

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SO IT'S SPRING!

Spring sprang suddenly and on time exactly, Saturday morning, March 20, after a week of continuing winter.

Friday night there was snow capped with ice all over my lawns, piled extra high in the little flower bed under the living room window.

Warm air moved in during the night, and lo! Saturday morning was balmy--and there were crocus and daffodils pushing their green little leaves up through that crusted snow.

New growth on the iris plants. The age-old pink oriental poppy showing light-green growth, under a slight mound of snow left over.

Sunday we had winter back.

But--with March almost over, who can help believeing that we will get spring--the real spring--at last?

All the birds were back Saturday, to help celebrate the advent of spring. Robins were hollering around the place, the red-winged blackbird gave with his call, song sparrows enchanted us with their piercingly beautiful songs; and even the cardinals began trying out their spring calls.

That, indubitably, is spring.

No matter what the thermometer says.

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### CAN WE GET THE NOTTAWA DUMP REOPENED?

Area residents are dismayed by the edicts of the health department and the DNR closing the Nottawa dump.

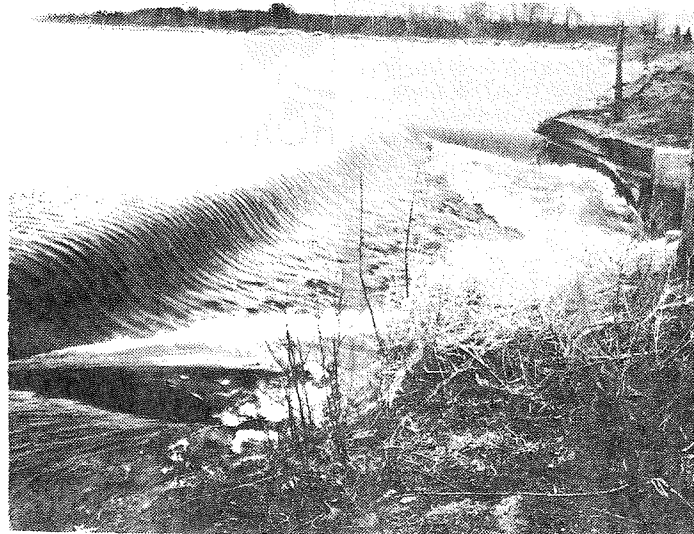
County officials have advised township officers that reopening of the dump in Nottawa would entail great cost: Core drillings; new surveyings; and this and that, all apparently designed to discourage any attempt at reopening the Nottawa dump.

The Nottawa dump has been a model among waste disposal sites and we see no valid reason for its peremptory closing by county and state officials.

Residents of Sherman Township and northern Nottawa are not going to let this happen.  
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THE DAM ON LAKE WEIDMAN--Saturday, March 20. Twenty-four hours later water had risen to the extent of flood stage, but the dam was "holding," as the Mt. Pleasant radio reported Sunday afternoon. This was the heaviest load of water the self-regulating dam has been called upon to control.



THE SAME DAM--Twenty-four hours later, Sunday, March 21. The small opening of the old dam's remnant appeared inadequate to let the flood waters through freely. All our dams here are watched closely, in relation to Coldwater Lake, below us on the flow end of two streams, Walker Creek and the Coldwater River.  
--Messenger photos

**FIREMEN'S AUCTION SALE  
NIGHT SET FOR APRIL 10**  
The popular annual Auction Sale put on by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department

will be held Saturday evening, April 10, at Evelyn Hackney's tavern, as usual; beginning at 8 o'clock and running till all night.  
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### LIONS CLUB TO DONATE FISH FRY PROCEEDS TO NEW WELL

The Weidman Lions Club is putting on another Friday fish fry at the Weidman School cafeteria Friday, April 9, with proceeds going toward putting down a new well at Mitchell Memorial Park to service the comfort station near the softball diamond.

The Weidman Business Association will be working with the Lions at the fish fry, helping to supply bread, rolls, pies, and doing whatever they can on the supper.

The Lions Club has had experience in frying the fish, so they are expected to be on that job.

The well is expected to cost between \$600 and \$700, according to present information.

