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Editor's Column

By Connie

THANKSGIVING WISHES TO YOU FOR NEXT WEEK

So next week Thursday is Thanksgiving. How did the winter holidays sneak up on us so fast?

There will be no mail deliveries next Thursday, so Messenger readers will get their paper a day late.

So now we're offering you our best wishes for a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving Day.

WHERE ARE OUR SCIENTISTS IN THE FUEL CRUNCH CRISIS?

We can put men on the moon; we can send crews of men up to Skylab to stay in space for weeks; we can make clothes out of crude oil; we can manufacture synthetic drugs and vitamins.

Why can't we grab onto the untapped resources of the sun's heat and various rays; the thermal storages of the earth's innards; the free and limitless wind?

No. We have to depend on OIL, and we've allowed ourselves to get into the ridiculous position of depending on Arab states for a crucial portion of our oil supply.



KING FAISAL: Money can't buy his rivers of oil—but a change in U.S. policy toward Israel could.

(And we're not defending our entanglement in the Middle East wars. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin both warned, early in America's his-

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R. D. SPRAGUE

R. D. Sprague retired Oct. 27 after thirty and a half years with the Isabella County Road Commission.

R. D. started out driving road trucks in 1943, pushing the big machines over county roads, summer and winter, for nine years.

He was promoted to the foremanship of the County garage in 1952, where he remained.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski hosted a retirement party for R. D. and Jennie at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague were co-host and hostess. About 38 well-wishers enjoyed an evening of visiting and cards, in the basement of the Touchinski home. George Miller presented them with a beautiful cake which he had had made for the occasion. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by the party. R. D. and Jennie received many cards, gifts, and gifts of money.

Doris Sprague and Catherine Schumacher of Lansing were among the guests. Others attended from Mt. Pleasant, Weidman, Lake, and Farwell.

R. D. says he has no definite plans for the future, being busy right now with "odd jobs": the building of some cupboards in his own home, and some paneling of rooms.

He and his wife, Jennie, enjoy camping, and for the past three years have taken their trailer to area lakes for weekend and vacation enjoyment. R. D. love fishing, and plans

WEIDMAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

1973 REPORT

WBA PUTS ON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In an all-out effort to regain its prestige and effectiveness in the betterment of Weidman, the Weidman Business Association is engaged in a membership drive, calling in old members whose time has lapsed, and several new businesses which have started in since the last serious effort by the WBA to keep and enlarge its membership rolls.

The WBA is the Weidman Chamber of Commerce, nothing more, nothing less. It is the local business places banding together to make Weidman a more attractive place in which to shop and do business.

Membership in the WBA is not a status symbol; it is the obligation to work with all other business men and women to make Weidman more attractive to shoppers and seekers of services.

It's a lot of work, with no badge to wear, no pin on the lapel, just an honest attempt by honest Weidman business folks to make Weidman a better place.

As with any Chamber of Commerce, its motivations are selfish: by making Weidman a more attractive place for people to come and spend their money, Weidman business places will benefit.

It's as simple as that. All Chambers of Commerce work on exactly that basis for their particular home towns. But their work is rewarding, in that many accomplishments are realized, for the good of the general public.

The WBA got the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department. Before that this whole area had no fire protection whatever.

The WBA got the deed to Mitchell Memorial Park; it put up the monument required in the deed; it planted trees; it created one of the best softball diamonds to get in lots of that.

R. D. and Jennie have very many friends in this area who will wish them enjoyment and satisfaction in retirement.

in Central Michigan; it built the pavilion at the park, with the Lions Club pitching in to help, creating a nice place for family picnics and reunions.

The WBA has done many other chores for the public's benefit in Weidman, too numerous to mention.

They are the business men and women, who have a stake in the well-being of Weidman. They are determined to go on working for that well-being of the town.

Another special meeting is scheduled for the Thursday evening after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29, at 7 p. m. at the Fire Hall. All members, old and new, are urged to attend. This will be an important meeting.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DONATED BY LOCAL BANK

The Weidman Branch of the Isabella Bank and Trust has donated a lavish assortment of Christmas decorations to the towns of Weidman and Beal City.

