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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE'RE CRYING OUT FOR POLITICIANS WE CAN TRUST

As the November election approaches, we are bombarded with "press releases" (in various forms) from politicians, especially those in office.

We've been visited by three would-be politicians on the Democratic ticket, but so far we've only been blasted with mail from our Republican incumbents.

Americans are crying out for leadership from politicians they can trust, and the "ins" are giving them instead a blizzard of hoopla describing their benevolent efforts in office.

In this area, which is properly known as the sticks, or the boon-docks, people have learned to trust no one beyond their township officials. That goes for the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, too. The County Board has become so detached from personal contact with its constituents that to us in the boon-docks the Board is just another bunch of big-wig politicians going their merry way on a plane removed from personal contact or interest.

Democratic candidates are working hard to become acquainted with individuals; and those we have met are would-be politicians without experience in the political field--which may be a good thing.

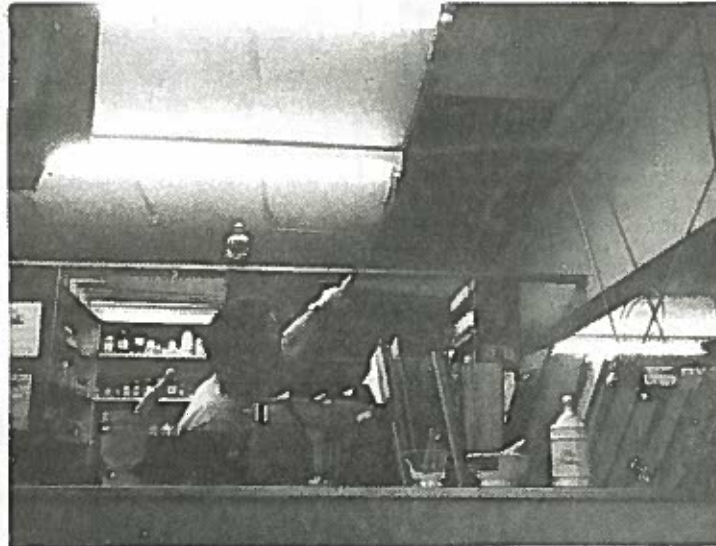
Once we sent a boy just out of CMU to the State Legislature, on the premise that he was "one of us", a fervently interested member of the state law-making machine who would be in personal contact with all of us at all times, working at all times for the good of his district.

Today, after one re-election, he's just another politician.

We reach out hoping to find honesty and dedication among our politicians and grope among platitudes and unctuous claims of "working for the people".

After Watergate--and after the shattering impact of President Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon--the American people may be excused if they trust no one in politics, big or little.

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NARCOTICS ROBBERY FOILED BY BURGLAR ALARM--Lou Fiorillo, pharmacist at the Weidman Rexall Store, points to a hole in the ceiling above the drug-storage area of the store, where a would-be narcotics robber was foiled early Thursday morning by Lou's sonic burglar alarm which touches off an ear-splitting clamor when its electronic invisible beam is intercepted--in this case, walked into by a burglar. The burglar fled without getting any drugs, Lou said. Messenger photo

The would-be drug-thief was wearing gloves and tennis shoes about size 11, State Police determined.

He entered the building occupied jointly by the pharmacy and Dallas McClain's auto garage, breaking a skylight in the McClain section of the building and going through two or three stock rooms on the garage side of the building.

"He knew Dallas' side of the building," Lou Fiorillo said in an interview, "and he knew how to get to my supply of narcotic drugs."

The breakin attempt was discovered by Dallas McClain as he opened his garage Thursday morning. He immediately called Lou Fiorillo, who notified the authorities.

Law men say there has been a 75 percent increase in breakins of pharmacies during the past year.

In this area there have been four, besides this latest attempt:

The Tasker Drug Store at Remus, Anderson's Drug Store in Clare, the Downtown Drug Store in Alma, and the Weidman Pharmacy just a year ago.

