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Editor's Column

By Connie

DON'T FORGET THE SCHOOL ELECTION, SET FOR MARCH 12

Don't forget the special school election, which has not been overly publicized around here (the Messenger has received no official word of it), and which is set for Tuesday, March 12.

The Board of Education of the Chippewa Hills School District will be asking us for an additional three mills taxation besides a renewal of the 12 additional mills we're now paying.

In the school's quasi-official organ, the Chippewa Hills Courier of Big Rapids, it is stated that there will be a request for renewal of the 12-mill tax for the next three years; an additional two-mill tax for operating expenses; and an additional one-mill tax for "maintenance and renovation of elementary and secondary buildings" in Barryton, Remus, Weidman and Mecosta.

Seems like we remember when the heat was on for us to vote for consolidation into the big-big district, there were fervid promises that all existing school buildings in the small towns would be maintained adequately indefinitely.

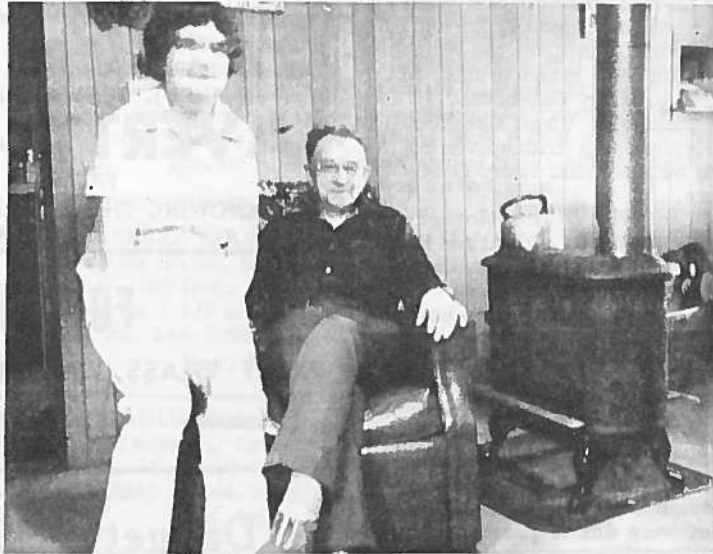
"Maintenance," as we've always understood the word, means repairing leaky roofs or putting on new roofs; repairing falling plaster or replastering where necessary; repairing heating and plumbing plants or replacing them where necessary.

To the Board of Education, apparently "maintenance" means none of these things. According to publicity last year when the Board asked for additional taxes for fixing up the school buildings, all four small-town schools were practically falling down from want of repair (maintenance, as we used to call it).

Now we're asked to fork over three more mills in taxes for three years, two mills for "operational expenses" and one for upkeep of the buildings we were promised would be maintained.

On my own homestead taxation the sum total of the bill was broken down thus:

County tax, \$38.50. Township
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NO ENERGY CRISIS--For Mack and Margie Denslow. They've got it made, with a small, neat, and very effective wood stove Mack got from Alva Cummins, who had it out in a shed. The Denslows adequately heat three rooms and bath with their little wood stove, "And I've just enjoyed life this way," Margie said in an interview Saturday. "It's a different kind of heat--it's a satisfying, real honest-to-goodness heat, not like our automatic furnaces that go off when the thermostat says to--and they just go OFF!" We agree with Marge, all the way. Messenger photo



HERE'S ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SMALL, NEAT WOOD STOVE--At the Mack Denslows'. Mack and Margie closed half of their house and moved their bedroom to a small room off the kitchen. (More on Back Page)

LAY WITNESSES ENJOY SNOWMOBILING HERE

Thirty people from Indiana and southern Michigan gathered here from Thursday till Saturday afternoon to enjoy Central Michigan's snowmobile and ice fishing sports.

They made their daytime headquarters at Jack Houghton's Weidman Marina, staying over nights at various Weidman homes.

They especially enjoyed trail riding through our woodlands and across our lakes. They did some fishing, especially on Lake Weidman, netting seven good pike.

Snowmobiles were furnished by Weidman people, among whom where the Marina (five machines), George McClain, Jr., Gary Sprague, Bill Estes, Larry Rescoe and others.

They enjoyed pot-luck dinners and suppers at the Weidman United Methodist Church and at the Coomer Church, where Methodist Ladies prepared and served the meals.

The group consisted of friends made by our local Methodists in sessions of lay missions for the church in other years.

