

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Editor's Column

By Connie

HERE COME THE WINTER HOLIDAYS

So here we are in the winter holidays, with Thanksgiving this week (the Messenger is dated on Thanksgiving Day), Christmas around the corner, New Year's, and then the really big holiday of the year, the Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm, in February.

We did have three beautiful weeks in November, for which we may be thankful the rest of the long haul. (It'll be a long haul, too-it always is, in Michigan!)

We had real troubles in the August floods, September was a cold and unfriendly washout, October was nothing to love, but early November was a joy. (So we got our first snow Monday night, so what?)

So, whatever comes our way--and it will--we have had a beautiful November, and now we only have to face up to December, January, February, and whatever March may bring, and lo! It's spring again.

I personally am looking toward beginning gardening in the spring, having dropped out of all gardening from July on, this summer.

Next spring I'll be out there, if I'm on hands and knees all the way. (But I don't plan to be on hands and knees--the busted ankle is coming along fine now, thank you, after ridding the spot of osteo-ar-thur-itis, an old-folks' ailment. It's no joke, however. Arthritis can lay a person flat, believe me.)

So--to all arthritis sufferers, and to all you beautiful younger folks out there, we offer our best hopes for a decent winter and a short one. We all deserve a break--today, and through the winter.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. David Flower returned home Sunday after spending 10 days with the Tom Flower children and his wife. Tom was deer hunting with his father at Kalkaska during the time.



ED OPLINGER RECEIVES AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE--Alpha Trivette (left), National president of the Future Farmers of America, presents the American Farmer Degree to Ed Oplinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger of rural Weidman (Horr). The American Farmer degree is the highest degree of membership in the FFA. It was present to Ed, along with degrees to 702 other FFA members during the 48th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 11-14.

Ed is a 1972 graduate of Chipewewa Hills High School, and his vocational agriculture instructor was Dan Latendresse of the Chipewewa Hills High School.

Ed is one-third owner of the Oplinger farming and beef-raising operation of the family.

Ed was nominated for the high-honors degree by the Michigan FFA Association. Ed received his degree in a special ceremony Nov. 13 in Kansas City. Only students who have earned the State Farmer degree are eligible for the American Farmer degree.

In addition to having earned the State Farmer degree, candidates for the American Farmer degree must have been active members of the FFA continuously for at least three years. They must have a record of participation in local and state FFA activities, and they must have completed all vocational agriculture instruction offered in their high schools.

American Farmer applicants

must have earned at least \$1,000 by their own efforts through their occupational experience program, and must have their earnings productively invested or deposited in a bank. Finally, the American Farmer candidate must have demonstrated outstanding ability through leadership and co-operation in student, chapter and community activities.

The National FFA convention is conducted entirely by student members, all between the ages of 14 and 21. The six National FFA officers take charge of all business sessions, and 119 official delegates represent the membership in voting on all issues of business.

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HERE ARE SOME EXPERT DEER HUNTERS WE MISSED

Seems we erred in listing the first-day-of-season successful deer hunters last week.

We thought we'd make a small feature story of 'em all, taking items out of our news reporters

all over this side of the county.

So--we missed a few. Here's the list we now have, with our apologies to those expert hunters who got their bucks the first day of season:

Fifteen-year-old Gary Losey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey of Horr, got a six-point buck on opening day of deer season. It was his first year of hunting.

That's quite a record, Gary! On the first opening of season, Gerald Losey also got his deer, a five point buck; and Bruce Chapman got a seven-pointer.

Larry Cummins also got his buck the first day out.

Jim Cole bagged an 11-point deer, and Dorothy Swan got also got her deer. They're both from Two Rivers.

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A group of 10 deer hunters returned from near Kenton, U.P., last Wednesday night, with one deer for the group. Richard Embrey was the lucky hunter, getting a spikehorn buck.

Around Horr
Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Florence Hoffman attended the Golden Wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock at Weidman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow entertained their children and grandchildren at a pre-Thanksgiving dinner Sunday. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Denslow attended the Fahnestock Golden Wedding.

