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Editor's Column

By Connie

DO GO AND VOTE ON THE NEW SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION IN MARCH

Landowners in the Chippewa Hills Schools District may go to the polls March 9, a Thursday, to vote on a proposition to add two and a half mills to the present school-tax levy.

Do get out and vote on that one.

In last week's issue of the school shopper's guide there was an advertisement announcing Last Day for Registration to be able to vote in the March 9 election.

The extra two and a half mills is purported to be for an "area vocational school" taking in several districts besides Chippewa Hills, and location of the proposed new "area vocational school" has not been determined.

The two and a half mills will be laid on forever, according to our information, if voters of the district approve the millage raise.

The need for an "area vocational school" is a moot argument, inasmuch as our high schools, including Chippewa Hills, have laid out enormous sums for equipment for vocational education.

If an "area vocational school" were established, what then becomes of our high school equipment, teachers, and courses?

Do we go on teaching "vocational education" in high school and then duplicate the process in an "area vocational school", or do we junk the high school courses?

We also have excellent vocational training centers in this area, in Ferris State College at Big Rapids, which offers nearly anything you want to name; and also Mid-Michigan College at Harrison, also offering very practical courses in vocational careers, with such local contacts as Mt. Pleasant (nursing school, among others) and even extending into the Chippewa Hills Schools.

In this area the voting place will be the Weidman school; and if you are a registered voter in general elections, on the books of the township clerk, you do not need to re-register to vote in the school election.



THE ADORABLE TROWBRIDGE TRIPLETS--Had their first birthday party Jan. 20 at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Trowbridge, in Midland. From left to right in the photo they are: Tony Matthew, Terry Joseph, and Todd Robert. The boys were thrilled with their cycle machines and the big animal-shaped birthday cake, shown at the front of the picture.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen of Beal City are the proud grandparents, while Mrs. Louise Smith of Beal City is the great-grandmother. The triplets were born at CMC Hospital Jan. 20, 1971.

The triplets were born five minutes apart, beginning with Todd Joseph, at right in the picture.

Also attending the first birthday party for the three were their godparents, Miss Theresa Smith and Bert Head, Jr., and Mrs. Head; Bert Head, Sr., Patty Schafer, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

The triplets' brother, Billy, also celebrated a birthday, his fifth, on Jan. 29. The triplets also have a sister, Deanna,

Only those people not now registered as regular voters will need to register for the school election.

Advertisements for registration have implied that everyone must register now in order to vote in the March 9 school election.

Not so, if you are already a registered voter in your home township.

But do get out and vote; and mark the date on your calendar: March 9. It's on a Thursday.

JOHN DWYER UNDERGOES SURGERY FOR TUMOR

Many in this area will remember John Dwyer as manager of the Giant Supermarket in Mt. Pleasant.

He graduated from the Clare High School in the spring of 1951 and married Mary Jean Roe in September of that year.

He began as a clerk in the fruit-and-vegetable department of the Giant Store at Clare, and within a few years was manager of that store.

He was transferred to the larger Giant Supermarket in Mt. Pleasant, then to the larger one in Traverse City, and later was promoted to area manager for the Giant stores in northern Michigan.

He was an earnest worker, and he made it to top management areas with a high school education. He is a commendable man.

He entered the hospital Monday at Traverse City for surgery to remove a malignant tumor behind his right eye.

He is the husband of Mary Jean (Roe) Dwyer, who is a daughter of the late Robert Roe and Mary Roe Granger. He is a

REAPPORTIONMENT MEETING AT MT. PLEASANT THURSDAY

A public meeting will be held Thursday afternoon at 1.30, in the court room at the County Court House, to consider reapportionment of Isabella County in relation to representation throughout the county on the Board of County Commissioners.

County Clerk Maynard Gilmore will chair the meeting, at which also present will be the county officers and probably the Board of County Commissioners.

Recently the Board of Commissioners whacked out their own version of reapportionment which turned out to be unconstitutional. The Board also voted on a nine-man board, against the pushing for a seven-man Board.

At its last meeting, the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association went on record as favoring the 15-man Board, to give outlying townships some representation in county government.

