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Editor's Column

By Connie

APRIL, DO YOUR STUFF!

Welcome, April. With Old March going out like a lamb, after what a four weeks of horrid weather, can we hope for some spring-like weeks ahead?

Early warmups the first of March brought up some of our daffodils and hyacinths, and, after what the poor things have been through since, they look pretty sad. Hurry crocus.

Trees are beginning to show signs of fluffing out with spring buds; willows are bright yellow, and they're nearly ready to leaf out. Hurry sunshine.

Ice has gone out of most lakes nearby, and panfishing will begin soon. Our cat, The Queen, can begin eating fresh bluegills again, as Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger take advantage of their lakeshore homes and walk down to the water evenings for an hour of cane-pole-with-worm-bait fishing. For the cat, mainly, though we have had some good suppers of bass and channel catfish. The latter are rather a disappointment. At least we think so. We'll take the bass, nice big ones that come to our shores in early spring.

Hurry fishing.

WHAT ABOUT DUSTPANS WITH LONG HANDLES?

We have always claimed that the designers of kitchen gadgets are bachelors, and, moreover, woman-haters, the way they contrive washers, dryers, stoves, toasters, of gleaming chrome or gleaming porcelain w/chrome trim.

Always there are humps and bumps and crevices that catch crumbs, dust, and maybe some grease, that the harried housewife must spend time on cleaning up. Always the company's insignia is done in bas relief or worse, mainly in chrome, with deep crevices to keep clean.

Our present gripe is the lowly dustpan. We have a dustpan that is at least 15 years old, and we are hanging onto it. For the reason that we haven't been able to find a dustpan with a

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HE'S A FARRIER--And old Smarty Connie should have stood in bed. Jeff Hines is the farrier (horse shoer) we featured in last week's paper with a real blooper that brought cries of anguish from horse lovers all over. Sorry, Jeff. You'll get along okay, as a horse shoer, or farrier, and Ole Connie will quit bragging about that year of Latin study she endured at age 13.

(Farrier is derived from the Latin word ferrum, meaning iron; and here the old gal's instinct failed her.

Messenger photo

FIREMEN'S AUCTION IS SATURDAY, APRIL 20

The annual auction put on by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department will be Saturday evening, April 20, at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

This is a highly popular event, greatly enjoyed by all participating.

Donations are greatly appreciated, and baked goods are solicited. Items of every kind show up at the Firemen's auctions, and the evening is a great event.

Those having items to donate and need pick-up service may call these numbers, all on the 644- or Weidman exchange: Thayne Sides, tel. 3595; Ronnie Sprague, 2147; Spike Branson, 3507; and Leon Schafer, 3501.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

LIONS CLUB WILL HONOR RETIRED MEN OF AREA

Personal invitations have been sent out by the Weidman Lions Club to retired men of this area for their third annual retirement dinner and evening of entertainment.

All retired men of the Weidman area cordially invited.

Dinner will be at 6.30 in the Weidman school cafeteria, with entertainment and get-acquainted time following.

If any retired men have not received invitations, they are to consider themselves invited. They may contact Harry Herman, Weidman Postmaster and Lions Club, chairman of the retirement night entertainment.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

JAIL BREAK HAD THIS AREA ON EDGE MONDAY

Three prisoners escaped from the Isabella County jail at 6 a. m. Monday, fleeing in Car 373 of the Sheriff's Department and putting this area on needles and pins until their eventual capture in the afternoon.

Jason Esch, 21, of Coleman, Donald Sehl of Mt. Pleasant and Terry Cook of Farwell overpowered Dick Swanson, Deputy on duty at the jail, and escaped with nine guns, including two sub-machine guns, ammunition, and \$105 in cash. They handcuffed Swanson, ransacked the gun lockers, the cash drawer, and got the keys to Car 373 which stood in the jail's garage.

Esch and Sehl were trusties, allowed out of their cells to help clean the jail and do other chores around the place.

Swanson said he went to the cell area shortly after 6 a. m. to wake the inmates to clean the garage.

Esch went into the dispatch area, followed by Sehl with a shotgun pointed at Swanson. He took Swanson's sidegun and handcuffed him and made him lie on the floor. Esch also had a gun by this time, and as Swanson said, "With two guns pointed at me, I did just as they said."

The prisoners gathered up nine guns, ammunition and the car keys and took off.

