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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE'RE HAVING A CRUMMY MICHIGAN WINTER

One of the worst aspects of a winter such as we in Michigan are experiencing is the treacherous footing occasioned by snow, rain, and resulting ice.

During this past week we had a thaw period, and walking was bad for everyone.

It was worse for elderly people, though, and those in their fifties and sixties. We have several local people in CMC Hospital suffering broken hips. Many others have fallen and escaped with bruises and general shakeups. The latter were the lucky ones.

Our own walkways and drive
(Continued on Back Page)

JOE STEVENS SUFFERS A BROKEN HIP IN FALL

Joe Stevens, prominent Nottawa dairyman, suffered a broken hip last week when he started from his house to the barns and slipped and fell on his doorstep.

He underwent surgery Monday, and the doctor put a pin in his leg, as the break was not in the hip joint but below it.

Joe was reported as coming along well when we called his home Tuesday morning.

His son, Richard, is a partner in the big Holstein-Friesian registered-herd dairy farm, and is carrying on the work.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mills and son, Gregory Lee, of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson. This was the first time Mrs. Johnson had met her little great-grandson.

ARCTIC STORM HITS THIS AREA; RESULT, ICE AND SNOW

An arctic storm which was widespread over many states hit the central Michigan area late Monday afternoon, beginning with freezing rain and winding up with blowing snow.

Roads in the immediate Weidman area were ice-covered for several days, and all area schools announced cancellations.

Temperatures ranged from five below zero Monday night to four above on Tuesday.

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NEWS NOTES

Emma Middlesworth was hostess at a party last Wednesday evening honoring the birthday of Claribel Beutler. Present were the guest of honor, Nina Forbes, Lela Whearett, Edna Schultz, Marion Beutler, and Gladys Wilson.

Men in Uniform

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Hi, there:

Had a bunch of mail today, to include a letter from you. Most kind of you. Thanks.

I've never been involved with a Jolly Green Giant, so I guess I've been lucky so far.

Mom says according to news reports we have been fighting like hell over here. It sure must be a different part of the country, as we are still to see our first real action.

This company has lost one man since the 7th of August. He walked into a booby trap that we set up outside our perimeter every night. We'll never know what he was doing walking around out there. He didn't even live to get on a dust-off. I felt bad about it, even though I wasn't the medic that worked on him. We have been real lucky.

I've sent more pictures home. (Editor's Note: We printed some of them last week.) They were not anywhere near as good. I've ordered a new camera. It's a Minolta Highmatic 75, with a flash. I can't wait till it gets here.

Take Care,
Bruce Reed (Sp/4)
Vietnam

We are very happy to report that Walter Shaner is home from Vietnam. Mrs. Shaner and baby are expected home soon. Welcome to all of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Mrs. Dean Chaffee went to Fort Knox to see Dean over the weekend.

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BARNEY TRANBARGER IN CMC HOSPITAL

Barney Tranbarger, of The Flower Shop in Weidman, was taken by ambulance to CMC Hospital Tuesday morning, suffering from after-effects of an onslaught of the prevalent flu widespread in this area.

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Paul and Carl Snider, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider, played at the Chippewa Hills Schools' Snowball Dance last Friday. This Friday they and their combo are playing at Ashley.



THE OLD SCHOOL ON THE LAWENS PLACE--Tentatively identified as Nottawa District No. 2. The above photo was taken about 1915, and the heirloom piece was loaned the Messenger by Louis Lawens. When the school was closed, the acre of ground belonging to it reverted back to the Lawens farm ownership, as is written in all such land grants.

BACK ROW, left to right: Carl Hibbeln, Louie Lawens, Peter Lorenz, Jack Breuer, Arthur Pohl, Jack Marhofer, Regina (Bengal) Bierschbach (Mrs. Andrew); Robert Smith, Lena Pohl Hall, Chris Wickenheiser, Edward Smith, Bertha Fedewa.

MIDDLE ROW: Anna Pohl, Rose (Fedewa) Miller, Mary Esch, Margaret Esch.

FRONT ROW: Edward Hibbeln, Johnny Fedewa, Alfred Pohl, Leo Hibbeln, Elizabeth Smith Wickenheiser, Edward Weipert, Ellen Corwin Lynch, Elsie Fedewa, Victor Pohl, Bernie Schumacher.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler attended Farm Bureau meeting at the Frank Wagerster home Friday evening. They all visited the Jim Beutlers of Rosebush Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow had Sunday dinner with the Howard Beutlers. Marion fell on the ice Sunday afternoon and went in to Mt. Pleasant for x-rays, but hasn't found out yet if she had some cracked ribs or not (Monday).

