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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### FEBRUARY CAME IN LIKE CRAZY

Sunday morning brought in February and the worst blizzard of the winter, in this area. Guess it was state-wide, too.

For a time Sunday morning, we had clouds ramming across the sky from the south and also from the north. Different altitudes, of course, but the situation upset a person, sort of.

Snow, deep cold and strong and gusty ground-winds piled up drifts across roads, across lawns and paths, and generally filled in whatever citizens had previously dug out.

All this and high temp. of 12 degrees, on our house thermometer.

We had one consolation, at the Messenger office-home. Ma's old wood-burning kitchen range, at the north end of the house.

And let me point out that there is nothing like "live" burning wood to warm a house. Our totally automatic furnaces go on when the thermostat tells 'em to, and also off, when the thermostat says "Off!"

And when they're "Off", boy, are they ever "Off!" Dead. No residual banked-up heat as with the old coal-fired furnaces when you shut the damper down.

No. With the "automatic" oil-burning furnace first, and later the natural-gas-fired ones, we now enjoy totally automatic heat; it goes on, and goes off. And when it's off, as we said, it's just plain Off.

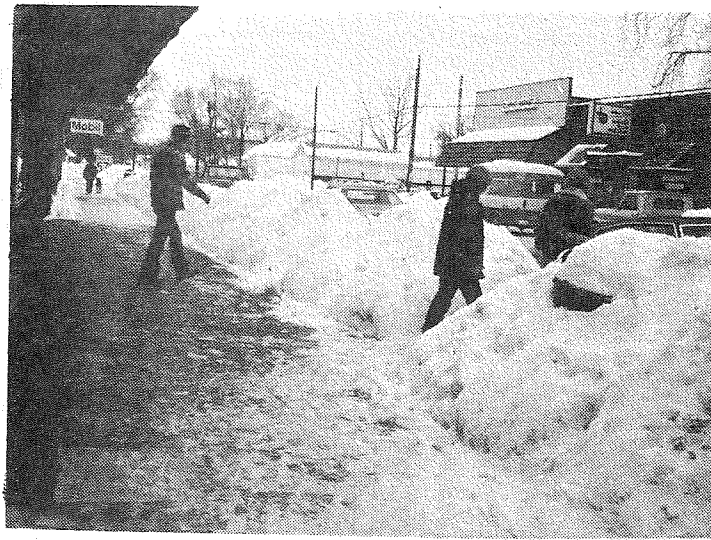
But a wood fire in Ma's old kitchen cook-stove--ahhh!

That, my friends, is something else. A joy forever, or as long as our supply of paper-logs, scrap wood and tree trimmings holds out.

Hurry spring.

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Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hinton of Remus were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs at the Steerhaus at Sand Lake, Saturday evening.



**PARDON OUR DOWNTOWN STREETS--**The worst snow pile-up in modern times has clogged the closely-populated store district of Weidman's business street, which technically is Woodruff Road. County snow plows go through and toss the stuff up against the sidewalks, leaving barely single parking spaces and a narrow two-lane traffic possibility. Hazards to pedestrians trying to get into downtown stores has been great, with roughly-hewn narrow passages through the snow banks to the sidewalks, which have not always been kept clean and safe, either. We salute the new Western Auto Store, the only one we've noticed on the street that keeps its share of the sidewalk clean and dry. Hassles with the Road Commission continue.



**GREAT BANKS OF SNOW-PLOW DEBRIS LINE THE STREETS--**In downtown Weidman. A spokesman for the County Highway Department has been quoted as telling Weidman merchants, "The Woodruff Road through the village is the same to us as Rolland Road--both are prime county roads. Woodruff Road through the town of Weidman will get the same treatment as Rolland--no more, no less." Businessmen have been trying to figure what can be done to get the hazards removed. Messenger photos

### LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST COMING RIGHT UP--FEB. 15

The annual Little Mac Bridge Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm is set for Sunday, Feb. 15, all day.

Preparations for the huge event have been going on for weeks, with Volunteer Firemen and their wives working Sunday evenings to start the preparations for the pig-roast dinner.