Lou says he worries about daylight robbery attempts endangering innocent people, customers in the store.

"I'd rather have them do it by night, break in, than have them walk into the store with a gun," Lou said.

"A lot of undesirable people come into this town because they know there's no police protection," Lou said.

Police said that only 25 percent of such thieves ever get caught, and only one percent of all those involved in breakins are convicted.

They cite the fact that courts of law demand positive proof of wrongdoing before any arrests are made.

"You have to get their fingerprints, or catch them in the act," officers said. "Otherwise the courts will throw out your case."

Practically the only chance of detective work resulting in arrest and conviction is in the case of a gang operation. If one can be caught, he's apt to squeal on others to save his own neck. A loner is practically safe."

Lou Fiorillo says he installed his very effective sonic burglar alarm after a thief or thieves cleaned his pharmacy out of all its narcotics supplies a year ago.

"It's a good alarm," Lou said last week. "It scared the thief into scrambling out of here,

NO MAIL SERVICE NEXT MONDAY

There will be no mail service next Monday, Oct. 14, it being a legal holiday, Columbus Day.

Messenger news writers are asked to keep this in mind and get their news in any way they (and we) can.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLOSED MONDAY FOR COLUMBUS DAY

The County Health Department in Mt. Pleasant will be closed all day next Monday, Oct. 14, it being Columbus Day, a legal holiday.

The tb testing formerly scheduled is postponed.

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COLDWATER LAKE PARK OPEN THIS WINTER

The County Park at Coldwater Lake is scheduled to remain open this winter for the first time, accommodating snowmobilers and ice fishermen, etc.

A small fee per day is planned, but there will be no caretaker as during the summer months.

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New tenants in Ruth Momany's house are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rider, and children.

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THEFTS ARE BECOMING WIDESPREAD IN THIS AREA

Thefts in homes are becoming widespread throughout this area, increasing at an alarming rate in recent weeks.

Recently a trailer home near that of Flora Wood's in west Sherman Township was robbed, and cleaned out of all furniture, the television set, etc., during the night.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence had a gun stolen during an afternoon while she was in town, shopping. The thief or thieves entered her locked house through a basement window, going up the basement steps inside the house and leaving by unlocking the back door.

The Bernard Myers family reported the theft of their canned fruit, from their basement.

back the way he came, through my ceiling, across the building in the attic, through Dallas' upstairs store rooms, and out the garage skylight. I'm glad to know the alarm is effective. Now the whole town will be alerted to any sound from my pharmacy during the night."

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook, Mrs. Glee Krueger and Miss Alliance Cook visited Mrs. Harriet Foults near Six Lakes Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar spent Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chatman of Remus were Sunday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry called Friday.

Mrs. Helen Campbell and Mrs. Bessie Behrends of Shepherd called on me Thursday.

Mrs. Ethel Wager spent a few days last week with Mrs. E R. Rhode.

Mrs. Rhode and Harold attended a party Sunday in honor of little Paul Gostola on his second birthday, at the home of his parents, the Mike Gostolas.

Mrs. Choice Foster visited Mrs. Ina Gillett Thursday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens, in Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter enjoyed a trip to Agawa Canyon in Canada Sunday and Monday.

The Ray Flaughers attended the second-year birthday party for Brian, their grandson, at the Ralph Flaughter home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder enjoyed a color tour to Clio, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Richard, last Thursday.

Little Neal Anthony Martin was christened at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City Sunday. He is the son of the Terry Martins. A family dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Leona Martin in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Ruth Dibble and Mrs. Viola Hill of Lansing and Mrs. Helen Campbell of Shepherd and Mrs. Mary Kelsey were Monday dinner guests at my home.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Kevin and Karen of Clarkston spent the weekend at their trailer here.

Keith Dutcher and Linda McLaughlin spent Saturday over night with Ervin and Goldie.

