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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WHERE ARE YOU, JOHN? JOHN? JOHN?

We heard about a House of Representatives bill in Lansing taking away the remaining powers of local, or township, government.

We had not received a copy of the bill, though Township Supervisors appear to have received it. It is one of the most vicious bills ever to come before the State Legislature, and it should have been publicized in every newspaper in the state, especially the home-town newspapers, in which local people feel a special interest because of the home-town locale and the township interests.

We had to get a copy of the take-over bill by asking Sherman Township Supervisor Earl Oplinger to loan us his, which he did.

After reading Earl's copy of House Bill 5376, stamped "From the Desk of John M. Engler, Your State Representative," we wondered more and more why John didn't send copies to the press. It certainly should be publicized.

We looked up John's pre-election promises in the 1968 primaries.

A paid political ad in the July 30, 1968, edition of the Weidman Messenger stated boldly:

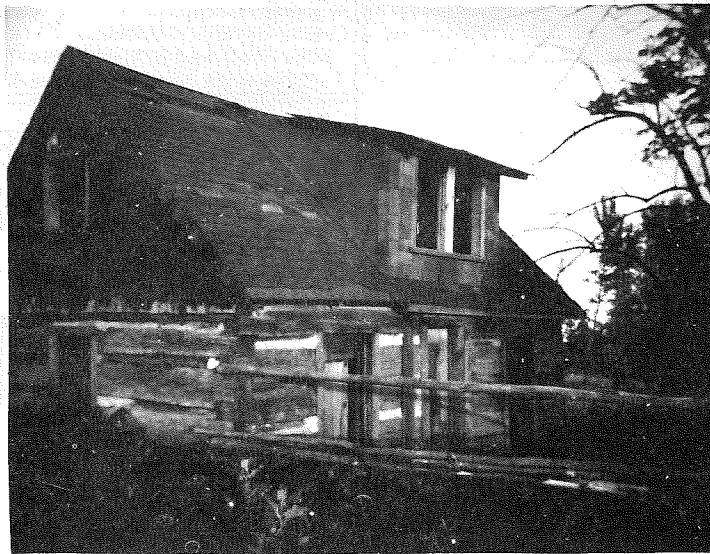
"Engler Demands a Tax Holiday! In just 10 years your State Taxes have jumped 181 percent. Are you getting 181 percent more government service? John Engler doubts it. Just as you do.

"John Engler is qualified, competent, and he will be available to talk to voters anytime...not just at election time. He wants to know how you feel.

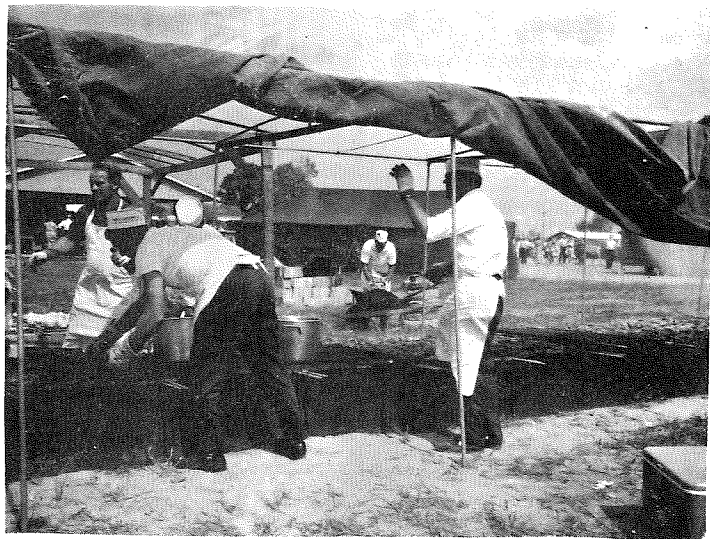
"John Engler says it's time to stop the tax spiral. He stands for a two-year moratorium on any state tax increase...time to tighten our belts and live within our budget...time for a breathing space for every burdened taxpayer."

Well, that's what John said before the primaries in 1968. After he'd unseated Russell Strange as State Representative for the 100th District, in the primaries, he had to run against a Democratic candidate in the November elections.

Sen. John (Jack) Toepp called the Messenger one Friday morn-  
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THIS OLD HOUSE was built by Bill Peters, an Indian, and he lived there the rest of his life. The house stands on Meridian Road. His brother, Simon Peters, is 86 years old, and he said Bill has been gone a long time, but didn't know the date of Bill's death. Therefore, the house must be over 100 years old. Photo by Andy Little



AT THE BARBECUE PIT'S AT KC CELEBRATION SUNDAY--Just before a thunder shower hit the area, about 1 p.m. The storm did not dampen enthusiasm of the huge crowd, who came to eat barbecued chicken and took shelter in ample covers provided by the KC Hall site.

These men roasted 1600 half-chickens on those charcoal pits, and 1600 dinners were sold, a record. Each year the total number of diners and patrons at the annual Beal City Knights of Columbus dinner and celebration grows, and this year was no exception.

Monday's estimate of total take-in from all sources of the KC's elaborate dining-room and

carnival midway totaled around \$7,000, with about 60 percent figured for expenses. Monday's figures were not complete, but this was a rough estimate.

