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Editor's Column

By Connie

HAVE WE GOT A TREAT FOR YOU!

With Beal City's Centennial coming up in 1975--less than a year away--people of Nottawa are really working on early projects for that great occasion. Beal City will put out a book of history of Beal City and Nottawa Township, and are generously including the Weidman area in their book and in their plans for celebration--although Beal City was established 18 years before John S. Weidman came here and put up a sawmill in the wilderness that was to become the town of Weidman.

In December we had access to a priceless piece of memorabilia: an 1899 plat book of Isabella County, with large maps of each townships, and a map of the plat of Weidman Village as laid out by John S. Weidman (it stills stands today).

We have had various township printed up (the maps show land ownership as of 1899!) and they will be on sale at Weidman business places. This is a project of the Weidman Business Association. The individual plats are nominally priced, printed on good durable paper.

Beal City people will have the township of Nottawa with its 1899 land ownership showing, as part of its centennial history offerings.

The original book belongs to Mabel Allen, to whom we are very grateful, for we had to take the ancient (and large) book to Buyers Guide in Mt. Pleasant to get reproductions of the various townships.

Also included are listings of land owners and business people of each township, including the villages of Beal City, Sherman City, and Weidman, in 1899.

Have we got a treat for you!

THIS WEEK'S JOKE

Lots of people who are not paid what they're worth should be glad about it.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



WEIDMAN'S BUSINESS STREET, 1914--Showing the east side only. Plainly seen beside Woolworth's Harness Shop is the little shoe-repair shop operated by Mr. Dawson. There's a general store next (but not groceries), Rau's Hardware, Erie Thompson's Drug Store (packaged drugs only, and an ice cream parlor), Dralletter's big General Store and Meat Market, an empty lot, the small white building probably John Otterbine's barber shop; the old bandstand which stood in the middle of the street at the intersection of Third Street and Main; and beyond, nearly hidden by trees, the roof and one side of the big old hotel building. M.D. Rand occupied the building in 1914, with a furniture store and undertaking business.

IS TOWNSHIP HOME RULE ON THE WAY OUT?

A News Analysis and Opinion

We have observed a growing tendency of reluctance among rural citizens to hold office in township government. The biggest reason given by former township officers and office holders now working is an extreme acceleration of state-ordered paper work and sudden changeovers of procedure, especially in taxing areas, with the advent of computers in the county government offices.

We notice that Broomfield Township has been advertising for a Supervisor "to fill out term (1974) due to resignation."

Our Sherman Township officials are uneasy and undecided as to whether they will continue to serve further terms.

This year's tax computations and notice procedures have been nightmares for the Supervisors (and their working wives) and the Township Treasurers, with snafus created on computers via the County Assessment

office in Mt. Pleasant.

We personally were part of Sherman Township's snafu, with our several parcels of land taxed helter-skelter to us and others, and the Township Supervisor (or his wife) and the Township Treasurer having to untangle the snarl.

Sherman Township's Supervisor, Earl Oplinger, gets \$2500 a year for his work and that of his wife, Bobbie. (Bobbie is not paid at all, and is on call to us taxpayers on an average of 14 hours a day.)

Sherman Township has far more land-ownership entries to keep track of, with our various lake developments, than Union Township has, snuggling up against the City of Mt. Pleasant (though Union may have a higher valuation--but not as many land descriptions to keep track of).

The Supervisor of Union is paid a salary of \$6,000 per year, with a secretary five days a week at \$3 an hour, paid by the township.

We maintain that the answer

to state pressure to do away with local government is to pay our township officials adequate salaries, so they can do their work without hardship.

Sherman Township, for instance, should hire Bobbie Oplinger at \$3 an hour for her secretarial work for Earl. (She does most of the paper work.)

Do we hear support, to be evidenced at the April annual Township meeting?

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Local Items

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lucille Smith and Jim were Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Chris Branshaw of Barryton.