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### BREAKIN, VANDALISM AT BEAL CITY SCHOOL

Sheriff's deputies are working to solve the case of a breakin at the Beal City Public School Friday morning, with no definite leads reported as of Tuesday morning.

A clock was broken at 12.40 a.m., showing approximate time the vandals did their job.

Candy from a machine and from a storage room was taken.

Five large windows at the back of the building were broken, an expensive detail as to repair.

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### FORMER WEIDMAN TEACHER DIES IN FLORIDA

Helen Alwood received word from Mrs. Harriet Hoffman of Grand Rapids, that her husband, Carl Hoffman, passed away last summer. He was a teacher in the Weidman Community School in the early 1940s, and many will remember him as a very kind person and an excellent teacher.

Harriet and Carl spent the winter in Hawaii and Florida. Joyce is now in administrative work, as director of job placement for the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Her son, Wendell, has his doctorate, and is a teacher at the medical school of Georgia. He also is in research work.

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

## FIREMEN'S AUCTION

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the varied things are sold.

Donations as always are sought for this big event; everything from kitchen stoves to table-cloths; and from davenport to doilies, will be welcomed.

Rummage around your house and see what you can contribute to this happy affair, put on by the Firemen, for the Firemen. (They sure deserve it.)

Surely you can find something of some value to someone, somewhere around your house or garage.

Lawn mowers, Garden hoes and yes, garden tractors, would be more than welcome. Also old sets of dishes, kitchenware no longer in use; in fact--anything.

You may leave your contribution at the Firehouse, at Ev's, or you may call these numbers for pickup: 644-3507; 644-3306; or any other members of the Fire Department.

Let's Go!

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Lester Swan was discharged from CMC Hospital this week Monday morning.

Mrs. Lannie Miller and Mrs. Jennie Gardner and Mrs. Luelia Allbee were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner have sold their home and will live in Auburn, near their daughter. They expected to move from their old home on Stevenson Lake Road this week. Hope you enjoy your new home, Jennie and Bob!

Mrs. Beulah Wixson went to Indiana with her son-in-law and daughter, to visit her son, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wixson.

Lena Cole visited her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Friday. March 29 I will go to St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw for x-rays and a visit with Dr. Fields. So bear with me, folks, and maybe they can patch me up yet.

The Paul Coles received word that their little granddaughter, Shannon Mossell, had scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon are building a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa visited the Paul Coles Sunday. Mrs. Larry Straus called Friday. Mrs. Irene Jones was a Tuesday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klassen visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Saturday.

Raymond Geasler spent some time at his cabin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Payotn Geasler, Jr., and children, of Chippewa Lake visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Worth and

friend of Gray Lake visited the Worths' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Thursday. Mrs. Shirley Peterson and Mrs. Grace Monthei of Leaton visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Geasler and Mrs. Joyce Geasler attended a pink and blue shower for Debbie Weber at the Brinton Hall Saturday.

Miss Bobbie Worth is giving a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, Saturday afternoon, March 27. For more information please call.

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## North Weidman

Fivah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Clifford Sisco and Mrs. Dimple Delong of Barryton took Mrs. Laura Latham to Sunday School and church Sunday. Jo and Jan Latham called on their grandmother Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Alwood took her daughter, Cathy, and granddaughter, Heather, and nieces Alice and Angela Smith, to the children's matinee Saturday in Mt. Pleasant to see "Pippi Goes on Board". The girls enjoyed lunch at Arby's before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich and Mrs. Linda Brown and son, Pat, called on their parents Monday.

The Girl Scouts have all their cookies delivered, and they are grateful to all those who bought from them. "See you all next year," they say.

Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott Sunday after church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox were among the many friends and relatives attending the Open House for Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Sr., Sunday at Barryton, for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Callers at our home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott, Dick Gott and friend, Herb Varney, of Farwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Shimmel and son, who were here in their trailer house for the weekend.

Albert Gott took his dad, John Gott, for a ride in the morning, and had lunch at Waters'. In the afternoon we went with Helen and Cathy Alwood to Barryton to attend George and Peggy McClain's reception. We also had dinner at Barryton.

Debbie Graham called on us one day last week.

