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Editor's Column

By Connie

A FEW QUOTES FROM HERE AND THERE, THIS WEEK

This week we're getting a few quotes off the old chest. We've been treasuring them, or weeping over them, as the case may be, for a month or so.

Beginning: We like the one in Reader's Digest quoting Mary Lilian Blackstock in the Graham, Texas, Rotary "Scandal Sheet".

We adopt it as our philosophy, in its entirety:

"Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know why I look like this. I have traveled a long way, and some of the roads were not paved."

That exactly describes Connie Roe Skinner.

And from the Detroit Free Press: "It's a mistake to believe that Uncle Sam can open his pocketbook and let you keep yours closed."

And from the lighter side to the tragic:

Ann Landers has had some dillies in her syndicated columns.

One of the most tragic concerned a middle-class family with a beloved son who became involved with drugs in the sixth grade at school.

For six years that poor family "went through hell," as the mother wrote, but they learned a few things worth repeating.

Parents of young drug addicts need help to cope with the child's dope problems, and with their own: Suggested were psychiatrists, psychologists or social workers, to help them rid themselves of guilt feelings.

The writer pointed out that parents have an obligation to feed, clothe and furnish shelter to their children, but have no obligation to give them spending money (if it is to be used for drugs).

Parents have the right and the responsibility to know where their children are at night, and with whom they are staying.

That son the writer spoke of is

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THE UNIVERSAL POSTURE--In Central Michigan Tuesday morning, March 2, after a night of blizzards, sleet, thunder storms, and snow and snow and snow. Joe Smith (of the Don Smith family) shoveled off three feet of the stuff which wind deposited on our east doorstep. There was deep snow with ice-encrusted glop beneath that, and then more snow under that. Quite an entrance for old March. Messenger photo

FEBRUARY WENT OUT LIKE A LAMB--AND MARCH CAME IN LIKE THE ROARING LION

February went out like a little lamb, with Friday and Saturday --and Sunday, too--warm and spring-like. A small taste of Spring, more welcome than the real Spring itself, after the winter we've had.

Our first thunder shower of the season came along at 1 a.m. Sunday, and it sounded good, at a distance, at least.

Some spring bulbs showed up with green sproutings, and some trees started budding too early.

Pussy willows were out, full strength, and fruit trees were beginning to think about bud-knobs.

Then a great big cold front moved in on us from the western states, and old March came in like a roaring lion.

We had everything from snow blizzards (Monday afternoon) to freezing rain (Monday night) and all-night thunder storms with snow and frozen rain continuing throughout.

All area schools were closed Tuesday, with snow-covered ice on roads and weather predictions uncertain.

Travelers' warnings were issued on radio Tuesday morning, and through this town at least, trav-

el was light.

So--March really came in like the proverbial lion. Let's hope it has the grace to go out like the lamb.

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YOUR MESSENGER IS LATE THIS WEEK

For the first time in nearly 12 years, the Weidman Messenger is going into the post office a day late.

On schedule, we start out early Wednesday morning for Mt. Pleasant, to get our paper printed at Buyers Guide.

This week, what with weather Tuesday afternoon and night, and the forecasts, we flunked that early-morning drive, and made plans to go later in the day, which puts the mailing a day late.

Bear with us.

Sleet and snow, in quantities, can slow even Ye Intrepid Ed, in her weekly rounds between here and Mt. Pleasant.

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DON'T FORGET THE PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT
Don't forget the public meeting this Thursday evening, March 4, at 7 o'clock at the Weidman School, to discuss possibilities of putting on one last old-fashioned Weidman Day as our part of the Bicentennial celebration of this country.

Everyone, young and old, is welcome to attend and voice opinions, suggestions, and help make plans, if it's decided to try it, for the event.

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GIRL SCOUTS TO HAVE COOKIES DELIVERED DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 10

Weidman Girl Scouts will receive their cookies, ordered by local people, by March 10, and will have them paid for by March 19.

Weidman Girl Scouts and the Brownies are a live-wire set.

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NEWS NOTES

Our West Gilmore news writer, Lena Cole, was taken to CMC Hospital by ambulance a week ago Saturday, and was released last Friday. She has been at the home of her daughter in Vassar since her release.



