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Editor's Column

By Connie

YOU THINK SEVENTY IS OLD? JUST LISTEN TO DOROTHY BREUER OF WINN

So I had my seventieth birthday early in February, and the more I thought about becoming seventy, the older I felt.

I wound up feeling quite decrepit, and definitely sorry for myself.

Then, on a Saturday, Dorothy Breuer of Winn breezed in to pay her subscription, and after a conversation with her, I felt much better.

Dorothy said she is 74; and she climbs up on the roof of her house, when she feels like it, and mends shingles, if she so desires: ("And the neighbors have fits about an old woman doing things like that!" she snorts.)

She told about going swimming last summer in a private pool, and the young things stuck out pink little toes and tested the water and said, "Oooh! It's cold!"

But Dorothy Breuer calmly walked up the diving board and soared off it and splash! into the water in one dive.

She walks "into town" at Winn on icy roads, and neighbors again have fits. ("They didn't realize I was wearing creepers," she said, in an aside.)

She is a breath of fresh air, a challenge and a stimulus to us oldsters afraid of getting old.

I really don't feel so old at all, now. . . . Dorothy is 74. I'm only 70. Betcha I'll ride that lawn mower this summer. Betcha I'll do some gardening, too.

As for mending shingles on the roof. . . I'm not promising.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS NINE TABLES IN PLAY

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

Harold Schumacher won first prize for the men, with Monica Grinzinger winning first for the ladies.

Low was won by Austin Dent. Pepper prize was won by Ida Mae Dent. The door prize was won

Louetta McDonald
District No. 2
Teacher.

... Nottowa ...

* FOR * THE * YEAR * 1897. *

NAMES OF PUPILS.

William Doll,	Carrie Schueller,	Philomena Schumacher
John Yuncker.	Rosa Theisen,	Clara Doll.
Albert Theiser.	Mary Reihl.	Katie Elias.
Fred Rau,	Lizzie Elias.	Minie Wagner.
Mike Wickenhiser.	Tony Tillman,	Anna Zuker.
Joseph Hibbeln,	Charles Doll.	Katie Gross.
William Zuker.	Albert Elias.	Mary Hibbeln.
Dennis Tiffany,	Charles Wickenhiser.	Clara Rau.
Elgin Davis,	Albert Rau.	Lily Heath.
William Bowen,	Bain Hyslop.	Paulina Schafer.
John Schaler.	John Reihl.	Barbara Zuker.
Peter Tilman.	Joe Schueller.	Katie Endres.
Henry Lorenz.	Leonard Schafer.	Corde Yunker.
Tony Hibbeln.	Albert Smith.	Anna Schafer.
Winnie Cross.	Syly ster Doll.	Katie Lorenz.
Sarah Tiffany,	Joe Tillman.	Mella Wagner.
Laura Hyslop.	Fred ie Hyslop.	Leo Reihl.
Rosa Hibbeln.	John Wickenhiser.	Albert Gross.
Emma Esch.	Joe Elias.	Peter Elias.
Anna Endres.	Leander Beersbach.	Mary Wickenhiser.
Lizzie Tilman.	Josie Schumacher.	Josephine Gross.
Lena Doll.	Rosa Smith.	Lizzie Zuker.
Anna Smith.	Laura Yuncker.	

CLARA FOX LOANED US THIS LIST OF 1897 PUPILS

Of Nottowa District No. 2 School, which then was located on the Theisen farm a mile south of Beal City (later the Lawens place). Clara said that kids then walked as much as two miles each way to school in those days, and took it for granted. One teacher was expected to teach (and did teach, and well!) 68 children in one room, in grades from One to Eight. The teacher also was the janitor, walking to school early mornings to get the stove lighted and the room warmed. The kids helped with bringing in the wood, Clara pointed out; but the teacher was expected to sweep the room after school each day and make sure black boards were cleaned. When Lavina Elias started teaching she got the magnificent salary of \$40 per month. She boarded with Clara Fox, when Steve Fox was a small child. We're happy she shared this treasure with you.

by Lloyd Embrey.

