

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SO WE GOT RID OF OLD FEBRUARY--AND HERE'S UNPREDICTABLE MARCH

So old February is gone, like that!--and here we are in March which is the month totally unpredictable.

It can warm up and green up one day and wham!--Next day it can give us an old-fashioned blizzard with 10 below zero on the thermometer.

But anyhow here we are seven days into March. And next month is good old April, and the growing things start to think about coming to life once more.

Mabel Dent reports that a group of people have spotted flocks of meadow larks, in fields adjacent to the Straus meat packing plant and along River Road, on the way to Mt. Pleasant.

Saturday we ourselves heard the cardinals begin their spring song of "Wheep-wheep-wheep-wheep!" And we also heard a timid tweet of the small warbler.

Spring is on the way, sure 'nuf, and no kind of March weather is gonna dampen our happiness.

We hope.

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### NEXT TUESDAY IS SCHOOL ELECTION DAY

So next Tuesday, March 12, is the day for the special school election on upping millage in the Chippewa Hills district.

All personnel of the far-flung school complex, including the teachers, will be going to the polls--some dutifully, some with evangelistic fervor. There are a lot of people employed by the Chippewa Hills schools.

Ordinary people also should be interested--interested enough to go to the proper polling place and vote according to the way they feel and figure.

In the Isabella County portion of the district, the voting place is the Weidman school.

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We received this information in the mail:

"Connie: Information on absentee voting date, put out by the school, is misleading.

"March 9 is the date for filing application for absentee ballots. March 12 for actual voting."

The instruction ballot says:

### 18-YEAR-OLDS STILL POTENTIAL SOLDIERS

Word from state headquarters of the Selective Service System says that young men born in 1955 will have their Selective Service (draft) numbers drawn March 20 during the sixth annual draft lottery in Washington.

Michigan has approximately 75,000 19-year-olds who will have their lottery numbers established by the drawing. The present standby Selective Service system is required, the news release says, to continue to register and classify young men as part of the defense preparedness program.

All young men are required to register at the time of their 18th birthday, under the draft law. They are assigned random sequence numbers through the lottery in the year in which they become 19, at which time they are potentially vulnerable to induction into military duty during the calendar year of their 20th birthday.

In this area 18-year-olds can register in Mt. Pleasant.

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### WILL FABER HONORED AT SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The children of Will Faber honored him at the regular meeting of the Beal City Senior Citizens last Thursday afternoon in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City, for his 84th birthday.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake centered the refreshment table, with two additional cakes furnished by the family.

Will was given a lovely flowering plant as a gift, and was presented with a boutonniere to wear at the card party. The family also furnished ice cream with the cakes.

In the pepper playing, there were 17 tables in play, with Martha Reihl winning first prize for the ladies, and Tillie Starr second. Eva Phillips won low.

For the men, Earl Blodgett won first prize, with Louis Rau second. Joe Lawens won low.

Barney Gallagher won the pepper prize. Albina Rau won the door prize.

The next card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, March 14. Everyone everywhere is cordially invited.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### RECEIVES HIGH HONORS AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



JOYCE SMITH

Miss Joyce Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith of Weidman, will receive high honors at an Honors Convocation March 29.

Her parents received the following printed invitation to attend the ceremonies:

"In recognition of the outstanding achievement of Joyce Ann Smith, the Committee on Honors Convocation requests your presence at the 51st Annual Honors Convocation at Hill Auditorium on Friday morning, the 29th of March, 1974, at 10.30 a.m."

Joyce's achievements include an A average at the University, in the top five percent of her class. She is taking a nursing course at the university.

Joyce graduated from Chippewa Hills High School last spring as Valedictorian of her class, with an A average.

She spent the weekend at her home here, arriving Saturday in time to help celebrate the ninth birthday of her younger sister, Alice. Joyce has a week's "break" in her studies, and is enjoying her visit with her family.

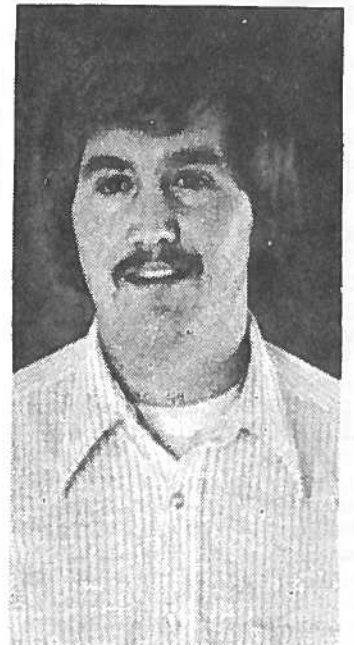
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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent Sunday at Deerfield, near Lapeer, with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Wood, and baby. David is an associate minister at the Church of Christ at Deerfield.

