Beal City High School who were inducted in January. The photo below shows the rest of the seven (we hope), who are in the 4th Platoon, same address, at Fort Knox.



SHOWN AMONG THE MEN OF THE 4TH PLATOON--Are Steve Faber, Gerald Faber, Stanley Simmer, and Gary Wilson. We are very happy to have these pictures, and their parents naturally cherish them.



IT TOOK SOME DOING--But we figure to give you Lanny Warner, son of the John Warners, among the right-hand side of the 4th Platoon picture. Lanny's fourth from right.

Men in Uniform

FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS OF VIETNAM

By Sgt. Vance (Mike) Loomis

Why should a man die?
Was it just over a line?
Or 'cause one man was dissatisfied
And plagued a countryside?
With men and machines they kill
Even if only in their 'teens;
The weary, the innocent, all fight
Throughout the day and night.
Our family, "I know I'm right," pray
Never to see such a sight
As their father, son, or brother
To come home without life.
I know we are constantly reminded

"We are in the right."
But just who is it that decides
If we stay and fight?

(Editor's Note: We print the above because Mike's father assured us that Mike wrote it himself, it was not one of those sheets "given me by one of the others" we have heard about.

(We have young men from this area heading now for Vietnam; they will not be encouraged by these sentiments, however true and earnest they may be the sentiments of Mike. We do not endorse the war in Vietnam; we are concerned for the morale of those now being sent there.)

PHILIP JENNINGS WOUNDED IN VIETNAM

Sp/4 Philip Jennings, son of Mrs. Dennis Carr, is in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., after being wounded in a "fire fight" in Vietnam.

Philip suffered shrapnel wounds on his right side, including an injury to his right eye.

He talked with his wife, the former Carol Willis, who is with her parents, the Bruce Willises, of Mt. Pleasant, Monday, and said his doctor had given him some reassuring reports, including the doctor's opinion that the eyelid was not eradicated but just the hair burned off, and that he probably will regain sight in the eye. He told his wife he could see images now, but not clearly. There is also a blood clot in the eye, it was understood, which was expected to drain off without surgery.

Philip was hit also extensively on his right side.

His address:

Sp/4 Philip E. Jennings, US-
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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

PINK AND BLUE SHOWER FOR MRS. DEAN DENSLOW

Twenty-seven ladies, friends and relatives, gathered at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Denslow Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. Ollie Denslow as co-hostess, honoring Mrs. Dean Denslow with a pink and blue shower.

The ladies enjoyed visiting, games, and a delicious lunch.

The guest of honor received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow and baby of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow joined them for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Graber were Monday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence called on Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott Wednesday, and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Graber called on Mrs. Lawrence Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Saturday overnight guest of her daughter and husband, the Russell Swans, of Midland. She was a Sunday dinner guest of her granddaughter and husband, the Mike Louberts.

Leo Bahr and Merlin Bahr and children, all of Copemish, spent the weekend with the Joe Martin family. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll and two boys and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr and Frank of Lansing were Sunday guests of the Earl Oplinger family.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wieferrich attended an NFO meeting at Ionia Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Oplinger took her aunt, Mrs. Marie McDonald, to the hospital at Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, where Mrs. McDonald's daughter underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children called on her parents, the Gerald Dents, Wednesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, and the Wayne Fox family, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent spent the weekend at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children spent Sunday evening with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey called on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brand Monday. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called at the Losey home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Minnie Strauch spent the weekend there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys enjoyed Sunday dinner in Langston.

Carl and Ellen Geasler, Mr. and

Mrs. Fred Wilcox and Mrs. Flora Wood called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Griffin of Ionia Tuesday. They also called on George Eddy in Saranac.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright of Pontiac were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller. Mrs. Catherine Aldrich and Steve, Linda and Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith were Saturday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett and family of Flint and Mrs. Myrl Blodgett were Sunday guests of the Benn Johnson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mrs. Clifford Deming and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Schafer had a visit by telephone this week with her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Sherlock. The Sherlocks were moving that day to Traverse City.

Visitors at the Peter Lorenz home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin, Ruth Lorenz, Leona Perrin and Sandy Wood of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Theisen and family and Bill Lorenz and sons of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Max Straus of Weidman, and Thelma Bossche and daughter, Jeannie.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer attended the last auction at Beaverton Saturday evening. They met some of their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Beckers, who are living in the Jerome Beck home.

