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Editor's Column

By Connie

MARCH CAME IN....

Ole March came in last Wednesday, and you couldn't say it came in like a lamb, that's for sure. You could hardly say it came in like a lion, either, as it came in with freezing rain and sleet.

We'd suggest it came in like a skunk...real stinky.

And now to some serious cogitations about the School Board:

After studying the Letter to the Editor by Ivan Allen in last week's Messenger, we have come to some conclusions about the way the School Board conducts its meetings and the way the school is run.

The School Board meets on the second Tuesday night of each month.

Meetings begin at 8 p. m. and usually wind up around 1.30 a. m. About five and a half hours.

Ivan Allen said that if the public wants to know what's going on (at the School Board meetings) the public will have to get out and attend the sessions.

The School Board meets in the Board Room of the new five-million-dollar high school down near Remus.

The public is notified it must drive down there, sit through five and a half hours of Board action or inaction, and drive back home after 1.30 in the morning.

We have a suggestion for the School Board:

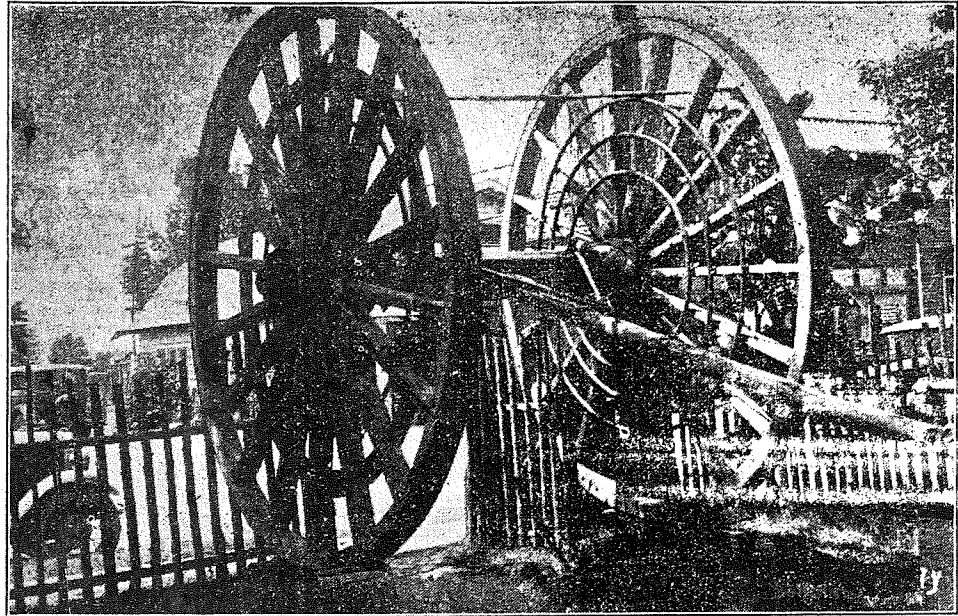
All members of the Board are successful business or professional men. All are free on Saturday afternoons.

What reason could be given for not having the Board meetings on Saturday afternoons instead of the dead of night on Tuesdays?

Ivan Allen says, "So, if the people want to know what's going on, they'd better start showing up at the School Board meetings."

Pardon us, but "the people" are the taxpayers who cough up the money to build and run the far-flung Chippewa Hills School District.

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BIG WHEELS USED IN LUMBERING DAYS OF MICHIGAN. You have to stand beneath the great Hartwick Pines to understand what this area once was. Isabella County, along with all of the Mitten of Michigan and across the Straits and on into Wisconsin and Minnesota, were stripped of the virgin white pine by lumber men from Maine, after the Maine forests had been "cleaned out". The migration of timber men and Maine lumberjacks began as early as 1836, when Charles Merrill of Lincoln, Maine, bought a vast block of timber on the St. Clair River. "It was the first sign of things to come," as author Stuart H. Holbrook remarked in "Holy Old Mackinaw," a sometimes lewd but acknowledged authentic history of timbering in the United States. Lumber men paid \$1.25 per acre for the land, buying it outright from the government. A dollar and a quarter an acre was the standard price of Michigan land, forested with trees like those at Hartwick Pines, for years, according to author Holbrook. Saginaw and Bay City were the sawmill towns, and they grew like Jack's bean stalk--big and rapidly. The Bancroft House Hotel was built in Saginaw in 1859. Lumbering for white pine was still going on over the Lower Peninsula, and the big lumber barons took only white pine, leaving all other trees for other far-sighted men who arrived here later. The above picture is a reprint from a very old copy of the Weidman Messenger, in the days when Rolla Roe was editor. This picture and short piece are our attempt at a sort of prologue to A History of Weidman which we hope to print now and then in the Messenger.