Zena Olger returned Saturday after spending the winter in Sarasota, Florida. She says it was cold down there--the worst winter Florida has had for some time, according to reports there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and family of Petersburg, Mich., came up over the weekend to visit his father, David, who was in CMC Hospital.

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COFFEE HOUR--The public is cordially invited to attend a coffee hour April 3, from 3.30 to 4.30 at the Mutual Savings Community Room, 319 East Broadway in Mt. Pleasant, in the building basement.  
THE COFFEE HOUR--Will be in honor of Thomas E. Brennan, Republican candidate for the office of United States Senator from this district, replacing Sen. Philip Hart. The hour is sponsored by Citizens for Tom Brennan. You're all welcome!

LIONS CLUB FISH FRY--April 9, Friday evening, serving 5.30 to 7.30, Weidman School Cafeteria. Adults \$3.00, children 12 and under, \$1.50. Proceeds to go for new well at Mitchell Memorial Park.  
March 25t3

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## LEGAL

# Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING  
Notice is Hereby Given, that the Annual Township Meeting of the electors of the Township of Nottawa, County of Isabella, will be held at the Township Hall beginning at 1 o'clock p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1976.  
BERNARD RAU  
Nottawa Township Clerk  
Mar. 25-Apr. 1

# Card of Thanks

We wish to express our many Thanks to Rod Dent, Robert and Sterling Cook, Lake Isabella, for machinery driven by Tom Loomis, and Don, for their act of kindness to our four horses, which would have drowned in the icy waters of Lake Isabella.  
We were not at home at the time, and if it weren't for the efforts of our neighbors, those big beautiful dappled-gray horses would have been a terrible loss to us, 'coz we love 'em.  
Again, Thanks, neighbors!  
Harry and Louise Allen

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent Sunday in Midland with her sister, Maude Boulton, and her son and his wife, from Saginaw.

# Obituary

## HARRY RUPP

Harry C. Rupp of Coldwater Lake died Tuesday, March 16, at the Clare Osteopathic Hospital. He was 87.

He was born Aug. 27, 1888, in Britton, Mich., and was a master carpenter and contractor.

He was commissioned to hang the doors in the National Art Gallery in Washington, D.C., in the early 1940s. He also did expert work at Fort Belvoir, in Virginia, adjacent to Washington.

He and his wife, Florence, lived in Ann Arbor 22 years before coming to this area. He was a former member of the Masons and Oddfellows of Tecumseh, before ill health slowed his activities.

In 1946 Harry and Florence moved into the big Hyslop house at the top of a bluff of the east side of the lake, and they proceeded to make it over to their hearts' desires.

Harry did masterful work on redoing rooms, installing beautiful woodwork, new windows, etc., in the old Hyslop house, until it now is a lovely, solid old-style home.

Harry is survived by his wife, Florence; a daughter, Mrs. John (Joyce) Spiess of East Grand Rapids; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother, Russell, of Pinckey.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with C. Hiram Gates officiating. Burial was in the Greendale Cemetery at Oil City.

The couple have very many friends here, who offer sympathy to the family.

Florence was a teacher in the Beal City Pubic School until her retirement several years ago.

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# Obituary

## CLARA STRONG

Clara Strong of Remus died March 16 at Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview, at the age of 80.

She was born April 3, 1895, in Edmore, and moved to the Barryton area 48 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Orvil; a son, Eddie Don, of Ada; three grandchildren and one great-grandson; and a sister, Mrs. Louise Wright, of Edmore.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Altha Barnes officiating. Burial was in the Strong Cemetery at Remus.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

# Obituary

## CLARICE ROSE

Clarice G. Rose of Fort Wayne, Ind., died March 10 at Lutheran Hospital, where she had been a patient since Feb. 20. She was 74.

She was born in Beal City, and had lived in Fort Wayne most of her life. She was a retired clerk at G.C. Murphy Company in Fort Wayne, where she worked for 30 years.

She is survived by her sisters, Mrs. Marian Trager of Traverse City, Mrs. Henrietta Schmidt and Mrs. Leona Pasch, both of Beal City; and Mrs. Edna Davis of Mt. Pleasant; also a brother, Victor Boge, of Beal City; a step-sister, Mrs. Albina Rau, of Beal City; and a step-brother, Joseph Boge, of Flat Rock.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Queen of the Angels Catholic Church at Fort Wayne. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery at New Haven, Ind.

