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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE HAD IT HARD HERE, BUT YOU SHOULD SEE TUSCOLA COUNTY

Our sister, Mildred Garner, spent from Friday till Sunday afternoon with Frances Tranbarger, and her son, Rex, who lives on a farm in Tuscola County, just out of Vassar, came and took her home.

Rex said that throughout Tuscola County electric power lines and telephones were out since last week Tuesday evening, when the big storm began.

In the days following, freezing rain and high winds did the work of knocking out power lines almost throughout Tuscola County. The county was still dead and dark (and cold) Sunday.

At Rex's home, 12-inch diameter spruce trees broke off half way up the trunks, and 15-foot birch trees bent till their tops touched the ground. All trees, after that ice storm were doubled over, he said. Tops broke off maple trees 30 feet high, and also many branches shattered.

In the village of Vassar, a creek flowing into the Cass River flooded, sending water into homes and many stores. Tree branches littered every street. There was no heat or light, even in doctors' offices.

Many plants and factories in the Saginaw-Tuscola area shut down.

Rex said he got bottles of drinking water from more lucky neighbors, and he took water from here for his home down there.

Rex's uncle, living in Vassar near the flooding creek area, was sitting in his living room when a big branch of a tree broke off, crashing through the roof and ceiling and taking part of the fireplace chimney.

Dairy farmers in Tuscola County were especially hard hit, and the Detroit Free Press featured them on its front page Monday morning.

The west half of Sherman Township, all of Coldwater, and

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MOST HOMES GOT THIS SCENE--OR WORSE--In one of Michigan's worst ice storms last week. Above is a young tree in the front of Elizabeth Neubecker's home in Weidman, quite characteristic of most places around here. Weidman was lucky, though--Consumers Power did not fail us all during that terrible week.

Messenger photo

The storm began last Tuesday night, and Saturday night radio

reports stated that 160,000 homes (Continued on Back Page)



ONE OF WEIDMAN'S OLD LANDMARKS-- Was practically destroyed by fire last week. It's the old Neil Faling house, occupied in modern times by Muriel Miller and her family. The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department did its best, but the structure of the house--built by a master craftsman--was such that it was difficult to locate the source of fire. The Neil Faling house stood these many years, the craftsman's work standing up through the ages.

Messenger photo

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PUBLIC MEETING ON WEIDMAN DAY IS THURSDAY NIGHT

The public meeting to discuss possibilities for putting on a Weidman Day as this area's part in the national Bicentennial Year was postponed last week, due to the big storm.

The meeting will be held this week Thursday, 7 p. m., at the Weidman School.

All interested people are urged to attend.

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BUSINESSMEN WANT WEIDMAN DAY AN ANNUAL EVENT

At the regular meeting of the Weidman Business Association last Wednesday evening, local businessmen expressed the wish to make Weidman Day an annual event.

Unanimous approval was shown for the idea of Weidman Day this summer as this area's part in the nation's Bicentennial Year.

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BUD FREDRICKSON OBSERVES HIS EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY AS STOREKEEPER HERE

Bud Fredrickson was reminded of his eighth anniversary as owner of Bud's Party Store (Dillenebeck's) Tuesday.

Bud was born and raised in Muskegon--"a real city slicker," as he put it in an interview. He had never become acquainted with country folks before.

He has done well, having more friends all over Isabella County, but especially in his home town of Weidman, than many can acquire in a lifetime.

"I wouldn't go back to city life for anything you'd want to name," Bud said. "People here are wonderful, and this is the good life."

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Muriel (Leiter) Miller and family are living in the Vernon Miller mobile home near the Weidman School, since the fire that destroyed her home on Fourth Street last week. Rusty and Fonda Alwood and several other members of the Weidman Baptist Church collected donations of money, clothes and furniture for her and her family. Vernon and Carol Miller have moved into the Anna Martin home south of the school.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with his mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Dwayne and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen have been spending some time with Eunice La Londe, due to lack of electricity in their homes.

