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Editor's Column

By Connie

JANUARY IS GOING FAST THANK GOODNESS

So here it is in the next-to-the-last week of January, and it can't go too fast for most of us.

We've had near-record cold spells--but nothing like they've had down-state.

Sunday we had a phone call from a man in a Detroit suburb who said it was 18 below zero there that morning. Downstate has had more snow than we've had, too, as has up-state. Central Michigan, for the moment, appears a pretty good place to be situated.

We had a telephone call from Grace (Woolworth) Watson of Saginaw Saturday, expressing delight that we finally printed a photo of her father's old harness and farm implement shop. (That was the Charlie Woolworth Store, remembered only by a few of us oldsters still left on the scene.)

Anyhow, Grace was just home from the hospital, and was recovering slowly and rather painfully.

Some here will remember her, and mayhap want to drop her a line on a card. Here's her address:

Mrs. C. J. Watson, 922 Emerson, Saginaw, Mich. 49607.

Grace was in St. Mary's Hospital, and she said she just couldn't say enough about the wonderful place it is, and the personal and loving care one receives there.

We've sent several of our most serious accident cases to St. Mary's, which appears to be a hospital above most hospitals, from reports of those who have been patients there.

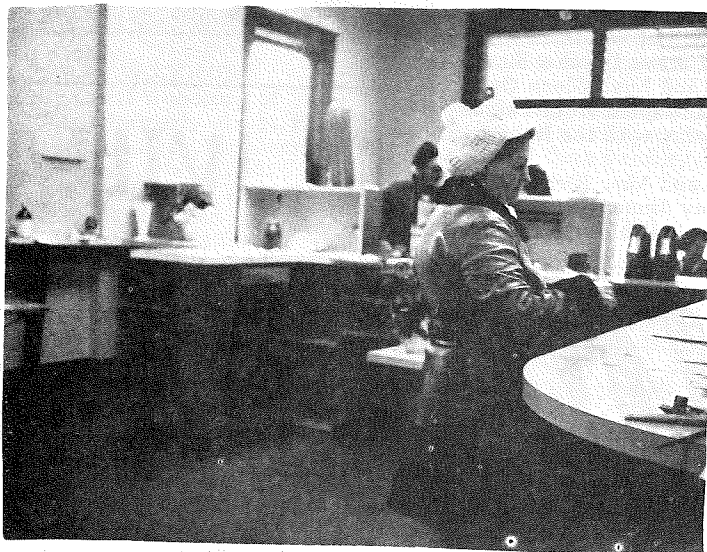
(It's a Catholic hospital, and yes, everyone there seems to be devoted to the patients, white, red, black, yellow, and sometimes green.)

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Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle enjoyed skiing at Mott Mountain over the weekend.



WESTERN AUTO STORE OPENS HERE--This weekend the Weidman Western Auto Store is scheduled to be open and ready for business. Shown above is just a small corner of the huge store (in the old Shook building), which the Benn Johnsons and the Whitey McCreights have spent much of the winter in cleaning up, painting, remodeling, and laying new floor covering. The huge store carries everything one can imagine, from household appliances, both big and small, to all sorts of auto parts and accessories, to sporting goods--to what have you. The Weidman Western Auto Store has it. Messenger photo



THE OLD BANK BUILDING IS IDEAL--For the "Silent Auctions", with plenty of room-space to spread out items uncluttered on tables throughout four room-spaces of the building. Archie Jerore of Lake Windoga did the honors, as usual, and carried off the day with aplomb. Messenger photos

GOOD TURNOUT AT WORK MEETING FOR PIG ROAST

There was a pretty good turnout at the work meeting Sunday afternoon at the Fire Hall here in preparation for the upcoming Lil' Mac Bridge Pig Roast, coming up Sunday, Feb. 15, on the beautiful Elwood Miller farm.

The next work meeting will be this coming Sunday, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Volunteers are needed, for work and donations of food and/or money.

Isabella Bank and Trust has donated a pig for the roast. Other donations of pigs from large businesses are hoped for.