Her family have the sympathy of all.

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## BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 17 TABLES IN PLAY

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

Catherine Schafer won first prize for the ladies, with Agnes Thelen second and Bertha Schumacher low.

For the men, Julius Schumacher won first prize, with Bernard Gallagher second and Harold Schumacher low.

Isabella Martin won the pepper prize. Ruth Gallagher drew the door prize.

Refreshment of donuts and coffee were enjoyed.

A birthday card was signed to be sent to Matilda Schafer, and get-well cards to Tillie Zuker, Rose Funnell and Clara Fox.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, April 1. Everyone is cordially invited.

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## NEWS NOTES

Phil Harris of Lanston was a Sunday visitor at the Robert Mays home.

David Flower entered CMC Hospital last Thursday last Thursday, suffering from pneumonia coupled with flu. He hoped to return home this week. Mrs. Flower spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. John Showalter, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Wm. Louisell attended a bridal shower for Miss Linda Walters, at Midland, at the home of Mrs. Marie Gross, last Wednesday. Miss Walters will become the bride of Robert Louisell, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant, May 21.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother, Ed Graber, at Farwell, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of Mrs. Lawrence and Pam called on Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins Sunday.

Word has been received that Ralph Bergquist, son-in-law of Mrs. Flora Wood, was in a hospital in Florida. The Bergquists have spent some time in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Tuesday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Mrs. Marily Losey and Mrs. Hattie Losey were Saturday shoppers in Mt. Pleasant. They also called on Mrs. Minnie Strauch in the high-rise apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Saturday evening callers of Charlie and Hattie. Sunday evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey, and Nancy and Patti.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, at Alma, Wednesday. Walter Kirvan was a Sunday caller at the Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Tom and Judy of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks. Gerald and Mabel were Thursday supper guests at the Lynn Johnson home, celebrating Gerald's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Saturday evening callers of Gerald and Mabel.

Among the many attending the 50th wedding anniversary reception at Barryton Sunday for George and Peggy were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family helped their father, Harry, celebrate his birthday March 15.

Bob and Julia Dutcher and children were recent visitors of the Walter Howe family.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen called at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home Sunday afternoon.

Julia Aldrich spent Saturday over night with Sandra Dutcher.

Barry Babcock visited Steve Dutcher one afternoon last week.

Chum Methner called on the Jim Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald returned home March 12 after spending from Jan 5 visiting friends in 17 different states. They went to Florida, but said all the states were unusually cold and dry, much more than they should be.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodin of Midland spent Sunday with the Fitzgeralds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher had dinner with Bob and Minnie Hines Saturday.

Ervin and Goldie visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen of Clarkston had Sunday dinner with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. They had spent Saturday over night with Ruth's mother, Edna Merrihew, of Barryton.

Hazel Davis returned home to Pennsylvania a week ago Saturday after visiting her brothers, Harry and Leo Gatehouse, and their families.

Kerry Thren came home from Ann Arbor Hospital last Wednesday, after spending a week there, where he had surgery on his leg. It is in a cast now, then he will have new braces made and fitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Garry Dutcher had lunch with us Wednesday. Richard and Tim Yuncker were morning visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children called on us Friday evening. Garry and David Dutcher and Richard and Jim Dutcher were Sunday callers. The Bob Dutchers called Thursday evening.

Clayton and Garry Dutcher and Kenny McDaniel were fishing at Ludington last Tuesday. They got some nice fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were recent visitors of the Robert Hogg family of Remus.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher visited the Theodore Cases Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn were Sunday dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hansen of Mt. Pleasant.

The Dutchers visited the Walter Howe family Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening visitors of the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family were a host family over the weekend for a girl from Muskegon, from the 4-H group T.E. A.M., a state-wide group.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler attended a Bicentennial three-act drama at the Bay City Consistory Sunday afternoon.

