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### Editor's Column

By Connie

MY REPRESENTATIVES IN GUVMENT DID NOT ASK ME HOW I FELT ABOUT NIXON See by the papers that the Congressmen, upon reconvening after the Christmas holiday vacation, carried back with them the feelings and wishes of their

constituents back home. I can't help wondering just where the Congressmen went to ask their constituents how they felt about impeachment of President Nixon and other pressing problems of guvment.

Nobody asked me anything, in person or by mail. I haven't seen a politician in my home town in lo! these many years.

Rep. Elford Cederberg of Bay City, our Representative in the national Congress, has a "liai-son man" in Mt. Pleasant for an hour once or twice a month, taking up office in the County Building (a county tax-support-ed liability), and any who wish to drive to Mt. Pleasant and be there during that hour may ask him questions and take messages supposedly back to Washington to Rep. Cederberg.

I wouldn't recognize Rep. Cederberg if I ran into him on Weidman's street, which isn't likely.

I haven't even seen our state Representative, Johnny Engler, for years. He's all over Mt. Pleasant and often (there's a raft of votes over there), but he doesn't have to wander out in the sticks any more on personal-appearance jaunts.

He sends out innumerable mailing pieces prepared by the publicity office for Republican legislators in Lansing, always with a good photo of Johnny in conspicuous place; and announcing some detail of Michigan life that's been on radio and tv and in newspapers a week or so. But I haven't talked with

Johnny for a long time.

Politicians believe they don't have to endure close contact with the common herd any more; they can send liaison men, or printed pieces through the mail; and of course they can make speeches at various

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THE LIL' MAC BRIDGE--Where next Sunday's pig roast dinner will be held, observing the second anniversary of Lil' Mac Bridge Day, on the Elwood Miller farm. The bridge was built during the past two-three years entirely by snowmobile enthusiasts, and is for snowmobiles only. Engineering, footing and suspension-cable work all were done by local men, and it is a marvel of sound bridge building. It spans the Chippewa River on a west edge of the Miller farm. Some of its road signs are spoofs, and definitely the sign in the mid-dle of the bridge is a laugh. (shown in photo below). Photos taken last year at the first celebration and pig roast in February, by the Weidman Messenger.



HERE'S A CLOSER VIEW OF A SPOOF SIGN READING: "Your Tax Dollars at Work". No tax dollars were used on the Lil' Mac Bridge--all the work on it was purely a labor of love--and enthusiasm of snowmobilers. County, with folks waiting for Lil' Mac admittance buttons are already appearing on coats Sunday and the delicious outand jackets throughout Isabella door dinner and fun-day.

LAVISH PIG ROAST DINNER THIS SUNDAY AT LIL' MAC BRIDGE ON THE MILLER FARM

The big day is this coming Sun-day, Feb. 17, at the Elwood Mil-ler farm northwest of Weidman, when hundreds will gather to enjoy a lavish roast-pig dinner and observe the second anniversary party at the Lil' Mac Bridge, a snowmobile crossing over the Chippewa River.

Members of the Nottawa and Sherman Fire Department, the Weidman Business Association and the Beal City Business Association--and their wives--are working hard this week on lastminute preparations for the big event.

On the dinner menu there will be roast pig (four whole pigs roasted over charcoal fires by Harry Pung and assistants Bob Kirvan and others); dressing; homebaked bread ready-spread with butter, fresh out of ovens; the super-delicious bean soup made from the recipe of Evelyn Hackney, baked potatoes, and soft drinks.

Tickets are on sale at most business places in Weidman and Beal City, and from any Fireman or business person in the two towns. Three dollars gets you a Lil' Mac admittance button which entitles you to the dinner and an afternoon of whatever snow sport you prefer, on the beautiful rolling fields of the Miller farm.

There are many working hard this week to make the dinner and the day a perfect one, and not the least among them are Firemen and their wives; volunteers such as Harry Pung, Bob Kirvan, Jim Radey, who tended the soup kettle last year and will again this Sunday; he and Harry Pung have been working for six weeks to get ready for this year's celebration.

Others who pitched in last year (and probably are again this year) include Oliver Ward, Paul Simmer and Bob Deckard and their wives. Some Firemen's wives worked long hard hours on the serving line last year, and this detail is being planned to avoid hardship come Sunday.

This week Friday night Firemen and their wives, business men and their wives, and any volunteers who may appear will meet at the Fire Hall in Weid-

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### MICHELLE CLARK IS HOME!

Small Michelle Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clark, came home from the burn center at the University Hospital at Ann Arbor Sunday, after being there since the first week of December. She will have to go back often for treatments, but was reported as coming along well. The family are all happy to be together again, at home.