In prizes, a beef half went to Eugene Tilmann of Mt. Pleasant. Second prize, a pig, went to Ollie Johnston, also of Mt. Pleasant, and a lamb was won by Tom Williamson of Mt. Plea-

## Men in Uniform

Airman Larry Leiter arrived Saturday night from Shepard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls, Tex. He reports Sept. 22 to Selfridge Air Force Base, where he will be stationed. Larry is in schooling in refrigeration and air conditioning.

The wedding of Larry and Miss Jennie Flower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower, will take place this Friday evening at the Methodist Church here, at 8 o'clock.

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PFC. Richard Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, called his folks from Richardson, Texas, where he is on his R&R till Sept. 18. He is with his wife, Linda. After his R&R he will be returned to Vietnam. He has been over there since last April.

He is with heavy artillery, and he just came from the DMZ in Vietnam.

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Bruce Chapman of Norfolk, Va., was home over the weekend. He and Susie were Sunday dinner guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey.

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### LIBRARY HOURS CHANGED DURING SCHOOL YEAR

During the school year, the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library will be closed Wednesday and Thursday.

It will be open Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 2.30 to 5 p.m.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Catherine Schumacher of Lansing was an overnight guest at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague. They took in the Traverse City Cherry County Playhouse. Mike and Miss Roberta Taylor accompanied Mike's folks.

Mae Wolfe Cotes was reported as seriously ill at a hospital near her home in Sylmar, Calif.

### BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Fourteen winners were recorded on the guess-the-weight of another pig, and none of the 14 wanted to buy out the others; so the KCs bought the pig back and auctioned it off at night.

Three people were winners: Max Straus, Carl Straus and Norman Rau. The pig weighed 375 pounds.

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

### FIRST WEDDING DINNER AT NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

The first wedding dinner at the new Broomfield Lutheran Church was held Saturday at 1 p. m., preceding the marriage of Miss Caroline Schmelzer and Philip Otto of Wisconsin. Caroline is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Schmelzer, pastor of the Lutheran Church. The wedding took place at 7.30 p. m. in the Remus Lutheran Church, with Rev. Schmelzer officiating. Her father and Mr. Otto's father both preached the sermon. Pastor C. H. Schmelzer, Rev. Edwin's father, said a prayer.

This was the first dinner served in the new facilities at the Broomfield Lutheran Church. The kitchen and dining room are all completed.

The spire and cross on the new church are fully installed, and are lighted every night.

First services in the new church will be held this fall.

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Mrs. Lovica Krueger was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Lieder spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses.

Mrs. Celia Allen spent Sunday with her daughter and family, the Edwin Coursers. Mrs. Allen and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Homer Allen, left for Germany Tuesday to attend the wedding of their son and grandson, Walter Allen, who is with the Armed Services.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Rodney were Sunday guests of Mrs. Leona Courser. The Coomer Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Courser and tied some quilts, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Friday evening with the John Buntings.

Mrs. Nina Forbes and Blanche Carr called on Mrs. Nettie Baker and Mrs. Vina Bailey and Mrs. Mildred Ruegsegger Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and Pennie, Harrison and Douglas of Wheeler were weekend guests of Blanche Carr.

Mrs. Kenneth Saunders called on Mrs. Choice Foster Thursday. Mrs. Maycie Cook's callers last week were Mrs. Helen Hartman, Mrs. May Fournier, Mrs. Walter Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley called on Mrs. Robert Cook Tuesday.

Karen Rhode celebrated her birthday Sunday. Her guests included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens and Mrs. Betty Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Sunday evening guests of the Ron Flaughers. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughner and children were recent guests of the folks. Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lan-

sing spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, and Harold. Other visitors were Mrs. Helen Hartman, Mrs. Roy Adams, and Mrs. Carl Lueder. Mrs. Rhode called on Mrs. Lida Lueder Wednesday.

The Strong reunion was held in Lansing Labor Day.

Mrs. Patty Neyer of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Jean Wilkinson, and Howard Johnson in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, and the reception at the Deerfield Township Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper and children of Kalamazoo spent Sunday over night at the Robert Hines home. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fritz of Warren stayed over night Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and Floyd Dutcher were Sunday guests. Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Mrs. Bea Adams were recent callers.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Ethol Wright of Pontiac was a Monday caller of Flora Wood. Mrs. Verda Weeks was a Tuesday caller. Her Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood, Jeannie and Mary Ellen. Lisa and Steven Suman were with the Vance Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and I went to Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday to see our Aunt Liza Losey on her 103rd birthday.

Mrs. Hattie Losey and I went to the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Monday morning to pay respects to Jesse Lee.

Mrs. Opal Denslow visited with Mrs. Henry Hulbert, wife of Rev. Hulbert, now of Cheboygan. Mrs. Hulbert said the family was well, but Lillian Cummings had been in the hospital for three weeks, and would be in the intensive care unit.

Visitors at the Charlie Losey home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, Mrs. Blanche Carr, Mrs. Violet Oplinger, Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher and Floyd Dutcher. Minnie Strauch spent from Wednesday till Friday with Hattie.

Mrs. Emma Schade and Mrs. Blanche Carr were Monday afternoon callers of Mrs. Eva Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and Harold were Saturday afternoon callers.

Miss Elaine Denslow and Fred Hauser were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

The Norman Miller family spent the weekend here at their mobile home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids visiting her sisters. Mack and Margie had all their children and

grandchildren home for Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Denslow and Brenda and Mark of Rochester, N. Y., spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and children joined them Friday evening for an outdoor steak supper.