The next Rebekah card party will be Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 22. All are invited.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe de LaPena and family of Perry called on Mr. and Mrs. James Noe while

here visiting the Ivan Allens Saturday evening. Mr. de LaPena is a minister, and the family plan to go back to the Philippines as missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Cecilia St. Germaine, of Clare.

Men in Uniform

Bruce Chapman of Norfolk, Va., was home over the weekend.

Airman and Mrs. Larry Leiter of Selfridge Air Force Base visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. David Flower, the weekend.

Dean Chaffee of Fort Knox spent the weekend at home with his family, and visited his folks.

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SCHOOL VOTE IS MARCH 9

On Thursday, March 9, voters of the far-flung Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District will go to the polls to vote Yes or No on a proposition to build a "Career Center" which will add 2.7 mills perpetually to the already large school-tax rate in the Chippewa Hills School District and elsewhere.

The Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District takes in the school districts of Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, Evart, Morley-Stanwood and Reed City. That's a big territory, and contact with those in the saddle on school affairs already is out of reach of most taxpayers.

In an "Insiders' Newsletter" of January, the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District said, among other things on the subject of building a "Career Center", that a public relations firm had been hired to help put the election of the 2.7 mills across.

The "Newsletter" remarked, "Pete Boespflug is from a public relations firm which will assist the citizen committees in developing materials and ideas. He will present a film on 'Seven Steps to Winning a Campaign'. The public relations firm is currently developing a logo (a distinctive trade-mark or name plate) for our campaign."

The big boys in the great Intermediate District are out to win, and they play for keeps.

With your tax money. We estimate that more than 65% of our real estate tax money goes to Chippewa Hills School District at this time.

The election is Thursday, on

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kent and family, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and the Robert Denslow family spent Sunday with their folks, the Mack Denslows.

Bob and Bill Thompson attended a valentine box social Saturday evening at Halls Corner Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bob and Bill attended a play at the high school Wednesday evening. Bob took part in the exercises.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Goldie Dutcher's, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Beth and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman were Sunday dinner guests of the Charlie Loseys. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and Kevin were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow, to celebrate Eva's birthday which was Saturday. They took her a birthday cake and a dress.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Thursday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday in Lansing with their cousins, the John Carrs. Kenny Oplinger was a Tuesday supper guest of his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family spent the weekend at Goose Lake.

Mrs. Betty Martin attended a reading conference Saturday at Big Rapids. Wednesday she had a collision with another car near Mecosta, doing a lot of damage to her car. Mrs. Leo Bahr and Merlin Bahr were Monday callers. Mrs. Lena Martin and Terry Martin, and Mrs. Alma Byron were Sunday evening guests.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were snowmobiling at Canadian Lakes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Jeanne, Mary Ellen, Gale and Dean were Monday supper guests of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Flora Wood.

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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!
HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Roy Hoffman's falling and breaking her hip. She is in the Lakeview Hospital at this time. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

Milford Spencer drilled a water well for Wayne LaLonde the weekend.

A family dinner was enjoyed at the home of Ethel Beers Wednesday, in honor of her birthday and the birthday of her granddaughter, Echo Godwin. Both birthdays were on the same day.

Ruth McPherson received word of the arrival of a grandson, born to her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Hosler (Jeanne) of East Jordan. The baby has been named Michael Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend with their daughter and family, the Robert Slupes.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls of Petoskey spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Strang of Mt. Pleasant, and her mother, Eunice LaLonde.

Laura Roberts returned home Sunday from the Mt. Pleasant hospital, where she was a patient for eight days. Kevin stayed with the Ronnie Spragues of Weidman during her absence.