On a nine-man Board, four Commissioners would be from the city of Mt. Pleasant and one from Union Township, actually a suburb of Mt. Pleasant. That gives Mt. Pleasant absolute power over outlying districts of the county, such as ours.

The public is urged to attend the Thursday afternoon meeting. It is guaranteed to be interesting.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE TWELVE TABLES IN PLAY

At the Jan. 20 card party at the Beal City K. of C. Hall, there were 12 tables of pepper in play.

Mae Fussman won first prize for the ladies, with Helen Schumacher second.

Joe Lawens won first for the men, with Mr. Gallagher second.

Mrs. Will Lawens won the pepper prize, with the door prize going to Mrs. Ragolt Hauck.

The next card party at the Beal City K. of C. Hall will be this Thursday afternoon, Feb. 3.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with the Leon Schafer family.

brother-in-law of Dr. Ray Chamberlain of Mt. Pleasant.

His address is the Munson Hospital, Traverse City.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Zill of St. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zill and family, and Jerry Zill of Saginaw and his fiancée were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons. They all enjoyed snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were guests for dinner on the previous Sunday of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss, and Steven, Jr., of Lake Windoga.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and Linda of Weidman were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Voss and Stacey.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and Kurt were Wednesday supper guests of the Conleys.

Leo Denslow called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Saturday.

Mrs. Skalitzky had a gift for her great-grandson, Michael Finney, who was five years old last weekend. Happy Birthday, Michael!

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael were Sunday dinner guests of the Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis took their little daughter, Marcia, to the doctor Wednesday. She entered CMC Hospital Wednesday. They visited her Sunday, and she was improving.

Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mrs. Clyde Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan were recent callers. They took Clyde and Eddie John for a snowmobile ride.

Mrs. Emmons has been having the flu, but was reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine and Janie were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry.

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

Mrs. Veryl Wright and Colin of Flat Rock visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and family Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens of Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Navarre Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family were also dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton

and Renee of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., of Lake Windoga were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter.

Mrs. Charles Loomis and baby son visited at the Leiter home Monday.

Russell Stanley went to the Davis Clinic in Mt. Pleasant Monday. He called on Mary Ann Moore at the Clare Hospital, and spent the night at the David Moore home at Lake Thirteen. David took him home Tuesday morning, to find a cold house and frozen water pipes.

Ronald Stanley and Gary Abbott had come out and started the fires just before Russell got home. They spent three days at the Stanley home, to help keep the fires going.

Donald Stanley brought me home late Friday afternoon. Michael Stanley was a Friday overnight and Saturday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley called on me at the David Moore home Sunday evening. They had been to the hospital to see Mrs. Moore. She came home Friday afternoon, some improved in health.

Mrs. Edna Schultz called Mr. Stanley one day last week to tell him that his brother, James, of Elsie, was not feeling too well.

Our grandson, David, called to tell us his father, Thomas Moore, of St. Johns, was in the Carson City Hospital.

Mr. Stanley paid respects to Edward Gross at the Virgil Smith Smith home Saturday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to Carol, the family, and other relatives.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns visited the Carl Beutler family Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham and family of Rosebush visited them. They showed their pictures of Florida and Disneyland which they took over the holidays.

Diane spent Saturday over night with Angela Graham. Her folks picked her up Sunday and visited the James Beutlers in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe were Saturday callers of the Clayton Dutchers. Beth Losey and Karen Dutcher were callers.

Beth, Bobby and Johnny Hogg were callers of the Ervin Dutchers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and granddaughters, Becky and Kaye, and Dick Dutcher spent Friday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Brian and Linda were also there.

Connie Foster spent Friday over

night with Sandra and went with them to Grand Rapids Saturday to visit Steve.

Debbie, Denise, Gregg, Randy, Scott, Keith, Deane and Danelle Yuncker visited me Sunday afternoon and had lunch. Danelle stayed for the week.

Laurel Beutler spent Saturday over night with Deana St. John.

Marion Beutler cracked a few ribs when she fell on the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Osborne spent Friday evening with the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with them. They all went out to the Coldwater Lake Inn for Sunday dinner.

Florence Fitzgerald and friend, Deetta Burkholder, of Lansing, spent the weekend with the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Due to our ice storm, most people stayed home unless they had to get out to go to work, and that wasn't too easy most of the week. Here we have hills in most directions to travel over.

