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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### THREE TOWNSHIPS GIVE UP ONE FOURTH OF CHIP HILLS DISTRICT TAX MONIES

Three townships in Isabella County contribute over a quarter of the total real estate tax take in the Chippewa Hills School District.

They are as follows, with real estate equalized valuation (for taxation purposes) compiled for 1973:

Coldwater Township, \$2,670,-341. Sherman Township, \$7,187-400. Broomfield, \$4,629,486.

This is more than a quarter of the total tax take of the school district, which is totaled at \$58,024,371.

The Chippewa Hills district also goes into Gilmore, Nottawa and Deerfield Townships, and their equalized valuation for 1973 are:

Gilmore, \$3,749,400. Nottawa, \$5,695,550. Deerfield, \$6,023,241.

In the far-flung school district which stretches through three counties, the relatively small strip of Isabella County is providing a large part indeed of the total tax take of the school.

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Revenues and expenditures have climbed steadily every year of the huge district's existence.

In 1969-70, for instance, the school took in \$1,422,066 and spent \$1,351,398.

In 1970-71 it took in \$1,617,-791, and spent \$1,598,960.

In 1971-72 the school garnered \$1,849,686 and spent \$1,848,-669.

Note that during those years the school's budget stayed in the black, but from there on it began overspending, or going in the red.

In 1972-73 the tax take was \$2,053,565, and the Board and Administration, under the superintendency of Lavern Alward, spent more than it took in. In the 1973-74 figures, estimated, the tax income is \$2,308,136, with expenditures figured at--surprise!--\$2,308,136.

It is interesting to note that while the Board refused renewal of Charles Baker's contract as  
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### ED IS PATIENT... BUT BORED



OWNER HARRY ALLEN LOOKS ON--As Jeff Hines, a certified farrower (horse shoer) gives a trim to a hoof of Ed, a 2,200-pound, six-foot-at-rump-and-shoulder Percheron horse at the Allens' beautiful horse farm in Broomfield. Messenger photo

Ed was patient through it all, though obviously bored. Jeff worked on Ed's hoof with professional skill, ignoring the potential of that huge foot and leg if Ed had decided to "step on it".

Jeff entered the Michigan School of Horseshoeing Jan. 15 of this year and completed an intensive 10-week course in the trade of horse shoeing. He hopes to make his living in that very skilled trade.

His course at the Bellville horseshoeing school included a complete schedule of gas and arc welding, one in the anatomy of horses, specializing on the hoof and leg. There were about 10 highly skilled details in his over-all course at the school.

Jeff attended the Chippewa Hills High School up to the 11th grade, which he completed last year and dropped out. He wanted to learn to shoe horses, so he entered the very specialized school at Bellville.

While there he attained the highest rating of any student in the school's eight-year history.

At the school he trimmed the hooves of the nation's No. 1 "park" horse, the best horse in the country, rated for conformation, gait, etc. Owners have high competition for the honor of the position of "park" horse at races.

Jeff also shod the nation's third-ranked park horse while at the school.

He is happily married and lives two miles west of M-66 on 19-Mile Road, near Barryton.

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### BAKED GOODS WANTED FOR FIREMEN'S AUCTION

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department said this week that for those who have no items to donate for the auction, there is an opportunity to help, and need for, baked goods of all kinds.

Baked goods always go very well at the auctions, a spokesman said.

This year's auction will be April 10, beginning at 8 p.m. at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

### WEIDMAN KIDS ON DRUGS: YES, BUT NOT LIKE DETROIT

In a front-page story by Darlene Kwiatkowski in the issue of March 21, the Mt. Pleasant Daily Times-News said, "Police Confirm Extensive Abuse," and quoted Les Bonstelle, CMU Department of Public Safety, as saying, "Central Michigan University has all the drugs you could find on the streets of Detroit. But we're not unique. You can find the same thing in Weidman or across the state."