Mrs. Fahnestock reports one incident to mar the party. A cousin, Mrs. Ena Sollenberger, of Newville, Pa., was taken very ill and had to be hospitalized. Otherwise, it was a very nice Golden Wedding party. About 300 guests attended from many different places. Mr. and Mrs. Fahnestock were driven to the church in an antique Ford car.

Mrs. Mabel Dent is a patient at the Alma Hospital, Room C-216. Mrs. Harry Dent and children are staying with Gerald.

Floyd Dutcher was a Saturday afternoon caller at the Charlie Losey home. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday callers.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a pre-Thanksgiving supper guest at the Rick Wood home Saturday evening. Mrs. Opal Starks called on Mrs. Wood Tuesday afternoon.

Larry Cummins and Joe Hinch were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Eddie, Miss Sandy Dutcher, Miss Jan Beers, Denny Manigan and Debbie Sliter spent Saturday evening at the Coldwater Lake Inn, celebrating the 24th wedding anniversary of the Earl Oplingers.

John and Randy Thompson spent the weekend at the Jim Thompson home.

Garth Lawrence and his neighbor were here Wednesday, hunting, and called on his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent several days with her daughter and family at Manistee.

Mrs. Berl Denslow drove to Florida to get Mrs. Randy Brownell and two children, who had spent some time at Marco Island with his mother, Mrs. Natalie Gray, at her apartment in a large condominium there. Mrs. Denslow reports several hunters have got their bucks.

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BRUCE JACKSON TRANSFERRED TO MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Eighteen-year-old Bruce Jackson of Mt. Pleasant has been transferred from St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw to the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

He has been unconscious since a traffic accident several weeks ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Howard Jackson of Mt. Pleasant, and a nephew of Marilyn Losey of Horr.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS SEVEN TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular card party sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs last Tuesday afternoon, there were seven tables of pepper in play.

Coletta Gross won high-score prize for the ladies, with Bill Wyman winning high for the men. Wilbur Reinert won the pepper prize. Wilbur Benn won low. Margaret Lawens drew the door prize.

Cake, jello and coffee were served by the committee.

The next card party at the Rebekah Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 2. All are welcome to attend.

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Local Items

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mrs. Annis Orser of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Claribel Beutler enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday. Later they attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock at the Methodist Church here. They reported that the Fahnestock party was exceptionally elegant and entirely charming.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Mrs. Claribel Beutler called on the James Beutler family Sunday evening.

Lillian Johnston was a Wednesday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Thursday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams of Midland spent all day Saturday with them.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo Alkofer, enjoyed dinner at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant Monday evening, observing Ruth's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts expect all their children home for Thanksgiving: Ron and Jan Apple, Paul and Cheryl Barbour, and Mona and Jonathan Wood, all of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were luncheon guests of her sister, Mrs. John Gould, in Evart, Friday. They attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock at the Methodist Church in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Beutler of Holland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and children and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and Eric spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur. Stuart McArthur was leaving for his home in Virginia, after spending a couple of weeks in Michigan, deer hunting.

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Nov. 20th

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Nov. 20th

WANTED--Saxophone player for dance band. Male or female. Tel. 773-5805.

Nov. 20th

NURSES' AIDES--Part time, to work with the mentally retarded in development programs. Provincial House, Mt. Pleasant. Call Mrs. DeWitt at 772-2967.

Nov. 20th

FOR RENT--Two bedroom house, 3 1/2 miles west of Weidman. Mrs. Opal Denslow, ph. 644-2071.

Nov. 20th

FOR SALE--900 bales clean wheat straw, 45¢ per bale. Ph. 644-3567.

Nov. 27th

FOR SALE--Hand made Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. Dolls and clothing machine washable. \$12 each. To place your Christmas order before Dec. 15, call 644-2306 or 644-3316.

Nov. 27th

WANTED--Will pay 10 cents each for large size plastic "Joy" detergent bottles. You may leave them at Vic's Gulf Station. Also will take large size Ivory detergent bottles.

Nov. 20th

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our very sincere appreciation to the many who attended our Golden Wedding Anniversary reception at the Weidman United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon.

