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Editor's Column

By Connie

INDEED WE DO NEED TO GET BACK OUR SENSE OF HUMOR

The Detroit Free Press loudly advertised John S. Knight's Sunday editorial indicating that the American people desperately need to regain their sense of humor.

We were disappointed in his editorial, when it came out. We were looking for a study on how we as a nation have forgotten to laugh, forgotten to love beauty for its own sake, whether in art, or music, or the written word or any other medium.

We personally deplore the lack of appreciation for a small book written by Peter S. Beagle (of all unlikely names!), a young man in his twenties, who attempted to give the nation "The Last Unicorn," a fantasy for adults.

We have never seen a review of "The Last Unicorn" in any newspaper or magazine book section. In fact, we have never seen the book mentioned.

We inquired if the Mt. Pleasant Public Library has "The Last Unicorn." It hasn't. The Weidman Library will have a copy of it.

Young Peter Beagle writes not of "porn" or nudities or sex. He writes of nonsense for the sake of nonsense, and it can give you belly-laughs if you let it. He also writes with a beauty that should be envied by the "great" writers of our time, who have no beauty in their writings.

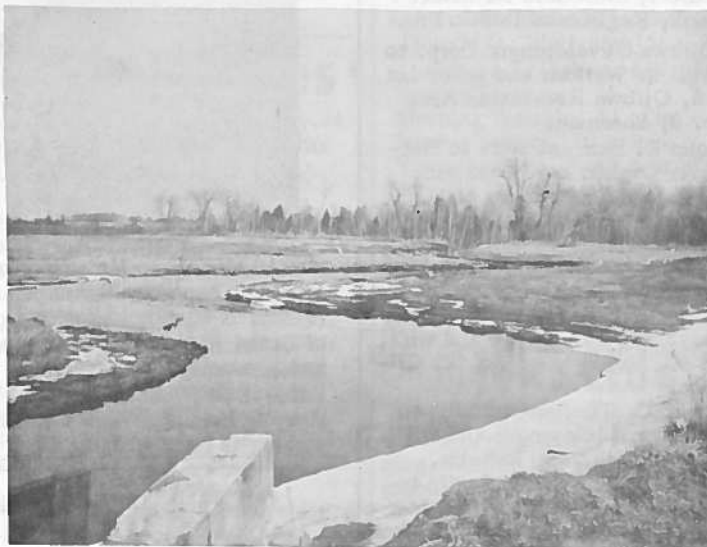
There isn't one four-letter word in "The Last Unicorn". There is no sex problem, and no sex discussion or innuendo. It is just plain beautiful handling of word-pictures, done with the abandon of a young man impatient of the time it took to get his sensitive and beautiful thoughts into words.

A butterfly, riding on the Unicorn's horn for half a day, prattles bits of gossip and Shakespeare and suddenly bursts out into singing "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey?" That in the days of unicorns and dragons and knights-errant.

With any other author, such an anachronism would have made Ye Ed furious. With Peter S. Beagle she laughed her head off.

Again, the Unicorn, ruminating on the greedy people inhab-

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ANOTHER WINTER GONE--When work on lake projects usually is done, and the Weidman Mill Pond still lies in ruins. Willard Searles of St. Johns, developer of the Pond, which was to have been known as Lake Weidman, was reported seriously ill this week, following a heart attack. The Pond, once famous for its fishing, has been drained since last June's flood rains which caused trouble up and down Walker Creek and which took out the dike on the east side of the Mill Pond. It is in the Mill Pond that Walker Creek joins the Coldwater River, running here from Littlefield Lake, and the enlarged stream goes thence down to Coldwater Lake. The old Mill Pond is no more; we have only the creek and river channels winding their ways across the desolate Pond bed.

Messenger photo



THEY ATTENDED 4-H LEADERMETE--These area ladies were among 300 adult and teen 4-H leaders from all parts of Michigan attending a 4-H Leadermete on the campus of Michigan State University March 7 and 8.

THEY ARE, from left to right: Helen Polley of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Julius Bierschbach of Beal City, Mrs. Esther Benzinger of rural Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Agnes Curtiss of Winn.

LIONS CLUB FISH FRY-- Friday Night, March 13, at the Weidman School. Most delicious fish, with all the trimmings.

Men in Uniform

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter started for San Diego, Calif., Friday, to visit his brother, Ralph, who is with the US Navy. The children are staying with the Kenneth McDaniels.