LIONS CLUB FISH FRY IS THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

The Weidman Lions Club will hold its annual fish fry this Friday evening, March 10, at the Weidman School in the cafeteria.

Serving begins at 5 p. m. and continues till 7.30.

The Lions really know how to put on a fish fry, and their annual fish supper is a real event.

Proceeds go to the various charitable and civic endeavors of the Lions Club.

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Mrs. Cherie Eberbach of Lansing spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

VOTING ON SCHOOL MILLS IS THIS THURSDAY

The Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, which takes in the Chippewa Hills School District, has called an election this Thursday, March 9, for taxpayers to vote on a proposed 2.7 extra millage to be added to the school taxes.

The Intermediate District proposes to buy land and build a "career center" at Rodney for high school students not planning to attend college.

We already have two very good "career centers" for the area, one in Ferris State College at Big Rapids, and the other in Mid-Michigan Community Col-

lege at Harrison.

Be sure you get to those polls before they close, to cast your vote one way or the other.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herman and daughter, Christine, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Estes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, celebrating the birthdays of Mr. Turnbull and Mrs. Herman.

Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Mr. and Mrs. Cleland Cook and Kathy of Bath, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon. They all enjoyed snowmobiling, in spite of blustery March weather.

Russell Wright of Brinton visited at the Schrock home Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray went to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday, bringing Ward Loomis to his home at Sherman City. Mrs. Loomis, who had spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray while her husband was in the hospital, returned home with them.

Mr. Gray attended the supper and movies Wednesday evening at the Weidman School sponsored by the Weidman Lions Club for Senior Citizens, enjoying the event.

Rev. Eldridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Friday evening, enjoying ice cream and birthday cake in honor of Kurt Conley's third birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and Loretta and Terri Clark were also guests for the occasion. Happy Birthday, Kurt!

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

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family Friday evening.

Kyle Denslow was a Saturday overnight guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. Mrs. Lyle Denslow and Mrs. Dale Denslow attended a family dinner and gathering of her father's (Mike Abbott's) sister's children at Deerfield Center Sunday. One of the cousins attending was Mrs. Mildred Johnson of San Jose, California. Several members of the Young and Abbott families, and Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Brian, Jill and Kathy of rural Remus also attended.

Mrs. Alma Dosenberry began sewing instructions three evenings a week, Monday and Wednesday evenings at Mt. Pleasant, and Tuesday evenings at the Chippewa Hills High School, starting this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock attended the chili supper and other goodies sponsored by the Youth Group of the Brinton Chapel at

the Brinton Community Hall Saturday evening.

Sunday, March 5, marked the 38th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Schrock. Congratulations and Best Wishes for many more, Art and Annabel!

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., of Lake Windoga were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, and Stacey.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky visited Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis at Sherman City Tuesday evening. She reported Mr. Loomis visited his doctor in Mt. Pleasant Thursday and again Saturday. He is improving in health.

Ronald Stanley of Weidman came out on his Skidoo Sunday morning and had dinner with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. He went over to Gilbert Schrock's, and they all enjoyed snowmobiling in the Walker Creek area.

We planned on visiting my sisters in Clare but, due to snow and blustery winds and blocked roads, didn't venture out. We called at the Donald Stanley home Friday afternoon to wish Richard a Happy Birthday. He was 11 years old Monday, March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss, Jr., of Lake Windoga visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leiter, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck returned home Monday morning after spending the weekend in Grand Haven and Spring Lake, visiting their daughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent, who recently returned from Mexico, visited at the Dillenbeck home Friday evening.

Donald Stanley is a patient at the Clare Hospital. He had acute gastritis. We visited him Monday.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland had lunch with the Clayton Dutchers Friday. The Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests. The Jim Dutchers and Walter Howe, Larry Cook, Brenda Methner, Brian Dutcher, Larry Sisco, David Dutcher and Richard Dutcher were Saturday callers.

