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Editor's Column

By Connie

1984 IS CLOSING IN ON US RAPIDLY

Those who have not read Geo. Orwell's book, "1984," should do so. It is at the Gladys McArthur Public Library in Weidman.

It deals with personal lives in a total state of control by "Big Brother."

Signs of today are rapidly closing in on us on the approach in this country of "1984". Little by little and one by one we are losing our personal freedoms, and government is taking over with a ruthless and remote hand.

We feel it here in Isabella County.

We have an Isabella County Board of Commissioners who go their merry way unhampered by the protests of citizens and taxpayers.

The Isabella County Taxpayers' Association is doing its durnedest to give the Board a rough time on its levying 1 1/2 mills last year without going to the people, to make its first annual payment of \$178,000 "court house rent," or in plain English, the first payment on interest and, we do hope, some little principal, on the new court house being slowly erected in Mt. Pleasant.

Thing of it is, the County Board levied the 1 1/2 mill tax taking the county's millage over the legal 15 mills allowed by George Romney's Michigan State Constitution, which forbids any excess over 15 mills "except in emergency".

The Taxpayers' Association is working diligently to get the County Board of Commissioners to come up with details of any "emergency" that existed last year in this county, except that Gem Survey had not yet got its work done on us lowly land-owners in its "appraisals" of our property.

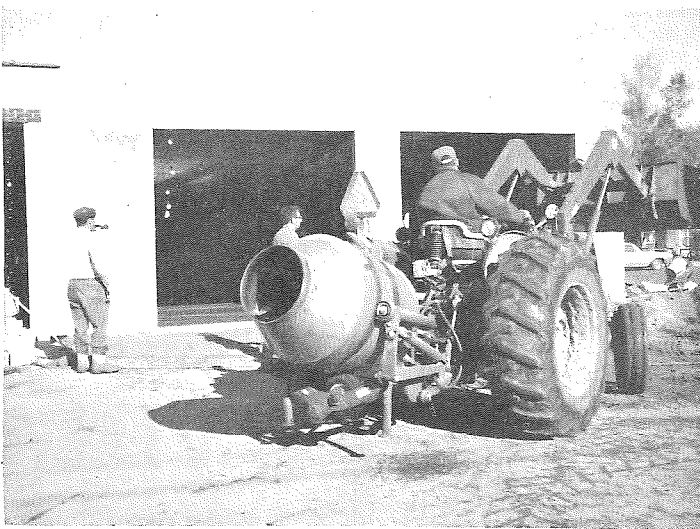
If Gem Survey had got its work done before the \$178,000 payment had to be made, as we understand it, the Board could have ridden out the storm till tax time and money rolling in under Gem Survey's figures on our property.

The Board is having a tough time convincing the Taxpayers' Association that that situation constituted an "emergency".

Incidentally, we'll soon be
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WE CAUGHT THEM AT COFFEE BREAK TIME--Soft drinks, that is. But a good number of volunteers answered the Not-tawa and Sherman Fire Department's call for others than Firemen to turn out Saturday and help get the cement floor run in the new addition to the Fire Hall.



THERE WERE TWO CEMENT MIXERS ON TRACTORS--At Saturday's work bee at the Fire Hall in Weidman. This was practically last chance for the Firemen to get that cement floor run in the new addition to the Fire Hall, as deer season opened Monday and freezing weather is sure to be upon us. Fire Chief Spike Branson said he was delighted at Saturday's work-bee turnout. Messenger photos

Dale Wawersik and Dale Lawens furnished the tractors for the cement-mixing, and are credited with saving the day, as that much cement mixed by hand could never get done in a day's time. A hundred and fifty mixersful went into the floor of the addition to the Fire Hall. There was a gratifying number of vol-

unteers besides Firemen out for Saturday's work bee.

Yet to be done are installing insulation and doors to be hung. Volunteers besides Firemen are earnestly solicited to help with this.

Nov. 23 the Firemen and their wives have been invited to go to the American Apparatus Com-

Men in Uniform

WELCOME HOME FROM VIETNAM!

Two local servicemen, Gary Recker and Walter Davis, were discharged last Monday from the Armed Services, at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Both had been in Vietnam the past year.

Gary arrived home last Tuesday, while Walter went on to California and did some visiting, and he arrived Wednesday evening.

Welcome home, boys!

Mrs. Minnie Reed received a couple of letters from her son, Sp/5 Bruce Reed, last week. Bruce said he was out in the bush when the devastating October typhoon hit Vietnam, and he said he was sure glad he was out there and not in a populated area. One of his letters was dated Oct. 26 and the other Nov. 3, and his mother received both on the same day.

Clara Smith also had a letter from Bruce last week. Bruce is a good letter writer, when he has time, and he has many friends here who are keeping in touch with him.

He enlisted after being honorably discharged after two years of service, one in Vietnam. He was sent immediately back to Vietnam. ---0---

TAXPAYERS MEET THURSDAY EVENING IN MT. PLEASANT

A public meeting will be held this Thursday evening, Nov. 18, at West Intermediate School in Mt. Pleasant, at 8 o'clock. The Taxpayers meet each third Thursday of the month. Taxpayers throughout Isabella County are urged to attend. Nothing is considered at these meetings except the dilemmas of Isabella County taxpayers and what can be done to alleviate them.