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Where To Write Your Congressmen

Cong. Elford A. Cederberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin
Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20315

Legislator

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

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

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

NEWS NOTES

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen and family were Mr. and Mrs. Joe de LaPena and family of Perry, Mich. Mrs. de LaPena is an old childhood friend of Mrs. Allen.

Local Items

Saturday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth were Mrs. Ruth Blesch and her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Alkofer, Ethel Soper, Luella Bonney, and Lucille Emmons, all of Barryton.

Callers of Mrs. Helen Smith last week included Myrle Blodgett, Tuesday afternoon; Opal Starks in the evening; and Thursday, Judy Lawrence of near Perry called on her grandmother. Friday morning Flora Wood called. Ula Cummins of Mt. Pleasant spent

Saturday with her mother, and they made a trip to Remus. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and family were callers of their grandmother.

Mrs. Wanda Graham took Mrs. Katie McDaniel as her guest at the United Fund dinner last Thursday evening at the University Center in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides were also among the guests. The dinner was in recognition of work done by volunteers for the cause.

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 Feb. 3t3p

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 Feb. 3 incl Mar23p

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 Jan. 20tf

NOTICE--The McArthur Insurance Agency will be closed Saturdays as follows: Feb. 19, Feb. 26, and March 4. Office will be open weekdays.
 Feb. 10t2

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 Feb. 17t2p

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 Feb. 17t1

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the Churches

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Choir practice Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Feb. 21-25 will be a Bible conference at the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary.

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 Rev. John A. Wright, Minister
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
 N. Y. P. S., 7 p.m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

The church supper, "An Evening of Planning," will be Monday, Feb. 21, at 6.30 in the Weidman School cafeteria. The church will furnish ham and the rest of the meal will be pot-luck. The evening will be spent in reports of committees and deciding what the church will be like. The young people are planning a skating party in the near future.

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

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.
 Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
 George Getchel, Pastor.
 Located northeast of Weidman on the Coleman Road.
 Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
 Bible School, 10.30 a.m.
 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

MAN SEEKS GIRL FRIEND AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL

A young man appeared at the Weidman School at about 7.30 Monday morning and told Dan Carrick, head custodian, that he was searching for his girl friend who had been kidnapped and he was about to rescue her. He said he was an investigator for Ironside.

Dan Carrick talked him into leaving the school before students arrived, but he reappeared after 10 a.m., when halls were teeming with students.

Dan Carrick and Don Smith had no trouble talking him into submitting to Sheriff's officers, who had been called.

The man was arrested on a charge of trespassing and detained by the Sheriff's office.

There was no disruption at the school, as the man was docile and was not armed or violent in

any way.

But there was some excitement for a while, the custodians say: Excitement of a very quiet nature to avoid alarming or exciting the kids, most of whom did not know what was going on.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter
 Mrs. Laura Latham went with her sisters Saturday and spent the day with Mrs. Bert Chaffee in Grand Rapids, to help her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahlers and girls, also of Mt. Pleasant, called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Sunday.

Rusty and Jim Alwood attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Butch Miller (Susie Faber) Saturday evening in the VFW Hall in Farwell.

Mrs. Hermione Smith spent Sunday afternoon at the Don Alwood home, and had lunch with the family.

Mrs. Mabel Sides called on Mrs. Kay Aldrich Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and children and Jim Wright called at the Max Aldrich home Sunday.

Albert Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn and Cathy Alwood had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Gott. They all went for a ride, and stopped in to see Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family at Stanton, then back to Albert's for dinner, then home. Helen came over for Cathy and had coffee and cookies with Elvah Gott.

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNeal at Riverdale Wednesday night. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wysong and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wyson of Harrison, and Eddie, Debbie and Susan Schrock of Coleman were Saturday night supper guests at the Schrock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., went to Grand Rapids Saturday, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee, honoring Mrs. Chaffee on her birthday.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy one day during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City visited them Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hemstreet of north Clare, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and Kurt were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa and Miss Janet Carr were Sunday guests.

