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Editor's Column

By Connie

A "SILENT AUCTION" IS A BARREL OF FUN

There's another "Silent Auction" scheduled for this Saturday, Jan. 17, at same place, same time: The old bank building, 2 to 5 p.m.

At the first "Silent Auction", I bought a delightfully pretty ring for an outrageously low price. I almost felt as though I'd stolen it, but officials there said it was a "fair" price. I've enjoyed that little ring, twisted and big-knuckled as these old fingers have become. In any case, I just like to look at it, it's that pretty. It's one of the many semi-precious stone-cutting products of Archie Jerore's art.

There were hundreds of other items, too, of course; and a lot of people walked out with real treasures for practically nothing.

And that's the whole point of the "Silent Auctions": What may be junk to you may be a precious find to someone else.

(I'm gunna rummage in an old china-closet out in the garage --I know there are some pieces out there from the pre-Twenties era that the Roe family then regarded as precious, and are of no more value to the family.

Please rummage around your place, too, and see what you can come up with. The auction welcomes anything and everything--everything, that is, that will take up no more than two-by-two-foot space on tables.

See what you can find to unload--and then go and wander around the tables, come Saturday afternoon, and you'll go home, we guarantee, with treasures including bizarre pieces to yummy baked goods, fresh out of home-town ovens.

See yuh there.

At the Thursday night meeting of the Weidman Business Association, there was a barely respectable attendance--only

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NEW STORE OPENS THIS WEEK--The brand-new Western Auto Store will be opening this week, with owners Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Whitey McCreight welcoming Weidman into another addition to our business area. Weidman's business street is growing and prosperous, with new businesses opening and old ones re-opening. Messenger photo



EVELYN HACKNEY'S FAMOUS BEAN SOUP--Is one of the main attractions of Lil' Mac Bridge Pig Roast Day on the Elwood Miller farm.

WORK MEETING FOR PIG ROAST SET FOR JAN. 18

The next work meeting--and this is a real work session--for preparations for the annual Lil' Mac pig roast on the Elwood Miller farm is set for Sunday

afternoon, Jan. 18, at the Fire Hall in Weidman.

The big event is scheduled for the third Sunday in February, which will be the 15th.

This next meeting will be a real work session, and the public

SUPERVISORS "SCARED" OF STATE CONTROL OF AREAS

Lewis Bowen, Coldwater Township Supervisor, attended a session of the Michigan Township Association from last Tuesday to Friday in Grand Rapids, shaking hands, incidentally, with Secretary of State Richard Austin. "I like the man," Lewis told the Messenger.

But he added that the concensus of delegates present was fear of state control over local governmental jurisdiction through the "regional group counties' membership" plan being pushed by Michigan state officials.

"I'm scared," Lewis told the Messenger. "We're losing our last toe-hold of control over our local affairs, in this state."

He encountered State Rep. Johnny Engler at the meeting, and invited him and Rep. Ostler to attend a Township Supervisors' meeting Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. in Room 220 of the Isabella County Court House at Mt. Pleasant.

"I'd like to give them an earful," Lewis said. "We need local control, and local contact with governmental agencies, in this case the Township Supervisors."

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Local Items

Fred Wilcox was reported as seriously ill Monday morning, at his home here, after suffering a series of strokes. He was being cared for at his home. His daughters are helping care for him, staying nights with Mrs. Wilcox.

Gary McArthur spent from Tuesday till Friday last week in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant, for surgery on his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen of Rockford and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchsinki and girls.

is invited to attend and participate in the work of preparation.

Donations are solicited. They may be in the form of checks, or food, such as a live hog.

Firemen and their wives, along with members of the WBA and the Beal City Business Association, work hard to make this annual event a real thriller, which it always is.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Pearl Geasler returned to her home Sunday, after time spent in the Clare Hospital. She is feeling much better.

George Cornell visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Saturday.