### NEW GOLF PRO AT LAKE ISABELLA

Warren Stanchina is the new golf professional at Lake Isabella, it was announced last week. He replaces the departed Bill Stacey.

Lake Isabella's golf course is about to begin its sixth season as a growing course. It started with nine holes, opening a second nine two years ago, with another nine in the planning.



WARREN STANCHINA

Warren has worked with the golf program at Lake Isabella since moving here in 1972. He is a teacher in Beal City's St. Joseph's parochial school.

"I plan to stay pretty much with the same programs that Bill was running," he said this week. "We don't plan any change in price or service. It was a good experience working under Bill Stacey, and we will maintain the same event schedule.

"I enjoy teaching and working with young children," he said. "I plan to continue teaching in the off season, and the two professions shouldn't conflict in any way."

While in military service he won post championships in Ethiopia and Greece, and the Asmara City Tournament.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visited the Richard Embrey family of rural Rosebush Sunday.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Merle Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDonald and family were Sunday afternoon guests of the Earl Oplinger family.

Ed Oplinger and his girl friend, Merle, attended a party for Doug Dutcher Friday evening. They also attended a party for Don Pohl in Mt. Pleasant later that evening.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Ruby Williams had Sunday dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn. The Dunn family had returned from a month's vacation in Florida.

Mrs. Evelyn Denslow and Lois Recker were Saturday afternoon callers of Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Paul Miller reports seeing a flock of geese Saturday. I said, "Well, we had spring, didn't we?"

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow of St. Clair were Friday guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Friday evening guests at the Jim Thompson home were Jan and Jack Wood, Tim Workman, and Jim Strong.

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

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Douglas Dutcher, son of the Richard Dutchers, left Sunday evening for Detroit. He enlisted in the Marines, and was to go Monday to San Deigo, Calif. His friends gave him a surprise party Friday evening, at his home. The Leo Gatehouses and Kim and the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., and Steve and Sandra attended from here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downing and family of Marion visited the Howard Beutlers Sunday.

Marion Beutler attended World Day of Prayer services at Shepherd Friday. She stopped and picked up Mrs. Bernard Wilson on her way.

Karen Dutcher visited Patti and me Monday afternoon. The Robert Dutchers spent Monday evening with us.

Beth Hogg visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher Sunday. Ervin spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Walter Howe, Larry Cook and Robert and Rex Dutcher had lunch with us Saturday.

Garry Dutcher was a Monday morning visitor of ours. We called on the Richard Dutchers Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls visited the Larry Siscos of Winn Sunday afternoon. The Brian Dutchers were Sunday callers of Jim's.

Douglas and Patti Dutcher call-

ed on the Theodore Cases Sunday afternoon.

Douglas, Patti and Richard Dutcher and the Jim Dutchers were afternoon callers of ours Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr. They all called at the Richard Dutchers' for a while.

Fern Verette of Brinton spent Thursday with Grace Fitzgerald. The Fitzgeralds visited the Ralph Woodins of Midland a week ago Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls visited the Stan Roomsburghs Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke were Friday evening visitors of the Jim Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr.

Ronna Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent Saturday over night with Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Owen and family of Breckenridge, and Sunday with her folks, the Glenn Owen family, and called on her grandmother, Mrs. Erma Mercier, in the afternoon. They called on the Richard Dutchers to see Doug before he left.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and girls, Melissa and Renee, and his mother, Mrs. Hattie Mahon, made a trip to Ohio for a few days to visit his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Lamp, and family.

Mrs. Jack Allbee is back in CMC Hospital with blood clots again.

Yours Truly and Velma have been down with the flu bug. Must have been more than one for anyone to be so sick.

Tony Masachuck spent several days at his farm. Tony expects to work four days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfarmnes visited the Paul Coles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys were dinner guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reid, of near Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfarmnes received word Thursday of the death of his aunt in Flint. Funeral services were held at the Coker Funeral Home in Harrison Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sloane of near Gladwin visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Saturday.