The bank bought the decorations from the City of Mt. Pleasant, which is going out for all-new decorations over its extensive area this year. The decorations are lavish enough so that both towns can be trimmed up for the holidays in a style they have never had before.

Mabel Allen donated a large Christmas tree to the people of Weidman.

The holidays will soon be with us.

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IT'S A GIRL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alwood (Rusty), a daughter, Heather Lynn, at CMC Hospital Saturday, Nov. 10.

Miss Alwood weighed in at seven pounds, seven ounces. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner of rural Blanchard.

Rusty and Fonda live just south of the Wyman Road, south and west of Weidman. Their address is Remus Route 1.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Alma Byron spent the weekend with her brother and family, the Joe Martins. Other Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cole and family, Mrs. Susan Wender and Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO dance at St. Louis Saturday evening.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Jean, Tammy, Donna, Dale and B. D. Denslow and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mrs. Harold Weeks of Washington, Mich., was a Friday caller of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow had a birthday dinner Saturday evening honoring their daughter, Jill, on her first birthday. She had three grandmothers, two grandfathers, and some uncles and aunts to help her celebrate.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Ruby Williams of Clare accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn of Coldwater Lake, who have purchased a Sightseer motor home, on a trip through Wisconsin into Minnesota, where Mrs. Dunn visited her doctor, and she is doing real well. They report lots of corn in Wisconsin to harvest yet. They came home by way of Chicago. They left Sunday and returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Friday supper guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents. Mrs. Geraldine Johnson and children were Sunday callers. Lynn and Marion Johnson, Darrell Kirvan and friend of Flint, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Saturday evening callers.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW meeting at the home of Mrs. Hatfield near Remus, Wed-

nesday, and attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Flora Wood's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher were Saturday evening guests of the Charlie Loseys. Floyd Dutcher and Mrs. Minnie Strauch were Saturday afternoon callers. Minnie stayed over night. Harold Losey was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Momroe were Sunday callers at the Elwood Miller home. Mrs. Miller called on her sister, Mrs. Edmund Owens, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller attended a surprise retirement party for R.D. Sprague Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller called on his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, at Big Rapids and Floyd Miller at the Lakeview Hospital, Friday.

Bill Cummins has been a patient in the Battle Creek Hospital for two weeks, and was coming along good. His address: Battle Creek, % Hospital Bldg. 7, zip code 40916.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann of Midland.

Mrs. Grace Pitts attended church at the Gilmore Church of Christ Sunday, and enjoyed their Harvest dinner. The Bernard Pitts family also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poet of Clare took Edna Schultz to Clare Sunday, where she visited Faye Stephenson. Monday she attended the funeral of her niece, Ida Stanley, at 2 p. m. at the Stephenson-Doherty Funeral Home in Clare. Her nephew from Alpena, Floyd Thompson, brought her home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and boys of rural Big Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with

their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

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Sept. 27tf

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Nov. 8t2

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Oct. 25tf

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Nov. 8t4

FOR RENT--House, 3 1/2 miles west of Weidman, prefer Senior Citizens or middle-aged couple. Phone 644-2071.

Nov. 15tff

CARRY IN T.V. SERVICE--Reasonable rates. Six days a week. Joe Sahn, ph. 644-2471.

Nov. 15t1p

FOR SALE--Wedding gown, size 10, also bridesmaid's dress, burnt orange, size 10. Also white party dress, size 10. All need cleaning. Phone 644-2538 after 7 p. m. Thursday.

Nov 15t2p

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Nov. 1tf

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Sept. 27tf

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Nov. 15t1p

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Aug. 6tf

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Nov. 15tf

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Nov. 15t1

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SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 5-7 Weidman United Methodist Church, in the basement dining room.



in loving memory

In loving memory of our beloved brother, Wilbur Sheldon, who left us Nov. 21, 1969.

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Very loyal and kind;
His equal on this earth
You never can find.