Bud Longton was in Remus Monday to see his doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sowle announce the arrival of a daughter last week, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Ralph Geasler underwent surgery at the hospital in Grand Rapids last week Tuesday. Carl and Ellen Geasler called on him Saturday. He was feeling fine. Nora Geasler has been staying with her daughter, Carol Cummings, during his absence.

Electric power has been off around here since early last week, with no promise of relief in sight as this is written (Monday).

The Gilbert Schrock home on the Brinton Road got electricity back on Monday morning of this week.

ELECTRIC POWER COMES ON FOR COLDWATER PEOPLE

Electric power was restored Monday night by the REA for folks in the Coldwater-west Sherman Townships areas.

Homes were without lights, heat and water since last week's ice storm.

TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes and family and Dewayne La Londe attended the Johnny Cash show at Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metzger of Bailey spent last Tuesday with Dad and me, in observance of his birthday on Thursday.

Irene Bowen attended the funeral of her aunt, Etta Sawyer, at the Daggett Funeral Home Monday.

Lewis Bowen was in Lansing over the weekend. Irene spent Saturday night with her daughter, Connie Fletcher, of Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irish attended the funeral of his sister in Saginaw Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ostrom, on Rolland Road, are now living in their new double-width trailer. They purchased it after fire destroyed their home.

Eathel Beers and Fern Verette were in Remus Monday, where Eathel called on her doctor.

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George Darnell and two sons of Stanton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Wednesday, March 3, when their children, Miss Kelly Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and son, Pat, took them out for dinner at the White Wagon Restaurant in Rosebush.

They had a beautiful wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Aldrich and son and a friend of Steve's, Raymond Skinner, were callers at the Aldrich home.

The couple received some nice gifts.

Wanda and Debbie Graham took pictures.

Our sympathy to the Fanny Hunt family of Coldwater Lake. Fannie died last Tuesday. Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Mrs. John Gott called at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell Friday to show their respects. They also had lunch while in Farwell. We spoke with many of our old friends there.

Dick Gott called one day last week.

Mrs. Carol Abbott visited her father, James Kennedy, of Rosebush, one day last week.

Little Heather Alwood spent last Wednesday over night and Thursday with Grandpa and Grandma Alwood. Thursday Heather and Grandma Helen visited at the Weidman School to wish Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Gingrich "Happy Birthday". It was also the birthday of Mrs. Houghton (principal now at the Mecosta School). All three teachers have taught all five of the Alwood children over a period of 20 years or more.

Thursday evening Rusty and Fonda Alwood and baby Todd enjoyed supper at the Alwood home, and Heather returned home with them.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 8 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party in Beal City last Thursday afternoon, the Senior Citizens had eight and a half tables of pepper in play.

Leah Scharrer won first prize for the ladies, with Veronica Tilmann second and Mildred Youngs low.

Jack Cotter won first for the men, with Wilbur Reinert second and Mike Gross low.

Louis Rau won the pepper prize. Herman Grinzinger drew the door prize.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, March 18. All are cordially welcome.

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LIONS CLUB FISH FRY--The Weidman Lions Club will hold another of their famous fish fries Friday, March 12, 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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Card of Thanks

I do want to extend my heartfelt thanks to those who visited me while I was in the hospital, and to those who sent flowers and cards.
 Your good wishes are deeply appreciated.
 Ragolt Hauck

Obituary

FANNIE HUNT
 Fannie Hunt of Weidman died March 2 at CMC Hospital. She was 83.
 She was born Nov. 25, 1892, in Farwell. She was preceded in death by her husband, George.
 Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.
 She is survived by four sons, Carl of East Detroit, Howard of Roseville, Robert of Flint, and George of Fillion, Mich.; four daughters, Mrs. Freda Smith of Weidman, Mrs. Ina Pocquette of Lima, O., Mrs. Viola Poling of Walled Lake, and Mrs. Mildred Poling of Auburn Heights; also 30 grandchildren and 57 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Snyder of Farwell and Mrs. Lottie Pocquette of Weidman.
 The family have the sympathy of all.