Our heartfelt thanks to our sister, Katherine Rescoe, for her wonderful work on arrangements for the afternoon;

We do thank Opal and Margaret Denslow for giving us sleeping rooms for our overflow of house-guests;

We thank our three children who sponsored the memorable event: Robert and wife of Plymouth, Ray and his wife of Taylor, and Renee Bateman of Brighton;

Frances Tranbarger of The Flower Shop in Weidman for the exquisite flower arrangements and personal flowers;

And all our friends, from here and from out of town, who came to wish us continued happiness. God bless you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock

LEGAL Notice

ROAD ABANDONMENT

Commissioner House presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

"WHEREAS, a request has been filed with this Board by Lake Isabella Corporation for abandonment of Golden Drive between Queens Way and Bundy Drive, Lake Isabella Plat No. 4, Section Three (3), Township Fourteen North (T-14-N), Range Six West (R-6-W), Broomfield Township, Isabella County, Michigan, and

"WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that it is to the best interests of the public that said road shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That it is to the best interests of the public that the above described road be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

2. That Golden Drive between Queens Way and Bundy Drive, Lake Isabella Plat No. 4, Section Three (3), Township Fourteen North (T-14-N), Range Six West (R-6-W), Broomfield Township, Isabella County, Michigan, be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

3. That Notice of this action shall be published in the Weidman Messenger, a newspaper printed and circulated in the County, once in each week for three successive weeks.

4. That a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Isabella County in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided.

5. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such cases made and provided."

The Motion to adopt the Resolution was supported by Commissioner McFarlane.

The vote on the Resolution was as follows:

Commissioner Duncan - Yes.
Commissioner McFarlane - Yes.
Commissioner House - Yes.

The Resolution having been adopted by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners, same was declared carried, by Chairman Duncan.

I, Frances Murray, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Isabella, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of the Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of said Board, held at the Office of the Commission November 13, 1975.

Frances Murray
Secretary

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Obituary

VIRGINIA MAE WOLD

Virginia Mae Wold of Mt. Pleasant died Nov. 19 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 55.

She was born June 22, 1920, in Mt. Pleasant, and was a resident of that area most of her life.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, V.F.W., Women of the Moose, and Rebekah Lodge.

She was owner and operator of the Wold Motel for eight years.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; daughters, Mrs. Steven (Wilma Jean) Griffith, and Karen Wold, of Mt. Pleasant; step-children, Mrs. Ayron Hubert of Oregon City, Ore., Mrs. Merle (Kennylou) Chalpus of Midland, Mrs. Clare (Bonnie) Wilson and Mrs. Ben (Reva) McQueen, of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Elmer (Marlene) Sladovnic of Alma, Mrs. Michael (Marge) Carroll, of Shepherd, and Fred Gammon, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant; parents, William and Jessie Frantz of Mt. Pleasant; sisters, Mrs. Paul (Betty) Clark of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Leon (June) Young of Winn; a brother, William, of California; and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and many other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the Stinson Memorial Home, with Rev. Daren Durey officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens.

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SUMMER OR YEAR OVERSEAS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

Families in 23 countries in Europe, South America and the Far East are eager to welcome teenagers from the Chippewa Hills Schools area into their homes as part of the Youth for Understanding International Student Exchange program.

"This is an excellent opportunity for high school students between the ages of 15-18 to experience life in another country," Executive Director Philip Yasinski said.

Youth for Understanding, headquartered in Ann Arbor, is planning to send over 1,800 United States students overseas next June for a family living experience lasting a summer or a year.

Youth for Understanding is looking for high school students from the Chippewa Hills Schools area who are interested in participating in an inter-cultural exchange program. For more information, interested students are urged to contact Mrs. Wallace Jones, area representative, 5355 West Beal City Road, Weidman, ph. 644-2320.