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 Feb. 3t1

Card of Thanks

A very special Thanks to every-
 one for the cards, gifts, prayers,
 and visits while I was in the hos-
 pital in Ann Arbor.
 I also want to thank those who
 remembered my family in any
 way.
 We appreciate your kindness.
 Douglas Schafer

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague
 and girls were Sunday dinner
 guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D.
 Sprague.
 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson
 of St. Louis were Saturday visit-
 ors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Gera-
 line Johnson and children were
 Friday callers.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all those who
 sent me cards and other gifts
 while I was in CMC Hospital
 last week.
 Also the nurses and aides and
 the doctors at the hospital.
 I was very pleased by your
 kind attention. Thank you.
 Velma Cole

Obituary

BETH JACKSON
 Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant
 died Saturday morning at the
 Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in
 Mt. Pleasant. She was 74, and
 had been incapacitated for some
 time.
 She and her family were once
 Weidman residents, and Beth
 had many friends in this area.
 She was born Oct. 16, 1897,
 in Ashtabula, O., and was a re-
 tired employee of the Ferro
 Stamping Company in Mt. Plea-
 sant.
 She was a member of the Mt.
 Pleasant Church of Christ.
 She is survived by three sons,
 James of Holland, and Howard
 and Floyd, Jr., both of Mt. Plea-
 sant; 15 grandchildren and nine
 great-grandchildren; and one
 brother, Lyle Waid, of William-
 ston, Ohio.
 Funeral services were held
 Monday afternoon at 3 at the
 Stinson Funeral Home, with
 burial in Fairview Cemetery at
 Weidman.
 The family have the sympathy
 of all.
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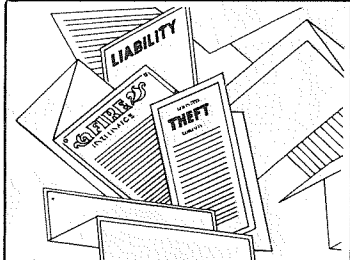
Obituary

EDWARD GROSS
 Edward Gross of Nottawa died
 last Thursday at CMC Hospital.
 He was 38.
 He was born Nov. 12, 1933,
 in Nottawa Township, where he
 lived his entire life.
 He is survived by his wife,
 Carol; four sons, James, Russell,
 Edward and Richard, all at
 home; three daughters, Betty,
 Karen and Patty, all at home;
 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo
 Gross; two brothers, Raymond
 and Bernard; two sisters, Mrs.
 Rita Dickson of Lansing, and
 Mrs. Mary McCabe, of Cali-
 fornia.
 Funeral services were held
 Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Jo-
 seph the Worker Church in Beal
 City, with burial in the church
 cemetery.
 The family have the sympathy
 of their many friends.

Obituary

GEORGE SHOOK
 George Shook died Jan. 24 in
 Bay City. He was the father of
 Raymond Shook, former owner
 of Shook's Market and active pro-
 moter of Weidman town's well-
 being.
 George Shook was 93 years old,
 and had been alert and active up
 to a few months before his death.
 He was born March 2, 1878, and
 lived in the Bay City area.
 He is survived by five children,
 16 grandchildren and 46 great-
 grandchildren. Raymond Shook
 was the only child of the family
 who died before the father.
 Mr. Shook made many friends
 here, as he visited the store often
 when Ray and Leila were owners
 and operators of it, and he was
 a friendly man.
 Leila Shook went to Bay City
 last Wednesday, returning Thurs-
 day, after the funeral.
 Our sympathy to the family.
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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman
 visited Mr. and Mrs. Harlow
 Courtright in Barryton Sunday.



