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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE PRESS TICKET--ALMOST A FORGOTTEN DELIGHT

Back in the old days a newspaper's family was given press tickets to everything that came along, both local and transient entertainment.

A newspaper's people were accorded this recognition not for bribes or special treatment; the newspapers always charged for advertisements--but the newspapers also printed news accounts of any given event, and that is advertising nobody can buy.

In modern times, as businesses change hands and new generations take over management and procedures, the free admission ticket to the publisher has almost gone by the board.

We have been touched and delighted, this year and also last, with a pair of press tickets to the Methodist Men's Soup Supper at the Methodist Church.

We give Harry Herman credit for remembering this old-time acknowledgement of the press.

It's not the money (for tickets) that is involved. We sure can pay for our suppers or dinners we attend, anywhere in this area.

But it is most gratifying to be recognized via the press ticket. It's a matter of prestige, maybe. Anyhow, it's a matter of pure pleasure to be reminded of this old-time courtesy to the men and women who write news accounts before and after local events.

Thanks, Methodist Men. And your Soup Suppers are gourmet meals.

All of which brings to mind the status of the Roe family when we first came to Weidman, in 1912.

Winnie Roe was 12 years old, Connie was 10, Robert 9, Allys 7, Paul 5 and Frances 4.

When the Lanshaw Players came annually (oh, thrill, thrill!), we Roe children had to go to the show on a "pass," perhaps a scrap of paper on which perhaps George Lanshaw had scribbled a note to the gate-keeper at the tent.

The Roe kids hated this procedure. What we wouldn't have
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SIX GALS BRAVED COLD ON BIG EVANS LAKE--And came home with five good pike. Last Wednesday Evelyn Hackney, Mary Yeary, Dolores Lawens, Snooky Weber, Janet McKenzie and Theresa Maeder arrived on the big windy lake at 8 in the morning and stayed, by gum, till 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Among them they brought home five fish, one a 30-inch, six-pound pike, and two 24-inchers and two 22-inchers. They spudded their own fishing holes through 30 inches of ice on the lake, using minnows for bait and watching tip-ups. We claim this is a sort of endurance record as well as a good fishing haul. Messenger photo



CALM AND QUIET AROUND THE METHODIST CHURCH--While the rest of the area Saturday experienced the worst blizzard of the year, with gale-blown driving snow dumping drifts on some roads and leaving others clear; while visibility was nil most of the time on area roads, and some roads drifted shut to traffic.

Saturday evening was the Methodist Men's Soup Supper and the ladies' bake sale, both of which did extremely well, it was re-

Men In Uniform

Walter Shaner returned to camp in Kentucky this week Monday, after quite some time spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner. Walter's rank is Sergeant. His wife and baby will join him as soon as he finds living quarters.

AIC Glenn Frantz III, of A. I. Sawyer Base in the Upper Peninsula, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent the weekend with Airman 1st Class Larry and Mrs. Leiter at Selfridge Air Force Base. While there they visited the Detroit Camper and Travel Trailer Show in Detroit. The Ojibwa Recreation Area had an exhibition there, with informative material and pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Flower returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague. They all attended the soup supper at the Methodist Church.

ported.

Most folks from out of town dared not venture out, but attendance was phenomenal by townspeople, it was reported.

The supper took in \$119.00 for the Methodist Men, and the ladies' baked goods and bazaar netted \$52, all for church purposes.

The Coleman Road was reported drifted in Saturday afternoon, and the Littlefield Lake Road to Coldwater Lake was not yet open Sunday morning. Some other roads were drifted, but many were swept clean by the terrific winds throwing snow at high speeds throughout this area.

The high velocity of the winds created some freaky situations as to where all that snow landed. (Some residents on some roads will say it all landed right at their places.) Others were blessed with clear roads and swept-out paths that were dug out before the big wind-and-snow storm hit us Saturday morning, lasting all day and into Saturday night.

CUB SCOUTS HAVE BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Pack No. 3692 of the Cub Scouts of America held a Blue and Gold Banquet at the Weidman School cafeteria Feb. 17, at 6 p. m.