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NO MAIL SERVICE THANKSGIVING DAY

There will be no post office or mail delivery service next Thursday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, according to Postmaster Harry Herman.

The Weidman Bank also will be closed on the holiday.

pany at Battle Creek to see the new fire truck, which may be delivered here in December, according to late word from the company.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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getting our tax bills through the mail, as laid out by Gem Survey. We paid Gem Survey \$150,000 plus another ten or twenty thousand to put us up there on our taxes so the County Board can go its merry way with dough, boy, dough, to play around with.

Property owners found themselves helpless to change an iota of Gem Survey's figures on taxation of our property. The County Board of Commissioners can sit now and lick its lips.

Soon the tax money will be rolling in in gobs, and the money troubles of the Board will be over. (Except for the questions that taxpayers may put to them, for instance, just what was the "emergency," when the Board levied 1 1/2 mills above the legal limit last year?)

These things, and many others locally; the increasing helplessness of Township Boards; and the increasing "authority" of national and state legislative bodies and courts; and the increasing power being taken on by Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States--all these things point to the situations laid out in Orwell's terrifying novel, "1984".

At this late date, the lowly taxpayer still has the upper hand--if he will use it. That's the threat of a taxpayers' revolt, when enough property owners refuse to pay their taxes so that our local and state officers will be forced to notice them.

The Isabella County Taxpayers' Association is a strong and growing body of property owners, and it seeks more members. Dues are one dollar a year, and you can enroll by writing Della Walker, 202 North Bradley, Mt. Pleasant, enclosing merely your name and address, and one dollar for each membership you wish to take out. Husbands and wives can be members, though owning property jointly.

And meetings are held monthly in Mt. Pleasant, always announced ahead of time.

The lowly taxpayer can save himself, even at this last hour, if he will.

WEIDMAN BUSINESS ASSOC. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday evening, the Weidman Business Association elected its officers for the coming year.

Dick Curtiss, of the Curtiss Gulf Service Station, was named president, with Evelyn Hackney, of the Village Inn, named as vice-president.

Bernard Pitts, of Pitts Realty, was elected secretary, succeeding Walt Smith, who had served a long term in that office, doing a good job.

Bud Fredrickson, of Bud's Party Store, was re-elected treasurer. Bud also was re-named to the park committee. Evelyn Hackney was already on that committee, with no action being taken at the meeting.

Don Abbott, of Abbott's Furniture Store, and Mick Schmalbach, Weidman, 's barber, were named auditors.

Three directors were named, their duties being to fill any vacancies that might arise. They are Alan Marshall, of Marshall's Sales and Service, Jim Clark, of Clark's Food Market, and Yvonne Pitts, of the McArthur Insurance Agency.

Santa Claus will be in Weidman to meet children Saturday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 4 p. m. Santa is a jolly and very understanding person, and children will be delighted to visit the special little house being built for that special day.

A portable television set will be given away on that day, Dec. 18, at Santa's house, at 1 p. m.

Weidman's Christmas lights are scheduled to go up Nov. 22, with Bernie Riley's telephone truck counted on to facilitate the job.

The WBA meets once each month, on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock, at the Fire Hall. All people in business in Weidman should plan to attend these get-togethers of business men who plan for the benefit of the town and the people who come here.

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METHODISTS' SOUP SUPPER THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

This Saturday evening is the Methodist Men's Soup Supper in the dining area of the Weidman United Methodist Church.

We attended their last Soup Supper, and can vouch for its being gourmet cooking, perfectly served, and altogether satisfying.

We went last year with some misgivings as to whether a "soup supper" could be an adequate meal.

Well, it is, as served by the Methodist Men. (Of course, their wives concoct the delectable soups.)

It's well worth sampling, with serving starting at 5 p. m.

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OPENING DAY DEER BAGS IN THE WEIDMAN AREA

Ed Schafer of Beal City got his buck at 7.15 Monday morning in this area. It was a four-pointer, a nice one. He was hunting with his sons, an annual event for the Schafer family.

Max Aldrich got a nice four-point buck at 7.25 Monday morning. He was hunting in the Weidman area.

Bob Tvorik got a six-point buck Monday in this area, back of his mother's place, at 7.30 a. m. Bob spent opening day of deer season at the home of his step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell. He was here from his home in Lansing.

Maeder's Sawmill is shut down this week, the men on deer hunts.

Dick Sexton got his buck at 7.15 Monday morning, in the Weidman area.

Elton Border, a grandson of the Ed Marshalls, got a four-point buck in the Stanley hardwoods Monday morning.

Edgar Wardwell got a seven-point buck Monday morning about 10 o'clock, in the Littlefield Lake area.