Donations of home-baked bread can be made as of now, according to word from committees. Bread loaves will be stored in home freezers until time for use. The bread loaves should be sliced, buttered, and wrapped in foil, ready for warming on the charcoal fires during the big day.

Tickets will go on sale after next Sunday. They will be available at all business places in Weidman and Beal City, and from any member of the Fire Department.

At next Sunday evening's work sessions, beans will be sorted in preparation for Evelyn Hackney's delicious bean soup, made and served from huge iron kettles designed specially for that purpose.

Anyone wishing to make any sort of donation, large or small, may contact Walt or Jeanne Smith at telephone number 644-2006, Weidman.

On the Friday before Lil' Mac Day women of the Fire Department and the two Business Associations of Weidman and Beal City will wrap potatoes in foil for baking, and on Saturday they'll make dressing and bake it in home ovens.

Any and all sorts of help in the preparations will be welcomed by the committees. Contact any Fireman's wife or any businessman's home number.

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NEWS NOTES

Jeanne Smith and Lou Ann Maeder attended the Bingo party at the Moose Club in Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening. A woman won \$500 at the party.

In the Editor's Mail

(Editor's Note: We have on our drawing board a very old letter from Lylah (Fleming) Simmers from California, which we still hope to print one day, as it tells of her boarding with Leon and Gladys McArthur and attending high school here, in the very old days.

(Here's a recent letter from Lylah:)

Dear Connie,

You have been asking that people claim their pictures--so, some day when you have absolutely NOTHING to do, will you run through the ones postcard size and see whether you can find the picture of Mrs. Cliff, Blanche, my mother, my younger brother and me, all sitting on the grass in Cliffs' front yard? It is about the only picture I have of my own mother, and stamps are enclosed for its return if you find it.

I have just quite literally returned from death's door. Was hospitalized from the 8th to the 30th of December with double pneumonia, which refused to yield to all usual antibiotics. In desperate effort to save my life, my doctor called a chest surgeon specialist, who whisked me into surgery.

He probed all major bronchial tubes and took biopsies of related lymph glands. Found a sac of pus in my lungs which in 40 hours revealed in a culture a rare form of bacteria which yields only to one very powerful antibiotic.

Was of course on IV in the hospital, but my doctor let me come home to my own bed Dec. 30, and take the antibiotic orally. Will be on it for at least 10 more days. Am yet too weak to stay out of bed very long. I weighed in at home at 107!

Little Rachel Simmers Lyddon, one month old today, takes "naps in Nanny's bed" as little Sarah loved to do. The two little girls both have their mother's "rosebud" mouth, but otherwise in no way look alike. Of course, I didn't see Rachel until she was nearly three weeks old.

My daughter came and was with me much of the day I was in surgery. They had to go back home New Year's Day, so the family all gathered here for New Year's Eve.

I got my four-generation picture I wanted so much. My daughter sat on the edge of the bed, holding Sarah. Ted (grandson) crouched beside her, holding Rachel. And I don't care even if I looked like a witch, bony and with flying hair.

I got my picture!
Affectionately
Lylah M. Simmers
California

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Craig Edward was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher Monday, Jan. 19, at CMC Hospital. He has a three-year-old brother, Chad, who is visiting his grandparents, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Craig weighed seven pounds, four ounces at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children drove up to Houghton Lake Sunday to Tip-Up Town.

Harry and Bea Gatehouse called on Lou Ann Maeder Monday, while Ruth Gatehouse visited her folks. Vadah Gatehouse called on the Harry Gatehouses Sunday.

The garage on the Rick Maeder place caught fire Tuesday night when he was draining gas from his tractor. He got his car out, but the tractor and other things were burned badly in the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant visited us Thursday. They had supper with the Robert Dutchers.

Dick, Barbara and Patti had supper with us Wednesday. Clayton and I visited Ervin and Goldie Dutcher Saturday evening.

The Clayton Dutchers visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington of Saginaw spent Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Bill came back up Monday to fish.

Our callers during the week were our sons, Richard, Jim, Garry and Robert and Rex Dutcher.