Mrs. Alton Allen returned Friday evening after a week's visit at the home of her son, Rev. Carl Allen, in Midland. She visited her husband at CMC Hospital each day. Mr. Allen was reported seriously ill the first of this week.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Sunday dinner guests of the Gary St. John family were her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bates, of Clare. Their New Year's Day visitors were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh, and family, of Coldwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and family of Remus spent Saturday evening with her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor, and family of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Karyl Hartzler and family visited the Gilbert Schrock family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson. They were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy, and enjoyed an evening of cards.

Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Eva Gray were her sister and husband, Wilma and Chet Henderson, of Barryton. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finney of Lansing were also visitors.

Her Sunday dinner guests were her brother, Collin Lowery. Eva and her granddaughter, Delores Portenga, called on their doctor in Mt. Pleasant Thursday. Delores had the cast removed from her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanders have purchased the Portenga house on the corner of Vernon and Roland Roads, and are moving in this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter were Sunday supper guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline, and family of Farwell.

Visitors during the week at the Leiter home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family.

Saturday evening visitors at the Keith Thompson home were Mr. and Mrs. Wes Lowery of Ewart, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Critchfield and Dorothy Beeman of Hersey, and Bonnie Boudier of Clare. They and the Thompsons all enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Howard Monroe hosted a birthday party at his home Sunday evening, honoring his wife, Ethel Mae, and Velma Mae Ward. Present besides the Monroes, were Mrs. Violet Groh and daughter, Eva, and Mrs. Ward and daughter, Mada Sue.

Marvin Eldridge and sons, Tim and Brian, were callers at the Monroe home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Sunday dinner guests of

her brother, George, and family, at New Era. Their Sunday evening visitors were her grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Sherman, of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield and family have called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John several times during the week. Mrs. Emmons reports that Clyde has been ill this past month, but is feeling better at this writing. The Emmonses celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Jan. 9. Happy Anniversary, Clyde and Mary, and Happy Birthday to Eddie John, who was seven on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Wednesday evening visitors at the Keith Loomis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with the Clarence Dillenbecks.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Godwin were supper guests of her mother, Fern Verette, and her grandmother, Eathel Beers, last Tuesday evening. They were leaving Wednesday for New York, where they will be living, where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, where Violet called on her eye doctor.

Evelyn Slupe and family spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Graham.

Lewis Bowen attended lodge at Farwell Friday evening. Irene spent the evening with their daughter, Connie Fletcher.

Grace Seymour spent Sunday afternoon with me.

Gilda Teeter's niece has been spending some time with her, since she returned from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and family returned home Thursday after spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore called on Eunice La Londe Wednesday afternoon.

Elmer and Douglas Amy of Saginaw called on Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, Violet Wright and I called at the Daggett Funeral Home Monday evening, paying respects to an old neighbor, Ed Olger. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Daggett Funeral Home, with burial in the Gilmore Cemetery. Symphathy goes to the family in

their loss.

Violet Wright did some painting for Bertha Cotter Monday.

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

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 Dec. 13tf

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 Jan. 3tf

LOST--In Weidman Area: Medium sized long-haired dog, black with white chest and stomach and white markings on legs; answers to the name of Candy, and should be wearing a choke collar with tag showing her name, and name, address and telephone number of owner. Missing since Monday, Dec. 31. Any information leading to her location will be much appreciated.
 Doug McArthur, tel. 644-2337.
 Jan. 10tf

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Obituary

CECIL FUNNELL
 Cecil Everett Funnell of Mt. Pleasant died Monday, Dec. 24, at CMC Hospital after an illness of four months. He was 70.
 He was born April 19, 1903, in Nottawa, and was a retired insurance salesman.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. from the Stinson Funeral Home with Rev. Malcolm Brown officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; five children, James of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Eugene (Marilyn) McAllester of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Al (Joanne) Roy, Mrs. Wilmer (Jeanne) Mogg and Jerry Funnell, all of Mt. Pleasant; four sisters, Mary Funnell and Mrs. Clarence (Iva) Miller, both of California; Mrs. Lewis (Mabel) Woodbury and Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) Clare, both of Mt. Pleasant; and 10 grandchildren, and many other relatives, and friends.

