

# The Weidman Messenger

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## In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor and Ivan Allen:

I just want to take this opportunity to let you know that I and many, many more people in the Chippewa Hills School District are very concerned with the way our school is being run.

However, I do feel that our hands are tied at the present time. Sure, we could go to the Board meetings, but what good would that do? We would have another problem like we had in Weidman a few years ago. Did anyone gain anything in that deal? All I could see were a lot of hurt feelings.

I love Chippewa Hills for what it COULD be. I was all in favor of the consolidation, and still am. I want to see Chippewa Hills on the top of the list in every respect.

So you wonder why I don't do something about making C.H. such a school.

Well--this is what I intend to do. Wait!! Wait for what? Another Board election. I feel if we all get out and vote for another good man to go with the three we already have, then we should have it made.

I just hope and pray that the three men now on the Board will stick in there until the people have a chance to do their job at the next Board election.

I also hope our good teachers will be patient just a little longer for the sake of our children. I know it's been rough for you, too.

Sincerely,

An Interested Parent.

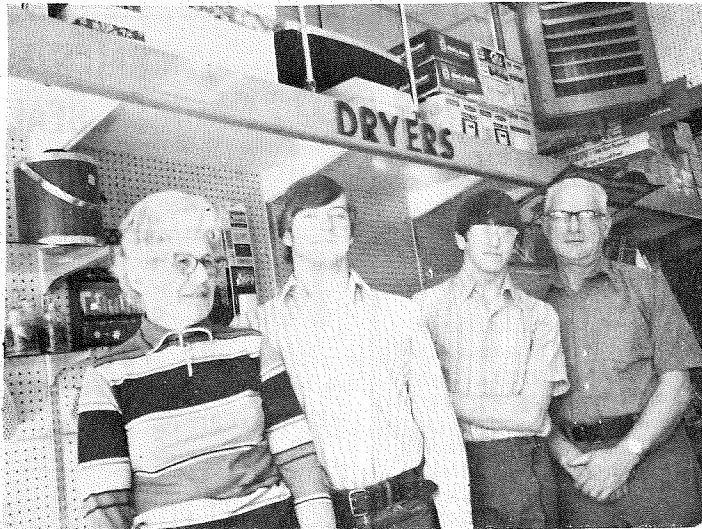
Connie: I don't want my name made public. I have children in school and I can't afford to take any chances where they are concerned.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Laura Roberts and son, Kevin, of Lake, and Mrs. Edith Touchinski were Monday supper guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Radabaugh and family of Lake were Sunday callers. Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were also Sunday supper guests.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



**FOX FAMILY IN HARDWARE HERE 25 YEARS--**The Ed Fox family are celebrating their 25th anniversary in the hardware business in Weidman this week and next. Agnes (left, above) and Ed (right, above) started out when they bought the hardware business of Glenn Scott on March 15, 1947. Shown in the picture also are the Fox's two sons, Bill, left, and Bob, next to his father.

When they started out in the hardware business, Ed and Agnes Fox did business in the big wood-frame building now occupied by Abbott Furniture Company. Ed and Agnes lived in an apartment on the second floor of the building, as did also Ed's mother, Mrs. Clara Fox.

In 1959 Ed and Agnes bought the cement-block building they now occupy, and had to put in an all-new interior. Today the Fox Hardware is one of Central Michigan's best-equipped hardware and sporting goods stores.

Ed and Agnes also built their modestly beautiful home on West Weidman Road, where now there is a colony of homes and trailer homes.

The Fox family have very many friends throughout the area who will wish to congratulate them on their 25 years in business in our town.

Last week Ed received an impressive plaque as an Outstanding Retailer Award at a dinner at Frankemuth during a hardware men's meeting.

Ed was first Fire Chief for the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, serving 20 years before retiring from the No. 1 job.

He was first president of the

Weidman Business Association at its organization in 1947, and he has held every office in that organization several times over, and served faithfully and well.

He is an active member of the Weidman Lions Club, and also of the Beal City Knights of Columbus.

