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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WE GET SERVICE IN WEIDMAN, MICH.

We hope this doesn't precipitate a flood of beseechers to our recent benefactors here in Weidman, Mich., but we just have to tell you of a few odd occurrences in our own household and business office, wherein we were rescued by local business people through unorthodox measures.

First, we went to turn on the light in our utility room (the back hall, or west door entrance) one evening last week--and the switch practically fell apart in our hand.

What to do. We depend on that light switch several dozen times during any 24 hours; and we are of that dumb female personality that can't do a darn thing about things electrical or mechanical.

We called Lee Parker, our near neighbor and skilled electrical contractor (he's also very busy), and begged him to come to the house next morning and fix the stupid old light switch.

He showed up at 9 Sunday morning, took the switch apart (it was of 1935 vintage), put it back together for temporary use and promised to get a new one soon.

Whew. What a relief.

During our Christmas vacation we sent a check for \$30 to the Dearborn outlet for Addressograph Company, ordering up three new ink rollers for our little hand-operated mailing machine.

It had been chugging along (by hand) for 20 years with the original old rollers on it, and we had been getting pretty rotten prints on mailing addresses on the Messenger.

So--Friday we decided we'd attempt to put on the new rolls. We looked at the darn thing and backed away.

After half an hour of sulking around, we went to the phone and asked Jack Houghton (marina, small engine maintenance and repair) if he'd take a look at it.

He would, sure nuff. We ran the little machine and the new rollers over to Jack's marina. In an hour or so his daughter called

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AFTER SUNDAY'S ICE STORM--We thought our yard was a doozy for litter of big tree limbs, but after viewing some others' woes, we decided we came off not so bad.

### ICE STORM WREAKS HAVOC OVER ISABELLA COUNTY

An ice storm (freezing rain) such as we haven't seen in years and years moved in on Isabella County beginning Saturday afternoon, continuing through the night and into Sunday morning.

Tree limbs breaking from the weight of ice left many sections of the county without electric power for up to 24 hours, more in some areas.

Areas affected by the freezing rain storm included the entire city of Mt. Pleasant and an area east of there; extending to the Weidman area, to the Brinton area, and all places north and south of these points.

The Mt. Pleasant radio said that 2,200 subscribers were without electric power Sunday, and some until Monday, in the Mt. Pleasant and Weidman areas.

In Weidman it appeared to be the east edge of the village that was cut off by slashed power lines between here and Mt. Pleasant.

Some individuals suffered light (and heat, and water) cutouts due to falling tree limbs on electric power lines. Some telephones were out because of falling limbs, but the telephone company put out crews fast, and most customers got relief before dark Sunday.

At CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleas-

ant an emergency standby generator was used when Consumers power went off in that area. Con-

sumers Power said that several prime power lines were cut by falling tree branches.

All area schools were closed Monday, with school scheduling uncertain by Monday night. Side roads throughout the county were described as so icy as to be impassable.

The official weather station at CMU in Mt. Pleasant reported a rainfall of 1.77 inches during 24 hours Sunday.

REA power lines in a wide area were out from Sunday morning until various hours Monday. Some homes were without lights and heat at noon Monday.

At the Helen Adams home in Weidman, power and telephone lines were cut by huge limbs falling from an old tree which was subsequently cut down. Repairmen worked most of the morning to restore power and telephone service to the home.

Most homes got out the old kerosene lamps Saturday night, with matches handy and the old flashlight within reach. Many

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FISHING WAS GOOD SUNDAY--On Lake Isabella, as Bill Gross can testify. (What a day to fish!) But he came home with a big pike measuring 38 1/2 inches long and weighing 14 pounds, 14 ounces. Bill said he fished on open ice, using minnows and a tip-up. We'll say he got a real catch. Messenger photo

## LYLAH SIMMERS DONATES RARE BOOK TO LIBRARY

Lylah Simmers of Sepulveda, California, has donated a very rare book to the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library. It is "The Fabulous Flemings of Kathmandu," a story of the work of two missionaries, man and wife, working with the sick and ailing in Nepal, India.

Lylah says, in a typewritten foreword at the front of the book, "Dr. Bob (Fleming) is my Uncle Guy's oldest son, and therefore my first cousin. He has been in the Methodist Mission fields most of his life, and I have not seen him since approximately 1934-35."

The book is extremely interesting, and is very valuable, as the Fleming family were among our area's earliest and most respected pioneers.