Swanson managed to get to his feet and dial the telephone operator, who called the Mt. Pleasant Police Department. A city patrol car was dispatched to the jail to free Swanson.

Sheriff Don Gillis said the trusties may have taken at least one gun Sunday in preparation for the obviously planned break.

The escapees evidently went through or just around Weidman on their route to "a corner of Clare and Osceola Counties," as other news media have described their final stand, west on the Airline Road and apparently thence north through the village of Brinton or its edges.

Car 373 was reported by a housewife and law officers converged on this area and to the north.

Another telephone call, from another woman farther north, sent lawmen up to the Lake (Continued on Next Page)

JAIL BREAK

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Station area and beyond, where the three finally were taken back into custody.

Two were taken at a cottage in a wooded area north and west of Lake Station, and the third was taken later at another cottage.

Involved in the chase were 1 Sheriffs' officers from this and other counties, State Police from the Mt. Pleasant and other posts, and the DNR Conservation Department, the latter presumably knowing the whereabouts of recreation cottages in that area.

News reports and Sheriff's office accounts consistently gave the location of the capture as "at the Clare and Osceola County line," which would place it somewhere west of Lake Station.

All three men are considered hardened and dangerous, according to officers' descriptions.

Esch and Sehl were caught without gunfire, while Terry Cook eluded police and a tracking dog--for a while. The dog finally chased him up a tree while a police helicopter hovered overhead.

The three men were captured in eight hours after their early-morning escape.

Esch was in jail on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, auto theft, and breaking and entering.

Cook had a breaking and entering charge against him, an assault and battery charge, and writing bad checks.

Sehl was in jail for breaking and entering.

All three were reported in the maximum security section of the jail after their capture.

Housewives over this entire area kept their doors locked all during the eight hours of suspense Monday. Friends telephoned friends to warn them of the proximity of the escapees.

"I don't blame them," Sheriff Gillis said after the capture Monday afternoon. "Our great fear was that they might take a family hostage, and that would have been tragic."

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Lawrence Toarmina and Mrs. Sofia Abdoo of Roseville were Monday and Tuesday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Callers were Roderick Nicholson and Sandra Cook.

Mrs. Mary Courser and Katie and Mrs. Suzanne Courser, Mrs. Celia and Mrs. Jane Chaffee and Mrs. Cindy Kolassa went to visit relatives in Lansing Sunday.

Mrs. Homer Moses and Mrs. Stuart Moses and Mrs. Leon Bunker and Mrs. Thelma Reed called on Mrs. Leona Courser Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs.

Norval Morey were guests.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch visited Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday afternoon.

Miss Pennie Plank of Mt. Pleasant and Miss Angie Koeplin of Frankenmuth were Saturday dinner guests of Blanche Carr. Mrs. Eva Denslow and I called on Mrs. Bessie Teall Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaucher and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaucher and their families were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher, in honor of the birthdays of Ron and Russ. Ralph and Tim Flaucher were Saturday evening guests of the folks. Mike, Mark and Marty Flaucher visited their grandparents Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Miss Beth Hogg were Friday evening guests at the Robert Hines home. Roderick Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry and Mrs. Albert Youngs of Remus were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead and Aliance and Herman Cook spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Miss Janet Himm of Saginaw spent the weekend with Cindy Krueger, to help her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Passeriello and Walter Zolnierok of Saginaw were Monday guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Helen Terry and Mrs. Kathleen Wood of Lansing spent a few days last week with their sister, Mrs. Eldon Marshall, and family.

Eldon Marshall celebrated his birthday Friday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall and family, Mrs. Ella Cox and Emerson Marshall and friend.

Hugh Hartung of Jackson spent four days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. Mrs. Janet Jordan of Lansing was a dinner guest of her parents. Their daughter, Mrs. Jane Summerville, of Mason, was a Sunday guest, as was Tim Jackson. Misses Nancy and Beth Losey and Gary were callers Sunday.

The Allens spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson. Howard is remodeling a show wagon for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR GEORGE MILLER

George Miller was honored on his birthday Monday evening with a family gathering at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and girls.

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Mar21tf

FIREMEN'S AUCTION--April
20, at Weaver's Tavern in
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by all. Good auctioneers, a
wonderful assortment of items
to buy.

April 4t3

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April 4tf

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dishes, and knick-knacks.
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west on Coleman Road.