The Coles' grandson, Sp/5 Charles Mossell, left for a two-year stretch in Uncle Sam's services. Chuck has a wife, Rose, and daughter, Shannon, and son, Chuck, five months old. The Coles also expect their grandson, Sp. 5 Wm. Ewing, home from Thailand any day now. His wife, Sallie, and baby Beckie, six months old, whom he has never seen, will be very happy to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Pam took their daughter, Lynn, back to Wayne State University at Detroit Sunday, after her holiday vacation.

Mrs. Judy Jacobs and family are moving their house trailer on South Coldwater Road, on the old Sperry place.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee are not so well again at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes and the Paul Coles visited her parents the first of the week. They found her father, Edgar Walter, very ill. The Walters live at Houghton Lake. We all enjoyed the sight of the many

fish-houses and fishermen on the lake. We thank Ernestine Straus for keeping check on Velma while we were gone. Velma has been having a very bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were supper guests Saturday at the Paul Cole home, celebrating the birthdays of Paul on the 13th and Dan on the 11th. Mrs. Helen Mahon made the cake. We also enjoyed the strawberry shortcake.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Bill Fox returned to his job in Texas after spending four weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox. SA Bob Fox was home four days from his duties in the Coast Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and children had dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on us Wednesday. John came home Thursday from the Clare Hospital, and is doing good.

The Merry Go Round Club held its meeting at Wanda Graham's home last Thursday, with 15 ladies and one child attending. Jeanne Smith won the door prize.

Debi Graham stayed over night last Tuesday with a girl friend, Mary Petersen, in Remus.

Don and Micky Abbott went

to a Furniture Market in Chicago Monday, returning Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and son, Robert, called on her father, James Kennedy, of Rosebush, Sunday.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider spent Thursday and Friday in Detroit, in Farmington and Southfield, and also visited their sons at Port Huron.



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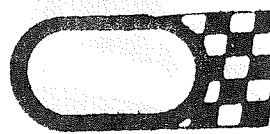
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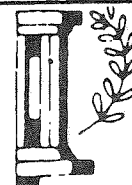
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 Connie Skinner

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Jan. 15t3

Card of Thanks

Many, many thanks to our good friends and neighbors and all the folks in the Brinton and Weidman areas.
 Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Gilbert and Sharon Schrock

Obituary

JAMES FITZPATRICK
 James Gordon Fitzpatrick of Mt. Pleasant died Jan. 10 at CMC Hospital. He was 66.
 He was born July 31, 1909, in St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada, and was a lifelong resident of Isabella County.
 He is survived by his wife, Lucille; daughters, Mrs. Richard (Rose Marie) Sheahan, Rosebush; and Mrs. Francis (Mary) Young of Clare; a son, James, of Weidman; sisters, Mrs. Lily Barnett of Ontario, Mrs. Jean Byrne of Florida, and Mrs. John (Sally) Hoskey of Harrison; a brother, Harry Thompson, of Los Angeles; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m., Jan. 13, at St. Charles Church in Leaton. Burial was in St. Cecelia's Catholic Cemetery at Clare.
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Obituary

ROGER GALER

Roger Galer of Broomfield died Jan. 3 at CMC Hospital. He was 47.
 He was born in Lansing Nov. 16, 1928.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; three daughters, Linda Hutson and Jane Boyer, both of Remus, and Mary Jo Rose of Edmore; two brothers, Richard of Illinois and Hubert of Utica; two sisters, Marion Beaudette of Mt. Pleasant and Barbara Hoffmeyer of Manistique; and five grandchildren.

He had served as Broomfield Township Supervisor and also was a member of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, where he served on various committees, including the medical care facility committee.

He was active in the Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair and the local Parent-Teachers Association.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Remus and the Bay City Consistory.

He had been employed at the Dow Chemical Company at Midland.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. James Estep officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Township Cemetery.

The Masonic Lodge held services at the funeral home.
 His family have the deep sympathy of their many friends.
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Obituary

GRACE L. SNIDER

Grace L. Snider of Mt. Pleasant died Jan. 7 at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. She was 75.