Volunteers from all areas are needed and would be welcomed enthusiastically by the Firemen and wives workers.

The Little Mac Bridge Pig Roast has become a state-wide winter event, with crowds and numbers of snowmobiles growing bigger each year. Meticulous planning, for the dinner, for safety in all sections of the beautiful hills, and general control has had to become more stringent and itemized with each year as attendance has climbed. Safety involving the hundreds of snowmobiles has had to be thoroughly considered and provided for.

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### WBA MEETS THIS THURSDAY NIGHT, 7.30, BANK BUILDING

There will be a meeting of the Weidman Business Association at 7.30 p.m. this Thursday evening, Feb. 5, in the old bank building.

All WBA members and all business people of Weidman are urged to attend.

The work load of the Weidman Business Association is being carried by a handful of dedicated merchants and businessmen.

Other business people carry on their trade here to make money and ignore the important aspect of business people attempting to make Weidman a better place to live in and trade.

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### LIONS CLUB FISH FRY NEXT WEEK FRIDAY NIGHT

Don't forget next week Friday, evening, Feb. 13, is the Weidman Lions Club's fish fry, at the Weidman School.

A yummy fish supper, complete.

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### HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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Weidman, Michigan

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LIONS CLUB FISH FRY--The Weidman Lions Club will offer another Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 13, with serving from 5.30 to 7.30, at the Weidman School cafeteria. Adults \$3.00, children under 12, \$1.50.  
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PICTURES--We have a pile-up of contemporary photos people have brought in for publication --engagements, anniversaries, weddings, etc. Please come and get them if you want them back. This does not apply to those lovely people who have given or sent old-time photos. We hope to print them, sooner or later. Thanks.  
 Feb. 5tf

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## Notice

### PUBLIC MEETING

The Township Boards of Sherman and Nottawa have called a public meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 12, at 8 o'clock at the Weidman School, to discuss a proposed ordinance establishing curfew hours for children and minors;

And also providing for control of loitering on streets and public places.

The people of Nottawa and Sherman Townships are urged to attend this joint Township Meeting.

KEITH LOOMIS  
 Clerk  
 Sherman Township  
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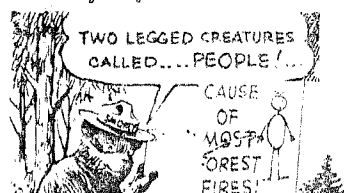
## Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On February 19, 1976, at 10:00 A.M., the Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Isabella will hold a Public Hearing at their offices on West Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing all persons opposed to or in favor of the proposal to change the name of WOODRUFF ROAD TO JOHNSON ROAD, said road being located in Section 6, T14N, R5W, Deerfield Township, Isabella County, Michigan.

ISABELLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
 Lionel Duncan, Chairman  
 Douglas McFarlane, Member  
 Earl House, Member.  
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### Smokey Says:



## Obituary

### FLEURETTE P. HAUPT

This area was deeply saddened last week by the death of Fleurette P. Haupt (Flo), who passed away Jan. 28 at CMC Hospital. She was 69.

She was born Feb. 6, 1906, in Ottawa, Canada. She had been a resident of the Coldwater Lake area for years, and had very many friends here.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, in St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City, with Father Don Dueweke officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A prayer service was conducted at 8 p.m. Friday at the family home, where she lay in state.

She is survived by her husband, Frank; a son, John, of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter, Sharon Horgan, also of Mt. Pleasant; a brother, Arthur Claude, of Ottawa, Canada; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Crittenden Funeral Home of Remus.

The family have the deep sympathy of their many friends.

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## Obituary

### RAYMOND SEBENICK

Raymond W. Sebenick of Mt. Pleasant died Friday, Jan. 30, at CMC Hospital, after a long illness. He was 61.

He was born Aug. 19, 1914, in Beal City, and he and his wife, Sue, lived for years at the corner of Weidman and Winn Roads, where Ray ran a machine shop and Sue operated a beauty salon in the front of the cement-block building.