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FARM BUREAU WOMEN ENJOY MEET AT FARM HOME By Mary Beutler

The January meeting of the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women was held at the home of Mrs. Marie Swindlehurst. Nine community groups were represented, to enjoy a dinner and business meeting.

Applications are now being accepted from area Farm Bureau students now in the 10th and 11th grades in their schools to attend the 1974 Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Citizenship Seminar. About 200 studdents will convene on the Albion College campus next June 24 to 28. Deadline for accepting applications is April 1. Interested students may obtain more information from the County Farm Bureau office in Mt. Pleasant.

Farm Bureau safety kits were designed for the home, attaching to machinery or placed in any work area. The kits may be obtained from Mrs. Ray Merritt, Blanchard, Women's Safety chairman; or Mrs. Edmund Womsey, Mt. Pleasant District 8's Women's chairman; or by calling the County Farm Bureau office. Order yours today so you will be prepared for those emergencies when the spring work starts.

We are fortunate to have in our organization the chairman of the MacKenzie Trust Fund Board. Mrs. Lillian Wonsey recently was elected to her fourth term as chairman, and through her participation and interest the Farm Bureau Women's Committee has made an annual contribution to the trust fund. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee is the only organization at present whose name appears on the plaques in both the Isabella County Medical Care Facility and Central Michigan Community Hospital.

Mrs. Wonsey gave a very informative review of the Mac-Kenzie Trust Fund and how it aids our community. Through our annual contribution, an acknowledgment is sent to the family of every deceased member throughout the year. Individuals may make contributions in lieu of flowers for either In Memory Of, or Illness of a Loved One, and an acknowledgment card is sent to the family from their secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stilgenbauer of Rosebush related some of the highlights of their recent trip to Atlantic City and New York, where they attended the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting. Bud was roll call chairman for Isabella County this year. The appearance of Vice President Ford as well as Michigan's receiving the Golden Eagle award for program promotion were among their most memorable events. They would be happy to meet with any group and share their trip.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Dean and Virginia Taylor, near Blanchard. It is our Valentine Special, and each lady is asked to bring her husband or another lady from their community group. Hand-made valentines from each lady will be enjoyed. A special program is planned, and everyone is urged to attend, Tuesday, Feb. 19, with pot-luck dinner at noon.

#### FREE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Mid Michigan Community College is offering a class in Sign Language for the general public starting Feb. 26. The tuitionfree class will meet for 10 consecutive weeks at Mid Michigan's campus starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 9.

The class will be taught by Joe Vane of Harrison. He has practiced sign language for years, as both his parents are deaf. Actual usage of sign language is not diffilcult for the adult to learn, the college points out. The only charge for the class will be the cost of a textbook, approximately \$6.

To enroll in the class you may call Mid Michigan Community College at 386-7792.

#### LITTLE DOG LOST GOES HOME

In last week's Messenger Mrs. Irma Kische advertised for her little brown dog, Penny, missing from home a week.

Ing from nome a week. Penny has long curly hair, and when found by Louise Smith near the Weidman school Thursday, his coat was literally full of burs, even the hair over his eyes, so that one eye was injured and swollen by the roughness of burs; his feet were full of the burs, and and Mrs. Kische said she spent a couple of hours cutting hair so she could relieve him of the prickly things.

prickly things. Penny was thin, she said, and absolutely tired out. Apparently he wandered off and got lost, unable to find his way back to his much-loved home and owner.

It's not often we can print a happy story about a lost dog. So here's one.

Everybody's happy for Penny's return home. Especially Penny.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

# Local Items

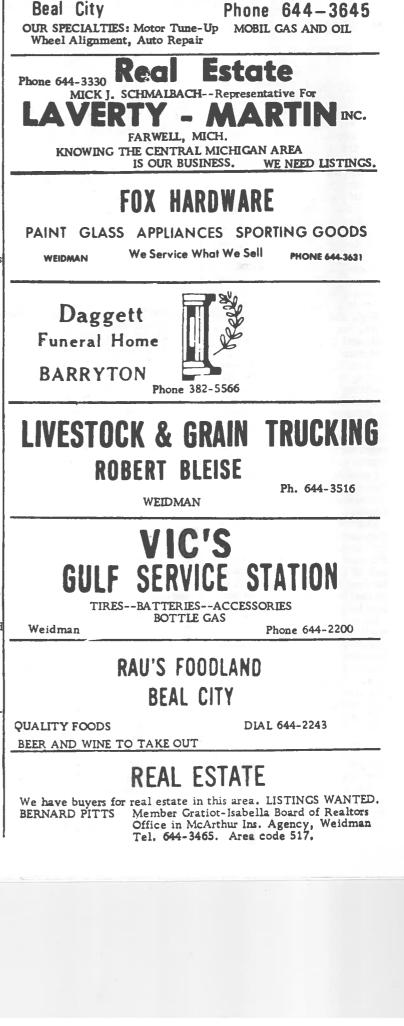
A party of young married people enjoyed a weekend at Gorbys' Cabin across the Straits near Hulbert. They particularly enjoyed a safari to Tahquamenon Falls. Those in the party included Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey, Richard Embrey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung of Beal City.

