

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### OLD MARCH DID IT AGAIN

So Old March did it again--in a binge of freezing rain, iced-up trees and power lines, and a line of heavy thunder storms roaming across Central Michigan Friday night and early Saturday morning.

Once more trees were hanging heavy, coated with ice. Once more we got out the old oil lamp, laid in wood for the kitchen range, put the flashlight on the night stand beside the bed.

Consumers Power here had no power breakdowns, and we had no thunder storms in the midst of freezing rain. But at about 2.30 Saturday morning we had a distant thunder storm hanging over our west-southwest horizon, with rolls of thunder that rattled every window in the house.

And Friday's freezing rain had been augmented during the night, leaving trees and shrubs heavily coated with ice.

Local lawn lovers will have plenteous work a little later, cleaning up debris from broken branches and pruning up shrubs and damaged trees.

Oh, well.

The spring birds came back just before the latest ice storm. Robins, blackbirds and meadow larks were seen and heard here; we had daffodils and hyacinths popping up before the storm, and they're still there, slightly the worse for wear.

As we've said, ad nauseum, with Old February out of the way and Old March well along, can April be far behind?

No.

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### LIEUT. THOMAS STRAUS TRAVELING AROUND

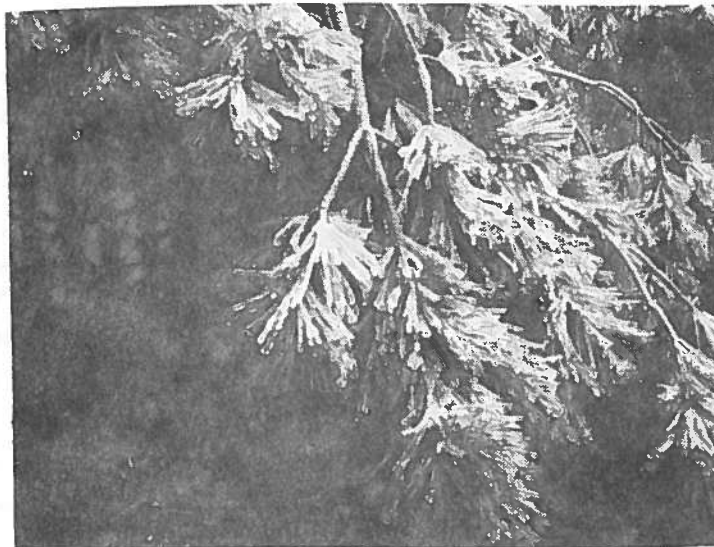
Lieut. Thomas Straus, a navigator in the United States Air Force, is doing some traveling around at present, from Washington to Florida and California.

He is expected home on leave around the end of May, after which he will be sent to Thailand.

Lieut. Straus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Straus.



**WE WERE BACK TO WINTER**--Last Friday and Saturday, with a nasty ice storm that downed Tri-County Electric Company power lines north of Blanchard, affecting the west part of Isabella, including Weidman and Lake Isabella, and also the village of Barryton, for about three hours Saturday afternoon. Messenger photo



**PINE TREES TOOK A BEATING**--In the Friday-Saturday ice storm. Ice as thick as three-eighths of an inch hung on many pine trees, and considerable damage here has been reported to the pines and also deciduous trees such as willows. Ice stayed on till about 4 p.m. Saturday when outside temperatures reached 40 degrees--and the ice was gone in half an hour. That's old March. Spring bulbs are up, spring birds are back, and March weather gives them all the willies now and then. Messenger photo

He has been in the Air Force a year, on a six-year enlistment.

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Penny and Kay Bowen were

Saturday afternoon guests at the Richard Touchinski home. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller spent the evening with Dick and Janice and the girls.

## ELECTION

**UNOFFICIAL RETURNS**  
In the Special Millage Election of the Chippewa Hills School District.

Voters gave the School Board and Administration their 12 mills renewal plus two extra for operation of the schools, by the skin of their teeth. Count was 974 Yes, 941 No.

A requested extra mill for repair of elementary buildings was defeated, also closely, by a vote of 958 No to 949 Yes.