H.A. Darla Cook of Rhode Island is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. Darla is a member of the WAVES, of the US Navy.

Mrs. Ann Nash received word March 4 via a ham radio operator in Mt. Pleasant of the safe arrival of her husband, Jonathan Nash, at the Marine Base in San Diego, Calif. Jon enlisted in the Marines.

He left Weidman Monday, went to Detroit, spent Tuesday at Fort Wayne, Ind., and then went by jet plane to San Diego Tuesday evening. His address:

Pvt. Jonathan Hole Nash, 266-9855, Platoon 2037 MCRD, San Diego, Calif. 92140.

He would appreciate hearing from his friends.

WELCOME HOME, RANDY!

Sp/4 Randall Brownell returned home from Vietnam March 3, in the evening. He came to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow.

Randall is looking for a job, and is very, very happy to be home. He says it is just wonderful to look around the American landscape and not see fighting or the aftermath of fighting. He was in Vietnam about a year, and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds in his legs, the back of his head, and near his heart. Shrapnel was removed by surgeons, except on his leg.

The Denslows have another grandson about to enter service, Ronnie, son of Junior Denslow, who goes March 25. Another grandson is in Korea.

Sp/4 Thomas Fussman is spending a three weeks' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman. He has been stationed at the Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

He will leave here March 25 for New Jersey and thence will take off for a tour in Germany.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Durkee and family of near Beaverton spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Whaley, in Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott of Suttons Bay spent the weekend with Flossie and Don Scott.

I wish to remind people, if you have news, to please call me, No. 644-3937. It helps so much.

Lena St. John entered the Lakeview Hospital Saturday morning. She is reported as being some better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe spent Saturday evening with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe. Their daughter, Helen and family of Petoskey also spent the weekend with them.

A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the 40th year anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Scott at the Brinton Community Hall in Brinton Sunday.

Connie and Irene Bowen and Frances Beck were in Lakeview Saturday.

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Local Items

Mrs. Irma Kische and Mrs. Hermione Smith had Sunday dinner with the Don Smith family.

Jodi Sprague and Darcel Lofgren spent Friday night and Saturday at the home of Jodi's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Saturday afternoon they all called on Mrs. Bessie Teall at Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Teall was feeling quite good. They took Darcel home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall of Barryton Sunday afternoon.

It's good to see the Fahnstock cottage going up near the dam on Lake of the Hills. It's a big cottage, developing as it's being built into what looks like perhaps a year-round home. It will be a beautiful home.

Real Estate Transfers

(Furnished this Newspaper By Courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Ojibwa Development Corp. to Virgil L. Watkins and wife, Lot 216, Ojibwa Recreation Area No. 3, Sherman.

John R. Barr and wife to Hattie A. Owens, pt. ne ne sec. 18, Deerfield.

E. Beatrice Esch et al to Louise Furtak, w 1/2 e 1/2 nw; w 1/2 ne sw, sec. 28, Broomfield.

Kenneth Bollman and wife to Douglas E. Hoffmeyer and wife, Lot 40, Bayou Vista No. 2, Gilmore.

Wm. C. Theisen and wife to Gary Donald Seymour and wife, pt. se ne sec. 33, Isabella.

Kenneth Bollman and wife to Samuel Edwin Straight and Marion L., Lot 84, Bayou Vista No. 6, Gilmore.

Lake Isabella Corp to Raymond A. Hawarny and wife, Lot 412, Lake Isabella Plat No. 3, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Leonard A. Johnson and wife, Lot 13, Lake Isabella Plat Woods No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella to Gerald Krueger, Lot 191, Lake Isabella Forest No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Otto E. Yabs and wife, Lot 21, Lake Isabella Forest No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Alvin A. Schneider and wife, Lot 14, Lake Isabella Plat No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Beatrice Taylor, Lot 42, Lake Isabella Plat Forest No. 1, Sherman.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



ENGAGEMENT Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Schafer, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna M., to Thomas M. Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hutchinson of Grand Rapids. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State College and presently is in Officers Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Lackland, Tex. Miss Schafer is a graduate of St. Mary's Hospital School of Radiology, Grand Rapids. A May wedding is being planned.