She was born in Little Rock, Ark., July 28, 1900, and was a long-time resident of Mt. Pleasant.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey; a son, Paul, of Mt. Pleasant; seven daughters, Mrs. Viola Schoen of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Mary Kay Wolfe of California, Mrs. Evelyn Ludwig of Weidman, Elizabeth Shepherd of Flushing, Mrs. Wanda Garber of Sherpherd, Mrs. Shirley Wayne and Mrs. Betty Blevins of Westland; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Goff of Illinois and Mrs. Hilda Richards of Royal Oak; two brothers, Chester Earnest of Mt. Pleasant and Vernon Earnest of Indiana; and 26 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Memorial Gardens in Mt. Pleasant.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda were Saturday supper guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family were Sunday guests at the Mack Denslow home. Bob has completed schooling in Texas, in the Army Reserve, and is now home to stay.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW at the home of Mrs. Lucille Fountain last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were in Lansing last Saturday, and she also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes were Friday supper guests at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family spent the weekend with her folks, the Gerald Dents. Other callers during the week were the Lynn Johnson and Harold Krueger families, Walter Kirvan, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Purtil were also visitors.

Gerald and Mabel spent Friday evening with the Lynn Johnson family, celebrating Sherry's 13th birthday.

D.J. Whitman is spending a couple of days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buzek were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mrs. Shari Lorenz and Benny and Terri, and Theron and Ardis Merrihew were Sunday evening callers.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Deanna Dunbar of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beers. George celebrated his birthday Saturday.

The Merry Go Round Club met with Wanda Graham in Weidman last Thursday, with 13 in attendance. The February meeting will be with Wanda again, on the 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen called at the Crittenden Funeral Home last week Sunday evening, paying respect to Roger Galer.

Fern Beutler was a patient in CMC Hospital several days last week.

Flossie Forbes has been spending some time visiting her sister, Caroline Alston, in Clare.

Mrs. Wm. Forbes returned home last week after spending some time with her sister in Pontiac. They spent a week vacationing in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes called at the Carey Funeral Home in Evart Friday evening, paying respect to Robert Campbell of Evart, who passed away suddenly Wednesday from a heart attack. Mr. Campbell was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sherman. Sympathy goes to the family in his passing.

Lewis Bowen and Wilbur Scott were in Grand Rapids last week from Monday till Friday, on Supervisor and Constable schooling.

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Local Items

Mrs. Janet Chaney, Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, OES, of Hickory Corners, gave a School of Instruction for Waubenoo Chapter Monday evening. Visitors were present from Remus, Hickory Corners, and Shepherd Chapters.

Mrs. Mildred Carey of rural Barryton spent Tuesday afternoon last week with Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

Diane Beutler spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Billy and Brenda also spent Sunday there, while their parents were in Flint, attending a reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Beutler.

The Clark family gathered at the home of Dennis Embrey and enjoyed a snowmobile trip, ending with a hot-dog roast and campfire, Sunday. They reported two-foot snow in the woods, and enjoyed the event greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower took their daughter-in-law, Mary, and children back to Petersburg, after a week's visit with the

Flowers and her mother, Mrs. Marie Rau, of Beal City.

Mrs. Kate Wood and Mrs. Jean McArthur were co-hostesses to their card club Tuesday evening, at Mrs. Wood's home.

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Mier at Crooked Lake.

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In the Editor's Mail

Connie:

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Marie Rahl and Beatrice Sheahan spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Maxine Klumpp went to Ann Arbor to start her new job at the University Hospital.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Al Klumpp home.

Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and Donna attended the funeral of Josephine Lyons at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Sister Marie Alexander and Sister Herman Joseph of Grand Rapids visited relatives around Beal City Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Towersy of Lansing spent a few days with the Bob Pung family.

Kathy Pung and Theresa Smith called on Dora Smith Saturday afternoon.

Deb Rau, Theresa Smith and Kathy Pung helped Dora Smith Sunday in her house so she can move in.