Obituary

FRANCES L. HANDY
 Frances L. Handy of Ewart died Jan. 4 in the Reed City Hospital, after a lingering illness. She was 84.

She was born April 12, 1889, at Morrice, and was married June 6, 1910, to Frank Boyd Handy, who preceded her in death in 1957.

She was a daughter of James and Rhoda Nicholson of Broomfield Township.

She was a member of the Ewart Free Methodist Church.

Two children also preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Handy of Delton, Mich., and Adam Handy, of Ewart; three daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Zillah) Peters of Ewart, Mrs. Vernon (Marguerite) Mort of Bradenton, Florida, and Mrs. Gerald (Ellen) Spencer of Flint; and 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; also one brother, Roderick Nicholson of Broomfield, and four sisters, Mrs. Maycie Cook, Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac, Mrs. Nellye Bingham of Franklin, and Mrs. Faye Wiley of Northville.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 7, at 1.30 p.m. in the Corey Funeral Home in Ewart, with Rev. James C. Hecocks of the Ewart Free Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Cherry Valley Cemetery at Avondale.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Obituary

PAUL HATFIELD
 Paul Hatfield of rural Remus died at his home Christmas Day, Dec. 25. He was 74.

He was born Feb. 16, 1899, in rural Remus, where he had been a partner in the Hatfield Jersey Farm, a state-recognized operation, since 1908.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Arthur Cross officiating. Burial was in Wambold Cemetery in Remus.

He is survived by one brother, Carl, of rural Remus, and one sister, Mary Peterson, of Sears.

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Local Items

Miss Joyce Smith returned Sunday afternoon after spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, and family, from her studies at the University of Michigan Nursing School.

In the Editor's Mail

Dec. 6, 1973

Congressman Elford Cederberg House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am deeply concerned about this country being in the hands of self evident, bungling incompetents in federal government in Washington, D.C.

Despite unreasonably high taxes, we as a nation are so far in debt we will never get out, and the government continues to squander tax dollars like there was no tomorrow. The interest on the national debt would alone, in my opinion, solve the school problem.

Is there any material benefit to be derived from the multi-billion-dollar space program that our scientists could not produce at less than one thousandth part of the cost of the space program?

The sky-lab may be a nice plaything if we could afford it, but it seems to me there are more immediate needs to be solved, such as inflation, housing, jobs, water and air pollution, energy crisis, health and education and just about everything else except hot air, excuses and lies from some politicians.

No one in this country would complain about taxes if it was necessary or if it was for national defense. But in my opinion we have more to fear from within than without.

In my opinion, if Nixon isn't kicked out of office, I can only think the members of both House and Senate are but simple puppets of the administration.

One thing has, in my opinion, been conclusively proved: There are two sets of laws. One for politicians and their staffs and a different one for the average citizen.

Yours truly,
 Paul Cole
 Lake, Mich., Route 1
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Dear Editor:

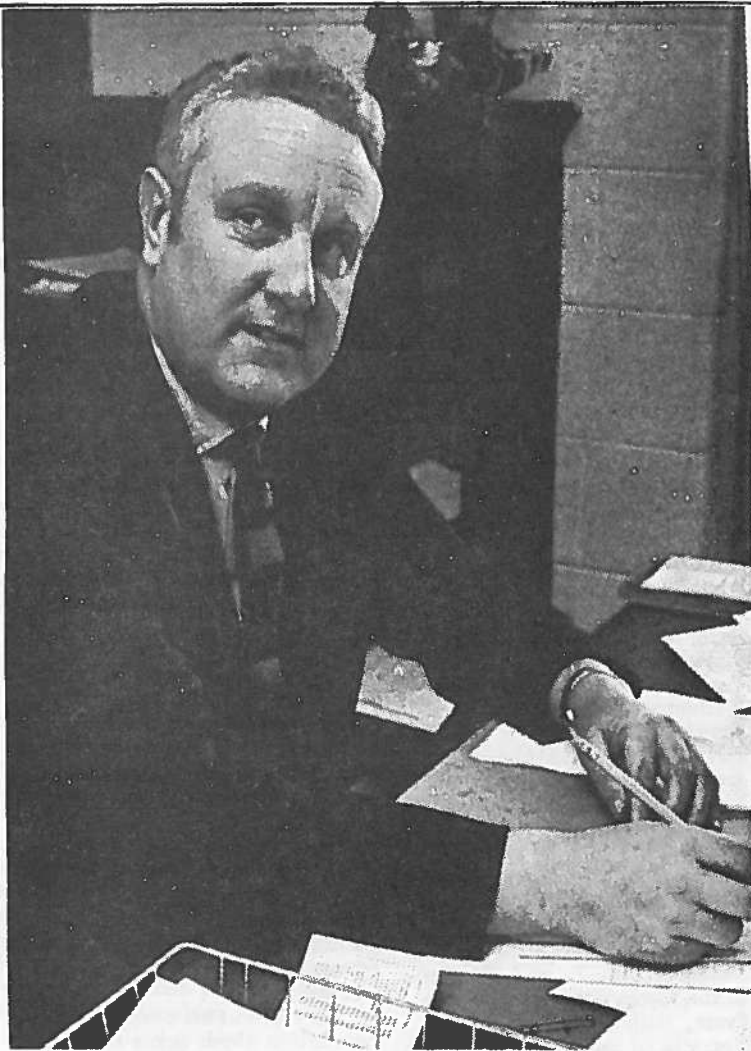
Laura Hyslop has moved to a nursing home. She is in fair health, considering she is 91 years old.

She loves to get your paper and letters from all her friends. She is not too far from us so we can see her often.

Her new address:
 English Hills Nursing Home,
 1050 4-Mile Road, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504.
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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brenay and Frank Durham of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vincent and son and her mother of Eden-ville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.



BEAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL--Has a new principal, with the appointment of Richard Swan of Clare to the post left vacant with the resignation of Robert Myers, who has accepted a position with the Beaverton schools. Mr. Swan is a former assistant high school principal at Clare. He started at Beal City last week.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Don Alwood and Cathy called at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton last Tuesday to pay their respects to their neighbor, Ed Olger. Later they called at the Dick Gott home near Farwell, and enjoyed New Year's dinner with them.

Steve Leiter returned from California after visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Leiter. Steve and his mother, Muriel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott had lunch with his father, John Gott, Thursday. Elvah Gott, Violet Carr and Ruth Ouderkirk went shopping in Mt. Pleasant that day.

Becky Graham and Bruce Parks visited us one evening last week. Debbie Graham spent Thursday and Friday nights with us.

Mrs. Ella Adams of Lake called at the John Gott and Don Alwood homes last week. She also visited the Carl Embreys in Weidman.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy had doctor and dental appointments last Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

The Junior High basketball teams went to Clare Thursday evening, and won both games. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines attended the game and brought Donny Alwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sperry and family of Florida visited his

parents and family over the holidays.

Mrs. Mary Cocklin and family are visiting her parents, the Lloy Sperrys, for a while.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 16 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular meeting for cards last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens and their many friends had 16 tables of pepper in play.

Monica Grinzinger won first prize for the ladies, with Audrey Bushree second. Claribel Beutler won low.

Jack Schafer won first for the men, with Joe Keiffer second. Herman Cook won low.

Russell Wilson won the door prize. Tillie Zuker won the pepper prize.

Refreshments of jello and cake and coffee were served.

The next card party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 17.

Everyone everywhere is invited to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent last Thursday at the home of her brother, LaVern Perry, in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and girls of Clear Lake, Mrs. Robbie Kniffen and Mrs. Sherry Eberbach of Lansing and Mrs. Larry Egbert spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Norman Tilmann, Walter Rau, Herman Grinzinger and Rose Grinzinger spent some time Saturday afternoon with Louise Smith. John Fedewa came Friday morning and brought a nice mess of fresh fish. Louise gave him a home made loaf of bread. Wednesday sister Barbara's girls were here, also Dorothy Esch of Remus and Ann Momany from Big Rapids. We had a nice visit. Jim and Janice Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with Louise, Ann and Dora Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Midland spent the weekend with the Steve Pung and Ed Schafer families here.