Steve Dutcher spent the weekend at home. A lot of his friends called to see him. Richard and Douglas Dutcher visited Saturday evening, and Connie Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing had lunch with them. Sunday afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco and Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Sisco of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Dewey Kirvan of Barryton Tuesday. Ruby was in Grand Rapids that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Wednesday evening.

The Ervin Dutchers visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday evening. Beth Hogg had supper with the Senior Dutchers and also visited Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Jon and Chris had supper with us Tuesday.

The Clayton Dutchers and the Leon Schafer family spent Wednesday evening with the Garry Dutchers. It was Karen's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and family spent the weekend with the Garry Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Walter, Jr., were callers of the Clayton Dutchers Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas and Patti and Burgess Case and Robert and Rex Dutcher of Midland, and Garry and David and Jim Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us.

Virgil Gatehouse and Marie Mathewson of Remus spent Saturday evening at the Harry Gatehouse home.

Ruth Gatehouse and sons, Steve and Brian, have been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and Rick of Pierson and Mrs. Hazel Jones of Sylvester were Sunday callers of Emory Dell and the Harry Hardenburghs.

Mrs. Carolyn Cook spent a couple of days in CMC Hospital, having the cast and pins removed from her leg. Little Amiee stayed with Mrs. Clayton Dutcher.

The Ervin Dutchers called on the Pat Cains while in Grand Rapids Sunday evening.

Cindy Denslow spent over night with Laurel Beutler.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Rusty Alwood was admitted to CMC Hospital Thursday for minor surgery. He expected to be released the first of the week. Rusty had surgery for pilonoidal cyst. He was in the same room as John Riehl, who suffered a broken hip a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Riehl was transferred to the Medical Facility later, reported as doing real well.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stetler of Mason. They attended a 25th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. George Merindorf at the Holt VFW Hall. Jim Abbott also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family called in the evening. Jeanette and children attended church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ed Olger attended a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Sidney Wood for Christine Sue Grisdale, Friday evening.

Albert Gott of Winn called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott and Mrs. Brenda Gott and Ruth Reigle called Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Aldrich visited Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich Friday evening. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baublitz of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Gilmore called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen of Mt. Pleasant called Saturday.

Mrs. Hermione Smith spent Sunday at the Don Alwood home. Later in the day she called at the John Gott home, and enjoyed coffee and cookies.

Donny Alwood, Tommy Abbott, Craig and Scott Battle, Wally Joe Smith and the Don Smith boys enjoyed sledding on Strawberry Hill on the Walt Smith place, Sunday.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook visited Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Sunday.

Roderick Nicholson went to see his sister, Mrs. Frances Handy, at Evart, Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Flaucher called on her father, John Sheldon, and her sister, Mrs. Laura Latham, Sunday. Mrs. Russell Flaucher, Mrs. Ronald Flaucher and Mrs. Iva Blodgett were Tuesday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Minnie Flaucher.

Mrs. Jack Lieder returned Sunday from CMC Hospital, where she was treated for pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius visited relatives in Cadillac Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Saturday afternoon. Johnnie and Beth were Sunday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Roderick Nicholson were there Wednesday. Flossie Flachs was a Thursday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and children, Ricky, Randy, Shari and Susan, of Holt, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Charles Garrett went to Milford and brought her daughter, Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor, back to see the doctor. Mr. MacGregor came up to take them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham went to Florida.

Mrs. Ruby Combs of Lansing spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Ella Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and Eddie of Lakeview spent Saturday with Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wertz of Freeland were Sunday guests.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Some buy it. A gratifying number subscribe to it. Some borrow it. Some loan it out to relatives, neighbors, friends. We don't mind a bit, because EVERYBODY READS IT!

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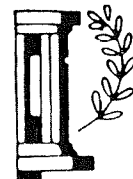
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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

A belated Happy New Year.
Just how happy it will be re-
mains to be seen.

