

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WE HAVE TWO SKUNKS WITH US PERMANENTLY

Well, sir, last week we received two of the darlinest little black-and-white skunks you ever saw. We're keeping 'em, boy.

They are very small--a couple of inches long--and made of ceramics material. Sonny Thelen sent 'em to use through the mail, from the hospital in Saginaw, where he's been working in ceramics in a vocational recreation class.

They're real little beauties--and no threat to anyone. Thank goodness.

And that reminds us of a clipping sent us by brother Charles from Tarrytown, New York. It's from the New York Times, and it's headed "Police in Utah Search for 'Scentless' Skunk." Here 'tis: Logan, Utah--The police are looking for a pet skunk lost by Brian Taylor.

Case No. 20762 in the police book said:

"Complainants stated they had lost their pet skunk. It is black with white stripe right down center. It has been de-stunk?????"

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### AND NOW TO SERIOUS BUSINESS--OUR TAX BILLS

Township treasurers have been sending out the annual real estate tax bills, and property owners are on the verge of panic.

The Messenger has been receiving calls from anguished property owners asking what can be done about their exorbitant tax bills after Gem Survey went over us last year.

Our only answer is, Join the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association. The Association is nothing but taxpayers banding together to see if their combined brains, strength and determination can break down the dead-end prospect of property confiscation.

Right now Della Walker, well known leader of the county Association, is working with the State Attorney General's office to get a clarification of the status of the County Board of Commissioners' laying of one and a half mills in 1970 without going to the taxpayers for permission.

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THE NEW FIRE TRUCK--Is nearing completion at the American Fire Apparatus Company in Battle Creek. Dick and Janice Touchinski and Leon and Carol Schafer visited the plant recently and looked over the new 1971 truck. Delivery of the completely equipped modern fire truck is expected momentarily by Firemen of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department. The company is putting on the finishing touches. Photo by Carol Schafer

The two Weidman couples enjoyed their day at Battle Creek, with a tour of the company's plant, and dinner with a company official.

All trucks made by this company are specially built, according to specifications turned in by fire departments placing the orders.

The two Weidman couples toured the Kellogg cereal plant while in Battle Creek.

Wednesday evening of this week a bee was held to get doors on the new addition to the Fire Hall. Yet to be done is installation of insulation. A new gas furnace should be here this week, Firemen said.

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### SANTA WILL BE HERE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

The merry old Santa Claus will be in Weidman Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, from 1 to 4 p. m., in his own little specially-built house, to receive area kids and hear their requests for presents come the magic Christmas Day.

He also will have bags of candy and nuts for each child who comes to visit him.

Bring the children to Weidman Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

### CAR CRASHES SIGN, DITCH, WINDS UP IN MILLPOND

State police were investigating a situation where a car traveling east on the Airline Road didn't make the dead-end turn at Woodruff Road, hit an intersection sign at the intersection of Woodruff Road, jumped the ditch on the Momany property at the road, went on past the Jerry Horstman home, narrowly missed the outdoor fireplace on the Momany grounds, and wound up in the Weidman Mill Pond.

This occurred at about 2 a. m. Sunday. The car is a yellow '69 Oldsmobile. The driver apparently was unhurt.

The car's owner came later in the morning with a tow truck and had his car pulled out of the Pond.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Kit Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Jean Powell and Gerald Johnson attended the funeral of Mrs. Johnson's sister-in-law, Mary Lambert, in Saginaw last Wednesday. After the funeral they visited Mrs. Johnson's nephew, Junior Lambert, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy of Harrison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

### NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH DEDICATION SUNDAY AT BROOMFIELD

Two hundred attended the morning services of the dedication of the new Lutheran Church in Broomfield Sunday, with 150 at the afternoon service.

The morning service was especially impressive, with Orville Klumpp handing Rev. Edwin Schmelzer the keys to the new edifice as the congregation waited in their parked cars for the doors to be officially opened. As the pastor unlocked and opened the doors, the congregation went inside the beautiful new church.

Pastor Schmelzer was accompanied by Pastor C. H. Schmelzer and church officers bearing the sacred books and vessels of the church.