North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Helen Alwood spent last Thursday afternoon in Barryton. Helen visited Mrs. McCracken, a counselor at the Barryton School. They all enjoyed lunch at a Barryton restaurant before returning home.

Pastor Marvin Eldridge and Rusty Alwood and a pastor from the Dover Church spent a day recently in Grand Rapids at the Grand Rapids Bible College Seminar.

Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Laura Latham Sunday.

Albert Gott of Winn had Sunday dinner with us. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock took us to the doctor Tuesday of last week. John is gaining, but slow. Linda and Diana Peacock called Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fonda Alwood worked at the Weidman Beauty Shop while Jane Conley was on vacation in Florida. Jane planned to return home with Vada Conley and Evelyn Hackney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Belden of Barryton called at the Don Alwood home Saturday afternoon. The ladies work together at the State Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Worix of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Wanda Graham and Debbie one day last

week.

Visitors at the Max Aldrich home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich called on Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright.

Mrs. Phyllis Sides and Mrs. Helen Alwood attended the funeral of Mrs. Elva Smith at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Smith was Phyllis' cousin, and a friend of the Alwood family.

Donny Alwood spent Saturday night and Sunday with Lennie Snider of Remus, and attended a wedding reception with the family, at the Remus Town Hall.

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FIRST MEETING FOR PRE-SCHOOLER PARENTS MARCH 5

The first meeting at the Weidman Elementary School having to do with next year's kindergarten pupils will be held at the school at 10 a. m. Friday, March 5, for enrollment of students and setting up schedules for the year.

The program is run on a volunteer basis, with two or three mothers already having offered their services. A few more are needed, according to the school.

The program is not supported by any state or local school funds. For this reason, a \$7.50 per

child enrollment fee will be charged.

For further information, call the Elementary School office, 644-3430.

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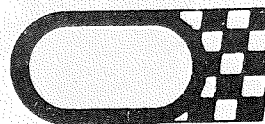
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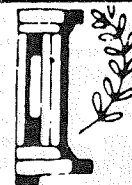
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Feb. 12tf

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.
Feb. 26t3

BETTER THAN A LETTER

LEGAL Notice

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Review for the Township of Nottawa will be in session Monday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 9, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m., for the purpose of reviewing the tax-roll assessments in said Township.
ERNEST SCHMIDT
Supervisor, Nottawa Twp.
Feb. 26t2

LEGAL Notice

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Review for the Township of Sherman will be in session March 8 and 9, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., at the Township Hall, for the purpose of reviewing tax assessments in said Township.
EARL OPLINGER
Supervisor, Sherman Twp.
Feb. 26t2

LEGAL Notice

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Review for the Township of Coldwater will be in session Monday, March 8, Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 10, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., for the purpose of reviewing the tax-roll assessments.
LEWIS BOWEN
Supervisor
Coldwater Township
Mar. 4t1

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Jodi Sprague, Edie Burden, Michele Fanning, Jamie Denslow

Obituary

RALPH BUSH
Ralph Emerson Bush of Mt. Pleasant died Feb. 27 at CMC Hospital, where he had been a patient 12 days. He was 68.
He was born March 16, 1907, in Lincoln Township, and had lived most of his life in that area. He was retired from CMU maintenance department, where he had worked 10 years.
He is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Maurice and Reginald, both of Florida; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Lois) Myers, of Weidman; three sisters, Mrs. Kenneth (Betty) Rawson of Farwell, Mrs. Clifford (Gladys) Figg of Shepherd, and Mrs. Dorothy Nourse of Lansing; and 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 1, at 1 p. m. at the Stinson Funeral Home with Rev. John Gates officiating. Burial was in Green Cemetery.
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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Joel and Mrs. Claribel Beutler were Sunday dinner guests at the Howard Beutler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Nina Forbes were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark.

Obituary

LOLA ETTA SAWYER
Lola Etta Sawyer of Barryton died Friday at her home. She was 92.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Daggett Funeral Home, with Rev. Altha Barnes officiating. Burial was in the Flake Cemetery.

