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Editor's Column

By Connie

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A 'POSSUM?

So we've had a large opossum prowling around our front porch, especially under the big living-room window, which drives the dog crazy and she pounds on the glass with her big paws till we're afraid she'll break it.

Besides the uproar that dog can create. She has a barking voice (inside the house) that I'll bet the Louisells can hear (inside their house). Besides frazzling nerves and skinning eardrums, it's a nuisance to have pandemonium every evening or so in one's living room.

So we called the Humane Society at Mt. Pleasant, and they sent their man over with a live-trap, which he baited with a good bit of hamburger meat, raw.

He set it for us, showing us how to release an animal if caught, and also how to reset it.

That first night we captured a skinny yellow cat, a stray; terrified, hungry, bewildered. We hurried out in pajamas and dressing gown and released the poor thing. Haven't seen it since.

Next night the bait was gone but the trap wasn't sprung.

Next night the trap was intact, nobody had come near it. We went out and sprung it so our cat, The Queen, could go outdoors (she hates the utility room with her bed and litter-box in it, but also the freezer, water heater and the pump, which goes on often).

So we're still trying to catch a 'possum. If and when we do, we'll ask a couple of young men we know to help us take it out in the woods, as per advice from the Humane Society, and release it far from our door.

Meantime, Gretch gives forth with her oversized voice at the slightest sound outside the house.

Wish the durn 'possum would either get in that trap or go away for good.

We're lovers of wildlife, but a 'possum prowling your house-grounds at night is something else--especially if you have a dog with a 98-decibel voice.

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NEW FACES AT THE DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT--Bud and Gwen Tomlinson of Coldwater Lake are the new managers of the D&R Drive-In Restaurant in Weidman. They're serving breakfasts to early-rising folks, and have a complete menu for three-meals-a-day eating. They plan to stay open all winter. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson took over the restaurant's management Nov. 3. They report a brisk deer-season business, with prospects good for the rest of the winter. Welcome to Weidman, folks! Messenger photo



A GORGEOUS SET OF CORNING WARE--Is on display at the new Wernette Variety Store just opened here, and it will be given to the lucky number Saturday afternoon. The new store has some of just everything, including clothing for babies, tots and teens, and also women; men's wear, some yard goods, very beautiful; a full line of sewing needs, including supplies for embroidery, and lots of knitting-wool; wrist watches, toys, lots of candies, a good line of dishes and cookware, school supplies, and everything a good "variety store" should have. Jean Schneider of Coldwater Lake is an employee at the store. Messenger photo

SILENT AUCTION SALE THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

By Archie Jerore

The Weidman Business Association is having a "Silent Auction" this Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the old bank building.

What is a silent auction? First, it's fun!

Items, articles and treasures that are too good to throw away or that you store away in your basement or attic and forget about are put up for sale. What may be junk to you is a treasure to a collector. We're asking everybody to go through your store-rooms and find articles you would like to add to our Silent Auction.

HOW IT OPERATES

Items are placed on tables and a bidding card lists the article with a starting bid set by you or one of our committeemen. If you want to bid on an item, you simply increase the previous bid by 10 cents, sign your name, and proceed to look over items on other tables.

Someone else may want to over-bid your bid, so he ups your bid by at least 10 cents and signs his name. You can then overbid his bid, and on and on and on.

It's fun!

Some tables may have items that call for a minimum increase of 25 cents. A time will be set by persons in attendance for closing the bidding on each table--eight, 10, or 15 minutes, perhaps. When announced over the p.a. system that a certain table is closed, the person who had the last bid takes the item and the bidding card to the cashier and pays for it.

Many articles will be donated to the WBA Silent Auction, but if you want to put articles on the tables for a 25 percentage of the sales price, we will pay your share after it's sold and the auction is closed.

We are asking you not to bring any articles that will take more than a space of two-foot square.

Proceeds go to the WBA to help maintain Mitchell Park and pay for other community expenses.

Join the fun!

You may find just the article you have been looking for and have a good time at our Silent Auction.

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SILENT AUCTION

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Auction tables.