Well, I didn't end the old year
or start the new one very well.
The 30th we had a heavy snow
storm. A man came to clean out
our driveway and got stuck. I
went out to see how they were
coming, and I should have stay-
ed in the house. Just as I got to
where they were, down I went.
Right foot in front and left one
under me. It doesn't seem to be
broken, but I gave the ankle a
good sprain, and used crutches
until Jan. 4. That day I went
without them, but I shouldn't
have. I have been using one
crutch since, to take some of the
weight off. Have it wrapped
good. So I never went out of
the house until the 11th, had to
go to town, and I haven't been
out since. And now the tempera-
ture! I can't remember when I
saw it so cold. (Jan. 16.)

To help the furnace out, we
keep a fire in the kitchen range
and a fire in the fireplace in the
family room. Have to stay up
most of the night to keep them
going. It makes my husband do
extra work, getting in the wood,
and so forth, as I haven't been
able to get out and help him.

I see in the news of so many
breaking bones, so I count myself
lucky of it being no worse, but a
sprain is bad enough.

I feel sorry for the folks that
have to get out and work in this
weather: Firemen, telephone
men and electricians especially,
and all the others too. Doesn't

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our
sincere appreciation to everyone
who gave us so much kindness at
the sudden loss of our daughter
and sister, Jane Marie.

Also to Rev. Father Bur for
Mass and administering the Sacra-
ment of Confirmation; Fred
Steffke, the soloist; Mrs. Ben
Weber, the organist; the Mass
servers, the pallbearers, the Beal
City Knights of Columbus for
the use of the hall;

The ladies who served the din-
ner, and friends and neighbors
who donated the food;

The people who gave Masses
and sent flowers and sympathy
cards; CMC Hospital and Dr.
Reiner; and the Crittenden Fu-
neral Home.

Words cannot express how very
much we appreciate all that our
friends have done for us in our
time of sorrow.

May God bless all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lorenz
Brenda, Dennis and Terry

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides
were in a group of snowmobilers
Friday evening who enjoyed the
local trails. The party were en-
tertained to bacon, eggs and
toast at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Dick Curtiss.

BE gentle, be kind, to that ex-
pensive carpet, clean with
Blue Lustre. Rent electric sham-
poor \$1 at Fox Hardware in
Weidman.

Jan. 27t1

JOIN THE ISABELLA COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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

I wish to join the Isabella County Taxpayers Association in the
hope that together we may be able to help ourselves to keep
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seem like it was ever this cold
when we delivered papers, but
maybe being out every day we
were more used to it.

We have been lucky to escape
the flu, so far, but many of our
friends have had it, and say it
is worse than anything they have
had before.

I think I'll take a nap now,
and then check on the fires again.

Hope you and your sister's fam-
ily are doing okay. Will keep in
touch now and then.

Most sincerely,
Helen (Tanner) Hudson
1275 Eight Mile Road, Route,
Midland 48640.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and
family were Sunday dinner
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary
Agle of Farwell.

TAXPAYERS SUE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON MILLAGE

A suit was filed Jan. 25 by Bert
L. Cole and Patricia Cole on be-
half of all taxpayers of Isabella
County, asking the Circuit Court
Judge to grant a permanent in-
junction against the Isabella Co.
Board of Commissioners to pre-
vent another over-laying of tax-
ation beyond the constitutional
15-mill limit without asking the
taxpayers through an election.

The suit also asks for recoveries
of tax monies collected over 15
mills in 1971, and that the Co.
Board of Commissioners pay court
costs in connection with the suit.

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock went to Riverdale Thursday. Mrs. Schrock spent the day with Nella Schrock at the McNeil home.

Mr. Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip went down Tuesday night to bring Mrs. Schrock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his son, Rodney, and children, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy Thursday evening.

Otis and Vada Conley called on Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited her sister, Wyona Risdon, at Blanchard, Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy Sunday evening.

Russell Stanley visited his doctor at Mt. Pleasant Thursday, for x-rays and checkup. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley called at the Edward Marshall home Friday evening and were supper guests.

The Stanleys are spending a few days with their grandson and family, the David Moores, at Lake Thirteen, caring for the children, as Mrs. Moore is quite ill in the Clare Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson visited her sister and husband, the Harry Dosenberrys, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan called at the Clyde Emmons home Saturday evening, and took Eddie John a new puppy. Mrs. Emmons has been having the flu the past week.

Mrs. Clarence Ley and daughter, Diana, were Thursday overnight and Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. They were all supper guests at the Gary Portenga home Thursday, helping Lee Ann celebrate her sixth birthday.