Ed and Agnes Fox have given much of their lives to Weidman community betterment work.

Their son Bill is a Senior in the Chippewa Hills High School, playing guard and line backer on the football team. Their son Bob is a Sophomore in the same high school, and plays forward on the basketball team.

Both young men are outdoor fans, enjoying snowmobiling in winter and everything outdoors during the rest of the year.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Martin Boger and Mrs. Wm. Estes were Friday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brien and Timothy of Sumner were Sunday afternoon and evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Friday evening callers.

Mrs. Carl Grewett (Clara) of Mt. Pleasant is in the Clare Hospital.

## Men In Uniform

Sp/4 Bruce Reed, son of Mrs. Minnie Reed, was on standby to be sent home from Vietnam, according to recent letters received by his mother.

Bruce was on a two-year enlistment program, with most of it to be served in Vietnam, when orders came through for withdrawal of troops.

Bruce said in one letter to his mother recently that "they" said he would have to wait for a replacement before he could leave.

He is a medic with the 196th Battalion, stationed near Da Nang.

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The Paul Coles were happy Saturday to see their grandson, Bill Ewing, home from Vietnam. Bill spent 16 months over there. He had signed up for six more months, but they discharged him early.

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## BIG STORM DASHES HOPES FOR EARLY SPRING HERE

Described by many as the worst storm of the winter, a sudden and unpredicted onslaught of driving snow slammed into the Weidman area early Monday morning.

With temperatures in the high twenties most of the day, heavy snows were tossed about by gusty winds into drifts that blocked some roads and made others difficult for drivers.

Area schools made emergency closings at noon. Driving was a near-impossibility most of the day, as the soft snow piled up on windshield wipers and formed ice which nullified the wipers' functions.

The Weidman mail route made the east side of the territory but quit at the post office before attempting the west half.

Cancellations of meetings and events all over Central Michigan were announced on radio all day, with Oren's Stores in Mt. Pleasant closing at noon.

Drifting snow made roads a real problem for snowplows, which were working round the clock during and after the storm to get roads passable again.

One of the worst after-effects of the storm was walking conditions, with ice under the new snow making walking especially hazardous.

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons. Mrs. Denslow reported that Scott Finney had some ribs broken when he fell from a swing at the Barryton School playground Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow attended a surprise birthday supper for her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, at the Brown Bungalow Saturday evening at Big Rapids. Also attending were the other four daughters of Mrs. Cummings and their husbands, and several grandchildren and their spouses: Mr. and Mrs. William Cornell, and Jeanine and Susan and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sowle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schroeder, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Maxwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ham-entree and Miss Charlene Grove and friend, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries, and the Jerry Cornells. It was a complete surprise for Mrs. Cummings, and they all enjoyed the get-together very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John have been ill with the flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis called on them Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Loomis called on Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters Tuesday.

Miss Teresa Loomis and other classmates attended a Saturday overnight birthday party for Kathy Kalill, at her parents' home near Two Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rosser and sons, Douglas and Alan, and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rosser, and daughter, of Sears, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blane and Jamie of Coldwater Lake were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and Mrs. Dale Desnlow were Flint shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Garrett (Lynn Bennett) at the Remus Community Hall Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and children and other members of the Loomis family spent Saturday with their father, Arthur Loomis, with pot-luck dinner honoring him on his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and Valerie, Cindy and David visited Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline and family at Farwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., of Lake Windoga visited her parents Sunday evening.

Guests during the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connors of Stanwood and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ernst of Saginaw were Sunday dinner guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill, and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haskins of Barryton were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Friday evening. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage at Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Latham at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Latham, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., visited at the Voss home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at Riverdale Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wyszog of Harrison and Eddie and Susan Schrock of Coleman spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ohling of Breckenridge were Sunday dinner guests of the Schrocks. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith of Riverdale visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Antwerp of south Remus visited at the Skalitzky home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday evening callers of the Skalitzkys. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City visited Sunday evening.

Mrs. Skalitzky reported that her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton, entered the Lakeview Hospital recently. We hope she will be better soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley Sunday evening.