Bring in lots of items that are taking up valuable space in your homes: Pots, pans, picture frames, tools, clothing, shoes, clocks, dishes (tired husband or wife), garden tools, jewelry, books (a good way to get rid of your housework--bring in your broom and mop!)--t.v sets, radios, bread, cakes, etc.

Items may be dropped off at any of the Weidman business places after Tuesday, Dec. 9.

See you there on December 13!

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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The WBA's "Silent Auction" this Saturday afternoon sounds like fun--which Archie Jerore assures us it is. He's the stone-cutting expert and collector, of Lake Windoga, who also leads classes in the art of semi-precious stone-gathering and cutting, in the Adult Education sector of the Chippewa Hills Schools.

Drop in at the old bank building Saturday afternoon, and see what he's talking about, as to the "Silent Auction".

But you'll love it.

The "sanitary landfill" at Mt. Pleasant was closed unceremoniously last week, and residents of that area must now drive out west of the city and down below M-20 to the new county dump.

Nottawa Township Supervisor Ernest Schmidt tells us the Nottawa Dump is still operative, and the township will attempt to keep it open as long as possible; which is to say, as long as the Health Department does not come along and close it.

The Nottawa Dump comes close to being a model landfill, operated by Nottawa Township with monetary help from Sherman Township, as all Sherman residents are free to use it.

Let's hope we can keep the Nottawa Dump. It's a long way down there to the new "County Landfill", and it's expensive, any way you figure it.

You can buy gas to drive your stuff down there and pay 50 cents admission at the gate; or you can pay a collection outfit a dollar a week (\$52 a year) for pickup and disposal of your trash, whether you have much or little or none.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey of Mt. Pleasant were hosts at a venison fry at their home. All the hunters who were in their group hunting up north were guests, along with their wives, guests.

S. W. Sherman
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Busy Bees will meet with Cieta Navarre Thursday, Dec. 11, for their Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children attended a pot-luck supper at the Methodist Church Saturday evening, where a group of Maranatha Players of the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant put on a pageant.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children and Claribel Beutler visited Marion's folks, the Stanley Sandersons, of St. Charles, Saturday. Marion took dinner with her, as her mother had just returned home from the hospital after having surgery.

Roderick Nicholson spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Lou Ann and Mark Maeder and Vada Gatehouse were Sunday callers of the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Nyle Perry spent Thursday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview spent Saturday evening with them.

Scott Donley of Weidman spent the weekend with the Howard Beutlers.

Robert and Julia Dutcher were Saturday callers of ours. Other recent callers were the Richard Yuncckers, the Richard Dutchers and Jim Dutcher, and the Garry Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe called on me Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord of Holt called on us Friday afternoon. They were up to attend the funeral of her brother, Richard Neubecker, Saturday morning at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and John of Mt. Pleasant had Saturday dinner with us. They visited the Robert Dutchers in the afternoon, and had supper with them.

Kay Dutcher spent Friday over night and Saturday with me. Becky Dutcher spent Saturday over night and Sunday with me.

Patti Kalil spent Friday over night and Saturday with Becky Dutcher.

Patti Dutcher spent Saturday over night with her grandparents, the Theodore Cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday afternoon. Maryann Krarup, a student from Denmark, visited Sandra Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller spent Sunday afternoon and evening with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake were also evening guests.

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Dec. 11t1

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who was so nice to me while I was in CMC Hospital, for the lovely flowers and other gifts, also their personal and telephone calls, and for the lovely cards, with their good wishes and notes to cheer me.

Also a great big Thank You to my granddaughters, who have been helping me since I came home.

May God bless you all.
Goldie Dutcher

Card of Thanks

We want to express our deep appreciation to our relatives, neighbors and friends for all the kindnesses we have received during John's hospital stay and his recuperation;

The cards, flowers, telephone calls, and calls at the Clare Hospital and at our home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott

Card of Thanks

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all our relatives and friends who have been so wonderful to us during and since our misfortunes;

Those who called at the hospital, those who sent flowers and cards, and those who brought food to the house since we have been home.

We deeply appreciate everything done for us.

It's wonderful to have good friends and neighbors!