She was born July 16, 1883, in Ottawa County, and moved to the Barryton area in 1915. She was a 50-year member of Barryton Rebekah Lodge No. 77, and participated in many other community functions.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Grant (Margaret) Gingrich, a granddaughter, Mrs. Kay Flower, of Holly, and three great-great-grandchildren.
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Obituary

DONALD J. WILMOT
Donald J. (Doc) Wilmot of Mt. Pleasant died of a heart attack Feb. 27. He was 59.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; daughters, Mrs. Jon (Mary Victoria) Hein of Lansing, Mrs. Ronald (Sandra) Scott of Texas, and Roxanne and Myra Louise, both at home; sons, Donald James, Jr., of Fenton, Dewain and David Mark, at home; sisters Mrs. Martha Gruss and Hazel Wilmot of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Veryl Elliott and Mrs. Carolyn Akin, both of Hobbs, N. M., and brothers, Joseph of Weidman and John of Mt. Pleasant.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the J. J. Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant with Fr. John Thome officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

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Margie Neubecker

Mrs. Vera Neubecker, Rt. 1, Weidman, announces the engagement of her daughter, Margie Neubecker to Dennis Logan, son of Al Logan, Lansing and Mrs. Donna McCormick, Mount Pleasant. The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Beal City High School and is presently employed at Central Michigan Community Hospital. Her fiance, a 1974 Mount Pleasant High School graduate, is employed at Alibi Rock Theater. A May 21 wedding is being planned.

BALL CORPORATION PROMISES NO CAN LID SHORTAGES THIS SEASON

The Ball Corporation at Muncie, Ind., said last week that during the 1976 home-canning season it plans to produce at least 65 percent more replacement caps and lids for home canning jars than were shipped during the 1975 season.

Two new production lines, each capable of producing an excess of 1,200 lids a minute, are in the start-up phase, the company said. The company says it will continue to operate three shifts a day, seven days a week, as they say they have done almost continuously since Jan. 2, 1975.

The company was vague in answering requests from governors, members of Congress, state legislators and other officials, asking for information concerning the number of caps and lids and/or jars to be shipped to retailers in their respective districts.

"Any information on shipments

....could very well be misleading," according to Jack K. Carmichael, governmental affairs manager for the company.

The company estimates that there will be about 35 million home vegetable gardens in 1976, up from 32 1/2 million in 1975. A recent survey suggests that 41 percent of American households plan to do some home canning in 1976, up from 37 percent a year ago.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer had their supper Wednesday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman, and family, of Hubbardston.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach during last week included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schafer, and Mrs. Leo Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schafer entertained company at supper last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Tschappat and Jack Schafer enjoyed cards with Mrs. Joe Pung Saturday evening.

Louise Schafer spent Sunday with the Sundermans at Shepherd.

Pat Schafer spent Wednesday with Louise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Al Klumpp home.

Bob and Joyce Schafer have returned home after spending two weeks in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer and girls of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Saturday.

Janet Paisley and Jeff Gruss will be married Friday at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pung visited Mrs. Stanley at a St. Louis rest home Sunday.

Tillie Starr spent the past week with her brother, Will Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh had Sunday dinner with their cousin, Josie Bengal, of Mt. Pleasant.

Ragolt Hauck is in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer and Mrs. Gary Schumacher called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family and the new baby girl called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday.

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Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hugelent entertained her brother and wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen, from Hubbardston. Saturday another brother and wife came to call, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cashen, and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sharp and her daughter and a friend came to visit them.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig joined a tour for this past weekend that took them to Nashville, Tenn., to visit the Grand Ole Opry. They enjoyed the Hall of Fame for Country Music Stars, a tour of famous homes, and a visit to the old Opera House downtown. They reported a grand time.

Dick and Pat Harris of Harrison were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stacy. Penny Stacy is home on term break, from Ferris State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando spent the weekend in Detroit visiting Joe's aunt and uncle. Sunday night they attended a Leap-Year birthday party for Louis Rau of Beal City, who celebrated his 21st birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter attended the wedding of her sister, Sarah Todd, and Sam Smith in Carson City Saturday evening. Mrs. Harter was her sister's Matron of Honor, and Don was an usher. They were married in the United Methodist Church of Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor of Paris were Sunday visitors of Glenn and Gladys Brown.

Sunday visitors of Russell Lafrienier were Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall of Ithaca, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doremire, and Mrs. Jo Allen.

Gladys Brown's mother, Mrs. Ida Bowman, and her sister, Mrs. Eileen Ansey, drove over from Big Rapids and spent a day with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Priest are spending some time here at their home on the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grace entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stack Tuesday, and had a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Stack's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Mitchell's weekend visitors were his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.