Mrs. Russell Stanley visited the clinic in Mt. Pleasant Friday morning for a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley attended the Lions Club fish fry at the Weidman School Friday evening. Later they visited her sisters, Mrs. Doris Mitchell and Mrs. Dorothy Shepherd, at Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie and Sandra were Saturday

supper guests at the Stanley home. Later they attended a belated birthday party for David Moore at the Moore home at Lake Thirteen. The Don Stanleys and Donald Pungs were also guests at the Moore home.

The Thomas Moores and Donald Pungs were Sunday dinner guests at the Stanley home. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie and Sandy and Debbie Pung were also guests. Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen were also dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family

except Ronald were afternoon visitors. Ronald Stanley visited his grandparents Sunday evening.

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### NEWS NOTES

Olin Bowen of Brinton was a Thursday afternoon caller of his niece, Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were also visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller were Thursday evening guests. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Ludington, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heronemus of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Opperman, also of Mt. Pleasant.

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Mar. 9t3p

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 The Probate Court for the County of Isabella.  
 In the matter of LUANN CHARLENE MILLER, Change of Name.  
 At a session of said Court, held on the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1972.

Present, Hon. Burke McClintic, Judge of Probate.

LuAnn Charlene Miller having filed in said Court her petition praying that an order be made changing her name to LuAnn Charlene Bachelor,

It is ordered that the 6th 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  
 Mar. 9-16-23

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## Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 Probate Court for the County of Isabella.

Estate of LEWIS FRANTZ, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on May 3, 1972, at 9.30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims and heirs will be determined. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Eugene McArthur, Box 112, Weidman, Michigan, prior to said hearing; also a hearing will be held on the petition of Eugene McArthur for license to sell real estate of said deceased. Persons interested in said estate are directed to appear at said hearing to show cause why such license should not be granted.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: February 22, 1972  
 BURKE McCLINTIC  
 Judge of Probate

Fox & Fox  
 Attorneys for Lewis Frantz Estate  
 102 Hersee Bldg., Mt. Pleasant Michigan

Mar. 16-23-30p

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Feb. 16, Mar. 1, 15, 29

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Mar. 16t1

### NEWS NOTES

Callers of Mrs. Emily Wood during last week included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirvan of Big Rapids, Mrs. Meda McCombs of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint, and Mrs. Anderson of Rodney, who spent Saturday night with Mrs. Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan of Remus were callers, and Geraline Johnson of Mt. Pleasant also visited.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Rosalie Benn wish to thank all their friends and neighbors for their generous gifts of food, flowers, offers of help, and memorials following her death.

A special thanks to Ralph Berry, Rev. Rill, members of the Rebekah Lodge, WSCS of the Shepherd United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rector.

Wilbur Benn  
 Fred and Phyllis Liming  
 Don and Marjorie Hicks  
 Don and Mary Starr  
 Frank and Diane Benn

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our neighbors, friends and relatives for their acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our son, Dennis;

All those who sent food to the house, and sympathy cards, and flowers, and money;

The doctors, nurses, and the personnel at Cottage Four and the hospital;

A special thank you to George and Fawn Daggett for their acts of kindness, and Rev. Marvin Eldridge for his comforting words.

Everything is deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis  
 And Family

## Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

SETTLEMENT DAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING of the Township Board of the Township below named will be held at the Sherman Township Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1972 (Second Tuesday Preceding Annual Township Meeting)

For the purpose of making the annual settlement. All persons having claims against said Township are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before above named date.

Township of Sherman, County of Isabella, State of Michigan.