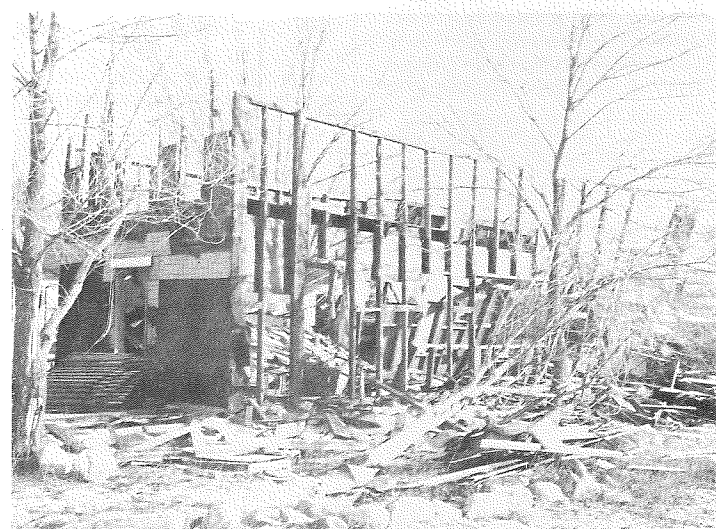
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THE OLD ROY GREEN HOUSE--At the corner of Main and Second Streets on the east side of Weidman, has been cited as a hazard that might be dangerous to children, and also as an unnecessary slum-spot that brings down valuations of every home in the neighborhood. Above photo was taken early last autumn. Messenger photo



THE SAME HOUSE LOOKED LIKE THIS IN DECEMBER--Only worse, if we may say so. Ernest Schmidt, Supervisor of Nottawa Township, has begun correspondence with the present owners in an effort to get them to clean up the premises before more drastic measures must be taken. Present owners began tearing down the ancient building "to save the lumber," it is said, but they have left a mess that must be cleaned up. Messenger photo

When the Roe family came to Weidman in 1912, the above building was labeled "Art Gallery," and was in fact a photo studio, of sorts.

Later it was acquired by Roy Green (deceased), and then it passed on to other hands.

At one time it was used as a sort of convalescent home for elderly people, but that project did not seem to last long. This was in recent years.

If the present owners fail to heed Ernie Schmidt's letter or letters, then citizens of Weidman can appeal to the Board of County Commissioners under the county zoning laws.

Sherman Township has its own zoning ordinance, but Nottawa,

in which township the old building stands, has none; therefore, the old building would come under jurisdiction of the county zoning ordinance and possibly other laws.

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. EVERYBODY READS IT!

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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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Marge Schafer, Reporter

Hi:
Sorry about not writing news the past few weeks, but Ed and I went to Florida. We surprised Frank and Mabel Walz (formerly of Coldwater Lake) at Lakeland. We spent a couple of days with them and had a very nice time visiting and playing cards.

In Tampa we got acquainted with Montell and Ruth Kelsey of Indiana, learning they had good friends here in Weidman, the Tranbargers.

On our way home we spent three days in Valdosta, Georgia, and on Sunday after church some people with Michigan license plates asked us where we were from. When we said "Weidman," they said they had relatives in Beal City. So we visited with them, learning they were the Simmers of Saranac, Mich., and were on their way back to Michigan from Florida also.

Wish we could have stayed in that nice warm weather instead of coming home to ice and cold!

Sorry to hear of the death of a friend, Eddie Gross, when we came back. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Callers here Thursday were Edith Lueder, Vic Eismann and Jerry and Jane Schafer and son, Billy.

Quite a few around here have been sick with the flu. Josette Schafer was sick with it, and her eyes were swollen almost shut. Billy Joe Schafer was taken to the emergency room at the hospital with it.

We attended the wedding reception for Timothy Schafer and Sherry Elsea Saturday night at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

There was no school at Beal City beginning last Tuesday because of ice. Several cars have slid off the road.

Sunday night one car went backwards into the ditch just east of the big hill on Jordan Road. The west side of the hill was sanded, but not the east side, where it was just as slippery. The curves on the east side of the lake are bad. The side coming downhill was sanded, but not going up.

The Coldwater Lake Inn served its last meals Sunday, and Eula and Derry Dunn are Florida bound. The Inn will open in March, we understand.

DON'T FORGET--The WBA meeting Monday night, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. in the fire hall.
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FOR SALE--Caterpillar D4 Crawler, located on east side Weidman Pond, \$3500.00. Call 1-313-LI3-6038.
Feb. 3tf

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Laverne Forbes received word of the death of her brother-in-law, Edward Gross, who passed away after a long illness. Sympathy goes to the family in their bereavement. Funeral services were held Monday at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Baler are making preparations to move back to their house in Brinton.