The Richard, Robert and Garry and Jim and Brian Dutcher families and the Richard Yuncker family had a snowmobile party and wiener roast Sunday afternoon near Bundy Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Keith, Deanne and Danelle spent Thursday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kalka and daughter of Barryton and Jeff Witbeck of Weidman were callers of Steve Dutcher Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland spent from Tuesday till Thursday with the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee had Sunday dinner and spent the afternoon with Harry and Bea Gatehouse.



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PICTURES--Lots of them, piled up at the Messenger office. Owners may pick up any time after noon Wednesday, or any days thereafter. Please!

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Dec. 26tf

NOTICE TO SNOWMOBILERS:-- I have put up a barricade on your crossing of my lawn and my private lake lots, which have seedling pines and other small growth on them. If you will stop at the Messenger office I will show you a road on the same trail-connection, and that is open to the public.
Connie Skinner

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Jan. 22tlp

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all the relatives, friends and neighbors who sent cards, flowers and food, and all who gave for Masses. A special thanks to Father Dueweke, the Crittenden Funeral Home, and also the pallbearers. A very special thanks to the ladies who prepared and served the dinner, and to all who helped in any way.
The Family of
Gary Kremsreiter

Obituary

HARRY WOODBURY
Harry Cecil Woodbury of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, died Jan. 18 in a snowmobile accident. He was 56.
He was born in Mt. Pleasant March 19, 1919, and moved from the area in 1948.
He is survived by his wife, Doris; sons Charles and Steven, both of Temperance, and daughters Betty Ann of Blissfield, Vicki Lea of Shepherd, Susan Lynn Born, of Toledo; Connie Jean and Bonnie Lou, both of Riga, Ohio; two grandchildren; sisters Mrs. Libby Riggie and Mrs. Rosie Ohms of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Albert (Marie) Wood of Detroit; brothers Lewis of Mt. Pleasant, Alfred of Weidman, and James of Mt. Pleasant.
Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Stinson Funeral Home with Rev. Raymond Shipman officiating. Interment was in Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens.

Obituary

MRS. ANNA REIHL

Mrs. Anna Reihl, 82, of North Vandecar Road, died Jan. 15 at CMC Hospital.
She was born July 10, 1893, in Nottawa Township.
She is survived by her husband, Leo; and sons Richard, Edward, and Raymond, all of rural Mt. Pleasant; daughters Mrs. Herman (Lorraine) Fox, of Coleman; Mrs. Gordis (Helen) Shaw, Mrs. Robert (Annie) Wohlscheid, and Mrs. Charles (Bernie) Grinzinger; and Mrs. Art (Kate) McCoy, all of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Richard (Rose) Couser of Flint, and Mrs. Hugh (Eileen) McDonald, of Coleman; 54 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and sisters Mrs. Ed (Elizabeth) Hengesbaugh and Mrs. Leo (Lydia) Hengesbaugh and Miss Agnes Bierschbach, all of Jackson; and brothers Frank and Julius Bierschbach, of Beal City.
Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 p.m. from St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City, with burial in the church cemetery.
Her family have the sympathy of their many friends.
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Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Abbott and son, Larry, called on Mrs. Ollie Denslow Wednesday afternoon. Lyle Denslow and Burdette Reed were ice fishing that day.
Deanna St. John is home from the hospital after a bout with pneumonia, but isn't back to school yet.
Mrs. Ida Bazaire has been transferred from CMC Hospital to the Medical Care Facility.
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Local Items

Loretta Lorenz and Edna Bowein called at the Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant Friday, paying respects to their cousin, Anna Reihl.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family and Mrs. Cecelia St. Germaine of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday in Lapeer, where they attended baptizing ceremonies for the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Glenn, and were dinner guests of the Glens after the service.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Graham of Gilmore.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

The Churches

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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.

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Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.
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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.

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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. Bruce Middlesworth of Laurel, Md., have been visiting the Richard Donley family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey entertained the Dennis Embrey family at dinner Sunday, honoring Dennis' birthday. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Mary Clark, also of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. George Darnell and family of Stanton.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

Bill and Lynn Schafer of Mt. Pleasant called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, Thursday evening. They had an enjoyable evening playing cards.