George Merrihew attended the Lions Club supper at the Weidman School Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee called on the Merrihews Thursday, and Edna went to town with them.

Diane Beutler spent Sunday afternoon and over night with Laurel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson spent Sunday with the Harry Hardenburghs and Emory Dell. Ernie Dell of Middleville and son, Bob, and wife of South Haven visited Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Florence, in Lansing. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stadtfeld of Remus Wednesday evening.

Virgil Gatehouse and Marie Matheson of Remus were Sunday visitors of the Harry Gatehouses.

Luann Maeder visited her folks Saturday.

The Gary Gatehouses returned home from their trip to Florida Sunday evening.

The Bob Hogg family visited the Ervin Dutchers Saturday.

The Ervin Dutchers visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday. Steve Dutcher was home for the weekend.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: To all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the Township of Nottawa, County of Isabella, State of Michigan:
 The Board of Review of Nottawa Township will meet Monday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 14, at the Nottawa Township Hall, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing township assessment rolls.
 ERNEST SCHMIDT
 Supervisor
 Nottawa Township
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Notice

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

Notice

BOARD OF REVIEW--Of Sherman Township meets March 13 and 14 at the Sherman Township Hall, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. For the purpose of reviewing township assessment rolls.
 EARL OPLINGER
 Supervisor, Sherman Township
 Mar. 9t1

FARM FOR SALE
 120 acres, with good buildings, \$30,000, cash or on contract. Two miles north and 3 1/2 miles west of Rosebush. Andrew Little, ph. 433-2296.
 Mar. 9t3p

SNOWMOBILERS--That is private land you're crossing west of Connie Skinner's home toward Lake of the Hills. Will you please call at my place and get permission.
 Connie Skinner
 Phone 644-2000
 Mar. 9tf

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

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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 Mar. 9tf

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

WANTED--Children to care for in my licensed home. Phone 772-1987.
 Mar. 9t1

SPOTS before your eyes--On you new carpet--remove them with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman.
 Mar. 9t1

Obituary

ROSALIE M. BENN
 Mrs. Wilbur Benn (Rosalie) of Shepherd died Sunday, March 5, a short while after being taken to CMC Hospital, apparently suffering a heart attack.
 Both Wilbur and Rosalie have many friends here, Wilbur being the brother of Frank Benn and Rosalie a sister of Bill Kaninsky.
 Two children of the Shepherd Benns are Weidman residents, Mrs. Mary Starr, daughter, and Frank E. Benn, both teachers in the Chippewa Hills Schools system.

Rosalie M. Benn was born April 25, 1904, in Pittsburgh, Pa. The Kaninsky family lived many years in Weidman, and Rosalie and Wilbur Benn moved to Shepherd and operated a successful restaurant there until failing health demanded their retirement.

She was an active member of the Shepherd United Methodist Church, and also an active member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges.
 Survivors include her husband, Wilbur; one son, Frank; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Liming (Phyllis) of Drayton Plains, Mrs. Donald Starr (Mary) of Weidman, and Mrs. Donald Hicks (Marjorie) of Remus;

Also 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Felix Stevens of Sanford and Joseph Stevens of Lansing, and one sister, Mrs. Wm. Phillips (Julia) of Rosebush.
 Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 8, at 2 p.m. from the Garber Funeral Home in Shepherd with Rev. Albert Rill officiating. Interment was in the Salt River Cemetery at Shepherd.
 The family has the sympathy of its many friends.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Martin of Beal City were Friday afternoon callers of Connie Skinner.
 Mrs. Hazel Oberlin of Mecosta sent us a copy of the Messenger with the following note: "Again I see in the paper a lady wants the Jan. 27 paper, so I am sending in mine. I always save them a while so if anyone wants it." We do thank you, Mrs. Oberlin!
 BETTER THAN A LETTER

Obituary

MARY HOFFMAN

Mrs. Mary Hoffman of rural Barryton died last Wednesday, Mar. 2, at Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview. She was 79.

She was born Jan. 11, 1893, in Mecosta County.

Surviving are her husband, Roy; two daughters, Mrs. Alvin Goodno (Esther) of rural Remus and Mrs. Carl Enlow (Doris) of Albion, Ill.; four grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Clarence Tice, of Mt. Pleasant.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 4, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Glenn Lyons officiating. Burial was made in Sherman City Cemetery.