Clifford Deming was admitted to CMC Hospital Thursday, after having a slight stroke. He was discharged Sunday, feeling better.

The John McKenzies have returned from their vacation in Florida.

The Lawrence Lees are spending some time visiting in Texas and other southern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Rude Nartke of Beal City called on the Wischmeyers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wischmeyer of Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer drove to Higgins Lake Sunday to visit Walt's sister and family, the Alvin Robkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp of Beal City and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. James Scott and family in Shepherd Sunday afternoon. Their daughter and family, the Joe Sinkos of St. Louis, were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp's daughter, Penny, received a concussion Friday when she slipped and fell at school. She spent two days in CMC Hospital.

DON'T GET ELECTROCUTED IF YOU FLY A KITE

Ralph Hahn, division manager of Consumers Power Company, central division, issued a warning to all youngsters who will be flying kites--any old day now.

Every year, incidents occur where children have tangled kites in electric wires. This in itself invites tragedy, so once again Consumers Power is asking kite flyers to observe these simple rules:

Always use dry string--not wire or anything metallic.

Always use wood and paper in your kite, not wire or metal.

Always fly your kite on days when there is no rain.

Always avoid busy streets and highways while flying kites.

Always fly your kite far away

from television and radio aerials.

Always keep away from fallen wires.

Always fly your kite far from electric or power lines.

Always call your power company if your kite gets snagged in a power line. Do not pull the string or climb power poles.

Consumers Power Company has distributed kite-flying safety rules in the form of posters to all schools in this area, with the hope that they can prevent any tragedies during Michigan's kite-flying season.

Parents as well as children are asked to observe the above rules.

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Mrs. Irma Kische and Mrs. Hermione Smith were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and family.

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FOR RENT--Farm Land. for crops; oats, beans or hay; also 40 acres pasture under fence, with water. Call 644-3457. Dean Denslow. After 6 p.m. Mar6tf

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FOR SALE--1 Garden Rototiller, \$50; 1 Riding Lawn Mower, \$10; 1 Boat, 1 3 1/2 hp. Outboard Motor, \$50. To settle the estate of Albert A. Baker, deceased. Clarence Dillenbeck, Adm., Box 6, Weidman, or phone 644-2103. Mar. 13t3

FOR SALE--1963 4-Door Chevrolet Impala, \$395.00. Owner in service. Tel. 644-2230. Mar. 13t1

IT'S inexpensive to clean rugs and upholstery with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman. Mar13t1

FOR SALE--Two large waterfront lots on Lake of the Hills, Weidman. Not wooded, but with good plantings: Spruce, weeping willow, poplars, etc. Wild strawberries. Skinner, tel. 517-644-2000, Weidman.

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 THE COURT ORDERS:
 Creditors must file written claims with this Court, send copy to Clarence Dillenbeck, Box 6, of Weidman, Michigan. Court will hear claims of Deceased on May 21, 1969, at 10:00 A.M. at the Probate Court. Publication in Weidman Messenger. Court Rule Notice.
 Dated March 7, 1969
 BURKE McCLINTIC
 Judge of Probate
 Mar. 13, 20, 27.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank each and every one who sent me cards, flowers, fruit, etc., also the nurses both in the hospital and the Medical Facility.
 Their kindness will always be remembered.
 Mrs. Ida Tilmann.

Card of Thanks

The family of Vern Delong wish to express their deep appreciation to all their family, and friends and neighbors, for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during our days of sorrow;
 To those sending cards, flowers, food to the house, and contributions, a special Thank You.
 Also Rev. Wayne Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. George Daggett, and especially Floyd Hoffman.
 Words cannot express our sincere appreciation.
 Thank you.
 Mrs. Vern Delong
 And Family

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbors,

for the Mass cards and beautiful flowers and the food donated;
 The nurses at the Clare Hospital, and at the Clare Nursing Home, and Dr. Shurlock and Dr. Frazee; and especially Father Neubecker for his comforting words, and Father Fitzpatrick;
 The J.J. Rush Funeral Home, and the pallbearers; the altar boys, and the ladies who served the dinner.
 We are grateful for all these things and to all who helped in any way in our recent sorrow in the loss of our dear mother.
 The Family of Mrs. Margaret Wieber.