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NEWS NOTES.

Dick and Marsha Sexton have purchased the Alton Allen home on Lake of the Hills, and moved in Monday.
 Don't forget the Lions Club Fish Fry this Friday, March 12, at the Weidman School cafeteria. It'll be the usual delicious Lions Club menu, served family style, all you can eat.



CONSUMERS POWER LINEMAN--'Nuff said. As a matter of fact, all power companies' field men did heroic work after last week's devastating storm.

PUBLIC MEETING

THIS THURSDAY EVENING

MARCH 11

7 p. m.

WEIDMAN SCHOOL CAFETERIA
 COME AND VOICE YOUR IDEAS FOR
 OR AGAINST PUTTING ON A
 WEIDMAN DAY THIS SUMMER
 AS THIS AREA'S PART IN THE
 NATION'S BICENTENNIAL YEAR.



PEGGY AND GEORGE McCLAIN

The children of George and Peggy McClain of Barryton are hosting a 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House Sunday, March 21, from 2 to 5 p. m. in the Senior Citizens Hall in Barryton. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. The family requests no gifts, please.

George and Peggy have countless friends, here as well in as the Barryton area where they have lived since 1948.

George as a young man worked in a Chevrolet plant and could see layoffs coming as 1929 eased into 1930.

That year he moved back home to Sherman City, and started up a repair garage in the barn there. The sign, 'Sherman City Garage', is still there.

George became known as a mechanic "who knew Chevrolet cars", and he got repair business. Will Schauppner encouraged him

to rent the old Hampton garage building, and George's father backed a \$250 note at the bank to buy working tools.

He was in business.

He had worked in a Chevrolet dealership in Fenton before coming back home, so he had some experience in the field.

He took on a sub-dealership here from Homer Spangler in Barryton in 1934, and within 90 days he was selling cars. And how.

Eight out of 10 cars in this area were Chevies, during that era.

When Homer Spangler died, George bought the Barryton dealership, and carried it on successfully, especially when his son, George, Jr., went to work with him.

George, Jr., is now general manager of the Maylee-McClain Chevrolet dealership in Barryton, with George Senior having the time of his life hunting, fishing, and appearing on television shows dealing with the outdoors.

Peggie McClain has always been a devout church worker, and the couple have the affection of the entire area.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

The news this week is the unusual weather.

Those of us living in Forest No. 1 Mobile Home Subdivision joined the rest of the State with POWER FAILURE. Very thankful that it was only 25 hours, and believe me, that is enough. This period caused some problems, and we appreciate the help given us and the concern and offers of help from friends and neighbors.

The Julius Guerins had some anxious hours, due to their invalid son, Bob Farnum. But thanks to the efforts of our patrolman and the Isabella County Sheriff's Department, a generator was found by our Weidman Fire Department and hooked up for their use. Thus they were able to keep Bob at home rather than have him transferred to a hospital. This is greatly appreciated by the family.

The Yabs were stranded in their home without any means of heat, due to the fact they cook with electricity. Mrs. Carpenter invited them to her home, but because of the ice and wind, they could not even cross the hill. Our patrolman, having more muscle than any of them, succeeded in

getting a path across, and this enabled them to get over where there was a gas stove for heat and cooking. Later he got Jack Hurley to bring the end loader and break the ice and plow the driveway so they could get to friends who had invited them to a hot meal and to spend the night. But we were able to go home about 7 p. m.

Robert Mays tells us ALL CB-ers have been working about 20 hours daily, along with the electric crews. They have been in and around the Ithaca, Alma and Crystal areas. This is a real disaster area, he says.

We HOPE this is winter's last assault.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sponseller and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer.

Bill Martin entertained company Sunday.