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Thursday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Deanne and Danelle spent Sunday afternoon and evening with us. Other callers during the week were Garry and David Dutcher, Bob and Julia Dutcher, the Richard Dutchers and the Dale Dutchers, and Jim and Shelly Dutcher.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher visited the Theodore Cases Saturday.

Michael Dutcher celebrated his second birthday March 14. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn had ice cream and cake with him. Brian Dutcher was a caller.

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## FINAL AUDUBON FILM WILL BE ON NEW GUINEA

"Papua, New Guinea--Twilight of Eden," will be this season's final Audubon Wildlife film, to be presented by Greg and Linda McMillan of California Monday evening, March 29, at 7:30 at Warriner Auditorium on the campus in Mt. Pleasant.

Lying north of Australia, New Guinea is the world's largest island. Its nation is probably one of the most primitive on earth.

Examined in the film are both the agricultural and social life of man, and the incredibly varied forms of wildlife in the tropical jungles of the island.

Included are spectacular birds such as the bird of paradise; insects such as huge moths, three-inch rhinoceros beetles, weevils with gardens on their backs; lizards living in the trees; and spiny ant-eaters, one of the world's two egg-laying mammals. Admission is 50 cents for stu-

dents, \$1.50 for non-students.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and Wally attended the Band Banquet at the high school cafeteria last Wednesday evening. There were a number of Weidman people there, including Mrs. Joan Burden and Edie and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls, and others. Sunday the Smiths attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for George and Peggy McClain at Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides attended the Home Show in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple, in Lansing.

Sunday visitors at the Fred Wilcox home included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson and daughter of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and son, Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson and Bob Branson, Vada Abbott of Mt. Pleasant, and Bob Cernek, also of Mt. Pleasant.

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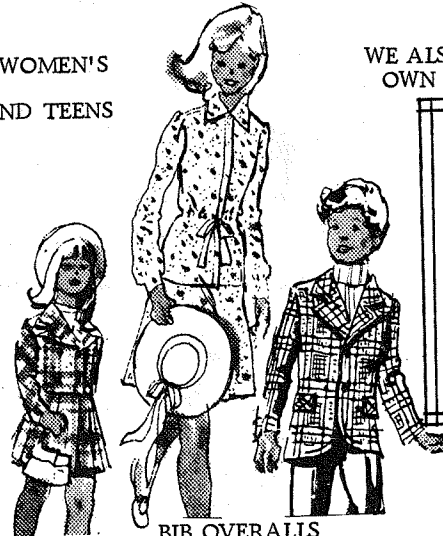
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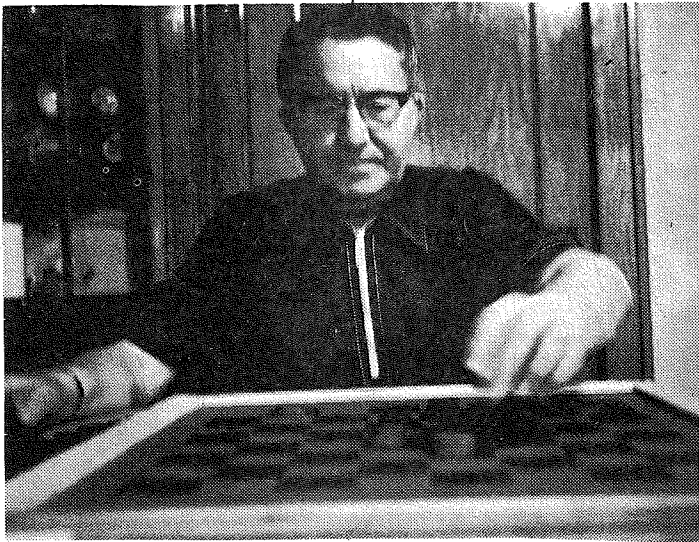
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HE HELPED THE YMCA STAGE CHECKERS TOURNEY--Our own Bill Louisell, twice Grand Champion checker player of Isabella, has been helping the YMCA at Mt. Pleasant get the annual County Checkers Tournament organized.

Bill likes young folks, and he is working with Weidman School Principal Harry Howard in getting a checkers club organized in the Weidman area for kids of pre-high school age.