Gerald and Mabel Dent

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 case 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

Nov. 27, Dec. 5&11

Obituary



ADORA E. (BEUTLER) BISHOP

Adora E. (Beutler) Bishop of Dearborn Heights passed away at Garden City Hospital Nov. 26.

She was born in Sherman Township May 20, 1896.

She was a graduate of Central Michigan College and a teacher in Isabella County and Lansing public schools for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Oliver E. Bishop, of Dearborn Heights; one brother, H. O. Beutler, of Rosebush, and 11 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28 at the C.R. Step Funeral Home in Detroit Nov. 28, with graveside services in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman the same day.

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RICHARD NEUBECKER

Richard Neubecker died Dec. 4 at the Ingham Medical Center in Lansing. He was 65. He lived on his farm a half mile north of Beal City, on the Winn Road.

He was born in Nottawa Feb. 4, 1910, and spent his entire life as a farmer.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Harold (Kathryn) Secord of Holt, Anita Vogel of Coleman, and Therese Gertiser of Davison.

He was a nephew of Father Edward Neubecker and the late Leo Neubecker.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Remus, with Rev. Father Edward Neubecker officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Church Cemetery at Beal City.

Crittenden Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Mrs. Grace Pitts spent Sunday with the Bernard Pitts family. She spent Friday with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

Mrs. Lucille Doyle returned to her work at the postoffice Monday, after a two weeks' absence due to illness.

Mrs. Clayton Smith had eye surgery Friday, and returned on Monday from CMC Hospital.

Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Andy Beck spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Huguelet, while the Huguelets' daughter, Mrs. Irene Schafer, took Frank to the doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider and family attended a pre-Christmas party with his sisters and their families in Lansing Sunday.

John Bolf, who has been working in Manistee, came home for the weekend.

Dr. and Mrs. Ardell Weissert and daughter of Edmore were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguelet.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ludwig have moved into their new home southwest of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Parks of Shepherd spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck and Jerome.

Mark Schafer of Troy visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguelet, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter were in Grand Rapids Saturday evening, to attend a farewell party for one of his co-workers who is being transferred to Utah. On the way home they visited Don's brother, Phil, and family in Cedar Springs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rowe and daughter, Susan, of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brewer in McBain Saturday afternoon.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguelet over the

weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi and Mrs. Leon McBride of Mt. Pleasant. Saturday evening, and on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and daughter and Leonard Cashen were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kavanaugh and family of Lathrup Village spent the weekend here, visiting her parents Saturday night, and on Sunday attending a family dinner at the home of his parents, the Ed Kavanaughs, in honor of Ed's 75th birthday.

Glenn Kemmis spent the weekend with friends at Winn.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman of Hubbardston had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer visited Albert Snider and family Friday.

Richard Neubecker died last Thursday and was buried Saturday in St. Joseph the Worker's Cemetery.

Tillie and Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Milo Eldred home in Winn.

Beal City won the ballgame at Marion Friday, and also won the game with Vestaburg Tuesday.

Ann and Milo Eldred spent Sunday evening with Tillie Schafer. Joe Lawens called at the Julius

Bierschbach home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Gary Schumacher called on her mother Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith spent Sunday with Anna and Dora Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith entertained company Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawens, of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Beal City.

The following baptisms took place in St. Joseph the Worker Church Sunday: Helen Ann Larry, daughter of Richard and Carol; David Leo Brickner, son of David and Mary; and Amanda Rae Klein, daughter of Randall and Brenda.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY
BETTER THAN A LETTER

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR TED KRAUSS

Ted Krauss, deputy sheriff for Lake Isabella for many years, will retire Jan. 1, and the Lake Isabella Association is putting on a pot-luck dinner in his honor.

The dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Hall dining room in Weidman.

Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend. Bring a dish to pass and table service. The beverage will be provided by the Lake Isabella folks.

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The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual Christmas program will be put on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter Ollie Denslow started back to work on relief at CMU Food Commons last Thursday. Ollie called on her two cousins at Winn Friday evening, Glenn Love and Mrs. Lucy Ransburger. Lucy just returned home from the Edmore Hospital.