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ACREAGE FOR RENT--Please
contact me on Saturday, if
interested. Ph. 644-3484.
Mar. 19t4p

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere
thanks and appreciation to all the
people who sent me get-well
cards during my recent stay at
Central Michigan Community
Hospital.
Mrs. Frank Schmidt

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
(1 Mile West of Weidman)
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Choir practice (Sunday), 6.45
p.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday),
7.30 p.m.
Ladies' Missionary meeting
at the Tracy Bywater home, 7
p.m., March 16. Bring cookies
to send to Christian servicemen's
centers.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Lawrence Smith, Pastor
Church School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
M. Y. F., Sunday, 6 p.m.
Easter Sunday there will be
two services, worship at 9, Sun-
day School at 10, and worship
again at 11 a.m. Easter is early
this year, March 29.
Thursday, 7.30 p.m., choir
practice.

Saturday evening, March 14,
7 o'clock, Methodist Men's
meeting. All men are urged
to be present. Election of offi-
cers will take place. Refresh-
ments will be furnished.

BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN
Located six miles south of Weid-
man 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.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
George Getchel, Minister
Located six miles south of Far-
well.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
Bible School, 10.30 a.m.
Youth Hour, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.
Visitors will find a Christian
welcome at our services.

There will be two worship ser-
vices Easter Sunday morning,
March 29. The times will be
9 and 11 o'clock. Bible School
will be at 10. The following
week our regular 9.30 service
will resume until further no-
tice, with regular Bible School
hour at 10.30.

The Wednesday night Bible
study series was snowed out last
week, but resumed again this
week and will run for a 10-

week period. This begins at 7.
A class for every age.

The Junior Youth took third
place at the Youth Rally in
Midland last Saturday. Con-
gratulations, Junior Youth. Let's
make it first place next time.

Don't forget--Easter Sunday
two services, 9 and 11 a.m.

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

WEIDMAN LIONS CLUB

Don't forget the Weidman Lions
Club fish supper this Friday eve-
ning, March 13, at the Weidman
school.

Those Lions Club men really
know how to prepare super-de-
licious fish and the extras that
go with 'em. Lions Club mem-
bers and their wives will be serv-
ing suppers from 5.30 to 7.30
p.m., and you get all the fish
you can eat, plus French fries,
salad, rolls, and real butter; and
coffee, of course, and delightful
dessert.

Admission is only \$1.75 for
adults, \$1 for children under 12.
That's the lowest priced banquet
anyone can buy, anywhere.

The Lions Club uses its money
for local projects and helping
the blind and near-blind.

Weidman Lions have done a
great amount of work in Mitchell
Memorial Park in recent years.

Go have yourselves a wonderful
fish supper and help the Lions
help others.

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EAST

Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham and
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Theisen
and family of Mt. Pleasant were
Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs.
Dewey Olger. Laura Latham was
a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger,
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and
Joyce Olger and Danny Con-
nor of Big Rapids called on Mr.
and Mrs. Dale Letson Saturday
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotter
and family of Mt. Pleasant call-
ed on Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren
Sunday evening. Dawn Flaugh-
er and family of Alma spent the
weekend with the Lofgrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Noble and
boys of Lucas were Sunday din-
ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Har-
old Skinner and family. The

Nobles brought their snowmo-
bile, and were surprised that
we had very little snow. They
have lots more.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull
and family of Lansing, Mr. and
Mrs. Harry Herman and Mr. and
Mrs. Thomas Herman of Weid-
man, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Es-
tes were dinner guests of their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin
Boger, Sunday. The occasion
was the birthday anniversaries
of Ralph Turnbull and Virginia
Herman.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a
Sunday dinner guest of her son,
Dean, and family. Jamie and
Brian went home and spent the
afternoon with their grandmo-
ther.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bahr and
daughter of Copemish were Sat-
urday overnight guests of the Joe
Martin family. Saturday after-
noon they all went to visit Mrs.
Irene Keck and family at Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood and
Tim, Jeff and Kathy and Mr. and
Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Sun-
day dinner guests of Mrs. Flora
Wood.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called
on her brother and wife, the Ed
Grabers, Saturday.

Mrs. Edna McDonald was a Sun-
day guest of her daughter and
family, the Earl Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and
children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold
Krueger and children were Sun-
day supper guests of their parents,
the Gerald Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent had supper
in Howell Saturday evening. On
Wednesday they called on Mrs.
Emily Wood in Weidman, Mr.
and Mrs. Austin Dent, and Mrs.
Mabel Sides.