Ed Pike and Edward, Dolly and Susan Shook were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wirgan of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow paid respects to her cousin, Wilbur Young, Friday evening at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. She visited her sister, Mrs. Wyona Risdon, at Blanchard Saturday afternoon. Later she and Mrs. Risdon called on their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Abbott, at Wyman.

Miss Valerie Leiter was an overnight guest of Miss Jean Ann Loomis during the week.

Lyle Denslow was a fortunate fisherman Saturday, catching a 14-inch calico bass, five and a half inches in width.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons, Scott and Michael, called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finney and Shelley and Valerie of Lansing

were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons.

Mrs. Clyde Emmons reported that their friend, Mrs. Harold Anslar, of Battle Creek, had passed away the previous week, and they were unable to attend the funeral the following Saturday. We extend our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller of Pontiac, who were at their trailer for the weekend, visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmons and Eddie John Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodstol of Carson City were Sunday dinner guests at the Emmons home.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry visited Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rosser at Evert Sunday morning. Her brother, Mr. Rosser, had recently been in the hospital but was improved in health. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Kern of LeRoy visited at the Dosenberry home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens of Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coons were also supper guests. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Coon's birthday. Happy Birthday, Sandra!

Mrs. Lyle Denslow called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton Thursday afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Friday callers. Chester Lynch called Saturday at the Stanley home.

We called at the Donald Pungs' of Beal City Friday afternoon. They and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley were preparing to leave for Hulbert, U.P., leaving Saturday morning. Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman spent the weekend with us. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests.

Guests for Sunday dinner, besides the above, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle and family of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen. Andy Stanley and son, Leon, of Barryton visited a while in the afternoon. All wished us a Happy Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle, who were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, attended the wedding of Duane Miller and Susan Faber at Beal City, and also the reception at the VFW Hall in Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and grandsons, Ronald and Michael, attended the reception. Congratulations and Best Wishes, Butch and Susie!

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haskins of

Barryton were Thursday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck spent the weekend at Grand Haven and Spring Lake, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick attended the wedding and reception of Sue Faber and Duane Miller Saturday afternoon at St Joseph the Worker's Church and the VFW Hall in Farwell.

Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger are indebted to Rusty Alwood and his brother, who caught a nice mess of bluegills, cleaned them nicely, and Rusty brought them to us for a fish supper.

Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor

spent Wednesday night with his mother, Edna Schultz. Ruby Douglas of Gilmore called on Mrs. Schultz last Thursday.

LeRoy Robinson of Big Rapids was a Friday evening caller of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Carrick Sunday evening, celebrating Jim's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Granger of rural Harrison were here for the funeral of Barney Tranbarger last Wednesday, and spent the afternoon at the Tranbarger and Connie Skinner homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague enjoyed dinner at Blanchard Sunday, later visiting Bessie Teall at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant.
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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake called on Louise Smith Monday afternoon. Walter Rau and Dolly and Debbie were also callers.

Ed Schafer painted Louise Smith's kitchen Wednesday.

Herman and Helen Voisin of Mt. Pleasant and Katie Schumacher of Beal City all went to Florida last week to see their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schumacher, for two weeks at Winterhaven.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Hemlock spent the weekend with their folks here. They were here for her brother's wedding Friday.

Joe Schueller of Mt. Pleasant went back to Florida to stay with his daughter, Ruth, till warmer weather. Then he will come back.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with her granddaughter, Neta Moore, who is taking care of the Gerry Schafer family while they are on a trip.

Rose and Herman Grinzinger called on Mrs. Joe Pung one day last week.

Sister Jean Paul Tilmann of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Tilmann, Saturday.

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Coldwater Lake

Marge Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, it was a lovely day Monday around Coldwater Lake. Maybe spring is just around the corner, after all. We hope so.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Barney Tranbarger.