Frank Huguélet received a call from Andy and Beryl Beck, who are wintering in California.

They said that the temperature there was 80 degrees--and ours here was zero, and it was snowing. Mr. Huguélet still remains a patient at CMC Hospital.

Jerry and Larry Benson spent Saturday evening playing cards with Joe and Carol Marchiando.

Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown were Mr. and Mrs. David Brown and their three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder have left for a week's vacation in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr drove her brother back to the University Hospital at Ann Arbor for readmittance. He had been staying with them after his hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Frear and

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando enjoyed a Sunday evening co-operative dinner together, at the Marchiando home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and children have been enjoying snowmobiling this past weekend, and had a hot-dog roast on the lake.

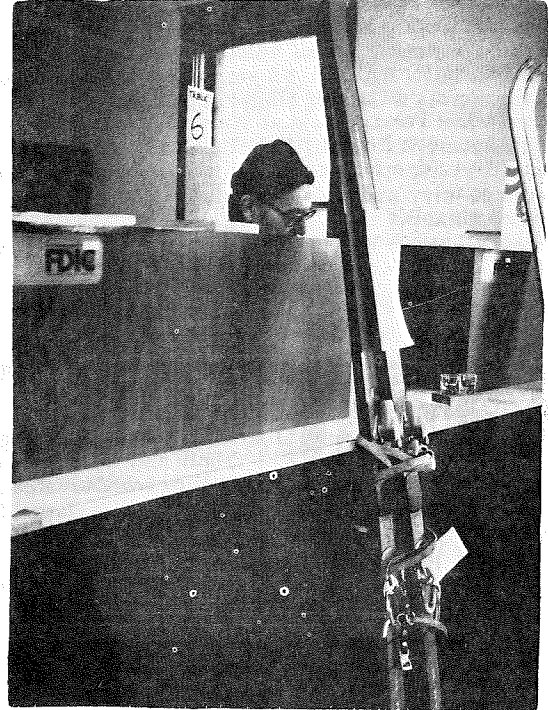
Since the snow storms this past week, the ice fishing has greatly improved on Coldwater Lake. Some good catches have been reported.

we hear from Leona Perrin, who is one of the land owners and home-owners around the gravel pit on the north side of the lake, that last Friday young Paul Simmer, son of the Paul Simmers, Sr., arrived with a snowplow and cleared drives all around the gravel-pit development, and then plowed out the road so folks could get to Beal City and Weidman. He wouldn't take any money for the job--he just did it to be helpful to snowed-in cottagers. We've sure got some beautiful teenagers! The county snow plow went through Saturday. Folks in that area are so grateful to "Paulie", as he's affectionately known, for his un-

selfish and helpful work. We understand he also did some cleaning-out work in Beal City. Thanks a million, Paul!

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THE "SILENT AUCTION" SATURDAY HAD EVERYTHING-- From a bow and arrow set to skis to live plants and baked goods and just everything. Attendance was rather disappointing, but bad weather and clogged roads might account for some of the relatively small crowds. Everyone there, though, had a ball, and went home with some sort of treasures.

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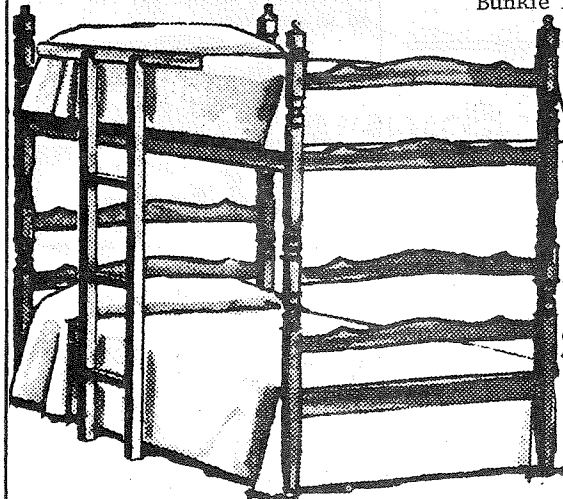
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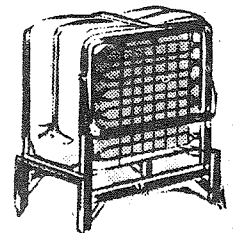
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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lawens spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block.