Mrs. Blanche Carr spent Wednesday afternoon with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson and children spent Sunday at Horsehead Lake. They attended the wedding reception at Deerfield Center Saturday evening.

Mrs. Stoll and a friend spent Tuesday with her daughter and

family, the Jim Thompsons.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended WSCS at the Charles Billings cottage at Blue Lake Wednesday afternoon.

Visitors of Flora Wood during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham and son, Howard, of Bay City. The Bob Bergquists and Kristen of Mt. Pleasant were Monday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDermott of Providence, R. I., were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Patti, Gary and Beth spent the weekend with the John Straznacs, at Grand Haven.

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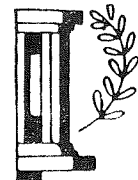
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## WANT ADS

WANT AD RATES: 50¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rate of 50¢ per col. inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks: 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000.

FOR SALE--4 heavy chrome chairs \$2.00 each. 1 baby bassinet, mattress and liner, \$3.50. 5678 W. Jordan Road, west of Coldwater Lake Inn. Aug. 5tf

CARPENTER WORK--Wanted. Outside, inside, old or new places. Room paneling, cement work, etc. Jerry Horstman, Weidman, ph. 644-2512. Jan14tf

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SPECIAL--Starting Sept. 9th through Sept. 16: Free Lube Job with an oil change and filter. Snider's Freeway Service, intersection US-27 and Rosebush Road, Rosebush. Sept. 9t1

RUMMAGE SALE--Thursday and Friday, Sept. 9 and 10, good boys' and girls' winter jackets, 5 and 10 cent items, boots and shoes, snowmobile suits, children; copper colored hood fan for stove; 3006 automatic deer rifle (scope); and misc. Evan Yuncker, 3967 West Jordan Road. Sept. 9t1

FOR SALE--Large press with attachments for sausage stuffing. Wonderful for antique, but it's working and like new. Ernest Pohl, ph. 644-2253. 9131 West Beal City Road. Sept. 1t1p

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CARPETS a fright? Make them a beautiful sight with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman. Sept. 9t1

UPHOLSTERING--And Slip Covering done in my home. For estimate call D. Benn, ph. 644-3316. Sept. 9t1p

## Obituary

### BESSIE L. NUTT

Bessie L. Nutt died Sunday, Aug. 29, at the age of 82. Funeral services were held at 7.30 p. m. Sept. 1 at the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel. Burial was in the Ferndale Cemetery.

Mrs. Nutt was born March 13, 1889. She married Arthur W. Nutt, and they lived west of Weidman on the Airline Road. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 1962.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Althea Meier of Lansing, Mrs. Genevieve Gross of Westland, Mrs. Catherine Boyd of Lincoln Park, Mrs. Juanita Coffman of Taylor, and Mrs. Joan Garrison of Lincoln Park; also four sons, Jesse Nutt of Taylor, LaRue of Bay City, Othel of Taylor, and L. G. of Taylor;

Also 30 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren.

Relatives in this area include grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotter of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren of Stockbridge, formerly of Coldwater Township.

Mrs. Nutt will be remembered by many in this area as one of our early-settler pioneer women.

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### NEWS NOTES

Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague and Steve of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Clayton Smith (Clara) entered CMC Hospital last Wednesday for eye surgery for cataract. She returned home Sunday, doing very well.

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## Obituary

### JESSE A. LEE

Jesse A. Lee died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Latham, in Remus, last Friday, Sept. 3. He was 96.

He was born Jan. 23, 1875, and was a lifelong resident of the Sherman City area.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Latham of Remus, Mrs. Hazel Oberlin of Mecosta, and Mrs. Mary Ade of Vernon; three sons, Avery of Alma, Albert of Sears, and Lloyd of Flint; and 36 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with burial in the Sherman City Cemetery.

The family have many friends throughout this area.

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## the Churches

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.

WSCS, first and third Thursdays 2. 30 p. m., at the church.

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.

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WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
 (1 Mile West of Weidman)  
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge.  
 Ph. 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 practice (Thursday), 6. 30 p. m.

Central Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting Friday, Sept. 10, at 1 p. m at First Baptist Church of Ithaca.

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GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 George Getchel, Minister  
 Located six miles south of Farwell; 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.

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BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN  
 Located six miles south of Weidman 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.

## Obituary

### MRS. PAULINE C. SCHULZ

Mrs. Pauline C. Schulz, formerly of Beal City, died Monday, Sept. 6, at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant. She was 74.

She was born Feb. 25, 1897, in Fowler.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 from St. Joseph's Church in Beal City with Father Benedict Olson officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mrs. Schulz was a member of the St. Joseph Sodality, and was a former housekeeper at the Sacred Heart Rectory in Mt. Pleasant.

Surviving are one sister, Clara Neubecker, of Grand Rapids; two brothers, William N. Faber and Ernest Faber; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Walter, preceded her in death.

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## Real Estate Transfers

Gary E. Wernette and wife to Elton J. Groh and Gertrude A., pt. sw ne, sec. 7, Nottawa.

Chippewa Development, Inc., to Frederick M. Phelps III and Marion R., Lot 50, Rivercrest No. 3, Deerfield.