Gerald DeWitt, of Mason, and their two children, Anita and Jerry.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran were Sunday dinner guests of the Gerald Loseys. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Mrs. Irene Keck spent the weekend at Copemish, visiting her father, who is in the hospital.

Dave Leiter called at the Martin home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Halla Lovell and son, Robert, of Grand Rapids, were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller had Sunday dinner at the home of their daughter and family, the Richard Touchinskis, in Weidman. They called on Elwood's mother in Big Rapids Friday.


Harold and Lois Losey were Monday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Momroe Beckwith was a Tuesday supper guest at the Losey home. He also called on me.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Thursday evening callers at the Losey home. Beth Losey and I spent part of Sunday afternoon with Hattie and Charlie.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



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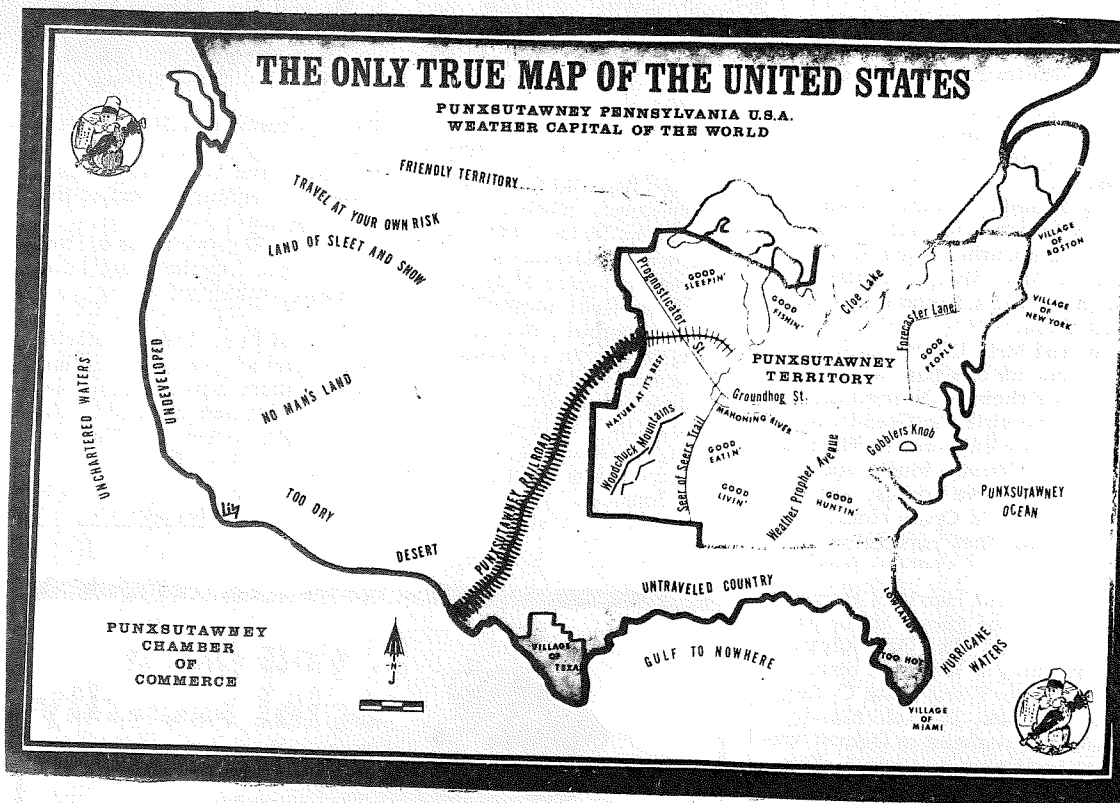
Retiring postmaster honored

Postmasters and their wives of Winn, Weidman and Rosebush met at the Gerald A. Farnan home to honor Farnan's recent retirement as Postmaster at Shepherd.

A certificate of appreciation from the National Association of Post masters of the United States was presented by Postmaster Eileen Stilgenbauer, Isabella County Director of NAPUS.

A gift of a billfold, key case and lighter was given by the GMIC Postmasters, a four county group, of which Farnan is a member. The cake decorated for the occasion, was served with ice cream.