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HERMAN'S GARAGE

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Beatrice Gatehouse.

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1899 LAND OWNERSHIP PLATS Of Coldwater, Gilmore, Sherman, Nottawa, Broomfield and Deerfield Townships; and Village Plats of Weidman, showing the railroad cutting through town and crossing the road twice; the Village of Brinton, showing the location of the charcoal kilns; also village plats of Sherman City and Winn. Supply is limited. Now on sale at most business places in Weidman, and of course at the Messenger office. Sponsored by the Weidman Business Association, a nonprofit organization.

MESSENGER REPORTERS--No mail service next Monday, Feb. 12, Washington's Birthday. The Messenger telephone line will be cleared at 11 a.m. Monday morning. Please call in your news, or send it in if you have a chance. Thanx.

FOR SALE--1972 Maverick, 170 six cylinder. Brand new rubber all the way round. \$1,300.00. Mike Wilkinson, ph. 644-2726. Feb. 14t2

HELP WANTED--On dairy farm. Must have some experience. Apply in person to Gerald Recker, 838 South Coldwater Road, Weidman Route 1. Feb. 7t2

BACKHOE WORK--Drain fields dug, stones and stumps removed or buried, etc. Free estimates. Bill Wilcox, ph. 644-3490. Aug. 6tf FOR SALE--Cedar posts. Various sizes and prices. Mike Wilkinson, ph. 644-2726. Feb. 14t2

FOR SAIE--Aldens electric sewing machine, three drawers cabinet, \$35.00. Heavy 2wheel trailer, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 yard box, \$75.00. Pickup camper, sleeps 4, jacks, toilet, stove, \$500.00. 5678 W. Jordan Road, Coldwater Lake, Ph. 644-3967. Feb. 7tf

ELECTRIC SEWER SERVICE--Large rod for drains, three to six inches, 100 foot. Also a small rod for 1 1/2 to 3 inch, 24 foot. Ph. 644-2058. Nov. 29tf

CUSTOM HAULING--Sand, gravel and topsoil. Crane work, etc. Maeder & Reihl, ph. 644-2540 or 644-2165. Nov. 1tf

BAKE SALE--March of Dimes, Feb. 16, at Fox Hardware, Weidman, on Saturday, 9 a. m.

Feb. 7t2

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. Jan. 10tf

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors who showed us so many kindnesses during the bereavement of our loved one. All of the delicious food that was brought in, and the many cards and letters; everything was very much appreciated. The Alton Allen Family



MAYCIE COOK Maycie Irene Cook died Sunday, Feb. 10, at Billings Convalescent Home in Millbrook, after a long illness. She was 78. She was born Feb. 4, 1896, in Sherman Township, and lived most of her life in Broomfield Township. Her husband, William J. Cook, preceded her in death in 1965.

Maycie was loved by all who knew her, and many have grieved for her in her long illness. She was a news writer for the Weidman Messenger, from the days of Rolla Roe's editorship, and she continued to write for the renewed Messenger until her illness.

Surviving are one son, Robert Cook, of Broomfield; one brother, Roderick Nicholson, also of Broomfield; three sisters, Cleo Wiley of Pontiac, Mrs. Arnold (Nellye) Bingham of Franklin, and Mrs. Otto (Faye) Wiley of Northville, Mich; also two grand children, Stewart and Sandra Cook, of Broomfield.

Funeral services were planned for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Zion Lutheran Church of Broomfield, with Rev. Edwin Schmelzer officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Friends have been calling at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus up to 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The family have the sympathy of their very many friends.



### ARLO A. ALLEN

Arlo (Ike) A. Allen of Coldwater Lake died Saturday night, Feb. 2, in a snowmobile accident on Lake Isabella. He was 54.

He was born July 25, 1919, in Gratiot County, and was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine; two sons, Gary of Ithaca and August of Fort Hood, Texas; a brother, Garth, of Ithaca; his stepmother, Mae Allen, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. last Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Beebe Dewey Funeral Home in Ithaca, with burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery. The family have the sympathy of all.

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NEWS NOTES Mrs. Mona Wood and baby of Lansing spent Sunday with her parents, Mr.and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and family.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



HOWARD KOLARIK This area was saddened by the sudden death of Howard Kolarik Sunday morning at CMC Hospital. He was taken ill Saturday. He was 51. He had many relatives and friends in the Beal City-Weidman area, who will grieve with the stricken family. He was born Dec. 27, 1922, in Leaton, and spent his high school years with the Peter Lorenz family, graduating from the Weidman High School in 1941.