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### CUB SCOUT SUPPER SLATED FOR MARCH 23

Cub Scouts in the Weidman area are planning a pancake supper for Saturday evening, March 23, at the cafeteria in the Weidman school. The public is cordially invited to enjoy "all you can eat" of pancakes and syrup, sausage, and plenty of butter.

The Cub and Boy Scouts of Weidman are on their own financially, as contributions from the United Way go mainly for administrative salaries higher up in the organization.

The local boys and their adult leaders have been raising money here to plan a good program for boys of the Cub Scout ages through the Boy Scouts' activities.

Serving at the pancake supper will be from 5 to 8 p.m., with admission set at \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12.

We need the Cub and Boy Scout organizations here. We have dedicated leaders in both endeavors, and the work done through the Scout programs is invaluable to the development of character.

Let's remember the date of the Cub Scouts' pancake supper.

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### BILL LOUISELL WINS CHECKERS TOURNEY HERE

Bill Louissell won the local checkers championship for the Weidman area Tuesday morning.

This is a county-wide contest, and Bill will go on to competition with another area winner from some other town. The winners will be sifted down to two vying for the county championship.

## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mrs. Elnora Bates of Clare was a Sunday dinner guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John, and children. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and family of Big Rapids were evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family visited the Virgil Loomis family Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes were Sunday afternoon callers at the Leiter home. Other visitors during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and daughter of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family.

Harvey Leiter of Remus spent one day last week with his brother, Ira.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. The Conleys called on Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake Sunday evening.

Miss Eva Groh spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane. Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and son, Philip, were Friday visitors. Harry Fields was a Saturday caller at the Monroe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield and family of Barryton called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons several times during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman and friends from Belding were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.

Bob Wilcox of Fort Hood, Texas, called his folks, the Bill Wilcoxes, Sunday.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and boys visited her mother, Mrs. Edmund Owens, Sunday evening. She called on her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Bowen, at Barryton, Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rau of Beal City spent Saturday evening with the Schrocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis visited their sister, Kate, at Big Rapids Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow called on the Burdette Reed family one evening last week. Scott and Michael Finney spent Saturday with the Reed boys.

Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen visited friends at Gladwin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger attended the wedding of Vernon Smith and Sheryl Boughner in Beal City Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant called on us Sunday afternoon and were supper guests.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Danelle came out Thursday and had birthday lunch with me, bringing me some lovely daffodils. They sure made it seem more like spring, along with our beautiful day Thursday.

The kids have seen a flock of robins, and the geese going north, so spring must be close.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher brought up birthday cake and ice cream Thursday evening to help me celebrate another year. Betty Yuncker, the Richard Dutchers and Garry Dutcher were callers.

The Larry Dutchers of Flint spent Saturday afternoon and had supper with Alice Simkins of Remus.

Karen, Becky Kaye and Dawn Dutcher spent Wednesday afternoon with us and helped Patti celebrate her fourth birthday. I served them birthday cake and ice cream. The Larry Dutchers of Flint came up Saturday and spent over night and had Sunday dinner with us.

Terri Jones called at the Richard Dutchers' Sunday.

Kimberly and Shelly Dutcher spent a few days with the Walter Howes while Betty was in the hospital.

Jim Dutcher had flu last week. The Robert Dutchers called on the Jim Dutchers Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee spent Sunday afternoon with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls visited the Stan Rooms-burghs of Blanchard Sunday evening.

The Richard Dutchers visited the Theodore Cases Sunday.

Julia Bowen of Mecosta and Kathryn Doerr of Remus spent Wednesday afternoon with Grace Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines had Sunday dinner with the Ervin Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and Beth were afternoon guests.

David, Becky and Kaye Dutcher called on me Sunday afternoon.

Becky and Kaye Dutcher visited Patti Dutcher Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family visited her folks, the Stanley Sandersons of St. Charles, then her grandmother, Mrs. Leslie Sanderson, in a Saginaw hospital Sunday.

Marion attended WSCS at the Weidman church Thursday afternoon.