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Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends, relatives and neighbors for all the cards and flowers sent me and prayers offered while I was in the hospital.

A special Thanks to Father Bur for his spiritual help and to Dr. Dean for his professional care.
Coletta Gross

Card of Thanks

I would like to take this time to thank all the people of Weidman and Beal City for their acts of kindness to Vern and the kids.

A special Thanks to the Wil-mots and Baxters and all those who have brought in food and who have offered to watch the kids;

To Dave and Doris McArthur, who, on a second's notice several times, took and kept the children;

Thanks to the OES for the flowers.

God bless you all
Carol Miller
Saginaw County Hospital

Local Items

A birthday party was held honoring Mrs. Lela Whearett Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Edna Schultz. It was a surprise for Lela, and all enjoyed the evening. Present were Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mrs. Nina Forbes, Mrs. Kit Johnson, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, and Mrs. Claribel Beutler, and the guest of honor. Cards were enjoyed, and birthday cake and ice cream were served.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD EDWARD SCHAFER

Joanne Chapman, daughter of Virginia Lyness of Weidman and Clarence Chapman of Shepherd, became the bride of Ronald Edward Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer of Beal City, on Feb. 11. Father S.A. Bur officiated at the rites in St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City.

A reception was held following the ceremony, in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City, where a buffet lunch was served.

Guests attended from Mt. Pleasant, Weidman, Beal City, Clare Shepherd, Winn, Flint, Hemlock, Grayling, Big Rapids, St. Johns, Grand Rapids, and Barryton.

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Local Items

A group of young married couples enjoyed snowmobiling on a trail led by Jim Perrine on a safari that led to Lake George, Saturday evening.

Jodi Sprague spent Friday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mrs. Bessie Teall of Mt. Pleasant was a supper guest. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and Pami and Jodi were Saturday supper guests.

MEETING WITH SKUNK SICKENS POLICE DOG

(Editor's Note: we received the following account from the New York Times of Feb. 10, from our brother, Charles Roe, of Tarrytown, N. Y.)

Erie, Pa.--Chief of the Erie Police Department's K-9 patrol Sam Gemelli was surprised at a report signed by Duke, one of the department's dogs:

"Sir: While in pursuit of a suspect a 4 a. m. I got on the wrong track and was powder-puffed by a Peppy Lepew, a skunk of local address.

"After having a bath to no avail, as my snout doesn't work and I'm wondering if this falls into the 'injured on duty' category.

"If so, please let me know--not necessarily in person--as I am very sick and not smelling very well."

Duke said nothing in his report about his master, Patrolman Jim Perfetto, who got skunked along with Duke when the dog checked out some rustling bushes in pursuit of a prowler.

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Mrs. Wm. Brown was hostess at a birthday party for her husband last Tuesday evening. A dozen people were guests, and enjoyed visiting and a delightful lunch served by Mrs. Brown.

GUNS--GUNS--GUNS--Over 600 guns in stock, new and used, at discount prices. For list with prices, send stamped self-addressed envelope to Jay's Gun Shop, 311 E. 7th St., Clare, Mich. 48617.

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LIONS CLUB

FISH FRY

FRIDAY
MARCH 10

WEIDMAN SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Serving 5 to 7.30 P.M.
Admission: Adults \$2.00
Children under 12, \$1.00

MENU--Fish, all you can eat;
French fries; salad; rolls;
butter; coffee; dessert.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barz left Sunday morning for Las Vegas. They will be gone a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, Jr., and Wayne spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Schmalbach and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schafer and family.

Cheri Schmalbach spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp and Donna and Cindy spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Terry Klumpp is taking therapy treatments at CMC Hospital three days a week.

Rick Klumpp moved his trailer house to a new location near the Airport in Mt. Pleasant.

Dannie Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer returned home from California and spent Friday with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Donald Pung has a new truck.

Mrs. Louis Rau spent Friday afternoon with Louise Smith. Dollie Rau was a caller. Mrs. Walter Rau and Ginger and Debbie spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Smith.

Miss Kathy Bierschbach of Lansing spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jute Bierschbach and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Theisen are the proud parents of a baby boy, born March 3.

Thomas Tilmann spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and family. He attends the University in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and son, Gary, spent a few days in Florida.

George Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Straus, was called to the home of Connie Skinner in Weidman Monday to replace a lock on her west storm-door. This is the second time within six months that the same lock has been forced at Connie's home in Weidman. George is in construction work with his father, and he did a fast and neat job of replacing the busted door lock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sherman of Big Rapids are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Sherman is the former Victoria Schafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer of Beal City.

James Kremsreiter was hurt in a snowmobile accident about 2 a.m. Sunday morning at the intersection of Winn and Beal City Roads (downtown Beal City), as he and his passenger on the machine, Karl Gruss, encountered a car driven by Dennis L. Beemer of Evart, and another car, met at the corner and the Beemer

car swerved to avoid the snowmobile, according to police records.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Rusty Alwood left March 1 for a southern vacation. He visited friends in Missouri a few days, and called his parents Saturday evening from Alabama. The next day he was in Tampa, Florida. He planned to visit his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmonda and other area folks down there.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott are vacationing near the Harold Bransons in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood visited his sister, Orma Kripa, at CMC Hospital Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Kripa returned home Sunday, and hoped to go back to work soon.

Mrs. Connie Methner called at the Don Alwood home Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy enjoyed lunch at the John Gott home Sunday. Jim Alwood cleaned the snow from their driveway.

Mrs. Elvah Gott, Mrs. Bessie Allen and Mrs. Wanda Graham spent last Tuesday in Saginaw. Wanda and Bessie called on Carol Miller at the hospital. Elvah spent the afternoon with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Marjorie Dodge, at her apartment. She entered St. Mary's Hospital Monday for surgery Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen of Mt. Pleasant had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Saturday.

Steve Aldrich attended the wedding of a friend at Goodrich and spent two weeks with his uncle, Jim Wright, at Clarkston. Miss Linda Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant and friend, Ken Brown, of Rosebush, called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, and Kelley, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich celebrated their 21st anniversary March 3. They met some friends at Falsetta's in Big Rapids for dinner, and had a nice time together.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg and family of Rosebush.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

One doctor here at Saginaw County Hospital has given me a lot of encouragement. He wonders just why I am here, but they don't know for sure.

They started a battery of tests and have many more to go.

So far, a couple of people have recognized me--they call me Cookie. You see, 12 years ago I took two months' nurses' train-

ing here on this very floor, and three of us lived in the apartments on the grounds. And a couple of kids who I knew and lived with in Bay City for four years are still in this area, and they have been in.

Vern tells me so many people have rallied and offered help, and we all appreciate it. Wish I could go home to thank them myself, but not right now. Soon,

I hope!

Carol (Cookie) Miller
Saginaw County Hospital
Saginaw Rd., Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Argyros of Ortonville have purchased Lot 172 on Plat No. 3 of Lake of the Hills. The lot is one of several just west of the old Roe home-
stead in Weidman, on the lake.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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.

Youth Rally Saturday, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Clare.

Sunday was the first day of our contest. We had 70 present for Sunday School. A very good attendance in weather such as we have been having.

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.

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

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

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
George Getchel, Pastor.

Located northeast of Weidman on the Coleman Road.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
Bible School, 10.30 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Weidman Messenger

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YOUR TAXPAYERS AT WORK

(Isabella County Taxpayers' Association)

By Claire Spence

Our neighbors to the north are organizing a Clare County Taxpayers' Association. The steering committee asked the Isabella Association to send members to their meeting recently. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cole, Mrs. Della Walker, Ron Ervin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spence.

The meeting was well attended. About 135 people were present, and they included a wonderful cross-section of people from all county sections, all walks of life. We wish them luck, and think they have a great deal of it going for them.

Three Clare County Commissioners attended. One kept alluding to "the experts from Isabella County". Della Walker finally told the Commissioner that we did not pretend to be experts, but had come as friends, by invitation, to be of any help we could. Mrs. Walker received spontaneous applause from the audience.

The Commissioner seemed genuinely upset that the "experts from Isabella" were there, and the reason why made for interesting discussion at the coffee hour following the meeting.

The problem in Clare County is a proposed zoning ordinance. The Commissioners are unable to explain certain parts of it, but they insist it has to be good, if not understood, because it was prepared by an expert. If price is any indication, it must be good: The expert cost \$26,000.

Our Association was formed primarily because we believed people had a right to question, receive correct information and to express opinions. We do feel that with this right goes the duty and responsibility of using correct facts, whether the user be an individual or an organization. We try to clarify facts that appear and might be misleading.