The couple have very many friends in this area.

Ray was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1297, and the Mt. Pleasant Moose Lodge No. 195.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; a son, LeRae, of Mecosta; and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Bailey of Sanford. A brother, Norman, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Monday at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, with Father John Thome officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

His family have the sympathy of their very many friends.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Obituary

LILLIE (WRIGHT) DONALD  
 Lillie (Wright) Donald of rural Marion died Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, after surgery in Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. She was 72 years old.

She was born Oct. 23, 1903, in the Brinton area, where she spent most of her life.

She is survived by her children, Beatrice Klock of South Haven, Clifford Chase of Marion, Edna Wallace of Winn and Rita Horrigan of Greenville, Arwilda Reed and Homer Wright, also of Greenville, Joe Wright of Flat Rock, Russell Wright of Brinton and Fred Wright of Battle Creek; a brother, Tony Bartley, of Brinton, a sister, Jane Fields, and an uncle, Bud Longtin, both of Brinton; and 30 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with burial in the Brinton Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home till noon Thursday.

Lillie Donald was well known and highly respected and loved by a great many people of this area. Her family have the sympathy of all.

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## Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to friends, relatives, and all who helped us through the time of our bereavement.

Special thanks to the J. J. Rush Funeral Home, Central Michigan Community Hospital staff and doctors, Father Thome, all the people who donated food and helped in preparation of the meal.

A very special thanks to Father Dueweke for his comforting words.

The Family of  
 Anna Reihl

### THIS IS THE YEAR...

A little boy asked his mother if all fairy tales start with "Once Upon a Time".

She said, "Not this year, son. They start with, 'If I am elected.'"

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Mrs. Vic Jeffrey (Judy) was admitted to CMC Hospital on Jan. 28. Elaine Leiter of Lake also was admitted on that date.

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Dick Gott and Marvin Allen called on John Gott Thursday.

**SPECIAL CLINIC FOR MEASLES IMMUNIZATION**

A special immunization clinic for persons in Isabella County who need to be immunized against measles will be held by the Central Michigan District Health Department from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. this week Thursday, Feb. 5, at the health department's main office, 1222 North Drive, in Mt. Pleasant.

The clinic is being held for those persons who did not get immunized during last week's measles campaign in Shepherd, Sacred Heart, Beal City and Mt. Pleasant High Schools. The clinic is particularly geared to elementary and Junior High School students in the county who are susceptible to hard measles.

Immunizations are needed by persons who: Had a hard measles shot before the age of one; had gamma globulin with the measles shot; have not had a shot for hard measles; or have not had hard measles.

Pre-school children who attend the regularly scheduled immunization clinics at the health department every second and fourth Wednesday are not encouraged to attend this special clinic. All minors must have a parents or guardian's signed permission to receive the shot.

Only immunization for hard measles will be given at this clinic. The next clinic for all immunizations will be held at the health department Feb. 11.

For more information, phone the health department at 773-5921.

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**In the Editor's Mail**

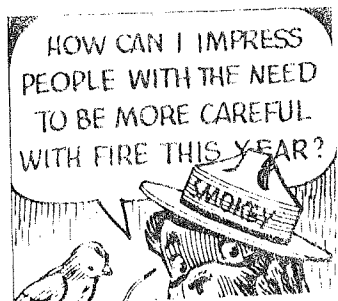
Dear Connie:

Must send in my subscription before it's too late and I'll be missing my paper.

Winter has been a long one. Started in November, which is a month early. Here in the valley the temperature has been above zero, so it hasn't been too cold, but you do get tired of snow.

Hope you are well? I got a flu shot this fall, and so far have escaped the flu, but Ned had a bout with it.

Love,  
Annetta Bellows  
Calder, Idaho



**WINTER'S WORST STORM HIT SUDDENLY SUNDAY**

A vicious winter storm hit Weidman suddenly Sunday morning about 9 o'clock, roaring out of the north with a sound like a mammoth road machine.

Snow had been falling, but gently, with no wind. That 50-mile-an-hour wind came with no warning and hurled snow, new and old, in horizontal blankets across roads and lawns.