It is available at the library in Weidman now.

The frontispiece bears Lylah's handwriting: "Presented to the Gladys McArthur Library in Memory of my parents: Arthur Fleming, 1869-1947; and Clara Fleming, 1871-1917."

Lylah notes: "I hope you and your 'public' enjoy the book, I especially mentioned my sister-in-law, Hazel, (Fleming) because she was a Weidman girl--Hazel Snyder."

Lylah also mentions, on the book's flyleaf, "I don't know where Bob got the 'gentle spirit' with which this author endows him--certainly not from his father. Many 'old timers' would recall the bombastic evangelism of Art Fleming's preacher brothers, Bert and Guy, for every time they visited our farm home they tried to take Weidman by storm, looking for possible new Methodists.

"Pioneers I remember who would recall those early 20th Century Fleming Forays would include Pete Aylsworth, Asa Carr, Alex Cliff, John Damon, 'Billy' Denslow, George Drallette, George Fisher, David Flower, George Middlesworth, Floyd Mitchell, John Otterbine, Steve Rau, Bill Rickett, Rolla Roe, Anna Schmidt, Ad Scott, Erie Thompson, John S. Weidman, Allen Wolfe, Charlie Woolworth, ad infinitum."

(Signed)

Lylah M. Simmers  
Nee Fleming

## Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Terwilliger were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family.

Mrs. Eva Gray spent Sunday night with the Gary Portenga family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family were Sunday visitors of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner, of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen and friends from Beal City enjoyed the festivities at Tip-Up Town at Houghton Lake over the weekend.

Scott and Michael Finney spent Saturday over night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood were Saturday evening visitors.

Weekend guests of the Charles Loomis family were her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, of Lansing, and her niece, Sharon Brown. Lonnie Loomis called his parents Saturday from Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilcox and baby of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of the Bill Wilcox family. Mrs. Wilcox hosted a birthday party Saturday for their son, Scott, who was six years old. Eight little friends enjoyed an afternoon of games and refreshments.

Mrs. Otis Conley and Loretta Brown returned Tuesday evening from a three weeks' vacation in Florida. Sunday visitors of the Conleys were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family spent Sunday over night with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family visited the Warren Leiters during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and family were Sunday evening supper guests of the Karyl Hartzlers. The Schrock children have been ill this past week. Paul has had strep throat.

Callers at the Arthur Loomis home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and Angela, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Ronteltz of Davison were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane. They took Mrs. Monroe a new television set for her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Teresa and Jean Ann visited

the Richard Theisen family in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. Teresa spent Thursday over night

with Pam Riley.

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WANT AD RATES: 75¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rate per column inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks, \$2.50, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000.

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Jan. 24tf

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE. Call Harland Snider, Weidman, phone 644-2381. Dec. 13tf

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

OVERDUE BOOKS--From the Gladys McArthur Public Library in Weidman. Please check your library books and bring in delinquent volumes. Jan. 10tf

BACKHOE WORK--Drain fields dug, stones and stumps removed or buried, etc. Free estimates. Bill Wilcox, ph. 644-3490.

Aug. 6tf

WILL THE PERSON--Who has the old photo of Dr. Rondo please return it to me? Apparently I gave it to someone by mistake. I'll appreciate your co-operation. Connie Skinner. Jan. 4tf

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Nov. 1tf

## Card of Thanks

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the nurses on the second floor of CMC Hospital, who took such good care of me while I was a patient there.

Also my thanks to Dr. Minster and Dr. Dean, and to Father Thome of Sacred Heart Church, and to those who sent me cards and visited me.

I do thank you.

Noreen Thelen

## NEWS NOTES

R.D. Sprague has been in the specialized eye hospital in Ann Arbor, for further surgery on his eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent last Tuesday at the home of her brother, Frank Durham, in Bay City. On their way back they stopped and spent the evening with Ruth Valentine, their niece, in Midland. Nellie Sanders and Mrs. Phillips were shopping in Mt. Pleasant.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Obituary

### GEORGE VOISIN

George Voisin of Mt. Pleasant died Jan. 16 at CMC Hospital. He was 69.

He was born Sept. 12, 1904, in Beal City, and has many relatives and friends in that area.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. from the Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Joanna; one son, Harold, of Bay City; one brother, Ernest, of Lansing; two grandchildren, and many other relatives, and friends.