The Gary Portenga family were dinner guests at the Gray home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and Steve, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and Melissa were callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grove of DeWitt spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Leo Denslow home. They all attended the Vicki Sowle-Mark Lerner wedding at Barryton Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons were Sunday visitors of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters visited his father, Arthur Loomis, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen

and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Loomis home.

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(Editor's Note: This week we are indebted to Mary Loomis and Etta Skalitzy, who gathered the news items for Walker Creek, in the absence of Esther Stanley. We thank you, gals. You're sure appreciated.)

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Gerald Dent has been sick with flu. He went to Saginaw Thursday to see his doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent called on Elwood Miller Thursday morning. Elwood entered the hospital at Ann Arbor Sunday for tests. He expects to be there about 10 days.

Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Tuesday dinner guest of Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Micky were Sunday dinner guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Diane Wood was a Monday dinner guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Flora Wood, and Beth Lynn. Wednesday supper guests were Mrs. Janet Potter and Karen. Gale, Mary Ellen and Dean Wood and Steve Modderman were Thursday evening callers. Pete Wood and Carl and Ellen Geasler were Friday guests. Saturday, Richard came and took his mother to his home for supper, and later she attended a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Kathy Taylor, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jean Houghton.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott. Garth Lawrence called on his mother Saturday afternoon.

Leo Bahr of Copemish is spending a few days at the Joe Martin hom.

Mrs. Alma Byron and Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda were Sunday afternoon and evening guests of the Martins. Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane were Saturday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Martin called on the Ronald Miller family Sunday.

Mrs. Katie Smith came home Thursday from the hospital, feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe were recent callers at the Wilbur Wright home, and enjoyed playing cards. Leland Wood, Norman Miller, Bob Kirvan and Elwood Miller were Saturday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended the funeral of Mrs. Thompson's aunt, Mrs. Marguerite Felton, in Lansing, Wednesday. Bob and Bill Thompson attended the livestock appreciation dinner at Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. They got a chance to talk with Norm Cash, the baseball player, who was the guest speaker.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Velma Cole will enter CMC Hospital as soon as an empty bed is available.

Wm. Wixson and David Wixson, Helen Wardwell and the Paul Coles called on their sister, Mrs. Wm. Sampson, and Patty, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, visited her brother-in-law and sister, the Paul Coles, Wednesday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson visited her son-in-law and daughter in Flint over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tortoff, and family. Ken was home from the hospital, feeling much better.

Mrs. Helen Mahon isn't so well, and her doctor has ordered bed rest for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were in Mt. Clemens over the weekend.

Mrs. Ernestine Straus called

on the Paul Coles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and family of Vassar visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen, Saturday. The Ewings were dinner guests of her parents, the Paul Coles. They brought a recording from their son, Bill Ewing, in Vietnam, which Grandpa and Grandma Cole and Velma enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis and Mrs. Lane Chapman and Amy were breakfast guests of Mrs. Charlotte Hart Sunday. Roxann Hart spent Sunday night with her grandmother.

Raymond Geasler is spending a few days at his cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler of Lansing were up over the weekend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates of Clare were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Arnold Halfman was released from CMC Hospital last week after a time in the hospital. He was reported as doing well.

Mrs. Katie Smith was discharged Thursday after a two weeks' stay in CMC Hospital for observation and tests.

Mrs. Ray Smith (Esther) underwent surgery Friday, and expected to have further surgery the first of the week. She has been in the hospital for some time suffering from a blood clot.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus, Geo. Straus and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson went to Temple snowmobiling Sunday. Everyone had a wonderful time.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp of Coldwater Lake spent several days last week with their daughter, Joyce Spiess, and family in Grand Rapids.

Sonny Thelen was discharged from the Saginaw Hospital last Tuesday, Jan. 18, and is home to stay. He is one happy man.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Tony Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung and Mrs. Mary Pantenburg Sunday. They also called on Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer, Mike Gross, Anna Simmer and Cecilia Simmer spent Sunday with Mrs. Joe Pung.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Joe Pung entertained company from Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock of Reed City called on Louise and Anna Smith Sunday afternoon, on their way home from Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Debbie also called.

Mr. and Mrs. Beneska have moved out of Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reihl entertained company Sunday.

Mrs. Leo Gross entertained company Sunday.

Fred Gould, Delores and Brian Rau and Debbie Rau spent Monday evening with Louise and Anna Smith and the Louis Raus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stik of Lake City called on Louise and Anna Smith Tuesday evening. They came here to see the ball game in Beal City.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY
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the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7. 30 p. m.
Choir practice (Thursday), at 6. 30 p. m.