George Wickes, leading layman for the church in Michigan, called Jack Houghton after the party returned to their homes, assuring him that all got home safely, and with no gasoline crises and no accidents on slippery roads.

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CARD PARTY AT THE MASONIC HALL FEB. 6

There will be another card party at the Masonic Hall in Weidman Wednesday, Feb. 6, sponsored by the Eastern Stars.

Play will begin at 2 p.m. There were six tables of pepper at the Stars' first party, and it is hoped the number will rise.

Everyone everywhere is invited to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey attended a men's bowling tournament in Saginaw Saturday and Sunday. Dennis is a member of the Main Bar bowling team of Mt. Pleasant. The Embreys were among several couples attending the tourney.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook visited Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and family have an exchange student living in their home and attending Chippewa Hills High School. He is from Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and children are moving to Superior, Wisc.

Mrs. Leona Courser called on Mrs. David Millard in CMC Hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter were guests of the Ron Flaughers to help Debbie celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter and family spent Sunday with his folks, the Ray Flaughers.

The Ray, Ronald, Richard and Russell Flaughers were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flaughter and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook.

Mrs. Artie Kelsey and children were Tuesday luncheon guests of Blanche Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and Angie were luncheon guests Wednesday. Floyd Ferguson and Virgil and a friend called on me Friday. We all went and called on Mrs. Helen Smith.

Emerson Marshall and daughters, Dena and Daren, and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall.

Mrs. Myrtle Hogg called on Mrs. Ella Cox Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Etta Bellinger went to Jackson Sunday to stay a while with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Waldron. Mrs. Bellinger will be 94 in March, and she has been keeping house and getting meals for herself and her son, Clinton, for many years. She is using a walker now.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen had dinner Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Edgars of Lakeview. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bush of Barryton were callers of the Allens.

Friday evening and Saturday Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray of Williamston were guests of the Allens. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Art Carndall of Muir. The Allens had lunch Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Lang Somerville, at Mason.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet were Friday evening guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn had dinner with the Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant Saturday. Then they went to Midland and spent over night and Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen, and Terri, and visited her grandmother, who has been ill.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., had lunch with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and several other couples spent the weekend up north. Steve, Brian and Dean spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gatehouse of Remus spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bobby visited me Sunday afternoon. They also called on the Jim Dutchers.

Ronna Dutcher and grandson, Chad, have been having a virus.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher have had a flu virus the past couple of weeks, but are feeling fine now.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Kennedy of Remus Friday evening. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stadtfeld of Remus Saturday. Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wernette of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Wernette of Davison.

Percy Secord spent one day recently with the Clayton Dutchers, and also had supper with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Beth and Nancy Hogg spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

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Local Items

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was a Sunday dinner guest of the Forrest Johnston family in Rosebush. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brecht of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Esther Stanley spent the weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung, and family. They went to Clare to visit Chester Lynch at the hospital. Mr. Lynch was taken to the hospital by ambulance Friday. They also visited Mrs. Doris Mitchell and Mrs. Dorothy Shephard, and called on Mrs. Stanley's brother, Andrew Irwin, and wife, at Stevenson Lake. Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin of Rosebush were also callers. They also visited Mrs. Andrew Irwin III, from Chula Vista, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mrs. Roy Crosby at Edenville Friday. They called on Belle McGannon at Marion on Saturday. Their weekend guests were the Bob Valentines of Midland.

NEWS NOTES

Ruth Momany received a letter from a classmate from her graduating class of Hume High School in Missouri. She hadn't heard from him in over 50 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts of Big Rapids, Elaine Esterline of

Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and boys were Thursday supper guests of Mrs. Grace Pitts, honoring Elwyn's birthday.

Peggy McClain of Barryton spent Saturday afternoon with Leah Scharrer.

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 Jan. 31tf

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

OVERDUE BOOKS--From the Gladys McArthur Public Library in Weidman. Please check your library books and bring in delinquent volumes.
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Card of Thanks

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to my friends and family for the help given me and my family during my stay in the Saginaw hospital. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered always.
 Paul Cole.

Card of Thanks

I wish to sincerely thank all those who were so kind and faithful and thoughtful during the time I was in CMC Hospital: Our family, for their help in travel on icy roads, and other help; neighbors and friends for cards sent me, and for visits at the hospital--I had lots of cards and visitors, and surely do appreciate it; Dr. Minster, and the nurses on the third floor, for their faithful care and kindness.
 Isadore Schafer.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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, 6.30 p. m.