Ervin Dutcher was a Thursday
afternoon caller at the Charlie
Losey home. Bill Cummins was
a Friday afternoon caller. Mr.
and Mrs. Gerald Losey and fam-
ily, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chap-
man and Yours Truly were Sun-
day dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs.
Gerald Losey and Gary and Beth
and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey
spent Sunday evening with the
Harold Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and
children and Frank Benn were
Sunday visitors at the Wilbur
Benn home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bob
attended an MYF bowling party
at Blanchard Saturday evening.
Bob was a Saturday overnight
guest of Tim Workman. Willard
Workman spent Saturday night
with Bill Thompson.

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CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND? --YES.

Old March has given us some
rugged weather, as it always
does. The first of the week we
were very, very cold, and our
snow was still on in uncouth and
unhandy patches.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Lloyd Swan of Flint spent the weekend with his folks, the Fred Swans.

Mrs. Sally Howe and Mrs. Sharon Wilkins visited their grandmother, Mrs. Ella Swan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. The John Buntings of Mt. Pleasant visited them Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Seybert of CMU visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder went to Detroit Saturday to visit their son, Franklin, and family.

Miss Virginia Wise was a Sunday caller of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Miss Linda Aungst spent Sunday attending church at DeWitt. Ruth Aungst took care of her grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Aungst, of Mt. Pleasant, over the weekend. The Dwight Aungsts visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Aungst Sunday.

Virgil Harvey was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin French and family of Morley. The William Sweets, and the Clarence, John and Tom Harveys were recent guests of Mrs.

Florence Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughner visited their granddaughter, Becky, at CMC Hospital, Saturday. Ron's family were Sunday supper guests of his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and baby of Shepherd were Saturday supper guests of Blanche Carr. Blanche had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Minnie Strauch in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz visited Kate and Raymond Martin Friday. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and Connie and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mead and Chris and Karen.

Mrs. Leona Courser was a dinner guest Sunday of her daughter and husband, the Marion Johnsons. They attended the Golden Wedding party for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder at the Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Herb Woodruff were guests of Leona, and Saturday Mrs. Dorothy Breuer, Mrs. Norval Morey and daughter, Connie Higgins, and the Higgins children of Winn were visitors.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Snyder in Ithaca. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nass in Ashley, and Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton of Ashley.

N. Broomfield**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY LUEDERS**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder were guests of honor at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday, for a delicious dinner with their sisters and brothers and their families.

A huge crowd attended Open House from 2 to 5 in the afternoon, at the Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant, when relatives and friends from far and near enjoyed the afternoon with them.

Our congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Lueder!

Richard Cook and other members of the Kellogg Farm Program left Sunday for Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Ga., and Houston, Texas and Monterey, Mexico, on a two weeks' tour.

Roderick Nicholson is a patient at the Edmore Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Plymouth visited relatives here, and also called on Mrs. Maycie Cook. Mrs. Nettie Crowley, and Mrs. Robert Cook and Stuart also called on Maycie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook Sunday.

Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing spent Saturday with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Other visitors were Mrs. Jean Smith and son, Wally, Rebecca Gra-

ham, and Mrs. Bea Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and three daughters of Winchester Dam enjoyed dinner with his folks, the Robert Hineses, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham were also Saturday visitors.

Mrs. Raymond Shook, who spent the winter months in Sarasota, Florida, plans to return to her home in Weidman next week.

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Local Items

A recent letter from Carl and Daisy Embrey in Florida indicated they should be home early in April. Mr. and Mrs. Webb Darnell planned to fly to Palmetto, where the Embreys are, and spend this week with them.

Mrs. June Snyder of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Edith McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and son spent the weekend at the Roger Smith home in Flint. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and children in Flushing, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith planned to leave Tuesday of this week from Ruskin, Florida, and expect to arrive here Friday.

Dale Bywater and Aletha and Pat of Midland spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater, while his wife, Colleen, stayed in Mt. Pleasant with her very sick father, Ed Carey.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Frank Schmidt returned home Monday after a stay in CMC Hospital suffering from pneumonia. She entered the hospital March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stih and Marie Laubenthal of Lake City were out Sunday afternoon to visit some of their relatives around Beal City: Peter Schafer, Will Pung, Mrs. Joe Pung, and Louise Smith.