Harold and Kathryn Secord of Holt came up on business to Mt. Pleasant Thursday. They called on us and Percy Secord while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Darlene, Cindy and Susie of Lake Orion spent from Friday night till Sunday evening at their cabin here. They visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on them Saturday.

Floyd Dutcher had Sunday dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood at-

tended the wedding of her brother, Eric Methner, and Kathy Doerr, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher attended the reception at the Castle at Canadian Lakes.

The Robert Dutcher family called on me Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald took a drive in the Thumb area Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher spent Saturday over night with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland. Bob and Julia attended a wedding and reception at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of east Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday with Bob's. Callers were Richard and Jim Dutcher and Clayton and I, and Floyd Dutcher.

Flossie Flachs of Remus brought her folks, Bob and Minnie Hines, over to the Ervin and Goldie Dutchers' Monday. It was Bob's birthday. Eloise Hogg came and they spent the afternoon with them.

Louann and Mark Maeder had Sunday dinner with her folks, the Harry Gatehouses. Ruth Gatehouse was an afternoon visitor.

Bill Maeder and Ed Osborn went to Canada last Thursday for a week of moose hunting.

Carl and Mary Beutler are attending Grand Chapter of the Eastern Stars at Grand Rapids this week. Brenda is visiting her grandparents in St. Johns and Billy is staying with Grandmother Beutler in Weidman, while Diane is staying with her cousin, Laurel Beutler.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Julius Allbee called on his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, Wednesday, and did some squirrel hunting.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee were supper guests of Mrs. Allbee's sister, Mrs. Julia Sampson, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, called on the Paul Coles Thursday.

Tony Masachuk spent the weekend at his farm. Pat Masachuk and Debbie and Frank Miller returned to Detroit with him Sunday.

Those helping Danny Kripa, Jr., celebrate his birthday Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Missie and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dennis, and the Paul Coles and Velma, and a friend, Beverly, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee called on the Paul Coles Monday morning. Julius did some more hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarness made a trip to Flint the latter part of the week to see her ear doctor.

Tom Cole of Detroit is at his farm.

Several car loads of friends

spent the weekend at the Don Donnelly farm, and did some hunting.

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 Oct. 10t1**

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 small business places in Weid-
 man. Call 644-2000.
 Oct. 10tf**

NEWS NOTES
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine
 of Midland were Saturday guests
 of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and
 Mrs. Emil Phillips.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and
 children of rural Big Rapids
 spent Saturday afternoon with
 his mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

Obituary

EMMA PHIPPS
 Mrs. Emma Phipps of Grass
 Lake Road, Gilmore, died last
 Thursday, Oct. 3, at Pleasant
 Manor Nursing Home in Mt. Plea-
 sant. She was 79.

She was born June 29, 1895, in
 Gilmore Township, where she
 was a lifetime resident. She was
 a member of the Gold Leaf Re-
 bekah Lodge in Farwell and the
 Gilmore Church of Christ.

She is survived by three sons
 and two daughters: Mildred Ren-
 ner of Farwell, Gertrude Jackson
 of Saginaw, Lucille Brown of
 Farwell, Warren Phipps of Far-
 well, and Hubert Phipps of North
 Branch; and 25 grandchildren,
 several great-grandchildren, and
 one brother, George Shilling of
 Lake.

Funeral services were held Sun-
 day, Oct. 6, in the Gilmore
 Church of Christ, with George
 Getchell officiating. Burial was
 in the Gilmore Cemetery.
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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Grace Pitts was a Satur-
 day dinner guest of the Bernard
 Pitts family. She was a Sunday
 dinner guest of her daughter,
 Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

Mrs. Emily Wood entered the
 Edmore Hospital last week. She
 was reported as doing well.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

Weidman Messenger
 Dear Connie:

I really appreciated the arti-
 cle you printed in the Messen-
 gera about my poetry, and
 thanks for saying there are kind-
 ness and gentle thoughts in my
 work. Hubby had mentioned it
 too, but I thought perhaps he
 was prejudiced. Some have
 said the poetry shows I'm an
 extremely sensitive person.