The Brinton Quilting Club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Violet Sloan.

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Dec. 13tf

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camper, sleeps 4, jacks, toi-

let, stove, \$500.00. 5678 W.  
Jordan Road, Coldwater Lake,  
Ph. 644-3967.

Feb. 7tf

## Obituary

### ARNOLD HALFMAN

Arnold M. Halfman died last  
Wednesday, Feb. 27, at CMC  
Hospital. He was 78.

He was born Sept. 25, 1895,  
in Clinton County, but had lived  
for many years in the Nottawa  
area.

Funeral services were held Sat-  
urday, March 2, at 11 a.m. in  
St. Joseph the Worker's Church  
in Beal City with Father Donald  
Dueweke officiating. Burial was  
in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Ella;  
two daughters, Mrs. Vera Neu-  
becker and Mrs. Raymond (Ber-  
nadine) Fox; three sons, Kenneth  
and Vernon of Rosebush and  
Charles of Nottawa; two brothers,  
Ernest and Clem of Lansing; two  
sisters, Mrs. Claude (Olivia)  
Bullard of Rosebush and Mrs.  
Don (Loretta) Foote of Houghton  
Lake; and 31 grandchildren and  
21 great-grandchildren.

The family have the sympathy  
of their many friends.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Catherine "Katie"  
Smith wish to express their ap-  
preciation for all the kindnesses  
and sympathy extended to them  
during the time of their sorrow.

We especially want to thank  
Father Dueweke for the beauti-  
ful Mass, the ladies of the par-  
ish for their lovely lunch, all  
those who contributed Mass  
cards for our mother;

Also the friends and neighbors  
for their floral offerings and the  
K.C. of Beal City for the use  
of their hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wickenhiser  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Shettler  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright  
Mrs. Edith DeVaney

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Card of Thanks

We would like to express our  
most sincere thanks and appre-  
ciation to our many relatives,  
friends and neighbors for their  
many acts of kindness during  
our recent loss of our husband  
and father, Howard Kolarik.

A very special thanks to Dr.  
Wickert, Fr. Dueweke, to the  
employees at the Center for  
Human Development, employ-  
ees at the University Center,  
the employees at Ferro Manu-  
facturing Company,

To the ladies who prepared  
and served the dinner;

Also those who sent flowers,  
Mass cards and food.

To all you wonderful people,  
we will be forever grateful.

Mrs. Thelma Kolarik

Bob Kolarik

Don Kolarik

Lester and Mary Terwilli-  
ger

### LEGAL

## Notice

### MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all  
persons liable to assessment for  
taxes in the Township of Notta-  
wa, County of Isabella, State  
of Michigan:

That the Assessment Rolls of  
said Township as prepared by  
the undersigned will be subject  
to inspection at the Nottawa  
Township Hall on  
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974,  
And  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1974,  
from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 1  
to 4 p.m.

ERNEST SCHMIDT  
Supervisor  
Nottawa Township

### LEGAL

## Notice

### MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the  
Assessment Rolls in the Town-  
ship of Coldwater, County Of  
Isabella, State of Michigan,  
will be open to public review  
March 11 and 12, 1974, from  
9 to 3 at the Coldwater Town-  
ship Community Hall.

The tentative figure for equal-  
izing is: Real Property, recom-  
mended equalization ratio  
43.14%, tentative estimated fac-  
tor, 1.10; Personal Property:  
Recommended equalization fac-  
tor 50.00%, tentative estimated  
factor 1.00.

LEWIS BOWEN  
Supervisor  
Coldwater Township

### LEGAL

## Notice

### MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is Hereby Given, that  
the Assessment Rolls in the  
Township of Sherman, County of  
Isabella, State of Michigan,  
will be open to public review  
March 11 and 12, 1974, from  
9 to 4.30 at the Sherman Town-  
ship Hall.

The tentative figure for equal-  
izing is: Real Property: Recom-  
mended equalization ratio 50.00  
percent, tentative estimated  
factor 1.00. Personal Property,  
recommended equalization fac-  
tor 50.00%, tentative estimated  
factor 1.00.

EARL OPLINGER  
Supervisor  
Sherman Township

## 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.

Choir Thursday 6.30 p.m., at  
the parsonage.

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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 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

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott  
spent Sunday evening at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Park-  
er and family. The two families  
attended a Fellowship meeting  
at the Baptist Church.

# LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Your Lake Isabella reporter is back in business again after a long absence from the columns of this newspaper. The Halls spent most of the two months they were away in New Mexico and Arizona, occupying an apartment in Tucson for a month.

Returning, they visited Lester's home town of Pierce, Nebraska, and spent a weekend in Madison, Wisconsin, with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hall and three sons. After visiting relatives and friends in Elwood and Bluffton in Indiana, they arrived home last Thursday. Mrs. Hall's mother, Mrs. Bessie Ellis, who resides with the Halls, spent the past two months in Lake Ann, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Serum returned Friday from a two months' vacation in Lake Wales, Florida, and West Grove, Pennsylvania, spending 10 days in the latter town visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Serum and two daughters. Greeting them on their return were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phillips and Ginny, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Serum of Midland and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lee of Mt. Pleasant, who spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Paddock returned Friday from Detroit, where they had been since Monday. While there they helped celebrate the birthday of Norm's mother.

Albert Stimetz and son, Billie, and boy friend, Larry, from

Birmingham spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. Stimetz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie returned Friday from Detroit, where they had spent the past two weeks visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klink came with them, returning to their home in Detroit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall and son, Chris, of Alma were Sunday afternoon visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall, on their way home after spending the weekend visiting relatives near Frankfort.

Your reporter would like to request again that residents of the Lake Isabella area call in items of interest. Phone 644-2448--we will appreciate it.

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## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow and Doug Smith were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. They were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer, at Deerfield Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor and family of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family. Other visitors during the weekend were Lester and Mary Terwilliger and Mary's mother, Mrs. Kolarik.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and boys.

Lonnie Loomis from Chanute Air Force Base, Chicago, spent the weekend with his folks, Mr.

and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and family. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson and Sharon Brown from Lansing, Trudy Hurly, Cindy Leiter, Rick Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and family and Paul Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy McGuire at Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson. Milford Denslow was a Saturday evening caller. Sunday visitors were Kathy and Kile Henning from Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hyder of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell and family from Grand Haven and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and daughter from Spring Lake spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening visitors. The Dillenbecks called on Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss spent Friday evening at the Steve Voss home. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and family Saturday evening. Other Sunday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and Angela. Stacy had spent the weekend with Stuart and Vivian. Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs.

Otto Skalitzky were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow and Milford Denslow of Remus. Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and daughter, Christy, were afternoon callers.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

It is time that I am sending in my subscription again. It is due in March.

Also I would like to get some maps. I would like to have one each of Sherman and Coldwater and Nottawa Townships and the village plats of Weidman and Sherman City.

I enclose check for fifteen dollars to cover one year's subscription to the Messenger, five maps and postage.

Yours truly,  
Ernie De Hart  
Cumberland Heights  
Coalmont, Tenn.

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## Local Items

Jim Sutton and children of Ashley were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls. Dorothy Snyder of Ithaca was a Saturday evening caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Barryton were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Neva Kirvan of Traverse City and Mrs. Herman Teeter and two sons of Alma were Saturday guests.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Catherine Johnson, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood called at the Crittenden Funeral Home last Monday afternoon to pay their respects to Katie Smith. Later they did some shopping, and enjoyed lunch together.

Donny Alwood spent Sunday afternoon with Marty Hines and they enjoyed some fishing.

Mrs. Zena Olger is spending some time with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and Casey called on us one day last week. Don Alwood called on John Gott Friday. Helen Alwood called Sunday evening and had tea and pie with us.

Albert Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen had dinner with us Sunday I spent Friday with Wanda Graham. Debbie Graham spent Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott, our son and wife of Elwell, spent Saturday afternoon with us.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mrs. Helen Alwood spent last Tuesday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant. Helen saw her dentist, and Claribel

called on her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Johnson hasn't been out this winter because of a heart condition.

Recent callers at the Don Alwood home were Mrs. Orma Kripa and Mrs. Barbara Dennis of Mt. Pleasant, Don Smith and daughter, Angela, and George McClain, Jr.

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Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor spent Tuesday night with his mother, Mrs. Edna Schultz. Mrs. Schultz and Leah Scharrer were in Remus Tuesday morning, where Edna called on her doctor.