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Beal City School

BEAL CITY SCHOOL GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

<u>Revenue from Local Sources:</u>	
General Fund Property Tax Levy	\$198,692.87
Trailer Park Taxes	386.00
Tuition from Patrons - Adult Education	115.00
Interest Income	8,694.60
Athletic Game Receipts	6,317.99
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>3,356.06</u>
Total Revenue from Local Sources	\$217,562.52
<u>Revenue from State Sources:</u>	
State School Aid	\$432,131.52
Drivers Education Reimbursement	3,200.00
Vocational Education Reimbursement	2,500.00
ESEA - Title I	<u>8,887.10</u>
Total Revenue from State Sources	446,718.62
<u>Revenue from Federal Sources:</u>	
Comprehensive Employment Training Act	16,223.70
<u>Revenue from Gifts:</u>	
Gift (Private Source)	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total General Fund Revenue	682,004.84
Adjusted Equity at Beginning of Year	<u>120,806.88</u>
Total Resources Available	802,811.72
General Fund Expenditures	(644,279.25)
General Fund Equity - June 30, 1975	<u>\$158,532.47</u>

BEAL CITY SCHOOL GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & BALANCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

<u>Instructions:</u>	
Elementary	\$129,061.39
Secondary	247,888.18
Special Education	<u>10,911.38</u>
Total Instruction	\$387,860.95
<u>Administration</u>	50,671.62
<u>Transportation</u>	60,108.30
<u>Operation of Plant</u>	37,317.17
<u>Maintenance of Plant</u>	22,563.54
<u>Fixed Charges</u>	50,598.23
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	17,509.48
<u>Student Services</u>	8,500.00
<u>Outgoing Transfers to Other School Districts</u>	<u>9,149.96</u>
Total General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$644,279.25</u>

BEAL CITY SCHOOL GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

<u>Resources Provided:</u>	
From Revenues	\$682,004.84
Total Resources Provided	<u>\$682,004.84</u>
<u>Resources Applied:</u>	
For Expenditures	\$644,279.25
To increase working capital	<u>37,725.59</u>
Total Resources Applied	<u>\$682,004.84</u>
<u>Increase in Working Capital:</u>	
Increase in Cash	\$ 38,978.36
Increase in accounts receivable	7,956.47
Increase in accrued interest receivable	874.00
To decrease liabilities:	\$ 47,808.83
Reduction in accrued expenses	\$ 157.51
Reduction in salary withholding payable	3,427.22
Reduction in reserve for obligations	<u>1,213.39</u>
Total Increase in Working Capital	52,606.95
<u>Decrease in Working Capital:</u>	
From reduction in assets:	
Reduction in Certificates of Deposit	\$ 1,575.48
Reduction in Inventory	<u>529.00</u>
From increasing liabilities:	2,204.48
Increase in Accounts Payable	\$ 2,512.48
Increase in Salaries Payable	3,886.50
Increase in Deferred Revenue	<u>6,277.90</u>
Total Decrease in Working Capital	<u>14,831.36</u>
Net Increase in Working Capital	<u>\$ 37,725.59</u>

The Annual Budget Hearing for the Beal City Public Schools will be held at 8 P. M., Thursday, December 11th. This hearing will take place in the High School Cafeteria. The public is invited to attend.

Two Rivers

Minnie Flaughter, Reporter
Mrs. E. R. Rhode attended the Birthday Club at the home of Mrs. Paul Lueder Thursday. Eddie and Pauline Wlasuk of Dearborn Heights had lunch and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder Wednesday. Lydia Lieder was a visitor at the Birthday Club at Vida Lueder's Thursday.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger were Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses of Flushing and Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Marg and Jeff. Linda Krueger has visited her mother and Dad several times this week. Both are in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode spent Friday afternoon with Eda Van Zandt. Harold and Mrs. Rhode spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Monday and Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter were Ralph and Beverly Flaughter and Richard Flaughter. Wednesday visitors were Cora Shurlow and Debbie, Kerry and Kathy, and Richard Flaughter. Saturday supper guests were Richard Flaughter and Mark, Mike and Marty. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flaughter, Russell Flaughter and son, Steve, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaughter and son, Jeff.

Minnie Flaughter visited Ella Cox Friday at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Kate Martin visited Emma Til-

mann Saturday evening.