This was the 62nd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. There were about 65 present for the pot-luck dinner.

The Pledge to the Flag was repeated by everyone. Then the Cub Scouts gave the Scout Promise.

Mrs. Linda Krueger's and Mrs. LuAnn Berryhill's Den put on several small skits. Mrs. Jeanne Smith's Den put on a skit called "Charlie's Homework Computer."

Several Cub Scouts received badges, pins, and awards. They were:

David Waldron, Bobcat Pin; Dale Berryhill, Wolf Badge; and also Silver and Gold Arrow Points; Karey Houghton, Bobcat Pin; Scott Portenga, Bobby Krueger and Wally Smith, Bear Badges; Ray Ehl, Artist's Pin; Terry Zill, Webelos Badge; Steve Ehl, Artist's Pin; Don Starr, Jr., Showmanship Pin; and Chris Embrey, Artist's Pin.

Mrs. Jeanne Smith read a story titled, "The Brave Indian Hunter," with audience participation.

The Cub Scouts made "Cub Scout boys" from Reader's Digest copies to decorate the tables. They also made nut cups and napkin rings. Jeanne Smith bought a large sheet cake in blue and gold, which was enjoyed by all.

The Boy Scouts of America were founded Feb. 8, 1910. Happy Birthday, Boy Scouts!

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Mabel Sides was a Wednesday supper guest at the Gerald Dent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent called Friday evening on the Elwood Millers. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski in Weidman, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family of Lansing were weekend guests of the Dents.

The Harold Krueger family and Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flint were Sunday guests at the Dent home. Thirteen came in on snowmobiles because the roads were blocked by Saturday's storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Cole and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner were guests at the Joe Martin home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright spent Thursday and Friday with the Paul Millers. They had just returned from a six weeks' trip to Seattle, at the home of their daughter and husband, the Jim Grahams. While they were there, the Grahams had a baby

daughter, Elizabeth Ann. She is Freda Miller's first great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Flora Wood reports another great-granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor Jan. 21 at the Midland Hospital, weighing eight pounds and 15 ounces. She has been named Renee Susanne. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood of the West Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant. This gives Mrs. Flora Wood eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and children of Grand Rapids were Saturday night and Sunday guests at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson called on her mother at Lansing last Wednesday.

Monroe Beckwith was a Thursday guest at the Charlie Losey home. Ervin Dutcher was an afternoon caller one day last week.

Elwood Miller visited the Alma Hospital to see the new Touchinski daughter one day last week.

The Benn Johnson family attended a ball game at the high school Friday evening.

They enjoyed snowmobiling Saturday. Sunday Carol called on her aunt, Mrs. Clara Lutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Gary and Beth were Sunday dinner guests at the Dale Klumpff home.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our sympathy to Eileen Abbott and her family as her mother passed away last Tuesday afternoon. The Abbotts have been at Danville most of the week, as her mother lived there. She was Ruth Williams.

Jo Latham spent Friday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maeder visited their doctor Monday, leaving the children with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys and Mrs. Muriel Miller and family spent the afternoon Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Gilmore called and took Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger home with them for Sunday dinner. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee of Farwell took Mrs. Olger to visit her brother, Jolly Allbee, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Helen Alwood attended a valentine party for the Third Grade at the Weidman School last Monday afternoon. It was Cathy Alwood's ninth birthday, and she was honored. Wednesday after school several classmates came to Cathy's home for a birthday party, and enjoyed cake and ice cream with

her.

Debbie Graham and her girl friend, Jenny McDaniel, and Cathy Alwood spent Sunday afternoon and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Gott.

Bessie Allen and her mother, Elvah Gott, went to their doctor in Evart this Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner and family of near Blanchard and Rusty Alwood spent the weekend across the Straits, fishing and snowmobiling.

Jim Alwood took his brother, Don, and Craig, Donnie and Scott Battle to the Din-n-Racket near Mt. Pleasant for a Sunday afternoon of roller skating.