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## Obituary

### GLEE CLARK

Glee Clark of Mt. Pleasant died last Wednesday, Jan. 16, in her sleep, at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home. She was 73.

She was born May 30, 1900, in Winn. She was prominent in social work and women's clubs in Mt. Pleasant for many years.

For 15 years she headed the Cancer Society's work in a wide area. She was a librarian at the old Mt. Pleasant Public Library for many years.

She was a graduate of Oberlin College, and through most of her life took on graduate work in other colleges and universities.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. from the J.J. Rush Funeral Home chapel, with Rev. John Osborn officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery at Jackson.

She is survived by one daughter, Jeanne Brew, of Grand Rapids, and one son, Wendell Clark, of Battle Creek. She also is survived by three grandchildren, and many friends.

She was a frequent visitor at the Clark home here in Weidman, and until recently owned a cottage at Coldwater Lake.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends in the area.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent Saturday afternoon with the Gary McArthur family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant spent last Thursday afternoon and evening with their mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesly Cole were Sunday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. The electric power supply was off at the trailer park on M-66 where the Coles now make their home.

## LEGAL

# Notice

The Sherman Township Zoning Board met Wednesday, September 19, 1973. In the course of that meeting it was decided to recommend the following:

1. Article VIII, Administration, paragraph 3, which now reads "...shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00), regardless of cost..." should be changed to read "...shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), regardless of cost..."

2. Article II, Section A, paragraph 3, should be changed as follows:

a. The first sentence shall remain as is.

b. The remainder of the paragraph shall be deleted.

c. The following three sentences shall be added:

It is also prohibited to park or store more than two unlicensed vehicles within 200' of any roadway or property line in the township. Furthermore, if exception be made to the above restrictions, it shall be required that such exceptions be surrounded by a 6' high solid fence. Any exceptions to these restrictions must have the approval of the Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

### Essential Services

The erection, construction, alteration or maintenance by public utilities or municipal departments or commissions, of overhead, surface or underground gas, electrical, steam, or water, distribution or transmission systems, collection, communication, supply or disposal systems, including mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, tunnels, wires, cables, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, towers, poles, electrical substations, gas regulator stations and other similar equipment and accessories in connection therewith, reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate service by such public utility or municipal department or commission or for the public health or safety or general welfare, shall be permitted as authorized or regulated by law and other ordinances of the township of Sherman in any use district, it being the intention hereof to except such erection, construction, alteration, and maintenance from the application of this Ordinance.

3. After having a lengthy discussion on the subject of mobile homes and travel trailers, we were unable to agree on any changes to be made in our ordinance.

Thayne Sides  
Zoning Board  
Chairman

Jan. 24t2



**Miss Leslie Held**

MRS. MITTMAUDE Held, 1002 S. Kinney and Robert Held of Nebraska, announce the engagement of their daughter Leslie, to Timothy L. Bunting, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting, 1030 E. River Rd. Miss Held is a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School and her fiance is a graduate of Sacred Heart. Both are attending Central Michigan University. Miss Held is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau. A May 25 wedding is planned.

**Where To Write Your  
Congressmen**

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Old Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20315

U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin  
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Cong. Elford A. Cederberg  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Legislators**

State Sen. John R. Toepp  
State Senate Building  
Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. John M. Engler  
House of Representatives  
Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Lansing, Mich. 48901

Mary Helen Pitts of Big Rapids | Grace Pitts.  
was a Thursday caller of Mrs.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Two Rivers**

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Leonard Cook passed away Sunday in Dearborn, after a long illness.

Mrs. Flossie Flachs and Mrs. Lois Hogg and Beth were Thursday visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Roderick Nicholson and Gerald Hines were evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen spent Friday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. The Rhodes enjoyed fish supper with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook one evening last week.

Callers at the home of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. Robert Cook.

Rosie West of Barryton was a weekend guest of Risa Fiorillo.

Mrs. Warren Lear and children of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schumacher of Winn and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelsey and family spent Thursday evening with Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor and family of Milford and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, Jr., and son were Sunday visitors of the Charles Garretts.

Mrs. Minnie Flaughter, Mrs. Doris Wilmot and Mrs. Mabel Chaffee spent Wednesday with their sister, Mrs. Rosie Leiter.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter attended baby shower for Mrs. Manford Klish Saturday, at the home of Mrs. Ronald Flaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaughter a family spent Wednesday evening with the folks, the Ray Flaughter. Edward Garrett was admitted to CMC Hospital last week Monday and came home Thursday, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett have a new granddaughter, Angela Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett.