George D. Palmer and wife to Archie B. Saxton and wife, n 1/2 se; e 1/2 ne, sec. 26, Gilmore.

Albert J. Geasler and Daisy P. to Norman J. Geasler and Joyce M., n 1/2 se; e 1/2 ne, sec. 26, Coldwater.

Allen Lumber Co. to Walter M. Hinman and Maureen M., Lot 138, Lake of the Hills No. 2, Sherman.

Thomas L. Voss and Alma M. to John D. Voss and Opal B., nw se sec. 21, Coldwater.

Victor C. Delater et al to Kenneth H. Kline and wife, pt. ne se sec. 25, Deerfield.

Ethan A. Delater and wife to Kenneth H. Kline and wife, pt. nw se sec. 25, Deerfield.

Mary Ann Verwey to Donald E. Harrington and wife, pt s 1/2 se sec. 20, Gilmore.

Robert Finley and wife et al to Paul G. Lynch and wife, pt. w 1/2 ne sec. 12, Broomfield.

Richard H. Harkins and wife to Elizabeth L. Wheeler, Lots 38, 109, 110, Coldwater Lake Shores, Nottawa.

Ronald L. Bradley and wife to Carl D. Terwilliger et al, pt. se se sec. 12, Deerfield.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

### THE LYLE DENSLOWS HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were honored with an anniversary party (also the occasion was Lyle's birthday) Saturday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Dargitz, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin hosted the event.

Other guests, besides the children, were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley, Loretta Clark, Roger Maeder, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood.

Many more anniversaries, Lyle and Ollie! And hope your birthday was a happy one, Lyle!

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Mrs. Leo Denslow reports that Wm. Cornell of Barryton came home from the hospital Friday. They visited him Sunday, and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sowle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons Sunday afternoon. Robert mowed their yard for them while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and Randy of Lansing were Thursday overnight and Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family Sunday evening.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry attended a baby shower Saturday evening for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry, at the home of Mrs. Miles Miller, who was hostess for the event. Ruth received many lovely gifts. The latter visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Champion of Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray and Suzette and David of Midland and Ernest Gray were Sunday visitors. Mrs. Loren Gray of Mt. Pleasant visited during the week.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited Mrs. Kate Darnell at Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis at Sherman City one day the past week. She called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser, of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie of Chippewa Lake and Mrs. Ida Bazaire of Weidman called on Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons Sunday. Mrs. Bazaire went home with her granddaughter, Mrs. Langworthy, to

spend the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middleworth of Coldwater Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, and Patrick and Jill of Grand Haven, at their cottage on Crooked Lake Saturday night.

Arthur Schrock took his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, of Riverdale, to Midland Wednesday, where he and Mrs. Smith had treatments and surgery at their doctors'.

Debbie, Susan and Mary Schrock of Farwell and the latter's friend, Michael Wysong, of Harrison, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley were Thursday supper guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley, and Leon, at Barryton. They have their new milking parlor completed, and are milking a herd of 84 cows at the present time. Just thinking about it, we thought we had a good herd when we milked 10 or 12!

We visited Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd and Mrs. Doris Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Irwin, Jr., at Stevenson Lake later. Mrs. Irwin is taking a jet plane to Chula Vista, Calif., this week to be with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Irwin III, who expect a new baby soon.

Guests and visitors during the weekend at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie, Sandra, Susan, and the latter's friend, Becky Bond, of St. Johns; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family of Weidman, and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen.

Little Renee Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton, were on vacation in Ohio. She stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss at Ojibwa Sunday afternoon while Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and Cindy, Valerie and David went for a drive in the Ludington area. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., visited their parents during the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Stebelton called Sunday evening to take Renee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and Linda of Weidman visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., visited Saturday. Mrs. Voss and Stacey visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee at their farm home Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Voss and Stacey visited Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss near Leaton Monday.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We wish to correct an item in last week's news, for which Connie says she'll take the blame. The item should have read:

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Thursday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kemmoah Henning, at Hersey. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Block of northeast Weidman Saturday night. The occasion was Mr. Block's birthday.

Connie says she's sorry about this.

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### GILMORE FARM BUREAU MEETS WITH FORDYCES

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township held their annual picnic at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce on the beautiful shores of Stevenson Lake Aug. 23.

Eleven members were present, with one visitor, Mrs. Archie Fordyce of Stevenson Lake. All had a most enjoyable evening; but a great mystery popped up: What happened to our picnic watermelon?

Some of our members were absent, due to illness. You were surely missed. Do get well soon.

F. B. Reporter

Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague at Tubbs Lake.

Mrs. Leon Snyder of Ithaca and Mrs. Janet Sutton and children of Ashley were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls. Frank Williams was a Monday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham of Bay City spent the weekend with Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton were callers.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Morey of Flint spent from Wednesday till Tuesday with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, and family. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wolfel of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and family, Blaine Block, and Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Morey of Flint.

Dale Bywater of Midland was a Saturday morning caller of his stepmother, Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Dale was on his way to a lake north of Traverse City, where he has a cottage. His family had spent the week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conkright of Rochester, Mich., were guests of Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark, for dinner and over night, the first of last week.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and Debbie visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl Gott, of Stanton, Friday evening.