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JIM PALMER HAD SERIOUS SURGERY TUESDAY

Jim Palmer underwent serious surgery Tuesday. Here's his address, for friends who would like to send cards:

James Palmer, Room I-218, Ford Hospital, Detroit.

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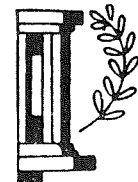
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FOR SALE--Fresh brown eggs. Burton Ward, two miles south of Coldwater Lake.
 Feb. 3t3p

FOR HONEST DEALINGS--On MASON SHOES, call after 3 p.m.: 644-3459. Raymond Pohl.
 Feb. 3 incl Mar23p

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED--For Tuesday afternoons, 2.30 to 5, at Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman. Call 644-3316, Weidman.
 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

FOR SALE--Caterpillar D4 Crawler, located on east side Weidman Pond, \$3500.00. Call 1-313-LI3-6038.
 Feb. 17t2p

FOR SALE--1966 Ford Station Wagon, stick shift. In very good condition. \$400.00. A 1967 Fold-down camping trailer, \$125. Call 644--2512.
 Feb. 17t2

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

CUSTOM HAULING--Sand, gravel and topsoil. Crane work and snow removal. Maeder & Reihl, ph. 644-2540, or 644-2165.
 Dec. tf

INCOME TAX SERVICE--For competent help in making out your federal income tax, call Harland Snider, ph. 644-2381.
 Jan. 6 to 13 Apr.

SENIOR CITIZENS--You must contact your Township Supervisor to get Homestead and Veterans' tax exemption on real estate. You must make application each year, and this is your responsibility. Application should be made before March 1.
 Earl Oplinger, Supervisor
 Sherman Township.
 Feb. 24t1

BOARD OF REVIEW--Of Coldwater Township meets March 13, 14 and 15 to hear any and all complaints on land assessments by land owners on 1972 assessments.
 Lewis Bowen, Supervisor
 Coldwater Township
 Feb. 24t2

TO GIVE AWAY--To good home: One-half Collie, one-half shepherd dog puppies, six weeks old. Very cute and fat. Inquire Donald Cotter, R1, Denver Road, Weidman.
 Feb. 24t2

WANTED--News writer for the North Nottawa-Denver Road area. Call the Messenger, tel. 644-2000.
 Feb. 24tf

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our relatives and friends for the lovely flowers and cards we received for our 60th anniversary Sunday, Feb. 13.
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ISABELLA.

In the Matter of DENNIS RONALD PELCHER, Change of Name.
 At a session of said Court, held on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1972.

Present, Hon. Burke McClintic, Judge of Probate.

Dennis Ronald Pelcher having filed in said Court his petition praying that an order be made changing his name to Dennis Ronald Christy,

It is ordered that the 4th day of April, 1972, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Weidman Messenger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

BURKE McCLINTIC
 Judge of Probate
 Feb. 24, March 2&9

ANNOUNCING--Wickes Homes of the Seventies. New in this area--Modular Housing by Wickes. We have several interior and exterior plans as well as 2 story, tri-level and bi-level, ranch and L-shaped plans to choose from. Call or come in to Pitts Realty, Weidman, Bernard Pitts, Realtor, phone 644-3465, or Paul (Dick) Crane, branch office at Littlefield Lake end of Stevenson Lake Road. Open House at Littlefield Lake every Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon, by appointment.
 Feb. 24tf

TAKE soil away the Blue Lustre way from carpets and upholstery. Rent electric shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman.
 Feb. 24t1

Card of Thanks

The Broomfield Grange people wish to thank all the business men of Beal City, Weidman and Rosebush who donated to our March of Dimes Auction, which was a huge success.

We wish to thank all others who donated articles for the sale.

THE BROOMFIELD GRANGE

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your subscription appears each week on your mailing address line.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank with all my heart all of you who were so kind during Barney's illness and after his death:

Dr. Nance and the nurses and other personnel at the hospital; those who sent him cards and flowers, and visited him in the hospital;

My sister, Connie, who lightened my burdens in innumerable ways; Ken and Maxine Elliott, Pat and Dorothy Carroll, and Agnes Ege, all of Elliott's Greenhouse;

Bernard and Yvonne Pitts; Otis Loomis; Jack and Lois Crittenden; Rev. Marvin Eldridge;

All who brought food to the house; those who sent flowers and cards and letters of sympathy, and money; and those who expressed their sympathy verbally.