It was a ground wind, tearing at ground-level spaces but not touching high branches of trees, at least not on our place.

The blizzard continued all day Sunday, with winds and snow unabated and temperatures falling to lows of 17 degrees below zero on some home-thermometers here.

County snow plows worked all day Sunday, with every man on the job until after dark, in the midst of the blizzard, keeping main roads passable and workable for Monday's chores.

Every plow was out Sunday, all day, according to Mrs. Gene McArthur, whose husband is one of the stalwart drivers of the monster plow-trucks that keep us on the roads in winter. Road workers (truck drivers) worked till after dark Monday also.

All area schools were closed, as side roads had not even been touched by Tuesday. Depths of snow on those side roads made school-bus driving impossible, and schools closed in deference to safety of the kids.

Primary roads throughout the county were kept open and were fairly passable, but continuing gusts of wind and snow made driving a maybe proposition for most.

The storm was state-wide, and practically nation-wide, but it seemed to hit Weidman with a special vindictiveness. No accidents were reported in this area, and no power outages (as of Monday night, cross your fingers).

February came in with the coldest spell we've experienced in years, and of course the ground hog saw his shadow Monday, Feb. 2. (Doesn't he always?)

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*Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter*

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent the weekend with her father, at Copemish.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow returned home Friday evening from two weeks in Florida. She said the weather was cold, down there.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent entertained all their children during the weekend. Saturday evening they had a supper celebrating Mable's and Evelyn's birthdays. Thursday, Gerald and Mabel went to Mt. Pleasant, and from there to Alma to call on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, at the hospital there.

The Dents have their little grandson, Christopher Dent, staying with them this week.

Jim Strong was a Friday supper guests of the Jim Thompsons.

Mrs. Iola Miller and Mrs. Janice Touchinski and two girls attended a pink and blue shower at the Brinton Hall Saturday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Connie Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Wednesday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home. Clayton Dutcher was a Friday visitor.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

**"TEN CANNOTS" BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

(Contributed by Gerald Cotter, from Florida.)

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could do for themselves.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Fred Wilcox was reported as improving, at his home here, after suffering a couple of strokes.

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**Where To Write Your Congressmen**

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U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin  
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Washington, D.C. 20315

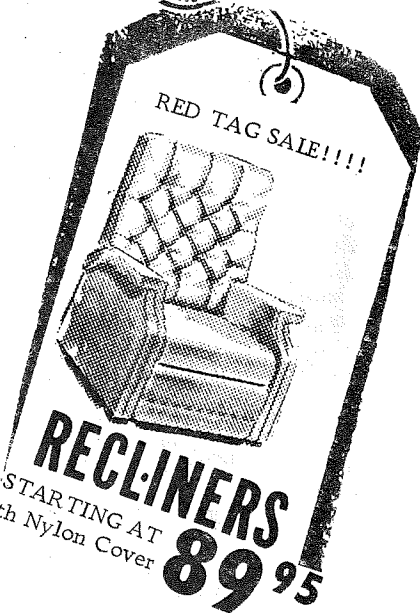
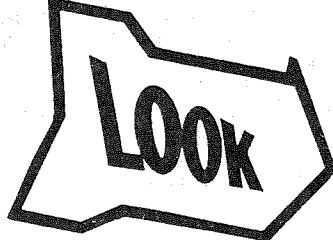
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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State Senate Building  
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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Milo and Ann Eldred called on Tillie Schafer Monday evening. Ruth Klumpp called Tuesday evening. Walt and Wanda Schafer visited her Wednesday evening, and Jerry and Bethel Schafer Thursday night.

Matie Pung went to Midland last Thursday to see her doctor. Coletta Gross is home from the hospital.

Louis Zeien is home from the hospital in Ann Arbor.

Delta College's women's basketball team has a Beal City girl on it for the second year. Returning from the 1975 squad, among others, Becky Quillen, a graduate of Beal City High School.