KEITH LOOMIS  
 Twp. Clerk  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kniffen and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipper and Mrs. Diane Swan, all of Lansing, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

# 25 ANNIVERSARY SALE

# FREE Gifts



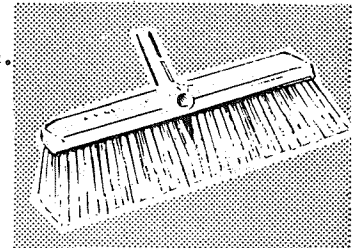
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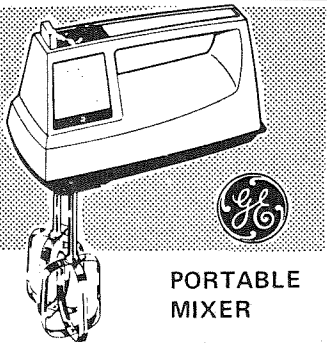


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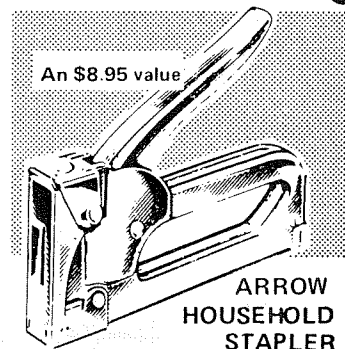
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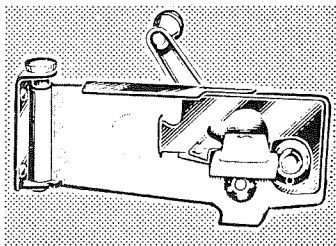
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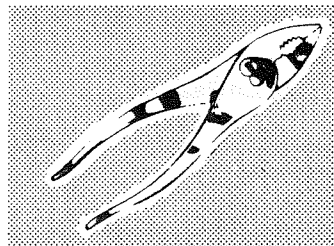
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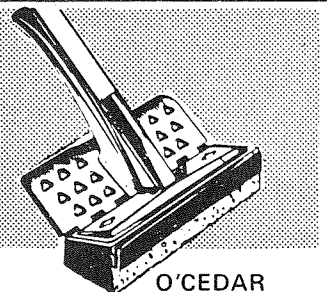


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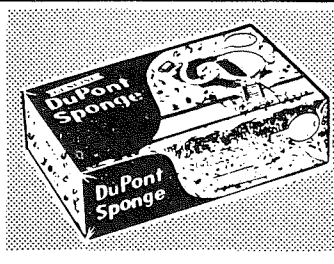
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# FOX HARDWARE

WEIDMAN

**THE WILL F. MARTINS TAKE QUITE A JOURNEY**

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Glenden Cassidy (Gladys Ley) took her step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Martin, of Beal City, to Toledo, O., for an examination of Mrs. Martin's hearing by a specialist there.

They stayed in St. Johns at the Cassidy home last Thursday and went on to Toledo next day, returning home here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy did the driving during the trip.

They all stopped off in Toledo and visited Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. Margaret Shetler, then drove on up to St. Johns where they stayed over night again, and back here. They drove nearly 600 miles Friday on the trip, they reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy visited relatives and friends while in this area, including a call on Gladys' old friend, Connie Skinner.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Howard Johnson of Fremont, Ohio, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mrs. Tom Powell and daughter, Karen, were Saturday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur were Saturday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. St. Germaine, at Clare. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur were Sunday evening visitors.

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

**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. William Riley was involved in an auto accident on the Coleman Road in front of the Paul Cole residence last Tuesday afternoon.

Paul Cole was parked in the Co-ops' parking lot this Tuesday afternoon when a car driven by John Lempke drove into his front fender.

The Paul Coles visited their sister, Mrs. Julius Allbee, at CMC Hospital, Tuesday. She was still in the intensive care unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bawkey of Muskegon were breakfast guests of the Paul Coles and Velma, Saturday morning. The Bawkeys then went to Pleasant Manor Rest Home in Mt. Pleasant and visited his aunt, Mrs. Annie Hanner.

The Paul Coles received word Saturday morning that they have a new great-grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reed are the proud parents and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell the proud grandparents.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, Wm. Wixson and Mrs. Coranna Shaner went to Owosso Saturday to visit their sister, Mrs. George Courter, in the hospital.

Mrs. Paulette Strong and children visited her grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Sunday. Cathy Shaner spent the weekend.