But a beautiful life
Came to an end;
He died as he lived,
Everyone's friend.

Lovingly remembered
and deeply missed by
his Sisters and Brothers.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my relatives and friends for the flowers, candy, fruit and cards sent to me during my stay at the hospital. It was very much appreciated.
Allen Tilmann

Card of Thanks

The family of Louis Martin wish to express our gratefulness to Father Donald Dueueke, Dr. Wickert and Dr. Sheperdigian, the employees at Central Michigan Community Hospital, for the kindness and care given to our father and grandfather during his illness and death.

Also J.J. Rush Funeral Home, pallbearers, the lector and mass servers, friends, relatives and neighbors for the masses and flowers, also the food brought in and the ladies who served the meal. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Kathleen Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall
And Family

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Messenger

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and relatives who helped us celebrate our Silver Wedding anniversary.

We want to thank our children for helping, and Maxine Finnerty for baking the lovely anniversary cake.

Special thanks to all those who sent cards, brought or sent gifts, and gifts of money.

It was a very happy occasion.
Mr. and Mrs. Raldon Pasch
(Ron and Sally)

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 mile west of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p. m.

Choir practice Thursday, 7 p. m., at the parsonage.

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Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a. m.
Worship Service, 11 a. m.
Sharing and Prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p. m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

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Rev. John A. Wright, Minister
Phone 644-3604.

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Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Choir practice, 6.30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



BULLETIN BOARDS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES, SAYS PRINCIPAL HOWARD

Bulletin boards might be compared to advertising billboards, Harry Howard, Weidman Elementary School principal, said this week. The bulletin board is designed to help sell something that no one has ever been able to put a value on: A child's education.

The two bulletin boards shown above are examples of this thesis.

"We Pause to Give Thanks", constructed by Mrs. Peake, not only observes Thanksgiving, but also offers a base on which a sound value system can be built for children in school.

"Math Is Fun," created by Miss Smolek and Mrs. Finney, provides students with an opportunity to see how much fun math can be, Mr. Howard says. Judging from the number of students usually gathered around the display, they get the message.

Mr. Howard urges all parents to become involved in the school's activities and curriculum.

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WEIDMAN SCHOOL OFFERS PRE SCHOOLERS PROGRAM
Weidman School Principal

Harry Howard said this week that the school's faculty would like to inaugurate a story-hour type of program for children who will be starting kindergarten next year.

Two things are needed to have this program, he points out: One or more persons to donate a little time each week to handle the program, and parents who will take their children to the school for the program.

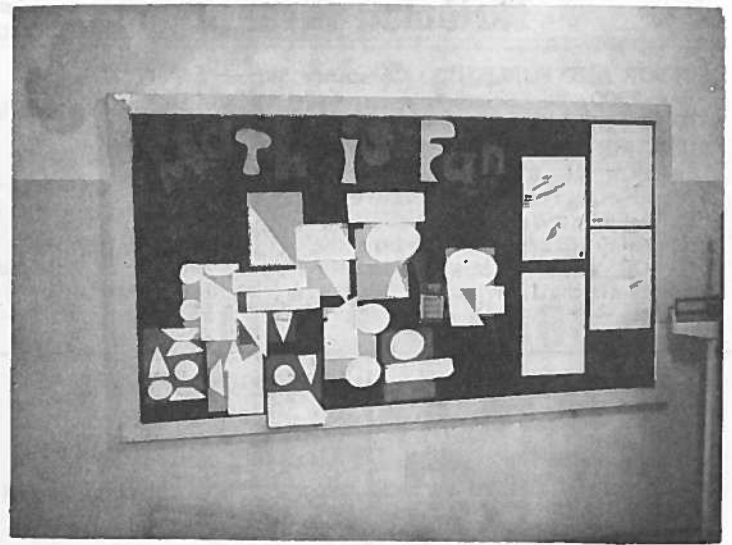
"If you have a child who will be attending kindergarten next year and would like to have him or her participate in this activity, please contact the principals' office at 644-3430," Mr. Howard said. Office hours are 8 a. m. to 4.30 p. m.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family spent Thursday evening with the Ronnie Sprague family. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Saturday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer and daughter and granddaughter called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Sunday evening, and took them a gift of good old-fashioned headcheese.