The church officers in this function were Orville Klumpp, Bible; Emil Lueder, Liturgy; Robert Cook, Lectionary; Gerald Maeder, Hymnal; Richard Cook, Communion trays; and Maynard Strong, Communion paten.

The service, after the congregation was seated inside, included dedication of the lectern and pulpit; dedication of the church organ, a 70-year-old foot-pump reed instrument which has been the church's only musical instrument; dedication of altar vessels and candelabra; act of dedication of the church; dedication of the altar; dedication of the baptismal font; after which a cordial welcome was extended to the many visitors. Greeters were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

Miss Karen Rhode is organist for the church, with Dennis Strong as assistant organist.

Ladies' Aid officers are Mrs. Carl Cook, president; Mrs. Richard Cook, vice president; Mrs. Maynard Strong, secretary, and Mrs. Glee Krueger, treasurer.

Young People's Society officers are Sandra Ann Cook, president; Diane Flaucher, vice-president; Shirley Maeder, secretary, and Brenda Cook, treasurer.

A surprise feature of the day was a cake in the shape of the new church by Gladys Strong. It was decorated to an exact replica of the church, down to the red and blue windows, up to the gold cross on the steeple, and a planter across the front exterior.

Flower arrangements were sent the church for the occasion by (Continued on Back Page)

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Floyd Miller and Mrs. Celia Backus spent Thursday in Lansing. They had lunch with their brother, Jesse Peacock, and in the afternoon called on Mrs. Earl Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and children and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Margaret Denslow. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Denslow's and Mrs. Baker's birthdays, a late Thanksgiving dinner, and a pre-Christmas dinner. Mrs. Denslow enjoyed a telephone call from her son, Stuart, in Rochester, N. Y., and a call from her son, Gary, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Carl and Ellen Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller Saturday. Mrs. Kate Wood and Mary Ellen were Sunday evening callers.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on her daughter, Mrs. Eula Dunn, at the hospital Monday. She has been there since last Wednesday, and expects to be there most of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman were Sunday afternoon callers of the Charlie Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children attended a basketball game at the Chippewa Hills High School Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children were Sunday dinner guests of the Benn Johnson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byron and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests of the Joe Martin family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Tuesday overnight guests of their daughter and family, the Chuck Robertses, of Lansing, and had Wednesday supper with their son, Harry, and family, before they came home. They called Tuesday afternoon at the Lynn Johnson home to see Steve, who suffered a bad concussion and was in bed all week.

Wednesday evening guests of Gerald and Mabel were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. The Lynn Johnson family were Sunday dinner guests of her folks. The Harold Krueger family were Sunday evening guests.

Frank Benn called on his brother, Wilbur, and wife, at Shepherd, Sunday.

Mrs. Halla Lovell and son, Bob, and Mrs. Mary Strait, all of Grand Rapids, were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow had Friday dinner with their son, Robert, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were a week ago Sunday callers at the Wilbur Wright home. Miss

Linda Aldrich spent the weekend with her grandparents. Jim Wright spent the weekend at home. Sunday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan and Elwood Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and baby and Mrs. Edith Touchinski were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Ethel McLean is spending a few days with her son, Cloyce Miller, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Graber were Friday callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bob and Bill attended a basketball game at the Chippewa Hills High School Saturday evening, and later in the evening attended the Hunters' Ball in Remus.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock of Brown City spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck of Galene spent a week or 10 days at their cabin, cutting posts. They have grape arbors down there, near Benton Harbor, and the posts were for grapevine support. They returned home last Thursday. They called on the Paul Coles Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy DeVanderied of Gladwin were dinner guests Sunday of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler.

Eugene Place of Odin was a Saturday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Glenn Reynolds visited his aunt, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Saturday. Mrs. Carl Bierschbach also called on her grandmother.

Mrs. Jean Hart is feeling much better since her recent surgery.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis of Mt. Pleasant were dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Sunday.

Saturday dinner guests of the Paul Coles were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, and family of Vassar, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Missy, and Mrs. Orma Kripa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and Tom and Dick of South Bend, Ind. The Mossells spent the weekend with their folks. They also called on his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Merchant, of Harrison, Sunday evening.

Paul Cole is on the sick list. He visited his doctor Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey enjoyed Saturday evening at the Elwood Miller place, putting their snowmobiles over the marvelous bridge built by Elwood and others just for snowmobiles.