Sunday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mrs. Helen Mahon and Missy, Mrs. Mary Mikula and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Rich-

ard Mahon, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, and Mrs. Bernice Dennis, and Barbara Kripa.

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**Local Items**

Ula Cummins of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend at home here. They celebrated the birthday of her mother, Helen Smith, with a drive and dinner at McNeilly's Restaurant, Saturday.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler was a Saturday guest of her daughter and family, the Forrest Johnstons, of Rosebush. In the evening Jeanette and Mrs. Beutler attended the final performance of "The Sound of Music," by the Mt. Pleasant High School music and drama departments.

Fred Cole of Mt. Pleasant was a Monday caller of his aunt, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth. Howard Haskins and wife of Barryton were Sunday callers.

A family gathering of the Clark family was held Sunday at the Dennis Embrey home. Snowmobiling on the Beebe rifle range was enjoyed. Twenty-two family members enjoyed a hot-dog roast at the range, and supper at the Embrey home. Large herds of deer were sighted, to the huge enjoyment of the party.

A note from Carl and Daisy Embrey in Florida indicated they will be back home very soon.

*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, 6. 30 p. m., at the parsonage.

The choir is working hard on the Easter cantata, "Hallelujah What a Savior!" by John Peterson.

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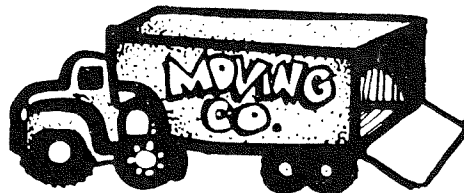
**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
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Rev. John A. Wright, Minister  
Phone 644-3604

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.

Don't forget our big date coming March 26. Rev. Harold Potter and his friend, Harlow, will be with us.

Once again we would remind you of those in the hospital who need our prayers: Eldon Groh in Ann Arbor for throat furgery; Mrs. Laura Latham is home, Mr. Sanford is also home. Mrs. Bark is in the Big Rapids Hospital for surgery Thursday.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Charles Garrett, Jr., and Miss Lynn Bennett were married Saturday in the Remus Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and children returned Friday from a week's vacation in Colorado Springs, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee.

Mrs. Henry Walters of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walters of Barryton were Sunday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were Tuesday evening visitors of Mrs. Crowley and Jay.

Mrs. Frank Haupt was hostess Thursday for the CMB Club.

Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Ruby Combs spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Leona Courser.

Dick Larson of Birch Run called on his folks, the Chris Larsons, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keysor and family of Saginaw were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauchlin MacGregor and children were Sunday visitors at the Garrett home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder and Mrs. Bea Adams and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie visited Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius attended the funeral of their uncle, Richard Brigham, of Cadillac, Monday.

Blanche Carr entertained the Busy Bees last Thursday. Eleven ladies were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kamp of Greenville were Tuesday evening guests of Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill were Sunday guests of Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaugher, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaugher and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaugher went to Nashville, Tenn., Thursday and stayed till Monday. They attended the Grand Ole Opry while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bentley and son of Hillsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn and granddaughter, Jennifer Rayborn, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ege and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward were Sunday evening guests at the Bunting home.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses of Flushing were Sunday guests of the Harold Kruegers.

The Youth Group of the Broomfield Zion Lutheran Church spent Sunday afternoon bowling at Mt. Pleasant.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marze Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, looks like Winter is back again with us this Monday morning. I do think it looks real pretty, even though I was looking forward to Spring.

Tuesday evening, March 7, the Coldwater Lake Association held its annual pot-luck dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

The Herb Morfords spent the weekend at their home in Upper Michigan. The Scott Frears are vacationing in Florida. The Richard Lichtenfelts are in North Carolina.

A week ago the Peter Lorenz and Clarence Ritter families visited the Bill Lorenz family near Mt. Pleasant, and enjoyed a few card games.

I called on Ruth Klumpp Friday afternoon to have her help me with our income-tax return.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and son, Billy Joe, spent Friday night with us. Saturday morning Jerry and Jane went to Detroit to the wedding reception for Jane's cousin. Craig and Linda Kandaris went with them. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Craig and Linda Kandaris and children are staying with her parents, the George Baders. They have just returned here after spending a year in Texas.