Mrs. John Weber had a party for her husband, John, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung entertained company for New Year's to celebrate the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Tony Schafer and Louise Schafer last Thursday evening.

Frank Fedewa had his toe taken off and was feeling better.

The Knights of Columbus had a New Year's party. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and Louise Schafer and Dora Smith spent an evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Elkins is staying at the Everett Schafer home while recuperating from a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish and son, Steve, spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Milo Eldred home near Winn.

Pete Straus and family returned home from Florida after a two weeks' vacation.

Everett Schafer called on Mrs. Louise Schafer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross spent Sunday with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross, in St. Johns.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

This year we spent New Year's Eve at home. Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush were guests over night. Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer also spent New Year's Eve with us. We played cards and had a real nice time.

New Year's Day we took Jerry and Jane Schafer and children, Bill Schafer and son, Brian, and our other son, Bob, to Bay City to eat dinner with John and Sharon Schafer and children.

Lynn Schafer was unable to go with us because of illness.

Brian Schafer was quite sick the past few days, with a bad cold.

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Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family were guests of the Marion Johnsons Sunday, to help Sherrie celebrate her 11th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and Judy and Mrs. Philip Meade and daughters took a birthday cake Sunday to help Mrs. Kate Martin celebrate her 77th birthday.

Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Harold were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode were Thursday evening guests of Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Harold. Mrs. Rhode and Harold called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen Sunday. Mrs. Helen Hartman and Mrs. Bea Adams were recent visitors of Mrs. Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook and Mrs. Nettie Crowley went to Evert Sunday to pay their respects to Mrs. Frances Handy, who passed away Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caukins, Sr., and the Walter Caukins, Jr., of Secord Lake were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Miss Sandra Cook were among other callers.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley, Mrs. Faye Wiley and Mrs. Nellye Bingham were guests at the Roderick Nicholson home, to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Frances Handy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder called to see her sister, Mrs. Lovica Krueger, who is ill, Sunday. They helped Herman Lueder celebrate his birthday Sunday. They called on the Paul Lueders Sunday evening.

Debbie, Denise, Jeff and Diane Flaughter were Thursday supper guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keysor and family of Saginaw were Saturday overnight guests of the Charles Garretts.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett hosted a dinner for all their family Saturday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mier of Lake Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls and Leon Snyder of Ithaca were New Year's Day dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Radabaugh of Lake were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider attended the funeral of Ila Buxton, Mr. Snider's aunt, at Flint last Monday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I enclose my check for the New Year, and to wish you a Very Happy New Year.

We had a large storm here on Dec. 13, and the lines were down and there was a blackout for three hours, from 8 p.m. to after 11 p.m.

I was alone, and fell while trying to find flashlight and candles. I have two black eyes and one eye was closed for four days. You know I am 65, and I do not bounce back like I used to.

I miss all the nice Weidman people.

Yours Resp.,
Clara Crowley
Royal Oak.

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Connie:

Thanks for the nice writeups you've given Mother the past year.

Enclosing \$11 for year's subscription, due in February.

My husband had surgery right after Mother was buried. We are going to Florida to visit Glenn and see if the sunshine and better weather will hurry along Marion's convalescence. He has been very ill, and not

gaining much.

If this isn't the right amount, let me know. I'm guessing, as the papers have been read and thrown out.

My best to you and Frances.
Genevieve Scott Gingery
Flint

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Dear Connie:

Here is the money for the Messenger that I promised. I just couldn't find time to get check ready before I came.

We got here about 3.30 Saturday afternoon. Sun was shining so bright, and real warm. It had been quite cold until a week or so ago. It's nice again today.

Hope you all have a nice winter there. Will be looking for the Messenger so we won't miss any of the news.