The story raised the hackles of some Weidman residents, and the Messenger undertook to call the Sheriff's office and ask if Weidman is indeed an unusually tough problem, drug-wise. We drew a laugh.

"Weidman is no more of a drug problem than any other town or place in the county," Sheriff Don Gillis said. "Sure, you've got kids on drugs over there, but it's not the kind of drugs you'd find on the streets of Detroit. It's mainly mescaline, marijuana, some LSD. But not the kind of drugs you'd find on the streets of Detroit."

Asked if the main drug use is among school children, Sheriff Gillis said it is.

Sheriff Gillis said drug use may cost the user from \$25 to \$50 per day, depending on the depth of usage. Asked how school kids could support such expenses, he replied, "Where do you think all the larcenies and burglaries originate?"

We called Mr. Bonstelle at Central Michigan University and asked him how come he singled out Weidman in his mention of problem towns.

"I didn't," he said. "The paper quoted me out of context. I did mention Weidman, but I also mentioned Farwell, Clare, Sault Ste. Marie, others perhaps. The paper quoted me out of context."

"I'm sorry if I offended Weidman people," Bonstelle continued. "There wasn't meant to be any significance in the mention of your town. My wife and I have many friends over there, and I certainly didn't mean to slander Weidman."

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey took their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and Mrs. Mary Clark, to dinner at Alma Sunday.

## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Mildred De Vary, and Roy Showers. Ruby Douglas was a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and sons attended the pancake supper at the Weidman school Saturday evening put on by the Weidman Cub Scouts. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilcox and son of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday afternoon callers at the Wilcox home. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson and daughter of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests. Bob Wilcox of Fort Hood, Texas, called his folks during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross and family of Grass Lake spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot were Friday evening visitors at the Voss home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday afternoon callers. The Conleys were among those who enjoyed dinner at the Gerald Dent home Monday evening, in honor of Jerry's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodstell were Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe were Sunday callers. Mrs. Emmons and Eddie John attended the carnival at the Barryton school Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell in Mt. Pleasant. Barb and daughter, Tammy, attended church with Lester and Mary Terwilliger at the University Chapel Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kelly of Midland were Saturday evening visitors at the Gray home. Mrs. Gray's sister, Bonnie Bachelor, of Holt, is spending a few days with her this week while Ken is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and girls were among the many who enjoyed the pancake and sausage supper at the Weidman school Saturday evening, put on by the Weidman Cub Scouts.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Charles Fox of rural Shepherd, Mrs. Ruth Pitts of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Elaine Esterline and Mr. and Mrs. Vanessa Cook of Farwell were visitors of Mrs. Grace Pitts during last week.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger entertained their card club with members mainly from near Mt. Pleasant, Saturday evening at their home here.

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

Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Wednesday caller of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood were Sunday afternoon visitors.

The Louis Hunts of Warren, Mich., spent Sunday at their mobile home here, near Flora Wood's house. They enjoyed snowmobiling here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White called on their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and son, Duane, and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Sunday dinner guests at the Alva Cummins home.

Mrs. Verna Platck and Karen, Betty and David were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bill attended the wedding of Philip Dent and Kathy Van Order at Chippewa Lake Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chapman of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, Viola Root, and Thelma Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Monday evening guests at the Gerald Dent home. They celebrated Gerald's birthday.

Geraline Johnson and children were Tuesday supper guests at the Dent home. Kimberly Ann and Brian spent from Wednesday till Friday with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dent were Saturday guests of Gerald and Mabel. Mike and Joe Dent spent from Saturday till Tuesday of this week with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were Sunday dinner guests at the Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Monday all-day guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening visitors at the Chalire Losey home.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and two daughters of Big Rapids spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

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## LEGAL Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 THE PROBATE COURT FOR  
 THE COUNTY OF ISABELLA  
 Estate of MARY SCHMIDT,  
 Deceased.