Our daughter, Mrs. Wayne Sherlock, of Traverse City, called early Saturday morning to say she and the children were on their way here. They spent Saturday and Sunday with us. Jerry and Jane Schafer and son, Billy, and Rodney Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant were also guests Saturday.

Friday night guests at the Lorenz home were Kate and Ray Martin, Leona Perrin, and Bill and Eva Lorenz.

Leona Perrin and Loretta Lorenz called on Flo Haupt Monday afternoon, to wish her "Happy Birthday." Others celebrating birthdays the past week were Leo Schafer, Alfred Klumpp and Russ Klumpp. Happy Birthday to all!

The Simmer girls spent the weekend with their grandparents, Pete and Loretta Lorenz. Sunday guests were Ron Lorenz and family and Mary Lou Theisen and girls.

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Sunday evening callers at the Gary Sprague home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser and children of Belding.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Well, I can tell you we are all very happy here today, as the quarantine was lifted this morning, after being shut in for five weeks.

This is the first time I have been lonesome, as I haven't seen any of my folks for such a long time. Jennie came often to bring my clean clothes, but I couldn't see her.

I like it here real well. Everyone is so good to me. I get up in the morning, take a sponge bath, dress, clean my teeth, comb my hair, make my bed, and my chores are done.

The cleaning girls keep my room very clean, and the cooks cook my meals.

I walk to the dining room three times daily, and do some walking during the day. Last fall for 17 days I walked around outside the building once a day. Then I had a heart attack and had to stop. I was the only one walking at that time.

There are 60 or more patients here, several younger than I am but so much worse off.

I can't write very good any more. (Editor's Note: We think you do extremely well, Mrs. Teall!)

Can say I enjoy the Messenger as well as usual, as Mrs. Green next door to me lends me her paper. We have been friends for 40 years.

I am writing lots of letters every week while I am able to write.

Say--I have three great-great-grandchildren, since my two great-grandsons, Larry and Terry, got home from Vietnam and married. They presented me with two boys and a girl. I am the only one here with great-great-grandchildren, and there are several here in their 90s and 100 years old.

I will be 87 next June if I live that long. I didn't expect to reach 80. I don't know where I got those extra years.

But I have an allergy that the doctors can't seem to cope with, allergy to nicotine. I can't go in the big lounge at all, but go to the south lounge, a small one, to rest and read. I read a lot, and am so glad my eyes can take it. I use eye drops four times daily.

The last time I had eye tests had 20-20 vision, and that was good.

We have deep snow here, but I am snug and cozy. Don't have to shovel snow any more.

I was at the hospital three weeks with impaction and heart trouble, and when I came back the manager, Mrs. Rogers, hugged and kissed me, also the cook and nurse.

Well, I have lots more gab



PLANNING OCTOBER WEDDING -- Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne E. Nancarrow, of Royal Oak, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Sue to Robert John Andres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius P. Andres of Beal City. The bride-elect is a graduate of Royal Oak Kimball High School, and will graduate from Central Michigan University in May. Her fiance, a graduate of Beal City High School, will also graduate from CMU in May with a teaching certificate. An October wedding is being planned.

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Van Horn of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bunting of rural Winn Tuesday.

Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding, Mrs. Richard Rayborn and two children of Northville, and Mrs. Lucille Bollman were Saturday visitors of the Oral Buntings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr., took Mrs. Minnie Flaucher, Mrs. Laura Latham, Mrs. Doris Wilmot and Mrs. Rosie Leiter to Grand Rapids for the birthday of their sister, Mabel Chaffee. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were also guests.

Mrs. Ray Flaucher was a Monday guest of the Russell Flauchers of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaucher and family were Sunday breakfast guests, and the Richard Flauchers were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. Helen Hartman had supper Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Wednesday. Lawrence Lovell called Saturday.

Mrs. Mildred Rhode is convalescing from a broken ankle suffered in a fall. Mrs. Betty Elliott was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Rhode and Karen.

Miss Mary Richardson spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Bob Cook, and family. Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Helen Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Ralph and Terry visited Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold one day last week.