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### NEWS NOTES

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

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Mar. 14tf

### LEGAL

## Notice

SETTLEMENT DAY NOTICE  
ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MEETING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the ANNUAL MEETING of  
the Township Board of the Town-  
ship below named will be held  
at the Sherman Township Hall  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1974  
(Second Tuesday Preceding An-  
nual Township Meeting)  
For the purpose of making the  
annual settlement. All persons  
having claims against said  
Township are hereby notified  
to present the same to the un-  
dersigned on or before above  
named date.

TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN  
COUNTY OF ISABELLA, STATE  
OF MICHIGAN  
KEITH LOOMIS  
Township Clerk  
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## Card of Thanks

On March 1, Mr. William Fa-  
ber, Sr., of Beal City celebrat-  
ed his 84th birthday. He is grate-  
ful to his family and friends who  
gave him a special party on  
Feb. 28 at the K. of C. Hall  
in Beal City.

Heartfelt thanks are also ex-  
tended to his many friends and  
neighbors from Michigan and  
Florida who sent Birthday Greet-  
ings.

Mr. William Faber, Sr.  
R. 1, West Beal City Road  
Weidman

### LEGAL

## Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,  
That the next Annual Township  
Meeting of the Electors of the  
Township of Sherman, County  
of Isabella, State of Michigan,  
will be held at  
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP HALL  
Beginning at 2:00 o'clock P.  
M., Eastern Daylight Time,  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 1974  
Beginning at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

At such time in addition to  
other regular business and in  
accordance with the law, a  
budget covering proposed ex-  
penditures and estimated reve-  
nues of the Township shall be  
submitted for consideration.

Signed:  
KEITH LOOMIS  
Township Clerk  
Dated March 11, 1974  
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## Card of Thanks

The family of Michelle Clark  
would like to thank all who  
made contributions and sent  
cards to Michelle. Your thoughts  
and prayers certainly helped us  
through our distress.

A special thanks to Mrs. Leona  
Buchel and her daughter Loraine  
for their special help. They  
were wonderful, and we hope  
they know how thankful we are.  
Also to the many people who  
donated the bake goods, thank  
you.

Our family has found out that  
people really do care about  
other people, and we're very  
glad to be a part of this com-  
munity.

Sincerely,  
The Harold Clark Family

## Obituary

### MRS. ETTA BELLINGER

Mrs. Etta Bellinger died Friday  
in the hospital at Jackson. She  
had been in poor health for some  
time.

She would have been 94 years  
old March 5. Up until recently  
she lived with her son, Clinton,  
and kept house and prepared the  
meals for them both. She had  
been staying at the home of her  
daughter, Mrs. Cloyd Walden  
(Mildred) in Jackson for some  
time due to illness.

Mrs. Bellinger was a daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carr,  
old-time Weidman pioneers.

Funeral services were held  
Tuesday at 1 p.m. from the Stin-  
son Funeral Home in Mt. Pleas-

ant, with Rev. Athel Lynch of-  
ficiating. Burial was in Union  
Cemetery.

Mrs. Bellinger is survived by  
two daughters, Mrs. Fay (Viva)  
Strong of Owosso and Mrs. Cloyd  
(Mildred) Walden of Jackson; two  
sons, Clinton of Winn and Clar-  
ence of Lakeview; and 10 grand-  
children, 28 great-grandchildren  
and 12 great-great-grandchild-  
ren, and many friends.

Her family have the sympathy  
of their many friends. Mrs. Bel-  
linger was a truly remarkable  
woman.

## the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph.  
644-3504.

Sunday School, 20 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
Choir (Thursday), 6.30 p.m.,  
at parsonage.

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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 Thurs-  
days, 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  
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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.

### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ronald Littell of Ithaca  
and her daughter, Julie, were  
visitors of their grandmother and  
great-grandmother, Mrs. Nina  
Forbes, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton  
of Sherman City spent Saturday  
evening with Mr. and Mrs. Eu-  
gene McArthur and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell  
spent the weekend at the home  
of their son, William, Jr., and  
family in Grand Haven.

## LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Mrs. Bertha Conley of Alma came last Tuesday, spending the balance of the week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James McNicol. Saturday and Sunday guests of the McNicols were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Watson of Livonia, who took Mrs. Conley to Alma on their way back home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frieling spent Thursday and Friday in Grand Rapids last week, shopping and visiting friends.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

We are interested in getting the 1899 plats, also am wondering what Lylah Simmers referred to in her letter to you.