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**BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS  
HAVE 16 TABLES IN PLAY**

At their regular card party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall last Thursday afternoon, Senior Citizens had 16 tables of pepper in play.

Theresa Collins and Cliff Anstey won first prize for high scores, with Rose Beutler and Will Faber winning second.

Anna Schafer won low for the ladies, with Ed Faber low for the men.

Otto Skalitzky won the pepper prize. Bertha Schumacher won the door prize.

Donuts and coffee were served. The next card party at the K.C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 31. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Abbot were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family.



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## Jeannette Flachs

MR. AND MRS. Eugene Flachs of Remus announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanette Mae, to James Chapman, son of Mrs. Virginia Lyness of Weidman and Clarence Chapman of Shepherd. A spring wedding is planned.

## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

A large group from here attended the celebration of Tip-Up Town at Houghton Lake Sunday.

Sharon Pung and Don Andres were married Saturday, and it was a beautiful wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend here with relatives and friends.

A large number from here attended the funeral of Herman Voisin Jan. 16 in Mt. Pleasant. His brother, George Voisin, died Jan. 16 and was buried Jan. 18, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schafer

are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Tony Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard were Thursday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn and Alfred Klumpp were Sunday callers.

Doris Tilmann and daughter, Alice Jacobs, have been visiting friends and relatives around Beal City.

Arnold and Nora Simmer of Reed City called on Louise Smith Saturday afternoon. They had been in Rosebush to visit Ed Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kavanaugh and family of Detroit

spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and family.

Ginger and Doll Rau and Brian Gould called on Grandma Smith Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and four children of Reed City spent the afternoon with her also. They stayed for supper, then went to Rosebush to visit Ed Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend here.

Noreen Thelen spent from Monday till Friday in CMC Hospital last week.

Isadore Schafer entered CMC Hospital a week ago Monday for surgery Tuesday. By this last weekend he was reported doing fine, expecting to be home by Sunday or Monday.

Mrs. Tony Tilmann called on Louise Smith Monday afternoon.

Dora Smith, Ginger and Debbie Rau and Brian Gould went to visit the Larry Raus one day last week, at Coldwater Lake.

Nora and Elaine Simmer of Reed City spent from Tuesday till Wednesday in Beal City, visiting her mother and other relatives, and friends.

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Mrs. Faye Stephenson and Dorothy Poet of Clare were recent visitors of their aunt, Edna Schultz.

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

In checking over my Messenger a few days ago, it looks as though my subscription has run out (or about to). I'm sorry about this, and will try and make it up to you now. I would not want to miss it, since I read it from cover to cover, seeing names of Barryton people as well as folks in and around Weidman.

I am feeling about the same as usual, with Jim, Lila and Jim, Jr., (Joe) looking after me as much as their work will allow.

I rarely go to Barryton any more since Colin's not there, and am getting adjusted to my new home much more than I ever dreamed I could.

When the weather moderates, drop in on me some day. I go to the hospital every Wednesday morning, staying till noon, when Lila comes over from Grant's and brings me home.

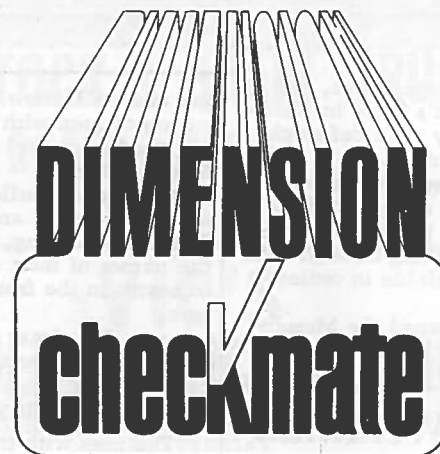
Thanks for everything you've done for us in the past, and Happy New Year to both you and Frances.