**JOIN THE ISABELLA COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

Clip Out this Coupon and mail to Della Walker, 202 North Bradley, Mt. Pleasant 48858, along with your dollar for a year's membership. Also enclose any donation for lawyer's fees, if you can see your way to do so.

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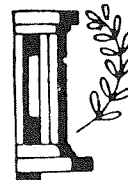
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 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 ESTATE OF BLANCHE L. CLIFF,  
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 THE COURT ORDERS:  
 Petition of Leon G. McArthur  
 praying his Final Account be al-  
 lowed and residue of said Estate  
 assigned to persons entitled there-  
 to will be heard December 22,  
 1971, at 9:30 A.M. at Probate  
 Court.  
 Publication Weidman Messen-  
 ger. Court Rule Notice.  
 Dated November 19, 1971.  
 BURKE McCLINTIC  
 Judge of Probate  
 Stephen W. Fox  
 102 Hersee Building  
 Mount Pleasant, Michigan  
 Nov. 25-Dec. 2-9p

### Legal Notice

ISABELLA COUNTY PROBATE  
 OFFICE  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 Estate of EARNEST A. GROSS,  
 Deceased.  
 THE COURT ORDERS:  
 Petition of Bonnie Sprague pray-  
 ing instrument filed be admitted  
 as Last Will of Deceased and ad-  
 ministration granted Bonnie  
 Sprague and heirs be determined,  
 will be heard December 29,  
 1971, at 9.30 A.M. at Probate  
 Court. Publication in Weidman  
 Messenger. Court Rule Notice.  
 Dated November 24, 1971  
 BURKE McCLINTIC  
 Judge of Probate  
 Attorney:  
 Stephen W. Fox  
 102 Hersee Bldg.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 Dec. 2-9-16

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## Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends  
 and neighbors for all the pretty  
 cards and gifts, and all my chil-  
 dren who were so good to me;  
 Also Dr. Nagler and the nurses  
 at the hospital, who took good  
 care of me while I was there.  
 Thanks to you all  
 Charlotte Hart

## the Churches



REV. DOUGLAS R. ALEXANDER  
 Rev. and Mrs. Douglas R. Al-  
 exander, missionaries to Mozam-  
 bique, are now on furlough and  
 are conducting services among  
 churches of the Nazarene.  
 He will be at the Weidman  
 Church of the Nazarene Thursday  
 evening, Dec. 9, at 7.30 p.m.  
 All are invited to attend the  
 Nazarene Church and hear him.  
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 Missionary Service Thursday,  
 7.30 p.m.

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 Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor  
 Phone No. 644-3504.  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Preaching, 11 a.m.  
 Evening Bible Study, 7.30 p.  
 m.  
 Choir practice, 6.30 p.m.,  
 at the parsonage, Thursday eve-  
 ning.  
 Youth Rally Saturday, 7 p.m.,  
 at the First Baptist Church in  
 Mt. Pleasant. This includes a  
 contest, singing, a film, and  
 refreshments.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST  
 Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor  
 Church School, 10 a.m.  
 Worship, 11 a.m.  
 Choir rehearsal, 7.30 p.m.  
 Thursday.  
 Evening Service second Sun-  
 day, 7.30 p.m.  
 Fellowship dinner third Sunday,  
 12.30 p.m.  
 WSCS, first Thursday, 2.30,  
 at the church. McArthur Circle,  
 third Thursday, 8 p.m. Esther  
 Circle third Tuesday, 8 p.m.  
 Methodist Men, fourth Wed-  
 nesday, 6.30 p.m.  
 WINN-COOMER CHARGES  
 Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor  
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 Wednesday of each month.

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 Bible School, 10.30 a.m.  
 Youth Hour, 6 p.m.  
 Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.

### Where To Write Your Congressmen

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 House of Representatives  
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U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart  
 Old Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20315

U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin  
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### Legislator

State Rep. Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.  
 House of Representatives  
 Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. John M. Engler  
 House of Representatives  
 Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Sen. John R. Toepp  
 State Senate Building  
 Lansing, Mich. 48901

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We are glad to report that Clayton Beutler is improving in health. He came home from the Saginaw hospital last Tuesday. Arthur Schrock called on him Sunday morning.