Ginger and Debbie Rau and Anna and Dora Smith were shopping in Saginaw Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen spent Sunday at Houghton Lake with Oscar Fedewa.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Maxine Klumpp of Ann Arbor spent the weekend with the Al Klumpp family.

Baptisms at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City Sunday included Joseph Daniel Clare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Clare; and Ryan Kevin Brown, son of Kevin and Rose Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bierschbach and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach and family Tuesday evening. Bernard Bierschbach and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bierschbach and family and Mrs. Tom Schumacher also called Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bierschbach returned home from their trip to Arizona Saturday. They enjoyed the tour.

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BEAL CITY FFA CHAPTER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL FFA STATE CONVENTION

Members of the Beal City FFA Chapter will be part of approximately 1,500 persons attending the 48th annual state FFA convention at Michigan State University in East Lansing March 24-26, during Farmers Week. This year's theme is "A Future for Michigan FFA."

Leo Pasch, Bob Engler, Frank Engler, Steve Gross, Tom Fox, and Joe McDonald of the Beal City FFA Chapter will have been named to receive the State FFA Degree, which will be conferred Thursday evening in the University auditorium. The degree may be earned in production agriculture or agribusiness. This is the largest group from Beal City's Chapter to receive the State Degree.

The Star State Farmer and Star State Agribusinessman awards, indicative of outstanding achievements in agriculture and leadership, will also be announced. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend any part of the convention activities.

Beal City Chapter also will be represented by Bob Engler in the public speaking contest, and Frank Engler in the job interview contest, in the state finals Thursday morning, March 25.

Pete Gross and Geoff Brickner are the official delegates representing the Beal City Chapter, at the convention.

Bob Engler will be receiving a Beef Proficiency Award. Outstanding Junior Agriculture awards, Outstanding FFA scholars, and winners of chapter membership contests also will be recognized.

Vocational agricultural teacher Curt DuVall is the advisor for the Beal City Chapter. Local officers are: Bob Engler, president; Frank Engler, vice president; Bob Gross, secretary; Joe McDonald, treasurer; Bill Bogart, reporter; and Dale Bleise, sentinel.

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BEAL CITY STUDENTS WIN IN FARM BUREAU CONTEST

Three Beal City School students have earned the school's first, second and third place awards for their entries in the seventh annual Freedoms Foundation America and Me essay contest, sponsored by the Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

The three top essayists, who will receive honor certificates for their achievements, are Glenn Schmidt, first; Janet Theisen, second, and Jennifer Taylor third.

A plaque engraved with the name of the school's first-place winner will also be presented to the school.

Nearly 6,000 eighth-grade students from 318 Michigan schools were in this year's contest.

As the school's first-place winner, Glenn's essay has been entered in the state-wide competition from which 10 state winners will be selected. Prizes for the top 10 in the state include a \$500 savings bond, \$250 in savings bonds for second place, \$100 bonds for third, fourth and fifth places, and \$50 bonds for each of the remaining essayists in the top 10.

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Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

There isn't much news from Coldwater Lake this week, because of last week's storms. There wasn't any electricity loss here, but we are having some flooding. The water is over the road on the southeast side of the lake.

We've been informed that the Weidman Methodist Church has been opened to anyone needing housing during this storm's destruction.

Dan and Betty Stacy have been ill with the flu. They are well now, and Betty was driving her daughter, Penny, back to Ferris State College Monday morning.

Mike Brown and children were Sunday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown.

Joanne went to Grand Rapids to

visit her mother, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr's niece from Chicago came Friday to visit her father, who is staying with the Dorr's. She left Tuesday for home.

There has been very little ice fishing this past week, although we saw several on the ice Sunday.

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THEY APPEARED IN COURT IN MT. PLEASANT

George H. Battleshaw, 18, of Weidman, pleaded guilty in District Court in Mt. Pleasant to being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$40, given six months' probation and ordered to attend a substance abuse program. He also pleaded guilty to careless driving and was fined \$65, given four months' probation, and ordered to attend drivers' school. He also pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and was given a year's delayed

sentence, a \$75 fee, and a one-year probation.