Billy Joe Schafer stayed Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, the Ed Schafers.

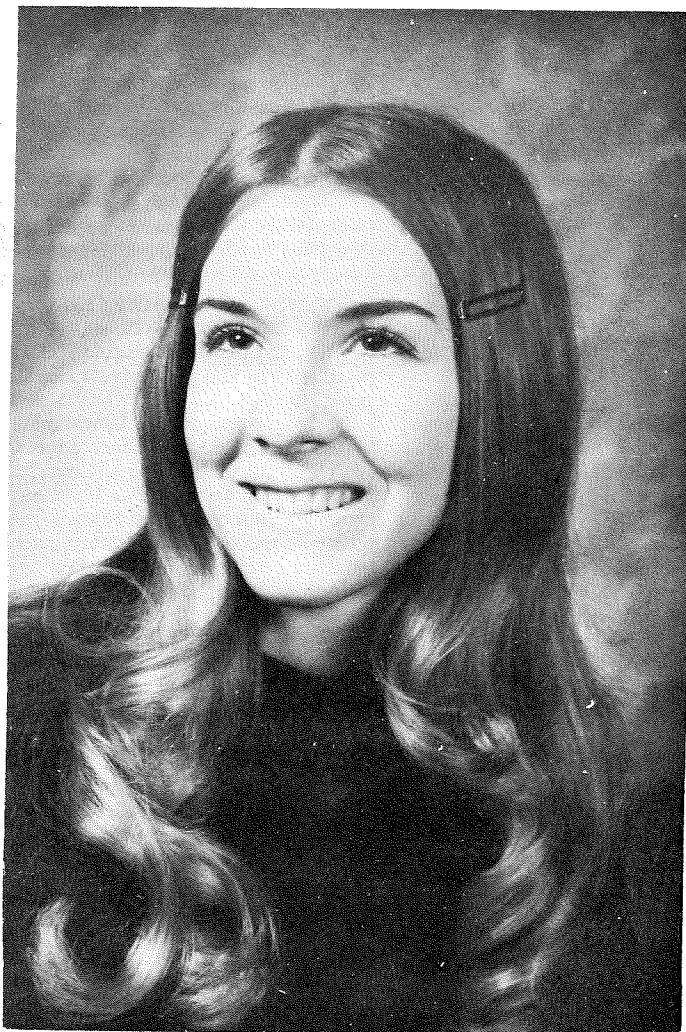
Leo and Lucille Schafer and Walt and Johanna Smith called on us Saturday night, and we enjoyed a few games of cards.

Visitors at the Peter Lorenz home Sunday were Leona Perrin, Bill Lorenz and son, Billy, the Ron Lorenz family, the Paul Simmer family, and the Bob Theisen family.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen were Sunday dinner guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Green, and Mrs. Clara Green, of Wheeler. They called on Alton's father, Floyd Allen, in a nursing home in St. Louis. They also called on their son, Alton, Jr., and family, also in St. Louis.



RHONDA GRUSS

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gruss announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda, to Airman First Class Carl E. Spayd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Spayd of Broomfield Township.

Miss Gruss is a 1971 graduate of the Beal City High School. Airman Spayd is a 1970 graduate of the Chippewa Hills High School.

He is stationed at Bentwaters, England, at an American Air Force base and is in security police at the base.

A July 7 wedding is being planned, after which the young couple will leave for England,

where the bridegroom will serve three years more at the base.

They plan to live about eight miles from the base.

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### WE MISS THE BEAL CITY NEWS THIS WEEK

We are missing the Beal City news this week on account of Monday's storm, which not only closed schools but also messed up mail-route deliveries.

Our Beal City news writer had her letter in the mail box, she said, but we did not receive it Tuesday morning at the post office.

We'll get it in next week.