All I know is that it comes
 straight from the heart, and I
 love doing it, if only to make
 others happy. Then I feel I
 have accomplished something
 worthwhile.

My greatest desire is to have
 a few books printed, to present
 to my two grandchildren, and
 one to the McArthur Library.
 Leon and Gladys were so great
 to me for 47 years.

Love and prayers,
 Mabel Chaffee

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 "I enjoy the Messenger very
 much."

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick, Mr.
 and Mrs. Gary Mast, and Mrs.
 David Flower attended the wed-
 ding of the son of Mr. and Mrs.
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 urday afternoon.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Violet Oplinger came last Thursday afternoon and helped Mrs. Hattie Losey with her quilt. In the afternoon Mrs. Leah Scharer and I went over and played cards. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci, also were callers. At 5.30, Theron and Ardis Merrihew called. Harold Losey called Saturday. Bruce and Susie Chapman visited Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock spent a week ago Sunday at Brighton. Their oldest son, Bob, who lives at Plymouth, suffered a heart attack at work, and a second one at his sister's home. He is a patient at Martin Place Hospital in Detroit, and was on the gain.

Busy Bees will meet with Mrs. Fahnestock this week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lena Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber of Farwell were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence were Saturday callers.

Bruce Chapman came home Wednesday evening. He has completed his Navy duties.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, in Clare. They attended dedication services for the Nazarene Church there. Mrs. Denslow said it is a beautiful church, in a beautiful location.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Denslow of Lakeview and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Brownell and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of the Berl Denslow family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood and Richard, Tim and Jeff, Vickie Yuncker and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor and Renee of Kalamazoo were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence were Saturday callers at the Alva Cummins home. Bill Cummins and Mrs. Alma White took their mother to the Edmore Hospital Sunday to see Alva. He underwent surgery Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cummins were Sunday afternoon callers of the Tracy Whites.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani of Detroit spent Monday and Tuesday with her folks, the Sterling Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Menard of Alpena spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

The Norman Millers spent the weekend at their mobile home here.

Bill Baesler and his seeing-eye dog, Brutus, spent Friday eve-

ning with Bill Thompson. When he went back to CMU, Bill Thompson went with him and spent the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood and baby were Monday evening guests at the Jim Thompson home. Miss Brenda Wager was a Tuesday supper guest. Bob Thompson and Tim Workman and several others attended the funeral of Paul Cameron at Royal Oak Monday of this week.

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Local Items

Charles L. Lewis of Milwaukee was a Tuesday morning caller of Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger. He is a cousin of

the Ralph and Mildred Garner family, and was once a guest of the Roes in New York City, when we were all young. Connie was working on the New York Evening World, Bob Roe had a job in a printshop, and Frances Roe was an art student at Cooper Union. We enjoyed recalling old times.

Mrs. Harvey Brien of Ithaca came Saturday afternoon and took Mrs. Nina Forbes to the home of her sister, Mrs. Arlin Summers, of Sherwood Forest Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. Sunday they all attended church at Waucosta M. E. Church, returning home Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet and

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Friday evening visitors of Mrs. Forbes. Mrs. Roland Campbell of Shepherd and sister, Mrs. Bess Brannon, and Blanche Carr were Thursday afternoon callers.

Miss Mary Smith, who is attending CMU at Mt. Pleasant, spent the weekend, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, and family.

Miss Chris Ranshaw of Barryton and Jim Smith were Friday evening dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Lucille Smith. Jim is a student at Ferris State College.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schmidt were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt.

Fred Schmidt of Grand Rapids spent the past week visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schmidt spent a few days recently with her mother, in Boston, Mass.

Leona Faber called on Louise Smith Monday afternoon, and took her a sack of pears and apples. Blanche and Martha Pung spent Friday afternoon with their aunt. Martha is here from Detroit. She is the wife of John Pung, who died about three weeks ago.