Mr. Schrock reported that their grandchildren, Linda and Dale Schrock, had called them from Miles City, Montana, Saturday evening. They enjoyed talking with them. He also reported he had been snowmobiling with the young folks during the week. Road conditions appear about perfect for this sport, and we saw more snowmobiles than cars going by our place the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock enjoyed dinner at the new restaurant, Mr. Tony's, at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Later they visited Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bragg of south Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Saturday evening. Mrs. Skalitzky visited her sister, Mrs. Kate Damell, in Barryton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Zill of St. Charles visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill, and sons, Sunday, and were din-

ner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson attended the Hunters' Ball at Remus Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson and Jon Barry of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, were Sunday guests of their parents.

Mr. Ernest Gray spent Sunday with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow visited their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer, and family, at Deerfield Center, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip visited Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon during the weekend.

Veryl Wright of Flat Rock was a recent visitor at the Schrock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman and family of Big Rapids.

Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., visited during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa visited Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton were Sunday guests at the Leiter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham of the Ojibwa visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow attended a basketball game at the Chippewa Hills High Schools Saturday evening. The home team lost to Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael of the Coldwater oil fields were Sunday guests of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woodbury and Gertrude of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bobrowski of Lansing were Sunday callers.

Miss Theresa Loomis was a Tuesday overnight guest of Miss Pam Riley.

Arthur Loomis visited at the home of his son and family, the Keith Loomises, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall visited the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell Tuesday afternoon, to pay respects to Mabel Campbell.

Donald and Michael Stanley and Al Snider of Weidman visited us Saturday. Later in the afternoon we visited my brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Irwin, Jr., at Stevenson Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin went to Grand Rapids Sunday, where he entered the hospital for checkup. We later visited my sister, Mrs.

Doris Mitchell, and my sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd. Mrs. Mitchell prepared a delicious steak supper, which we all enjoyed very much, at the Shepherd home.

Mr. Shepherd hasn't been feeling well the past week.

Hope he and all others who are ill are improving in health, too.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts and Kevin. Their daughter, Wanda, and family and Violet Wright were afternoon callers. Kayla Richter of near Barryton called on Connie Bowen Monday.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Mt. Pleasant shoppers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leiter were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Nora Geasler, Jo Jones, Kay McNeilly and I were in Alma Friday and did some shopping.

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(Omitted Last Week)

Bud Longtin and Frances Beck spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe and Eunice La Londe arrived home Sunday from Petoskey, where they spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe were also guests, arriving home Saturday night.

Lewis Bowen attended a Board of Directors' meeting of the Federal Land Bank in Clare Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mercer had

his mother, Mrs. Mercer, from the Ardis Rest Home over the Thanksgiving holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Scott of Lansing were guests of their mother and brother, Flossie and Don Scott, for Thanksgiving. Flossie reports that Frank Scott of Suttons Bay has been in the Veterans' Hospital at Detroit, but was home at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright of Battle Creek were Saturday overnight guests of their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyder and boys of Rockford were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler.

Ray and Joyce Geasler drove to Grand Rapids Tuesday, where they joined their daughter, Emily, Wednesday on a plane ride to Ames, Iowa, and spent Thanksgiving with their son, Mitchell, and family. They returned home Saturday evening.

Lewis and Irene Bowen called on Mr. and Mrs. Jake Conley Friday evening.

Mary Moone of Battle Creek spent Tuesday with me while Gilbert and David were hunting.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke of the Brinton area left Thursday for their home in Pontiac, after spending the summer and fall at their place here. They plan to spend some time in Florida, returning here about April-time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and son, Davy, returned to Petersburg, Mich., Sunday, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. Tom did some deer hunting.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Walter Smith spent Tuesday morning with his aunt, Louise. They had a very nice visit. Tillie Schafer also called.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp attended the funeral of their uncle, Ray Miller, in Detroit, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer were in Ann Arbor Saturday to visit their son, Douglas, who is in the hospital. He was feeling some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and Mrs. Maureen Schmalbach attended the funeral of Ray Miller in Detroit Saturday. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer spent Friday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her daughter and family, the Lloyd Gesselms, and also helped them move into their new home in Hubbardston. They also visited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer, and family.