**TAKE NOTICE:** On April 10, 1974, at 9:30 A.M., in the Probate Court Room, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, before HONORABLE BURKE McCLINTIC, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of ALVIN C. SCHMIDT for the Probate of a purported will of said deceased dated July 21, 1962, and for granting of administration to said ALVIN C. SCHMIDT or some other suitable person and for a determination of heirs of said deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said ALVIN C. SCHMIDT at Route #1, Weidman, Michigan, and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before June 5, 1974. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to person appearing of record entitled thereto.  
 DATED: March 22, 1974

ALVIN C. SCHMIDT  
 Route #1, Weidman Michigan  
 Stephen W. Fox  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 102 Hersee Bldg.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 Phone: 773-3460

## LEGAL Notice

**TAKE NOTICE,** That the Annual Meeting of the Nottawa Township Board will be held on Saturday, March 30, 1974, starting at 1 p.m., at the Nottawa Township Hall.

BERNARD RAU  
 Nottawa Township Clerk  
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
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## LEGAL Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 THE PROBATE COURT FOR  
 ISABELLA COUNTY

Estate of WILLIAM P. PUNG,  
 Deceased. File No. 12253  
**TAKE NOTICE:** On March 19, 1974, in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing was held on the petition of Dorothy Finnerty, at which time the will of the deceased dated March 28, 1973, was admitted to probate and administration of the estate was granted to said Dorothy Finnerty.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said Dorothy Finnerty at 1005 S. Franklin Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, 48858, and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before June 5, 1974. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.  
 DATED: March 22, 1974.

Dorothy Finnerty  
 Petitioner  
 1005 S. Franklin Street  
 Mt. Pleasant, Mich.  
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 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
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## METHODISTS ENJOY COFFEE HOUSE EVENING

By Lester Hall  
 Members of the Weidman United Methodist Youth Fellowship operated a coffee house for one night Friday, March 22, in the basement of the church.  
 Mistress of Ceremonies was Janet Houghton, who introduced the entertainment as customers enjoyed refreshments of coffee, soft drinks, chips, cake and cookies. Entertainment consisted of live and recorded music, and readings and poetry. Coffee-house atmosphere was enhanced by candle light and intimate tables for four.

Primary entertainment was furnished by two singer-guitarists, Debbie Hunter and Tom Geistert, who sang two sets of musical numbers during the evening, each with eight selections, as well as requests. Some of the numbers were "Turn Around," "Gotta Have Tenderness," "Prayer of St. Francis", "I Believe in Music", "Put Your hand in the Hand," "God Loves You", "I Don't know How to Love Him," from "Jesus Christ, Super Star"; and "Sabbath Prayer".

Miss Hunter is a Junior student at CMU, and Tom Geistert is a 1973 graduate from CMU, now of Alma, where he is teaching multiple-handicapped children in the Gratiot-Isabella Interme-

## 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.

Fourteen-year-old John Eldridge showed a film of a Baptist retirement home in Missouri for missionaries as they come back from foreign fields.  
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**WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST**  
 Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.  
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 Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
 Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.  
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 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.

diate School District. Both have had considerable experience as soloists, and with groups.

Readings and poetry were delivered by Darlin Launius, youth leader; Becca Cook, president of the MYF; Diane Beutler, Mary Wright, and Janet Houghton.

Patrons of the coffee house, composed in many cases of families, both local and from surrounding communities, found it hard to tear themselves away from the enjoyable evening, in spite of the threatening weather and snow piling up outside.

The youths have announced that money earned from this and other endeavors will be used to help support some needy child, yet to be picked.

## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent the weekend with Sgt. and Mrs. Larry Leiter at Selfridge Air Force Base near Mt. Clemens,

**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Edna Teeter returned home Saturday from Grand Rapids, where she had spent two weeks with her son, Harold, and family. They came Saturday night and brought her home. Other Sunday guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family and the Earl Place family.

Cora Beers was the honored guest at a retirement party at the Mt. Pleasant Home and Training School. Her granddaughter, Janet Beers, attended the party with her.