In Mecosta Circuit Court, Kevin C. Bone and Lee E. Schuchaski, 18 and 19 respectively, were bound over on two counts of breaking and entering.

In Isabella Circuit Court, Bertrand L. Davis, Jr., had his case adjourned until April 6 on a charge of receiving or aiding in the concealment of stolen property.

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In the Editor's Mail

Enclosed is an \$8.00 check for the Weidman Messenger, which we enjoy very much.

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NOTTAWA DUMP CLOSED AFTER MANY YEARS

The Nottawa Township dump was closed by the Isabella County Health Department and the DNR, according to word received here.

Area folks miss the convenience of the Nottawa site, and are outraged at having to drive to the bottom of the county and find a dump on an unknown road.

For many years, Sherman Township has put up money to help keep the Nottawa dump in operation, thus allowing Sherman people to use it (this included the town of Weidman).

There is widespread dismay and disapproval of the closing of the Nottawa dump.

According to Nottawa Township Supervisor Ernest Schmidt, the township paid Bernard Woodruff \$375 for 40 acres on the site in the 1940s.

Now we drive down to the bottom of the county and learn our way to a distant disposal site.

Progress.....

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited her parents, near St. Charles Sunday. The Sandersons were out of electric power from Tuesday till 5 p. m. Saturday, 92 hours. They covered their home freezer in the garage with quilts and a tarp, and Saturday afternoon when power was restored, everything was in fine shape. Frozen food in their refrigerator they buried in a snowbank, where they could get it as needed. A fireplace was their only warmth during the crisis.

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LANDFILL CLOSED

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus called on the Paul Coles Monday morning.

Yours Truly and Velma returned home Thursday from Vassar, after a week spent recuperating at the home of our son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing. The old lady isn't perking too good as yet. Will have an ear examination Friday at CMC Hospital.

Our son-in-law and daughter, the Frank Ewings, have been without electricity over a week in Vassar. Thank goodness, with five foster children and Velma and me, and three children of their own, they had gas heat in part of the house and a gas cook stove, so we made out. We had to haul in water, though.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent and children of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

The Sebastian Pfanneses and the Harold Skinners have been without lights or telephone since Thursday night.

The Larry Strauses are getting some new kitchen cabinets.

We are very grateful to our many friends and loved ones who helped so much at the time of my illness.

Just when we wondered how we were going to get some milk, with the snow and ice, here comes Larry Straus with a gallon of milk. It meant so much. He has a snowmobile, and he went and got the milk. Don't knock snowmobiles, folks -- they come in handy. Thanks again, to everybody.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencranz, Reporter

Garth Lawrence was a Sunday dinner guest of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Later he called on Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and the Tracy Whites.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW at the Juanita Gingrich home last Wednesday, at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Saturday callers in Lansing. They also called on her mother. The Thompsons and Bill came back through the damaged area of the state, and they say it was extensive.

The Greg Martin family are spending some time with the Joe Martins, because they have no electricity as of today (Monday).

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family, and Cheri and Larry North were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent last Monday and Tuesday in Lansing with the Harry Dents and the Chuck Roberts family.

Pat and Harriet Dillenbeck spent a few days with the Dents, as they had no electricity the

first of this week.

Many folks around here have been without electricity since the first of last week, when the big ice storm began.