West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

November weather was closing in as we gathered our news.

Our sympathy to the family of Homer Rodgers. Homer was raised in Gilmore Township.

Paul Cole put in some windows at the John Hauck cabin Tuesday, where some pranksters broke them out for the second time this summer.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler were her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Max Herrick of Edmore, and her cousin, Wanda Lanney, of Portage.

George Cornell of Beaverton helped the Norman Geaslars during the weekend.

Paula Skinner called on Mrs. Joyce Geasler Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers

and four children of Bath spent the weekend with her father, Charles Dumont, and Tommy.

Sunday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers and four children, and Tony Masachuk. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were supper guests.

The Paul Coles received word Wednesday evening that their cousin, William Walton, 46 years old, had died of a heart attack. He lived in Virginia, and was a stepson of Clarence King, formerly of Weidman.

Congratulations to my niece, Mrs. Joyce Wixson, of Farwell, who was named Lady of the County, for the year.

We are grateful to our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, who had supper ready and waiting for us when we returned from the funeral of Homer Rodgers Saturday.

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WELCOME, DEER HUNTERS



Miss Starr

Girl gets DAR award

Miss Lynn Starr, a senior at Beal City High School, has been selected to represent her school as the 1973-74 D.A.R. Good Citizen.

She was chosen for her leadership, citizenship and service.

Miss Starr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Starr of Beal City.

A member of the National Honor Society, Booster Club and yearbook staff, Miss Starr was elected a class officer and student council representative.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lyon entertained their club Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge and family.

Ginger Rau spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family, home from her work in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and children of Reed City spent Sunday evening with their grandmother, Louise Smith, and Ann. They all enjoyed supper with the Walter Rau family.

Bill Faber is home from the hospital. Coletta Gross was still hospitalized the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Stanton and Matie Pung, Louise Smith and Tillie Schafer spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger, and were supper guests.

Beal City had the closing of 40-hour devotion Sunday night.

Mrs. Laura Wolf, Mrs. Ethel Homrich and Mrs. Monica Grin-

zinger enjoyed a tour to the Grand Ol' Opry in Tennessee, and to the Smoky Mountains the past week. The weather was wonderful, and the scenery beautiful.

Sonny Thelen has opened a ceramics shop in Beal City, next to Herman's Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp gave a birthday party for their daughter, Maxine, Saturday evening.

Danny Schafer and girl friend spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. John E. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung drove to Portland Monday to visit relatives.

Don Pung is in the Upper Peninsula for deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer took their son, Douglas, to Grand Rapids Thursday for a checkup. He was feeling okay.

Mrs. Louise Schafer entertained her sisters, Philomena and husband and Anna Bartlett of Chicago, over the weekend. They all attended the Baxter wedding Saturday at St. Joseph the Worker Church, and a reception at the Sportsmen's Lodge Saturday evening.

Jerry Schafer has a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer spent last week in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent Sunday afternoon with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, at Blue Lake, near Me-costa.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Lillian Leinaar of Delton was a visitor of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Tuesday.

Mrs. Evalena Grant and daughter, Janet, of Carsonville were Sunday guests. Mr. and Mrs. George Ehrhardt of Newaygo were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lieder of Detroit are house guests of the Jack Lieders.

Mrs. Roscoe Bugbee was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Nettie Baker. Mrs. Katherine Gillis and Miss Mildred Benson of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors.

Miss Cindy Courser and Richard Kolassa were married Saturday evening in St. Mary's Chapel on CMU Campus. A reception was held in the V. A. Hall in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Roberts, Mrs. George Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neal were weekend guests of Mrs. Leona Courser. They were here for the wedding.