Laura Latham
Punta Gorda
Florida

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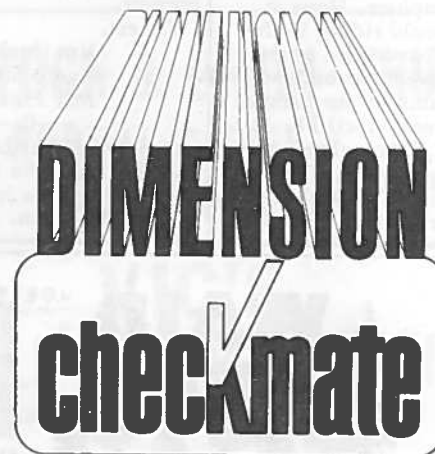
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Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.

Dear Connie:

Season's Best to you and Fran-
ces.

I had thought that Queen Ro-
berta and I had finished the pa-
rade route. But no, there's an-
other--our ninth!

Jan. 19, Saturday, we'll be
at Houghton Lake's Tip-Up-
Town celebration. Hope it
won't be a cold, miserable-type
day. It'll be fine with me if
the temperature is in the mid-
teens and no wind, with a bril-
liant sunshine, although the
bright sun will be hard on the
eyes. Can't wear sun glasses
during a parade--for the bene-
fit of photographers. Hope it
won't be too cold riding in the
back of the convertible or the
float, whichever it'll be.

Here's a resume of our parades
for the past year: April 28, Kal-
kaska; June 2, Mancelona; July
4, Lake City; July 13, Tra-
verse City; July 21, Gaylord;
July 28, Charlevoix; Sept. 3,

Manton; Sept. 22, Honor. (That
is eight.)

Our next is Jan. 19, at Hough-
ton Lake.

I was guest speaker Nov. 3
at a regional meeting of Future
Homemakers of America at
Holton, Mich., northeast of
Muskegon. My assignment was
to give the girls some idea of
how they could improve the
public image of their group and
themselves. Can you imagine--
me, the only man among at
least 100 girls! It was a lot of
fun, and they treated me to a
dinner which included pizza-
burgers.

Cheers.

Jim Hughes
Radio Station WCEN
Mt. Pleasant.

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(Editor's Note: Last year was
the first time the National
Trout King rode in parades with
the Trout Queen. Jim Hughes,

a bachelor, was the first Trout
King able to spend weekends in
various places for special occa-
sions, and he was there, with
the beautiful Roberta Centilli,
the National Trout Queen.)

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. B. Darnell
of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Maxon were Sunday din-
ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl
Embrey.

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organizations, individuals, and
all news media who remembered
us during 1973, and hope the
coming year will be healthy
and happy for you and yours.

JOHN P. VERWEY
Administrator

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family returned home Friday, Jan. 4, from several days' visit with Capt. and Mrs. Gary Denslow and family at San Antonio, Texas, where Gary is stationed at the Lackland A.F.B. En route to Texas they enjoyed a brief, interesting tour of New Orleans, La. While at Gary's they enjoyed a trip to Old Mexico, at the Laredo Port of Entrance. The weather and roads were excellent for the trip, except for some very icy roads in Arkansas, on the way home. But they say they like Michigan best.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller spent Sunday with their son, George, at Grey Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Thursday dinner guests of the Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks, the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and family were Saturday evening guests.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday dinner guests of the Mack Denslows.

Ralph Bergquist entered the Mt. Pleasant Hospital last Friday evening, suffering from a heart attack. He had just retired a week before.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent Sunday afternoon with the Daryl Platek family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow of St. Clair were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow of Lansing were Sunday guests. Mrs. Denslow enjoyed a fish breakfast Saturday morning with Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Thursday callers at the Paul Miller home were Carl and Ellen Geasler and Mrs. Flora Wood. The Millers received word Christmas that one of their great-grandsons had died.

Tuesday callers at the Jim Thompson home were Tim Workman, Roger Murowski and Jim Strong. Wednesday guests were Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Myrl Stoll, and a cousin, Jim Stoll. Jan and Jack Wood were Thursday evening guests. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were business callers in Lansing Friday, and also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday afternoon callers at the Wilbur Wright home.