Playing began county-wide in all classifications on Monday,

March 22, with divisional champion playoffs scheduled for April 13. This is at 7 p.m. and includes the Grade School Winners Tournament, the Junior-Senior High School Winners Tournament and the Community Adult Win-

ners Tournament. It will be held at the Mutual Savings and Loan Association club room, 319 East Broadway (downstairs) in Mt. Pleasant.

Grand Champion playoffs are scheduled to begin April 20, and will involve the grade school finalists, the Junior-Senior High School finalists, and the community adult finalists.

These finalists will play off against one another until just one emerges as the Grand Champion Checkers Player of Isabella County.

We're betting on Bill Louisell.

Organization of a checkers club at the Weidman School, which will involve all youngsters interested in the game, in Sherman and Nottawa and the the area townships, is expected to go along swiftly and smoothly, with the co-operation of School Principal Harry Howard of the Weidman School.

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### Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Beal City High School Band put on a fish fry Friday night, March 19, and had a really nice turnout.

Mrs. Joe Shepp called on Dora Smith in her new home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer visited Mrs. Loretta Lorenz one afternoon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mercure of Clare visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer last week.

Visitors at the Julius Bierschbach home during the past week included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach and family, Mrs. Gary Schumacher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kremsreiter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bierschbach and family of Pewamo, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bierschbach, and Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh and Mrs. Michael Schmalbach called on Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bierschbach were evening visitors.

Elaine Simmer of Reed City called on Anna and Dora Smith and others around Beal City Sunday.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent Wednesday with Maxine Klumpp in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lane of Gary, Ind., spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer.

Anna Sunday and Martha Gross, Lavina Eier and Leon Pung of Portland spent Monday with Mrs. Matie Pung.

Ella Tilmann entered the Mt. Pleasant Hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred took dinner Sunday and enjoyed it with Tillie and Louise Schafer.

Wayne and Ruth Sherlock and family of Traverse City spent the weekend with their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, at Coldwater Lake.

Alfred Klumpp spent Saturday and Sunday in Saginaw, at the Navy Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schafer and Joe of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Mrs. Bernard Smith called on Tillie Schafer Monday afternoon.

Diane Sheahan returned home Sunday from a vacation in Florida.

Clara Fox of Winn has been in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant for treatment of an infected foot. She hoped to be home this week.

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### Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

Mrs. Jo Allen and friend, Clara, have returned from a 10-day vacation that took them to Nashville, Tenn., to see the Grand Ole Opry. They toured in seven states, and had tornado warnings twice on their trip.

Pat and Dick Harris, Penny Stacy and Terry Stacy came to help their Dad, Dan, celebrate his birthday Sunday.

Sunday visitors at the Glenn Brown home were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown, Glenda Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown, and Sharon Brown. Ten grandchildren came to spend the afternoon, and five stayed over.

One of our old-time resident of Coldwater Lake passed away this past week. Harry Rupp died last Tuesday morning. His funeral was held Friday at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell.

Mrs. Charles Worley celebrated her 65th birthday Sunday. Her family came to help her celebrate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fleagle of Greenville came to spend the day Saturday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Benson.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Thursday visitors of the Richard Touchinski family. Little J.J. Simons stayed at the Touchinski home Friday morning. George Miller was a Sunday afternoon caller.



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**BIG HORSES GO OUT FOR FUN ON LAKE--And fall in.** Two of the great big beautiful dappled-gray Percheron horses owned by the Harry Allens went wandering last week Monday, apparently walking over snow-piled fence or a place where deer might have knocked it down, and landed in the water of Lake Isabella. Two grown horses and two colts were in the icy waters, and it was only by the hard work of friends that they were saved. Shown above are two teams of the Allens, taken a year or so ago plowing fields on the Allen farm. Messenger photo

Lake Isabella folks turned out to rescue the big beauties, using an end loader and other heavy equipment after the horses--two adults and two colts--walked over to the Verne Berge home and on to Lake Isabella waters--frozen at the time, fortunately. The animals crossed the lake once, on the ice, but then started back and broke through the spring-rotted ice.

They were in the water over an hour, while lake residents and other helpers worked frantically with their machines to heave them out.