Mrs. Kate Martin was a recent supper guest of Mrs. Emma Tillmann. A Sunday visitor was Tom Martin of Zilwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter called on Mrs. Bud Blodgett at CMC Hospital Sunday. Mrs. Blodgett had major surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Edgar of Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode of Remus called on Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tuesday evening.

Thursday evening the Allens enjoyed a birthday supper for Patti Losey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen called on Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lambright of Lake Isabella. Sunday the son-in-law and daughter of the Allens, Mr. and Mrs. Lange Somerville and sons of Mason were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon were Wednesday evening guests of the Ray Flaughters.

Mrs. Flossie Sellers and Mrs. Flossie Flachs were Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent Sunday evening with their daughter and family, the Warren Lears, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Edna Merrihew of Barryton called on me Monday. Mrs. Minnie Strauch was a Saturday dinner guest. Pennie Plank of Mid-

land spent Saturday evening with me.

Mrs. Marie Krueger Pullen of Tucson, Ariz., passed away Nov. 11 following a long illness. Marie lived in this area, on South Woodruff Road, and attended the local school here.

Mrs. Joe Stevens entertained the Birthday Club Friday. Present were Mrs. Ethel Wager, Mrs. Nettie Crowley, Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. E. R. Rhode.

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Local Items

Mrs. Helen Smith returned home Saturday afternoon from St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, where she had surgery on her hip. She was doing well at her home here, getting around with a walker. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence took her from the hospital to her home here. Mrs. Lawrence spent the afternoon with her. Mr. and Mrs. John Freeze of Mt. Pleasant and two grandchildren were Sunday afternoon callers. Ula Cummins served them birthday cake, ice cream and coffee, in honor of her birthday and her mother's homecoming.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Hunters Soup Supper

THIS Saturday, NOVEMBER 17

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1974 County Budget

Following is a breakdown of the 1974 budget as amended and adopted recently by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners.

	1973 Budget	1974 Request	1974 Approved
Unallocated funds			\$ 39,545
Airport	\$ 14,500	\$ 50,000	25,000
Board of commissioners	31,560	27,000	27,000
CM District Health Dept.	75,000	80,700	80,700
CM Mental Health Clinic	12,000	12,500	12,500
Child care fund	22,000	24,994	25,000
Circuit Court, reporter and jury board	39,196	51,000	40,000
City library	20,000	25,121	21,000
Civil Defense	3,600	4,440	4,440
Cooperative extension	24,300	26,650	26,650
County ambulance	34,000	80,780	37,400
County Clerk	52,345	47,483	47,485
County drain at large	5,741	25,000	25,000
County Drain Commissioner	22,840	25,608	25,610
County Fair	2,100	2,100	2,100
Parks and Recreation	42,545	101,596	66,020
Planning Commission		18,970	20,370
County Treasurer	33,347	36,445	36,445
Courthouse and grounds	55,670	82,852	79,500
Courthouse rent	178,250	178,250	178,250
Dept. of Public Works	30,000	10,000	5,000
Medical Care Facility			79,548
Dept. of Social Services	170,000	238,495	108,947
District Court	81,809	103,495	80,785
East Mich. Tourist Assn.	680	750	750
Economic Development District	1,365	1,365	1,365
Elections and Canvassing board	1,000	10,275	10,275
Equalization Dept.	55,910	60,735	58,665
Friend of the court	18,695	26,700	21,700
Humane Society	26,000	28,465	28,465
Insurance and bonds	10,496	18,000	18,000
Livestock claims	2,500	5,000	5,000
Marine safety	4,522	3,555	3,556
Medical examiner	1,000	1,500	1,800
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000	2,000
Plat board	545	540	540
Probate and Juvenile courts	56,391	64,181	64,181
Probation officer	7,000	8,280	8,280
Prosecuting attorney	33,805	41,400	39,645
Public health	15,000	15,000	10,000
Public improvement fund			
Register of deeds	39,485	40,926	34,170
Retirement fund	18,000	15,000	15,000
Safety Council	300	300	300
Sheriff Dept.	139,302	172,460	156,475
Social Security	25,500	30,000	30,000
State Institutions	75,000	80,000	80,000
Road Commission (bridges)	100,000	160,000	160,000
Tuberculosis	20,000	5,000	5,000
Veteran's counselor	8,841	16,051	10,065
Postage and copy machine	13,000	12,000	12,000
Snow Safety	1,235	1,425	1,425
Beacon House	1,500	5,000	5,000
County Controller		35,000	35,000
Health Center facilities		226,612	226,612
Circuit & District court attorney fund		23,000	15,000
Mich. Assn. of Counties	2,250	2,250	2,250
Commission on Aging		10,673	10,675
Total	1,523,359		Total 2,167,489