Anything that refers to Weidman and area historically I would appreciate having.

If you can send me these things, I would like it and will mail you a check.

Certainly enjoy the Weidman Messenger.

Love,  
Grace Watson                      Saginaw

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips entertained Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree at the Lions Club fish supper Friday evening. They all returned to the Bushree home and spent the evening playing cards.

Mrs. Donna Beutler of Utica and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist of Mt. Pleasant were last Tuesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell, helping them celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Leo Leach of Greenville.

Miss Joyce Smith returned Sunday to her studies at the University of Michigan, after spending a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, and family.

Mrs. Edwin Bissett of Whitmore Lake, Mich., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and son of St. Louis spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were also visitors, and all were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur

and family spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur were also guests, and all enjoyed dinner together.

Daniel Bushree left Tuesday morning on a short business trip to Wayne, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ervin of Winn spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family.

Mrs. Doris Mitchell and Mrs. Dorothy Shepherd of Clare

were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Esther Stanley.

Jim Smith is playing with the Midnight Four every weekend at Ionia. He is drummer in the country western group.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley of Mt. Morris were recent visitors of his mother, Mrs. Esther Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton were callers Thursday, and were supper guests.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Where To Write Your Congressmen

U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart  
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  
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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen spent the weekend with Oscar Fedewa at Houghton Lake.

Mrs. Anna Schafer entertained company from Detroit Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh entertained company, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schueller of Traverse City, Thursday over night. The Schuellers visited relatives and friends in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau and son called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau Saturday evening.

Mrs. John E. Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Zeien and son called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zeien Monday.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Joe Shepard Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Shepard called on Mrs. Kitty Yumcker Wednesday morning.

The children of Frank Theisen surprised him with a birthday party Saturday evening. It was a lovely party.

Mrs. Tony Schafer called on Mrs. Louise Smith Sunday morning.

The Vern Smith-Cheryl Boughner wedding Friday evening was very beautiful.

Mrs. John Bergy called on Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Smith and family Sunday.

Ginny Rau of Midland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday evening.

Callers of Louise Schafer Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant and Betty Sunderman and family of Shepherd. June

Schafer spent Thursday with Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp went to Ann Arbor for Bob Klumpp's Thursday medical tests.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home.

Al Klumpp went to Long Beach, Calif., Saturday for two weeks of Navy duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mercure of Clare visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider of Remus were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer made a trip to Matherston to visit their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Russell, and family.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Well, the water has gone down a little, and the fishermen are beginning to try their luck here at the bridge.

Loretta Lorenz had supper Sunday evening with the Max Straus family. She then went with her granddaughter, Margie Shepard, to the home of Matie Pung and spent the evening playing cards. Other guests were Roxie Schafer, Effie Schafer and Jack and Minnie Schafer.

Mary Jane Terwilliger called on Loretta Lorenz Monday.

A week ago Sunday, Loretta had dinner with the Paul Simmer family. Lori Simmer returned home with Grandmother Lorenz and spent the afternoon.

Loretta called on Flo Haupt Wednesday afternoon.

Sonny and Noreen Thelen called at the Lorenz home Thursday afternoon.

Friday we took our son, Jerry Schafer of Rosebush, to Bay City General Hospital to have a cyst removed from his face. His wife, Jane, went with us

and we visited at our son John's home in Bay City.

John and Sharon Schafer and children, Johnny, Ricky and Penny, of Bay City had lunch with us Thursday. Sharon and I visited Joyce Schafer at her Little Red Barn. She has home made gifts displayed there.

I called on Judy Schafer Saturday afternoon.

I had a nice visit on the phone with Arlene Smith Monday morning. She said her ankle was improving and she was beginning to get around a little.

Wayne Sherlock has started his jobs of hanging wallpaper and painting in this area and Mt. Pleasant.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Vic Jeffrey is on the gain now, and doing her work in the house. The children are back in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Childers and son of Harrison called on the Micky Abbott family Sunday afternoon, along with the James Kennedy family, the Tom Kennedy family, the Muriel Miller family and the Lois Knollenberg family of Rosebush.