Mrs. Bob Pung called on Louise Smith Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger are back from a trip to Florida, after two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt entertained company from Dearborn over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer attended Mass at Winn Sunday, then spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer returned home Monday from a two weeks' trip through Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cotter cared for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer while they were away.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Louise and Dora Smith motored to St. Johns Saturday morning to attend the wedding of Judy Smith and Lee Van Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau also attended the Smith-Van Camp wedding.

Miss Regina Faber called on Louise Smith one day last week. Her brother-in-law, Julius Rittersdorf, died, and was buried last Tuesday. He was the husband of her sister, Marguerite, in Marion.

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Local Items

Flora Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Friday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were also Friday visitors. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Grand Rapids were guests. Linda Krueger and children spent Monday with Mrs. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster were Monday morning callers of Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse were also Monday visitors.

Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor spent Monday night with his mother, Mrs. Edna Schultz.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky called on her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, Wednesday. Mr. Skalitzky removed his fish shanty from Big Evans Lake Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Friday evening visitors at the Skalitzky home. Leo Denslow and Willis Finney were Sunday afternoon callers.

Couldn't get Mrs. Lena St. John or the Beutlers on the phone, so called Mrs. Skalitzky Monday morning. She reported that Mrs. St. John was in the Lakeview Hospital, having had a heart attack Friday night. Mrs. Beutler reported to Mrs. Skalitzky that Mrs. St. John was resting real well. Hope you continue to improve real fast, Lena!

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at Riverdale Tuesday evening.

Barry Conley was home for the weekend. He works for a construction company at Houghton Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Conley and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny May at Winn Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie called on Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock attended the 40th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott at Brinton Community Hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Schrock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley were visitors during the week of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen visited Friday evening, and were supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burzyck and Debbie and Deeann of Saginaw were Sunday dinner guests.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vance (Mike) Loomis. Mrs. Loomis was Carol Stebelton. They were married Friday evening at the West Side Tabernacle in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters attended the event.

Congratulations to proud grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, on the birth of their first grandchild. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton Monday morning at 3.20. She weighed six pounds, 12 ounces. The little Miss hadn't been named as yet. Congratulations, Danny and Kay!!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leiter of Torch River visited Mr. and Mrs.

Warren Leiter and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woodruff of Blanchard visited Sunday afternoon. Hazen Thompson and Ralph were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ercil Williams of Barryton.

Mrs. Lou Gray came home from the Mt. Pleasant hospital Monday. Glad you're feeling better, Eva!

Mrs. Clarence Ley of Conklin and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Gray home. Mrs. Loren Gray and children were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus on the previous Saturday evening.

Scott and Michael Finney spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Denslow, while Mr. and Mrs. Finney attended a bowling tournament at Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda and Richard of Big Rapids visited her parents Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan were Monday supper guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Tuesday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski and family and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fiefield and daughter spent Thursday at the Emmons home, and were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Eberhart, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Eberhart and Ernie Davis of Clare visited Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley accompanied Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Debbie, Pam and David, Jr., to St. Johns Sunday, where they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle and daughters of Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Rowell of Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and daughters of St. Johns were also dinner guests.

Mrs. Donald Pung and Debbie called on her parents Sunday evening.

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13 TABLES IN PLAY AT BEAL CITY CARD PARTY

Thirteen tables were in play at the Beal City Senior Citizens' card party last Wednesday, low for that group. Their usual meeting day is Thursday, and the change to Wednesday may have been a factor.

First prize for the ladies was won by Veronica Tilmann, second by Katie Gross. First prize for the men was won by Louis Rau, second by Harold Schumacher.

The door prize was won by Mammie Appelgreen, with pepper prize going to Kate Schumacher.

On the lunch committee were Kate Cotter, Rose Schafer, Theresa Ahlers, Ruth Gallagher, and Catherine Schafer.

The next card party at Beal City will be Thursday, March 19, in the church basement.

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ESSAY CONTEST OPEN TO AREA 8TH GRADERS

A Freedoms Foundation essay contest for eighth grade students in this area is being sponsored by the Isabella Farm Bureau Insurance group. Bill Barz is the local representative.

The essay is for those eighth grade students "who wish to speak up for freedom and the American way of life through essays of 500 words or less, on 'What I Can Do for My Country.'"