Last Sunday the officers of our church for 1971 were given recognition. We're thankful for all of them.

In the evening service we had a good time in our annual Church Talent Contest.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor
Sunday School, 9. 15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10. 45 a. m.
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Bible School, 6 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7 p. m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 7 p. m.
Evening Service, 7. 30 p. m.
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7. 30 p. m.

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 Sunday 7. 30 p. m.

Fellowship dinner third Sunday, 12. 30 p. m.

WSCS, meet on third Thursday at 3 p. m.

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NEWS NOTES

Annis Orser of Mt. Pleasant spent last Wednesday afternoon with Emma Middlesworth.

Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Friday evening with Mrs. Nina Forbes.

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MR. AND MRS. GARY L. SAMFORD

Miss Sharon Louise Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts of Big Rapids, and Gary Leon Samford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Samford, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., were united in marriage Dec. 28.

C. Hiram Gates of Bailey, Mich., performed the 7 o'clock candle light service at the Gilmore Church of Christ.

Preceding the double-ring ceremony, Michael McGuire of Farwell played Christmas hymns on the organ. He also accompanied his wife, Janelle, as she sang, "A Time for Us," "The Wedding Prayer," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Vows were exchanged by the bride and bridegroom amid shades of pink mums and roses. The front of the church was arranged with two gold candelabras holding white candles and a kneeling bench which allowed the guests to see the profile of the couple. Beside the bench was a small table supporting the communion emblems and three candles used to symbolize their

becoming one.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Jane Goudie of Clare and Darryl Pitts of Weidman lighted the candles and extended a white runner the length of the aisle.

The bride chose her sister, Miss Marlene Pitts, of Big Rapids, as the maid of honor. She was escorted into the church by the groom's best man, Gary Gregory, of Clarence, N. Y. Her bridesmaids were Miss Cheryl Pitts of Weidman, cousin of the bride, Miss Jane Goudie and Miss Janet Goudie, both of Clare. They were escorted into the church by groomsmen John Samford, cousin of the groom, of Carbondale, Ill., Darryl Pitts, cousin of the bride, and Don Phillips of Mt. Vernon, Ill.

The bride, given in marriage by her mother and father, and escorted to the altar by her father, paused to present a long-stemmed rose to her mother.

The bride was lovely in her

self-made gown of organza over taffeta. It was designed with a small standup collar, waistline bodice and full sleeves, all accented with white trim of pearls and appliqued lace. The skirt gathered softly from each side to the back and became a slight train. It was accented with a wide ruffle. Her cathedral-length veil of illusion was attached to a crown of pearls and was three-tiered.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore gowns of pink ranging from light pink for the maid of honor to a deep rose. Their dresses and head pieces were Juliet style and made of organza over taffeta and set off with full long sleeves, a ruffle at the hem and a satin sash which laced at the waistline.

Ushers were Greg Pitts and Terry Pitts, brothers of the bride, both of Big Rapids.

The guest register was attended by Miss Janet Pitts, cousin of the

bride, of Weidman. The host and hostess for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham and family.

As the new Mr. and Mrs. Samford came down the aisle, the bride paused to present a long-stemmed red rose to the groom's mother.

The bride's mother wore a brown tailored knit dress. The groom's mother wore a gold dress with lace accenting the sleeves. Both mothers wore corsages of pink mums and red rosebuds.

Immediately following the ceremony, guests were greeted at the reception held in the fellowship room of the church, which was decorated in various shades of pink in keeping with the bride's colors. The five-tiered wedding cake, baked by the bride's sister, Marlene, was decorated with fleur de lis of various shades of pink, with mini lights, sugar bells separated by white columns and angels. It was topped with a lighted bride and groom cake top. The top layer carried the monograms of the couple.

Mrs. Greg Pitts, sister-in-law of the bride, served the bride's cake. Mrs. Elaine Esterline and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, both aunts of the bride, Mrs. Lynn Esterline, Mrs. Larry Esterline, Mrs. Raymond Wild and Mrs. Paul Crane also helped serve.

Miss Nancy Goudie and Miss Jill Goudie of Clare and Miss Cathy Ireland of Midland attended the gift table.