Violet Wright and Eunice La Londe called on Madelyn La Londe at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant Thursday. She is reported making very good progress.

Those from here attending the carnival at the Barryton school Saturday evening included Helen Strang and girls and Virgilene Forbes and grandson, Danny Forbes.

Alfred Bartley and George Kline were in Remus one day last week, where Alfred called on his doctor.

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**REBEKAH CARD PARTIES WILL RESUME APRIL 2**

Card parties at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman, sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs, will resume Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at 2 p. m.

Everyone everywhere is cordially invited.

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**Local Items**

Mrs. Alton Allen left Sunday afternoon for a week's visit at the home of her son, Alton, Jr., at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton of Ashley were Sunday supper guests of the Ronnie Sprague family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Millis and son, Greg, of Grand Rapids were last Tuesday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phelps and son, Shawn, of Lansing were Wednesday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garrett and Pammy and Angela and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler attended the Cub Scouts' pancake supper with her family, the Carl Beutlers, Howard Beutlers and Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Joel, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Grant of Rosebush. They all spent the evening with Mrs. Beutler after the supper. "We did enjoy the little guys' expert serving at the tables," she said. "And the supper was delicious."

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and son of St. Louis were Sunday afternoon visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ula Cummins, and grandmother, Mrs. Helen Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Garth

Lawrence and Pamela of Laingsburg were also guests of her mother and grand mother. Margaret Sisco of Lake was a caller. Last Wednesday Mrs. Smith and Ula made a trip to Ithaca, Carson City and Crystal.

Ida Bazaire and Ruth Wark were Sunday dinner guests of the Lee Parker family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen of Lake were also guests.

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**In the Editor's Mail**

In regard to the article about my visit with you, I see an error.

It says that my grandfather, Samuel Kirvan, came here from Canada when Dewey was seven. It was my father that came with Granddad when he was seven. My father's name was Will Kirvan.

I was born here--lest someone may think I am older than I am.

Dewey L. Kirvan  
Barryton

Editor's Note: We humbly apologize, Dewey. This old editor has got to be more careful with her note-taking--and her reading of her illegible scribbles when her writing is cold.

Please don't be mad.--Connie.

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Dear Connie:

As the farmer would say, I've wintered badly.

I hope everything is well with you and Frances. Do you ever

hear from Wilma (Ritchie)?

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

### SCHOOL CARNIVAL SET FOR APRIL 6

The annual School Carnival at Beal City is set for Saturday, April 6, sponsored by the Beal City Parent-Teachers Club.

There will be varied entertainments and games, prizes for which are now being gathered by committees.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Sheahan spent the weekend in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with the Walter Schafers near Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp picked up her husband at Tri Cities Airport Saturday night, from his Naval duty at Long Beach, Cal. He has been in the Naval Reserves since serving in that part of the Armed Services.

Terry Klumpp, Scoutmaster, took Beal City Boy Scouts to Camp Weidman Friday and returned Saturday night, it being too cold to camp out.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pung spent the weekend with Mattie Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stih of Lake City and her sister from Lake City called on Louise Smith Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger were also callers.

Tuesday Nora Simmer of Reed

City and Mary Lou called on Louise Smith. The Powell brothers were here Tuesday to see Dora about work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weber spent a few days in Las Vegas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dean and family of Chicago spent the weekend with relatives around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barz and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barz, Sr., of Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox of Marion visited his mother, Mrs. Clara Fox, who is back in the hospital.

Catherine Schumacher and Edna and Helen Voisin went to California to visit their brother, Carl Schumacher, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith last Tuesday.

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

Mike Schafer and friend called on Effie Schafer Saturday afternoon.

Doll Rau and Sheila and Renee were at Grandma Smith's Tuesday evening, and tied a comforter.

Rose Grinzinger spent all day Thursday with Louise Smith.

They tied a comforter also. Tillie Schafer was a caller.