Central Michigan Association meeting Saturday, 10 a. m., at First Baptist Church of Clare.

Several from this church attended a service at the Brinton Chapel Sunday evening, where slides were shown of the beautiful Spring Hill Camp. Lunch was served later.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
 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.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
 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.



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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 of..." should be changed to read "...shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), regardless of cost of..."

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



MICHAEL AND MICHELLE CLARK

A benefit bake sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 (this Saturday) at the Fox Hardware in Weidman, with all proceeds to go to the Michelle Clark fund to help with expenses for treatments for Michelle, who was severely burned in a home fire.

Michelle's parents live at 245 East Weidman Road, and many in the Weidman area know Mike, who played softball on a Weidman team.

Michelle is four years old. She

was burned over 35 percent of her body with first and second-degree burns.

She is in the University of Michigan Burn Center at Ann Arbor now. She has been there since Sunday, Dec. 2, and will remain there for several weeks yet.

Her costs have been approximately \$400 per day. Mike has insurance, but it only pays part of this cost. They can draw from

the Crippled Children's Fund, but this has to be repaid.

The Clarks also have a two-year-old son who is being cared for by relatives while Nancy stays with Michelle in Ann Arbor.

All donations of baked goods will be appreciated.

For more information call Leona Buchel, phone 644-3508, or Loraine Buchel, phone 773-9539.

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Local Items

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague during last week included Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls, Edith Burden, Michelle Fanning, who were Friday supper guests, for Jodi's birthday; callers included Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent, Bea and Charlie Gross, Leila Shook, Rev. and Mrs. Lynch, and a group of Methodist Men who called Saturday evening. Pami Sprague was an overnight guest of her grandparents Saturday.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scott (nee Kellee Bazaire), who were married Saturday evening at the Methodist Church in Barryton, with a reception following at the Lake Town Hall.

Nora Geasler and I were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mrs. Bruce Jones and baby were in Clare Saturday.

Virgilene Forbes is a patient in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant for treatment for blood clots.

Chet Lynch was taken by ambulance Friday to the Clare Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare spent Sunday with his mother, Edna Teeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley called on Tony Bartley and his sister, Jane Fields, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Tony and Jane.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer and daughter and two grandchildren were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

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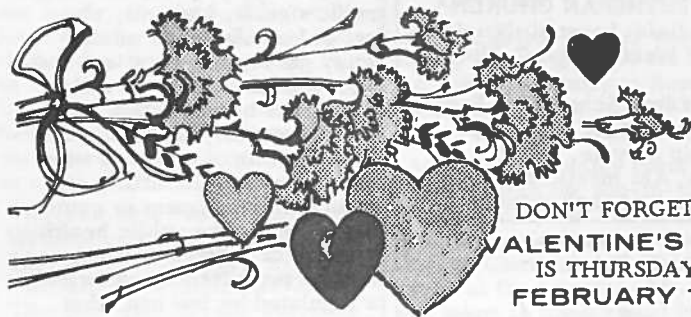
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Dora Smith, Reporter

OPEN HOUSE FOR FATHER NEUBECKER

An Open House reception will be held this coming Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall to help Father Neubecker celebrate his Golden Anniversary as an ordained priest.

Friends are welcome to attend the Open House beginning at 3 o'clock p. m.

Father Neubecker has many, many friends in this area who will want to congratulate him on this important anniversary.

He came back here last summer when he purchased the Ed Fox home in Weidman, after spending about 10 years at his retirement cottage on Lake Leelanau, at Leeland.

We wish to offer our congratulations to Father Neubecker, and wish him many more happy and useful years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stik of Lake City spent some time with their aunt, Louise Smith, Thursday evening, then attended the ball game. Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis of Lake City also attended the game. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis called on the Allen Tilmanns.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau at-

tended church in Clare Saturday evening, then attended a bingo game in Farwell.

Mrs. Ronald Schafer and baby girl came home from the hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Midland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer and family, Everett Schafer and Beatrice Sheahan called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blind of Detroit called on Mrs. Joe Pung Sunday afternoon.