Mrs. Rhode and Harold called on Mrs. Myra Hummel and Joe Stevens Friday at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Stevens was reported as coming along very well. He is able to walk on one leg, with a walker.

Mrs. Leona Courser attended a home decorator party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Norval Morey of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Morey and Mrs. Courser went on a shopping trip to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Wilbur Youngs funeral Friday.

Mrs. Kate Martin entertained the CMB Club Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and Pamela and Elton and Rodney were Tuesday supper guests of Mrs. Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and Douglas and Harrison of rural Wheeler were Saturday evening guests of Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee

Carney at the Elks Club in Alma Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent the weekend at their cottage on Goose Lake, with their snowmobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent Sunday afternoon and evening at the Rudy Nagy home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook were Friday evening guests of the Orves Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schupp of Adrian called Sunday to see the new baby at the Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach were Sunday afternoon guests at the Mrs. Kate Martin home.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Connie Foster and Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin and Rick Howard were all visitors at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home during the weekend.

I went with the Ervin Dutchers Sunday afternoon when they took Steve back to Grand Rapids. We called on the Pat Cains while there, and visited the Larry Dutchers when they visited Steve. They were there to see Carol's father, Mike Simkins, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Callers Saturday evening at the Ervin Dutchers', Jr., were Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Kevin and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and Troy and Dean of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher, Richard Dutcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited the Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw spent Saturday and Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

The Robert Ash family were recent visitors of the Ervin Dutcher family.

Mrs. Janet Wagester and Steve visited Mrs. Mary Beutler Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and baby were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns. Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and daughter of Rosebush were Friday evening callers.

The Busy Bees met with Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., last Thursday, with 11 attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton visited the Carl Fitzgeralds Tuesday evening. Mrs. Decker broke her arm again, so is wearing a cast. Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald of Grand Rapids were Saturday afternoon visitors. Florence Fitzgerald of Lan-

sing spent Wednesday and over night.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Kevin and Karen of Clarksonton visited the George Merrihews and the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., over the weekend. Jim Dutcher was a caller of his folks during the week. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint and the Robert Dutchers of Midland were also recent visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh of Pierson were weekend visitors

of Emory Dell and the Harry Hardenburghs.

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Local Items

Mrs. Emily Wood's visitors last week included the Roy Granthams and Roy Wood of Bay City, Mildred Kirvan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan, who spent Sunday night with her. Mrs. Wood was ill, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent took her to her doctor Monday.

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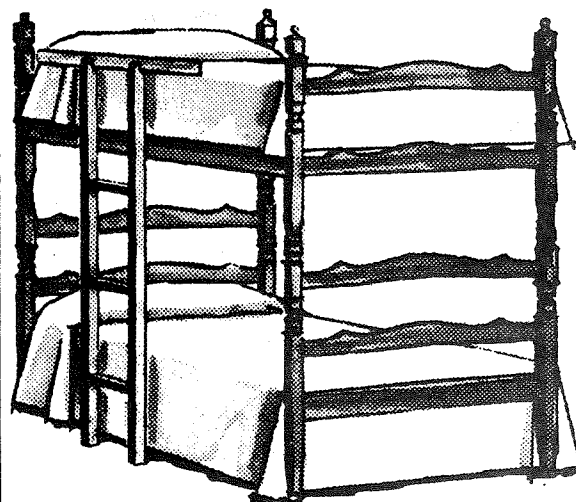
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and son of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening and enjoyed lunch with Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kyser of Belding were Sunday guests of her brother and family, the Harland Spragues. The Kysers' two children were with them.

Gladys and Joy Gillespie of Bay City spent Sunday with their sister and aunt, Leila Shook. Richard Shook spent Friday and Saturday with his mother here, and a family dinner was enjoyed Friday evening honoring his birthday, which was Feb. 2.

Mrs. Donavere Hall of Barryton was a Friday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Jennie Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls called on Mr. and Mrs.