The Senior Class of the Beal

City High School put on a spaghetti supper Sunday evening for the community. They had a very good turnout.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, Jr., spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Hemlock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and their families.

Word from Mrs. Ida Tilmann the first of the week was that she was being removed from the hospital to a convalescent home. Her son, Albert Tilmann, plans to go to Arizona and bring her home when she is able.

Sonny Thelen was home from the Saginaw County Hospital for the weekend. He was feeling fine and hopes to be discharged the first of the year.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Leona Courser, Mrs. Marion Johnson and Mrs. Keith Thompson went shopping in Grand Rapids one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting of rural Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bunting and family of Belding were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Oral Buntings.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent call-

ed on the Harold Kruegers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses and Mrs. Lovica Krueger of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiley and Craig of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin and Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac were Sunday guests of the Bob Cooks, and attended the dedication of the new Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Verne Bergey and Mrs. Bob Cook were Cadillac shoppers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rogers were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Elmer Garrett was a Sunday supper guest of the Charles Garretts.

Jennifer Ann Clare stayed with her great-grandmother a while Thursday. Ruth Simmer called.

Mrs. Richard Lueder and Mrs. Bea Adams were callers of Mrs. E. R. Rhode one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook entertained at lunch a group of the choir of 50 from the Lutheran Seminary of Saginaw, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hazel Sellers of Lansing is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines this week.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley is visiting her brother, Roderick Nicholson, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis returned home Tuesday from a stay of four months in Wyoming, where Miles worked at construction with his son, Nelson. They visited their son, Wayne, and family at Bath Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter of Midland, and visited the Ronald Flaughters Sunday evening.

John Sheldon celebrated his 89th birthday Monday, with his daughters, Minnie Flaughter, Doris Wilmot, Rosena Leiter, Millie Voss, and Laura Latham, and his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook returned Wednesday from a week's trip to the Bahamas, and visited Disneyland at Orlando, Florida.

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## 16 TABLES IN PLAY AT BEAL CITY CARD PARTY

At the regular card party of and by the Beal City Senior Citizens at the K. of C. Hall last Thursday afternoon, there were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Ella Tilmann won first prize for the ladies, with Regina Faber winning second; Julius Schumacher won first for the men, with Will Martin winning second.

Elizabeth Neubecker won the pepper prize. Hulda Stevens won the door prize.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be at noon Dec. 16, the annual pot-luck Christmas dinner party.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Russell Wilson was an afternoon caller.

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THIS MONTH'S QUOTA OF ISABELLA'S BEST--Left last week for induction into the Armed Services, from the Selective Service System Local Draft Board. Leaving were (front row, left to right): Maurice Jackson, Marshall Lowery, Dan Chisek, Francis White, and Wayne Phipps. (Back row, left to right): Dean Chaffee, Randy Wheeler, Ken McJames, Dick Hutchins, John Kunik, Dan Spickerman. Absent when the picture was taken was Bradley Sias of Mt. Pleasant.

**Legal Notice**

ISABELLA COUNTY PROBATE COURT

Estate of ROBERT O. DAGUE, Deceased.

**THE COURT ORDERS:**

Petition of Delbert Dague praying his Final Account be allowed and residue of said Estate assigned to persons entitled thereto will be heard January 12, 1972, at 9.30 A.M. at Probate Court.

Publication in Weidman Messenger. Court Rule Notice.

Dated December 6, 1971.

BURKE McCLINTIC  
Judge of Probate

Attorney:  
Stephen W. Fox  
102 Hersee Bldg.  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
Dec. 9-17-23p

*Card of Thanks*

We wish to thank all those who so willingly gave their assistance at the time of my son's accident; Also those who visited him at the hospital, and sent cards, etc. A Thank You also to those who have helped us since he has been home.

Stella King and Stanley Blodgett

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle, also of Flint, were Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Emily Wood.

NEWS NOTES

Michael Sprague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague, will complete his first term at Ferris State College this weekend.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

**CORRECTION**

In last week's news the Clarence Chaffees visited the Larry Bakers of White Pine, U.P., and the Carl Fitzgeralds, Leo Gatehouse, the Monroe Dutchers and Sue Snider were visitors at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home.