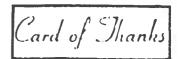
He spent three years in the Marine Corps.

He was married in 1948 to Thelma Breuer. At the time of his death he was a nurse at the Center for Human Development in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; two sons, Robert in the Navy, who was called home from Naples, Italy, and Donald, at home; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Terwilliger of Weidman; and one sister, Mrs. Carl Reszka, of Detroit; and many other rel-

atives, and very many friends. Funeral arrangements are with the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with funeral services planned for Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City, with Father Deweke officiating and burial in the church cemetery.

The family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends.



I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to my nieces and nephews, all my relatives, and the many friends, the Knights of Columbus of Beal City;

The members of the Altar Society of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, the Beal City Senior Citizens, and the friends from far and near, who so beautifully celebrated my 50th anniversary as an ordained priest.

May God bless them all. Father Edward Neubecker

#### NEWS NOTES

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Mr. and Mrs. George Darnell and family of near Greenville.

Mrs. Helen Smith visited her doctor in Grand Rapids last week Monday, and found that her recent hip surgery was fine. She can't get in the hospital for an operation on her other hip until May.

# 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. Évening Service, 7.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

Choir practice Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Four of our ladies went to Dover Baptist Church of Clare to view a film, "Missionary Acres," This is a retirement place for missionaries. Our ladies have had a dime bank project for this organization.

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WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163

2nd Street, Weidman. Office phone 644-3336, parson-

age 644-3441. Church School, 9.45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.

U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.

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

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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.

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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.

### Local Items

Mrs. Katie Smith was taken to CMC Hospital late Tuesday afternoon, after a fall in her home. She suffered a hip injury, and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, was a good old-fashioned Michigan February day, quite spring-like. We will have more cold and blizzards, of course--but just one day like Tuesday makes a deal of difference on our winterweary outlook.

EXPIRATION DATE-Of your Messenger subscription appears each week beside your address. BETTER THAN A LETTER West Gilmore Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Purdy are the proud parents of a new baby boy. The little guy has a 12year-old brother.

Mrs. Orma Kripa was admitted to CMC Hospital last Tuesday. Mrs. Beulah Wixson went to Flint Sunday to spend some time with her daughter while Beulah's son-in-law has surgery at the hospital.

We are sorry to report Eddie Bearse is back in the hospital. The Paul Coles visited Mrs.

Orma Kripa Friday at CMC Hospital. Mrs. Cole also visited Mrs. Ina Blodgett, also a patient there.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee are staying at the home of Mrs. Grace Barber, doing chores while Mrs. Barber takes a southern vacation.

Tony Masachuk spent the weekend at his farm. Starting Wednesday, Tony will be working only three days a week.

Roy Donnelly spent a few days at his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys were guests of the Albert Geaslers' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, Sunday evening. They helped the Worths celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell

Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell and children of Beaverton were Sunday dinner guests of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Pam and Lynn and Mike were Sunday dinner guests of the Worths' daughter, Bobbie, and Wanda Shooter, at Bud Lake.

### North Weidman Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Helen Alwood and children, Craig and Scotty Battle, Scott Woodbury, Mrs. Linda England and daughters, Mrs. Marsha Sexton and twins, Mrs. Janet Schafer and children and Mrs. Wally Spence and Wendy enjoyed roller skating at Lake Sunday afternoon. The occasion was Lori England's ninth birthday. Grandma Abendroth also attend-

ed. Recent visitors at the Don Alwood home were Mr. and Mrs. Ward Belden of Chippewa Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather, Bill Fox, and Marion and Jerry Straus.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker, Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood attended a Baptist Fellowship meeting at the Walter Graham home at the Ojibwa Area last Wednesday evening.

day evening. Mrs. Zena Olger has a bad cold at this writing.

Marvin Allen of Farwell had supper with us one evening last week. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on us Tuesday evening, and again Monday afternoon. Flossie Allen was with them, and had supper with us. Helen and Cathy Alwood called Sunday evening and had pie and tea with us.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schimmel of Detroit had coffee and cookies with us. Mrs. Wanda Graham and friend, Mike Zimmerman, called Saturday evening and had coffee and pie with us.

Tom and Jerry Abbott went hunting, and Jerry got a rabbit Sunday.

Sunday. Mrs. Eileen Abbott came home from CMC Hospital Sunday morning.

Mrs. Carol Abbott and Mrs. Lois Knollenberg of Rosebush called on Mrs. Irene Chapman at CMC Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak called on their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ingalls, of Evart, Sunday.

### ---O----NEWS NOTES

Dick Shook of Bay City spent Friday and Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Leila Shook, They celebrated his birthday Friday evening, with the Gale Krueger family as guests at dinner. Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolver-

Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolverine spent Friday and Saturday with her son, David, at Ferris State College in Big Rapids. She and David and his fiancee spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Jim Smith were also guests.