Mrs. Gary Schumacher and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Wednesday afternoon. Tom Bierschbach was a breakfast guest Thursday. Other visitors included Mrs. Bernard Rau, Mrs. Robert Finnerty, Mrs. Fred Steffke, Ragolt Hauck, Bernard Bierschbach, Father Barr; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bierschbach and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bantrager of Elkhart, Ind., Bernard Bierschbach and family, Tom Bierschbach and family, Glenn Bierschbach and family, and Mrs. Henry Grinzinger.

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Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

John Tilmann reports his father caught a nice big walleye in front of his place this past week. Ice fishing is improving this week.

Russell Lafrienier, Rod Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Jo Allen attended the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association meeting and banquet at the Hilton Inn in Lansing Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Doerr's brother from Iowa has been staying with her for a few days. He has been a recent patient of the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. She is expecting several nieces from Iowa some time this week.

Frank Huguelet reports his wife is still confined to the Mt. Pleasant Community Hospital. Her leg is on the mend.

Mrs. Evelyn Ludwig's mother passed away this past week. Our condolences go out to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown attended the funeral of her brother-in-law in Big Rapids last Friday.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wood and Barbara and Bernard of Sanford spent Saturday and Sunday with the Robert Dutcher family.

We had supper with our son, Dale, and family, last Monday evening, at Mt. Pleasant.

The Garry Dutchers visited the Robert Dutchers during the week.

The Ervin Dutchers, Jr., called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls of Lake Orion spent Saturday and Sunday with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goddard of Midland were Thursday evening visitors of the Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher,

Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called at the Crittenden Funeral Home Thursday evening to pay respect to Roger Galer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended the funeral of a great-aunt Friday, and called on her folks, the Stanley Sandersons, of St. Charles.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher called on the Theodore Cases Satur-

day.

Vicky McGuirk visited her parents, the Leo Gatehouses, and sister and family, Donna Thren, Saturday.

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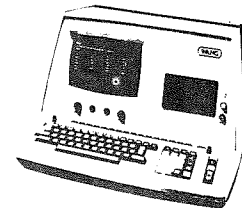
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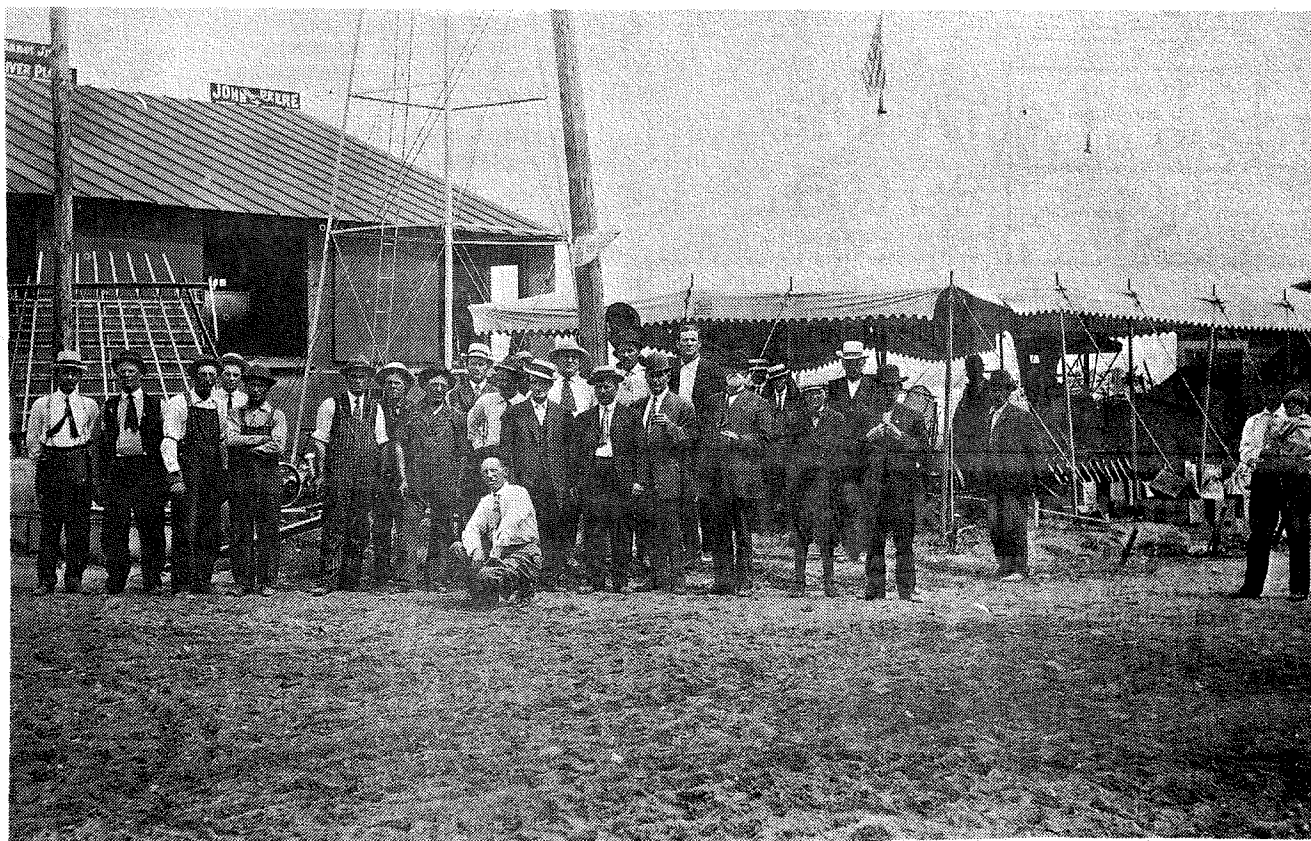
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Don Battle, Lydia Lieder, Gilbert Schrock and Fern Beutler were admitted to CMC Hospital Jan. 5. Doris Sisco was dis-