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

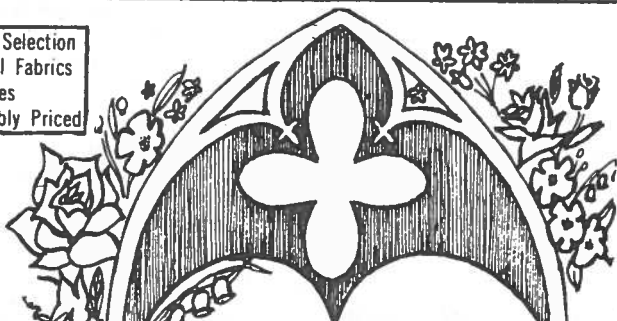
Aug. 6tf

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

Nov. 1tf

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AT THE BOYS AND DADS BASKETBALL GAME.....



PRETTY CHEER LEADERS--Cheered 'em on in the recent Lads and Dads basketball game at Beal City. Left to right, starting with top row: Sharon Zuker, Cheryl Yuncker, Michele Cotter, Donna Bierschbach. Bottom row: Jane Gross, Julie Pohl, Lorie Block.

**JOE BLEISE WINS THE 50-50 CLUB TWICE IN A ROW**

Joe Bleise was the winner of the Weidman Business Association's 50-50 Club last week. Week before last he won the Beal City Business Association's 50-50 Club at Beal City. Congratulations, Joe!

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**Beal City**

Dora Smith, Reporter

Chum Schafer called on Rose Schafer and Henry Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau entertained company at Sunday dinner.

Delores Gould called on Louise Smith Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer near Rosebush.

A large number attended the funeral of Arnold Halfman Saturday morning at St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Mrs. Joe Pung spent Sunday day at Edmore with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pung and family.

Mrs. Chris Fussman called on Mrs. Walter Elias and Lavina Elias Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger got back from their two weeks' trip Friday. Dora Smith stayed

with the children while they were gone.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. John E. Schafer Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Ann and Dora Saturday.

Mrs. Louise Schafer and Dora Smith called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Sunday evening, and enjoyed playing cards.

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

Joe Tilmann was not so good at this writing.

Dora Smith called on the John Smith family Sunday morning.

Vera Kavanaugh called on her aunt, Louise Smith, Monday afternoon. John Smith called on his Grandma Thursday evening. Walter and Doll Rau were Sunday afternoon visitors. Two ladies came from Saginaw and got their quilt that Louise Smith had quilted for them.

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Mrs. Bonnie Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Friday morning callers of Mrs. Ann McCann in Midland.

**Coldwater Lake**

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Well, guess the beautiful weather of Sunday is gone, and winter came back Monday.

Last Monday guests here were Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush, Don and Judy Schafer and children, Wayne and Ruth Sherlock and children and Lynn Schafer and son.

Connie Skinner was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp, and enjoyed coffee and canapes with them.

Flo Maeder called on me Tuesday morning. We had a real nice visit. She is a former neighbor of ours when we lived on the farm.

The Wayne Sherlock family lived with us a few days until they got their place ready to live in. They moved in Tuesday.

LeAnna Sherlock broke out with chicken pox the day after they moved here.

Thursday evening Jerry and Jane Schafer and children called and we went with them to play cards with Wayne and Ruth Sherlock.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son spent Sunday with the Wayne Sherlock family. Don and Judy Schafer and girls were also guests.

Ed and I took his mother, Tillie Schafer, to the home of Jerry and Jane Schafer in Rosebush Sunday for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitney were also guests.

Mother Schafer and the Whitneys had a real nice visit.

Ed and I and Jerry and Jane called on the George Baders.

Mrs. Whitney told me that one of my neighbors, Arlene Smith, had broken her ankle recently, and that her mother, Ivool Stahl, had spent some time helping her.

Gravel roads around the lake were pretty well flooded over the weekend, but the frost went out of the ground Sunday night and the water was gone.

Ruth Ann Sherlock and daughter, LeAnna, called on us Monday morning.

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**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower announce the birth of a new grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower of Petersburg, Mich., Sunday morning, at the Adrian Hospital. He has been named Brian, and weighed five pounds, 14 1/2 ounces. The two other children of the Tom Flowers are spending this week with their grandparents here. The baby's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Marie Rahl of Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dague of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Charnes and another couple of Mt. Pleasant returned Sunday from a 10-day trip to Florida.