Items in the budget paid with revenue sharing funds include: Road commission (bridges), \$160,000; county controller, \$35,000; and health center facilities (Medical Care Facility), \$226,612.

BUDGET INCLUDES HIKE FOR HUMANE SOCIETY

Note that the county budget (spending plan) includes \$28,000 for the Isabella County Humane Society, which we doubt anyone will begrudge.

The increase was made with intent to put upon the Humane Society the responsibility for enforcing the County Board of Commissioners' new plan for dog control in Isabella County.

Obviously, with an expected heavy burden of chasing down delinquent dog owners, trying to get them to buy licenses, and if unsuccessful, going out and picking up animals, the Humane Society needs money.

We'll have an idea of how it will work, come March 1 when dog license time is past and non-licensed owners are delinquent.

Also note in the budget that the livestock claims fund has been raised from \$2500 for 1973 to \$5,000 for 1974. We doubt if that many claims will be forthcoming for farmers' livestock losses from dogs and other predatory animals, but there's money in the kitty if claims are numerous and heavy.

The thing to watch, come next March 1, is the number of delinquent dog owners listed, and how the plan works out on enforcement.

It's up to county officials to see that it does work. Township Supervisors will turn in all dogs (we do hope) resident in their areas; the County Treasurer is solely responsible for checking over lists and turning over delinquent dog owners to the Humane Society for enforcement.

We'll see. ---0---

WEIDMAN WOOS THE DEER HUNTERS

Several business places and some organizations, such as the Weidman United Methodist Men, are going all out to welcome deer hunters to Weidman this year.

The Weidman Family Restaurant is geared entirely to the desires, eat-wise, of hunters.

The Methodist Men are putting on another of their famous soup suppers this Saturday evening, at the church, with a special invitation to hunters.

The fame of the Methodist Men's soup suppers is widespread, and local people need no introduction to their delectable full-meal menus.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

The Merry Go Round Club met with Marilyn Fosberg last Thursday, with 15 members and six visitors present. The next meeting and Christmas party will be with Mrs. Elvah Gott and Wanda Graham at the Graham home in Weidman.

Oraulea Baker attended the Merry Go Round Club at the Fosburg home Thursday.

Fay Forbes called on Lewis Baizaire one day last week, and found him feeling better, after surgery at the Clare Hospital.

Lewis Bowen called on his aunt, Maude Cassidy, Friday.

The Harley Teeter family of Clare spent Sunday with his mother, Edna Teeter.

Lillie Donald and Howard McDonald called at the Russell Wright home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler and Carl and Ellen Geasler attended a card party at Vernon Saturday evening.

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IT'S A BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Curt Cooper (Kathy), a baby boy. Curt is athletic director in the Chippewa Hills Schools, and the family live in Barryton.

Curt is a salesman for the Joe Waid Real Estate team, home office Lake Station.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

We are slow in getting the check for the extra amount on the paper, but here it is. We look forward to the paper each week.

Just want to tell you, George and I are great-grandparents. My daughter's son and wife have a baby daughter, Missy Lynn Koos, born Oct. 28. We are really thrilled.

Hope this finds everything O. K. with you. Sincerely, Elsie and George Bolinger Grand Ledge

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Local Items

Mrs. Leta Parks of Shepherd and Mrs. Grace Foster of Mt. Pleasant were last Wednesday callers of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nellis and son, Greg, of Grand Rapids were Saturday overnight guests.