Obituary

VERN DELONG
 Vern Delong died at his residence near Barryton March 4, after suffering a heart condition. He was a farmer for the past several years. He was 67.
 He was born Sept. 22, 1901, in Coldwater Township, where he spent his youthful years. He left Flint in 1955 and lived thereafter in rural Barryton.
 Surviving are his wife Dimple; two sons, Wendall of Flint, and Carl, also of Flint; two grandchildren; one brother, Ernie Delong, of Flint; and a niece, Mrs. Gloria Poynes, of Flint.
 Funeral services were held last Thursday, March 6, at the Daggett Funeral Home, with Rev. Wayne Lyons officiating. Burial was in the Sherman City Cemetery. ---0---

the Churches

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
 George V. Getchel, Minister
 Ph. 588-4663
 Morning Worship, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
 Bible School, 10 a.m.
 Gilmore Christian Youth, 6 p.m.
 Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

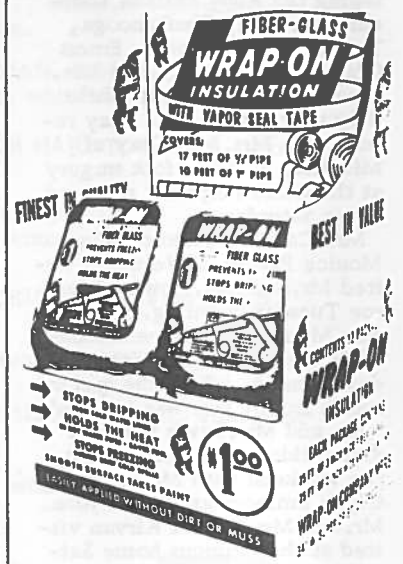
WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Preaching, 11 a.m.
 Choir 6.45 p.m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Lawrence Smith, Minister
 Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 Church School, 10 a.m.
 Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m.
 WSCS, first Thursday, 2.30 p.m.
 Esther Circle, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.
 McArthur Circle, third Thursday, 2.30 p.m.
 Methodist Men, fourth Wednes-

day, 6.30 p.m., pot-luck supper.
 Choir practice, Thursday evening, 7.30.
 Fellowship dinner Sunday, Mar. 15, 1 p.m.

BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN
 Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.
 Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
 Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10.30 a.m.
 Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Preaching, 11 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship, 6.45 p.m.
 Evangelical Hour, 7.30 p.m.
 Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.
 Rev. Stanley Spires left for Haiti Friday, returning Wednesday. He visited an orphanage which the Forest Hill Church supports.
 There are 22 children. He brought back several pictures he had taken. The little girl Isabel Sisco supports has cancer of the spine.
 Rev. Spires took an outfit of clothing for each child, made by Lynn Ann Warner, and also aspirin, iodine and bandages, which the Missionary ladies sent.
 He brought back a sad picture of the suffering of the people there, many dying of hunger. It makes us all much more Missionary minded.
 Steve Starks brought the message Sunday evening. He and Nancy sang two songs, which were enjoyed. Cheryl Brownell sang a special at the morning service.



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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley on the birth of the their son, Kurt, who was born March 3 at CMC Hospital, Mt. Pleasant; tipping the scales at nine pounds, 11 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suman of Weidman are the proud grandparents. Mrs. Conley and baby son came home from the hospital Saturday.

Eddie, Debbie and Susan Schrock of Clare spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith of Riverdale were Sunday supper guests.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck of Spring Lake spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Zill of St. Charles were guests on the eve-

ning.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky reports that her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, is out of the hospital and is staying with her daughter a few days. Mrs. Skalitzky went to Barryton Monday morning to ready her house for her return soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley went to Clare on business Thursday. They visited her father, Andrew J. Irwin, Sr., at the Clare Rest Home, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd and Clair Stanley enroute home.

Mrs. Stanley spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Donald Pung and children while Mr. Stanley attended an auction sale at Fred Straus'.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of St. Johns and Ronald Stanley of Weidman were Saturday supper guests, and all attended the party for the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phenix, at the

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode and Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Roxann Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young, and Ward and Emory Dell were afternoon and supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Roderick Nicholson were Friday supper guests of Maycie Cook.