The horses suffered somewhat from exposure, one suffering a touch of pneumonia; but all had recovered by Saturday night, the Allens said.

The colts are two and three years old, the Allens having purchased them at the Michigan Draft Horse State Sale in Lake Odessa about a month ago.

The Allens formerly had Belgian horses, giants like the Percherons, but have disposed of them and now feature only the Percherons.

The adventurous horses were reported Saturday as being in good condition, after three visits from the veterinarian at Remus and the lessening of a temperature.

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## LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs. Reporter

We are glad to report that Ted Krauss has returned from the hospital to recuperate at home from his fall on the ice that broke his shoulder and made him a multi-colored person. He will be going as an out-patient

for therapy for some time.

Spring arrived at 6.50 Saturday morning. Also a variety of weather for the day. However, most of our ice and snow are gone.

With the returning of spring, the folks who spent some time in the Sunny South are returning.

Kay and Herb Serum returned sporting beautiful tans. They left Michigan Jan. 11, and stayed in Apopka, Fla., which is centrally located. While there they visited with the Franciscos and Elmores. Kay says they enjoyed their visit to Florida, but it's good to be back at Lake Isabella, even though they did have to drive over the ice to get into their garage when they arrived here March 15.

Another family we talked to, the Jack Hurleys, just returned from two weeks on Florida. Her folks from Idaho joined them in the Sunny South. They also came back looking tan.

We have noticed others back, but have not been able yet to get a report of their vacations.

With the warmer weather, many who come for the weekends only are coming to reopen their homes. At the Methodist soup supper we met the Mel Marlars, who were up from Detroit.

There is evidence of much progress out here. We see several new homes being built, and new mobile homes moving in. New roads are being built.

IT'S A GIRL: Anna Louise is the name chosen by Mr. and Mrs. David Thurston of Lakeview for their 8-pound, 12-ounce baby born Feb. 21. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Elma June Mays of Lake Isabella. Ice storms, lack of heat and lights, delayed the get-acquainted times with their fifth grandchild,

but you can be sure they are making up for lost time.

In case you have not seen the green and white Pontiac that Elma June usually drives, there's an understandable explanation: The first day of the ice storm proved to her that 30 years of driving experience and both hands on the wheel won't help you out of the ditch and up an embankment. The car may be wrecked, but things could have been worse. She only received a slight bump.

The home of Jesse Edmonds suffered some broken pipes and water damage, due to the severely cold weather. For some reason, the furnace refused to burn.

Our trip to Lansing last week was to give some relief to my sister, Faye Stephenson, in the care of her 94-year-old husband, Frank, who was paralyzed by a spinal stroke two and a half years ago. Also to attend the World War I Saturday noon luncheon. Mr. Yabs is a member of the Barracks there.

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Earl Place hosted a pink and blue shower in honor of her daughter, Deborah, Saturday afternoon at the hall in Brinton. She received many nice gifts.

Irene Bowen and Connie Fletcher were in Mt. Pleasant Monday, where Irene called on her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe spent Thursday evening with George and Cora Beers, in honor of Cora's birthday. Their son, Dean Beers, of Kalamazoo, spent last week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts and Kevin spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece of Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore and family attended a wrestlers' banquet at the Chippewa Hills High School one night last week. Their son, Mike, participated in wrestling matches.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Larry Leiter spent five days in CMC Hospital last week, for bone surgery on his wrist. Last September he broke it, and the bone disintegrated, and he had to have bone surgery.

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**NEW PUBLIC ACCESS RULES NOW IN EFFECT**

Those using public-access sites administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Waterways Division, are reminded that new site regulations are now in effect. They include the following:

Camping is allowed only where camping areas are designated by signing.

Ice shanties, boats, and other property may not be stored on access sites longer than 24 hours, except by legitimate campers.

Trash and garbage may not be disposed of on sites except that which is generated by use of the sites. Receptacles provided must then be used.

Vehicles may be operated only on designated roads and parking lots.

Horses are allowed only on designated roads and trails.