Eighth graders in the Beal City Public School, Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant Junior High, and the Chippewa Hills Schools are eligible for entrance in the contest.

Prizes for best essays include a four-day trip to Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid for the student, his teacher and his parents. Other prizes include a Presidential flag set, an Executive flag set, and an antiqued historical document.

The contest began Feb. 22 and will end March 22. Entries collected by eighth grade teachers will be picked up by local Farm Bureau Insurance Group representatives.

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Notice

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren took their son, Kerry, to Ann Arbor Friday to have his braces fitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Bowerman were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse.

Clayton Dutcher returned to work last Thursday, after being home with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dobson and family of Rothbury spent Saturday and over night with the Garry Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent spent Saturday evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited his sister and family, the Robert Tibbettses, of East Lansing, Friday afternoon, and did some shopping at the new shopping mall. They visited the Clyde Beutlers Sunday afternoon.

Laurel Beutler spent Saturday over night with Kim Donley.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited Barbara Dutcher at the hospital Saturday afternoon. Sunday afternoon she called on the Ervin Dutchers and the Bill Remingtons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis and baby of Lake Orion were Friday afternoon visitors of the Ervin Dutchers. The Ervin Dutchers called on the Robert Hineses Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson visited her father, Emory Dell, and the Harry Hardenburghs, Saturday.

Lucile Merrihew and Marion Beutler attended WSCS Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and sons of Saginaw spent Saturday afternoon till Sunday afternoon with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and three children of Clarkston were Sunday dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers. They visited Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew and the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Sandra Dutcher visited Patti Losey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Latham and Mr. Lee in Remus Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Patrice Ann, born Friday afternoon at CMC Hospital. She weighed six pounds, six ounces. She has a brother, Douglas, who is 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher have a new baby daughter, born Saturday, on Grandma Dutcher's birthday. She weighed four pounds, and was placed in an incubator, as she arrived around seven weeks early. She has a sister, Gena, three years old.

Beatrice and Vadah Gatehouse visited Ina Gillet Monday afternoon.

Marie Thren was a Sunday sup-

per guest of the Duane Threns.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Colles and small son of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon callers of Connie Skinner. Mr. Colles is cameraman for Buyers Guide printing company.

NEWS NOTES

Andrew Little of Rosebush was discharged from CMC Hospital last Friday. His many fishing friends in this area will be happy to hear of his improvement.

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Consumers Plan Area Expansion

Consumers Power Company, with a record budget of \$232 million for its statewide electric and natural gas system expansion and improvement, has scheduled an investment of \$6.1 million in its Central Division, headquartered in Alma.

The announcement was made by Ralph Hahn, division manager, who said the division anticipates adding 2,850 electric customers and 450 gas customers during 1970.

The largest single expenditure, according to Hahn, will be \$970,000 for a new Mecosta substation and transmission lines which will supply power to the Big Rapids area. Near Mt. Pleasant the Summerton substation, begun in 1968, will be completed this year. Both projects result from load growth on the company's transmission system.

Erection of two new substations, to serve the Gladwin and Greenville areas, will begin in 1970. Hahn said the Bard Road substation will increase the power supply for the towns of Harrison, Eight Point, Oberlin, Secord and Smallwood, and the new Eureka plant, two miles northeast of Greenville, will provide additional capacity for that area.

Other substations in the Central Region to undergo improvements are Breckenridge, Orleans, Rodney, Crawford, Lakeview, Bailey and Winters Creek.

Nearly \$1.4 million, said Hahn, will be spent on the distribution system which supplies electricity directly to customers, including installation and improvement of overhead and underground transmission lines, replacement and rebuilding of customer metering installations, and restoration of systems which might become damaged because of natural or man-made causes.

Hahn noted that the division budget figures do not include a \$12.1 million expenditure to be made in the western and central areas of the state to construct a 345,000-volt steel tower line. This effort is part of a vast project which links Consumers Power and Detroit Edison, principal members of the Michigan Power Pool, with utilities in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. The line will allow participants to exchange power on a seasonal ba-

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sis and provide mutual assistance in case of emergency.

Hahn said the increase in gas customers will require the laying of 14.4 miles of new pipeline to extend the present gas distribution system, and another 6.3 miles to improve the system. Direct costs of this effort will be over \$550,000.