Louise Schafer called on Louise Smith Sunday evening.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter  
Well, winter weather was still with us the first of the week, with ice, snow and zero temperatures.

Quite a few in the area have the flu and sore throats.

Walt and Della Wischmeyer went to Kalamazoo Thursday to attend the funeral of Jack McDonnell. He was their daughter's brother-in-law.

Wednesday night Walt and Della Wischmeyer went to church with Ed and me. After church we played cards at their house.

Tillie Schafer had the misfortune to fall last week. She sprained her wrist and bruised her face.

Sunday Walt and Johanna Smith, Leo and Lucille Schafer and Ed and I went to Ed and Irene Fedewa's home in Mt. Pleasant. They showed us pictures of their trip to the Middle East in February.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of rural Big Rapids were Sunday afternoon visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

## CARD PARTY AT MASONIC HALL

At the regular card party at the Masonic Hall in Weidman last Wednesday afternoon, there were nine tables of pepper in play.

High prizes went to Florence Decker and Will Lawens, with pepper prize going to Harold Schumacher and door prize to Jack Schumacher. Albina Rau won low.

The next card party in Weidman will be April 2, at the Oddfellows Hall, sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs.

The Eastern Star ladies are pleased with the success of their parties.

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## EIGHTEEN YEAR OLDS CAN REGISTER BY MAIL WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS

Eighteen-year-old young men can register with Selective Service by mail, according to word from Michigan state headquarters of the system. Forms will be available in schools and post offices in this area, the announcement said.

Or eighteen-year-old also can request a mail registration form by writing to any Selective Service office. Instructions are included with the form. It is pre-addressed and needs no postage.

Federal law still requires the registration of 18-year-olds, although inductions have stopped

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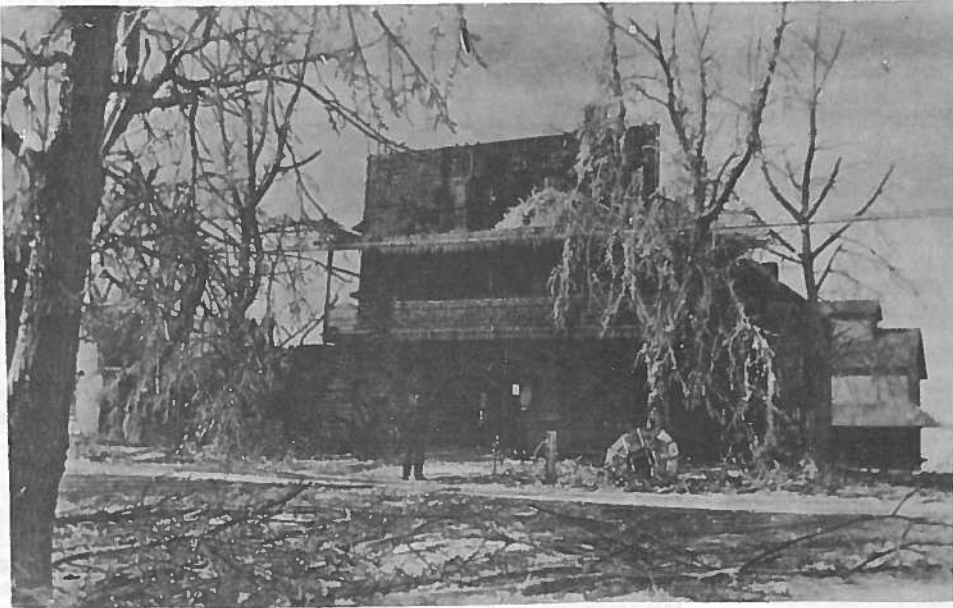
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THEY HAD ICE STORMS BACK IN THE OLD DAYS, TOO--This old photo, as near as we can identify it from an old film negative, shows Briggs' Blacksmith Shop and Dance Hall, with the town's second elevator in the background. Briggs' Blacksmith and hall were torn down long since, as was the elevator. With our two ice storms late this winter, and with our tree damage resulting therefrom, we thought we were pretty hard hit. They got some dillies 'way back when, too.