Guests of Mrs. Vera Hagerman during last week included her daughter, Mavis Querbach, of Allegan, who stayed through Wednesday; her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schrupp, of Rhineland, Wisc., and her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hagerman, of Mt. Pleasant, who were Thursday evening dinner guests; Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Edmonds were dinner guests; on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweebe of Mt. Pleasant, and son, John, Jr., spent the day.

Sadie Bywater of Lansing and Ethel Bywater spent Saturday afternoon with Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and two girls of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening visitors.

The Clark family enjoyed a get-together at the home of Mrs. Mary Clark in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey are spending some time with relatives in Aurora, Colo., where their daughter, Carolyn Baker, and family live.

Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark were Sunday guests of Mrs. Glee Clark at her cottage on Coldwater Lake Sunday.

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### Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Camp of St. Johns, and baby Debbie and Gary and Janet Blasen called on Louise Smith last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Bob Pung called on Mrs. Smith Tuesday evening. Thursday noon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gross of Lansing had a cup of coffee with her. Mrs. Joe Keiffer was a Thursday caller.

Mrs. Amelia Fox of Pewamo and Mrs. Gertrude Fox of Ionia spent the weekend with relatives here, at Mrs. Louise Smith's, Mrs. Tillie Schafer's; and with Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger; Mrs. Joe Pung, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tilmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung drove to Portland last Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger returned home Friday after a two week's visit with relatives in Coxackie, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kavanaugh of Detroit spent the weekend at the Ed Kavanaugh home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Underwood spent the weekend with relatives in Muskegon.

The former Mrs. Matt Kornexl and daughter, Rita, and son, Bob, of New Hampshire visited friends around Beal City last week.

Word comes that Leo Neubecker was scheduled for brain surgery at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing Wednesday of this week. His sons, Edward and Charles, flew to Lansing Monday to be with the James Neubecker family and Elizabeth, who has been staying at James' home in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung Saturday night.

Terry Klumpp came home from Butterworth Hospital Saturday, feeling some better.

Quite a few people from here attended the party Sunday night at St. Leo's Church in Wimm.

Louise Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mrs. Matie Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith of Lansing spent last week visiting relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith of Lansing spent the weekend with the Ed Blasen family.

Mrs. Louise Smith's quilt she made for the Altar Society's booth at the KC celebration brought \$505, for the Society's religious uses.

Mrs. Matilda Starr of Munger spent a few days the past weekend at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin, in Beal City.

### S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

(Omitted Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls came up Friday and stayed till Saturday night, visiting among relatives. They spent Friday over night with her folks, the Mike Simkinses.

Floyd Dutcher had lunch with us Thursday. Lois Cain and son were Sunday morning callers.

Hazel Sellers of Lansing spent a few days with the Ervin Dutchers.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville and Floyd Dutcher had lunch with us Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family were camping at Ludington last week. They came home Wednesday night. Robert and family camped here a couple of days and did some work for us, then went to Horsehead Lake and camped a couple more days and were here for Sunday dinner. Jim Dutcher and girls also spent the day with us, Betty coming up in the afternoon after she got out of work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Remington and children of Saginaw spent Sunday afternoon and evening with the Ervin Dutchers. Monroe Beckwith of Otisville and Floyd Dutcher were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cain and sons of Grand Rapids spent from Thursday evening till Sunday with her folks. Mike is spending the week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended the wedding of their niece, Paula Hines, of Barryton, and Bruce Archer, of Lansing, Saturday evening at the Weidman United Methodist Church, and the reception later at the Barryton Hall.

Cindy Gaudard of Midland spent the past week with Sandra Dutcher and the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family visited the Don Harshmans in Lansing Sunday.

Debbie Ash spent Sunday over night with Sandra Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Tuesday supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers. They all called at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton to pay respects to Mabel White.

Ronna Dutcher and Mayme Sisco called on Edna Merrihew Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew were in Barryton Saturday and called on the Dewey Kirvans.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarkston were last Monday callers of the Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Frantz of Clio spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz. The Frantz's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Teeter, and family of Shepherd were Sunday evening guests.

### EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter  
(Omitted Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren and Denton and Darcell and Shari Blodgett of Stockbridge spent the weekend with David Flaughner and children, and attended the Isabella County Fair Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and children spent Saturday at the Fair.

Danny Blodgett of Flint has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham and children were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors and baby called Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and Dick took Mrs. Miller and Alice and Brenda Skinner to the Fair Friday evening.

Dick Skinner and Jim McPherson were in a motorcycle accident Wednesday evening when a dog ran in front of Dick's Honda, and a spill resulted. Both boys were wearing helmets, but Dick was knocked unconscious and his parents were called. They took him to a doctor in Barryton, then to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant where he was treated for shock and spent the night. Jim received a few scratches.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and children were Monday guests of her mother, Mrs. Leila Shook.

### Local Items

(Omitted Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Nina Forbes all went to Houghton Lake Sunday and were dinner guests of the Briens at Stevens' Restaurant. They called on Treva Allen, their cousin and niece, who works at the Treasure Gift Shop there.

Kenny Warner spent from Wednesday through Friday with the Garold St. John family. Pat Warner visited them from Friday till Sunday. They are cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner were Sunday dinner guests, and took the children home.