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MORE PICTURES OF THE BEAL CITY KIDS & DADS Basketball game in the Beal City High School gym. The game was put on by the Safety Patrol boys who dreamed up the recent "Courtesy Contest" at St. Joseph's Parochial School. In the photo above, David Faber (left) for the boys' team and Ivan Yuncker for the Dads, prepare to jump for the ball. Danny Faber refereed the jump. Attendance was "fantastic," according to reports, with more than enough money realized to pay for the prizes given after the "Courtesy Week" at the school.



THE PLAYERS--Left to right: Coach Warren Stanchina (4th grade teacher), Peter Vogel, Darryl Yuncker, James Ball. In the background is Coach Dennis Thomas, 3rd grade teacher, and player John Schmalbach.

#### "DADS VS. LADS"

A news release from St. Joseph's Elementary School at Beal City.

Beal City St. Joseph Elementary School held its first annual father-son basketball game recently. The game was played at Beal City Feb. 23, and was a smashing success.

Participants in the event were the St. Joseph Patrol boys and their fathers.

Although the "Dads" were very heavy favorites, it was a very close contest. With 10 seconds left in the game, and the "Dads" behind by two points, Ron Schafer (lay-up champion) stuffed

one to tie it up. This put the game into overtime.

The overtime play was a see-saw battle all the way. When the final buzzer sounded, however, the "Dads" were on top, 51-49.

High point man for the game was Rusty Schafer of the "Lads", with 12 points.

Wait till next year, "Dads"! ---0---

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather of Spring Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and family of Grand Ledge spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.



HERE'S THE DADS' TEAM--Left to right, starting with top row: Donald Schafer, Mick Schmalbach, Richard Schafer, Vern Smith, Ronald Schafer. Bottom row: Ray Reihl, Evan Yuncker, Norm Vogel, Gerald Schafer, Howard Fox. The Dads won a good game by a two-point margin. It was a great night and a great game for all.

### Local Items

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was a Friday afternoon caller of Mrs. Helen Smith.

Mrs. Cecilia St. Germaine of Mt. Pleasant was a Friday overnight guest of her son-in-law and daughter and family, the Gary McArthurs.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and

family spent Sunday and over night with Mrs. Shirley Crawford and family in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Looman at Cedar Springs. They and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellingier.

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**GEORGE W. COLE**

George W. Cole died Monday morning, March 4, at a rest home in Wayne County. He was 86. He was a brother of Paul Cole, and had lived in the Gilmore area most of his life. Funeral services were set for Thursday, in Detroit.

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**Two Rivers**

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen called on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shaffer at Muir Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krouse were weekend guests. The Gerald Loseys called on the Allens Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Hartman, Mrs. Bea Adams and Mrs. Vida Lueder were recent callers of Mrs. E. R. Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flaughner and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughner and Jeff and Denise had Sunday supper with the folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner attended a birthday celebration for Mrs. Frank Maxon, given by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, Monday evening.

Mrs. Lynn Johnson and baby and Mrs. Ralph McCreight spent Tuesday with their grandmother, Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mrs. Courser called on her brother, Fred Woodruff, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee and family have moved from their mobile home to the home they purchased of the Elwyn Pennington family near Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook called on Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkins, Sr., and the Walter Caulkins, Jr., of Secord Lake were Thursday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mrs. Kate Martin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin and family of Saginaw.

Mrs. Ella Swan is spending some time at the home of her son, Russell, and family, in Midland.

Blanche Carr was a guest from Thursday till Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strahle of St. Johns, and attended special services at the Church of God, Looking Glass Chapel, in DeWitt.

Sunday last week the children of Oral Bunting gathered to have dinner with their father. They included the John, Miles, Olen and Elton Bunting families, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bollman and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn.

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright called on her sister (Gladys) and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rouse, of Alma, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith of near Beal City were dinner guests at the La Verne Forbes home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Klock of South Haven called at the Russell Wright home Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bowen and Wilbur and Connie Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys called on them Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker spent the weekend of the 24th with their son, Keith, and family in Grand Rapids, returning home Monday.

Wednesday dinner guests of Dad and me were Mr. and Mrs. Charley Metzger of Bailey and Tony Bartley and Jane Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schrock are spending a month in Florida with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith.

Fern Beutler has been ill with the flu the past week.

Nora Geasler called on her daughter, Kay McNeilly, and family Sunday. Bonnie Hyder of near Rockford and Kim Cummings called on Nora during the day Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg left Friday for Puerto Rico for a few days. Curt and Carl stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler, during their absence.