Mrs. Arnold Simmer and daughter, Elaine, of Reed City had supper with Louise, Ann and Dora Smith Saturday, then attended a wedding in Rosebush.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith Sunday.

At the football game Friday night the score was Beal City 33, Pine River 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wawersik are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach entertained their club Sunday.

Alfred, Matilda and Dorothy Wacker and their sister, Olive, and her son, Clarence, spent Sunday afternoon at the Louise Smith home. They are from St. Johns. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and family entertained as supper guests Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Margaret Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen and family.

Ed Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Smith Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer spent the weekend with their brother, Leo Keiffer, and family at Dearborn. They also visited Bernard Keiffer and family of Plymouth, and stayed in a cottage at Sears Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent the weekend in Detroit.

Martha Pung of Detroit spent the past week at the Bernard Pung home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Schafer and family and Louise Schafer went to West Branch Sunday to visit Sister Margaret.

Loretta Lorenz and her sister, Rose, of Detroit, called on Louise Schafer Thursday. Rose Schafer was a Wednesday visitor. John and Gertrude Schafer were Friday callers.

Daniel Schafer and girl friend of Detroit spent the weekend at the Jerry Schafer home.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Alfred Klumpp home.

Orielda Farner came home from the hospital Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Wednesday.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Visitors here Saturday were Bill Schafer and son, Brian, and Sharon McCoy of Alma.

Friday night we attended the wedding of Mark Schafer and Debbie McCoy. Others attending from here were Don and Judy Schafer, Ruth Sherlock and Robert Schafer.

Saturday night we attended a birthday party for our grandson, Brian Schafer, near Mt. Pleasant. Brian was two years old Sunday. Others attending were Don and Judy Schafer and daughters, Josette and Heather, Jerry and Jane Schafer and children Billy and Kelli of Rosebush, Ruth Sherlock and children Marlene, LeAnna and Eddie, and Grandma Maxon of Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday Bill Schafer, Ruth Sherlock and daughter, Marlene, Sharon Schafer and children Johnny, Ricky and Penny of Bay City, Jerry and Jane Schafer and Ed and I dressed chickens for the freezer and canner at the Jerry Schafer home near Rosebush.

Sharon Schafer and children had to spend the night at the Jerry Schafer home, as her car broke down.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes are leaving Saturday for Philadelphia for three days and then on to Atlantic City where Wayne will attend several seminars.

Lela Whearett and Margaret Johnston left Wednesday on a Senior Citizens color tour in the northern part of Michigan.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

INFORMATION GAINED AT BUILDING CODE SEMINARS

Lewis Bowen, Supervisor of Coldwater Township, was one of those attending the first seminar at the University in Mt. Pleasant on the State Building Code and its ramifications. A second meeting was held this week.

Lewis said that among other items of information he gleaned from the meeting he attended was an estimate of \$186,000 inspection fees on a \$20,000 house.

He said it appeared to him that the men from BOCA (state code) were trying to sell the BOCA code to rural areas.

(The Townships of Coldwater, Gilmore, Sherman and Broomfield have adopted the alternate code, the Uniform Code.)

Lewis said the first seminar brought out these propositions:

An inspector of buildings must have five years' experience in any particular line of work to be inspected (structure, plumbing, electrical).

The four townships are planning to hire one inspector for their building code, to be paid from inspection fees, which are expected to be far less than the

fees charged under the BOCA.

Those townships adopting the Uniform Code (a code less stringent than the BOCA) will have to hire a lawyer to guide them on procedures.

Modular and mobile homes must be inspected at the manufacturing level, beginning July 1, 1974. If models do not meet inspection criteria, they cannot be sold in Michigan, but can be sold in other states which do not have these regulations.