Mrs. Bob Fanning and Mrs. E. R. Rhode attended a shower at the home of Mrs. Lyle Denslow Saturday, honoring Mrs. Dean Denslow, who received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loucks were last Sunday guests of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines and Mrs. Flossie Sellers enjoyed

Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Glee Krueger and Aliance Cook spent the first of the week in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt enjoyed dinner with her son, Bill, and wife last Thursday in Saginaw, honoring Bill's birthday.

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HONORED AT BABY SHOWER

Mrs. Steve Starks (Nancy Adams) was guest of honor at a baby shower sponsored by her sister-in-law, Gladys Starks, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Helen Adams, Friday evening.

After some unusual games were played, the guest of honor opened her lovely and useful gifts.

Refreshments were served, and visiting with friends and neighbors was enjoyed.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mercure of Clare visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer made a trip to Carson City to take Mrs. Emma O'Connor back home, after she took care of Mrs. Wm. Pung. Mrs. Keiffer also visited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer, and family, of Hubbardston, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Schafer played cards with Mrs. Louise Smith Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and Elaine of Reed City were Sunday afternoon callers. Walter Smith spent Friday morning with his aunt, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Rose Grinzinger was a Saturday caller.

Ida Tilmann is out of the hospital after being there 12 weeks and is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Courtright, on Remus Road.

Mrs. Veronica Tilmann, Mrs. Irene Tilmann and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Milo Eldred of near Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Peter Schafer is ill at this writing.

The Boy Scouts had a wonderful turnout for their spaghetti supper Thursday night.

The four taverns had their annual pool tournament party Sunday. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Friends, relatives and children surprised Ed Fedewa on his 60th birthday Saturday evening.

Larry and Wayne Egbert spent Friday and Saturday with their father, Larry Egbert, of Weidman.

WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

ENTERTAINS HER CLUB

Mrs. Lillian Johnston entertained her club last Thursday evening.

Prizes were won by Stan Block and Elizabeth Vogel for high scores, Max Straus and Catherine Schafer for low, and Emil Phillips won the pepper prize.

Lunch was served, and everyone had a good time. The next club will meet at the Herb Yunker home.

Bessie Sexton is home for this week. She reports that someone broke into her garage while she was away.

Helen Alwood started work afternoons, beginning Monday of this week, at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant, in the housekeeping department.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor and daughters, who have been living in Lillian Johnston's farm house, moved to Saginaw over the weekend. Mrs. Taylor will be near her doctor for treatments. Tom will be greatly missed at Clark's store in Weidman, where he had been employed. Their address will be 2021 Ottawa Street, Saginaw, in case friends want to send them cards.

Helen Alwood needs help on getting the news for her area, as she started work in Mt. Pleasant this week. If someone would help her out, call her at 644-3581.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mrs. Matie Pung spent last Wednesday in Portland, visiting relatives.

Adrian Cobb of Ionia called on his niece, Mrs. Lillian Johnston, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jarvis and family of Cadillac spent Sunday at the Bill Schafer home.

Jim Alwood was among several classmates of Bob Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox, who gathered at the Fox home Saturday afternoon to help him celebrate his 15th birthday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood called on Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon recently. Mrs. Jerry Bowers was also a caller. It has been a long winter for these folks, but spring is coming.

Littlefield Lake is the favorite for ice fishermen this year. Good bluegills have been taken, but day to day fishing is spotty.

Visitors at the Lawton Jesse farm home Saturday were Tim McArthur and Stanley Blodgett.

Sunday was Lawton's 68th birthday, and visitors in honor of the day included his youngest daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Lila) Padojak and two boys and two girls, of Saginaw. Goodies were served, and an enjoyable time was had by all. To date, Lawton has 19 grandsons and nine granddaughters.

This was his daughter's first visit to his new home, the former Marie Griffin farm.

Lawton took a perfectly-grown pie pumpkin in to the Messenger office Monday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Meyers and Marvin and Barbara spent the weekend at their trailer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa called on Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan were Saturday callers. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Micky Meyers and children.

Mrs. Wm. Sampson visited her husband at the Saginaw County Hospital Friday. Bill was about the same.

Claris Allen was admitted to the hospital in Pontiac Sunday and was reported very ill. Mrs. Allen was also very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma Sunday afternoon and evening.

James Winegardner is starting work at the Home and Training School.

Mrs. Irene Jones helped Mrs.

Paul Cole Thursday.

Word has been received that Charles Dumont, who was hurt two weeks ago while snowmobiling, remained very ill.