Carol Abbott and Muriel Miller were in Mt. Pleasant Friday on business.

Callers at our home during the past week were Dick Gott, Ruth

Riegle and Dennis and son, Randy, of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and children of Grand Ledge were callers at our place. Mrs. Violet Carr, Mrs. Ruth Ouderkirk and I were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday on business.

Wanda Graham took Debbie to her doctor Wednesday, I went with them and we did some shopping.

Helen and Heather Alwood and I were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Deborah and Mike Wood and sons, Danny and Joe, of Warren were guests of the Joe Ptaks for a week.

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## FILM ON DRUGS SHOWN AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL

A film, "Art Linkletter Talks to Parents About Drugs," was shown in the Weidman school cafeteria at 1.30 Tuesday of this week. Area parents were invited to attend.

The Weidman Mothers' Club held a meeting after the film showing, discussing the film and the upcoming school carnival.

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## NEWS NOTES

Sunday was Mrs. Helen Smith Smith's birthday, and her daughter, Ula Cummins, took her to dinner at The Hut on M-46. They enjoyed a drive in the nice weather.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Eva Sowle		Katie Baxter

### School Board

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Lewis and Irene Bowen called on Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Helmer Saturday evening.

Those from this area attending the fish supper at Weidman Friday evening included Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls and Lewis and Irene Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler.

Irene Bowen and Connie Fletcher of Farwell called on their daughter and sister, Wanda Haenke, at the Sheridan Hospital Monday. Wanda had surgery Friday of last week. She was reported as coming along satisfactorily at this time.

Violet Wright called on her sister, Isabel Tupper, in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Boyd Cheadle and son from Lansing called on Lewis Bowen Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg entertained a group of friends at a card party in their home Saturday evening.

Ellen and Nora Geasler attended a pink and blue shower in honor of Mrs. Kenneth Graham, at the home of Mrs. Ferris Graham near Clare, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker. Saturday evening they all enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns and Mrs. Gail Rowell of Fowler were Wednesday dinner guests of Mrs. Esther Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel of Gilmore spent Sunday evening with the Bernard Pitts family.

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

George Cole was buried last Thursday, March 7, in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. He was born Aug. 7, 1886, and died March 4, 1974.

Richard Mahon took Paul and Lena Cole and nephew, Charles Dumont, and Tom to Detroit last Wednesday and Thursday, where on Thursday they attended the funeral of Paul's brother, George Cole, who passed away Tuesday morning. On the way home Wednesday we stopped in Commerce at the home of Mrs. Rhoda Allen, and Thursday we stopped at Park Lake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Meyers.

Lena Cole visited her doctor Friday, for an ear infection and a chest x-ray.

Little Ronnie Mahon is still ill with lung infection.

Mrs. Orma Kripa stayed with Velma Cole while we were in Detroit.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were Sunday supper guests of the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarmner spent the weekend at Houghton Lake with her father.

Velma Cole went in Monday morning for a blood test.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell are the proud parents of a 10-pound, four-ounce boy, born March 10. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell are the proud grandparents, and the Paul Coles the very proud great-grandparents.

Tony Masachuk visited his father at Ludington over the weekend.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner returned home from CMC Hospital Friday.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## SOUVENIR

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## NAMES OF PUPILS

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Emma Haskins	Viola Schilling	Mabel Shultz
Albert Morse	THIRD GRADE	Amelia Gorden
Millie Sides	Martin Boger	Rosamond Conley
Lafay Roberts	Lizzie Hamilton	Earl Hammond
Raymond Conley	FOURTH GRADE	Fred Armstrong
Harris Bellows	FIFTH GRADE	Irving Conley
Maggie Haskins	Adelbert Hamilton	Godfrey Brow
Addie Hammond	Leland Forbes	Edgar Roberts
Bessie Hammond	Andrew Letson	Claude Sides
	SIXTH GRADE	
	Maude Hammond	
	SEVENTH GRADE	
	Mertie Forbes	
	Alonzo Roberts	

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Flora Wood spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday a week ago at the Bergquist home in Mt. Pleasant, and on Monday and Tuesday mornings she had x-rays at the hospital. Mrs. Wood was a Sunday dinner guest of the Vance Wood family.