I never knew how many real friends Barney and I had until now.

Frances Tranbarger

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen visited his father, Floyd Allen, at the Schnepf Nursing Home in St. Louis, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton were Friday evening visitors.

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Phil- ipp visited at the Arthur Schrock home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at Riverdale, Sunday. She is recovering remarkably after breaking both arms in a fall. She has her arms out of the slings and is able to get around. She also broke her nose in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake Thursday evening.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., of Lake Windoga were Sunday supper guests of his folks.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening visitors at the Skalitzy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City visited Sunday afternoon and evening and were luncheon guests of Etta and Otto Skalitzy. Mrs. Loretta Clark was a Monday morning caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather of Spring Lake spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson and Jon Barry at Roger Heights, Big Rapids, Sunday.

Roddy Thompson and Dennis Cornell of Barryton enjoyed skiing at Caberfae near Cadillac Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., were Saturday night guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and brothers and sisters. The occasion was the sixth birthday of their brother, David. Happy Birthday, David!

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dragitz and family of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis and Mrs. Duane Gray visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Juanita Struble of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and family of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and boys of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family visited at the Keith Loomis home Saturday evening.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Mrs. Robert Kirvan were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe visited at the Emmons home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Fifield and children of Lansing were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests at the Emmons home. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fifield and Sarah Jane visited Sunday afternoon.

Larry Zill reported they had seen a herd of about 50 deer while snowmobiling north of Walker Creek, where Art Schrock had a cornfield planted for the conservation of wildlife. They said the deer herd was a really beautiful sight.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall during the week.

Mrs. Stanley called at the Gilbert Schrock home Friday evening.

Ronald Stanley of Weidman spent Saturday over night and Sunday with his grandparents. He and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Pam and David, Jr., of Lake Thirteen were Sunday dinner guests at the Stanley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber visited Sunday afternoon at the Stanleys'.

Donald Stanley and Michael, Martin, Richard, Sheryl and Sheila came out Sunday evening and had lunch with us. Ronald returned home with them.

Mrs. Stanley spent Monday afternoon this week with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Pung, and family, at Beal City.

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LAKE ISABELLA NAMES ROGER PEAKE AS MANAGER

The Board of Directors of Lake Isabella, at a special meeting in Mt. Pleasant Monday evening, elected Roger Peake of Weidman as general manager, and he will have charge of all sales and operations of the lake.

Because of his diversified interests in Idaho, Arizona and Mexico, Golden Grigg has relinquished his operational role at the lake, and has been elevated to Chairman of the Board. M. P. Williams of Detroit is president and chief executive officer.

Obituary

DENNIS LOOMIS

Dennis Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, died Monday at the Home and Training School in Mt. Pleasant. He was 14 years old.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with burial in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

He is survived by his parents and three sisters, Teresa, Jean Ann and Marcia; his paternal grandfather, Arthur Loomis, and his paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, of Big Rapids.

The family has the sympathy of its many friends.

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Weidman Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

After the recent loss of my husband, I had a difficult decision to make: How could I operate The Flower Shop alone? We had always worked as a team, one of us staying within hearing distance of the phone, the other meeting the flower truck in Mt. Pleasant, delivering flowers, etc.

We worked on funeral flower arranging and on wedding flowers together, each knowing just what to do and how to do it. Obviously, it would take one person twice as long to do the work of two. In most cases, there isn't that much time to get it all done.

During the 19 years we ran The Flower Shop, we operated on a slim margin of profit to give the community the most and best for its money. On that basis (and I refuse to consider any alternative), it would hardly be sensible to hire an assistant. Anyway, I'm too old and impatient to train a helper.

I decided to continue The Flower Shop's business, except for wedding and funeral flowers.

That leaves the major holidays: Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. I will continue to furnish flowers for these special days, confident that I can uphold the high standards that we established years ago.