Dale Denslow has been having a bout with intestinal flu this week.

This reporter dropped in on the group that meets Mondays and Wednesday in the basement of the Star Lodge in Weidman. The group of young married people with children are trying to pick up their high school subjects where they left off, and make enough credits to graduate from high school.

It's an interesting sight to drop in and see all the things the students are making, even a huge crock of kraut. Elaine invited me into the kitchen for a cup of coffee and dessert, then she showed me the beautiful quilt two girls were tying. Next were the toys, a whole table full of them, ready for Santa. Others were cutting out toy patterns and making things for Christmas. Elaine Denslow teaches the classes, and is on television now and then. She was on tv at Cadillac Dec. 2.

The Busy Bees Club will meet this Thursday, Dec. 11, at Cleta Navarre's. This will be a Christmas party.

Visitors at the Lyle Denslows' this week were Burdette Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Corwin and Robbie and Kyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and two children, Christy Ann and baby Ryan, and Otto Skalitzky were also visitors at our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis called on his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, and girls.

A group of men who work in the Coldwater oil field and their wives had supper at the Coldwater Lake Inn Saturday evening. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bongard.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Christy Ann and baby Ryan called on the Leo Denslows Saturday. Howard Monroe has a different car, a 1967 Ford station wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter are here to stay again. They came from Lansing.

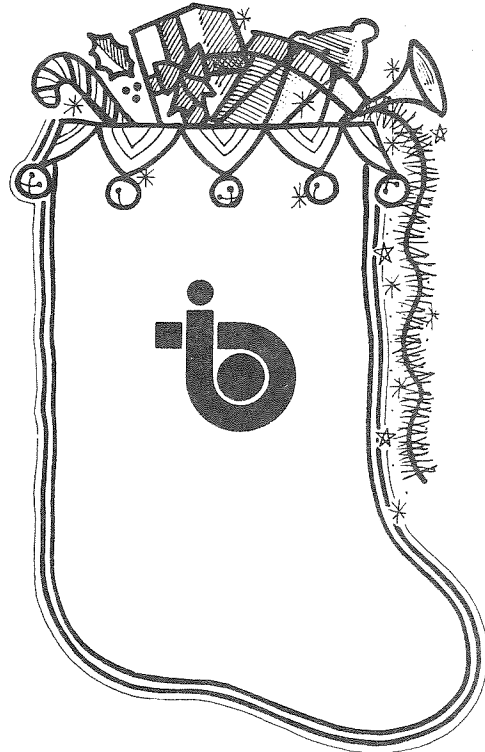
Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and son, Mike; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and two boys, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blodgett and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss had dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, in honor of his his parents' 34th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Millie and Charles, and may you have many more happy years together.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were in Grand Rapids Monday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes received word that her father, Mr. Walter, had been taken worse and was admitted to the Cadillac Hospital and would have surgery Tuesday.

Julius Allbee came to the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee, Tuesday, where his wife was. He will return to the hospital soon for surgery.

It was reported Sunday that Helen and Julius were resting a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Worth visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Tuesday evening.

The Paul Coles and Velma were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa had supper with the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson called on the Coles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and children, Margaret and Mark, visited the Coles Friday evening.

Pam Worth spent two nights with her sister, Bobbie, in Clare, due to road conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilson of Haslett and Miss Joan Geasler and Miss Joan Wilson visited their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Saturday evening. They also called on their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger.

Weidman**Messenger**

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Jo and Jan Latham of Mt. Pleasant called on their grandmother, Laura Latham, Sunday. Rosie Leiter took her sister to Weidman shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy of Mt. Pleasant had dinner Sunday at Frankenmuth in honor of Tom's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich enjoyed a trip to the Upper Peninsula over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and children of Mt. Pleasant had Sunday dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott.

Among the many visitors at our home were some of our friends and our children: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and children of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and grandson, Bruce Gott, of Elwell, Dick Gott and daughter and Linda Peacock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Wilm, and Wanda and Debbie Graham.