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Mrs. Catherine McDaniel and girls moved into their new home on the Airline Road the past week.

Marie Thren and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Thren spent Sunday afternoon with the Duane Threns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark spent Sunday evening and had lunch with the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Maeder entertained several of their friends at a moose supper Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., spent the weekend in Grand Rapids with the Pat Cains, and visited Steve. Steve was having infection, and wasn't feeling very good, but they thought he was better when they left Sunday night.

Brian and Linda Dutcher spent the weekend with her folks, the Ed Wernettes, of Greenville.

The Clayton Dutchers visited the Dale Dutchers Tuesday, then Clayton helped Dale on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Joyce Yunker at the hospital Tuesday. Joyce had surgery Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and family had Sunday lunch with the Clayton Dutchers. They called on the Garry Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday afternoon, and on the Ervins, Jr., in the evening.

Beth Ann and Johnnie Hogg called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Karen Dutcher spent Saturday over night and Sunday with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard were Monday callers of the George Merrihews. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Nancy were Sunday callers.

The George Merrihews called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton Saturday.

Miss Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks, the Carl Fitzgeralds. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Wernette of Davison spent Sunday afternoon and were also overnight guests.

Sandra Dutcher spent the weekend with her grandparents, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mrs. Louann Maeder and Mrs. Ed Osborn spent one evening last week with the Harry Gatehouses.

The Clarence Chaffees attended the Buck Hunters' supper at Remus Saturday night, and furnished music for the dancing.

Clayton Dutcher has been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family were Sunday evening visitors of the Howard Beutlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Beutler and Mrs. Claribel Beutler attended the dedication of the new Broomfield Zion Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles spent Monday with the Howard Beutlers.

The Busy Bees will meet with Margie Denslow this Friday afternoon, with their Christmas gift exchange.

There will be a dedication Dec. 19 at the Weidman United Methodist Church.

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**North Weidman**

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard called on Laura Latham Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers. Miss Jo Latham of near Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday night with her grandmother. Jo's parents, the Chell Lathams, called and took her home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hermione Smith had dinner Sunday with her daughter's family, the Don Alwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Jerry visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock of Brown City and Ruth Riegle of Farwell visited Mr. and Mrs. John Gott one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg and family of Rosebush visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger were admitted to the Lakeview Hospital last Friday, suffering from flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn called on his parents Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lamb of Remus called on Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich Friday. Jim Wright of Clarkston and Linda Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant visited at the Aldrich home the weekend.

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**In the Editor's Mail**

Dear Connie:

Enclosed find \$2 check for paper.

We arrived at Ruskin at 4.20 Friday. The trip took us almost four days. We had to get six new spark plugs, and that was all the trouble we had, except we got a new fan belt that hadn't given out yet. It took less gas after the new plugs were installed.

We haven't moved into our big trailer yet. It needed new plumbing, which Alva is working on now.

Quite cool here today, hot yesterday. Have one burner turned on for heat. Will have to light stove in the big trailer. I've a notion to stay right here.

Sincerely

Alva and Treva Cummins (November 22)

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Dear Connie:

Received your letter a while back. Always glad to hear from anyone at home. Also receive the paper every Thursday.

In the last few copies I have read that you are having your problems with skunks. Got me to thinking, "Why not send Connie along a couple that she really can enjoy for pets?"

They're harmless, Connie, and I hope you enjoy them. I made these in our ceramics class here at the hospital.

Was home from Monday night till Wednesday noon of this week (Nov. 26). Didn't see many folks, and had no time to visit anyone.

Today it is three months since I'm here, a little longer stay than I had expected. I do hope I am home to stay by January or February 1st of next year.

Tell everyone I said "Hello," and many thanks for their cards and letters. I really appreciate hearing from the home folks.

As ever, Sonny Thelen, Saginaw County Hospital, Saginaw, Mich.

(Editor's Note: Yes, I got the two darling little skunks, Sonny, and just love them. They are beautiful--and odorless! I have them on a table beside my drawing board at present. Many thanks.--Connie.)

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**REBEKAH CARD PARTY WILL BE CHRISTMAS EVENT**

The Rebekah sponsored card party, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14, will include the annual Christmas pot-luck dinner.