Thursday visitors of Kate and Ray Martin were Connie Sedell and son, John, of Flint, and Ruby and Janet Schupbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses and Thelma Reed visited Nettie Baker Thursday. Loretta Lorenz was a Tuesday caller. Dorothy Breuer and Wayne Barrett were Sunday callers.

Lucille Bollman visited her father, Pat Bunting, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Toarmina and son, Eddie, of St. Clair Shores spent from Friday till Sunday with their grandmother, Nettie Crowley, and Jay Leinaar.

Monday visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold were Mrs. Eda Van Zandt and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen.

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Local Items

Mrs. George Louisell of Elk Rapids was a Sunday guest of her brother-in-law and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent Sunday afternoon at the Raymond Wood home in St. Louis, where they visited with their son-in-law and daughter, David and Mona Wood, and baby. David left Monday for Army service, and Mona and Jonathan will be living with her parents until they can join him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Okke of Grand Rapids were Wednesday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes. He is a brother of the late Dorothy Chaffee.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Marie Rahl visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer one evening last week. Bernard Schafer and son, Mark, of Lansing were also visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer also visited the Keiffers. They also visited Lee Vanden Ark Sunday at Lake Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neyer entertained their club Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wawersik attended a football game at Pontiac.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday evening.

Tillie Schafer and Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Ed Schafer home at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and Maxine and Donna spent the weekend with the Mike McClures in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Harry Schafer and Jack Schafer called on Matie Pung Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Luella Frick, Rita Wawersik and Mary Lou Sheahan, Mrs. Raymond Reihl, Matie Pung and Anna Simmer had dinner with Celia Simmer on her birthday last Tuesday.

Mrs. Tony Tilmann called on Louise Schafer Tuesday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach and Dora Smith during the past week included Mrs. Bonnie Lyon, Mrs. Jack Theisen and daughter, Deb, Mrs. Howard Tilmann, Mrs. Gary Schumacher and children, Mrs. Tom Schumacher and children, Mrs. Ed Wawersik, Mrs. Mary Bierschbach, Judy Schumacher and children, Dianne Schumacher and Jill, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa, Dora Streng, and Isabella Martin.

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Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

William Grace and his hunting party returned from a trip to the Upper Peninsula. They reported no luck. They saw very few deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Priest of Detroit spent a few days at their cottage here. Their son, Rick, also came and spent a few days with them.

Mrs. Glenn Brown went to Big Rapids Wednesday to visit her brother-in-law, who is in the hospital. While there she visited her mother, and also her son and family.

Glenn Kimmish received word from his son that he found employment with Disney World in Florida.

Andy and Beryl Beck, accompanied by their son, Jerome, left Saturday morning to go to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Andy and Beryl are go-

ing for checkups.

John Bolf had the misfortune of having his pickup truck catch fire on the way home from work. The Weidman Fire Department was called. The truck was a total loss.

Glenn Kimmish visited his doctor in Lansing Monday. The doctor said he would be able to return to work Monday. While there he called on his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stacey and daughter, Penny, left Friday to visit Mrs. Stacy's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Connors, of Black Lake, for the weekend.

Kay Kasten was one of the opening day lucky deer hunters. She got a four-point after being out only an hour and a half, but her son, Kurt, got a 10-point this past Sunday. Congratulations, Kurt!

Penny Stacey is home from Ferris College, as this is term break. She will be returning Dec. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hilton and family and friends were at their cottage for the weekend.

Bob Shlep was at his cottage for deer hunting, and reported he shot his first deer in 30 years. It was a four or five point buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Erb spent a few days at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Benson were lucky winners of a 22-pound turkey. They won the high series at their bowling league Friday night.

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RESEARCH ON HEAT PUMPS BEGINS WITH 10 FAMILIES

Ten Michigan families served by Consumers Power Company will be part of a nation-wide research project on heat pumps, the company announced this week.

Purpose of the study is to determine if heat pumps are the most efficient home heating source. If so, their use by large numbers of consumers in this country could help conserve energy sources in short supply.

Heat pumps used by the families for heating and cooling their homes will be specially metered for a year, beginning this month. Monthly results will be recorded by Westinghouse Electric Corp. in a data processor in Raleigh, N.C.