Tim Workman was a Friday overnight and Saturday guest at the Jim Thompson home. Miss Judy Thompson and two friends from Niles were weekend guests. Miss Brenda Wager was also a Sunday dinner guest.

Mrs. Betty Martin attended a reading conference at Traverse City Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Woodrow Martin called on Leo Bahr at Copemish Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Jones were Tuesday evening guests of the Martins.

Sunday callers at the Gerald Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and Curt, Casey and Corey, Tim Jackson, Nancy Losey, Cathy Beutler and Charlene Gross and Robbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisco were Friday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright were Thursday guests at the Paul Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Tommy were weekend guests at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family were Saturday evening guests.

Gerald Dent is ill with flu. Mabel said they saw a bluebird Friday, and two robins and a dandelion Sunday.

Mrs. Halla Lovell spent a few days with the Mack Denslows last week. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovell were Saturday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Kent and boys of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee returned home from Hawaii Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Strait entered Saginaw Hospital Wednesday and underwent surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Sunday callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow. Mrs. Denslow spent a few days last week in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga were Sunday callers of the Millers. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls were Sunday dinner guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann at Midland Sunday.

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bergquist and the James Bergquists of Marion Sunday. The Cooks spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett went to West Branch Sunday and brought her mother, Mrs. Ruth Keysor, home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin and Brenda were Sunday dinner guests of the Charles Garretts.

Mrs. Isal Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Lawley and Mrs. Irene Barnard were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall.

Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Ella Cox were Thursday visitors of Mrs. Leona Coursor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin were Wednesday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Sunday visitors of the Ed Coursors.

Mrs. Chris Larson visited her son and family, the Richard Larsons, of Birch Run, Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Bugby and Miss Mildred Benson called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Martin will entertain the CMB Club Thursday.

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

The Russell Flaughers of Midland were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter. Rons were Saturday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lambarth visited the Harry Allens Monday.

The Allens attended the 26th sale and draft horse show at Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Friday callers of the Allens were the Robert Bushes of Tubbs Lake. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanborn of Lansing. Tim Jackson of Mt. Pleasant spent four days last week at the Allen home. Mr. and Mrs. Lange Somerville of Laingsburg were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were Friday evening visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mrs. Eva Denslow called on me Tuesday. I attended the funeral of Mrs. Bernice Miller of Lansing Wednesday.

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### NEWS NOTES

R.D. Sprague had a checkup Thursday at the eye clinic in Ann Arbor, and came out fine. He is able to drive his car again for the first time since his eye operation.

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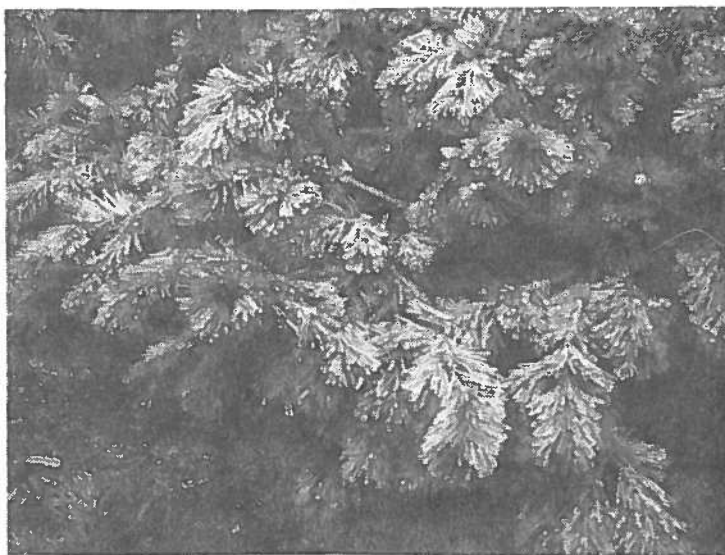
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THAT'S ICE ON A MUGHO PINE--At The Flower Shop in Weidman. Pine trees especially suffered in the two-day freezing-rain visitation. Messenger photo

#### FARMERS FEEL PINCH IN OBTAINING FERTILIZERS

The Weidman area is no exception to the world-wide situation of shortage of farm fertilizers this spring, according to the Michigan Farmer--and Bader Milling Company, which also is no exception to the rule of difficulty in dealers' getting fertilizer supplies for their customers.