In another gas project, more than three miles of 4-inch steel gas main will be constructed along M-46 in Merrill and Jonesfield townships. The pipeline is necessary to augment the supply of gas to the village of Merrill.

Included in the 1970 budget are funds to design a new service center in Greenville. Construction is expected to begin next year and the facility will be in operation in 1972. Remodeling of the Alma service center will start this year.

Consumers Power Company supplies electric service, through a statewide integrated network of power plants and transmission lines, to more than one million customers. Natural gas service is distributed through a network of pipelines and pumping and storage stations to more than 830,000 customers. The combined electric and gas service area encompasses all but one of the 68 counties of the Lower Peninsula.

Local Items

Visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson last week were Ruby Douglas on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell of rural Mt. Pleasant Friday evening, and their daughter, Karen; and Peggy Hauck. The girls stayed with Mrs. Johnson till Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and Jane and Kathleen and Pat of Mt. Pleasant, and Pat Powell were Sunday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pierce of Pontiac were Monday callers.

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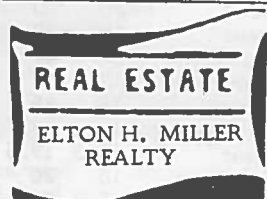
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Editor's Column

By Connie

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iting the world, asks herself, "If they can't recognize a Unicorn (the most beautiful creature in the world) when they meet one face to face, what do they look like to each other? What do their children look like, to them?"

(Gone is the magic of never-dreaming, of loving the most outlandish of us--in the book, the clownish Magician, who nevertheless hoped that one day his futile efforts for true Magician's skill would change to the real ability for which he had studied in his youth.

(Gone is our ability to laugh at joyous nonsensical writings; we call these infantile, and must have the dirty books to satisfy our life-without-laughter in this Modern Age.)

The reason, however, for "The Last Unicorn's" not being on library shelves is the sad fact that the public wants to wallow in Portnoy's Complaint and other books of similar filth.

We need to laugh for the sake of laughter, and we desperately need a little beauty in our desperately "modern" lives.

When the Weidman Library opens, please do read Peter S. Beagle's "The Last Unicorn."

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WEIDMAN LIBRARY HAS OFFICIAL VISITORS

Lloyd Hansen, head librarian of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, and Miss Lindsay of the State Library at Lansing visited the Weidman Library building Saturday.

On April 14, Diane Benn, Carol Schafer and Ruth Momany will be in Mt. Pleasant, typing cards for books which will be coming to the local library.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Enclosed is check for your good paper for another year. Sincerely, Helen Bigelow, Shepherd.

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High Team Series: Weidman Bank 3177. High Team Game: Weidman Bank 1136.

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GUYS & DOLLS

March 6, 1970

McArthur-Anderson	27	9
Ecker-Eldred	26	10
Bleise-Straus	19	17
Bierschbach-Zill	19	17
Blehm-Moore	19	17
Thon-Blake	18	18
Lawens-Pantenburg	18	18
Lyon-Sharrar	16.5	19.5
Foster-Moore	16	20
Moore-Long	15	21
Green-McConnell	13	23
Nolte-Cook	9.5	26.5

High Team Series: Lawens & Pantenburg 2432. High Team Game: Foster & Moore 844, Blehm & Moore 844.

High Series, Men: Loren Eldred 628, Bob Bleise 621, Tom Bierschbach 568. High Game, Men: Bob Bleise 230, 212, Loren Eldred 218, 213, Gary Moore 210.

High Series, Women: Barb Moore 536, Mary Blake 519, Linda Anderson 511. High Game, Women: Jan Moore 194, Mary Blake 188, Barb Moore 187.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler called on Mrs. Helen Place Saturday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell, of Gladwin.

Mrs. Irene Jones called on the Paul Coles Monday.

Little Miss Amy Lyn is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Balint of South Bend, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell are the proud grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole are the very proud great-grandparents. Little Amy weighed in at five pounds, 13 ounces, March 6. Mom and babe are doing fine.

Thursday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler were Fay Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hummel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilcox, and Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler, and Martin Boger.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright called on Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Thursday evening. Norman helped on their income-tax report.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Barbara and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon Thursday evening. They helped little Melissa Mahon celebrate her second birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis and mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, and Roxann Hart went to Vermontville Sunday and were dinner guests of Mrs. Hart's granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Strong.

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