Three of the families are in the Lansing area and seven in the Grand Rapids area. In Consumers Power's service-area state wide, only about 250 families use heat pumps rather than more conventional heating sources, the company said.

Heat pumps have a close relationship to solar energy. The heat in air is produced by solar energy and heat pumps extract that heat.

A heat pump uses a refrigerant, coils, and a compressor to heat or cool a home. More than 122,600 are used in homes throughout the country. Thirty-eight

are being installed in a private housing development at Sugar Loaf in Leelanaw County, the company said.

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NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY BEING DISTRIBUTED
General Telephone's new direc-

tory, featuring a full cover photo of the country's first flag, is being distributed to customers in the communities of Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd and Weidman, the company said this week.

The flag, popularly called the "Betsy Ross flag", helps to commemorate the Bicentennial.

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Joyce Ann Fitzpatrick and Randall Lee Schafer were united in marriage in an early fall wedding at St. Henry's Catholic Church. Father Leonard Susalla officiated at the evening, double ring ceremony. Ed Pappas was the commentator for the Mass.

Parents of the bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzpatrick, 5120 E. Denver Rd., Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Schafer, 1310 W. Beal City Rd., Mount Pleasant.

Soloist Lowell Tolley, accompanied by his son, Tim Tolley, sang, "Sunrise, Sunset," "The Wedding Song" and "One Hand, One Heart." The Mass organist was Mary Helen McConnell.

The bride chose a formal bridal gown of ivory quiana accented with a beaded collar and beaded cuffs on the long fitted sleeves. The empire waist of the gathered bodice was adorned with a beaded center band. Her A-line circular skirt swept into a chapel length train. An ivory turban covered with matching illusion and clusters of

pearls, secured her fingertip, beaded veil of illusion. She carried three orchids surrounded with white roses and baby's breath.

Janet Leineke, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and the bridesmaids were Mary Beth Hauck, sister of the groom, and Jacqueline Assmann, sister of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore floor length, coral knit gowns fashioned in a peplum effect, soft scooped necklines with full collars extending over their arms and softly gathered circular skirts. Each attendant carried three long stemmed coral carnations and had baby's breath in their hair.

Gary Rau served as best man and the groomsmen were Jack Rau and Steve Fox. Seating the 350 guests were the ushers, Rick Yuncker and Robert Rau.

The reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Rosebush following the ceremony. The wedding cake was baked by the groom's sister,

Mary Beth Hauck. Hostesses for the reception were Mary Pappas, Jean Hovey and Leona White. Connie Boucher and Vicki Cole cut and served the wedding cake.

The bride's mother selected an A-line, cranberry knit gown and matching full length hooded coat with maribou trim and pink roses in her hair. The groom's mother chose a long powder blue dress with lace bodice and sleeves and pleated skirt. Both mothers wore pink roses and baby's breath corsages.

Honored guests at the wedding were the bride's grandmothers, Vena Prout and Marguerite Fitzpatrick; the bride's godparents, Marilyn McDonald and Joseph White; and the groom's godparents, Irene Fike and Harold Schafer.

After a honeymoon in northern Michigan, the newlyweds now reside at 994 W. Weidman Rd., Mount Pleasant.

The bride, a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, is employed at Central Michigan Community Hospital. Her husband, a Beal City High School graduate, is employed at Bader Milling in Weidman.

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Bernard Pitts is the new substitute carrier for Norman Neubecker on the Weidman Route.

WORK ON LIL' MAC PIG ROAST TO BEGIN AFTER THE HOLIDAYS; JANUARY 2?

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, the Weidman Business Association, and the Beal City Business Association will begin committee work on the big event of the year--the Lil' Mac Bridge Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm.

Volunteer workers are notified of the work-start date (right after New Year's), and are urged to contact members of any of the three organizations staging what has become the biggest event of the year for this area.

The pig roast traditionally is held the third Sunday of February.

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NEWS NOTES

Loretta Lorenz and Edna Bowein visited Loretta's daughter, Lou Theisen, in Mt. Pleasant, Saturday. Last Monday Loretta Lorenz and Lois Ritter were visitors of Edna.