Wedding guests were present from Carbondale, Ill., Cincinnati, O., Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Midland, Bailey, Weidman, Big Rapids, Brutus, Farwell, Mt. Vernon, Ill., and Clarence, N. Y., Montrose and Marysville, Mich.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas, and are now residing in Mt. Vernon, Ill., where they both are teaching.

The bride was honored with a shower Nov. 26 by Mrs. Greg Pitts and Mrs. Harold Walker of Big Rapids. Her bridesmaids also honored Sharon with a shower Nov. 27 at the Gilmore Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Samford were honored at a reception Jan. 9 at the Central Christian Church by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Samford, at Mt. Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts attended the happy occasion.

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Weidman Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Some buy it. A gratifying number subscribe to it. Some borrow it. Some loan it out to relatives, neighbors, friends. We don't mind a bit, because

EVERYBODY READS IT!



ISABELLA COUNTY ROADS--Were really ice-covered after Monday night's freezing rain followed by sub-zero temperatures. Above is the Airline Road Tuesday afternoon. Later that day county road trucks got to this portion of the county, and the Airline was given a light sprinkling of sand down the middle.
 Messenger photo

Tuesday in the county was a day of immobilization for all except the few brave souls who attempted to get to jobs in Mt. Pleasant and elsewhere. Many didn't make it.

Alan Marshall, of Marshall's Garage in Weidman, was out all morning, mainly driving people back to their homes after they had abandoned their cars on the slick ice.

No mail went out on the Weidman Route Tuesday, as roads would have prevented it and anyhow the Saginaw truck, due here before 8 a.m., arrived in the afternoon.

All area schools were closed Tuesday and Wednesday, with no opening prospects announced Wednesday.

County road trucks were delayed, according to Charles Zalud, by the necessity to get chains and install them for each truck going out. The usual application of brine on ice was abandoned, as sub-zero temperatures made brine a worsening of the situation.

Added to sub-zero temperatures were high winds, lowering the "chill" factor to figures in the 40-below-zero area.

A semi-truck supply tanker loaded with fuel oil for the Beal City Service Station was literally blown off the road, according to Harold Rau, owner of the station, overturning the rear half of the tanker.

For the first time in seven and a half years, the Weidman Messenger is a day late, as Connie flunked that before-daylight drive to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday morning. Roads still were listed as extremely hazardous during the day Wednesday.

Barney Tranbarger was taken by ambulance to CMC Hospital Tuesday morning, the ambulance driver choosing the Coldwater Road down through Broomfield

Township to get to M-20 as soon as possible. The Coldwater Road, up and down those hills of Broomfield, was a solid glare of ice, but the ambulance driver never slid an inch, Frances Tranbarger said. (She rode over in the front seat of the ambulance.)

We are deeply indebted to Bernard and Yvonne Pitts, who volunteered to drive to Mt. Pleasant late in the afternoon and bring Frances home (Connie had promised to drive over and get her). Bernard took the Weidman Road the 10 miles east of town to Old US-27, and said later that road was untreated and solid ice, as was also Old US-27. He took M-20 and the Winn Road back, finding the going less nightmarish.

We are also indebted to Jim Hughes, of Radio Station WCEN, who broadcast Tuesday the news that the Weidman Messenger would be a day late. Most of our local readers knew by Tuesday afternoon they wouldn't get their Messenger quite on time this week.

CMC Hospital emergency room was crowded, and the hospital itself was full up. Barney Tranbarger finally got a room but had to wait several hours for it.

We'll give it a try Thursday morning; but if your paper is very late, you'll know we again flunked out on those icy roads.

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Local Items

Leon McArthur left Weidman Monday, having intended to start Tuesday for Gerald's home in Wixom, and then go on to Florida for the rest of the winter. The storm warnings Monday changed his mind, and he was accompanied as far as Old US-27 by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, who reported the 10-mile Weidman Road a glare of solid ice.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg attended the funeral of a friend in Grand Rapids one day last week. Carl and Ellen Geasler called on the Fosburgs Sunday.

Roads were icy in this area as well as other parts of the county. With our hilly terrain, driving was very hazardous.

Eunice LaLonde was an overnight guest of her son, Gary, and family of Barryton last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen spent

Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley.

Nora Geasler, Irene Bowen and I spent Wednesday with Connie Fletcher of Clare.

Violet Wright did some paper hanging for Mrs. Gary House east of Weidman Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare were Sunday guests of their mother, Mrs. Edna Teeter.