Laurie Block spent last week-end with Jackie Paisley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen visited the Bill Trowbridge family Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith and Steve picked up Scott Thursday, after spending a few days at the Bob Blasens' while his parents were in Detroit with little Steve, at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer visited his sister, Mrs. Emma O'Connor, of Carson City, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer one day last week.

Ann Eldred and Elieen Schafer spent Tuesday with Tillie Schafer, while their husbands attended a K. C. meeting.

Tillie and Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant.

Maxine Klumpp of Ann Arbor spent the weekend at the Al Klumpp home.

Bob and Joyce Schafer spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer spent the weekend with Michael Lane in Indiana.

Anna Reihl died, and was buried from St. Joseph the Worker's Church Saturday. The family

have the sympathy of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schafer entertained their club last week.

Paul Smith and son, Victor, called on Mrs. Irene Smith in Beal City last week.

A number from here went to Houghton Lake Sunday and over the weekend for the Tip-Up Town festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tschappat of Mt. Pleasant and Jack Schafer called on Mrs. Joe Pung Saturday evening.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

We are glad to report Bob Farnum is now at home and recovering, even though it is a slow recovery.

We are sorry to learn Ted Krauss is back in the hospital again. He was in with flu, came home, and had to go back for more tests. We wish you a speedy recovery, Ted.

Le Van de Mark is home, but still very weak and under close doctor's care. We wish you well, Lee.

The Yabs attended the WWI pot-luck dinner at the Mt. Pleasant Barracks 3530 Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. A delicious dinner was enjoyed. The business meetings of the Auxiliary and Barracks followed. Are there

any WWI Buddies around Weidman? If so, you are invited to come along. Give us a call at 644-2706.

The Mays spent Saturday and Sunday with the Doyle Noble family near Big Rapids. He was a former teacher at Weidman, at the time Mrs. Mays taught here.

The Ed Tuiniers moved from our area this past week. We expect a new family to move in very soon.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

The Joe Martin family and the Greg Martin family attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. David Carroll Friday evening at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family were Sunday guests of the

Mack Denslows. There were 14 present altogether, and they enjoyed snowmobiling.

A nine-pound, five-ounce baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman Jan. 31 at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. He has been named Jason Charles. He weighed the same as his older brother did at birth.

Sunday afternoon callers at the Pete Wood home were their daughter, Beth Lynn, Benn Mills, and Dave Leiter. Evening callers were Mike Wood and Kay Siler.

Harold and Lois Losey were Friday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home. Sunday callers were Gerald, Patti and Nancy Losey and Chad Chapman. Nancy also called on me.

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Jack Goodrich of Holt was a weekend guest of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

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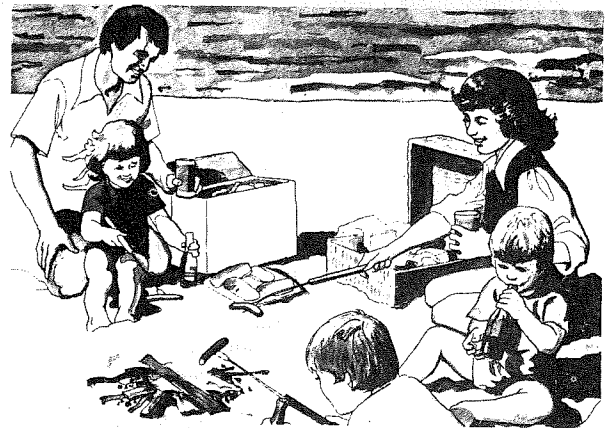
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Three pioneers in making wood a modern industrial fuel are Ben Russell, president of Econ, Atlanta, Georgia; and Norval Morey, president of Morbark Industries, Winn, An Alabama textile plant is switching from coal and gas fired boilers to wood burning boilers this month.