April 4t1p

CARNIVAL--At the Weidman
school this Saturday evening,
April 6. Everyone invited for
entertainment, drawings, etc.
Proceeds buy needed equip-
ment for the school. Sponsored
by Weidman Mothers Club.

April 4t1

BEAL CITY SCHOOL--Carnival
this Saturday evening, April
6, at the Beal City School. All
are cordially invited for an
evening of entertainment.

April 4t1

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April 4t1p



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father, John Sheldon, who
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And with Mom, the one you
loved;

We have precious memories
every day,
But still miss you, since you
went away.

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deeply missed, by
His Children.

Obituary

WILLIAM N. FABER

William N. Faber, Sr., died
last Wednesday, March 27, at
CMC Hospital. He was 84.

He was born March 1, 1880,
in Fowler, Mich. He was a
member of the Beal City Knights
of Columbus and the Holy Name
Society.

He came to the Nottawa area
as a young boy, from Fowler,
Mich., with his parents. He
spent his life on his own farm
in Nottawa until last summer,
when he moved to a trailer
house on a lot owned by his
son, Walter, at Coldwater
Lake.

Funeral services were held
Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.
m. at St. Joseph the Worker
Church in Beal City, with Fr.
Donald Dueweke officiating.
Burial was in the church ceme-
tery.

Members of the Beal City
Knights of Columbus recited the
rosary at the J.J. Rush Funeral
Home in Mt. Pleasant Thurs-
day evening.

Mr. Faber is survived by seven
daughters: Mrs. Charles (Irene)
Schmidt of Beal City, Mrs. Mar-
tin (Genevieve) Appelgreen of
Big Rapids, Mrs. Joseph (Martha)
Reihl, Mrs. Ralton (Rosalia)
Pasch of Beal City, Mrs. Joseph
(Mary) Hemgesburg of Freeland,
Sister Cecilia Faber O.P., Pe-
nasco, N.M., and Sister Doris
Faber O.P., Gaylord; three
sons, Walter, Arthur and Wil-
liam, Jr., of Beal City; one

brother, Ernest; one sister, Mrs.
Clara Neubecker, of Grand Rap-
ids; and 41 grandchildren and
15 great-grandchildren.

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Obituary

HELEN VOISIN

Mrs. Helen Voisin died Wed-
nesday, March 20, at Palm Dale,
Calif., She was 72.

She was born Oct. 9, 1901, in
Beal City. She was a member of
the Sacred Heart Altar Society
and a charter member of the
Catholic Daughters.

Funeral services were held Mon-
day, March 25, at 11 a.m. in
Sacred Heart Church in Mt.
Pleasant, with Fr. John J. Thome
officiating. Burial was in Cal-
vary Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

She is survived by two daugh-
ters, Mrs. C.R. (Anne) Trussell
and Mrs. Ed (Clarabel) Hoffman;
two sisters, Mrs. Katherine
Schumacher of Beal City, and
Mrs. Edna Willett of Bay City;
four brothers, Carl of California,
and Fred, Joseph and Lawrence
of Bay City; and six grandchil-
dren and one great-grandchild.

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Obituary

RUTH PERRY

Ruth V. Perry of Midland died
Friday, March 29, at CMC Hos-
pital. She was 78.

She was born Dec. 19, 1895,
in Paulding County, Ohio. She
had been a school teacher in
Gilmore and Weidman.

Funeral services were held
Monday, April 1, at the Stin-
son Funeral Home in Mt. Plea-
sant with Ali Jarman officiat-
ing. Burial was in the Gilmore
Cemetery.

She is survived by her hus-
band, LaVern; two daughters,
Mrs. Eldon (Violet) Downing
of Livonia, and Mrs. John (Ver-
dena) Ireland of Midland; two
sons, Richard of Midland and
Paul of Jackson; and 13 grand-
children and nine great-grand-
children; also one sister, Mrs.
Magdalena Davis, of Mt. Plea-
sant.

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Card of Thanks

I sincerely appreciate and
want to thank everyone who
brought food, flowers, Masses,
gifts and cards while I was in
the hospital.

Thank you.

Mary Pung

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer of Alma spent last week with their grandparents, the Walter Wischmeyers.

Judy (Manley) Hynes and son of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday with Ruth Sherlock. The ladies went to Beal City School together. They had a real good visit. Other visitors were Ed and Marge Schafer.