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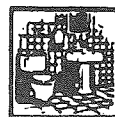
In the Editor's Mail

Editor, Weidman Messenger:

If your idea of having a good time is living outdoors, canoeing down the rapids of the Manistee, Au Sable, Pine, or the Pere Marquette River, then I must warn you that action is being taken by the Department of Natural Resources to curtail any notions you might have of canoeing down any of these rivers.

Presently the Department of Natural Resources has drawn up proposals which will in fact place a damper on many single-family camper-canoeists, church groups, school groups, not to mention many of the youth organizations who enjoy canoeing.

Up till now, for example, a family, after a long drive to any of the four rivers mentioned (Continued on Page 7)



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cious home cooking, many
choices of dishes in a lovely
supper. Adults \$1.50, chil-
dren under 12, 75¢, pre-school-
ers free. Serving from 5 p.m.
Nov. 18t1

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Nov. 18t1p

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Nov. 18tf

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Nov. 18t1

FOR SALE OR TRADE--4-wheel
drive Jeep. See it at the Jerry
Horstman place, or call 644-
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Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF MICHIGAN
Probate Court for the County of
Isabella.
Estate of LAWTON F. JESSE,
Deceased.

It is Ordered that on January
12, 1972, at 9.30 A.M., in
the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Plea-
sant, Michigan, a hearing be
held on claims. Creditors must
file sworn claims with this Court
and send a copy to Freeman O.
Jesse, Administrator, 1902 Ring
Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

Publication and service shall be
made as provided by Statute and
Court Rule.

Dated: October 27, 1971.

BURKE McCLINTIC
Judge of Probate

Hughes and Trucks
Attorney for Administrator
600 Pine Street
Clare, Michigan

Nov. 4-11-18

Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF MICHIGAN
Probate Court for the County of
Isabella.

Estate of CARSON REASE, De-
ceased.

It is Ordered that on December
8th, 1971, at 9.30 A.M., in
the Probate Courtroom, Mt.
Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing
be held on the petition of Walter
D. Rease to determine the heirs
at law of said deceased.

Publication and service shall be
made as provided by Statute and
Court Rule.

Dated: October 26, 1971.

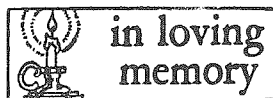
BURKE McCLINTIC
Judge of Probate

Stephen W. Fox
102 Hersee Bldg.
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
Nov. 4-11-18p

LOST--A little black puppy, part
dachshund. Ph. 644-3638, if
found.

Nov. 18t1

Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood
during last week were Mr. and
Mrs. Roy Wood of Bay City, on
Sunday, Saturday, her niece and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice
Umrath of Hartford, Mich.,
brought dinner and took Mrs.
Wood for a ride.



In loving memory of our dear son
and brother, Wilbur Sheldon,
who passed away two years ago
Nov. 21.

In the stillness of the morning
Just two years ago today,
God whispered, "Let's go home,
Web,"
And took him far away.

As angels keep watch up there
Please God, just let him know
That we down here do not forget
And we love and miss him so.

His father, John Sheldon
And Sisters and Brothers.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere ap-
preciation to my relatives, and
friends and neighbors, who at-
tended the funeral of my son,
Joseph, or called at the funeral
home in St. Johns.

Your sympathy will always be
remembered.

Mrs. Leona Martin and Will

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
Phone No. 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Preaching, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6.45 p.m.

Evening Bible Study, 7.30 p.
m.

Our young people attended a
Youth Rally at Clare this past
Saturday. Flo Price presented a
very enjoyable musical program.
Vestaburg took home the Youth
Trophy, for the fourth time in
a row.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Rev. John A. Wright, Minister
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

N. Y. P. S., 7 p.m.

Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Prayer Service Wednesday,
7.30 p.m.

Next Sunday is Thanksgiving
Sunday, and the time of our
annual offering for Missions. We
are going to send an imaginary
missionary on his journey to
some field at 10 cents a mile.

Footings have been poured for
the new church on Coldwater
Road in Weidman.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor

Weidman Church:

Church School starts at 10 a.m.

Worship Service, 11.15.
Methodist Men, fourth Saturday
evening, 7 to 9.

WCS meets the third Thursday
of each month at 3 p.m., a
change of dates.

WINN CHURCH:

Worship service, 8.45 to 9.45.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

COOMER CHURCH:

Worship service, 10 a.m.

Sunday School, 9 to 9.55 a.m.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

George Getchel, Minister

Located six miles south of Far-
well; northeast of Weidman on
Coleman Road.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.

Bible School, 10.30 a.m.

Youth Hour, 6 p.m.

Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.

BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN

Located six miles south of Weid-
man on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor

Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.

Worship Service, 10.30 a.m.

Ladies' Aid meets on second
Wednesday of each month.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Flossie Forbes and Kay McNeil-
ly joined Nora Geasler in Mt.
Pleasant Tuesday.

Grace Seymour and her niece,
Ilene Korthis, called on me
Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Forbes are
spending this week at their trail-
er here, deer hunting.

Dean Beers of Kalamazoo is
spending the week with his par-
ents, the George Beerses, and
doing some hunting.

Irene Bowen and I attended a
bridal shower for Connie Bowen
at the Wilbur Fletcher home
Monday evening. She received
many lovely gifts.