Leila Shook returned Thursday of last week after a week's trip in Canada, with her sister and brother from Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt, Sr., and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt, Jr., of Jackson were Saturday callers of Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brien and family of Berkley spent Monday and Wednesday afternoons with his mother, Mrs. Nina Forbes, last week.

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#### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Stevens of Sanford were Thursday guests of Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilliker of Morley and their family were Saturday evening guests. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead of Grand Rapids were also visitors.



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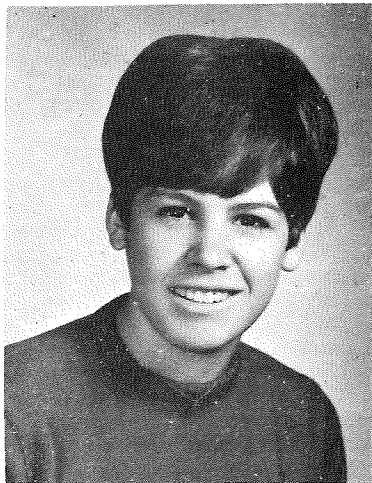
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CONNIE ANN BOWEN

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Ann, to Wilbur Wesley Fletcher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher of Farwell.

A spring wedding is being planned.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Wayne La Londe suffered serious burns from a gas explosion while working for the gas company at Mt. Pleasant. He was reported as coming along satisfactorily at this time. His bandages were removed Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe entertained friends as overnight guests Monday.

Mrs. Irma Bazaire called at the Wayne La Londe home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teeter of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with their mother, Edna Teeter, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter.

Fern Verette and mother, Eathel Beers, called at the Crittenden Funeral Home Sunday and paid respects to Jesse Lee. Frances Beck, Eunice La Londe and Bud Longtin called Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended a wedding reception at the Deerfield Township Hall Saturday evening for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett.

Dean Beers called on his grandmother, Eathel Beers, and Fern Verette Sunday.

Lorrie and Trudy McNeily of near Sears was an overnight guest of their grandmother, Mrs. Ralph Geasler, one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irish and Jimmy of St. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irish of Saginaw spent Labor Day with their son and brother, Richard Irish. Lillie Maddox returned to her home with them, after a week with Frances Beck and relatives, Velma Amy and Gloria Brettingham, of Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moore of Battle Creek spent the holiday

weekend at their trailer home here on Grass Lake Road.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the holiday with her parents, Ray and Joyce Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland and family of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of Tony Bartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Wright of Greenville were at their trailer in Brinton Sunday.

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## HERE ARE SOME OF THE WORST PARTS OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5376

House Bill 5376, now before the State Legislature in Lansing, will take away township government except for the function of the township treasurer, who will collect real estate taxes from an "Office of Assessment", in our county to be located in Mt. Pleasant, naturally. All township participation in deciding property valuation and taxation will be eliminated and taken over by the big boys in county government.

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 5376

(Editor's Note: We urge our readers to clip this column and stash it for future reference. You and we will need it.)

June 14, 1971 Introduced by Rep. Huffman and referred to the Committee on Taxation.

A bill to amend Act. No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, entitled as amended

"The general property tax act," as amended, being sections 211.1 to 211.157 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, by adding section 10e.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Section 1. Act. No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, as amended, being sections 211.1 to 211.157 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, is amended by adding section 10e as follows:

Sec. 10E (1) On or before January 1, 1972, the Board of Supervisors of each county shall establish and maintain an Office of County Assessments and employ such technical and clerical personnel and such equipment as it deems necessary, desirable and adequate. The office of county assessments shall be under the direct supervision and control of a County Assessor, who shall be appointed by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors, subject to the certification by the State Tax Commission that the person appointed possesses the necessary competence properly and efficiently to discharge the functions and duties of the office of County Assessor. The State Tax Commission, in conjunction with the County Civil Service Commission in counties operating under a civil service system, shall hold qualifying examinations for all candidates for the office of County Assessor in such manner as it may prescribe from time to time.

Public notice of such examinations shall be given at least 30 days prior thereto by publication in 1 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county.

Subsequent to such examinations, the State Tax Commission shall prepare a list of persons eligible for the office of County Assessor and shall promptly submit such list to the County Board of Supervisors.

(2) The County Assessor shall serve for an indefinite term of office, subject to all provisions of any county civil service retirement system which may be applicable and may be removed from office after notice and opportunity to be heard by vote of 2/3 of the members of the Board of Supervisors or by the State Tax Commission for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance. Vacancies in the office of County Assessor shall be filled by the Board of Supervisors in the same manner as original appointments.

(3) Upon the establishment of the office of County Assessments, all the properties within the county liable to taxation under the provisions of this act shall be assessed annually by such office, any provision in the act of incorporation or charter of any township, village or city within the county to the contrary notwithstanding.

The office of County Assessments shall succeed to all the duties, responsibilities, functions, powers and privileges in the assessment and equalization of property theretofore possessed by the assessing officers of the several local units within the county and theretofore possessed by the tax or equalization department of the county, and any reference in this act or in any other laws of this state to assessing officers and the county tax or equalization department shall be equally applicable to the Office of County Assessments authorized by this section.

(4) The assessing officers of all local units within the county and the county tax or equalization department, upon the establishment of the Office of County Assessments, shall release and transmit to such office all information and data in their possession relative to the valuation, assessment and equalization of property within the county.