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John J. Middlesworth was still in the Alma Hospital this week, reported as improving slowly after surgery for an aneurism of the aorta artery several weeks ago.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Zena Olger came home last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schneider of Grand Rapids visited Laura Latham one day last week. Al Woodbury and Laura attended a sale at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Tom Latham, in Remus, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry called on us Saturday evening. Ruth Reigle and son, Randy, and a friend, Dennis Huber, called Friday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood took Mr. and Mrs. John Gott to see their doctor in Clare last Wednesday. On the way home they called on Mrs. Ella Adams near Lake. Etta is home from the hospital, feeling some better, and expecting to leave for Florida next month.

Helen Alwood worked as a volunteer helper in the cystic fibrosis drive in the Weidman area. Mrs. Marion Beutler was chairman for this area.

Visitors at the Max Aldrich home last weekend were Mrs. Micky Yuncker of Rosebush, Mrs. Linda Brown and son, Pat, Jim Wright of Clarkston, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Gilmore visited Mrs. Zena Olger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Robert and Mrs. Muriel Miller and Debbie spent Sunday afternoon with Lois Knollenberg and boys of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and sons

Casey and Eric of Winn called on us Saturday evening.

Wanda Graham and girls took a color trip Saturday and came back Sunday. They called on us before going to work and to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and children and Mrs. Helen Alwood and children attended a band festival at the Chippewa Hills High School on the football field last Wednesday evening. Thayne lit some fireworks for a special number the band played for Mr. Yarrick. The program was very impressive, with nine schools taking part.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alwood attended the wedding of Eric Methner and Cathy Doerr at Remus Saturday afternoon.

REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS 10 TABLES IN PLAY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon, there were 10 tables of pepper in play.

Marge Mullet won high-score prize for the ladies, with Bernard Gallagher winning high for the men.

Elizabeth Neubecker won the pepper prize. Eva Phillips won low. Edna Schultz won the door prize.

The next card party at the Rebekah Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 15.

Everyone is invited to attend.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Lucille Smith and son, Jim, and Miss Chris Ranshaw enjoyed dinner at Lake Isabella last Tuesday evening, celebrating Lucille's birthday.

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.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7. 30 p. m.

Choir Thursday, 6. 30 p. m.
Next Sunday in our morning service we will have a representative from the "Gideons"

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.
Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9. 45 a. m.
Worship Service, 11 a. m.
Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7. 30 p. m.

Pot-luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 5. 30 p. m.

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.

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.

In the Editor's Mail

Connie:

I'd like one more copy of the old White School and a copy of the one with my cousin's letter.

But I have to straighten you out for you got it that Les had the heart attack. Les did not, it was Leo Russell. He had two or three of them.

Nile Bellows' picture was in there.

I can remember we used to play ball; don't know if it was softball or hard-ball. We played the White School. We beat them some, but they beat us more than we beat them.

I can remember we beat Sherman City 36 to nothing, then we beat the Waight School about the same score.

I never played because I was older before my mother and Dad let me go to school, and I got tired too easy. Then I had stomach trouble and headaches, but my brothers and sisters played.

One sister Donna, and Donna Loomis (she married Johnny Beutler) played ball at the old Darnell School.

We walked two and a half miles to school and back. That was five miles a day.

Jack Bellows
Weidman

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Local Items

Tracy Bywater called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cook of Me-costa were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Ockert were Friday afternoon visitors.

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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wiggins of Farwell were Thursday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Anderson of Grand Rapids spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rosser of Evert were Monday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Middleworth were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family were Sunday dinner guests of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ley, of Newaygo.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Voss and family of Big Rapids spent Saturday evening with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steve

Voss and son, observing Steve's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen enjoyed a color tour through the Traverse City area Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Lansing spent the weekend with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pyrratt at Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jeffrey of Fenwick were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John. Other callers during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Reeder and son and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Goodstell, also of Fenwick. Eddie John has been ill with flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke left Wednesday on their way to their winter home in Florida, after enjoying the spring and summer months at their home here on Walker Creek. The Clarkes are

wildlife lovers, and have enjoyed the woods and waters, and the animals that wander around their home. They reported seeing 11 doe deer in their yard, recently, close by their house. They grew a vegetable garden this summer, and were not too angry when a raccoon or some such small animal got most of their sweet-corn crop. The Clarkes are outdoor people, and they have their own pet animals and plants, including a large and beautiful foliage plant they forgot during last week's freezes, and lost. They were planning to take it to Florida with them. Along with the rest of us, they were mourning the loss of their late tomatoes and other vegetable gems, in the freezes last week.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and children were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester English of Ithaca.