Roscoe Wright and boys spent
Saturday at their trailer, getting
it ready for the winter months.

Lewis Bowen has been building
a new garage. This makes a
very nice addition to his home
in Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kline of
Farmington had supper with me
Saturday night. They spent the
weekend at their farm they re-
cently purchased from me.

Edna Johnson of Sheridan spent
last Friday with me.

Mrs. Holmes spent last Monday
with Mrs. Whaley.

The Merry Go Round Club met
with Marilyn Fosburg last Thurs-
day, with 16 members and three
visitors present. The annual ba-
zaar was held. It was a huge suc-
cess. We missed our president,
Verna Seymour, very much. She
was absent due to illness. The
next meeting will be with Pearl
and Joyce Geasler Dec. 9, with
the Christmas party.

Emma Middlesworth, Claribel
Beutler and Edna Schultz spent
Saturday evening with Lela
Whearett, enjoying cards.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at Riverdale Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and Linda of Weidman visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., and Stuart Voss were Sunday dinner guests of their parents. Mrs. Stuart Voss and new baby daughter, Angela Sue, were to be released from the Mt. Pleasant hospital Monday. The proud grandmother reports both are doing real well. They planned to stay at the Voss home a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Lansing, who are spending a few days at their cottage, visited Mr. and Mrs. Voss and Stacey Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Voss visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Voss and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Mabel Allen visited them Sunday evening.

Mrs. Keith Thompson spent Friday over night with her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser, of Two Rivers. Mrs. Thompson reported her not feeling up to par. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson, and Jon Barry, Saturday afternoon at Roger Heights. Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney, and sons, Scott and Michael, visited their daughter and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and Rhonda, Richard and Paul, Sunday afternoon at Big Rapids.

Harold Anslar of Battle Creek is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Anderson and grandson, Chris, of Grand Rapids, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Keith Saturday afternoon. They all visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine and Jamie Saturday evening, at Coldwater Lake. Mrs. Dosenberry reported they had had a call from their son, Paul, from Washington, where he had spent a week, but would soon be on the way to Vietnam.

Philip Schrock visited at the Stanley home Friday afternoon. He helped harvest the beets and cabbages. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Sunday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon were supper guests also.

Mrs. Darlene Dargitz and Brian, Jill and Kathy of rural Remus visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Sunday afternoon.

Michael Stanley of Weidman spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. He helped his grandfather put siding on the granary Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Debbie, Pam and David, Jr., of Lake Thirteen visited his grandparents during the weekend, and also helped his grandfather, and took a load of wood home for their fireplace.

Mrs. Donald Pung and children of Beal City were Sunday guests. Rev. Russell Stanley, Jr., of Mt. Morris and his son-in-law, Loyal Nation, and the latter's brother, Mark Nation, of Tecumseh, visited Sunday evening. We were pleased to hear that the former's son, Merrill, who is in his Senior year at Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee, Ill., has an excellent record in his CPA (Certified Public Accountant) major, and has been voted among the top 10 in collegiate baseball in the State of Illinois.

Mrs. Edward Marshall called at the Stanley home Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Loomis visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family.

Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and brothers and sisters, Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and Valerie, Cindy and David visited Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., at Lake Windoga Sunday evening.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky reported that her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, of Barryton, came home from the Lakeview Hospital Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky visited her Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City is staying with her a few days while Mr. Loomis is up north hunting.

Quite a few hunters out our way, too. Heard some shots a while ago (Monday).

Our son-in-law, Thomas Moore, of St. Johns, is in Sparrow Hospital in Lansing recuperating from injuries suffered in an auto accident while he was on his way to work in Lansing last week Monday. He suffered a broken leg, general shaking up, and developed pneumonia. His car rolled over and was a total loss.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bywater and family of Midland were Thursday afternoon callers of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Garnet Bywater was a Sunday afternoon visitor. She is now at Mt. Pleasant, caring for Howard's sister, Mary Otterbein.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Wilbur Wright of Pontiac has moved to his new home in this area, from Pontiac. Bob Bleise and Bob Kirvan trucked their household goods up Friday night. "I'm back where I started from," Wilbur said this week, "and mighty glad of it."

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent Saturday in Ashley with Mrs. Martin's sister. Sunday guests at the Martin home were Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll and family, Mrs. Alma Byron, and Phil Garrett.

Kenny Oplinger and a friend from Detroit were Saturday supper guests of his folks, the Earl Oplingers. Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Friday evening callers.

Callers last week of Mrs. Flora Wood were Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Rev. Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and Steve are spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family are spending a couple of days with his brother, Jim, and family.

Bob Thompson went to Hope College at Holland Saturday afternoon, and brought his cousin, Nancy Thompson, home with him. He took her and Laurie home to Drayton Plains Sunday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson helped with the Republican dinner at the school Thursday evening, put on by the Music Boosters.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch spent Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mrs. Hattie Losey. Monday of this week callers at the Charlie Losey home were Floyd Dutcher and Mrs. Marlene Tiedeman and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Saturday evening callers.