Nora Geasler and grandson, Bruce Jones, were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Margaret Sisco and girls called on her mother, Mrs. Whaley, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys of Flat Rock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. Several young couples enjoyed snowmobiling Saturday evening with Veryl and Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Darel Haenke and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher spent Friday evening with their parents, Lewis and Irene Bowen.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Well, here we are down here in the HOT country, and believe me, it is hot. Up in the 80s, and the hottest sun!

The sun was shining real bright and all of a sudden it started to rain, and we had a Florida rain with the sun shining, believe it or not.

But from all reports this morning (Jan. 26), you are having some pretty bad weather up there, and I guess there is another one on its way. We watch the weather up there.

Egbert has gone to the fair today, but I couldn't go. Couldn't get around.

Have you been sending the paper down here? We have not received any of them yet. Don't know what is going on up there. We miss it.

Hope you don't have too bad a winter, and that you keep well. As ever,
Lola and Egbert Fordyce
C-68 Bradenton Trailer Park
Bradenton, Florida 33505.
(Thursday, 8.30, 65 degrees.)

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family attended the Gilmore Church of Christ with the Bernard Pitts family, and were dinner guests at the Pitts home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel were evening visitors.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harrison and family of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family. They enjoyed snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Green and son and Mrs. Harley Green of Breckenridge were Sunday visitors at the Alton Allen home.

Carl and Paul Snider, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider, are playing at the Ashley Lounge Friday evening. They played last week, and now have a steady engagement there.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Allen of Midland called on Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen Friday evening. Rev. and Mrs. Adams of St. Louis were also callers.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler was a Saturday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family at Rosebush. They spent Sunday in East Lansing, guests of the Robert Tibbetts family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cole of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole of Mt. Pleasant, and Joan Charnes and Emma Middlesworth enjoyed dinner Sunday at the Coldwater Inn.

Barney Tranbarger was reported as slightly improved Tuesday. He is in Room 224, CMC Hospital.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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
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Legislator

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ALICE POWELL MARRIES ORVAL HUTCHINSON
 Alice Powell and Orval Hutchinson were married Jan. 19, at the parsonage of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints on Shepherd Road, at 6 p. m.

Attendants were Dorothy Fuller and Gordon Allison of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are making their home on West Broomfield Road in Deerfield Township.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

A group from Beal City went snowmobiling Friday evening, in the Farwell area.

Larry Egbert spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Wayne Egbert has taken over the pool hall in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yunker are spending two weeks in Florida.

Mrs. Gary Riggles spent Sunday morning with Mrs. Shirley Anderson.

The banns of matrimony were announced Sunday for Duane Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Miller, and Susan Ann Faber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Virgil Smith and Ed Gross, and also on Louise and Ann Smith Sunday afternoon.

Lisa and Gay Lynn Smith and Debbie Rau spent Friday night with Grandma Smith and Ann.

Terry Klumpp of Big Rapids spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp, who took him to Grand Rapids to Butterworth Hospital for a checkup.

Tim Schafer and Sherry Lynn of Winn were married Saturday and a reception was held at the K. C. Hall.

Mrs. Ted Ahlers of Lansing spent the weekend with relatives here.

The Knights of Columbus had a breakfast at the hall Sunday morning, with a good turnout.

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

Douglas Schafer returned to his 10th grade studies, part time, at the Beal City High School Monday.

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Card of Thanks

After a happy and bountiful Holiday Season, the patients and staff of the Isabella County Medical Care Facility express their thanks for the contributions of the clubs, churches, organizations, and all individuals of Isabella County;

To Central Michigan University, the Isabella County Medical Care Facility Auxiliary, and especially the donation of year-round cable tv by the Cable TV Company of Mt. Pleasant.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Wm. Wixson slipped on the ice last Tuesday morning, injuring his shoulder. Bill and Dave Wixson spent several days the past week with their nephew, Mr. and Mrs. James Winegardner, of Mt. Pleasant.

Velma Cole entered CMC Hospital last Tuesday and had surgery Wednesday. She was reported as doing well.

Lena Cole spent what time she was not in the hospital with Velma with her sister, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, in Mt. Pleasant. She also enjoyed visiting with her old schoolmate, Mrs. Leah Hartnell, who was in the same ward with Velma. Leah seemed to be on the gain.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell is visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell, and family, in Mt. Pleasant.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Hart in the loss of their infant daughter. Our sympathy also goes to the family of Beth Waid Jackson.