Thursday evening Jerry and Jane Schafer and children brought some pork chops and came to our house for supper. Other visitors for the evening were Wayne and Ruth Sherlock.

Sunday Judy Schafer, Ruth Sherlock, Jane Schafer and I attended a bridal shower for Charlotte Schafer, at the home of her aunt, Carol Mathews. Charlotte will be married next month to Mike Lane. She received many lovely gifts.

Guests here Sunday evening at our house were Jerry and Jane Schafer of Rosebush, Wayne and Ruth Sherlock and children, Don and Judy Schafer and children, and Sharon McCoy of Alma. Sharon is the proud owner of a beautiful new car.

There haven't been many fish taken here since the cold weather set in.

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NEWS NOTES

Pauline Zuke of Big Rapids spent the weekend with her uncle and aunt and family, the Harland Sniders.

Tracy Sutton of Ashley is spending the week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague, and girls.

BEAL CITY SCHOOL CARNIVAL SET FOR APRIL 6

The annual school carnival at the Beal City Public Schools is set for this Saturday evening, April 6, from 6.30 to 10 p.m.

Entertainment is promised to young and old, with games, prizes and refreshments for all ages, according to a spokesman at the school.

All school classes and organizations are taking part in the gala evening, it was announced this week.

Everyone is invited for an evening of fun and entertainment.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 15 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Senior Citizens card party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City last Thursday, there were 15 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

Theresa Collins won first prize for the ladies, with Edna Schult winning second. Monica Grinzinger won low.

For the men, Jack Cotter took first prize, with Herman Cook winning second. Stub Beutler won low.

Barney Gallagher won the pepper prize. John Schumacher won the door prize.

Refreshments of donuts and coffee were enjoyed.

The next card party at Beal City will be next Wednesday--note the change of days--April 11, at the K.C. Hall. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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Ivan Allen entered CMC Hospital last week, suffering from a heart attack. He was improving the first of this week, but was still in the intensive care unit.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY HOSPITAL CARE FACILITIES IN ISABELLA COUNTY

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners appointed a "blue ribbon" committee to study possibilities of co-ordinating and possibly enlarging health-care facilities at CMC Hospital and the Isabella County Extended Care Facility, both housed in one building in Mt. Pleasant.

Named to the committee were Dr. William Boyd (chairman), president of Central Michigan University; Allen Morrow, John Seator, Constance Smith, David Thompson, Kenneth Torger-son and K.P. Wood.

The committee was charged by the Commissioners with responsibility to provide information and give direction to these areas: Facilities, administration, and method of financing.

The Commissioners asked if it is feasible to conduct two

building programs on the same site, and whether or not economy and efficiency might be achieved by a combined program.

The Commissioners asked the same question about administration of the two facilities.

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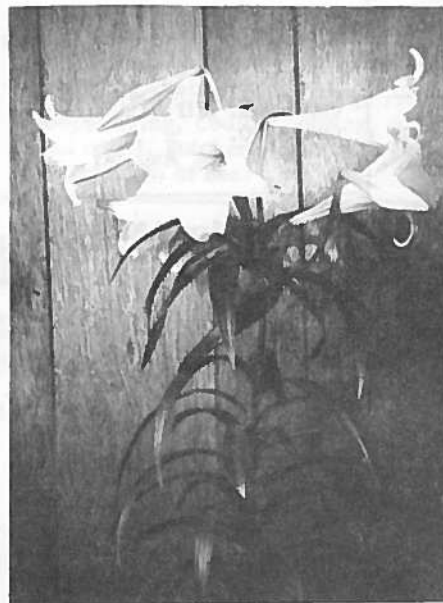
NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Alton Allen and son, Rev. Carl Allen, of Midland, spent Thursday and Friday in Indianapolis, Ind., at the home of his daughter, Deanna. On their way home they stopped at the home of Carl's son in DeWitt, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent last Tuesday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Mary Fordyce, of rural Mt. Pleasant. She accompanied them on Sunday to Mt. Pleasant to pay respects to Ruth Perry, who died Friday at her home in Midland. Ruth was a teacher in the Weidman School in 1918, as Miss Ruth McNeal.

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BEAL CITY FFA MEMBERS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION
 Pictured above are members of the Beal City FFA who recently attended the 46th annual state FFA convention in East Lansing March 20-22.

Left to right above, members are: Frank Engler, Bob Engler, Irene Fox, Jeff Schafer, and Bill Bogart.