Sunday dinner guests at the Mack Denslow home were Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family. The occasion was a pre-Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and baby were Monday guests of her folks, the Elwood Millers, and planned to do some deer hunting. Mrs. Ethel McLean is spending some time with her son and daughter-in-law, the Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family attended the wedding and reception of their niece, Miss Penny Klumpp, in Shepherd and Alma Saturday evening.

Weekend visitors at the Losey home were Charlene Gross, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook and Amy, Joanne Cochran and Micky, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook and Jeff and Jill, and Mrs. Jan Gross and Amy

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Dora Smith, Reporter

JOSEPH LEY DIED OF A HEART ATTACK FRIDAY

Our sympathy to Mrs. Leona Martin, whose oldest son, Joseph Ley, died of a heart attack Friday morning on his way his factory work in Lansing. His home was in St. Johns. He was 54 years old.

He was discovered dead when a passerby went to his car in a field and found him sitting in the front seat. The car had left the road, gone over an embankment and on into a field.

He leaves his wife, two sons and two daughters, and three grandchildren, besides his mother and brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin (Leona) attended the funeral in St. Johns Monday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. All his brothers and sisters and their families were also present.

The family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann was reported as seriously ill in General Hospital at Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer and family of Shepherd spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Mrs. Walter Rau and Debbie spent Sunday with Mrs. Louise Smith. Debbie also spent last Monday and Tuesday evening with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and Gary and Janice of St. Johns called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen and the Smiths Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Alice Beltinck died last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith of Fowler attended the funeral of John Tilmann, and called on the Bernie Smiths.

Mrs. Gertrude Gross left Sunday for a brief visit with relatives in Tennessee.

Mrs. Anna Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Michalitz of Chicago spent the past week with Mrs. Louise Schafer and the Virginia Baxter family in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reihl, Theresa Maeder, Regina Smith, John Reihl, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hauck, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reihl, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reihl and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reihl attended the wedding of Joan Reihl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl of Brighton.

Ed Kavanaugh and family spent the weekend here, visiting relatives and hoping to kill a white-tail buck for the 1971 season.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Sunday with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Straus.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau, Katie Schumacher and Clara Fox went to Big Rapids last Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Marie Rau Hease. Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Voisin and Katie Schumacher and Clara Fox were in Bay City to visit Fred Schumacher, who had been suffering a back injury but was feeling better.

Word comes to the Messenger office from Elizabeth Neubecker, who is spending some time with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker, in Milwaukee. Elizabeth asked the Messenger to tell area folks that she was grieved to have been unable to attend the funeral of John Tilmann. "There is a coal strike on," her card said, "and the boats don't go. Edward can't get away because he took so much time off at the time of Leo's illness, so I was unable to go to the funeral. I couldn't make connections by plane, either."

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Jeanne Smith and Wally and Mrs. Roy Adams were visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode last week one evening. Brad and Marty Hines were also callers.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder of Coldwater Lake. Harold spent Friday evening with Tom Jones of Evert.

Mrs. Leona Courser has been ill with flu. Her daughters, Mrs. Marion Johnson and Mrs. Keith Thompson, have been staying with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coughlin have bought the Chris Larson tenant house and have moved there with their two children.

Mrs. Chris Larson and Mrs. Clayton Raub went to Scottville Thursday on business.

Mrs. Frank Maxon was a Monday visitor of Mrs. Ray Flaughter.

Mrs. Mildred Rhode is home from the hospital. Her visitors last week included Mr. and Mrs. Clare Spayd and Mrs. Betty Elliott, Sunday, and Mrs. Bob Recker Thursday.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant was a Wednesday overnight guest of Blanche Carr. Thursday visitors were Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Cecil Ryckman, and Mrs. Edgar Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming called Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr, Mrs. Earl Billsby and Jill White and baby of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing and Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Jeff and Margie were weekend guests of the Harold Kruegers and the Jack Lieders. Mr. and Mrs. William Lough, Mrs. Ida Wagner, Mrs. Dorothy Hansen of Detroit and

Frank Lieders were also guests of the Jack Lieders.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ege of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. August Schupp, of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swan and family of Flint were weekend guests of Mrs. Fred Swan. Fred and Lindy Swan and Curtiss Hackeett went to the Upper Peninsula Friday to hunt deer this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist of Mt. Pleasant, and spent Sunday evening with the Ted Cooks.

Baby MacGregor, who has been staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, has been quite ill, and is at the home of his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lauchlin MacGregor, Sr., in Mt. Pleasant. Casper Toarmina and son, Eddie, and two friends of St. Clair Shores spent Sunday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mrs. Edith Smiley called on Mrs. Kate Martin Friday. John Dixon brought Mrs. Leah Wright to the Martin home for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mrs. Jack Gaudard and four daughters were afternoon visitors.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey left early Wednesday morning, driving through to their winter home in Palmetto, Florida.