Sunday guests of Will and Leona Martin were Leona's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Cassidy, of St. Johns. They came to attend a basketball game at Mt. Pleasant (St. Johns vs. Sacred Heart), in which their son was a player. Glendon and Gladys drove over to see their parents while in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pohl are looking forward to a long-planned trip to the

Holy Land next month. They will be gone 23 days, and will visit all the holy places, in Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Damascus, Jerusalem, etc. Their tour agent assured them it's safe to travel in those countries now.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp took her son, Terry, to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids Thursday for a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer were in Grand Rapids Friday, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer near Mt. Pleasant.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Verco of Saginaw and Mrs. Small and son of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Smith Sunday afternoon and brought her a quilt to quilt.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris of Howard City were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, and spent the afternoon with them. Mrs. Harris is the former Mary Schirraeff of Rosebush.

Miss Joyce Smith spent the weekend at home, from her studies in nursing school at the

University of Michigan.

Jim Sutton and family of Ashley were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were Sunday guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy, at Harrison.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes attended the wedding of Miss Bernadette Cole and John Herreshos at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening, and a reception later at the American Legion Hall at Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Darryl and Darcy, and Mrs. Grace Pitts visited Mrs. David Wood and son in Lansing Saturday, and were supper guests. Cheryl Pitts was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mrs. Roy Crosby at Edenville Friday. They visited Belle McGannon at Marion on Saturday. The Bob Valentines of Midland were weekend guests of their uncle and aunt.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent last Tuesday in East Lansing, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Tibbetts, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family also were there.

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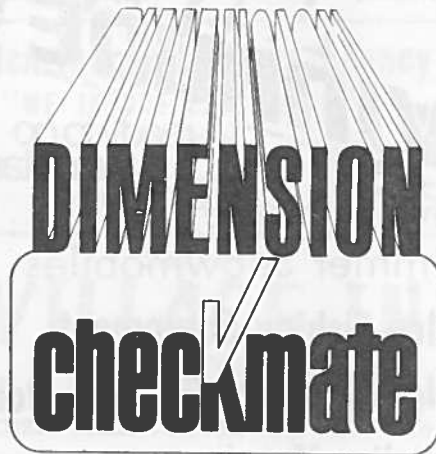
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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Wednesday supper guests of the Gilbert Schrock family. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rau were Sunday evening visitors. Philip Schrock has the mumps this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent spent Saturday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons announce the arrival of a new grandson, Duane Earl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield Jan. 25. Kathy and Carol spent the weekend with Grandma and Grandpa while Mother was in the hospital, and Kathy attended Sunday School with Eddie John.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodstell of Fenwick were visitors at the Emmons home last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan were Sunday callers.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky called on Mrs. Otis Conley Sunday afternoon. Otto has been ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and family spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis spent Sunday afternoon with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Geo.

Sherman, at Belding. Their callers during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Loomis and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and Angela.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and family at Grant Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Saturday dinner guests at the Warren Leiter home. Valerie Leiter was admitted to CMC Hospital Saturday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blaine one day last week.

Last Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were their grandchildren, Dale, Linda and Ed Schrock, from Terry, Montana, and Mrs. Mary Wyson from southern Michigan.

The Schrocks enjoyed Sunday evening at the Brinton Chapel. A representative from the Spring Hills Camp was there to show colored slides. Their grandsons, Philip and Paul, spent Monday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis attended a pepper party at the Steve Voss home Saturday evening. Their Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and family. Trudy Hurley was a Sunday visitor.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

ENGAGED



CAROL LYNN LOOMIS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis of rural Weidman announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Lynn, to Delwin F. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wood of Weidman.

Miss Loomis is a Senior at Chipewa Hills High School, and Mr. Wood is employed at the Center for Human Development in Mt. Pleasant.

A June 15 wedding has been planned.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Paul Coles are home again, Paul feeling better than he has for years, after his stay in Saginaw General Hospital. Mrs. Cole and Velma stayed with Mrs. Cole's daughter, Mrs. Frank

Ewing, at Vassar, to be near the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and son were Sunday dinner guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell, of Beaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarmnes had the misfortune of having their new Skillsaw and some silverware and other items stolen from their home and garage. They live in the Thelma Skinner house.

Wednesday supper guests of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and daughters, Melissa and Ronnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarmnes were evening callers of the Coles. Darryl Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Those enjoying a fish supper with the Paul Coles and Velma Saturday evening were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell of South Bend, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon of Mt. Pleasant.