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**Local Items**

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was a Wednesday supper guest at the home of her son, James.

Eugene Taylor of Bentley spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Leila Shook. Mrs. Shook and Mrs. Judy Krueger and Mr. Taylor spent Thursday in Bay City with Mrs. Gladys Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garrett.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler attended the funeral of Andrew Willey in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Miss Georgene Brew of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday dinner guest of her uncle and aunt, Don Clark and Lela Whearett.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clark and Michelle and Michael have moved into the Gary McArthur house (the Frank Gross place) Saturday, where they will make their home. Welcome to Weidman! (The Gary McArthurs are now settling in the Leon McArthur house, which they purchased.)

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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"Ballots may be returned by mail, in person, or by a person other than the voter. If returned by mail place necessary postage on the envelope. Deposit it in a mail receptacle so that it will reach the clerk in time to be delivered to the polling place or counting center by 8 p.m. on election day. If returned in person, the ballots must be in the hands of the clerk before the polls open. If returned by a person other than the voter, they must be delivered to the clerk in time to be delivered by him to the polls or counting place before 8 p.m. on election day."

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## In the Editor's Mail

Letter to the Editor:

Regarding the upcoming mil-lage election.

Many of us are not totally convinced that the consolidation of school districts to form the large Chippewa Hills School District was in the best interest of our children and their education. However, the consolidation did pass on a vote by the residents of the district. There is no way we can undo that vote. As long as we cannot change it, we might as well make the most of it. This is only common sense. Although it does have its drawbacks, there are also advantages and virtues worth mentioning.

For example, in the small school district of Beal City, taxpayers are paying \$30.20 on school taxes for every \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. Compare this with the larger Chippewa Hills School District which only has \$24.00 on school taxes for every \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. So actually we are giving our children an education at less cost than we could if we were a small school district. Also the students of any school district no longer have to pay for their school books and supplies. This is also a savings to parents, but at the same time puts an extra financial squeeze on the school districts.

Another example, the Chippewa Hills school district has an excellent hot lunch program, which costs the biggest eater no more than 30¢ per day. This often includes seconds. My children rave about the delicious lunches prepared, and any shopper knows she could not satisfy her children at home for 30¢. In comparison to this, the Farwell School, which is a small school district, charges 50¢ for high school lunches. Chippewa Hills students eat lunch for 2/3 less than students at a small school

district.

Also the salaries paid many of our teachers is below the average paid in surrounding areas. We have a very fine teaching staff, and most I have come in contact with seem above average. We are very fortunate to get good teachers at our pay scale.

Lastly, we all know that nothing can live without growing. Growing is the healthy, Natural way of life and development for people, business, and yes even for schools. If we are to continue to have a good basic educational environment for our young people we will have to keep up with normal growth, which includes rising costs in every field, and repair on buildings. We do not need to be in favor of a lot of extras, but we do need to be in favor of the basics, and that is what the upcoming election is all about. It concerns the basics for growth if we are to continue to be a healthy school district. Let's make the most of our circumstances. Get out and vote on March 12. A yes vote means you will still only be paying \$24.00 on school taxes for every \$1,000.00 assessed valuation.

An interested Citizen & Concerned Parent

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Dear Connie:

Happy Valentine's Day!

Another cold morning, but, as you say, the days are passing and soon it will be spring and we will forget all about these cold days when the hot July days come.

Well, now that I know what date your birthday is, maybe I'll get closer next time. Tomorrow I'll be an old lady of 64. I

always thought that sounded old, after sixty, but now that I'm there it's not so bad.

My husband is doing fairly well, mind slips now and then, and he gets tired, but after all, he has a few more years on him.

We have many good friends around who help us get to places we need to go this winter. I'm not a winter driver, so I'll be glad when all this snow is gone, too.

One thing we are enjoying this winter is our fireplace. It sure helps out on the energy crisis. And the wood and coal range helps out in the kitchen. We just wish we had a fireplace out there too, but we never think of those

things in earlier days.

Well, it's getting close to mail time, and the dogs are waiting to go for their romp. They always know when I'm going to the mail box. Our mail box looks like at Christmas time, with all the valentines and birthday cards and anniversary. How those years go around. The 13th anniversary coming up.

Glad you had a nice birthday. Hope you have many, many more. It sure is a month for birthdays.

Best wishes  
Helen Hudson  
Midland

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