To answer some questions I've been asked during the past week: Yes, I will fill urns for the Weidman and Beal City Cemeteries, I will have them delivered, I will water them through the summer, I will have them brought in come autumn, and store them over winter.

If you try to call me on the phone and there's no answer, please try again later. I'm never very far away.

FRANCES TRANBARGER

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

WAYNE EGBERT HURT IN SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT

Wayne Egbert was injured last week when the snowmobile he was riding hit a snowbank, went out of control and struck a house.

He was taken to CMC Hospital for treatment of head and chest injuries and released.

State Police said the snowmobile went off private property and across the Beal City Road when it hit a snow bank, flew into the air and struck a house about 25 feet from the road.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tilmann (Barbara Baxter) a baby girl, at CMC Hospital, Monday morning, Feb. 21. The little Miss has a young brother waiting at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and Christie Schmalbach spent the weekend in Saginaw with their son, Terry, and family.

Mrs. Doris Sprague and Mary and Margaret Judge and Jean spent Sunday with Mrs. Clara Fox in Beal City. Then they went over to Weidman for a chicken dinner, which they enjoyed. They also enjoyed cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Yuncker attended a PCA convention in Minnesota the past week.

The Andrew Vogels celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last week.

Norman Vogel's brother, Steve, of Illinois, and his sister from Texas visited the Vogel family last weekend to celebrate their parents' anniversary.

Sunday visitors of the Jack Cotter family were Olin and Betty Black and family of Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faber, Jr., attended a party at the Joseph Reihl home Saturday evening.

Sister Marie Rachel and Sister Vera Ann Tilmann of Grand Rapids visited their mother, Mrs. Emma Tilmann, Saturday and Sunday.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Schmalbach and family went to Interlochen to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of St. Johns had dinner Wednesday with Louise and Ann Smith. Jim had just returned from service in Germany.

Louise Smith was pleasantly surprised Wednesday afternoon when Helen Schumacher and Gusty Simmer of Rosebush came and spent the afternoon with their aunt.

Dora Smith baby-sat for Mr. and Mrs. Mick Schmalbach Sunday night.

Cindy and Sheryl Klumpp spent

Sunday with their mother in Owosso.

Ruth Klumpp took her son, Terry, for a checkup at a Grand Hospital Wednesday. He broke his leg last summer.

Bob and Jerry Schafer and their wives returned from their trip to the Hawaiian Islands Sunday.

Tilly Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred in Blanchard.

Ida Tilmann is getting better and wants to come home. She was reported as much improved, after a serious illness while she was visiting her son and family in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer visited their mother, Mrs. Klumpp, at Ardis Nursing Home.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF LOUIS RAU AT CARD PARTY

The Beal City Senior Citizens' card party of Feb. 17 was a big success.

The birthday of Louis Rau was celebrated. He was 80 years old. His daughters and daughters-in-law served cakes and ice cream. All had a delightful time.

There were 18 1/2 tables of pepper in play. All sang and wished him a Happy Birthday and many more.

Mrs. Rose Beutler won first prize, with Nina Forbes winning second.

Ed Zeien won first for the men, with Jack Cotter winning second.

Julius Schumacher won the pepper prize, with Will Martin winning the door prize.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, March 2.

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MARINES OFFER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TRAINING WHILE COMPLETING SCHOOL

It is now possible to join the Marines and still graduate from high school with fellow students prior going to recruit training.

S/Sgt. C. W. Mingle, Marine recruiter, stated that through the Marine Corps 180-day Delay program, applicants can complete part of their military obligation while still in high school.

The Day Delay program is not the only option open to high school Seniors, Sgt. Mingle says.

The Marines offer to those who enlist for four years, job guarantees in combat, administrative, technical and electronic skills as well as an aviation school guarantee.

Further information may be obtained at 216 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, or call collect 775-2688.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague visited her mother at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Pammi Sprague spent Friday night with her grandparents.



MARRIED 60 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel of rural Weidman, observed their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 13. The Vogels had 11 children, nine living, 57 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. An open house celebration is being planned for April.