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EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mrs. Dawn Flaughter and family of Alma spent Thursday evening with her brother and family, the Don Lofgrens.

Deni Lofgren attended a state Angus sale at East Lansing, at the University, Saturday. He had the misfortune last week of running a sliver into his foot, necessitating the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and family of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham and Mrs. Gerald Latham were Sunday dinner guests.

Gerald Latham came home from the Clare hospital Monday.

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Mrs. Dorothea Straus advises us that her aunt, Evalena Hibberd, started therapy treatments at the hospital in Detroit, after suffering a broken hip. Her address: St. Carmel Memorial Hospital, 6071 West Outer Drive, Detroit 48223, Room 394.



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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yunker and family. Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher were Saturday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee called on the Victor Stowells of near Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas entertained Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher Saturday. It was Yours Truly's birthday. They served ice cream and birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard called on the George and Orrie Merrihews last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children called on the Garry Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on the Charlie Loseys Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Edna Merrihew received word Monday that a sister-in-law, Goldie Monroe Wilson, of Elmonte, Calif., had passed away. She would have been 81 on Wednesday.

The Busy Bees will meet with Edna Merrihew Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of rural Merrill spent Tuesday and Wednesday with the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena of Clio and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland spent the weekend with the Clayton Dutchers.

They called on the Richard Yunkers Saturday afternoon, to see the new baby. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and children were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Mrs. Minnie Strauch were Sunday dinner guests of the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and Melanie were afternoon and luncheon guests. Jim Dutcher and Eric Methner were Saturday callers.

Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra and Karen Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and Melanie had dinner with them.

Goldie and Ronna Dutcher called on Edna Merrihew one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, of St. Charles. They attended a dedication of the new part of the St. Charles school, where her mother is a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Flossie Sellers spent Tuesday evening with the Ervin Dutchers.

Miss Linda Wernette and Brian, Steve and Sandra Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers Monday evening.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday over night with the Clayton Dutchers. She visited the Ervin Dutchers Monday and spent the night.

The Ervin Dutchers, Sr., called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Wednesday evening.

George Secord called on the Clayton Dutchers Saturday.

Louann and Mark Maeder and Beatrice Gatehouse spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. John Maeder of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gatehouse and son, Virgil, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse.

Mrs. Donna Thren and baby girl came home from the hospital Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburg and family of Pierson spent Saturday with her father, Emory Dell and the Harry Hardenburgs.

Emory Dell and Ward Dell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell in Weidman. They had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Welch of Blanchard visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg Saturday evening.

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FORMER COLDWATER RESIDENT VISITS HERE

Adrian J. Delong of Lansing stopped in at the Messenger office last Thursday and ordered the paper sent him for a year. He was here to attend the funeral of his cousin, Vern Delong, at Barryton.

Adrian left here in March of 1929, and settled in Lansing. He attended the Delong School, in his youth, and later the Barryton High School. He was born

and raised in Coldwater Township.

He went to school with the Woodbury children. He is related to the Sisco family, he told us.

Mrs. Dimple Delong of Barryton planned to leave Wednesday of this week to spend some time with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Delong, in Flint. Wendall also subscribed to the Messenger for his mother.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Gertrude Buck of Lowell is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Helen Adams, and family.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. HELEN SMITH

Twelve ladies spent Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Helen Smith to celebrate her 69th birthday. It was her first birthday party. Her daughter, Mrs. Ula Cummins, sponsored the party.

Mrs. Smith received many nice gifts. The ladies enjoyed visiting, and Mrs. Cummins served birthday cake, jello, coffee, punch and ice cream to the guests.

Others stopped in later to congratulate Mrs. Smith.

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Richard Louisell of Ann Arbor spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Wernette of Davison, formerly of Sherman City, called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater Monday afternoon, and were supper guests. They were close neighbors of Mrs. Bywater's parents, the Hatchers, when all were school children. Ferris Wernette's father was Joseph Wernette, and the family lived in the village of Sherman City.

Mrs. Gracie Smith was released from CMC Hospital Friday afternoon, and is now at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant. She was reported as much improved the first of the week.

Mrs. Queen Taylor of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt, also of Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Frantz of Clio were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blackmer of Barryton were also visitors.