The shortage apparently is caused mainly by the oil shortage or threatened shortage, also world-wide.

Nitrogen, for instance, a crucial ingredient in farm fertilizers, is produced in plants run by natural gas to produce ammonia.

There are only two plants being built in the United States for ammonia production, one of which will have only local (Oklahoma) influence, according to the Michigan Farmer. The other plant is being built by Agrico, expected to begin operations in late 1975. And that, says the Farmer, is the end of additional ammonia construction in this country.

Many old ammonia plants are not effective. Phillips Petroleum shut down an ammonia plant during one of the most critical times of ammonia need. Total U.S. production of ammonia is expected to be about the same as last year. Thirty-seven million acres of wheat are expected to come into production within 18 months, according to the Farmer. Estimates of the shortfall on fertilizer are impossible, the Farmer says, until it's known how much farmers are going to plant--and with wheat and corn prices hitting the sky, it is expected the planting will be very heavy; that is, a heavy increase over last year.

Canada, a major exporter to us of fertilizer components, has a tremendous new demand for fertilizers, especially in the

wheat-growing provinces. It is estimated that 37,000,000 new acres of farm land will be put into wheat production this year in this country. Wheat growers need nitrogen fertilizers.

Ammonium nitrate, another fertilizer ingredient, is also in heavy use in mining. As the Michigan Farmer said, "All you have to do is take a ton of farmer's fertilizer, put in a little oil, stick a blasting cap in it, and blow up half the state of Michigan." The government is pressuring the mining industry to step up production, and the mines can't operate without ammonium nitrate. Farmers, apparently, come second after the coal mines.

The Michigan Farmer says,

"This ammonium nitrate has to go to coal mining or the lights go out. It's that simple."

No new ammonium nitrate plants are being planned in this country.

Phosphate is also made with ammonia. All phosphate products are expected to be very tight during the rest of this year. All fertilizer components are, needless to say, sky-high in price.

Rock phosphates are exported from this country to Canada; and if we didn't export rock phosphates to Canada, they could get mad and stop the flow of potash to the United States.

We produce two million tons of potash in this country, but we import another five million tons of it from Canada.

"If we slap on embargos (on exports), Canada will cut off the potash. Mexico will cut off phosphates. Holland will cut off the urea that comes into Michigan through the Great Lakes. It could go on and on."

As the Farmer points out, the world market sets the price of such things as farm fertilizers, and the world market is out of sight.

However, the Farmer says, in its article by Dayton Matlick quoting Ed Wheeler, president of the Fertilizer Institute, "There is no doubt in my mind that we have arrived at a golden age of agriculture."

We do hope. ---0---

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with the Bernard Pitts family. She suffered a back injury in a fall on the ice two weeks ago.

#### OES CARD PARTY HAS 10 TABLES IN PLAY

At the Eastern Stars' card party last Wednesday, there were 10 tables of pepper in play.

Mary Clark won high-score prize for the ladies, Otto Skalitzy winning high for the men. Harold Schumacher won the pepper prize. Herman Cook won low. Audrey Bushree won the door prize.

The next card party at the Masonic Hall in Weidman will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, March 20.

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#### In the Editor's Mail

Enclosed is a check for \$8.00 for renewing our Weidman Messenger for one year. We love the little paper and hope we don't miss an issue.

Yours truly,  
Lawrence Dell  
Lake

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Dear Connie:

Sorry I was late for your birthday. (Ed's Note: She sent a nice card, as did also Helen Hudson).

I hope you have many more. We are all in fair health, and hope you are, too.

I sure enjoy the Weidman paper. I hope the Jan. 20 storm didn't spoil too much of your trees. We had a snowy day, but no trees were hurt.

Ina Gillett  
Wyoming, Mich.

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Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins called on Mrs. Zella Main of Blanchard Sunday afternoon.

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