John Gott is on the gain now.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chase of Evart called on Jane Fields and Tony Bartley one day last week.

Frank Sowle is a patient in the Clare Hospital, due to a back injury.

Little Eric Haenke spent Monday with his Grandma Bowen while his folks were in Grand Rapids.

Laura Roberts has been having the flu. Her sister, Lorna Speice, and family of Carson City spent last week Sunday with the family.

Bern Beutler called on her aunt, Eunice La Londe, at the hospital recently.

Eunice La Londe is a patient at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, where she returned last week Tuesday for treatment for a back

injury. She is in traction at this time.

Sunday callers of Jane Fields and Alfred Bartley included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Conant and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields of Grand Rapids. Joe Wright called on them during the week.

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Obituary**IDA JACKSON**

Ida Jackson died at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility Dec. 2. She was 72.

She was born in West Branch Feb. 8, 1903.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Stinson Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph Sprague officiating. Interment was in the Rosebush Cemetery.

She is survived by three daughters, Arlene Amott of Mt. Pleasant, Ruth Lenhart of Coleman, and Arlina Starkey of Weidman; sons, Wilford, Homer and Stuart, of Mt. Pleasant; Loren of Weidman; Gordon of Grand Rapids; Victor of Jackson, and Terry of Battle Creek. Also a sister, Mabel Stevens, of St. Charles, and 38 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kish of Shepherd spent Sunday afternoon with the Leon Schafer family.

REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS SEVEN TABLES IN PLAY

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

Lola Whearett won high-score prize for the ladies, with Wm. Lawens winning high for the men.

Floyd Dutcher won the pepper prize. Clifton Amstey won low. Albina Rau drew the door prize.

Sandwiches and coffee were served by the committee.

The next party at the Rebekah Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 30, and will begin with a pot-luck dinner at noon.

This will be the final card party at the Rebekah Hall here for the winter.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. David Wood visited the Deerfield Church of Christ, near Lapeer, Saturday evening and Sunday, where David used to preach.

Annette Smith of the Navy in Illinois spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, at Wolverine, and called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, Wednesday last week, on her way home. She was accompanied by her mother, who will spend a week with her.

James Neubecker of Lansing attended the funeral of Richard Neubecker and while here visited his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock attended Family Night at the Weidman Methodist Church Saturday evening. There was a large crowd. The Central Michigan Players put on a Christmas program. Pot-luck dinner was served. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Nancy, Patti, Gary and Beth, Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad, Mrs. Joanne Cochran and Micky, and Charlene Gross and Robbie were Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home. Harold Losey and Dan Lorenz were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood and Vance Wood were Sunday callers of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Opal Denslow enjoyed shopping at Genessee Valley Wednesday. Sunday she called on her cousin and husband, the Alvin Goodnoes, and her aunt, Mrs. Henry Tice.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family and Clarence Chapman were Friday evening callers at the Bruce Chapman home, helping Chad celebrate his third birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark were Friday callers at the Alva Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and sons were Sunday callers. They also called on Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Lansing callers Monday, and also called on her mother. Mrs. Thompson attended UMW meeting at Mrs. Hatfield's Wednesday afternoon.

Callers at the Gerald Dent home during the week were the Harold Krueger family, the

Lynn Johnson family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Purtil and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Kirvan.

Mrs. Emily Wood and her housekeeper were Friday dinner guests. Mrs. Marilyn Schafer and son, Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson, Bob and Raymond Kirvan, Harry Pung and Elwood Miller and John Adams were callers.

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Two Rivers

Minnie Flaucher, Reporter

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson Thursday were their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Louie Larson, of Tuscola, and granddaughter, Mrs. Du Bois, and great-granddaughter, Heather, of Vassar.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding spent Saturday with their father, Pat Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and girls.

Last week's visitors at the Raymond Flaucher home were Ron and Gerda Flaucher, Cora, Kathy and Kerry Shurlow and Richard Flaucher and three boys, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett and Betty Worix.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Hogg visited Ella Cox Sunday. Ida Barber was a Wednesday caller.