Official delegates to the 9,200-member organization's business sessions were Irene and Bill, with Jeff serving as alternate delegate.

Frank and Bob Engler, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Engler, and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Engler, respectively, traveled to the convention to compete in state

leadership contests, where they demonstrated the meat identification and selection program, to receive a Gold Star Award.

In the fifth general session of the convention, they were selected as second-place team in the state. With district and regional contests, as well as state, the young men competed against 162 chapters.

In other recognition at the convention, Beal City FFA received an area award for work in build-

ing our American communities sponsored by the Farm Bureau, FFA and Farm Home Administration.

Also the chapter received a certificate of merit for contributions to the state FFA scholarship and for increasing membership in the local chapter.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer entertained their club Saturday evening.

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

A kitchen shower was given Sunday afternoon for Charlotte Schafer, who will be married in April at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City.

Maxine Klumpp left Friday for a week in Florida.

Dorothy Tilmann called on Louise Smith Wednesday afternoon, and got her quilt which Louise quilted for her. They just got back from their trip to Mexico.

Ginger Rau and Delores and Brian Gould spent Saturday with the Walter Raus.

Regina Faber is home from the hospital.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

Mrs. Mary Pung came home from the hospital Tuesday last

week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shepard Friday evening.

Leona Faber is taking care of the Fred Strange family while the parents are away on a trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family of Midland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawens of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau.

Gary Schafer of Detroit spent Friday evening with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend with relatives here.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler, Carl Beutler and Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Tuesday afternoon of this week in Lansing to pay their respects to Mrs. Laura Tibbetts, widow of George Tibbetts, who founded an insurance agency in the 1920s.

Mrs. Ivan Allen took her son, Gregory, to the hospital in Lansing Monday for a checkup on his leg.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

EASTER IS SUNDAY,
 APRIL 14

It's
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Time!

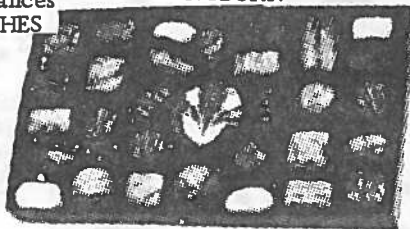
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SPRING CARNIVAL AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL APRIL 6

The Weidman Mothers' Club will put on their Spring Carnival Saturday, April 6, from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at the Weidman school.

Tickets have been sold for the following prizes: First prize, a three-speed bicycle; second prize, a \$50 gift certificate for groceries; and third prize is a \$25 saving bond.

Tickets will be sold at the school, with prize drawings at 8 o'clock.

There will be a merchants' drawing every 15 minutes, for gifts that have been donated by Weidman and Beal City merchants. Tickets for these will be sold all evening at 20¢.

A King, Queen, Prince and Princess will be announced at 8 o'clock.

There will be a country store, for which items may be donated, such as baked goods for the bake shop, home made candy, canned fruits and vegetables, handicrafts, candles, etc.

A white elephant sale will also be held, and donations for this also are needed, but officers of the Mothers Club say no clothing, please. Most appreciated would be donations of cakes for a cake-walk.

Money from the carnival is used to buy needed educational and recreational items for the Weidman school. Last year they purchased four microscopes, 60 head phones, basketball backboards and rims, and a tether ball.

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ATTEND BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Wesley Cole was honored at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paulsen, in Midland, Sunday.

Those attending included Mrs. Gusta Green, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hall of Dearborn, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gould and daughter, Becky, of Evart; and those from here included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Blane Block and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

She was presented with a beautiful cake from her daughter and son-in-law, and also gifts and gifts of money.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Damitio were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur. Gail St. Germaine of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday visitor.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck spent the weekend with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louissell and family at Grand Haven and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louissell and Heather at Spring Lake. They were last Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent. Wednesday evening they visited Howard and Beulah Haskins at Barryton.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Curoski and Michael Wilson of Sheridan and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy McGuire of Big Rapids. The Reeds spent Saturday evening with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis at Kalkaska. Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis of New Era were Sunday dinner guests at the Arthur Loomis home. Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman and family of Belding were Saturday evening visitors. Callers during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and Angela, and Tom and Virgil Loomis.

Lyle Denslow was a Saturday callers of the Leo Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Lansing were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family. Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Forbes were afternoon callers.