Let's keep in mind that the prosecuting attorney's position is a part-time job. If not, Mr. Fox could not have a private practice.

Let's understand that Mr. Fox does not contribute his private office, or private staff, to the county. For 1972 his department has a budget of around \$30,000. He is allowed fees for an assistant.

Any of the facts can be found by looking at the budget, or the monthly financial reports. If anyone has an opinion on whether this part-time position is under- or over-paid, it might be well to base the opinion on facts.

Some other facts: The Automobile Club says 60 percent of the snowmobile deaths in Isabella County, so far this year, have

involved automobiles.

Rep. John Engler is sponsoring a bill to allow snowmobiles to operate on any county road. The bill would make any restrictions the responsibility (and expense, we assume) of county road commissions.

Conclusion: People should let Mr. Engler know how they feel about such a bill, either from the safety viewpoint or because of the use of county road funds for a purpose which is being passed by state determination.

Another fact: Mr. Engler voted Yes on the governor's transportation package. The bill failed by six votes, but will be coming up again soon.

Originally this bill was to increase gasoline and diesel fuel tax by 1.3 cents per gallon, and included an increase in weight tax.

Then it was amended to two cents taxes on gasoline only. Evidently the often-mentioned "powerful highway lobby" isn't as powerful as some other lobbies--at least not in protecting the small out-state counties.

Whether Mr. Engler is aware of the amendments to this bill, or their implications, is not known. When questioned on the reason for his vote, he said this bill "is better than no bill because the counties need more money for roads."

The Association has been waiting for a copy of the bill with its amendments as voted upon, as well as any additional amendments.

At present the value to anyone but the metro area seems pretty well beclouded by amendments that seem to give, and others that take, and it is impossible to determine whether a county will get more or less than in the past. But it appears it could easily be less...in the out-state areas with small populations; the value to the metro area transit systems seems clear and stable.

This bill does not have to be passed this year. The little counties might be better getting along for one year without an increase in funds than to find themselves getting along for five or 10 years with only a token increase at best, possibly with a decrease in funds.

Each year the small out-state counties have an increase in road usage because of metro residents who vacation and use the out-state resorts. In addition the counties' own traffic increases.

The small out-state counties are not asking the metro area to subsidize our problems, but we aren't very anxious to solve metro's--and certainly not at the risk of making our own harder to solve because of lack of funds.

If you feel a hazy, hasty bill is

worse than no bill at all, you should inform Mr. Engler. And you might ask for a copy of the transportation bill and all amendments to date. (You can call 120-373-0834).

While you're in contact, don't forget to thank Mr. Engler if you are in favor of Senior Citizens over 72 not having to apply for their property tax exemption each year. Mr. Engler voted for this amendment, although it lost.

When there is more information, the Association will go into this bill more deeply, even if only to tell you what the small out-state counties will have to live with for the next five or ten years.

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We mentioned the luck of Clare County in having so many interested citizens representing such a cross-section of professions. Clare also seems lucky to have a Representative in Lansing who remembers he is supposed to represent the interests of the small counties and have an understanding of their problems. Mr. Holbrook voted against the transportation package.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton, Ray Kirvan of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan and Mrs. Irene Calkins of Rosebush were visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood during last week. Evelyn Roberts of Lansing spent Saturday with her. Geraline Johnson was also a visitor.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and four children returned Saturday night after spending two weeks in sunny Florida. They visited her father, Leon McArthur, at Tampa, spending a week there. They spent some time at Fort Pierce, and went on to Fort Lauderdale, and Clermont, visiting friends.

Small Mark St. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John, returned home last Tuesday, after a five-day stay in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and family of Algonac and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family of Flushing spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer.

Miss Barb Baker was a Saturday supper guest at the Richard Sprague home.

Mrs. Emily Wood reported a large pink morning glory in bloom March 5, in a window of her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Saturday evening guests at the Gary McArthur home.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bowen of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family. George Miller was also a visitor.

Mrs. Vern Miller (Carol) was admitted to CMC Hospital over a week ago for treatment of pneumonia. She was transferred to Saginaw County Hospital for extensive tests for tb.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sopocy and daughter of Ashley were Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mrs. Betty Martin attended a baby shower Saturday evening at the Ronald Miller home, honoring Mrs. Lillian Byron.