Good wishes were extended to the Farnans by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ege, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman and the Glenn Stilgenbauers.



PAUL FAHNESTOCK BROUGHT US THIS MAP OF THE GROUND HOG'S TRUE HOME--Located at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, "Original Home of the World Famous Weather Forecasting Groundhog". It's published by the Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce, and we were sure entertained by the Groundhog Town's map of what we have hitherto known as the United States. The brochure claims that Punxsutawney, Pa., is "the original home of the great Weather Prognosticator, His Majesty, the Punxsutawney Groundhog." Each Feb. 2 the "Seer of Seers" and King of the Weather Prophets performs his annual weather forecasting duties at "Gobblers Knob" at Punxsutawney. Natives there claim the Gobblers Knob is the one and only original home of the great "Prognosticator," and has been since 1887. Each year a large group gathers early in the morning Feb. 2 to take part in the famed "shadowcasting" ceremonies. The group begins the trek shortly before sunup, and makes it way to the hallowed burrow atop famed Gobblers Knob. After special rituals, the group awaits with bated breath for the appearance of the "one and only original weather prognosticator", acknowledged king of all weather prophets, to make his appearance and proclaim to the world his infallible prediction. This year (as in practically all years), the groundhog saw his shadow Feb. 2, forecasting six more weeks of winter. Here in Central Michigan, we've had a sample of what the Great Prognosticator was trying to say.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Joyce Yuncker entered CMC Hospital Wednesday, with blood clots in her legs. We visited her Thursday afternoon. Bonnie and Julie Dutcher visited her Friday.

Richard Yuncker and Debbie, Dee Ann, Danelle and Scot and Keith had Friday supper with us, helping Danelle celebrate her seventh birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutcher of Cadillac Sunday afternoon.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent from Sunday till Wednesday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. He had dinner with us on Tuesday.

Robert and Julie Dutcher and Gary and David Dutcher called on us Tuesday morning.

The Robert Dutchers had Sunday supper with the Dale Dutchers. They had dinner Sunday with the Dick Dutchers.

The Dale Dutchers called on

us Tuesday afternoon.

Most of our folks didn't make it out to work Tuesday morning, due to the night's storm.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent last Wednesday in Bay City, visiting her brother, Frank Durham.

Diane Benn spent Sunday afternoon with Ruth Momany. Mrs. Ross Momany and daughter and daughter, Deanne, and her small son, of Big Rapids, were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and daughter, Susie, of Wolverine, and their son, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, of Allegan, spent the weekend with Wayne's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. They also attended the wedding of Peter Lowery and Sue Snyder at Remus, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Donna McArthur and Mrs. Mary McArthur were Thursday morning coffee-hour guests of Mrs. Linda Fussman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Harry Gatehouse was admitted to CMC Hospital last Thursday, suffering from high blood pressure. He was reported as better this week, but was undergoing x-rays and other tests Monday.

Mrs. Hazel Davis of Pennsylvania is spending a vacation period with the Gatehouse families of Sherman Township. She has been staying with Beatrice since Harry has been in the hospital.

Dwight Groh of Lake was admitted to CMC Hospital Feb. 26. Jack Jarman of Gilmore was discharged that day.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann in Midland Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jackson and baby of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

The Churches

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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

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

The Five Bonner brothers put on a beautiful program of religious songs Sunday evening, before a full house. Our Brinton neighbors and some from the Weidman Methodist Church were among the crowd. A lunch was enjoyed after the program.

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U.M.W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

Thursday evening, March 4, there will be a pot-luck supper at the church at 6.30, followed by a devotional program by Rev. Arthur Cross of Remus. These meetings will continue until Easter, with a different speaker each time. The public is cordially invited.

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Morning Worship, 11 a. m.

Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.

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George Getchel, minister.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a. m.

Bible School, 10.45 a. m.

Evening Worship, 7 p. m.

AND DON'T FORGET--The Weidman Lions Club Fish Fry at the Weidman School Cafeteria next Friday, serving from 5.30 to 7.30. A real taste treat!

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

FRIENDS GET TOGETHER WITH STORMY WEATHER NO DAMPER

Friends still get together! Saturday's freaky snow storm didn't dampen the spirits of well over a hundred C.B.ers and interested friends as they attended an Eyeball Coffee Break at Winn Sunday, Feb. 22.