Mrs. Nanacy Starks of Coopersville and Mrs. Helen Adams were Wednesday evening callers of Mrs. Richard Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser and children of Belding were Saturday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and boys of Flint spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, and Jim. They also visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, and grandmother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and children of Algonac and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and children of Flushing spent the weekend with Mrs. Leah Scharrer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Alice was feeling much better than she had been recently. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall of Barryton, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were callers. Mrs. Hall was a Thursday luncheon guest of Mrs. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pick and children of Lansing and the Ray Swans of Pontiac, and Susan Mothersell were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hagerman and family of Mt. Pleasant.

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FAMILY GATHERING FOR WILL MARTIN'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin, and the children of Norbert Martin gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Martin, to celebrate their father's birthday. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hall, Louis Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer and daughter were guests for a card party.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

Lansing, March 6

Dear Connie:

Enclosed is a check for another year's subscription to the Messenger.

We certainly enjoy every issue, even though there are many names we don't know; but there are several family names we remember.

We have had a nice winter so far, but this morning it is snowing, and we really haven't had any, compared to what you have there.

Harold and I are taking a short vacation to Florida. We are leaving this weekend (of Feb. 6). Another couple are going with us, so we are looking forward to that. We might miss some bad weather here.

Hoping all is well with you,
Sincerely, Mrs. Harold Cotter (Helen).

To the Weidman Messenger:

I received a copy of your paper from my cousin, Arthur Pridgeon, and would like to get a year's subscription, to see what is happening around the country where I was born.

I lived near Horr till the year 1916, when I moved with my parents to Ionia.

Now I live in Tennessee. It is warmer here. About four inches of snow is the most we had here.

I will be glad to get the paper and read the news each week.

Ernie De Hart
Coalmont, Tenn. 37313.

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CHIPPEWA HILLS HIGH BAND BOOSTERS MAKING MONEY.

At a recent meeting of the Music Boosters Club of the Chippewa Hills High School, it was announced that the ladies had reached more than half of their goal in helping raise money for band uniforms.

A movie will be shown April 1 in the Remus School at 8 p.m. Candy sales are being held each Tuesday in all towns.

A dance will be held in the Remus Town Hall April 12, with the Clarence Chaffee Orchestra furnishing music.

The next meeting of the Band Boosters Club will be March 8 in the Remus School.

In Holland at the district music festival, the orchestra received a two. In Ludington the band also received a two.

FRANK ENGLER DIED TUESDAY MORNING

Frank Engler died unexpectedly at his home south of Beal City at 3.30 Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were set for 10.30 Thursday morning in St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City, with burial in the church cemetery.

The family has the sympathy of all.



Mrs. Raymond Andrus

Martha Ann Schmidt of Bridgeport, daughter of Mrs. Mary W. Schmidt and the late Frank Schmidt, was married to Raymond Andrus of Saginaw Feb. 15 in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City. Mrs. Norbert Andrus is mother of the bridegroom.

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March 5, 1969

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Weidman State Bank	16	8
Beal City Service	15	9
Household Appliance	15	9
Central Concrete	13	11
Rosebush Leonard	12	12
Lowery Northern	12	12
Beal City Tavern	12	12
Giant Super Mkt.	11	13
Fortino Beverage	11	13
Pabst Blue Ribbon	10	14
Wentworth IGA	9	15
Marchiando & Rau	8	16

High Team Series: Beal City Service, 3199. High Team Game: Weidman Bank 1201. High Indv. Series: George Lewis 589, Dick Woods 580, Bob Bleise 569.

High Indv. Game: Dan Wawersik 244, George Lewis 237, Howard Kolarik 225.

GUYS & DOLLS
March 7, 1969

Nolte & Moore	28	8
Knapp & Bouck	22	14
Lawens & Pantenburg	22	14
Lyon & Wilson	21	15
Bleise & Straus	20	16
Thon & Blake	20	16
Sharrar & Mattonen	18	18
Foster & Moore	16	20
Blehm & Moore	14	22
McArthur & Anderson	14	22
Bierschbach & Zill	11	25
Green & McConnell	10	26

High Team Series: Foster & Moore 2431. High Team Game: Lyon & Wilson 851.

High Series, Men: Bob Lyon 624, Pete Knapp 577, Gary D. Moore 576. High Game, Men: Bob Lyon 223, Gary D. Moore 220, Pete Knapp 215.