charged from the hospital and transferred to the Medical Facility. Irene Smith was admitted to the Medical Facility.



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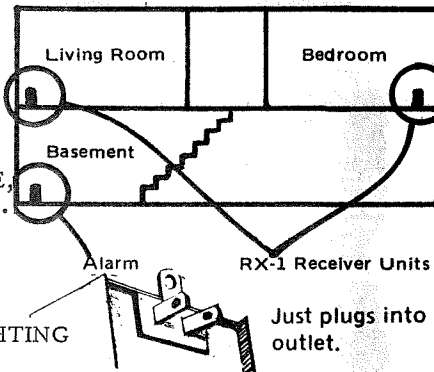
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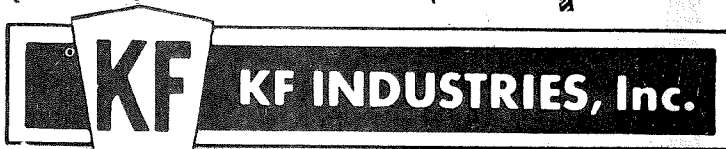
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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

The Mays were sorry that the stormy weather and ill health kept so many of the Friendship Club at home. But the Thurstons from Lakeview, Joe and Stella Mays from Belding and the Shermans from the Broomfield Trailer Park enjoyed a chili supper on a wintry Saturday night, Jan. 10.

This reporter fell victim to a bad sinus infection, hence not much news this week.

Since the golf greens are turned to a beautiful white, the sportsmen have turned to other activities. Snowmobiling is very evident now. However, we notice some are VERY POOR SPORTS in that they trespass over many yards. PLEASE, think of your neighbor and his home!

We notice several ice shanties are out, and hear that fish are being caught. Fishermen, HERE is your chance to report your BIG FISH stories. Call and let us print your success.

Minnie Carpenter of Carmen Drive has returned home after a two months' visit to her son's home in Pueblo, Colo. She says it was cold, and there was plenty of snow there also.

The Ed Tuiniers have sold their home here, and soon will be moving to the home they have been building near Shelbyville. We will miss you, Ed and Martha, but wish you much happiness in your new home.

Mrs. Guerin reports that Bob Farnum is improving, with the possibility he may return this week.

Lee Vandemark is slowly improving at home.