Mrs. John Cross and daughter were Friday callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow had all their children home for Sunday dinner.

The Benn Johnson family spent the weekend at Lake City, snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Sunday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home.

They were snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended the funeral of her uncle in Lansing Friday.

Jim Wright of Clarkston spent the weekend here with his folks, the Wilbur Wrights. Callers at the Wright home last week were Norman Miller and son, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Baynes and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan stopped in at the Wilbur Wright home Saturday, on a snowmobile safari.

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FLORA WOOD HAS LIGHT-FINGERED VISITOR

Flora Wood had an experience last Monday she doesn't care to have repeated, she reports.

Monday afternoon a bearded youth whose car had stalled south of her house appeared and asked to use the telephone.

He did not get his party. He got the bright idea, as he started to leave, of helping himself to the part he needed, off Mrs. Wood's car. He kicked the garage door open (it was nailed shut), went in and took the distributor off her car and took off on the run.

We know who he is, Mrs. Wood says. She said she is used to skunks but not two-legged ones.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and three children left Friday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee and baby in Colorado Springs, Colo. They plan to return some time next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and Mrs. Leona Courser were in Grand Rapids, shopping, Thursday.

Mrs. Bob Cook called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo

and family spent the weekend in Fort Wayne, Ind., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dean Doering and family. Mr. Doering and Louis were classmates at Ferris State College.

Mrs. Lucille Bollman spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. Chris Larson was discharged from CMC Hospital Tuesday, after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson of Tuscola were Monday visitors of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nichols of Shields were Tuesday visitors of the Larsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook and Sandra went to Owosso Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge. They all went to visit their sister, Frieda, at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Schultz and Chuckie and Micky of Swartz Creek were Friday guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughter and family and Richard Flaughter were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter.

Leland Hines and daughter of Barryton and Blane Sellers visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Lena Cole called on her doctor last Monday, and was to report for x-rays Wednesday at CMC Hospital.

The Paul Coles visited Orma Kripa at CMC Hospital Monday.

Mrs. Mabel Bearse and Mrs. Beulah Wixson were Tuesday dinner guests of the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell is staying with her son, Edgar, and family, while Mrs. Wardwell is in CMC Hospital. Mrs. Wardwell had surgery Monday of this week.

Mrs. Lucille Allbee was admitted to CMC Hospital Saturday night suffering from a heart attack. She was in the intensive care unit.

Wm. Wixson visited his sister, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, and Patty, Saturday.

Mrs. Orma Kripa returned home Sunday after several days in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Lois Shea and Mrs. Judy Jacobs were called home due to the severe illness of their mother, Mrs. Julius Allbee.

A Monday morning caller of the Paul Coles was Richard Mahon. Dick and Paul made a business trip to Barryton.

The chili supper held Saturday evening at the Brinton Hall was poorly attended, due to the bad weather and bad roads.

Kathy Shaner spent the weekend with Grandma Hart.

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We had one good typical March day, anyhow: Tuesday our thermometer registered 41.

Coldwater Lake

Marge Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, winter is still here, as some of our roads were drifted shut Monday morning, and no school at Beal City.

Terry Klumpp and Don Schafer and daughter, Josette, called here last Monday.

We kept grandson Billy Joe Schafer while his parents, Jerry and Jane Schafer, spent Friday evening playing cards with Rick and Pam Klumpp at the Robert Klumpp home.

A week ago the Wayne Sherlock family spent the weekend

here. Wayne helped Ed and Jerry Schafer tear down the old Broomfield church. Last Saturday the last wall was torn down.

Leo and Lucille Schafer took us for a ride Sunday. We stopped in at Al Jennings' home on the Shepherd Road to look at a trailer home Bill Schafer planned on buying.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reihl. Mrs. Brown and children visited her mother, Mrs. Frances Reihl, Sunday.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
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"The people" are entitled to know "what's going on" at the Board meetings, with no information held back, at "Paul" Jorgensen's or anyone else's request. "The people" put up the money which makes possible the Chipewewa Hills Schools.

Let's have a little sense at last on the proposition of free information freely given to those who pay the salaries of Mr. Jorgensen et al, and also the "operating expenses" of the schools.

If the administration insists on running the School Board and calling the shots on what shall be known by the public and what shall not, then we need a new administration.