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 14 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City last Thursday afternoon the Senior Citizens had 14 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

Ruth Gallagher won first prize for the ladies, with Cecilia Simmer winning second;

Will Lawens won first for the men, with Isadore Schafer winning second;

Harold Schumacher won the pepper prize. Veronica Keiffer won the door prize.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Dec. 2. A week was skipped in the schedule, on account of Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 25.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and family of Algonac spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Leah Scharrer, on their way North, deer hunting.

Cheryl Pitts spent from Friday till Monday night at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Wood, in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider left Tuesday for South Bend, Ind., to attend a dinner at the Remada Inn. It was an award dinner in Freeway Gas Company and the Sniders made second place in the competition. One of their awards will be a turkey. They stayed over night, returning Wednesday.

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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors at the Laura Latham home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger were dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood, of Gilmore, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Flossie Allen of Winn called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Sunday.

Linda Aldrich was home Tuesday and Wednesday last week, from her work in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Shettler of Byron and Mrs. Kate Smith of Weidman called on Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Shettler and family of Big Rapids called Friday. Mrs. Kay Aldrich and Steve and Kelly were in Ithaca on business Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on the Dick Gott family one day last week.

Gerald Grewett of Cadillac spent a few days at his home here last week. He had been very ill six months ago, and spent three months in the hospital. He has been with his sister, Louise, at Cadillac, for three months. He plans to spend the winter there. He hopes to be able to return to his home east of Weidman in the spring. He looked good, but says he tires easily. He said his doctor told him that in time he may get his hearing back, which he is without at this time. We all hope you do, Gerald. Jim Alwood mowed his yard Saturday. Gerald was here getting his house ready for winter.

Helen Alwood called on Mrs. Marie Rahl Saturday afternoon. Marie is working nights at the State Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wagner of Puerto Rico called at the Don Alwood home Saturday. Mr. Wagner is here for a week of deer hunting. They are staying with relatives in Ithaca. The Wagners left Weidman 11 years ago. They plan to make their retirement home in Florida in about two years. Jewel visited Lucille Smith while in Weidman.

Rusty Alwood spent a few days at home. He started a new job at Houghton Lake Monday morning, on a pipeline.

Jim Alwood spent Sunday evening at the Chum Methner home near Blanchard. He hunted with the Methner family Monday.

Loretta Clark and Helen Alwood attended a singing program at the Weidman school last Wednesday morning. It was a combined Thanksgiving and Veterans Day remembrance. Mary Starr is instructor here, directing the singing.

Sunday callers at the Don Alwood home were Ed Kavanaugh of Traverse City, Buck Swan of Pontiac, George Beers of Brinton, and Fonda Methner and

girl friend of Blanchard. Bill Alwood was a dinner guest.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

George Cornell of Gladwin spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler. Sunday dinner guests of the Geaslars were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornell, of Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler and Jo Lynn spent the weekend at their cabin.

Raymond Geasler and son-in-law are spending some time at their cabin, doing some deer hunting.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart is reported on the gain, at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck of Galien are at their cottage at north Littlefield Lake.

Verna Seymour was reported as gaining slowly the first of this week, after a serious illness of pleurisy and arthritis. The Seymours celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary recently, but Verna was quite ill at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck called on the Paul Coles Sunday evening.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell returned home Saturday after several days spent in Flint with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wardwell.

Clarence Wardwell is spending several days at his trailer house, doing some deer hunting.

Mrs. Jean Hart was admitted to a Saginaw hospital Monday.

Louis Wixson is helping Carl Geasler.

Roy Donnelly is getting along quite nicely with his new home on the old Douglas place.

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PIONEER FARM BUREAU WILL MEET DEC. 13

The next meeting of the Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell Dec. 13, with the group enjoying its annual Christmas party.

Ham will be furnished, and the rest of the dinner will be potluck. A 50-cent gift exchange is also on the program.

The recent meeting of the Bureau was held at the home of Mrs. Elaine Esterline in Farwell, with Mrs. Grace Pitts as co-hostess. Sixteen members and three visitors were present. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Armiston of Rosebush and Dennis Lautzenheiser of Farwell.

Discussion topic was "Gasolinitis," and "Auto Safety and Regulations," led by Eulah McAlvey, who also challenged members' thinking with a quiz on Proverbs.

The hostesses served a delicious harvest dinner of fried chicken and all the trimmings, plus potluck, prior to the meeting.

F. B. Reporter
Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips

Local Items

Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, and Ethel Soper of Barryton spent Sunday evening with Emma Middlesworth.

Chris, Brian and David Embery and Sean Embery spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embery. The girls were luncheon guests Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embery were Sunday dinner guests of their aunt, Mrs. Bessie Price, in Mt. Pleasant. The Embreys left Wednesday for their winter home in Palmetto, Florida.