Debra R. Cook, a Freshman at Alma College, is one of two students named as outstanding scholars on Alma College's Term Honors List for the first term of the 1975-76 academic year.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer, and Louise Schafer attended the Silver Wedding celebration for the Norman Schafers in Shepherd Saturday evening.

Leona Martin returned home from the hospital last week.

Doug Schafer returned from Ann Arbor Saturday, and is feeling better.

Dennis Pung had an accident at work, and is in the hospital.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross Monday evening.

Julius Bierschbach called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bierschbach Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gary Schumacher and children, Tom Bierschbach and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Thursday afternoon. ---0---

## Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

Larry Benson's mother from Detroit is here for several days, to help take care of the new baby and mother.

Glenn Brown entered Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids last Tuesday, and was discharged late Thursday afternoon. His reports were very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy had as weekend guests their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris, from Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lichtenfelt have returned home from a three-week vacation in sunny Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr are both home again, after their auto accident. Several nieces have come to stay a while with them.

The Floyd Johnsons from Riverdale were here at their cottage ever the weekend, to do some ice fishing. The Alden Bullards from Lansing also were at their cottage, to try for fish through the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig entertained her two sisters and husbands over the weekend. They enjoyed snowmobiling.

Mrs. Scott Frear is home from a 10-day stay in CMC Hospital. She reports she is feeling better, and they had Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando over for a co-operative Sunday dinner.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

We noticed that many came with snowmobiles for the weekend, but seemed the weather was too severe for many to venture out Sunday.

With Our Sick

Ted Krauss seems a little stronger, but still is in the hospital. His family have been here with Mrs. Krauss for over a week.

George Hager is much improved but taking treatments indefinitely.

Bob Farnum continues to improve. Several visitors have cheered him recently. Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon of Lansing, friends of Bob, and also a "ham" operator were with them for dinner recently. Julius Guerin's niece, Mrs. Alex Syler, of Livonia, visited Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones were with them Sunday.

Lee VandeMark is getting out again. Their daughter, Janet Rhodes, of Lansing, visited them the 27th and 28th. Weekend visitors were Ora and Paul Jones, and Bob and Billie Struble, for a birthday dinner for Bob.

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A storm casualty: The large

awning on the front of the mobile home of Will Blakely succumbed to the weight of snow. A warning--check those awnings and roofs!

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So the ground hog really saw his shadow Monday, Feb. 2--but doesn't it always happen that way? And by the way, who can tell us where that myth originated? Every year we watch "Ground Hog Day", and really we don't know where the superstition came from!



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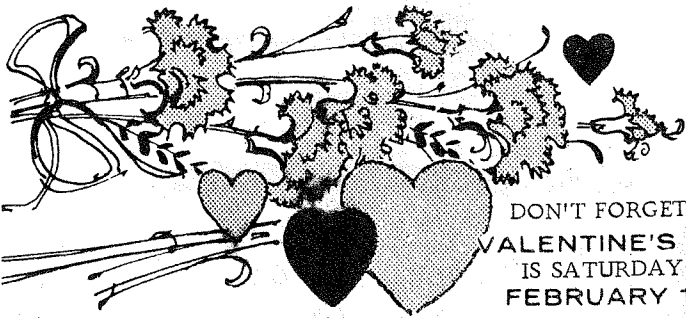
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We wish to express our great appreciation and joy in receiving the beautiful flowers and flowering plants sent us by fellow merchants of Weidman, and by our friends and relatives, on the occasion of our opening our Western Auto Store in Weidman.

You have made us very happy, and you have made us feel welcome to Weidman's business street.

Western Auto Store  
The Benn Johnsons  
And the Whitey McCreights

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McConnell of Weidman called at the Robert Dutcher home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent Saturday over night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wood of Sanford. They spent Sunday over night with the Garry Dutchers, as they couldn't get through their road to get home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were our Saturday evening visitors.

Ervin and Goldie Dutcher spent Wednesday afternoon and had supper with Bob and Minnie Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children spent Saturday evening with the Jim Dutcher family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner took Jim and Betty Dutcher out to supper Friday night.