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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Gerald Roberts attended the funeral of his aunt, Ethol Wright, last Wednesday in Pontiac.

Eunice La Londe received word of the arrival of a new grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang of Richmond, Va. He was born Saturday, Nov. 22, and has been named Virgil Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers had a birthday supper Saturday in honor of their granddaughter Chris' birthday. Dean Beers of Kalamazoo spent the weekend with George and Cora.

Sorry to hear of the sudden death of Evert Bazaire of Grand Rapids, who was at his farm here doing some hunting when he was stricken with a heart attack. Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended a supper at Evert Friday evening, sponsored by the Farwell Lodge.

Jim Leiter has been spending some time with the Fay Forbeses, hunting.

Bonnie Forbes and Linda La Londe were in Mt. Pleasant shopping Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon and David and his boy friend of Battle Creek were here over the weekend, at their trailer, deer hunting.

A large crowd attended the supper and get-together put on by the Brinton and Weidman Baptist Churches Sunday evening, at the hall in Brinton.

Harold Teeter and son, Jimmy, of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with his mother, Edna Teeter, and the Earl Place family, and did some deer hunting.

Irene Bowen and daughter, Connie Fletcher, were in Millbrook

Monday.

Lewis and Irene Bowen attended the 50th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Fahnestock at the Weidman church Sunday.

(Omitted Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker spent the weekend with Ken and Aurelia. Ken and John each got their bucks Saturday morning.

Echo Godwin had a family dinner Sunday in honor of the birthdays of Fern Verette and Eunice La Londe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scott (nee Kelly Bongard) of Virginia are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bazaire, during the hunting season.

Merry Go Round Club met with Marilyn Fosberg Thursday, with 28 adults and three children attending. The December meeting will be with Carol Cummings Dec. 11, with the annual Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Beutler of Mt. Pleasant on Nov. 14, at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Friday evening.

Wendell Roberts of Pontiac called on his brother, Gerald, and family Saturday evening. He was here doing some deer hunting.

Sorry to hear Pearl Geasler is a patient in the Clare Hospital.

Laura and Kevin Roberts and I spent Sunday with her sister, Lorna Speice, and family, at Carson City.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Grace Pitts is visiting till after Thanksgiving with her son, Elwyn Pitts, and family, in Big Rapids.

Mrs. Emma Sullenberger of Newville, Pa., was taken by her brother, Charles Fahnestock, to CMC Hospital Saturday evening for emergency attention with a

pain in her side. Hospital doctors ordered her back to her hometown hospital for surgery.
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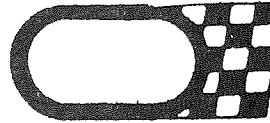


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DALLAS McCLAIN GETS HIS BLACK BEAR--Weighing about 125 pounds, at Iron River in the Upper Peninsula. He was one of a party at Cripple Haven Camp, including Walt Smith, Jerry Straus, Max Straus, Louis Starr and George McClain, Sr. They reported lots of deer there, but nobody in the party had got one as of Sunday morning. Dallas was sitting on a log, waiting for a buck to come along, when the bear came by instead, probably heading for his den to hibernate for the winter. Bears taken must be registered within 24 hours of the kill, and Dallas took his to Crystal Falls, U.P. Bears are plentiful up there this year, he reports, with 103 taken so far this season compared to 64 last year during the combined bear and deer seasons, which overlap as far as bears are concerned. Messenger photo

WEIDMAN CITIZENS MEET WITH HUD, COUNTY OFFICIALS ON MONEY AVAILABLE

Four citizens from Weidman attended a meeting Monday night at the County Building in Mt. Pleasant to hear details of HUD monies available to area towns and cities, and to present some needs of Weidman that could be met with HUD money, which is "free," in that it does not have to be repaid.

Testimony was presented to establish priorities for Isabella County Commissioners to submit to HUD in Detroit for consideration of funding for local projects.

Chaired by County Commissioner Connie Smith, the meeting went smoothly and well, with several representatives from area towns presenting their needs. Between 15 and 20 speakers were heard, presenting their areas' needs for federal help.