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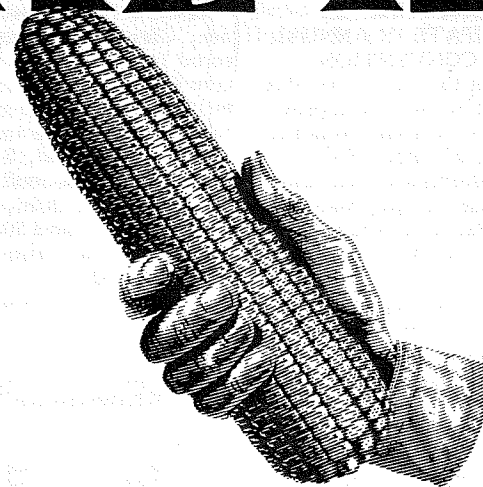
Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Grice of Sanford were overnight guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips, Friday. They all went up to Mackinac City Saturday morning, spending the night in Paradise. They also visited the Tahquemenon Falls, in the Upper Peninsula. They came home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle returned home Sunday after a 10-day skiing vacation at Winter Park, Colo. On their trip West they stayed over night with Lucille's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, of Sterling Heights. Jim has been transferred to Sandusky, Ohio, as manager of the K-Mart Store there. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle also called on Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas and son, while in Sterling Heights.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Carol Dutcher and three girls of Flint came up Tuesday afternoon. The girls stayed with me while Carol went to be with her mother, Alice Simkins, at CMC Hospital, where she was having surgery. They went home Thursday.

Patti Dutcher spent from Thursday night until Sunday night with her grandparents, the Theodore Cases. Barbara stayed Saturday over night with them.

Ervin and Goldie Dutcher had Sunday dinner with their son, Ervin, Jr., and family. Ervin, Jr., called on his folks and on us Sunday morning.

We were without electricity from 5 o'clock Thursday until 4 o'clock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family visited Marian's folks, the Stanley Sandersons, of St. Charles, Sunday. They too had been out of electric power for 90-odd hours, so they relied on their fireplace for heat and what cooking they did.

The Duane Threns took Kerry to Ann Arbor Wednesday, where he will have surgery on his leg on Thursday, and be fitted with a new brace.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Jon and Bob and Dick Dutcher had supper with us Sunday.

Mary Ann Kraup of Denmark, who is attending school at Beal

City, visited Sandra Dutcher Saturday evening.

Brian Dutcher and family spent Thursday over night and Friday with his folks, his electricity being off.

Harry Gatehouse came home from CMC Hospital Thursday, feeling better. Harry and Bea and Hazel Davis had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse. Jeanette Gatehouse took them over to visit the Bill Maeders in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee visited the Gatehouse family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children spent the weekend visiting Bonnie's folks in Muskegon, Montague, New Era and Whitehall. They came home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family spent Thursday over night with the Robert Dutchers, after our power went off. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children spent Saturday over night with them, as our power was still off, since Thursday at 5.15 p. m.

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Dale Tilmann is completing a new home for the Terry Kruegers, on his land development formerly known as the Doc Clark place. The Kruegers have sold their mobile home and have been staying with her mother, Louise Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller stayed at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, the Richard Touchinskis, one night last

week. Lewis Bowen was a Sunday morning visitor. All of the northwest corner of Isabella County has been without electric power.



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STORM

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in Michigan were still without electric power. Consumers Power Company said it might be another week before some unlucky areas get back to normal.

Four Gratiot County communities were still without electric power Saturday night. The city of Ithaca had 9,000 homes without electricity, according to radio reports.

In most cases in Isabella County, Consumers Power Company said, fallen trees and tree limbs over power lines were the main cause of power outages, in this immediate area.

As of last Friday, about 13,000 homes in Gratiot, Clare and Montcalm Counties were still without electricity.

The ice storm Wednesday night was called the worst in 28 years.

Detroit Edison Company termed the situation there "a disaster".

Gov. Milliken declared states of emergency in Gratiot County and in Greenville, Belding and St. Charles. An estimated 500,000 people were left without lights or electric power.

And we can tell you from experience that when your electricity goes off, your house is dead.

Furnace fans run on electricity, and if the fans don't go, automatic shutoffs turn the furnace off. Refrigerators and home freezers are liabilities in times of power outages for any length of time.

In the Weidman area, though, on Consumers Power lines, there was no break in the supply of electricity.