Leon Snyder of Ithaca Sunday. In the afternoon Mrs. Sprague and daughters called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nass of Ashley, and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bakos, also of Ashley.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called out last Thursday morning at 5.30 to the Sandy Matthews residence south and east of Beal City. An over-heated furnace fan was the culprit, with no damage reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur are enjoying the task of remodeling their country home which they purchased from the estate of Earnest Gross just south of town.

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Here is our money for another year's subscription.

Do hope you are feeling pretty good, and the weather doesn't get you down.

Howard and Olive Johnson
509 Ream Rd.
Fremont, Ohio

Must get our subscription paid or we will be missing our paper.

Hope you are well. Noticed in the Messenger that many were ill

with the flu.
Love to you,
Annetta Bellows
Calder, Idaho

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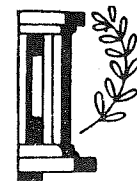
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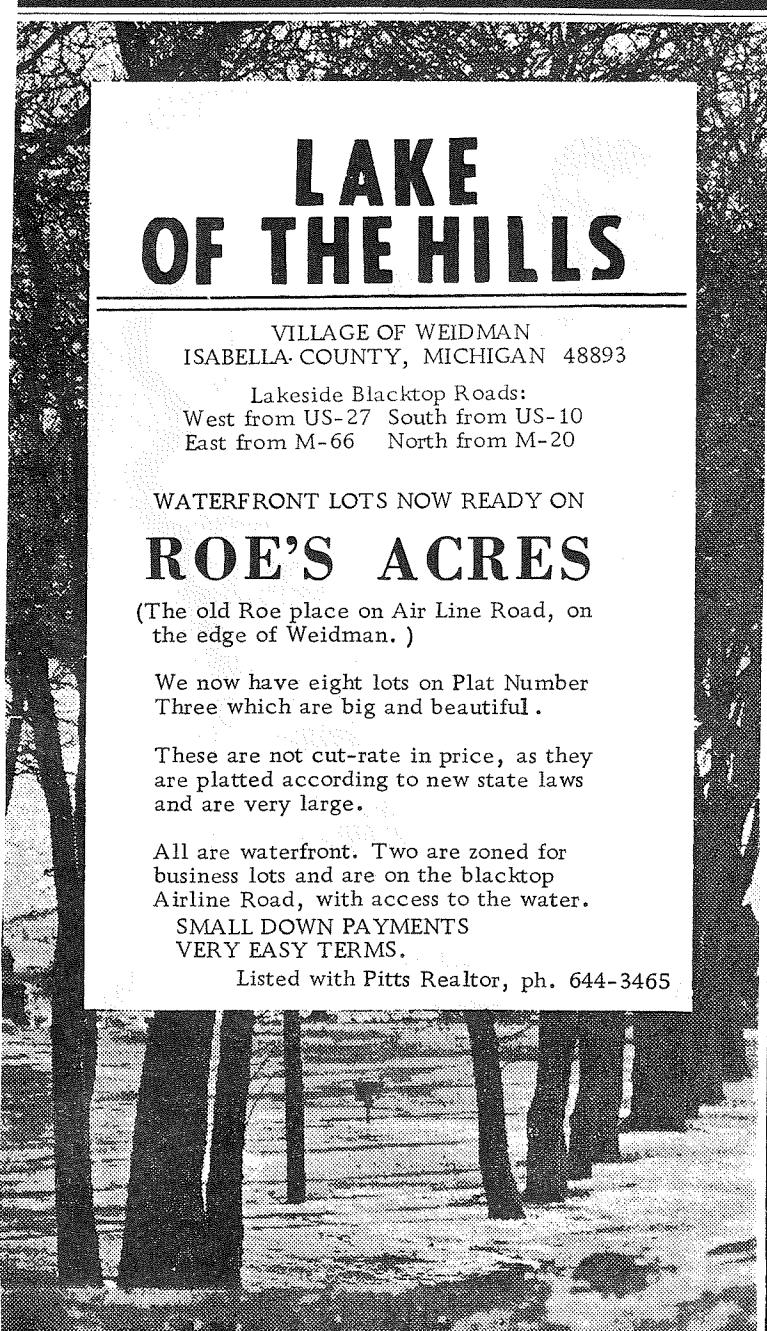
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SCHOOL VOTE MARCH 9
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March 9.
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YOUR ISABELLA COUNTY TAXPAYERS AT WORK