Brian Dutcher was a Saturday caller of the Jim Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons visited the Garry Dutcher family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilbeck of Barryton visited at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home Friday evening.

Sandy Dutcher and Ed Oplin-

ger visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Latendresse of Barryton Saturday evening.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday.

Lou Ann and Mark Maeder visited the Harry Gatehouses Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and family Sunday evening.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

### RETIREMENT PARTY FOR RUSSELL (PETE) WRIGHT

A retirement party honoring Russell (Pete) Wright on his completion of 25 years' employment at the Dow Chemical Company in Midland will be held Saturday evening, Feb. 14, at the Brinton Hall.

Violet Wright will furnish lunch. There will be dancing.

All friends and relatives of Pete are cordially invited.

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Lillie (Wright) Donald died early Tuesday morning, after surgery at the Cadillac Hospital. She had been ill for some time. She was a former Brinton resident, and had many friends and relatives here. The family have our sympathy.

Evelyn Slupe and family of Grand Rapids and Gwendolyn Starks spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Not much news, due to the heavy snow storm Sunday. Everyone snowed in.

A pink and blue shower was held for Connie Fletcher Saturday at the hall in Brinton, with Judy Simons as hostess. Connie received many beautiful gifts.

Alvie Moore has been a patient at CMC Hospital the past week, due to injuries he sustained when he fell from a ladder while cleaning snow from his roof. He was reported as coming along satisfactorily at this time.

Violet Wright and I joined Lewis and Irene Bowen Wednesday evening and attended the exercises for installation of officers at the Farwell lodge.

Bonnie Forbes hosted a birthday supper for her sister, Carol, last Thursday evening.

## The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
(1 Mile West of Weidman)  
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Next Sunday Jack Nichols, missionary for the Galilean Baptist Mission, will present his work in the 10 and 11 o'clock church services this next Sunday.

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Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 21st 2nd Street, Weidman.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Paul Coles received word that their little great-grandson was discharged from the hospital last Tuesday. He is Chucky Mossell, and he was taken worse and was taken to the hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner was driving up Vernon Road Saturday, and a woman backed from her driveway into Coranna's car, doing considerable damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk spent the weekend at their farm. They couldn't make it into their drive at 11.30 p.m. Thursday, so they spent the night with the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes received word that their little granddaughter, Jennie Lynn Yambrick, did not have surgery last week, due to her running a temperature. She will have surgery Feb. 11.

Well, I thought we had the old ground hog buried deep enough in the snow so he could not come out--but he did.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfannes of Snovsnake Mountain spent last Thursday evening with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes were

Saturday supper guests of the Paul Coles.

Yours Truly was on the sick list most of last week, but was doing better at this writing. But who wouldn't feel better with having wonderful neighbors like Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk, who came Sunday with 15 lovely, beautiful, red roses? I shall forever be grateful. How can one do so little and get so much?



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Lucile Huguélet was discharged from CMC Hospital Jan. 27. Elaine Leiter was admitted on the same day.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing, of rural Marion, Saturday, and had supper with them.



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**JUDGE CALLS MISTRIAL IN ABBOTT RELIEF CHECK CASE**

The 21st Circuit Court trial of a Weidman couple accused of illegally receiving money from the Isabella County Department of Social Services resulted in a hung jury last week.

The 12-member jury was unable to agree on a verdict for Jimmy and Joanne Abbott of Weidman. A unanimous verdict is required of a jury in a criminal case.

Judge Paul O'Connell dismissed the jury and declared a mistrial.

The case will be scheduled for retrial, according to the County Prosecutor's office.

The couple was accused of receiving more than \$500 in relief money from Social Services during the period of June 21, 1974, to February, 1975.

The prosecution maintained Jimmy Abbott was working during that time, and they failed to notify Social Services of the change in income.

The defense maintained the Abbotts did call Social Services about the income change in June 1974 but the department continued to issue checks regardless.