We received word that Mrs. Helen (Tanner) Hudson is much better.

Velma Cole returned home Sunday from CMC Hospital, feeling much better.

Little Amy Chapman is two years old. Those helping her celebrate her birthday Sunday were Grandma and Grandpa (Gaylord) Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis and Cathy Shaner, and Grandpa and Grandma Chapman, and Great-Grandma Charlotte Hart. Also Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, and Roxann Hart.

Mrs. Hilda Sampson is suffering from a virus on her hands and neck.

Richard Mahon took Velma Cole to the hospital last Tuesday. Dick has a Blazer, a car for icy roads and snow, with studs in the tires. It makes one feel much safer.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart received word that her brother, Milton Shilling, had surgery for spleen removal in a Grand Rapids hospital, and was on the gain.

North Weidman
 Elvah Gott, Reporter

Earl Blodgett called on his brother-in-law, Ed Geroux, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Geroux was in the same room as Barney Tranbarger. Mr. Geroux expected to be discharged soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Robert spent Sunday afternoon with the Knollenbergs.

Miss Linda Aldrich spent Sunday morning with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich and Kelly visited Mr. and Mrs. John Baublitz of Ithaca Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ed Olger attended the wedding of John Wood and Christine Sue Grisdale at the Central Michigan University Religious Center. A reception was held at the VFW Hall in Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called Saturday afternoon and took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, home with them for supper.

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and son and Mr. Lear's cousin from Superior, Wis., were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keysor and family of Saginaw visited at the home of his sister and family, the Charles Garretts, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Dorothy Howell and friend of Greenville called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines were Sunday guests of the Ivan Hines family, in honor of Ivan's birthday.

Saturday evening Miss Jeanette Flachs and Jim Chapman of Remus visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg were Friday callers.

Mrs. Louis Larson and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. DeBoid, of Tuscola, were Thursday guests of the Chris Larsons. Dick Larson and son, Steve, of Birch Run were Saturday overnight guests of the Chris Larsons.

Mrs. Choice Foster went to Traverse City Monday with Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch.

Mrs. Foster and Blanche Carr went with Rev. and Mrs. Lynch to the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening to pay their respects to Mrs. Beth Jackson.

The Lutheran Church Youth Group enjoyed a skating party near Deerfield Center Sunday. Eighteen were in attendance.

Frank Lieder and friend, Jack Spooner, of Detroit, were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lueder of Mt. Pleasant called on the Jack Lieders Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw were Sunday guests of Blanche Carr.

Stuart Cook and friend called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Sunday dinner guests of their son and family, the Russell Flaughners, of Midland.

Ray and Minnie were Friday evening guests at the home of their son, Ronald, in honor of Debbie's 15th birthday.

Mrs. Ray Flaughner called on Mrs. Basil Rogers Thursday.

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Miss Janet Pitts spent the weekend in Alverdton, O., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Apple. Ronald Apple, their son, is a student at Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
1 mile west of Weidman. Pastor, Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Choir practice Thursday at the parsonage.

Central Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches meet Friday, Feb. 4, 7.30 p.m., at First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant. Theme, "Prayer". Speaker, Dr. Howard Kiethley.

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.
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, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
4 1/2 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Weidman.

Rev. John A. Wright, Minister
Phone 644-3604
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.

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.

Methodist Men meet on fourth Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

WINN-COOMER CHARGES
Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
At Winn:

Church Service, 8.45 Sunday morning.

Youth Senior MYF meets second and third Sundays, 7 p.m.