# Congratulations

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks, the Gerald Dents. Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Thursday supper guests. Harold Krueger and family were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were Saturday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and family and Kenny Oplinger and his girl friend were Sunday dinner guests of the Earl Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Eddie attended the Garrett-Bennett wedding reception at Remus Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Friday evening with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Jeff and Brad, Woodrow Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jones and daughter were Saturday dinner guests at the Greg Martin home. The dinner was to honor the birthdays of Joe and Woodrow and Brad Martin, and Mrs. Jones.

The Joe Martin family attended the Garrett-Bennett wedding at Remus Saturday evening.

Mrs. Irene Keck and family of Ashley were Sunday dinner guests at the Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber of Farwell were Thursday guests of his sister, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Othel Denslow attended a concert at Warriner Hall on the campus at Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Denslow were Sunday dinner guests at the Opal Denslow home. The Kenneth Denslow family of Lansing were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mrs. Flora Wood were Sunday afternoon guests at the Paul Miller home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow returned home the first day of March from a 30-day trip to Mexico and Florida. She went with Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn and Mrs. Ruby Williams of Clare. When she got home she learned that her grandson, Ronald Denslow, son of the Junior Denslows of Lakeview, had returned home three weeks ahead of his schedule from Vietnam. He is home to stay.

Mrs. Opal Denslow had her children home Sunday for a family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett and Mrs. Thelma Grewett were Sunday visitors at the Benn Johnson home.

Bob and Bill Thompson attended a MYF bowling party at Blanchard Friday evening. They attended a band and orchestra festival at Ludington Saturday. Several other members of the band from this neighborhood also were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell

were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended the Lions' fish fry Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fish and girls of Waterford spent the weekend with the Merrihews. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Small and family of Smith Creek were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Small and twins of New Baltimore were afternoon and luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni spent Saturday over night with the Clayton Dutchers.

Jim Dutcher, Walter Howe, David Dutcher, Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and Becky and Kay Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Saturday evening. Beth Hogg called several times during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent Saturday over night with the Gary Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennicot of St. Charles. They visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, also.

Rev. and Mrs. James Linton and family of Midland were Sunday evening visitors of the Beutlers.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Kate Smith had Sunday dinner with her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and Kim spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys.

Mrs. Laura Latham returned home Saturday from the Clare Hospital, feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. Latham Sunday.

Mrs. Jeanette Hard spent Saturday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Latham. Jo Latham spent the weekend with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maguire of Gilmore and Dewey Allbee and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Friday.

Mrs. Sidney Wood and granddaughter, Becky Flaughter, were Saturday afternoon callers of the Olgers.

Callers at the John Gott home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Drake of Riverdale and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock of Brown City, Mich.

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker and family were Sunday evening visitors of the Lee Parker family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker spent Saturday evening at Warriner Auditorium on the campus at Mt. Pleasant, for the Singpiration, with a Gospel Quartet.

Small Mark St. John spent last week at CMC Hospital, suffering from respiratory difficulties.

Mrs. Leila Shook spent a few days last week with her sister, Mary Jane Irwin, at Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague attended the Credit Union dinner at the Sacred Heart cafeteria last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague stopped on the way home and attended the 50th anniversary Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jerred at Grant Township Hall.

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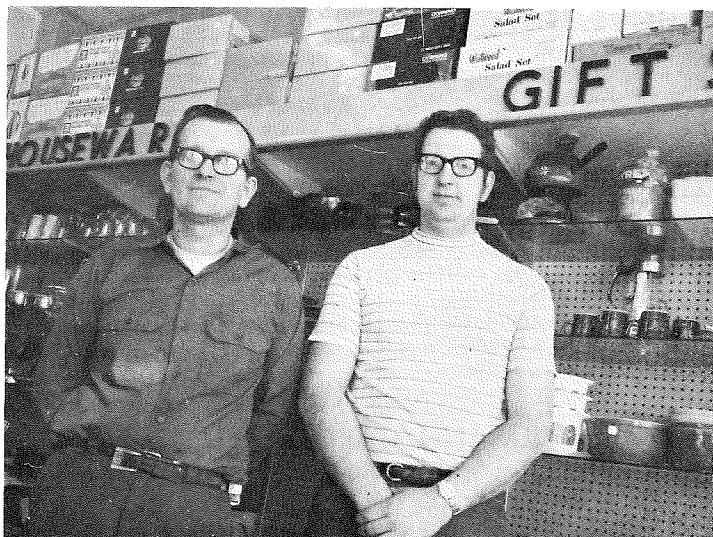
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### "CAREER CENTER" LOSES HEAVILY IN VOTE TALLY