By Claire Spence

Members of the Taxpayers Association have been working on apportionment plans (for the county of Isabella). One for a 15-man board has been presented to the Apportionment Commission. Others were prepared last week.

From studying this issue, the members feel that a large board, as voted by the general membership, is the best plan. If not, the only other plan they could recommend would be a five-man board with a controller.

The reason for this is that both the large and the small board give more equal representation between the city and township districts. The feeling is that Union Township is mainly an urban area. This is backed by the idea of the City of Mt. Pleasant that Union Township should be part of the city.

The large board should work for the next 10 years without a controller. But with a controller, then only the five-man plan saves enough money to pay for this help. The small plan would cut the representatives enough so that townships, through organized efforts, could express their wishes to a representative in volume enough to be heard, even if the representative himself were not as easy to reach as with a large board.

The intermediate plans (seven, nine, 11 men) are inefficient, not saving enough money for a controller--not giving

enough board members to do the work and, most importantly, the urban-out-county equalization is bad in these plans.

These intermediate plans are the ones the city districts and Union Township officials prefer. *****

In other action last week, the Association requested an opinion from the Attorney General's office on whether Commissioner Ron Demlow (Fremont-Lincoln) could sit on the Apportionment Committee if elected Republican Party chairman. (The Court of Appeals had ruled that County Commissioners could not apportion.) Before the Attorney General could rule on whether these two positions were compatible, Mr. Demlow decided not to be a candidate for the office, since this question had been raised. *****

The Taxpayers Association is sponsoring a suit filed by an individual taxpayer, on behalf of all taxpayers of the county, on the 1.5 mill over-levy of 1970.

(Editor's Note: Since Mrs. Spence wrote this article, news media announced that the Attorney General had named himself as an interested party in the suit.

The complaint asserts that the County Commissioners levied the 1.5 mills over the 15-mills allowed the county operating expenses and that this was a violation of the State Constitution.

The complaint was filed with Jaynice Bierschbach, County Treasurer, named as defendant (this is the office where taxes are collected, and where the collection would be stopped.)

Mrs. Bierschbach, through County Prosecutor Fox, has answered the complaint. She admitted to being County Treasurer but contends she did not have sufficient knowledge to know

whether the 1.5 mills was levied over the 15 mills allowable for operating expenses. She has asked for dismissal of the charges. *****

For clarification: The Isabella County Taxpayers Association did not vote in favor of a unicameral legislature.

What the Association voted to endorse was to put the issue on the ballot so that each voter could decide and show his preference. *****

The Association is wondering why the State Health Department licensed the Mt. Pleasant City Dump when the dump site empties directly into an open water table--yet the Road Commission was stopped from burning any part of the elm trees that have been a hazard for so long. Now that money is available, it won't go so far if all the debris has to be carted away.

The District Office says the

Road Commission may be allowed to burn once it has been a good boy and requested a permit--depending upon the evaluation report of several agencies.

But why was the city dump licensed in the first place, when it was in violation of rules, and why wasn't it ordered to find another site within a specified time?

Which is the worse pollution--clean trees burning in fairly isolated areas, or water tables being filled with refuse, including that from commercial firms?

And what is in that material? And why is the city less liable for pollution action than the county?

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NEWS NOTES

The Young Homemakers' Extension Group met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Gerda Flaughter. About 12 young women were present. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Flaughter.

Notice

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.

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