The dinner will be served after cards are played. Playing starts at 2 p.m., and after the games a pot-luck dinner will be served.

Players are reminded that the dinner will be after card playing, and not at noon, as some have understood it to be in other years. Eat your regular lunch at home, then go to the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman for an afternoon of cards and a pot-luck dinner following.

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# Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

Mrs. Walker has had substantial encouragement from the State Attorney General's office, and believes that, if the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association pushes it through to conclusion, taxpayers stand a chance of getting total rebates of their 1970 taxes.

That would help, in view of Gem Survey's valuations in Isabella County and our subsequent astronomical tax bills.

The Isabella County Taxpayers Association needs money, though; you have a hire a lawyer to talk with the State Attorney General.

The Isabella County Taxpayers' Association has a lawyer, who will have to go to Lansing and thrash out the situation with the Attorney General and his law-

yers, who are co-operative on the subject of taxpayers getting relief from illegal taxation, but must adhere to the rules, which say that no individual or unofficial (non-guvment) organization can talk business at the Attorney General's office without its lawyer to talk for it.

Incidentally, annual dues are payable now for the Taxpayers' Association. They are still \$1 per year. The Association is urgently pleading for donations to hire the lawyer to go to Lansing and thrash out the millage the County Commissioners put on the County of Isabella real estate in 1970.

Send your name, one dollar, address and telephone number to Della Walker, 202 North Bradley, Mt. Pleasant 48858.

Also tuck in a fiver to help get that lawyer down to Lansing and settle the matter of the County Commissioners' millage collections of last year.

New members are earnestly in-

vited into the Taxpayers' Association. The Association is not a militant outfit. It is largely composed of older folks trying desperately to hang onto their hard-earned homes.

Come on in, you 25 to 50 year olds with kids, mortgages on your homes, and your bit of real estate. Together we can work miracles. Alone we can sit and lose.

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH DEDICATION SUNDAY

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Allen Lumber Company, Bud Fredrickson, Triad Sales Corp., Winn Shopping Center, Richard and Leila Shook The Flower Shop, and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Strong and family. A floral arrangement gracing the organ was given by Aliance Cook.

The congregation numbers 35 families, and the building of the new church is a major triumph attesting their faith.

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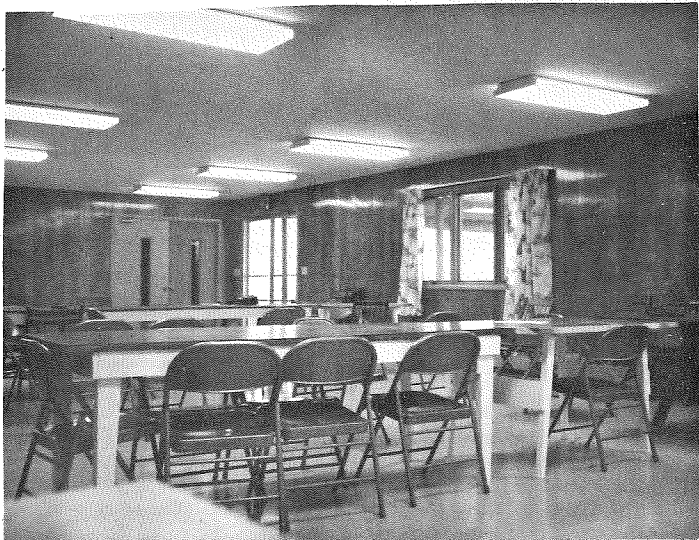
## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Gladys Gillespie and her daughter Joy, of Bay City were weekend guests of Mrs. Leila Shook, here for the dedication of the Broomfield Lutheran Church. Richard Shook of Bay City also spent the weekend with his mother.

Mrs. Mary Ervin was reported as very ill in the Edmore Hospital the first of the week. She is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Ina Gillett.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush were Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Clyde Beutler.


## HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



A PORTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM--Of the new Broomfield Lutheran Church building. Paneled walls, good ceilings, tasteful lighting, combine to make this a cheery yet functional area. Messenger photo



THE KITCHEN--Off the fellowship room is small but adequately furnished with modern work facilities. The kitchen also has paneled walls and finishings. Messenger photo



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