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser and Mr. and Mrs. Dear Chaffee and their families were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee.

Mrs. Tom Courser was honored on her birthday with a party at the Edwin Courser home, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Garrett and the Edwin Coursers and family as guests.

Mrs. Louis Bugby and Mrs. Rhoda Heinlein of Mt. Pleasant were visitors of Mrs. Nettie Baker one day last week.

Mrs. Charles Garrett was hostess at a bridal shower Monday evening of this week for Mrs. Lynn Bennett, who will become the bride of Charles Garrett, Jr., March 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin were Sunday visitors of the Charles Garretts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughter and children were Saturday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Singlton Moses and family of Flushing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Monday at the Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook home. They were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and family.

Mrs. Leona Courser spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ella Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Flachs and Chris and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hines and family of Barryton were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and children and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper and family and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher celebrated the birthdays of Goldie and Eloise at the Robert Hines home Saturday. Minnie and Bob had supper Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mrs. Ruth Simmer took her mother, Blanche Carr, to Alma Wednesday for a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caukins and Marvin Armock were Thursday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Swan of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday with them.

Mrs. Herman Martin spent from Tuesday till Sunday in Saginaw with Mr. and Mrs. John Passariello and family and the Edward Martins.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh and Sherry of Coldwater were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family. Sunday they all went over to Clare for the birthday of their mother, Mrs. Orville Bates.

Brinton News

Linda LaLonde, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker and Amy were Saturday visitors of Penny's parents, Frank and Marvel Sowle. Gary and Penny celebrated their second anniversary Sunday.

LaVerne and Bonnie Forbes purchased a new snowmobile Saturday.

We hear Frank Sowle has been having trouble with his back again. We hope he's soon doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Brown had a car accident Friday night. They were released from the hospital with some cuts and bruises, lucky to escape broken bones. Sorry to hear of the accident.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright last week were Irene Bowen, Frances Beck, and the Kenneth Tupper family of Mt. Pleasant.

Violet Wright was a Saturday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler. We haven't seen much of the Geaslens since they closed the store. Violet reports they are both in good health. Joyce has been working on one of her beautiful quilts in her spare time.

Weekend visitors of Wayne and Linda LaLonde were Mrs. Gary Walker, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing spent the weekend with Hazel's mother, Mrs. Edna Teeter.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Eunice LaLonde were Frances Beck and Violet Wright.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Leonard Courter and sister, Mrs. Clara Wixson, went to Oakley last Tuesday to see their nephew, Marion Hall, who was very ill in the hospital. Marion passed away Tuesday at 3 p. m. He leaves his wife, Ellen Courter Hall, and three sons, all at home. The youngest is six years old.

Roy Donnelly spent Saturday and Sunday at his farm.

Helen Wardwell, Hilda Sampson, William Wixson and David Wixson and Lena Cole went with their niece, Mrs. Coranna Shaner, to Chesaning last Wednesday evening to see their nephew and cousin, who was in the funeral home. The funeral was held Friday. James Winegardner also called at the funeral home to see his cousin, Marion Hall.

Yours Truly visited her old neighbor, Charlotte Hart, this week Monday.

Sorry to report that Cindy Hart is on the sick list.

Glad to hear that Mrs. Pearl Geasler is much better, and is home from the hospital.

Paul and Lena Cole and Velma and Stevie Kripa spent Friday night and Saturday with the Coles' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, and family, at Vassar. The men went perch fishing on the bay, and got some nice fish.

NEWS NOTES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, a daughter, Debbie Ann, at Gratiot Community Hospital, Feb. 18. Dick and Janice have another daughter, Terri, 15 months old, at home. Dick's mother, Mrs. Edith Touchinski, of Marquette, is staying at the Touchinski home.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

THANK YOU

We thank our friends and neighbors and all our customers from everywhere, for their good wishes and good words on our 26th anniversary of running Rau's Foodland in Beal City.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:
Enclosed cheque is for my subscription to the Messenger.