Flossie Forbes is in Florida now for the winter, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bush, at Hollywood.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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are no exception. Neighbors watching Ye Ed walk across the road to get her mail, or in the morning, her Detroit Free Press, must have remarked that the old gal really walks like a person of eighty this year.

She sure does, on the treacherous footings we've had around here. We've slipped, some, but so far--and we knock on wood--we haven't really taken a tumble. Our sympathy to those who have.

Sunday we saw a couple of men ice fishing on Lake of the Hills--the first we've ever seen on this lake.

During our years with George Skinner we learned all the good spots to fish on Lake of the Hills ---every lake has its "good" spots.

The ice fishermen Sunday weren't fishing anywhere near the "good" spots."

Feeding birds in winter has become almost a state-wide occupation. We have a small bird feeder, and we keep it filled with cracked corn with now and then a treat of "wild bird seed," the latter which we abhor because of the great amount of seeds rejected by all birds and kicked onto the ground, to come up in the spring with strange-looking weed plants. (No, not marijuana--we've checked that out). But weeds on the lawn, and we have enough of those as it is.

Frances Tranbarger, who buys the best of bird seed and feed, had a pair of Carolina doves at her feeder last week. That's a rarity, in Michigan, in winter.

Oh well, we did have a lovely September, October, and a spring-like November and half of December. We shouldn't gripe, but a Michigander has to gripe about Michigan weather.

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Local Items

Mrs. Jeanette Johnston and son, Grant, of Rosebush were Sunday visitors of her mother, Mrs. Clyde Beutler. They called on the Howard Beutlers. Marion fell on the ice and suffered a back injury. Mrs. Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children visited the Jim Beutlers in the evening.

Mrs. Bonnie Sprague was hostess at a slumber party for six of Jodi's schoolmates Friday night. It was Jodi's 11th birthday. The Ronnie Spragues also entertained Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague at dinner in honor of the birthday.



TOPS CLUB GIVES RECOGNITION--These ladies were recognized and honored Friday evening in the Okaya Room at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant. Left to right they are: Loretta Blevins, Etta Skalitzky, Vada Conley, Bette Kinsman, Janice Smith, Ella O'Hara. Seated: Barbara Bierschbach and the Kops Queen, Arlene Schrot. Photo by Wanda Graham

Weidman TOPS count 1971 as a successful year for their chapter is up to 30, and includes five Kops.

The club celebrated its fifth anniversary Friday evening, Jan. 15, with dinner in the Okaya Room at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

Carol Bierschbach, acting as toastmistress for the evening, presented the officers with charms appropriate for their offices.

Nina Carrick, leader, Eileen Faber, co-leader, Diane Schumacher, secretary, Carol Bierschbach, treasurer, Wanda Graham, weight recorder, and Arlene King, assistant weight recorder, were the officers honored. Mrs. Bierschbach also presented the Summer Queen, Arlene King, a special award. After introducing the Kops, Vada Conley, Etta Skalitzky and Ella O'Hara, she presented each one with a long-stemmed pink rose.

The leader, Nina Carrick, introduced Loretta Blevins as a division II winner, and gave her a white carnation. Janice Smith, 1971 Stork Division, was presented a pink rose. Barbara Bierschbach was presented a half-dozen roses as Teen Best Loser. Bette Kinsman received a half-dozen roses as Club Best Loser.

Special recognition went to Arlene Schrot as Kops Queen for 1971. She received a dozen red roses, a Crown pin, and her Queen tiara.

Weidman TOPS 555 meets each Tuesday evening in the Weidman school cafeteria. If you want to take off pounds sensibly, you are welcome to join them.

See you lighter, as they say in the TOPS Clubs.

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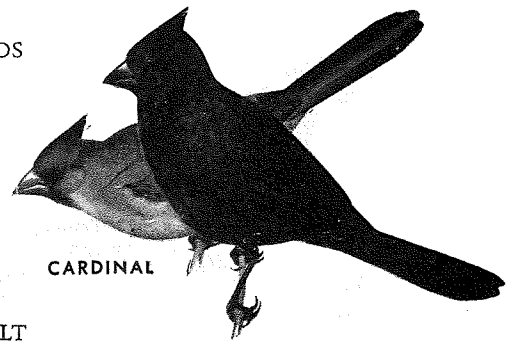
Mrs. Burr Abrahamson of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brien of Ithaca spent Sunday with Mrs. Nina Forbes. Their son, Michael, a student at CMU, was also a guest.

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