Your friend,  
Ina Campbell  
Mt. Pleasant

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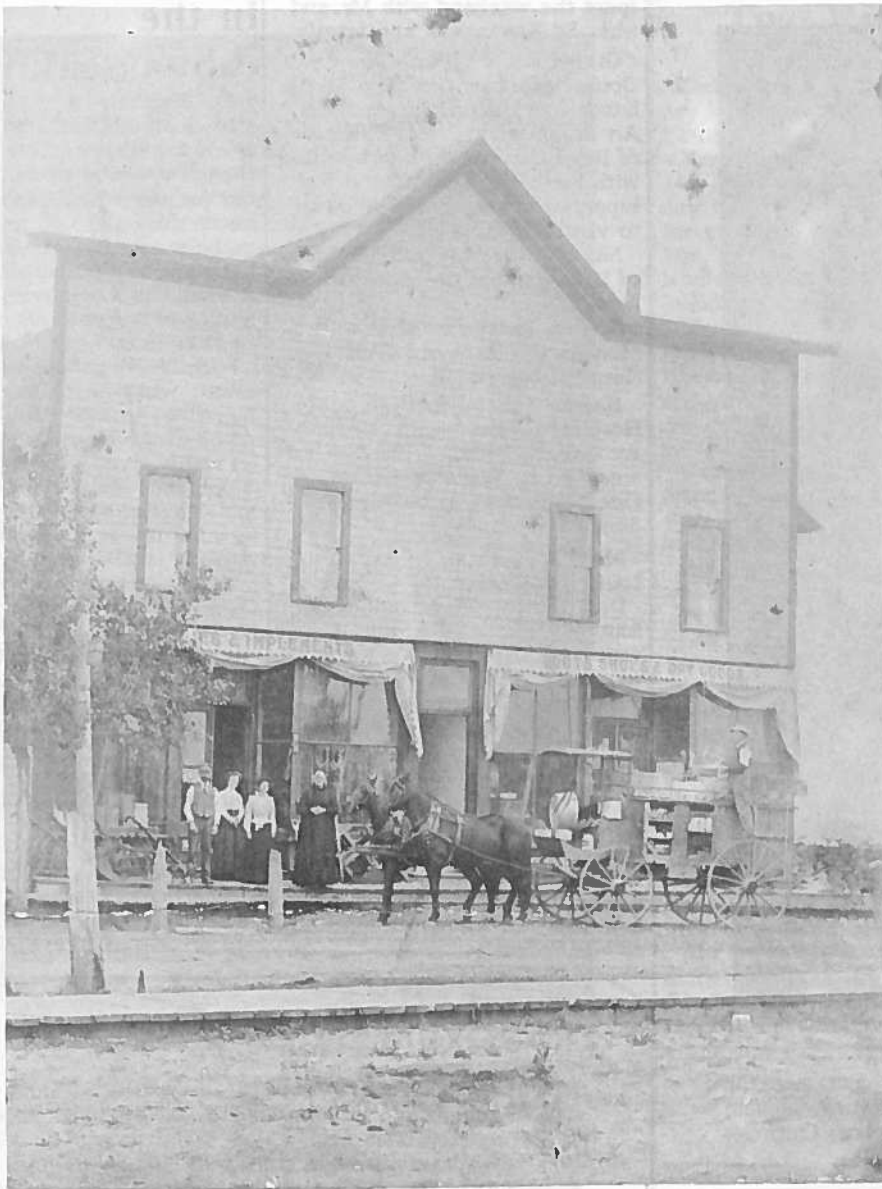
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# Restaurant



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The two-horse vehicle which at first glance appears to be a stage coach is probably a peddler's wagon going through with items not available in ordinary stores.

Old photo loaned the Messenger by Edna Schultz.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys visited the Don Abbotts Saturday evening. The occasion was Micky's birthday.

Helen Alwood and Elvah Gott attended Missionary meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Nancy Bywater.

Zena Olger was admitted to CMC Hospital Saturday afternoon, for tests.

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GET OUT LAST WEEK'S PAPER: WE HAVE NAMES OF MEN ON SHERMAN CITY ROAD  
So get out last week's Messen-

ger and we'll show you identification of men with teams building the first gravel road through Sherman City.

Earl Blodgett called last Wednesday evening, and came in Thursday morning, and gave us the names of most of the drivers of teams in the front-page picture.

It was the winter of 1917, Earl says, and the photo was taken on the Grant Lyons farm, now owned by the Harry Huffmans.

The men with their teams of horses were identified by Earl as:

(Reading right to left in the photo:)

Earl Blodgett, Joe Wernette, Ed DeLong (maybe); Bill Chapman, Ernie DeLong (maybe); Howard Bywater, and the far left driver not identified.