Ivan Dutcher was a Friday afternoon caller at the Charlie Losey home. Ardis and Theron Merrihew were Saturday evening callers. Floyd Dutcher called from Florida Sunday. It was

80-some degrees down there, and everyone was fine. Maybe we should all go to Florida too. Ha!

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and Beth visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw spent Wednesday over night and Thursday with them.

Lois Cain and son, Danny, of Grand Rapids visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. and Jr., Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons had Saturday supper with the Robert Dutchers. The boys spent the night with them, and Bob's took them home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Beth Hogg had New Year's Day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

The Robert Dutchers called on us Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rosenberry and children spent New Year's Eve and over night with the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children visited the Jim Dutchers Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe were Saturday evening visitors.

The Richard Dutchers and Patti and the Walter Howes visited the Robert Dutchers New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher gave a New Year's Eve party. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rosenberry and four children, along with several others, attended.

Mrs. Betty Dutcher and girls and Sally and Joyce Howe and Dick Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Paul Cole went to Saginaw Monday to see his doctor. He will be admitted to Saginaw General Hospital Jan. 16 for a kidney operation Jan. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee and Chester Wixson, and Mrs. Hilda Sampson, had New Year's Day dinner with us.

Saturday evening several relatives and friends gathered at our home for an early birthday party for Paul, and Dan Kripa, and Helen Mahon, all of whom have birthdays this week. Ice cream and cake were enjoyed.

Joe Mossell and son, John, and wife and Dicky Mossell and Mrs. Mary Reed and son, J.J., of

South Bend, Ind., visited their parents and grandparents, the Paul Coles, Saturday night. They came for the birthday party.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith hosted a birthday party their mother, Mrs. Irma Kische, Sunday. Din-

ner and a beautiful birthday cake were features of the party, at the Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and son, Darryl, attended the wedding of Gloria Stout at Flora, Ind., Saturday. They spent the weekend there with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Stout.

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Men In Uniform

(Editor's Note: With the national economy in a state of flux and the job market for young men highly questionable for the foreseeable future, more and more of our young men are enlisting in the Armed Services.

(The pay is good, and educational possibilities are highly varied.)

Army Private Fredrick A. Bierschbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bierschbach, has completed eight weeks of basic training at the U. S. Army Training Center, Armor, at Fort Knox, Ky. Fredrick is 18.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Here's a new address:

Lonnie D. Loomis, A. B., F. G. 365-62-9953, P. S. C. No. 6, SQ3710, Flight G77, Lackland A. F. B., Texas 78236.

He would like to hear from his friends.

Marine Pvt. Bruce D. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Scott of Lake, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Cal.

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CHIPPEWA HILLS SHOPPER GOES TO SECOND CLASS

The Chippewa Hills Courier-Shopper, a boxholder advertising publication, has announced its changeover Feb. 1 to second-class mail and paid-only distribution.

In its Jan. 2 announcement, the shopper said it had "around 1200" paid subscribers.

Its advertising coverage ranges through an area bounded by Lakeview, Riverdale, Vestaburg, Edmore, Blanchard, Paris, Horsehead Lake, Mt. Pleasant, Chippewa Lake, Big Rapids, Ewart, Mecosta, Barryton, Remus, Millbrook, and Weidman and others.

The shopper recently was purchased by the Big Rapids Pioneer which now goes under the name of Pioneer Publications. Before the sale the shopper was owned by a man who moved a printing plant and the shopper's headquarters from St. Louis to Blanchard, on his own purchase of the publication from its founder.

A school paper was printed in the Chippewa Hills High School shortly after the consolidation of the various schools making up the huge district, but its life was limited.

In its Vol. I, No 6, edition, the Chippewa Hills Courier announced suspension of the school paper and its merger with the commercial shoppers guide.

"The move resulted out of talks originating some months ago in which the management of both

types of media met and discussed their mutual concerns," the school paper said in its farewell edition of February, 1969.

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