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**FIRE DESTROYS MOBILE HOME ON COLEMAN ROAD**

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the mobile-home residence of Michael Wyson at about 7.30 Tuesday morning, but were unable to save the home, as the fire had got an uncontrollable start.

The blaze started from heat tapes under the home, on water lines.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mrs. Paul Bigelow and the new baby, last Wednesday, at Winn. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were in Clare, visiting her sister, Mrs. Etta Bristol, at the nursing home there.

**IMPORTANT WORK SESSIONS FOR LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST**

There are three very important work-sessions coming right up in preparation for this area's annual big event--the Little Mac Bridge Pig Roast on the beautiful Elwood Miller farm, scheduled this year for Sunday, Feb. 15.

This next Sunday evening is another--and very important--work bee, beginning at 7 at the Fire Hall, and then next week, on Friday and Saturday nights, will be the final and crucial work sessions for the big day.

Friday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall, potatoes will be washed, dried and wrapped in foil, ready for the charcoal grills on Sunday.

Women will mix that delicious dressing that goes with the pig-roast dinner in the open.

Spokesmen for the Firemen told the Messenger that volunteers--from all walks of life and of every age--are desperately needed for the Feb. 8 and Feb. 13 work meetings. Please help. You can put in an hour or two and make all the difference in the final preparations for the annual event.

On Feb. 14, Saturday, volunteers with trucks, large and small, or station wagons, or just plain cars, are needed to transport the dinner-makings to the Miller farm for the celebration next day.

Women, members of the Fire-Department, the Weidman Business Association and the Beal City Business Association, are asked to furnish three loaves of home-baked bread, sliced, buttered, and foil-wrapped, for the dinner. Ladies outside any of these organizations also are asked to contribute bread, if they can spare the time. Their contributions will be greatly appreciated by all.

Besides the bread-loaves to be delivered at the Fire Hall Feb.

13, all money, buttons and meal tickets also will be turned in to proper committees.

Sunday, the big day, is the last chance to help on the project. Helper-people are really needed on that day.

The general public is urged to get into the swing of preparing for that Sunday of fun in the snow on the Miller farm.

It takes mountains of supplies, and endless hours of preparatory work.

Your help will be more than welcomed.

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**15 PRESENT AT WORK BEE AT FIRE HALL SUNDAY NIGHT**

Fifteen members of the Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department and their wives showed up for work Sunday evening at the Fire Hall here, in the midst of the worst storm of the year.

Two hundred pounds of beans were cleaned and made ready for the bean-soup pots at the Little Mac Pig Roast.

There will be another work bee this coming Sunday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Fire Hall, when the remaining hundred pounds of beans will be cleaned.

Working members of the Fire Department and some helpers have formed a non-profit corpor-

ation, in order to handle matters in a legal way, such as insurance, etc.

Volunteer workers from all over are needed in these preparatory work bees. Anyone who can spare the time on a Sunday evening, and who is willing to do a little work, will be more than welcomed by the Firemen and their wives as they work to prepare for the big day at the Elwood Miller farm, Feb. 15.

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**BESSIE ALLEN ENTERTAINS THE BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Ten ladies from Weidman attended a Birthday Club meeting at the home of Bessie Allen of Farwell last Thursday.

A noon luncheon was enjoyed.

The next luncheon party will be at the home of Joan Burden.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Fire destroyed a double-wide mobile home in the northwest corner of the county Thursday night and early Friday morning. The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department and a unit from Clare County answered the fire call. The place was unoccupied at the time.

The owner has a post office box in Washington, D.C.

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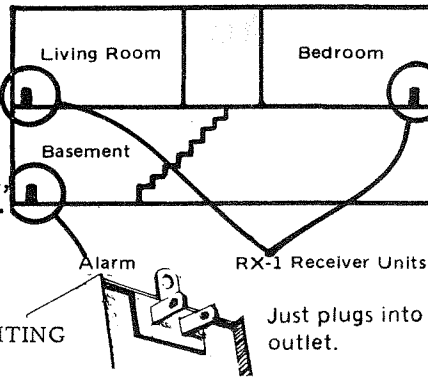
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