Thereafter, the county tax or equalization department and the several offices of assessor in municipalities and townships within the county shall be abolished, any provision in the charter or act of incorporation of any city, village or township to the contrary notwithstanding.

(5) The Board of Supervisors shall not equalize assessments as provided in section 34 after the establishment of the Office of County Assessments. The aggregate of all assessments made by the Office of County Assessments as altered or ap-

proved by the County Board of Review shall be the equalized valuation of the county.

(6) The Office of County Assessments shall prepare a separate assessment roll for each township and city; and each township, city and village shall have its own tax roll. The assessment roll and tax roll shall conform in all respects to the provisions of this act. The collection of taxes shall likewise be performed by the treasurers of the local units in the same manner as such function is performed in counties which have not established an Office of County Assessments.

(7) After the date of establishing the Office of County Assessments, the Board of Supervisors, not later than the last day of February in each year, shall select 6 residents of the county who are not members of the Board of Supervisors to serve as members of the County Board of Review. The members of such County Board of Review shall possess especial competence in the valuation of real and personal property and have knowledge of the provisions of the General Property Tax Law. No more than 1 member of such County Board of Review shall be a resident of any particular city or township within the county.

In counties having a population of 300,000 or more, the County Board of Review shall consist of 12 members, not more than 2 of whom shall be residents of any particular city or township within the county.

The County Board of Review shall succeed to all the duties, responsibilities, functions, powers and privileges theretofore possessed by the several Boards of Review of the local units within the county, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any charter of a city, village or township within the county. The Board of Review of such city, village or township is abolished.

(8) The Board of Supervisors and the County Assessor, in the selection of personnel for the Office of County Assessments, shall give favorable consideration to employment of any personnel of the abolished county tax or equalization department and to assessors whose office is likewise abolished upon the establishment of the Office of County Assessments.

Personnel of the abolished County tax or equalization department and assessors whose office is abolished upon the establishment of the Office of County Assessments shall be deemed qualified for appointment to positions in the Office of County Assessments without further examination if such personnel or assessors have been engaged in the assessment or equalization of property for a period of 3 or more years.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Albert Gott and Larry and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and took them to the Farwell celebration. Kelly Aldrich and Debbie Graham were also in the party.

Mrs. Laura Latham spent Sunday afternoon till Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham Monday.

Rusty Alwood of Ludington spent from Saturday till Tuesday afternoon with his parents, the Don Alwoods. Sunday he and the family attended the chicken barbecue at the Beal City KC Hall.

Mrs. Flossie Jarman and son, Owen, of Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jarman of Sunfield called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Gilmore and enjoyed fish supper with the Ed Olgers last Monday evening.

Last Tuesday evening Fran and Irene Chapman of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott, and played marbles with them.

Kelly Aldrich and Debbie Graham spent Monday with Mrs. John Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys and Mrs. Muriel Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family of Mt. Pleasant had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg and family Sunday evening.

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### BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 15 TABLES IN PLAY

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

Evelyn Engler won first prize for the ladies, with Matie Pung winning second.

Frank Lynch won first for the men, with Herman Cook winning second.

Jack Cotter won the pepper prize. The door prize went to Frank Benn.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Sept. 16.

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### NEWS NOTES

Queen Taylor of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Clara Smith Sunday afternoon of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cole of Barryton also were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague returned home Monday after a two weeks' camping vacation at Tubbs Lake. They enjoyed many visitors and friends while there.

Larry Leiter and Miss Jennie Flower were Sunday evening callers at the Earl Oplinger home.

Guests of the Harland Snider family Monday were Mr. and Mrs. John Boxton of Flint and Burgess Case of Titus.

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge visited the Clayton Dutchers Sunday. They were dinner and afternoon guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cain and sons of Grand Rapids came Sunday morning and spent the day. Richard went home after spending the week with his grandparents.

The Jack Gaudards of Midland and the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., spent the afternoon with their folks.

Hazel Sellers of Lansing spent a few days with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Joanne Jones of Blanchard and Elsie O'Melia of Detroit were Sunday afternoon callers.

The Clayton Dutchers had lunch with the Dale Dutchers Thursday, then they all drove to Flint and visited the Larry Dutchers and had supper with them. They have purchased a new home there.

The Robert Dutchers of Midland spent the weekend with the Garry Dutchers and helped them on their house. They called on the Clayton Dutchers. Becky, Kaye and Dawn Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us, and Becky spent over night and Monday with me. The Dale Dutchers were Sunday evening visitors.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on the Walter Howes and Percy Secord and had supper with the Jim Dutchers Saturday.

The Carl Beutlers attended Farm Bureau at the Frank Wagester home a week ago Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush and Claribel Beutler visited the Howard Beutlers Sunday afternoon.

Brian and Linda Dutcher and Larry and Linda Sisco were Monday supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Jim Dutcher and girls visited the Clayton Dutchers Tuesday.

Orval Merrihew called on the George Merrihews Sunday and said his father, Orrie, was a little better, and he took him out to dinner one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Sandra visited the Robert Ash family Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Nancy and Ricky Howard were Sunday afternoon callers of the George Merrihews, and took them up near Altona to see a large herd of cattle, nearly 3,000 head. The Merrihews visited Lena Comstock at the Edmore Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles visited their daughter and family, the Howard Beutlers, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Campbell and son of Lansing were Wednesday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew. Mr. and

Mrs. Fred Small and children of Smith Creek spent Sunday with them.