At Coomer Church:
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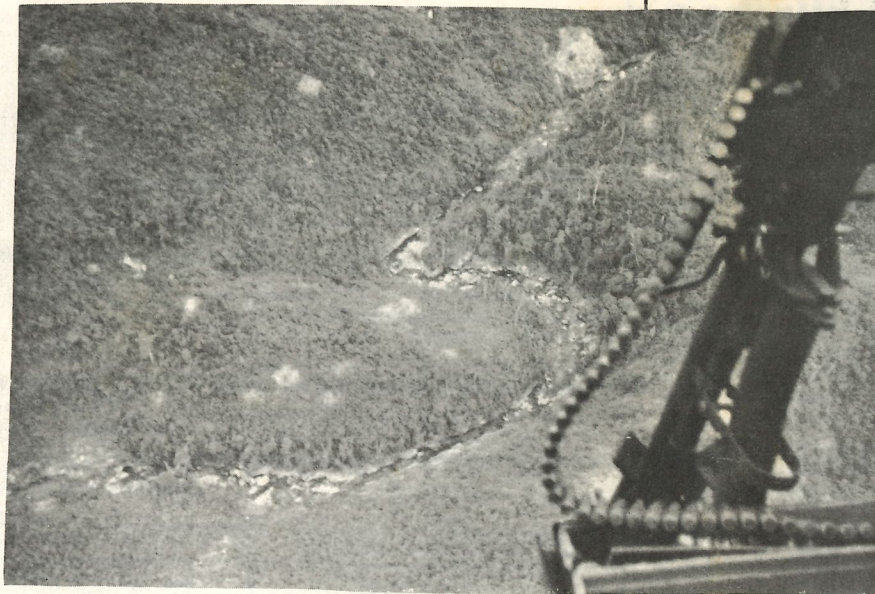
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LEST WE FORGET---We are still in Vietnam. Above is one of Bruce Reed's outstanding photographs, apparently taken from a helicopter over what appears to be remarkably similar to the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

SKUNKS WERE JUST ALL OVER THE STATE

Virginia Averill of Prudenville (she is the daughter of the late Joseph Gachters) was in this area Saturday, and she stopped in at the Messenger office and we had a delightful visit.

She's a bird lover, and after discussing feeders and such, she said they had had a skunk under their house last fall.

It was under a brand-new addition to the house, and Virginia spent a week in dire dread that her beautiful new house--part would be tainted with skunk-smell.

Seems she and her husband heard a commotion down there (it's a partial basement under the new addition, she said), and the husband said that rats often get into or under houses in the fall, and so he went down and set a rat trap.

Presently there was added commotion, and they knew the trap had caught the animal. On going down into the partial basement, lo, instead of a rat it was a skunk.

They retreated in haste, figuring what to do. If we got the story straight in our mind, they called the Humane Society and a wildlife organization, both of which said they had no way of dealing with a skunk in a trap.

It was pointed out that if the skunk were shot, it would spray the area when the bullet hit it; if it were shot with a tranquilizer arrow, it would spray when the arrow hit it.

Two policemen came and considered the problem. One said to the other, "My brother-in-law says that if you pick up a skunk by the tail, it won't spray."

"You pick it up," the other retorted. "I don't want skunk-spray in MY face!"

So the Averills were left with a skunk in a trap in their basement under their brand-new house addition. This went on for a week, and Virginia said she'd go down there once in a while and talk to it, and it seemed tame--in fact, quite cowed by the whole situation.

Finally she could stand it no longer; a skunk starving to death in a trap in the basement. She said she was going down and let it out of the trap. But her husband said if it had to be done, HE'D do it, not his wife.

So he went down, let the skunk out of the trap, and away it went, through the hole it had dug under the basement wall.

"We heard afterward," Virginia said, "that one of our distant neighbors had a pet skunk that was deodorized. I can't help feeling that that was the one we caught in the trap."

Well, we agree with her; for a skunk will spray not only when a bullet or arrow hits it, but also when a trap springs shut on one of its feet.

In all that week, the Averills' house remained odorless. They were lucky.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks, the Gerald Dents. Saturday Gerald and Mabel and Chuck Roberts and son called on Elwood Miller, who is home from the hospital at Ann Arbor.

The Harold Krueger family and the Lynn Johnson family joined the family gathering at the Gerald Dent home for dinner, celebrating Mabel's and Evelyn's birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lan-

sing were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz called on the Charlie Loseys Sunday afternoon. They were snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey attended the funeral of Beth Jackson in Mt. Pleasant Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Denslow and son were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Lansing and Grand Ledge last Thursday. They also called on her mother.

Bill Thompson took part in the high school solo ensemble festival at Ferris State College Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner and family of Clare were Sunday visitors of the Garold St. John family.

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