Jay Purdy called at the Burdette Reed home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky attended a bingo party at Rosebush Wednesday evening, and the

Rebekah card party at Barryton Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis were Sunday visitors at the Skalitzky home. Lyle Denslow was a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hartzler and family were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and family. The Schrock children have been ill with mumps and measles the past week. Gilbert's folks, the Arthur Schrocks, called them Sunday evening from Florida.

Bessie Loomis returned home Sunday, after spending the past two weeks with her brother, George, and family at New Era.

Wayne Fifield was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John. Eddie has been ill with a cold.

Lonnie Loomis of Chanute Air Base, Chicago, spent the weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and family.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rosser, of Evart, and Harry's sister

and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Kern, of Leroy. Their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry, were also afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline at Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco were Thursday afternoon visitors at the Leiter home. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and Renee and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter were Friday callers.


We visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. Mother and Dad Loomis called on us Friday evening. Our daughter, Teresa, spent the weekend with Sue Winkler at Mecosta.

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MARCH OF DIMES ANTIQUE SHOW APRIL 6, 7

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood were Sunday evening guests.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Othel Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of the Kenneth Denslow family in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow had Sunday dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cummins of Lansing and Mrs. Alma White were Sunday afternoon callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin called on her father, Leo Bahr, at the hospital at Copemish Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls were Tuesday evening callers at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga were also Tuesday evening callers. The Harold Krueger family were Saturday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kahil were also callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and boys were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller and children of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson spent Friday evening with Mrs. Marion Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Patti Losey were Sunday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga were Sunday dinner guests at the Elwood Miller home.

A daughter for the Berl Denslows, named Amy Lynn, born Monday, March 25. She weighed five pounds, six ounces. She has a little sister and a brother.

Mrs. Opal Denslow enjoyed birthday dinner for her son-in-law, Derry Dunn, in Durand, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, the Aldean Ackers.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Fern Verette returned to her work at the State Home, after being off work for some time, due to having surgery on her hand.

Mrs. Pat Crook and daughter of Ohio spent the weekend with her Dad, Joe La Londe, and called on her mother, Madelyn La Londe, at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Earl Place returned home Wednesday from the Mt. Pleasant hospital, where she had surgery the week before.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts have been ill with flu. Kevin returned to school Monday after a spell with strep throat.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore attended a banquet at the school in honor of wrestling Wednesday evening.

Nora Geasler and her sister-

in-law, Edna Forbes, called on her aunt, Caroline Alston, in Clare one day last week.

Fern Verette and her mother, Eathel Beers, were in Remus Thursday, where they called on their doctor.

Bud Longton and Alfred Bartley also called on their doctor in Remus that day.

George Cline has been assisting Alfred Bartley with his chores.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wenzel of Bradenton, Florida, spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Wenzel's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James McNicol. They brought with them Mrs. Wenzel's mother, Mrs. Bertha Conley, of Alma, who will return with them to Florida some time next week.

Robert Serum of Midland spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Serum.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall and Mrs. Bessie Ellis were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall and son, Chris, honoring the 90th birthday of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Ellis. Other grand and great-grandchildren joining the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson, son David and daughter Kathy of Pontiac.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee returned home after several weeks of doing chores for a friend while she was in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfarne and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie visited the Paul Coles Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler and John Geasler and Raymond Geasler and Martin Boger called on the Albert Geaslers Saturday.

Bobbette Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. William Willke are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Tonya Marie. She has another sister, April, and a little brother, Billy. Mrs. Coranna Shaner is the proud grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wardwell are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell are the proud grandparents.

Paul Cole visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan last Tuesday. He found Lester with a sprained rib.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler, John Geasler, and Raymond Geasler called on their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, Saturday.

ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham of Ojibwa announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to Mr. Richard A. Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abbott of Weidman.

Mary Ellen graduated from Finney High School in Detroit, and from Central Michigan University.

Rick graduated from Chippewa Hills High School in 1972 and attended an electronics school in Grand Rapids. He is currently serving with the United States Navy at San Diego, Calif.