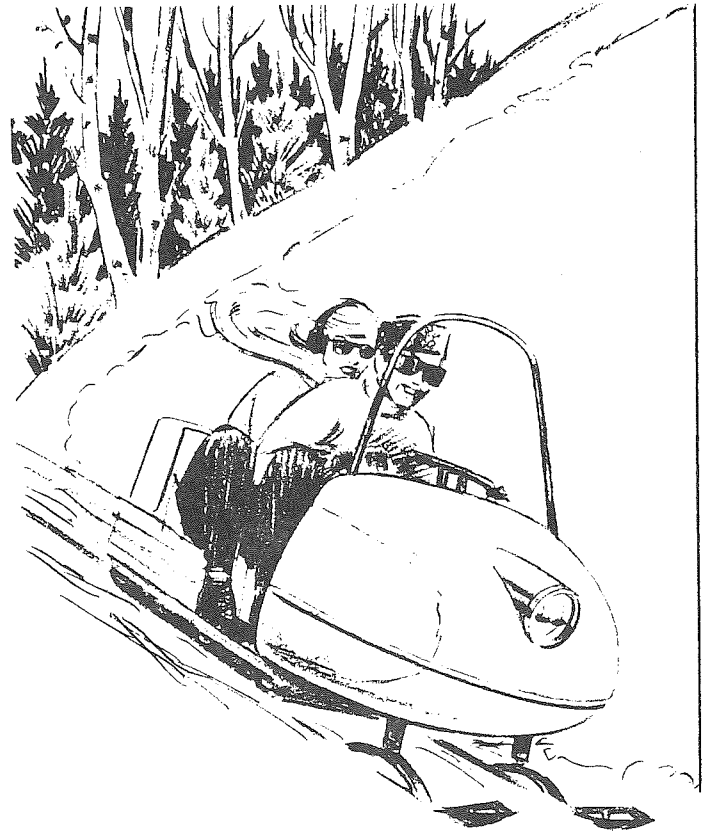
Tuesday guests of Mrs. Ina Gillett were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boerema, of Wyoming, who brought a birthday cake and dinner, and a nice rocking chair as a birthday gift for their mother. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of Sanford and their son, Harley Stevens, of Flint, who brought a birthday dinner and gifts, and

all attended the Methodist Church here. Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse and daughter and grandson were Sunday afternoon visitors. Nina Forbes and Edna Schultz also took cards and gifts to Mrs. Gillett for her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kurtz and five daughter of Duluth, Minn., spent from Wednesday till Sunday with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kniffen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipper and daughter of Lansing were Sunday guests of their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Fay Beutler in Holland, celebrating the birthdays of Fay and R.D.

Earnest Gross entered CMC Hospital a week ago last Thursday. He was still there the first of this week. He had been quite ill.
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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The Robert Hogg family have rented the Hibberd house, and they moved in Saturday. The Ervin Dutchers called on them Saturday evening. Welcome to our neighborhood, Bob, Eloise and family.

The Ervin Dutchers had Sunday dinner with the Robert Hineses.

Dolores Gaudard and girls called at the Ervin Dutchers' Sunday, and, not finding them home, stopped in and visited at the Robert Hineses.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw spent Sunday over night with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Sandy visited Steve Sunday. Ronna Jean went back to Saginaw with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and grandson, Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher visited Steve Dutcher at Saginaw Saturday, and also his father, Ervin, who was spending the weekend there with him.

Gail Dutcher and sons, Betty Dutcher and girls, and I and granddaughters, Gena and Toni, visited Barbara Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Mr. and Mrs. Avery James of Greenville and the Earl Oplingers were callers of the Richard Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cole of Alma are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born Nov. 4, Tina Carol. She has two older sisters. Barbara Dutcher and Patti visited them Monday.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and her granddaughter, Patti, visited Mrs. Carolyn Cook and Amiee Friday afternoon.

Steven Dutcher was real cheerful Saturday, and is beginning to have a little feeling in his feet.

Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint came up Saturday for a few days' hunting. They spent Saturday and Sunday over night with the Clayton Dutchers.

Jim Dutcher and girls and the Dale Dutchers and sons were dinner and supper guests Sunday.

Walter Howe and son and Robert Dutcher and Rex and Garry Dutcher and David were callers. Betty Dutcher spent the late afternoon and evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Mrs. Clara Smith at the Lakeview Hospital Thursday afternoon. Friday they had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw, and visited Steve Dutcher at St. Mary's Hospital. Ronna Jean came home with them.

Beatrice and Vadah and Vicki Gatehouse and Kerry Thren visited Ina Gillett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse and Vicki, and Donna Thren and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark attended a 36th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant, at the Deerfield Center Hall Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland spent the weekend with the Garry Dutchers. Robert stayed to hunt a few days.

The Carl Fitzgeralds visited Steve Dutcher Saturday evening at the Saginaw hospital. Sunday evening they visited the Mike Simkins family of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald visited the C.J. Hutsons of Mecosta last Wednesday evening.

Butch Hardenburgh came home from the Navy Sunday night, with a medical discharge.

The Carl Hardenburghs of Pierston visited her father, Emory Dell, and the Harry Hardenburghs Sunday.

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In the Editor's Mail

(Continued from Page 2) rested in assurance they could rent a canoe, being taken upstream to be launched, and have their camping gear waiting for them at a prearranged spot downstream, to camp for the night. If you have ever been canoeing, you will know what I mean when I say that canoeing is one of the most adventurous sports we have left today in Michigan--even if it's only for one day.