Fun and laughter, coffee and goodies warmed the winter chill. Success of the Coffee Break was largely attributed to the donating of services, supplies, and time, from many people.

Any of these handles familiar? --They were winners of the hourly drawings: Plumber's Wife, Lady Bird, Cat Tail, Jesse Tice, Bob Cat, Shady Lady, Grasshopper, Grant Allen, Friendly Animal, Plumber, Sherman Girls, Three Wheeler, Sweet Thing, Sparky.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Tom Tice of Mt. Pleasant. The radio door prize was won by Tammy Hackard, living southwest of Lake Isabella.

Sponsors of the Coffee Break, Gil Overla and Robert C. Mays, are grateful to all those who helped in so many ways.

And so--until another Coffee Break, "73s" to you all--and this is no time to "Have the Hammer Down!"

KITTY CAME HOME

Renee, Nelson and Chase Bateman are happy and extremely grateful to a lot of people who helped them search for their missing little cat, who disappeared for three days and nights.

Other than being hungry, and very glad to be home again, she was no worse for wear. She apparently found her way home by herself.

Mr. Monroe, a school bus driver, and all his children on his bus route tried to help find the little lost cat.

Ruth and Otto joined the search along with Carol and Marian Beutler, and many friendly people talked with the young owners about the cat's absence, and offered help. The Batemans say they are truly happy, living in an area where people are so helpful and considerate toward one another.

So Kitty's home and all is well.

Mrs. Ted Krauss reports that Ted is "holding his own", still has to take life easy, which is not easy for him. A call or visit will encourage him.

Visiting Minnie Carpenter this past week has been her daughter, Mary Betts, and son, Jamie, of Flint.

Recent visitors at the Julius Guerin home were: Sunday,

Feb. 22, Mrs. Guerin's parents, also her sister and husband, the Donald DeVarys, just back from sunny Florida. While there they visited Disney World, the Keys, and Miami. Mrs. Guerin reports her son, Bob Farnum, continues to improve.

Ruth and Otto Yabs were called to Owosso to attend the funeral of Mrs. Yabs' nephew, Chester Walter, of Farwell, a 19-year-old Navy veteran. They visited her oldest sister at Corunna, then on to Lansing to visit her other sister and invalid husband, returning home via DeWitt to visit their son. There was NO snow in Lansing that weekend.

On Friday, Feb. 27, the Paddocks of Pequea Drive and the Beatties and Klenks of Crown Point Drive all went to Owosso, where they celebrated the 93rd birthday of Norm Paddock's mother, Mrs. Augusta Paddock. The celebration started with lunch at the Pines Restaurant and ended with birthday cake and ice cream back at the home of Mrs. Paddock's sister, Mrs. Bertha Schmelzer, with whom she lives.

Signs of Spring! Found in Mrs. Carpenter's yard when the snow went off, a flower bed! Little blue violets BLOOMING! Also in the Yabs' yard, the pussy willow bush is BUDDING with little white Pussies.

Mrs. Yabs, Reporter
Phone 644-2706

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MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE LISTS HONOR STUDENTS

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison has announced honor students on the President's List at the conclusion of the fall, 1975, semester. These students, carrying 12 semester hours or more, achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester, or All A's in every course attempted. Area students on the President's list are as follows:

From Lake: Karen Harris, James Joseph, Robert Wilcox.

From Mt. Pleasant: Barbara Colvin, Debbie Darnell, Roger Dennis.

On the Dean's List from this area were listed, from Lake, George Harris, Karon Harris (All As) James Joseph (All As), Mary Patterson, Rodney Sprague, Robert Wilcox (All As).

From Mt. Pleasant: Debbie Darnell (All As), Kevin Foster, Diane Tilmann, Theresa Wezen-sky.

From Weidman: Mary Clevenger, Harry Hardenburgh.

From Rosebush: Kenneth Abbott, Dave Prout.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Albert Kew and niece, Mrs. Carol Harner, of Lake Odessa spent last Monday with Mrs. Edna Bowein, in honor of her recent birthday.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
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now 18 years old, and he now understands that it is a privilege to live in his parents' home. If he leaves home, he must know that it will be only a matter of time before he gets into trouble with the law.