Ruth Pitts of Mt. Pleasant and Virginia Fox of rural Shepherd were luncheon guests of Mrs. Grace Pitts and Marlene Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent the weekend with Mrs. Cele St. Germaine at her cottage at New Era.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louisell and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

Mrs. Lucille Smith took her mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, to the Cadillac area Sunday, and they enjoyed dinner at Mecosta.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Cline on the birth of a son, born Saturday, Oct. 5, at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones and son of Flint called on the Ralph Geaslers Thursday.

Dad and I spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Metzger of near Bailey, Thursday.

Guests of Jane Fields and Alfred Bartley over the weekend were her granddaughter and husband of Grand Rapids.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright included their daughter, Evelyn, and family, who were Friday night guests. They were en route to Kalkaska. Their son, Verl, and boys of Flat Rock were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen were Saturday supper guests of their daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, of Farwell. Wilbur was on National Guard duty over the weekend.

The Elmer Balers are in the process of moving in their new modular home which they had moved in on the lots they purchased of Eunice La Londe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tupper of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright Saturday.

Lewis Bowen attended a Supervisors' meeting at Big Rapids Thursday.

Larry Strang spent the weekend at home, from his work at Petoskey.

Marvel Sowle called on her mother, Jessie Tupper, at the CMC Hospital Sunday. She reported some improvement.

Sandy Seymour and little Donny of Mt. Pleasant called on me Saturday evening.

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MR. AND MRS. THEODORE CASE
GOLDEN WEDDING

An Open House is planned in celebration of the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case, on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Barryton Senior Citizens' Hall.

The 50th anniversary event will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. and will be hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Case, Jr., Burgess Case, Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Rich-

ard Dutcher (Barbara), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cole (Carol), and their grandchildren.

All their friends, neighbors and relatives are welcome.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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If we send a troop of inexperienced men and women to state and county offices this November, and if they are overwhelmed by party machines, don't blame us or them.

We're looking desperately for politicians who remain our representatives, whether they're in county, state or national political offices.

Our distrust is aggravated by recent developments in the State of Michigan, from state levels: The Office of Education's plans for wide-area schools only, to erase local influences on children; the state's latest outrage, the State Building Code, written for and by the building trades in the Detroit area and applicable throughout the state; the increas-

ing pressure on township officials by county and state agencies in the form of more paper work and less authority; in fact, the takeover of local control by the State of Michigan.

We dun't like it.

And on Nov. 5, if we throw the rascals out and send in an entirely new batch, as to Mt. Pleasant and Lansing, don't put the blame on us.

Blame politicians, national, state and county, who have traded our trust for the heady feel of power.

God help us all.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and two children of Big Rapids spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

R.D. Sprague was reported on Monday to be definitely improving, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has had a hard time, after surgery for an aneurism of the aorta, in his abdomen. Complications set in for a while, but at last report he was coming along.



The Weidman 'Wonders'

WEAVERS VILLAGE INN of Weidman did just about everything a slow pitch softball team could do this season. The team took first place in the Weidman Class B Tourney, then won the Mount Pleasant A tourney and capped off the season with first place in the Clare Class B tourney. Members of the team are (front row,

from left): Dick Benkert, Bob Battleshaw, Russ Maeder, (Evelyn Hackney, sponsor), Gary Germain, Sam Rahl and Dave Brickner. Back row, from left: Rick Maeder, Roger Schafer, Jim Schum, Dan Wawersik, John White, Jesse Smith. Not pictured is Don Stanley.