Thursday, February 14, 1974 BOB GROSS NOW WRITING

SPORTS WITH BYLINE That most coveted by all news writers, a byline, has been earned by Weidman's Bob Gross on the Lansing State Journal, where Bob has been writing sports for years.

On papers the size of the State Journal, you have to be good to earn a byline; and also you have to prove your worth over a timespan of years.

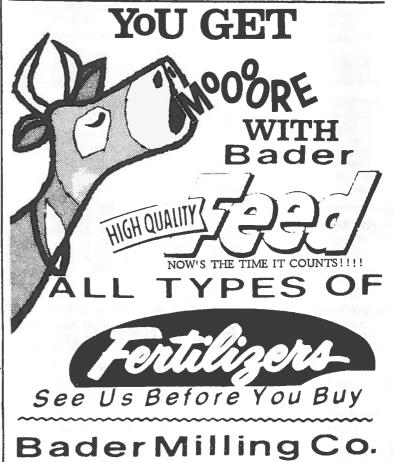
Bob has earned his byline, and we're proud of him, and happy. Bob, in his high school days, worked on the old Weidman Messenger (and wrote the Weidman High School sports), and later, after graduation, he wrote sports on the Mt. Pleasant Times-news, becoming sports editor there.

Then he got a chance on the Lansing State Journal, and has made good on a major newspaper. That's our Bob.

#### ---0----NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Cummins and son, Timmy, were recent callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins. Justine Fiorillo and Ula Cummins attended a bridal shower for Cheryl Boughner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and family spent from Thursday till Monday morning with their parents, the David Flowers. Tom had been laid off by Owens-Illinois Company on account of the truck strike, and was called back.



WEIDMAN

### **Beal City**

Dora Smith, Reporter

Susan Schafer and Terry Smith spent the weekend with friends in Grand Rapids.

Danny Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend with his parents. Louise Schafer spent Sunday at

the Jack Sheahan home. Tillie Schafer attended a birth-

day party for Alfred Klumpp Saturday evening. Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home. Mike Lane and Charlotte Schafer of Grand Rapids also spent Sunday at the Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent Friday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mrs. James Bierschbach called on Louise Smith Thursday. She wanted some quilt patterns. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmer of Reed City and their daughter, Heather, came Friday afternoon to visit their grandmother and Dora. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Camp of St. Johns and two daughters and Chuck Favor and Gerry Smith spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Smith and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson of Lansing spent Wednesday with Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yuncker and Mrs. Harry Joe Smith and Terry Pung went to Florida Friday.

Mrs. Fred Gould of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Bob Blasen Wednesday afternoon.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Clara Fox Friday afternoon. Mrs. John E. Schafer was a Monday morning caller of Mrs. Fox.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger had a birthday party for Janice Clevenger Saturday.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Louise Schafer Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Doris Sprague of Lansing stayed with Mrs. Clara Fox the weekend while Margaret Judge went to Mesick.

John Reihl came home from the Mt. Pleasant Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Simmer, Mrs. Lavina Elias and Mrs. Walter Elias spent Friday with Miss Josie Bengal in Mt. Pleasant.

Lavina Elias was 89 years old

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Friday, and nearly all her children and grandchildren gathered at the home of Thelma Simmer Sunday to celebrate the event. Lavina received many lovely cards from people in this community, and beautiful gifts from her family. Birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed.

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### Coldwater Lake Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush called on us Thursday evening, and we enjoyed a few games of cards. We called on Don\_and Judy

Schafer and children Tuesday evening, and played cards. Judy Schafer had a nice visit

by phone with her sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Sherlock, of Morristown, Tenn. Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer

attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Emma Wischmeyer, of St. Louis, this past weekend. Our sympathy to the family.

Our sympathy to the family. Our sympathy also to the family of Howard Kolarik, who passed away this past weekend.

Ed and I called on his mother, Tillie Schafer, Friday evening, and had a nice visit with her and Louise Schafer.

Walt Wischmeyer visited with Ed Schafer Monday morning.

### Two Rivers Blanche Carr, Reporter

Harry Allen attended a Draft Horse Show and sale at Columbus, O., last Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Allen spent the two days with their children at Mason, Lansing, and East Lansing. Kim Jackson spent three days with the Allens last week. Saturday afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall and family and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday dinner guests of Emerson Marshall and girls.

Mrs. Maycie Cook passed away Sunday at the Billings Convalescent Home in Millbrook.

Mrs. Bob Hines gave a birthday dinner for Mrs. Ivan Hines Saturday. Guests included the Ivan Hines family and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hines and family. Herman Cook and Aliance and Mrs. Glee Krueger and Keith and Kathy were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy spent Friday evening with the Orves Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole and daughters.