The mother wrote that it took her and her husband (the parents) six years to "get tough with our son". They wish now they had done it in the beginning.

And in another Ann Landers column a mother wrote of her child's decision to have sex without marriage, the "child" being of legal age. The parents had no say in the matter.

The young unmarried couple brought a child into the world, and the grandparents are asking themselves, "Why did our child turn out this way?"

The young couple styled their actions as "the new morality".

Ann Landers replied that there is no "new morality," only a rejection of the "old morality".

What's to be done about it? Parents can lay down the law after providing food, shelter and clothes.

Spending money for today's young people should be earned --otherwise we'll be encouraging a far-out and immoral life-style from sex to drugs to smashing up the family car knowing dear old Dad will have it repaired.

Good luck, parents.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

So sorry you had to send the check back. Guess that is the sign one is really getting old. The day I sent yours out, I wrote four other checks, and didn't sign one of them.

You folks had much more snow than we did. Howard had to shovel our driveway only once (so far).

Both of us are so glad to read in your paper all about the new businesses going in. Sure hope they all make a go of it.

Do take care of yourself, Connie, and we hope you have an early spring.

Your friends,
Howard and Olive Johnson
Fremont, Ohio

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NOTTAWA FARMERS TO ATTEND FARM BUREAU SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bogart of Nottawa Township will attend a Washington legislative seminar March 29 to April 1, representing the Farm Bureau. The county organization is sponsoring their trip.

Louis is vice-chairman of the county Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and Ann is vice chairman of the women's committee.

The Bogarts have received a phone call from Congressman Elford Cederberg inviting them to his office and a tour of Washington buildings.

The Bogarts will be available to any community or civic group on their return.

The Farm Bureau women's committee held its Bicentennial party Feb. 20 at the home of Lyle and Verna Walkington. Thirty-four people from all over the county attended a pot-luck smorgasbord, and enjoyed a cake guessing contest, hatchet-tearing and card games.

Mrs. Edith Travis won first prize in the hatchet-tearing contest, with Mrs. Verna Walkington a prize for farthest-out from George Washington's tool for cutting down the cherry tree.

Mrs. Ethel Acker won the cake guessing contest, taking the cake donated by Ann Bogart.

Prize winners in cards were Mrs. Barb Foster, high ladies; Louis Bogart, high men; Mrs. Johanna Fish, low ladies; Evert Bowerman, low men; and Mrs. Barb Foster traveling prize. Mrs. Carol Graham won the Yahtze prize.

The Bicentennial theme was carried out in red, white and blue decorations and rolls of Lincoln pennies and Bicentennial dollars, and a Liberty Bell with 13 pennies and a Bicentennial quarter.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

The Weidman Messenger
To the Editor:

It is encouraging to me to see the renewed faith of the small businessmen in our communities. It is an inspiration to observe people willing to invest in the future. It is equally timely now, at this point, in our Bicentennial celebration, to note how our community has changed over the past decade. Small towns like Mt. Pleasant and villages such as Weidman are desirable places to live and have attracted families and businesses from the larger urban communities as permanent settlers.

The courage and enterprising skill of many of our fine new businessmen and businesswomen deserve our support and mutual encouragement. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere best wishes for the steady and sure progress of your various enterprises. In this Bicentennial year, it is satisfying to realize that you have not been

alone in your capital pursuits and that many of our forefathers led the way to courage and excellence in business.

Sincere best wishes.

Dean E. Denslow, President
Denslow & Denslow

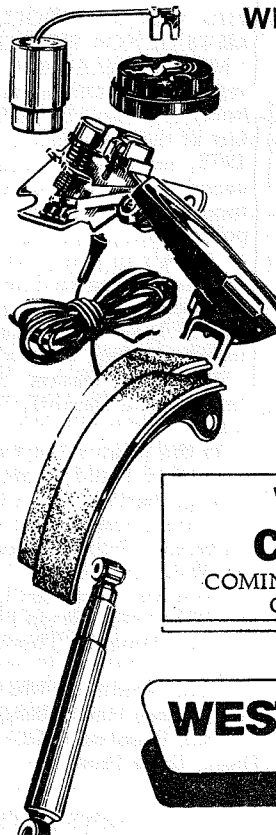
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