High Series, Women: Mary Blake 546, Mickey Blehm 494, Alberta Bleise 483, Shirley Foster 483. High Game, Women: Mary Blake 219, Mickey Blehm 200, Alberta Bleise 177.

THE BERNARD PITTSSES RETURN FROM SPAIN

Leon McArthur, with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, drove to Metropolitan Airport in Detroit Saturday to meet Bernard and Yvonne, who had spent six days in Spain.

They said their air flights were very beautiful, especially the beginning of the home flight when the coasts of the Mediterranean countries, and that of France, were visible from the plane.

They visited Granada, where they saw the Sultan's Palace, where Queen Isabella signed the papers for Columbus to come to America. They also visited cathedrals, caves, and to Tangiers, Morocco, and visited the Casbah and cathedrals and palaces.

The enjoyed the mountains, and also did some shopping in the towns they visited.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Men in Uniform

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54973589, Ward 39, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C. 20012.

Naturally, he would like to hear from his friends.

Sp/4 Russell Tilmann is spending till March 28 at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tilmann, in Beal City. He must be in Oakland, Calif., March 28, to embark for overseas, to Vietnam.

Russ has been at Fort Carson, Colo., since last May. He was driving a command car at Fort Carson.

He is with the artillery.

Sp/4 Walter Shaner is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner, and family.

Walter will leave April 2, to report for duty in Korea.

AO/2 Bill Hardenburg called his parents, the Harry Hardenburgs, from California last weekend, to say he expects to be home April 8 on leave.

Bill enlisted for four years, and his ship, the USS Carrier Hancock, has been in Vietnam except for when it comes back for rest and/or repairs, the past three years.

Bill has made really good, rising from apprentice seaman to a Second Class Pay Officer.

A1/C Brian Dutcher went to Oregon last Thursday to his base, instead of on Tuesday as we reported last week. He called his folks Sunday afternoon to say he had arrived okay.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

Michigan State Senate and the House of Representatives.

We read those Journals, and laugh ourselves into nausea. We read them regularly, whenever they come in our mail, and we're nauseated quite a lot of the time.

TEA BAGS TO GOV. MILLIKEN, PERHAPS?

We see by the Mt. Pleasant Times-News where property taxes in all townships of Isabella County will be raised 25 to 30 percent this year, "to satisfy the state tax commission".

A commission is not elected, it is appointed, as we understand it. We're sending a tea bag to Gov. Milliken, just for extra measure. Maybe he can do a little something about state commissions and other outfits that can set our tax rates as they please.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

WE HAVE PRINTED CARDS TO SEND WITH TEA BAGS

The Messenger office still has some printed cards which can be slid into envelopes with tea bags and sent to lawmakers, our public officials, and anyone in government you think should be reminded of the lowly taxpayer.

You may pick up yours free at the Messenger office. We had some printed up at our own expense, to give others who might like to send small reminders to state and national spenders.

Response to our editorial and model message to politicians in last week's paper has been very good.

We expect a lot of politicians will be receiving tea bags from this week on. There's no time limit, but beginning this week we have hoped that sizeable numbers would send the little reminder where needed.

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THE BERNARD RILEYS ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Riley entertained their club Sunday evening, with six couples present.

Pepper was enjoyed, with first prizes going to Carol and Gary Wernette, high score; Carol also won the pepper prize. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vogel won low.

A delightful lunch was served by the hostess.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent were Saturday evening visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood.

ELOISE BERRYHILL, ROY PHENIX MARRIED IN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Eloise Berryhill and Roy Phenix were married Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the Weidman Baptist Church by Rev. Marvin Eldridge.

A reception was held at the Brinton Hall after the ceremony, with a very large crowd attending, about 250 people gathering to congratulate them.

They are making their home in a mobile home in Brinton. They have bought property on the Weidman Road just east of town, where they plan to make their permanent home.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner of Clare spent Friday evening with Mrs. Warner's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John, and family. Charles Hess and Mrs. Alice Gee of Beaverton were Sunday guests. Mrs. Arthur Bazaire was also a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley enjoyed bridge Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mayes in Mt. Pleasant.

Lillian Nick of Dowagiac came Saturday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Emily Wood. They visited relatives in Remus that afternoon. Sunday morning they went to Luzerne to visit Mrs. Wood's brother, who is suffering from leukemia. Miss Nick returned to Dowagiac Sunday evening.

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