A June wedding in California is planned.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Mabel Sides called on Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich called on his brother, Jay Aldrich, at CMC Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Joe Ptak entered CMC Hospital Friday, suffering a heart attack. He was still in the intensive care until the first of this week. His children were up from Detroit for the weekend. His daughter, Debbie, and boys are staying with her mother this week. Mrs. Ptak came home Sunday morning from a stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and son, Casey, called on us Tuesday afternoon, then called on her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Battleshaw and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rhynard of Farwell called on us Wednesday evening and had coffee and lunch with us. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called Saturday and again Sunday. Helen Alwood and Cathy called Sunday evening and had tea and cookies with us.

We called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott of Farwell Wednesday. Their daughter, Linda, and husband and baby are visiting them while he is out of work.

Mrs. Helen Alwood called on her mother, Hermione Smith, at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening. Helen called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak at CMC Hospital also. Joe suffered a heart attack, and Anita had a kidney stone attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burdette of Owosso and Sylvester Smith of Grand Rapids attended the funeral of Bill Faber, Sr., Saturday morning at the Beal City church. Mrs. Helen Smith and Leo Smith also attended.

Sylvester Smith spent Friday evening at the Leo Smith home.

The Burdettes called at the Don Alwood home Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith attended the funeral of Frank Alger in Howell last Thursday. He was the husband of Lizzie Adams.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

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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.

Flowers on the altar of Weid-

man United Methodist Church

Sunday were placed there in

honor of Melanie McClain, in

appreciation of her service and

dedication to the church. She

also received a gift. She has

been the church organist since

she was 14 years old. Miss Mc-

Clain, a recent graduate regis-

tered nurse from Bronson Hospi-

tal in Kalamazoo, has accepted

a position at Central Michigan

Community Hospital in Mt.

Pleasant, and will assume her

duties after a short vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel J. Lynch,

acting for the congregation,

presented corsages to two ladies

in honor of their birthdays: Mrs.

Emma Middlesworth on her 82nd

and Mrs. Bessie Ellis on her

90th, both occurring on that

day.

The Methodist Men will put

on another soup supper May 4.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE

NAZARENE

Rev. John A. Wright, Minister

Phone 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6.30 p.m.

Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Prayer Service Wednesday,

7.30 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Broomfield: Located six miles

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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.

BLOCK LAYING WORKSHOP

AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

A special two-Saturday block

and brick laying workshop will

be conducted on the campus of

Mid Michigan Community Col-

lege, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

on Saturday, April 6, and April

13.



WEIDMAN ELEMENTARY HAS A CHECKER CHAMP
 In co-operation with the Isabella County Recreation Department, Weidman school students have been involved in a checker tournament the past few weeks. Kevin Cook is champion of the school here, and will now go on to compete with students from other county schools. We all wish Kevin lots of luck.
SHOWN IN PHOTO ABOVE--Mike McGuire, first grade; Tom Conger, second grade; Tim Theisen, third grade; Rick Whitish, fourth grade; Tim Simon, fifth grade. On the right side of the table are Steve Hartzler, first grade; Kevin Cook, fifth grade; Mike Hartzler, third grade; B.J. Denslow, fourth grade; and Dennis Kalil, fifth grade.



THEY'RE IN THE ARMY--Four young men from this area have joined the U.S. Army on three-year enlistments and are now at Fort Knox, Ky. From left to right, above, they are Ron Latham, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Latham; Stan Shaner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner; Chelsea Latham, Jr., son of the Chelsea Lathams; and Mike Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schafer.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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handle on it long enough so the housewife doesn't have to stoop to the floor to pick up sweepings.

With all the fancy easy-opening boxes containing everything from breakfast food to washing powder, the makers of plain old flour figure they are not obliged to change from their method of bag-closing of 1845.

They still glue the top of the flour sack down in four places, with flour dribbled in all folds during the process; and the harried housewife must flour up her entire kitchen just opening the

sack; and then, as a clincher insult, there's invariably a coupon imbedded in flour at the top of the sack, which refuses to come unfolded with less than another complete sprinkling of the kitchen.

Gripes, gripes.
 Come out of it, it's spring!
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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth celebrated her birthday Sunday at the Coldwater Lake Inn, with 16 family members.

George Getchell was a caller of Mrs. Grace Pitts one day last week. He is minister of the Gilmore Church of God. Mrs. Pitts' daughter, Elaine Esterline, of Farwell, was also a caller.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

NEWS NOTES
 Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent the weekend at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower, celebrating Tom's birthday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and Eric were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Mitchell McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heim of Mt. Pleasant and Breckenridge were evening visitors.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon of rural Remus were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

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