The Coles received word Sunday evening that their grandson, Tom Mossell, had slipped on ice and broken his collar bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott and boys had the misfortune to run into the ditch with their car just east of the Woodruff Road, on the Coleman Road, Sunday. No one was hurt. The road was icy.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Flora Wood spent from Monday afternoon till Wednesday afternoon a week ago at the home of her son, Vance, due to lights being off.

Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow attended the funeral of Harold Bell at the Lutheran Church in Big Rapids Friday. He was a son-in-law of the Dewitt Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Brownell are spending several days in Florida.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on the Dums at Coldwater Lake Sunday. They will leave for Florida Monday, driving their mobile home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Monday fish supper guests at the Marion Johnson home.

Mrs. GeraLine Johnson, Mrs. Linda Krueger, Mrs. Bonnie Dutcher and Mrs. Joanne Kalil came and took Mrs. Mabel Dent to the Pesan Restaurant for dinner Tuesday, then to the Center for Human Development for a retirement party for Mrs. Dent, a lovely party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent spent the weekend at Goose Lake with their children and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent Saturday over night with her father, Leo Bahr, at Copemish.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday guests at the Mack Denslow home.

The Norman Millers spent the weekend at their mobile home here, and while here they drove to Petoskey to see their brother-in-law, Leo Menard, who has been in the hospital a month. He had hopes of going home this week.

Mrs. Vivian Wilson and Doug and Linda and Linda's friend, Debbie, were Sunday dinner guests of the Jim Thompson family. Afternoon and evening guests were Tim Workman, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller, and Jennifer and Jason, and Kim and Kelly Howard. Mrs. Thompson enjoyed lunch Thursday with Jackie Fuller in Mt. Pleasant.

Bill Thompson was a guest of Don Snyder at Ferris State College Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Saturday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Saturday evening callers, and Ardis also called on me.

Jim Wright spent the weekend with his parents, the Wilbur Wrights. Mrs. Katie Smith was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, Mrs. Jesse Peacock and Mrs. Celia Backus and daughter, Linda,

were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Dewey Ball and daughter, Carol, of Charlotte, visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott Sunday.

Eileen Abbott entered CMC Hospital Sunday afternoon for minor surgery.

Mrs. Ruth Reigle and Dennis and son, Randy, called on us and had lunch Saturday. Albert Gott of Winn had dinner with us Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Mrs. Elvah Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter Sunday evening to see their new baby, Angela Rae. They attended a hymn sing later in the evening at the Brinton Chapel.

Donny Alwood spent Saturday afternoon till Sunday evening at the Ivan Hines home, with Marty.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy spent some time with Mrs. Hermione Smith at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and children and the Dean Chapman girls of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and children of Mt. Pleasant, James Kennedy of Rosebush and Mrs. Muriel Miller and family had pot-luck lunch Sunday after church with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott.

Mrs. Bessie Allen of Farwell called at the John Gott and Don Alwood homes last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and children and Craig Battle and John Davy attended a Junior High basketball game Saturday morning at the high school. Our Seventh and Eighth Grade teams both lost to Lakeview. Our Junior High teams traveled to Reed City Monday night and to Big Rapids Wednesday after school.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood attended a Birthday Club dinner at the home of Mrs. Jeanne Smith last Wednesday noon.

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.

Douglas Thorp of Buena Vista, Colo., now in the Armed Services at Fort Knox, Ky., and Tim Kyhlers spent Saturday with Douglas' grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Momany. They all visited at the Ross Momany home near Big Rapids, and were overnight guests there.

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Glenn E. Frantz, a daughter, Jan. 25, in the hospital at Bentswater Air Force Base, England.

The little lady weighed seven pounds and measured 18 inches long. She has been named Betsy

Lee.

Sgt. Glenn is making the military his career.