If the present School Board insists on its night meetings in the woods out of Remus, and if it insists on holding back information it feels should not be divulged to the public, then we need a new School Board.

Let's wake up and ask for a little sense in the operation of our multi-million-dollar schools.

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LIONS CLUB PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS A SUCCESS

Last Wednesday evening the Weidman Lions Club hosted 27 Senior Men of this area at a "retirement supper" at the Weidman School cafeteria.

The project was to entertain the Senior Citizen men of this area, help them get acquainted, and generally enjoy themselves as guests of the Lions.

Last Wednesday evening was a rip-snorter weatherwise, and the Lions are happy with the good attendance of brave elders who came out.

There were 42 for supper, with the Senior guests, the Lions and their ladies. The Lionesses served a delicious supper of ham, scalloped potatoes, and other details, pot-luck. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The effort of the Lions was to get Senior retired men living in the area to get to know one another and the Lions. Five Seniors came from Lake Isabella, three from the Ojibwa Recreation Area, and two from Lake of the Hills, all relative newcomers to this area.

Seniors were also present from Nottawa, Sherman, Gilmore and Coldwater Townships.

The official film of the Detroit Tigers' great pennant-winning year of 1968, when they won the World Series, was enjoyed.

The Weidman Lions Club hope to make this an annual event.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

FOX HARDWARE LOSES GUNS AND AMMUNITION IN SUNDAY BREAKIN

The Fox Hardware in Weidman was broken into some time Sunday, according to police reports, and about \$500 worth of merchandise stolen.

Taken were four rifles and an unknown amount of ammunition, and a small portable television set.

State police said entry was gained by breaking a window and reaching through to unlock a door.

No progress on the case was reported Tuesday morning.

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DOWNSTATE TOWNSHIP SUES STATE TAX COMMISSION

The Township of Cooper, in Kalamazoo County, has filed a suit against the Michigan State Tax Commission over a "factor" plastered on real estate properties there.

The situation apparently parallels that of Coldwater Township in Isabella County, when Township Supervisor Lewis Bowen appealed to the State Tax Commission on behalf of the whole township after Gem Survey whizzed through.

For Coldwater Township, the State Tax Commission not only denied any hearing, but slapped a "factor" of 48 on Coldwater Township real estate, bringing taxes much higher than even Gem Survey had put them.

In a news letter to Township Supervisors, the Michigan Township Association says that the Michigan State Supreme Court has ordered the State Tax Commission to hear complaints of Cooper Township.

The Supreme Court also indicated that it wants Cooper Township to return to the Supreme Court if it is not satisfied after the Tax Commission considers its complaints.

"This is a breakthrough of momentous import," the State Township Association said in its news letter. "It is an opportunity at long last for local units of government and individuals to be accorded the dignity of a full hearing before the Tax Commission."

The Michigan Township Association is asking contributions of \$10 from the personal money of all Township Supervisors to help Cooper Township carry through its legal procedure.

It is estimated that legal fees for that purpose will run about to \$50,000.

Anyone may contribute to the fund for Cooper Township's fight against the State Tax Commission. Contributors may send checks or money orders to Michigan Township Association Legal Defense Fund, 3121 West Saginaw, Lansing 48917.

In Isabella County, that we

know of, Miles Loomis and the Ojibwa Recreation Area have petitions to the State Tax Commission with no announced action at this time.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 14 TABLES IN PLAY

The Beal City Senior Citizens' card party was much enjoyed last Thursday, with 14 tables of pepper in play.

Two birthdays were observed: That of Joe Stevens March 2, who is still in the Medical Facility at Mt. Pleasant; (We hope he'll soon be home) and Will Martin, who was 80 years old March 6.

All sang Happy Birthday to Mr. Martin, and wished the same for Mr. Stevens another year.

Kate Schumacher won first prize for the ladies, with Eva Ansty winning second.

John Cotter won first for the

men, with Jack Schafer winning second.

Edna Schultz won the pepper prize, and the door prize was won by Kate Cotter.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be March 16.

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Local Items

Mrs. Vera Hagerman returned home Friday, after spending two weeks with relatives in Allegan and Kalamazoo. Her daughter, Mrs. Mavis Querbach, brought her home and spent a few days with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell spent last week at Spring Lake, visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell, and small daughter. They spent Sunday afternoon with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy, at Harrison.

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