Mr.and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Linda were Sunday guests of Mr.and Mrs. Ray Flaugher.

Miss Mildred Benson brought Mrs. Katherine Gillis and Mrs. Sofia Cutter of Mt. Pleasant to visit Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday.

Blanche Carr spent from Sunday till Tuesday night with her daughter and family, the Doyle Planks, of Wheeler. Her grandson, Terry Plank, left for the Navy Thursday. He will be stationed at Orlando, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan Mac-

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan Mac-Gregor of Milford came Friday evening to visit the Charles Garretts, and took them to a play by the Midland Theatre Guild. Miss Connie Starr, formerly of Deerfield Center, had the leading part.

Sandra Cook was a Friday afternoon caller of Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Sgt. Ernest Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy and baby of Fort Walton Beach, Georgia, are spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray Sunday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

### LIFELINE SETS TRAINING CLASSES FOR VOLUNTEERS

An organization known as "Lifeline--Pregnancy Aid of Central Michigan, Inc.," is now having training sessions at the West Intermediate School in Mt. Pleasant for office workers in dealing with pregnant girls and women who need help, the office announced this week.

Office workers must have special training in order to handle the exacting work, it was pointed out, and a few have completed a training session in Saginaw.

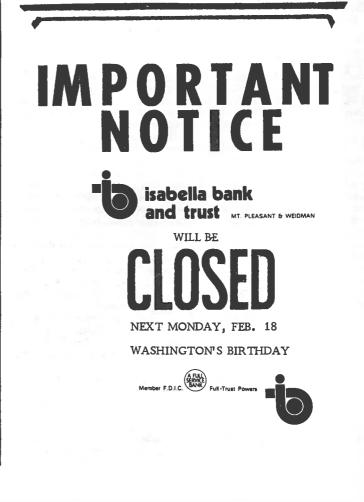
More volunteers are needed, it was said, and anyone really interested in this type of volunteer help is welcome.

Hours of the downtown office in Mt. Pleasant are: Monday afternoon from 4 to 6; Wednesday, 12 noon to 2 p.m.; and Friday 6 to 8 p.m.

### Local Items Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts

Mr.and Mrs. Charles Roberts and children and Mr.and Mrs. Harry Dent and children of Lansing were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Other visitors during the week included Mrs. Irene Caulkins of Rosebush, Ethel Clouse of Remus, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent.

Dale Bywater and son of Midland spent Saturday morning with Mrs. Ethel Bywater. They took her for a ride around the old Sherman City country where she used to live.



The families of Mrs. Frank Schmidt wish to express their sincere appreciation to relatives, neighbors and friends for the Mass offerings, flowers, cards and prayers during the recent loss of our mother and grandmother.

A very special thanks to Fr. Dueweke and the J.J. Rush Funeral Home. The Families of

Mary (Minnie) W. Schmidt

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the family of Michelle Clark, we wish to thank all those who have contributed to our fund to help pay her enor-mous hospitalization expenses;

To all those who contributed to the fund, in cash and in supplying baked goods for our sale for the benefit, and all who bought the baked goods.

We especially thank those who have sent checks to the Michelle Clark Fund.

As friends of the little girl, and her family, we thank you. Leona and Loraine Buchel For Michelle Clark

# S. W. Sherman Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Barbara Dutcher hosted a party Saturday evening for Richard's birthday, which was Saturday. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children. Clayton Dutcher stopped in after work.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather visited Mr. and Mrs. Murray Mogg of Rosebush Sunday afternoon. The Alwoods and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher were Sunday visitors and dinner guests at our house. Callers during the week were Garry and Karen, David and Kaye Dutcher, the Robert Dutchers and the Jim Dutchers. Karen and Kaye Dutcher were ill a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent Wednesday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons spent Thursday evening with the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke of near Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday evening with the Jim Dutchers. They mins home.

Jeff and Coleen Hines join with their parents, SMS. and Mrs. Robert McGuffin and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines, in announcing their marriage Jan. 21, 1974.

they're married

The newlyweds now reside at 757 Savage Road, Belleville, Mich., where Jeff is attending farrier school (horse shoeing). The happy couple spent the weekend with his parents, and says he loves his work at the school, and is doing well.

had just returned from Florida. Rick Roomsburgh also spent a couple of evenings with them. ---0----

### **Around Horr** Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bergquist and Kristen, and Gale Wood called Sunday afternoon on their grandmother, Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and daughter, Patti, were Sunday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Dutcher and Patti also called on me.

Mrs. Nina Green and son, Terry, of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Denslow and Angela were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger returned home Wednesday night from a 10-day vacation in Florida, where the temperature was in the 80s.