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### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Donald R. Riley and wife to Eunice E. Way, pt. e 1/2 nw, sec. 16, Deerfield.

David A. Flower and Helen et al to Freddie W. Grady and Brenda J., Lots 9, 10, blk. 3, Village of Weidman.

Walter W. Webster and Lucille J. to Alzina C. Pocquette and George V., Lot 18, Schueller-Bierschbach, Nottawa.

Glen M. Pasch and wife et al to Howard M. Fox and wife, pt. n 1/2 se sec. 11, Nottawa.

Thomas Rollin Hogg and Myrtle R. to Lawrence Lowell and Rosemary, Lot 6, Blue Cedar Estates, Deerfield.

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# Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

ing and wanted to make an appointment for Ye Ed to interview him and Candidate John Engler. We said Sure, and set the next Thursday morning for the interview.

Well, by Thursday we forgot all about it, and were just ready to drive out of our place with the weekly wash, heading for the laundromat, when Sen. Toepp, John Engler, and Toepp's personal photographer drove in.

So we stood out there in the drive and chatted a few moments. Sen. Toepp is an accomplished politician. He is also a stalwart in the State Republican Party.

Sen. Toepp did all the talking, and little Johnny Engler stood respectful and mute, to one side, during the ten minutes of their visit.

Since that day we have had no direct word from Johnny. We've had "press releases" from the Republican State Headquarters, or from the public relations firm hired by the legislature, but no word from Johnny.

Our biggest blow was the realization of the fact that Johnny sent copies of House Bill No. 5376 to Township Supervisors, apparently period. The Messenger never got a copy of it. We have not seen mention of it in any other newspaper.

As a public service, we will print the worse parts of House Bill 5376, in this issue if possible, or at the earliest opportunity.

We miss you, Johnny. You appeared to be brim-full of promise, before the State Republican Party control came along.

We were relying on a youthful, independent, and strong Representative for the 100th District.

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## OLD TIME RESIDENT COMES BACK FOR VISIT

Ernie De Hart of Coalmont, Tennessee, visited the Messenger office last week Tuesday afternoon, after driving around this area looking over things that have developed since his family lived on the farm now owned by Alva Cummins.

The De Harts left here in 1916, and had not been back since. Ernie gets the Messenger regularly, though, to keep up with what we're doing around here.

He was visiting his brother in Grand Rapids last week, and a nephew drove him up to Weidman. He said there are no De Hart relatives left around here; though many of us oldsters know the name from 'way back.

Mr. De Hart drove up from Grand Rapids with his nephew and niece, Ken De Hart and Ruth Dunn. Mrs. Dunn is also Mrs. Helen Smith's niece, and

they called on her while here. Mr. De Hart asked about many old-time people who have passed on, and Mrs. Smith called Mrs. Emily Wood to come over and give information as she could. Mr. De Hart has a sister in Mt. Pleasant, and also a brother, Will De Hart, who works at the University.

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## Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY FOR EGBERT FORDYCE

Monday was Egbert Fordyce's 77th birthday. Mrs. Fordyce had a little surprise party for him. At lunch, Grace Pitts and Elwyn and Mary Helen, and Terry were guests. Soon Greg and Chris came, with a gallon of home made ice cream, and Marlene with a lovely birthday cake. He received nice gifts. Before they were finished with dinner, other friends came, and there were 15 of them in the evening. Mrs. Fordyce had another gallon of home made ice cream ready to serve, with the birthday cake. That was one time his wife got the best of him! A very nice evening was enjoyed by all.

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Mrs. Marguerite Ver Wiebe and daughter, Catherine Durette, of Detroit called at the Elam Seymour home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slingsend of Midland called on their cousins, Elam and Verna Seymour, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven of Winn took Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour to the Farwell celebration Monday.

Mrs. Leona Buchel and girls called at the Gary Seymour home near Mt. Pleasant Monday to see the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham and family at a Saturday evening dinner of coho salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook went up North coho fishing and from all reports they had pretty good luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts of Big Rapids stayed from Saturday till Monday night with his mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts, helping her get ready for her sale, which will be Sept. 16. Terry stayed Saturday and Sunday nights with his Grandpa and Grandma Fordyce.

Mrs. Grace Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and Greg and his wife, Chris, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lautzenheizer and daughter of Jerome spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Lautzenheizer and Mr. and

Mrs. Ed McAlvey attended the Old Lang Syne Banquet at the Farwell High School. There were quite a few from Gilmore attending.

Walter Faber has sold his farm to Harold Vogel and will move in the spring, to his cottage at Coldwater Lake.

Mrs. Donna Fordyce and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Edith Bolen, are spending a few days up north.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle of Paris spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

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### SILVER ANNIVERSARY FOR THE GAYLORD HARTS

Open House will be held this Sunday, Sept. 12, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart, at the home of their son-in-law

and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Chapman, of 3358 Fifth Street in Weidman. Their many friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

The Harts were married 25 years ago in Mt. Pleasant, and have lived since on the Hart farms in Coldwater Township.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mike camped at the Lake Isabella camp grounds with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser, of Belting. They had their grandchildren, Micky and Patricia Straus, with them as guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilbur of DeWitt spent the weekend with the Jerry Horstman family.

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