Here are some quotes from the proposals:

1. Permits required. The use of allowed watercraft is by daily permits only, and only as specified on the permit. On a high-intensity stretch, permits must be scheduled so as to release not more than 30 watercraft per hour. On a low-intensity stretch, permits must be scheduled so as to provide a five-minute spacing between release of watercraft. A riparian owner with a single-family lot on a low-intensity stretch may obtain a seasonal permit for up to two allowed watercraft on that stretch. A guest or renter of such an owner may also use the seasonal permit.

2. Hours of use: The time of starting must be listed on a permit. On a high-intensity stretch allowed watercraft may be used only between the hours of 7 a. m. and 6 p. m.

3. Permit Office: Watercraft users may obtain permits at convenient locations designated by the Department of Natural Resources, which will establish and distribute permits.

4. Group Permits: An organizational group of 12 or more may make advance reservations for members of a chartered organization.

If your idea of having a good time is canoeing down any river, then it behooves you to write your state legislator requesting that these proposals be dropped, and that a commis-

sion appoint a new study group. That will give every aspect, on both sides, ample consideration, and not a group whose initial efforts are concerned with or cater to any one specific group.

Thomas Kehoe
214 1/2 S. State
Big Rapids, Mich. 49307.
(Editor's Note: At a meeting held in Lansing Nov. 11, Roger Beilfus of Chase, representing a group of canoe livery owners, contended the commission does not have authority to regulate the use of canoes and other watercraft on state waters.
The Michigan Tourist Council

also presented a resolution saying the proposed canoeing regulations would create unreasonable hardships for certain legitimate business enterprises.

A second hearing is scheduled Dec. 1 at Lansing.)

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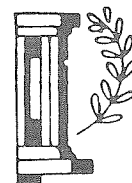
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FOR ONCE, WE HAD A GOOD OCTOBER--As evidenced by these photos taken by the Messenger Oct. 31. All were in the village of Weidman. Above are castor oil bean plants at The Flower Shop on the Airline Road, plus a few pink petunias still blooming.



MRS. IRMA KISCHE HAD LOVELY FLOWERS--At her home in town, as evidenced by the above photo Oct. 31. Mrs. Kische's flowers are always a joy to neighbors and passersby.



AND HARRY HERMAN'S ORNAMENTAL URN--At the post office was still husky and green Oct. 31. The petunias which had bloomed all summer were about done, but not by frost. Remaining was this graceful assortment of foliage plants and vines. Harry's blooming plants, in the urn and in a small slice of ground at the building, were a joy to beholders, all summer long. Harry (and we also) would like to see other Weidman business places take on some kind of beautification plan for next year.
Messenger photos

Paul Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider, swerved Saturday night to miss a deer dashing across the road just north of the George McClain, Jr., home at the north edge of town. The

car rolled over, but there were no injuries. The car was not seriously damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts.

SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET TWO MILLION DOLLARS

The Chippewa Hills Schools' operating budget for 1971-72 was set at around two million dollars at the last meeting of the Board of Education for the school.

The 1967-68 expenditures for the school were just over one million dollars. Thus, within five years, the cost of running the big-big school district has gone up nearly a million dollars, or doubled in that time.

Property taxes in 1967-68 were \$345,000 for the big district. This year property taxes are estimated at \$892,000. This apparently is due in large part to Gem Survey's hiking Isabella County property in valuation. Mecosta County property still is taxed at the old estimated valuations.

Also at the last meeting of the Board, a committee from the Chippewa Hills Industrial Development Corporation appeared, requesting changes in the deed the Board of Education gave the Industrial Corporation free on 40 acres of tax-bought land owned by the school district.

The committee asked for three changes in the deed, inasmuch as the Mecosta County Zoning Committee refused to rezone the 40 acres unless the deed were changed. The deed was made out so that the land given outright by the Board of Education could not be sold by the Chippewa Hills Industrial Corporation. The Corporation asks a change in this clause, along with two other changes in the deed.

The Chippewa Hills Industrial Corporation is composed mainly of moneyed men from the four

villages in the Chippewa Hills School District, with probably others also interested.

Objections have been registered to a factory site near the new multi-million-dollar high school. Citizens may write or call the Zoning Board of Mecosta County, presumably at the Court House in Big Rapids; or write or call the Clerk of Sheridan Township, Mecosta County.

At last meeting, the Board of Education hired a new bus foreman for the Remus school. A surplus of children was discovered in the first and second grades at Remus, and Mrs. Larry Rescoe was hired as an additional teacher.

The public is urged to attend meetings of the Chippewa Hills Board of Education. These meetings take place each second Tuesday of each month, in the Board Room of the new high school on Arthur Road. The meetings are public by law, and start at 8 p. m. The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday evening, Dec. 14.

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BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The Beal City Public Schools will hold Open House Monday evening, Nov. 22, for parents of Elementary, Junior High and High School students.

Parents will meet at 8 p. m. in the cafeteria for their instructions. All rooms will be open, and parents will have an opportunity to visit with the teachers.

Initiation of students into the National Honor Society will conclude the program for the evening.

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