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Ryan of Detroit were Saturday guests of the Mack Denslows. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called at the Dent home Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dent went to Saginaw Wednesday to see the doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and boys were Friday evening guests of Gerald and Mabel. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Tom and Judy spent the weekend with their folks.

Darrell Kirvan was a Saturday evening caller of the Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Saturday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and familv were Sunday guests. Bill Thompson assisted in a broadcast clinic Saturday at CMU.

Bob and Bill Thompson attended a Remus Youth party at the Dean Denslow home Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and daughter, Pam, were Sun-day callers at the Alva Cum-

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew were weekend guests at the Elwood Miller home. ---0-

## In the **Editor's Mail**

Dear Connie:

Well, Connie, I'm just waiting for lunch time, then I'll go shuffle three games and sit there in the sun and sweat. I had just a little fire in the stove three nights during December. It's hot as ever since. They say there hasn't been a January like this since 1936.

My neighbor, the bee man, got his garden in, here at the park. Clayton Smith said people were

without heat for a while. How glad I am to be here in the sunshine, kids going barefoot and some grownups, too.

I guess there must be lots of shut-ins up there this winter, with your snow and ice. Have the fishermen been doing anything up there? No fishing here this winter, too hot. I guess the fish are all out in deep water.

Got a quart of strawberries for lunch, 85 cents a quart, and lots of grapefruit and oranges, so that's why I like it here. If I could, I'd send some sun-

shine up there.

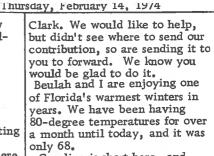
We play 500 rummy, go bingo playing twice a week, play shuffleboard, cook and eat. That's the way it goes.

Floyd Dutcher

Ruskin, Florida ---0-

#### Dear Connie:

Beulah and I were looking over the Weidman paper which we received today, and noticed your article about Michelle



Gasoline is short here, and we haven't done any traveling this year.

We are feeling fine, and hope you and Frances are o.k.

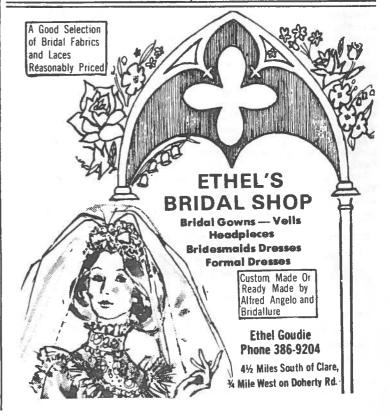
**Glenn Scott** 

Zephyrhills, Florida (Editor's Note: The Buchel girls, Leona and Loraine, have been spearheading a drive to obtain financial help for little Michelle Clark's hospital expenses, which are enormous. (The Michelle Clark Fund has been set up at the Citizens Bank & Trust at Clare, and any contributions from others may be sent to that address.

(So far Leona and Loraine have raised \$254, from a bake sale they held, and from contributions like the above, and a generous check from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hobart of Plymouth, Mich.; and smaller contributions from individuals around here.)

#### --0--NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips celebrated his 74th birthday Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Valentine of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Grice and daughter, Yvonne of Sanford, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams and four children of Midland as dinner guests. Cake and ice cream were a feature of the occasion.



### **Brinton News** Frances Beck, Reporter

Eunice La Londe, Pat Crook, Fern Beutler, Helen Strang and girls, Lorri and Amy, called on Eathel Beers Saturday evening and had ice cream and cake in honor of Eathel's birthday. George and Cora Beers were her Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore called on Joe La Londe and

daugher, Pat, Friday evening. Fern Verette was a patient in the Clare Hospital last week, where she had surgery on her hand, due to an injury to a finger. She returned home Friday. Helen Strang called on her Thursday evening at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore called on Madelyn La Londe at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Friday, where she is recovering from a broken hip.

Lewis Bowen attended a Federal Land Bank meeting in Grand Rapids Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass were in Lakeview to see his doctor Monday of last week.

Weekend guests at the Russell Wright home included their daughter, Evelyn, Micky, and Russell, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Merrihew and friends of Taylor. They spent the weekend snowmobiling.

Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen included Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys. They enjoyed a birthday supper in honor of little Eric Haenke on his third birthday.

(Editor's Note: Ye Ed made a mistake in the Brinton news last week, by saying that the sister of Elizabeth Conley who was in the Clare Hospital was Josephine Waid. It was another sister, Minnie Wassenschmidt, who was in the hospital. Jo was fine and dandy when she called us to correct this, although she was tired, having taken her sister to the hospital and stayed with her, and then attending to affairs when the sister's home was broken into last week. We are sorry! Good luck, Jo and Minnie!) ---0----

### Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and family were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family. The Grays and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger spent the weekend in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor and family. We extend our sym-pathy to Mrs. Terwilliger in the loss of her father, Howard Ko-

larik. Mrs. Arlene Wilcox attended a bridal shower in Mt. Pleasant Sunday honoring her niece, Miss

Vicki Massey. Mr.and Mrs. Clyde Emmons called on the Elwood Millers last Monday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield and family at Barryton Sunday. Mrs. Bonnie Bobrowski and family of Lansing spent Saturday with her folks

and Eddie John. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss.