Lou Fiorillo was spokesman for the town of Weidman, and did a good job of presentation of needs, such as a possible community center, to be used in conjunction with the Sherman Township Board as the present Sherman Township Hall is old and obsolete; and possible additional street lighting, fencing around the park, equipment for the park, and possible rehabilitation of homes, the latter entailing long-term, low-interest loans for those finding funding difficult to obtain.

Many other suggestions came from representatives of other communities, such as a county library system, mental health

care, health clinics for the aged and handicapped, with Sheriff Donald Gillis requesting a detention center for juveniles, to be operated in conjunction with several other counties.

Next step will be another meeting of a community development committee to decide which priorities should be approved by HUD. Deadline for the committee's report is 12.15 p.m. Dec. 15.

Testimonial letters and personal interest are needed locally for this area to be eligible to receive any of the HUD monies. The general public is urged to become involved in this project, to show united effort here for betterment of the area.

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SCHOOL MILLAGE VOTED DOWN BY BIG MARGIN

In Monday's voting in the Chippewa Hills School District's request for a 4 million, 730,000-dollar bond issue to build a new "middle" school, taxpayers responded with a resounding defeat of the extra millage proposal.

In the district there were 1,255 votes No, with 524 votes Yes, and two spoiled (in the Remus precinct).

Barryton voted 101 Yes, 264 No. Mecosta tallied 110 Yes, 344 No.

Weidman racked up 188 Yes to 292 No votes.

Total vote in the district was 1,781 votes.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

FAHNESTOCKS' GOLDEN WEDDING RECEPTION WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL

The 50th wedding anniversary Open House Sunday afternoon at the Weidman United Methodist Church was an especially beautiful scene, according to the many who attended.

A hundred and thirty-five guests signed the guest-book, and they came from Weidman, Beal City, Chippewa Lake, Clare, and Dearborn and other Detroit-area places.

Larry Rescoe drove his uncle and aunt to the church in a 1935 automobile, and his daughter sang several lovely church hymns.

Refreshments were plentiful, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon, wishing the Fahnestocks many more happy anniversaries.

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NEXT AUDUBON FILM IS "ALLAGASH COUNTRY"

"Allagash Country," the next Audubon wildlife film, will be presented by naturalist-photographer Alvah W. Sanborn of Massachusetts Monday, Dec. 1, at 7.30 p.m. in Warriner Auditorium in Mt. Pleasant, on the campus.

Two naturalists and their companions paddled and poled on a 100-mile canoe trip over the sometimes placid, sometimes treacherous waters of the Allagash River in northern Maine.

Wildlife of the area and lovely scenery are features of the film.

Admission at the door is 50¢ for students and \$1.50 for non-students. The public is invited to attend.

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BRINTON 4-H CLUB PLANS ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR

At their regular meeting, the Brinton Busy Bees 4-H Club made plans for the coming year's activities.

They plan a trip to Fayette Park in June, and also they plan to open a local museum for the Bi-Centennial year of 1976.

Their next meeting was planned for Nov. 25.

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AUTOMOTIVE TECH AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE GROWING

The Automotive Technology Department at Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison has been experiencing tremendous growth as a key occupational offering to the surrounding areas, the college said this week.

Beginning with one simple automotive tune-up course two years ago, the program has become a full schedule of automotive service courses for the present and future mechanic, and also for the auto owner who wants to make his or her own normal maintenance or specialized repairs.

The program at the college was developed in response to community needs, and was boosted by a new state law requiring certification of automotive mechanics.

Some of the more recent studies at the college include auto tune-up, electrical systems, auto engines, suspension and brake systems, and service to accessories.

The future of the program at MMCC is bright and expansive, the college says. A new Automotive Technology Center will be erected on campus shortly, and will provide top learning facilities for automotive service occupations. The center and the program have been developed with the assistance of several key automotive employers in the mid-Michigan area.

Completion date for the new Automotive Technology Center is tentatively set for September, 1976.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I hope you are all well as ever again.

I enclose my check for a year's subscription for the coming year.

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