Would you possibly have an extra copy or two of Thursday, Jan. 27 (the group picture of the Lawens school)? Thanks to Louis Lawens. I appreciate having the picture, as mine was destroyed by fire four years ago.

Incidentally, I can remember when you took music lessons in Beal City.

Thank you so much.

Mrs. Leo Lynch
Rosebush

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco and family and Connie Foster and Richard Dutcher called at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home while Steve was home.

Brian Dutcher visited me and also Burgess Case Monday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles spent Saturday with the Howard Beutlers. The Howard Beutlers visited the James Beutlers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wernette and Wesley of Flint spent the weekend with the Carl Fitzgeralds. They had come up to attend the funeral of Mike Simkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Brian Dutchers, celebrating Ronna's, Linda's and Ervin's and Brian's birthdays. Connie Foster was a visitor.

Steve Dutcher spent the weekend at home. He went to the basketball game Friday night. The Jack Gaudards visited Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Chris and Lena Comstock of rural Blanchard Friday. Chris had just returned home from the hospital Thursday.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Wednesday over night with the Ervin Dutchers, and showed pictures he had taken on his Western trip.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and the Bob Hogg family were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Saturday, to celebrate Eloise's birthday. Happy Birthday, Eloise!

The Clayton, Richard, Dale and Jim Dutchers called at the Crittenden Funeral Home to pay respects to Mike Simkins, and attended his funeral Saturday.

Callers of the Clayton Dutchers the past week were the Jim Dutchers and the Dale Dutchers. Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Thursday overnight with us. Ivan Dutcher had lunch with us Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher of Flint spent the fore part of the week in Grand Rapids with Carol's father. He passed away late

Wednesday afternoon. His funeral was in Remus Saturday afternoon. Gena and Toni spent the week here with me, and Larry and Carol stayed nights with us.

Ivan, Clayton and Ervin Dutcher went on a fishing trip Saturday morning in the Upper Peninsula.

The Garry Dutchers and another couple went to South Carolina last Friday morning to visit Bonnie's sister, Kathy, and family.

Beth Hogg spent a few nights with Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. The Jack Gaudards of Midland were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Harold Secord and Lee of Holt called on his sister, Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, and Percy and George Secord, Saturday.

The Carl Fitzgeralds called at the funeral home in Remus to pay respects to Mike Simkins, and attended the funeral Saturday.

They spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler went with their Farm Bureau group to the Gas Light Restaurant in Mecosta for supper Thursday evening.

John Buxton and son of Flint visited Burgess Case and the Dick Dutchers Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher were Sunday evening visitors.

Kimberly Thren hurt her foot Friday evening. Monday she went to the doctor for x-rays, and found four broken bones in the top of her foot. She is now wearing a cast and using crutches.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shafe of near Barryton spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family.

Ed Fox spent three days in Las Vegas last week, on a trip to California through a Whirlpool appliances sales promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were visitors Saturday and Sunday of Mrs. Emily Wood. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan.

Rowena Allen and Rev. and Mrs. John Wright were callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Emily Wood last Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch of the Weidman United Church left Monday for Florida, to return March 13.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler, Mrs. Marion Beutler and Mrs. Nina Forbes were among 150 members who attended a reception and dinner at St. Charles last Tuesday evening at the United Methodist Church honoring Robert Bondi, a Grand Committeeman of Masonic Relations. Later in the evening the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, OES, exemplified the degrees of initiation. This was held at the St. Charles

School.

Mrs. Kit Johnson spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Johnson in Mt. Pleasant.
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Editor's Column

By Connie

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given to have paid admission, like the other kids!

But no. The Roe kids were carefully counted as they filed into the tent, the ticket-taker always amazed at the size of the editor's family.

We grew up despising the "press pass". Then we went out and got jobs on the big newspapers, and learned the value of the press ticket.

Anyone having one was set apart automatically, for you had to be pretty important to be accorded the honor of a press ticket.

We learned then that the press ticket was given not from charity, as we had supposed when we were children, but because the sponsors of the event wanted a representative of the press to attend, wanted it enough to hand out a free dinner, or show, or ringside boxing-match seat.