Earl said he thinks the photo probably was taken to the Messenger office by Mary Otterbein of Mt. Pleasant, nee Mary Rogers of Sherman City.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

In the picture of your Jan. 10 issue (Ed's Note: Jan. 17?), I think I can identify the children in the foreground.

Just to the left is Glenn Scott, in the middle, James Dawson, last on right is Genevieve Scott.

The weather down here is beautiful, and my husband has begun to eat and gain, health-wise.

Most sincerely,  
Genevieve (Scott) Gingery  
Florida

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## the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
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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 Thursday, 6.30 p. m., at the parsonage.

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Church School, 9.45 a. m.  
Worship Service, 11 a. m.  
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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Kenny Oplinger went to Florida last Tuesday, looking for work down there.

Willard Denslow of Barryton was a Sunday caller of the Mack Denslows, his uncle and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Martin spent the weekend at Houghton Lake, attending the Tip-Up celebration.

Mrs. Merl Scott and Mrs. Pauline Schutt of Cadillac were Saturday callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Jack and Jan Wood and Brenda Wager and Jim Strong were Saturday evening guests of Bob Thompson.

The Gerald Dents had all of their children home over the weekend. Other Saturday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kalil and the Ralph McCreight family. Mabel's brother, Raymond Kirvan, was also a visitor.

Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz were Saturday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home. The Gerald Losey family were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wickenheiser and daughter, Carol,

were Saturday guests at the Wilbur Wright home.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang were Friday overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Strang, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Metzger of Bailey called on Dad and me Tuesday.

Elizabeth Conley was a Sunday overnight guest of her sister, Jo Waid, due to the power cut-out.

Mrs. Whaley was released from the CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Friday. She is staying at the Ranshaw Rest Home near Barryton.

Violet Wright and I were in Clare Wednesday.

Everyone has been experiencing the energy crisis. (The ice storm.) Due to this, there isn't much news this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes spent the weekend with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leiter, at Flint.

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## MRS. DUDLEY GRAY DONATES ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

The Mid Michigan Community College electronics department has received a donation of electronic test equipment valued in excess of \$900.

The donation was made by Mrs.

Dudley Gray of Lake, in memory of her husband.

Mr. Gray had been an electronics engineer for the Stewart Warner Corporation of Chicago before retiring and moving to Lake.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush spent Saturday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Claribel was a supper guest of the Howard Beutlers.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch called on Ruth Momany one day last week.

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**A HUGE TREE BESIDE THE HOUSE--**At the Leon Schafer home in Weidman threatened the home and occupants; but luckily it fell straight, and nothing was damaged so far as first estimates could tell. The picture does not do justice to the situation: That was a big tree, big as the Schafer house itself. Messenger photo



**TREES WERE REALLY TWISTED--**And limbs strewn around, in front of Kit Johnson's and Al Woodbury's homes. Note the big trees in the Woodbury yard leaning every which way. This was after the ice had melted, near noon Monday. Messenger photo

**ICE STORM**

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had auxiliary heating facilities, such as fireplaces, and a few old-fashioned stoves.

Many area folks were talking of securing wood-burning stoves as soon as possible as standby security in situations such as an ice storm or unpredictable national circumstances.

Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger long have had old-fashioned wood-burning ranges in their kitchens--and woodpiles to go with 'em. We learn that uncounted others either have auxiliary heating facilities or are planning to get them, pronto.

(We predict a run on old-fashioned wood-burning heating stoves, with undoubtedly a boom in sales, which we say will re-

vive the stove-building industry in Michigan. (A small silver lining.)

**Editor's Column**

By Connie

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to say the new rolls were installed.

Oh glory be. Oh relief, relief. A woman perfectly stupid on mechanical details got a nasty job done by a friend right here in Weidman. Wonderful.

Friday evening our work-lamp at the IBM typewriter went off, and we spent the evening taking it apart and getting it back together with no inkling of what ailed it, except that apparently it needed a new thingumajig at



**GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S BUILDING--**In Weidman had the usual ornaments of downed tree limbs in front of it. Damage to trees all over Isabella County was impossible to estimate, and Weidman got its share of grief. Messenger photo

the place where you screw in a light bulb. Saturday morning we ran to Fox Hardware, see if the'd put in a new thingumajig. They were busy with customers, but said they'd get at it as soon as possible (we start the next week's paper on

Saturdays). Right at noon Fox Hardware called and said the lamp was ready. Whee. Nice bright light with no shenanigans from the lamp. We kinda like it here in Weidman, Mich.

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