A morbark machine that chops up worthless trees into useable wood chips is a key part of an Alabama textile mill operation. The machine is built down here at Winn, and is called the Chip-arvester, a nationally known name and performance.

switching its power source from oil and coal to wood. Company officials say it's the first non-wood industry in the nation to return to wood as a power source.

The switch to waste wood will save the plant half its fuel bill, according to officials. The Morbark system will also be buying

sawdust and chips from Alabama sawmills.

At Winn, the Morbark plant employs many area men: From Weidman, Remus, Rosebush, Farwell, and so on.

We asked Spike Branson, who has worked at Morbark's for a

long time, what kind of man Norval Morey is--what kind of "boss" he makes.

"Well," Spike said, "he's big time, you have to admit that, but he comes out and talks with his workers--calls us by our first names, and is friendly."

That's doing okay for a small-time tinkerer who invented first a machine that peeled bark off forest trees after cutting, and who rose to become a nationwide figure in the wood industry.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Callers at our home have been Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Dick Gott, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Huiefer and boys, Bessie Allen, Debbie and Wanda Graham. Wanda took us to the doctor one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and boys called Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Battleshaw and children in the evening. Marvin Allen had dinner with us Sunday. Bessie Allen was at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee and Laura Latham called on Rosie Leiter in her new apartment in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Muriel Miller visited their uncle, Junior Servoss, in Mt. Pleasant Hospital Saturday evening.

The Don Alwood family have been having the flu the past week. Cathy had it the weekend and was out of school Monday.

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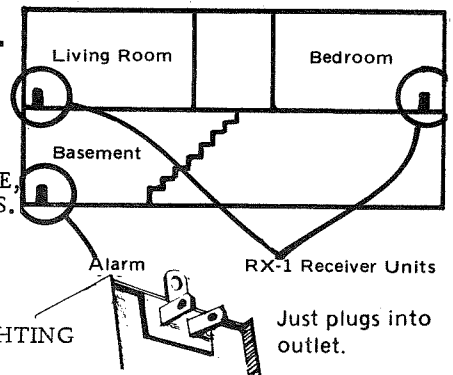
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In the Editor's Mail

Hello, Connie:

I am enclosing \$3.00 for as many Messengers as it's good for. I was 92 years old Jan. 3, and may not read the papers much longer.

I've lived in this rest home one and third years, and have good care here, good food, and everybody is nice to me.

After a broken hip, I didn't walk for a long time, but can walk pretty good again, in my room and a nice long hall.

I sure miss Flossie since her death, but my good son-in-law visits me real often.

My eyes are not as good as usual, just old age, I guess.

Best of wishes.

Mrs. Edith Kennedy

Flint

Kith Rest Home

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Dear Mrs. Skinner:

I have been in hospital and am convalescing at my daughter's in Big Rapids.

I am sending check the same as last year. If any more, I will give you a ring when I get home.

Sincerely

James C. Fordyce

Gilmore

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(Editor's Note: He's home now. His address is Farwell Route 1.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Forbes were called to Pontiac by the sudden death of their brother-in-law. They attended the funeral in Pontiac Friday.

Nora Geasler, Violet Wright, Irene Bowen and I attended a pink and blue shower for Connie Fletcher Sunday at the Wilbur Fletcher, Sr., home. She received many beautiful gifts. Refreshments of ice cream and cake, with punch and coffee, were served.

Flossie Forbes left by plane from the Tri-Cities Airport last Wednesday. She will spend the remainder of the winter in Florida with her two daughters, Irene Bush and Rosamond Foulds.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes and Lyle and Joyce Cook spent Friday evening with Jane Fields and Tony Bartley, enjoying cake and ice cream in honor of Jane's birthday.