Little Mss Ronnie Mahon is very ill with bronchial asthma.

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jackson and Jim Wilcox and girl friend were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

Clarence Lorenz put in two new storm doors at the Connie Skinner home last week.
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Editor's Column

By Connie

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tory, against "foreign entanglements". Amen.)

American brains, education and inventiveness have produced most of the world's modern miracles of living. What's holding back those brains and that inventiveness now?

We should get off our scandalous dependence on oil for our source of energy. Atomic energy is one answer, though experts say it is not nearly enough.

It's time for America to stand up on its own two feet and free itself of the degradation of dependence on the whims of Arab heads of state who cut off our oil imports because they don't like us. We are a great nation. Not because of our military strength, but because of the strength and beliefs and courage of our people.

Something somewhere is holding back the transition from oil for energy to less limited sources.

What is it? We dunno.

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Deer hunters are welcome to bring their bucks to the Messenger for pictures.

WE HELPED GET A CAT A HOME

A beautiful white Angora male cat came to the Mt. Pleasant home of Carl and Clara Grewett and they already have a male cat that won't allow any competition in the family.

So the Grewetts, who love animals, kept the beautiful cat in their basement while the Messenger advertised for a good home for it.

It took two weeks of running an ad, but now we can announce that the cat has a good home, with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Goffnet of rural Shepherd, who went to see the Grewetts.

"I questioned them carefully," Clara Grewett told the Messenger, "because we wanted a good home for it, it was so beautiful, and such a nice cat. But the Goffnets seer the right people to give it to."

The Goffnets, we understand, have several other cat-pets, but wanted to take in the homeless Angora. They said they read about it in the want ads in the Weidman Messenger. (They're not on our mailing list, but we do thank them for reading us!)

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Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel of Gilmore were Friday supper guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS 16 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular card party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City last Thursday afternoon, there were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Ragolt Hauck won first prize for the men, with Henry Schafer second. Floyd Dutcher won low.

Effie Schafer won first for the ladies, with Veronica Tillmann second. Nora Gruss won low.

Julius Schumacher won the pepper prize. Ruth Gallagher won the door prize.

Coffee and assorted cookies were served for refreshments. The next party will be held in Beal City next Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 21, the day before Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Orla Allen of Saginaw were Sunday dinner guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen. Their father, Floyd Allen, a former resident of Weidman, is still in a rest home in St. Louis at age 91.

Mrs. George Palmer of Laingsburg spent Wednesday and Thursday with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

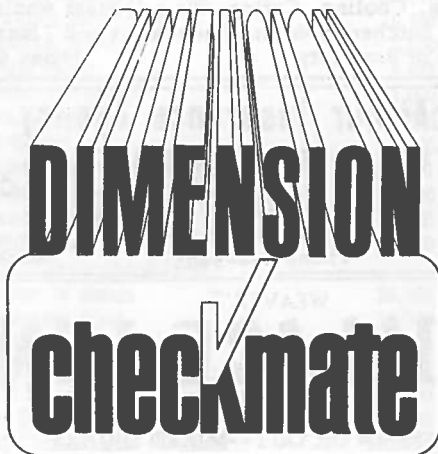
Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family, and Mrs. Mary Clark, all of Mt. Pleasant. It was a pre-Thanksgiving dinner to celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries of the family.

Betty Palmer returned last week from a three weeks' tour of England, France and Italy. She was with a party of relatives from Detroit. The party toured Italy at about the same time the Ed Kavanaughs and their party were there. Betty said her party also visited Dublin, Ireland; London, Paris, Rome, Naples, the Isle of Capri, Sorrento, and Pompeii. Her tour group was in a throng of people blessed by the Pope in Rome. The Sistine Chapel is beautiful, she said, but the colors of Michelangelo's paintings are fading, and will be retouched in another year or so, and the original paint put on by Michelangelo will be forever lost to viewers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Oberlin were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. They were here to attend the surprise party for R.D. at the Dick Touchinski home.

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