So we feel we have come the full round on the press ticket; from ignorance as children to covetance as young people to delighted surprise on rare occasions when we see one (or a pair) in this very modern day.

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MECOSTA COUNTY ZONING BOARD DENIES INDUSTRIAL CORP. ON SCHOOL LAND

The Mecosta County Zoning Board denied a request by the Chippewa Hills Industrial Corporation to rezone 40 acres of the Chippewa Hills Board of Education gave it after buying it with taxpayers' money.

The Industrial Corporation then appealed to the Mecosta Board of County Commissioners, who upheld the Zoning Board's decision.

The disputed 40 acres will remain, at least for the present, zoned as farm area lands.

The Chippewa Hills Board of Education gave a 99-year lease on the 40 acres to the Chippewa Hills Industrial Corporation for free.

There is some talk of a court test of the decision on zoning, but at this time nothing concrete has developed.

At least one member of the Chippewa Hills Board of Education is expected to request return of the land to ownership and control of the Chippewa Hills School District.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Costello and family of Hersey spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Friday evening callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Queen Taylor of Mt. Pleasant called Sunday, and the two visited Mrs. Martin Boger. All are African violet raisers and enthusiasts.

ERNEST SCHMIDT HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt early Tuesday morning.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called out at 12.05 a. m., and then called for assistance from the Mt. Pleasant department. The Weidman Firemen made three runs back here for water, and then got water supplies from Rosebush, it was stated Tuesday. All three trucks of the Nottawa and Sherman Fire Department were at the scene.

Their two daughters were sleeping upstairs. Ernie was awakened by a light outside his bedroom window, where a chimney stood. The fire apparently started in the chimney, and was quickly out of control.

A few household and clothing articles were saved by the Firemen.

Ernest Schmidt is Supervisor for Nottawa Township.

A safe containing township books and papers was carried out and most township data was saved, it was reported Tuesday morning.

The family have been staying the trailer home of their son, Allen, and family, across the road. Allen farms in partnership with his father.

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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HAS ARCHITECT HIRED

A recent communique from the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, which wants to build a "Career Center" for most of west-central Michigan, mentions a meeting scheduled for Monday evening, Feb. 21, in the Mecosta County Court House Building.

On the agenda, according to the communique, was a report from architects on project status, presumably for the new building to be financed by a perpetual 2.7 mills added to the school tax on real estate throughout the far-flung "Intermediate District."

Also scheduled was a "report on the state of the election".

As we said last week, the big boys in the Intermediate School District play for keeps, and with real estate tax money.

From the tone of the communique, the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District big boys feel they have the election in the bag at this early stage.

We have had no information on their methods of operation in relation to the upcoming school election March 9, at which time the 2.7 added millage will be voted on.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

OJIBWA RECREATION AREA HAS BOOTH IN TRAILER SHOW IN DETROIT

The Ojibwa Recreation Area has a booth at the Travel Trailer and Camper Show in West Armory on Eight-Mile Road in Detroit, and Dr. and Mrs. M. Nance, who were down there the weekend, say that interest in the mobile vacation vehicles increases year by year.

The Nances were hosting their exhibition booth for the Ojibwa Recreation Area there, while Mr. and Mrs. Schaum and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Dietz are staying through this week.

In the Ojibwa exhibition were photos of cottages, trailers, and snowmobile scenes on the Ojibwa, all in color; and some of the big fish taken from Lake Windoga ga, including Othel Denslow's recent catch of a big pike.

Among friends stopping by to greet the Nances last weekend

were some who have property on the Area, including Ray and Helen Kinnuen, John and Doris Bolf, Mr. and Mrs. Sparks of Kalamazoo, the Federoffs of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Ryes of suburban Detroit, and some folks from Weidman, including the David Flowers.

Dr. Nance said in an interview that the Ojibwa Area gets results from the exhibition all through the year, including people who appear in the summer with brochures acquired at the February show.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Safford Terry of rural Barryton spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Clyde Beutler. Friday afternoon Mrs. Hugh Douglas was a visitor.

Dale Bywater and son, Pat, of Midland were last Wednesday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

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