Lewis Bowen was at Manistee Saturday night, where he took a bus load of students.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cline had company from Detroit over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe had their grandson and friend and two granddaughters from Columbus, Ohio, over the weekend. Laverne Forbes and Wayne La Londe are working on an oil well

near Midland.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with the home folks.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mrs. Robert Tibbetts of East Lansing spent Sunday and Monday with her mother, Mrs. Clari-bel Beutler. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children.

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PRENATAL CARE CLASSES STARTED THIS WEEK

The first of a six-week series of prenatal care classes for expectant parents, offered by the Central Michigan District Health Department, began this week Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the Isabella County Medical Care Facility Activity Room in Mt. Pleasant.

Six classes are scheduled each week, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and cover the following topics:

Infant development, maternal changes, baby care, family planning, exercise, infant care, nutrition, and breast feeding.

Mt. Pleasant physicians and other resource people will be called upon as guest speakers.

Couples are encouraged to attend the classes, which are free of charge. The classes are not designed to take the place of prenatal care by a physician.

For further information, call the Health Department at 773-5921.

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Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

LOCAL RIGHT TO LIFE PEOPLE ARE ACTIVE IN FIGHTING ABORTION ON DEMAND

At a recent meeting of Michigan Citizens for Life representatives and March of Dimes directors, the pro-Life people made a strong plea for March of Dimes to cease funding genetic studies aimed at discovering birth defects in utero, which often result in abortion.

Although March of Dimes said it would take the matter under advisement, no promises were made.

In the past, the March of Dimes excited world admiration by its solicitude for polio victims, and by its generously directed aid to them in their struggles to overcome their infirmities.

With the victory over polio assured by the vaccination discovery of Dr. Jonas Salk, March of Dimes diverted its attention to birth defects, and is supporting a great deal of research that is worthy of admiration and assistance.

However, say the Right to Life people, when March of Dimes supports genetic screening which searches out the child in utero with congenital defects, for the purpose of relaying this information to parents who generally opt to destroy the defective child,

the Right to Life people say they have no choice but to withdraw their support.

The major aim of the Right to Life organization is the passage of a Human Life Amendment to the United States Constitution. The amendment, they believe, is necessary due to the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision by which the unborn is legally not a person and is not capable of "meaningful" life.

Since the Supreme Court's decision, say the Right to Life people, abortion on demand is legally killing 4,000 babies daily in the United States.

They maintain that the implications of the Supreme Court decision may, in the near future, be applied to born humans resulting in the enactment of euthanasia laws or mercy killing of the sick, handicapped, mentally retarded, and elderly, or those judged not capable of "meaningful" life as determined by the State.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague were callers.

MARCH OF DIMES VARIETY SHOW SET FOR JAN. 24

The Isabella County March of Dimes Variety Show will be Jan. 24 at 7.30 p.m. at Warriner Auditorium on the campus at Mt. Pleasant.

Featured will be Butch Heath and The Ravens from the Bay City area. Also featured will be the Wolfgang Sturm Edelweis Schueplattlers, with their fine rendition of good German folk dancing. The group consists of children age seven to 16.

The K-Jee Band also will perform. Adult tickets are \$2, Senior Citizens and students \$1, and for the entire family, \$5.

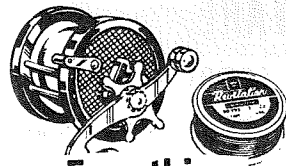
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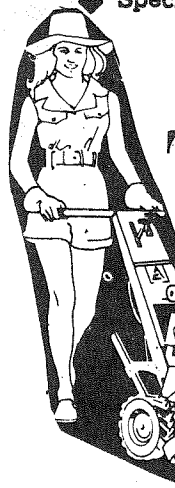
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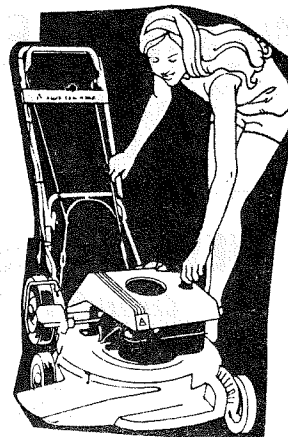
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