#### CUB SCOUT PANCAKE SUPPER GOES OVER GOOD

The Weidman Cub Scout Pack 692 held its pancake and sausage supper Saturday evening, March 23, at the Weidman school cafeteria, with over 400 people being served pancakes and sausage by the Cub Scouts. Coffee and milk were served by their Den chiefs.

The money received from the supper will be used for the re-registration of all the Cub Scouts and for taking the boys to Cub Day at Camp Rotary, coming

up this summer.

It will also be used for various supplies necessary during the Cub Scout year.

The Pack committee and the Den leaders are appreciative of the parents' help, and also for the Weidman area peoples' support of the Cub Scouts by attending the supper.

The pack committee hopes to make the Cub Scout pancake and sausage supper an annual event.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

#### NEWS NOTES

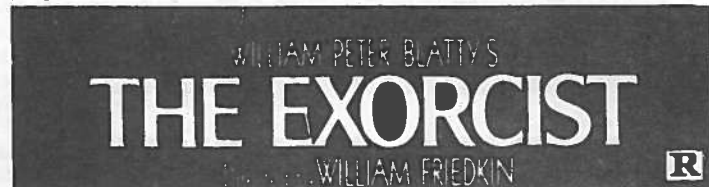
Tim McArthur went back to work as a welder at Guerdon Manufacturing Company at Farwell, after a long layoff.

Mary McCarthy of Lansing is spending the week with Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith attended the Senior Citizens' dinner at Barryton Thursday afternoon.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meade, to help Lylah celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mrs. Nina Flaughner of Bellaire was a Saturday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner. Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson of Bellaire and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Flaughner of Louisville were Saturday guests. Mark Flaughner had supper Wednesday evening with his grandparents.

Miss Connie Foster visited relatives in Detroit from Thursday until Sunday.

John Freeze and Mrs. Bertha Ledke spent Saturday evening with Blanche Carr. I was a dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Calkins, Sr., and the Walter Calkines, Jr., of Secord Lake, Marvin Armock and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Best of Grand Rapids, the Bob Cooks and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were visitors at the home of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar during the week, to wish Jay a happy 85th birthday. Lawrence Lovell and Roland Lovell called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen and Tim Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Schultz of Charlotte Monday. Tim was a Thursday overnight guest of the Allens. Sunday evening they attended a meeting of the Modern Pioneers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Mead of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines of Barryton and Mrs. Paula Archer and baby of Tacoma, Wash., were afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Jerewski and Mrs. Ursula Martin of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. John Roe and children and Mrs. Marge Martin of Detroit were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Dorothy Breuer and Mrs. Leona Courser attended the funeral of Dewey Drake at Remus Friday.

Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belting visited her father, Oral Bunting, and also Mrs. Nettie Baker, Saturday.

Bill Van Zandt and son visited his mother, Mrs. Gordon Slegel, Sunday.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder.

Mrs. Paul Lueder's sister Helen of Lansing and her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Howell, of Greenville, visited the Lueders Sunday.

Mrs. Arlene Leiter and grand-

son, Terry, came from Laurel, Indiana, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung and children were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

George Cornell and Bernie Engelston of Beaverton were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mossell and Shannon returned home to South Bend, Ind., after several days spent with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

The Coles went to South Bend Friday, where they spent the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell. They attended a 28-year wedding anniversary party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Balent for their parents, given by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser, Mr. and Mrs. John Balent, Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mossell, Mary Markham and Dick and Tom were the children of the Mossells who gave the party.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reed and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Saturday.

What nice neighbors and friends we have! Tony Masachuk had our drive all plowed out for us Sunday when we got home, and the Richard Mahons did our chores while we were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Geasler, at CMC Hospital Friday. They also visited Mrs. Ina Campbell at the Medical Facility.