Callers during the week at the Arthur Loomis home were Tom and Virgil Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loomis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and family and Red Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley call-ed on Gerald and Mabel Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow Saturday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline of Farwell spent Friday evening with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and family. Connie Loomis spent the weekend at the Leiter home. Their son, David, is ill with mumps this week.

Mrs. Eva Gray has sold her home to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga. She has bought a home on North Franklin Street in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis spent Sunday evening with their sister, Mrs. Mildred De Vary, at Remus. Ollie Denslow visited at the Skalitzky home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson. They spent Sunday with their son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries, and family at Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis entertained several neighborhood children at a toboggan party and

wiener roast Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family.

Clyde Dosenberry and family were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, the Harry Dosenberrys.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with the Pat Dillenbecks. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were callers during the week.

Pam Riley spent Friday over night with our daughter, Teresa. Bob and Margaret Kirvan and Bob Grassell called on us Saturday evening. We enjoyed having ing our daughter, Marcia, home with us on Sunday to celebrate her birthday. She was four years old.

---0---HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

WEIDMAN MESSENGER Mrs. Grace Pitts was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her son, Bernard, and family.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth has been spending a few days with Mrs. Ethel Soper of Barryton.



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## Editor's Column

By Connie (Continued from Page 1)

club meetings at the county seat; bigger fry get on tv spots.

But we country folks out here in the sticks don't get to see our legislators and congressmen any more.

They expect our votes to be automatic, though.

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LIL' MAC DINNER SUNDAY (Continued from Page 1)

man for final preparation of all food details. Workers are needed badly at this meeting, so if you can make it, show up at the Fire Hall at 8 p.m. Friday ready for work.

Tickets at 50 cents each are going well for a 150-pound lamb donated for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. (You don't have to be present to win.)

Serving is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Folks are welcome any time from 9 a.m., the committee said this week.

Here are directions for best route to the celebration:

Take the Airline Road west out of Weidman four miles, turn right on Wyman Road, go 1/2 mile, turn left and follow the road around several curves to the Miller farm and site of the celebration.

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COUNTY CHECKER TOURNEY PLANNED BY PARKS AND REC

A county-wide checkers tournament is being developed by the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission, with the county laid out in the following areas for competition: Weidman-Beal City area, Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd, Blanchard, and Rosebush.

Each area will encourage the checker games until there is a champion determined for each area--he or she will receive a prize for that--and then the play will go on until there emerges a county champion checkers player.

Entry in the checkers games and contest is free of charge, and all ages and classifications of groups are invited to participate. Play begins Monday, Feb. 18, with a deadline for signing up set for Feb. 22.

For further information on the local and county situation, players are urged to contact Bud Fredrickson at Bud's Party Store in Weidman.

Places for playing are elastic, with no great impediment to anyone on getting in games. Players may enter only in one area for competition. Checker players on this side of the county are urged to enter for play as Beal City-Weidman contestants. Schools also are entering the

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contest, with classes in playing offered to kids in kindergarten through sixth grade here at the Weidman school, grades 7th and 8th, and 9th graders through 12 12th grade. School staffs also are eligible to play. College students at CMU will be organized in that area.

Checkers is a good old-fashioned game that can be as intricate as chess, or as simple as dominoes. Checker players everywhere now have a chance to get back in the game. --0---

HOUSE BUILDING CLASS AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

With the coming of spring, say instructors at Mid Michigan College at Harrison, many men in the area are anticipating building a new house, or an addition or other structures. You can now learn how to build the correct way by taking evening classes in house construction offered at Mid Michigan Community College trating Thursday. Feb. 21.

starting Thursday, Feb. 21. Instructor will be Bob Baukus, from the Mid Michigan College instructional staff. He has had extensive experience in the building trades, and during the past two years has taught over 40 adults the basics of house construction.

The house construction class will meet for eight consecutive weeks from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuition is \$15 for residents of the district and \$22.50 for non-residents. To pre-enroll in the class you may call 386-7792. Maximum class size will be 20 students.

NEWS NOTES Mr.and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pamela of Laingsburg were Sunday callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.



### Miss Marjorie Block

MR. AND MRS. Harold E. Block, 2949 W. Beal City Rd., announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Harvey J. Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer, of Weidman. Both are graduates of Beal City High School. Miss Block is a junior at Central Michigan University and her fiance is the assistant manager at Pixie North. A June wedding is planned.