For the record, here's the unofficial vote tally on last week's voting in the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District on the proposition of adding 2.7 mills to the school taxes and bonding to build a "career center" at Rodney.

In the five school districts contained in the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate District, the totals were Yes 1471, No 4018.

The Chippewa Hills School District vote: Yes 249, No 1,231. In the Big Rapids School District, Yes 606, No 1,251.

Reed City School District, Yes 301, No 690. In the Morley-Stanwood District, Yes 165, No 473. In the Evert School District, Yes 150, No 373.

At the Weidman polling place the count unofficially was Yes 63, No 383, with four spoiled ballots.

### AREA SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED TUESDAY

Area schools remained closed Tuesday in the aftermath of Monday's driving snowstorm.

Roads were blocked by drifted snow all through this area, including main highways, through Monday night. Tuesday morning roads were being dug out, but the job was an enormous one for the County road trucks and men.

Winds were down Tuesday morning, and temperatures up a little, nullifying to some extent the weather forecasts of further blizzard conditions and freezing rains.

March has not done well by Michigan, so far.

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Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Don Duzenbury of the Ojibwa Recreation Area.

### LIONS SERVE FISH SUPPER TO ABOUT 250 PEOPLE

The Weidman Lions Club served 250 fish suppers at their annual fish fry Friday evening at the Weidman School cafeteria.

Lions Club members were at a loss to explain the drop in attendance, which is always very high; but ice under snow, to our thinking, undoubtedly kept many elder folks at home.

Ye Ed and her sister, Frances Tranbarger, enjoyed the supper (on press tickets!) and Connie suddenly sat down on ice in the school yard on her way out to her car after supper.

Michigan weather has played some very nasty tricks on us all this winter.

Between 75 and 100 pounds of cod were in the freezers after the supper, and this is on sale to the public in three-pound packages at \$1.00 per pound, according to Lions Club members. Persons wishing to purchase fresh frozen codfish may contact any member of the Weidman Lions Club, which includes nearly all businessmen in Weidman.

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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.

Lela Whearett won first prize for the ladies, with Mary Larson low; pepper prize was won by Clara Fox.

The door prize was won by Mr. Mullett.

The next card party at the Rebekah Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, March 21.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman and family spent Sunday in Sunfield, helping celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Franks.

### FIRE DESTROYS OTTO HOME NEAR WEIDMAN

The home of Peter Otto, just north of the Harry Herman home, on the Johnson Road, was totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department answered a fire call at about 1.30 a.m., and fought the blaze till about 4.30 a.m., but were unable to save the house.

The house was the landmark Otto home for generations of Indian residents of Weidman.

The family escaped without injury, but with no possessions. They are staying with relatives near Mt. Pleasant.

The Department of Indian Affairs at Mt. Pleasant and the Weidman Fire Department Auxiliary and their men, from here and Beal City, have been rounding up clothes for the family, and will be accepting other items through the week.

By Monday afternoon it was learned that most of the clothing needed by the family of parents, three girls and a boy, had been met by fast-acting donors.

Still needed are all household items, including furniture and kitchenware, etc.

Donors may call the Indian Affairs office in Mt. Pleasant, 772-5700, or the home of the Assistant Fire Chief, Leon Schafer, in Weidman, 644-3501.

Mr. Otto has been working on the beginnings of a new house on the site of the landmark old house, but it is far from finished or habitable.

The family probably will occupy an unfurnished apartment on the Indian reservation east of Mt. Pleasant.

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Mrs. Iva May Holt of Mt. Pleasant was taken to the emergency room at CMC Hospital Sunday. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

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