Complete rules are posted at each site.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Branson and family of Bath spent the weekend with his brother, Spike Branson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were among the many attending the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McClain Sunday at Barryton, observing the McClains' 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Brien

and son, Tim, of Sumner, spent Sunday afternoon and evening with their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes. Russell and Diane

Holt of Mt. Pleasant also spent the afternoon and evening there, and were also supper guests.

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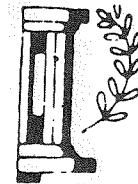
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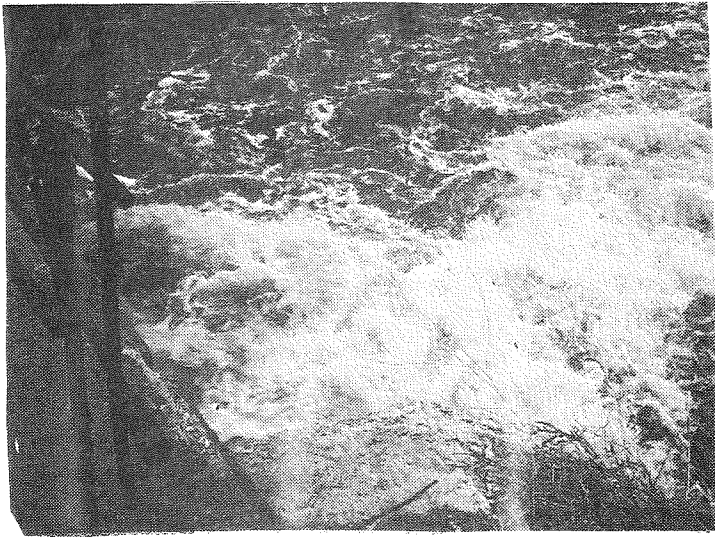
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WHITE WATER BELOW THE DAM--On Lake Weidman was really frothing up over the weekend, as snows melted, rains came, and flood conditions generally were reported through this area, including the Chippewa River, especially as it nears Mt. Pleasant.  
Messenger photo

#### CONSUMERS POWER TO SEND ESTIMATED BILLS

The recent ice storms will have caused many customers of Consumers Power Co. to receive estimated electric and gas bills this month, according to the area manager for the company.

The severe and widespread storms affected all of the company's 12 electric divisions, 11

of which also provide gas service. Meter readers in many districts had to be used in other capacities as company personnel worked round the clock to restore service after the ice hit. Customers who receive bills with "EE" or "GE" at the bottom of the service-code column are those whose bills are estimated. Estimates will be adjusted at the next actual meter reading,

## Editor's Column

By Connie

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ing to be enthusiastic about totting refuse 'way down south of M-20 and finding the dubious site of the county "land-fill" (it is still just a dump, according to those who have seen it lately.)

People living far from the county dump are going to put their refuse anywhere they can dispose of it without getting caught, as was the situation before Sherman Township started contributing to the cost of operating the Nottawa dump.

It is sad to contemplate, but it is the truth that there will be dumpings of trash along country roadsides, and in woodlands.

Any landowner has the right to dump refuse wherever he chooses --on his own land.

But there are always those who will load their trash into cars or trucks and dump it at the nearest likely spot, be it private land or public roadside.

The Nottawa dump was run extremely well, and we see no reasonable explanation of its closing by the county and the DNR.

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THERE'S ANOTHER WEIDMAN DAY MEETING THURSDAY EVE  
There will be another public

meeting to discuss possible plans for putting on Weidman Day this summer as our recognition of the nation's Bicentennial Year.

At this meeting, there will be a three-man executive committee who will take over the task of organizing committees and getting the job started.

It's a big job, and there's no time to waste.

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#### MOTHERS CLUB TO SPONSOR ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL

The Weidman Mothers Club has chosen May for the month of its annual Spring Carnival at the Weidman School, a one-evening event.

There will be hot refreshments, raffles with good prizes, and also smaller prizes donated by area merchants.

Mrs. Albert Ohanesian, Jr., is chairman of the undertaking.

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#### IT'S A GIRL!

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riley are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born March 17 at Gratiot Community Hospital. The little Miss weighed in at five pounds, four ounces, and has been named Gwen Marie. The mother has returned home, but the baby remains in the hospital, suffering from jaundice.

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