REA lines were another story. The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department rushed to Lake of the Hills where a fallen tree shorted out an REA power pole. Homes on North Woodruff Road were without electricity for a short time.

In other areas, however, REA repairs on lines slogged over into the weekend, with some reports of no repairs on lines till the middle or end of this week.

Lake Isabella and the Ojibwa Recreation Area were hard hit, both being on REA lines. The lines went down beginning last Tuesday night and were still down as of Sunday, with some vague promises of "maybe" power restoration by Monday.

In north Nottawa Township and Gilmore--and Coldwater and Sherman, west--some farmers had to dump milk in storage tanks because trucks couldn't get to their farms to pick it up.

Gasoline-engine-powered generators were passed around among dairy farmer on REA lines, to get the cows milked, a physical necessity.

Nottawa Township generally is on Consumers Power lines, and for some reason those lines were not as badly damaged as the REA.

There was no interruption of electric power on Consumers lines, in this area.

The three churches in Weidman offered warmth and shelter--sleeping facilities--for any families needing it, but we could find no reports of anyone staying at any of them. The Weidman United Methodist Church also offered its kitchen for cooking facilities.

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THE NEIL FALING HOME

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Only a few oldsters now remember Neil Faling and his wife (Choice Foster's grandparents).

Those of us who do remember a frail, ailing woman, gentle always; and a builder and carpenter who could take any sort of building and make it beautiful.

He remodeled the small house when he bought it and moved to Weidman, he built that stonework of the porch; and he built lovely good-wood pillars as room dividers inside the house, as well as re-doing the whole thing.

He was born April 25, 1856, in Gasport, Niagara County, N. Y., and when he was six months old his family moved to Adrian, Mich.

Lettie Condo (Mrs. Faling) was born in Richmond, Ind., Feb. 27, 1859, and moved to Indianapolis with her family at age 2.

She and Neil Faling were married Sept. 17, 1879, and they returned to Adrian, where their son, Ernest, was born Oct. 16, 1880.

While living in that area, Neil Faling was a professional builder of barns and houses, and also a painter.

The family moved to Sherman Township, Isabella County, in 1895, taking up the farm where Ken Saunders now makes his home. Neil and his son Ernest built the house and barn, which still stand. The home there has been enlarged through the years, and modernized.

They spent several years in Summertown, Tenn., then returned to Weidman in the summer of 1914. They lived for a while in the house now owned by Gerald Middlesworth, then Neil bought the house two doors north, which was improved by him and made much more attractive.

While in Weidman, Neil did carpenter work, built signs, and was a weighmaster for the sugar-beet company.

He died at his home May 20, 1933. Lettie lived in their home until 1938, when she went to live with her son Ernest, and his wife. She died Jan. 19, 1941.

Neil Faling remade the looks of quite a few places in Weidman, not the least of which was his own home, now destroyed by fire.

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Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith were in Barryton and Evart last Wednesday.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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most of Gilmore were without lights or heat from last Tuesday to the first of this week.

It was probably Michigan's most disastrous winter storm.

Farmers suffered most, as they are totally mechanized as to milking cows, cleaning stalls, and so on.

Nottawa Township is on Consumers Power lines, and, like the village of Weidman, suffered no outages.

People made do, however, in the stricken areas, and home folks learned anew the comfort of live fires in woodstoves and gas heaters, and fireplaces.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Garth Lawrence was a Sunday evening caller of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.

Russell and Diane Holt of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday with their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnston of Beverly, Ky., called on their grandmother, Mrs. Claribel Butler, last Thursday morning. They took Claribel to the Johnston home in Rosebush, where she spent the afternoon and evening.

They showed slides of the area where they live. They were here for a week, planning to visit churches in Clinton, Gratiot, Clare, Mecosta and Isabella Counties, but many of their visits had to be cancelled because of the big storm. They left for home Sunday evening, after an evening at the Wesleyan Foundation at CMU.

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