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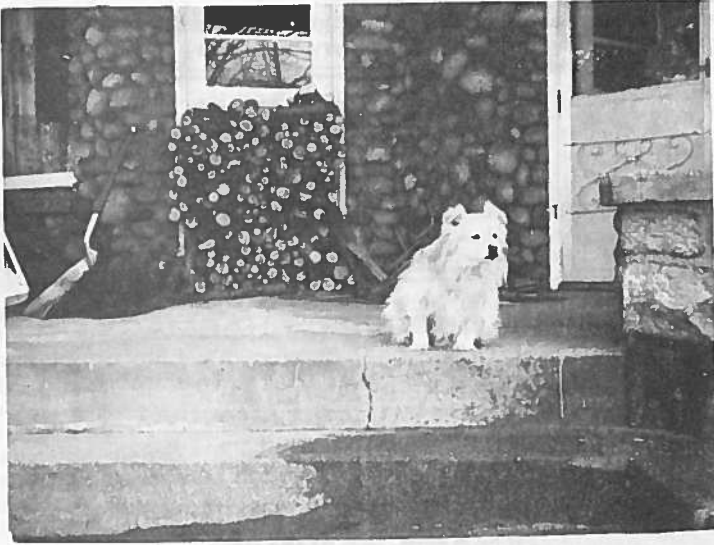


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THE DENSLOWS' LITTLE DOG, JACKIE, sits contentedly on the front porch, beside the pile of wood that Mack keeps ready for the heating stove. The Denslows started their wood-burning energy program Jan. 2, after some figuring and some happy anticipation. The figuring came in when Mack looked up last year's bill for their oil furnace, \$350; "This year it'd be around five, six hundred dollars," Mack said. Their oil furnace is not turned off, it still runs on a thermostat; but that little wood stove keeps the house warm enough so the furnace kicks on only once or twice, at about 2 or 3 a.m., Mack said.

Messenger photo

The Mack Denslow home is one of our older houses, built solidly of cobblestone 'way back when; and Mack has refinished the inside and has done some trim work on the outside, and now they have a lovely home, big and rambling in summertime, snug and warm in winter.

The beautiful Chippewa River ripples picturesquely a few yards from the house.

The nearby woods have plenty of deadwood for Mack to cut and take to the house, and he keeps a good supply on hand.

He has done all the work of installing new ceilings in the house ("These were nine-foot ceilings, and the heat went straight up," Mack said). Now the beautiful ceilings are at seven-foot height, with lovely paneled walls throughout the house, and carpeting that Mack installed himself.

Ye Ed reminded Margie that she is indeed a lucky woman. "I know I am," she said. "I have some idea of what it'd cost if we had to pay for labor."

We assured her she wasn't just talkin'.

Anyhow, the Denslows are snug and warm for the winter, and there's no fuel shortage so far as

they are concerned.

"It's kind of nice to be independent of everything, too," Mack said.

We assured him he wasn't just talkin'.

Our congratulations to a resourceful and happy couple.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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tax, \$6.60. School tax, \$132.00. Intermediate school tax, \$9.41.

Obviously, the great burden on real estate taxation is for the schools. This year the schools collected \$141.41 from me on my home, which is very modest compared to some places on Lake Isabella and other lakes in the Chippewa Hills School District, for instance.

They must be collecting enormous monies from the Isabella County portion of the school district, on home properties alone.

We predict the 12-mill renewal request will pass. As to the extras, we ain't saying.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

COUNTY DEMOCRATS PLAN DINNER AT SHEPHERD

All three candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination will be featured speakers at a dinner sponsored by the Isabella County Democratic Party Sunday, Feb. 10, in Shepherd.

Former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh, Rep. Bobby Crim, and former State Sen. Sander Levin, the 1970 candidate for Governor, will attend the first annual Isabella County Democratic dinner at Valley View in Shepherd.

The dinner starts at 6 p.m. with a cash bar cocktail hour scheduled to start at 5 p.m., also at Valley View.

The three speakers each will address county Democrats and then stand for a question and answer period at the conclusion of their talks.

Tickets for the dinner are \$6 each and must be purchased before Feb. 4, from dinner chairman Donald Sandbrook or ticket co-chairman Peg Gillis, Jackie Paxton, or Betty Moskowicz.

Master of ceremonies for the

dinner will be Father Steve Vesbit, a Democratic member of the the County Board of Commissioners.

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PARTY PLANNED AT LAKE ISABELLA CLUB HOUSE

The first annual Cupid's Follies, sponsored by Parents Without Partners Chapter No. 703, Mt. Pleasant, is planned for Friday, Feb. 1, at the Lake Isabella Club House, beginning at 9 p.m.

There will be a cash bar, a live band, and free lunch. The party is for parents without partners members and prospective members. Tickets are available from members.

Ms. Karolyn Edgar
80 Marietta Drive
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NEWS NOTES

Dale Bywater of Midland was a Friday afternoon caller of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. He took her food and a new vaporizer. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent of Sherman City were also callers.

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