Gerald Hines called on Jay Leinaar and Nettie Crowley Tuesday morning. Thursday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coutin, Jr., of Secord Lake.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts

and daughter, Caroline, were Saturday callers of Mrs. Claribel Beutler. They had lunch with the Howard Beutlers.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider spent the Thanksgiving weekend with them here.

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JENNIE HOUSTINE McDANIEL

Jennie Houstine McDaniel, the daughter of Mrs. Catherine McDaniel, will be married to Thomas Walter Ultz of Farmington Saturday, Dec. 13, at City Hall in Farmington. The ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

Vickie Jo Loomis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis, will be the bride's attendant, while Bob Hotz of Lakeview will attend the groom.

A reception will follow at the Ultz residence, 22757 Violet St., Farmington. Friends and relatives from here are cordially invited to attend.

Miss McDaniel graduated from the Chippewa Hills High in 1974, and has worked in a restaurant and has sung at a place in Edmore. Mr. Ultz is a student at Eastern University at Ypsilanti, in his

third year.

The happy couple will live in Farmington with his parents until school is out this spring.

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RABIES INOCULATION CLINIC IS HERE THIS THURSDAY

The annual rabies inoculation clinics around the county have begun, with one scheduled for Weidman this Thursday evening, Dec. 11, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

The clinics are sponsored by county veterinarians, the Central Michigan District Health Department and the Isabella County Humane Society.

Dog owners must show evidence of inoculation against rabies within the past three years before being issued dog licenses for the coming year.

A charge of \$3 will be made for each inoculation, with proceeds donated to the Isabella County Humane Society by the participating veterinarians.

A representative of the Humane Society will issue dog licenses at the clinic for the convenience of dog owners. License fees will be \$5 for male and female dogs, \$2 for unsexed dogs, and \$10 for a kennel license.

Further information can be obtained by calling the Health Department at 773-5921.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dargess of Kalamazoo were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Joan Ray spent Friday over night with Renee Schafer. Renee spent the rest of the weekend with Joan, after the Sports Banquet Saturday night.

WBA MEETING ATTENDED BY DEDICATED MEMBERS

A regular meeting of the Weidman Business Association last Thursday evening at the old bank building was attended by a fair number of dedicated members. According to membership figures of the WBA, the attendance was light.

Those present did the work for the whole town, and put in an evening of work for the betterment of Weidman.

It was agreed that our Christmas decorations and lights would be put up this weekend.

Santa Claus will be in Weidman, as usual each Christmas time, this year on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 1 to 2.30, probably under the awning of the new Western Auto Store about to be opened. Santa's little gift-sacks of candy have been supplied the past two years by two individual business people, and the WBA voted at last Thursday night's meeting to request a donation of \$5 each member for the candy this year.

The WBA will take part in the work-preparations and benefits of the Little Mac pig roast the last Sunday in February, it was determined at the meeting.

Some time was given over to

discussion of a possible \$75,000 grant from HUD for possible improvements in our village layout, including a community building and a possible industrial park. If approved, funds might be available next summer, it was stated.

Discussion of the upcoming "silent auction" was extensive, and members voted to hold the first try at it this Saturday, Dec. 13.

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FIRST WORKSHOP FOR LIL' MAC PIG ROAST IS JAN. 4

The first workshop to begin preparations for the upcoming Little Mac Bridge Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm will be held Jan. 4 at the Weidman Fire Hall.

Firemen already have begun gathering firewood for the barbecue pit.

Anyone wishing to participate in any way in the work preparations for the Lil' Mac Bridge celebration will be more than welcome at the workshop.

The day is sponsored jointly by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, the Beal City Business Association, and the Weidman Business Association.

Celebration day is the last Sunday in February.

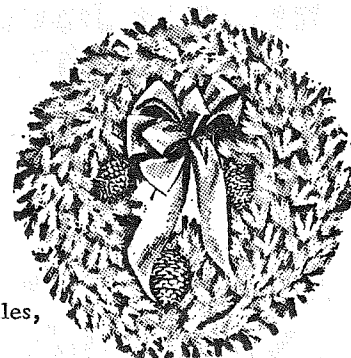
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