Robert Mays entertained George Quiggins of Dearborn, the 4th of January. These two had worked together for over 20 years. While visiting, they were surprised by about 20 of the CB (Citizens Band Radio) Club members, who decided to pull a Code 2 on him after a regular meeting of the club had been canceled. They filled the home, and told him they had come to clean him out of food. All had a very good time together.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton called on his parents Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They also visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Krueger, and family of Coleman, and spent the night with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Max Garver, of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague one days last week. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sprague.

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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 p. m.
Choir Thursday, 6.30 p. m.

The Bonner Brothers Quartet from the Saginaw area will be coming to the Weidman Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 25, for a concert at 7 p. m.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy their beautiful singing.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2113 2nd Street, Weidman.
Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a. m.
Worship Service, 11 a. m.
Sharing and prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p. m.
Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Broomfield: Located six mile 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.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. William Hurt, Pastor
Phone 644-3604.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Evening Service. 7.30 p. m.

GILMORE CHURCH of CHRIST
Corner Coleman and Vandecar Roads, Gilmore Township.
George Getchel, minister.
Morning Worship, 9.30 a. m.
Bible School, 10.45 a. m.
Evening Worship, 7 p. m.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur enjoyed a snowmobile trip with Mr. and Mrs. Jack McConnell Saturday evening. Bob Kirvan and Wilbur Wright, and Jack's daughter of Mt. Pleasant were also in the party. They went out to the Little Mac Bridge fields on the Elwood Miller farm, and enjoyed the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of Big Rapids spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Saturday afternoon.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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the most conscientious and community-devoted members attended, about seven of them.

A discussion (short) was held on the possibilities of holding "Sidewalk Sales" days in Weidman; and the Fourth of July (Bicentennial) observance also was planned tentatively.

It was suggested that the celebration begin in June, and that a special high-priced purchase of fireworks for the Fourth be made, with Thayne Sides in charge.

Harry Herman suggested we fly the American flag all the Bicentennial summer, at Mitchell Memorial Park, a good thought.

Other good ideas and some plans were made, and the meeting was a good one, if sparsely attended.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Mr. Editor:

I and millions of other unreasonably overtaxed property owners would like an explanation from some of our highly overpaid purveyors of jurisprudence, why we pay a high price for, but don't receive, police protection in the form of more realistic law enforcement and prosecution.

I'm not putting any blame on the police officers of the law, as I think they are doing their job. After all, why should they bother to bring in a violator just to have him beat him to the front door?

In my opinion, if they could get a little co-operation from the prosecutors and the judges, crime might drop. I think it would be worth a try. At least we know the present system is a horrible and costly FLOP.

When criminals know positively that if they are caught breaking the law, they will be turned loose in less time than it took to arrest them, or if they appear in court the charge will be reduced to some such idiotic thing

as spitting on the sidewalk or flying a paper kite too high in a wooded area, what deterrent is that?

Why, when juveniles or anyone apprehended, why aren't their names published no matter who they are so the public may at least know who to be suspicious of? Why are they lightly slapped on the wrist, given a sack of candy and put in the custody of their parents, who allowed them to be running the streets at three in the morning, to do the vandalism in the first place?

It seems to me it doesn't take too much intelligence to figure out the way the legal system is presently applied, it is a terrible and costly FLOP.

Witness the rise in crime.

It looks to me like those responsible for curbing crime want to do as little as possible to get the money and luxurious cars furnished by the taxpayers.

I'm asking, do we, the property owners, have to organize a vigilante committee to protect ourselves and property?

I can personally guarantee that if I am lucky enough to catch anyone around my home illegally, the next of kin will be notified as soon as I get around to it.

Paul Cole
Lake Route 1 (Gilmore)

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 17 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 17 tables of pepper in play. There were 71 present.

Veronica Tilmann won high-score prize for the ladies, with Monica Grinzinger second and Kitty Gross low.

For the men, Joe Lawens won high-score prize, with Julius Schumacher second and Ernest Gross low.

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize. Herman Grinzinger won the door prize.

The committee served sandwiches and coffee. The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Jan. 22, Thursday afternoon.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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