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## AH, SPRING!

Thermometer readings in Weidman Monday morning, the sixth day of Spring, reached 15 below zero, with a chill factor added just for good measure.

But outside our living room window, a song sparrow gave his lovely spring aria.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence are the parents of a new daughter, born March 21 at CMC Hospital. She has been named Theresa Jean.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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"assistant superintendent," it gave him a contract (\$16,500 per year) as "Administrative Services Director".

His new duties are described as involving federal title programs, vocational education co-ordination, and hot lunch programs. The Board said it was eliminating the office of assistant superintendent.

Supt. Alward has said that if the recount fails to give him the extra mill he and the Board asked the taxpayers for, he will be forced to cut the number of teachers. Nothing has been said publicly about paring off any administrative fat.

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### DOG COUNTS UP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

By the appearance of the first three township supervisors' dog counts throughout Isabella County, it would seem that the number of dogs listed this year will be substantially above counts of previous years.

Union Township (not including Mt. Pleasant City) listed 715 dogs this year, compared to 506 last year.

Nottawa Township listed 187 dogs this year over 101 last year.

Coe Township had 467 dogs this year compared to 429 last year.

Apparently the total dog count throughout the county will be up. Licenses for dogs will be followed closely by the public as the new plan for enforcement goes into action for the first time.

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### HOW HE VOTED

Here is a partial record of recent voting in the Michigan House of Representatives by John Engler, our boy in Lansing:

On a House Joint Resolution calling for a state-wide referendum on a constitutional amendment to give 18-year-olds the right to run for the legislature and for the governor's office, our John voted Yes. (Reminds us of a recent letter in the Chippewa Hills Schools' mouthpiece, the Chippewa Hills Courier, by a 16-year-old girl giving us taxpayers what-for if we didn't give her a Yes vote on the millage demanded by the School Board). All we need is an 18-year-old legislator and/or an 18-year-old governor in Michigan. We repeat, our John voted Yes for a referendum on this.

On House Bill 5624, a vote to concur in Michigan Senate amendments-bill permitting local units of government to defer all or part of a sewer tie-in fee for a person in poverty. Our John opted not to vote on

that one. The bill was carried and sent to Gov. Milliken for signing into law. (It's getting to be much more attractive, financially speaking, to be "a person in poverty", than to be a wage earner paying income tax.)

Our John did vote Yes on a bill which would reduce the percentage of true cash value at which property must be assessed.

For some reason we cannot imagine, Our John voted No on House Bill 5469 raising penalties for cruelty to animals.

We do wish Johnny would drop 'round some day and explain these things to all us outland citizens, when he's not too busy speaking at Mt. Pleasant club meetings and appearing with bigwigs on radio and in daily papers such as the Mt. Pleasant Times-News.

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### ONCE WEIDMAN HAD A STATE CHAMPION TEAM

Remember the state champion basketball team of 1940, Weidman High School? We were state champions in Class D that year.

The Detroit Free Press had a mention of us, in its issue of Saturday, March 23, when Hal Schram wrote about the stadium at Michigan State University, opened that year.

The Free Press also listed state champions in other classes, in its writeup of the 1940 opening of Jenison Field House.

On the same page, in another story, a writer said, "Some of the most distinguished State Tournament basketball heroes are found in Class C and D."

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### FOOD WORKERS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE TEST

Due to the decrease in the incidence of new tuberculosis cases reported in the Central Michigan District Health Department area, food service operators and employees will no longer be required to have a t.b. skin test for employment, according to Dr. Richard Nowak, medical director of the Central Michigan District Health Department.

Also due to the lower case rates of t.b. in this area, an annual t.b. examination is no longer required under state law for barbers and beauticians in Michigan.

People requesting t.b. tests can still obtain them from the health department, Dr. Nowak said.

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### NEWS NOTES

Bob, Russell, Diane and Roger Holt of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullett spent Friday evening with Mrs. Forbes.



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