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Editor's Column

By Connie

FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

Don't forget the joint Lions Club-WBA fish fry at the Weidman School cafeteria this Friday evening, April 9.

Proceeds will go toward putting in a new well, deeper than the present one, to service the comfort station near the softball diamond.

WBA ladies will furnish home-baked pies.

SO WE GOT A BIG TREE TAKEN OUT--AND NEATLY

So during the past week, we've got the huge old Chinese elm taken down. It stood at the east side of the house (to the south), and was planted by Rolla Roe in 1929.

The Chinese elm had just come out--it was called the Siberian elm, then--and Rolla Roe had several brittle old Carolina poplars taken out, and he planted little saplings in their places around the house.

So the trees grew--and grew, as Chinese elm owners know full well.

With age they became brittle, and all but this last one had been taken out.

With that ice storm in March the poor old thing was in bad shape, very literally. It looked like the dickens, if we may say so. Also, the cleanup work was expensive, after every wind, after every ice accumulation.

So--along came Steve Pasch, who offered to take it down, cut it up into firewood, and stack it in piles anywhere we wanted it, for a set price.

We took it. And, after a week (Steve has a steady job, so he couldn't work except weekends), he got the last of the ancient tree out of there.

He did a truly remarkable job of it (well, his nice young wife did a lot of raking, one Sunday), and we are very pleased with the job.

And Frances Tranbarger has some fireplace wood you wouldn't believe: Steve Pasch split those

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THE SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD--Sat in session Saturday afternoon in its Settlement, or Annual, meeting--and waited for taxpayers to come and tell them if they did good or bad during the past year. Only four taxpayers (including Ye Ed) took time to run out to the Sherman Town Hall and look over the year's expenditures, the coming year's budget, and salary raises voted by the Board. The Sherman Board has the biggest work load of any Township Board in Isabella County, and their salaries are below those of others, notably Union Township, whose Board is generously paid. In the photo above, Supervisor Earl Oplinger is at left, with Trustees Keith Thompson and Bunk Wood; and Treasurer Alma Dosenberry and Clerk Keith Thompson. The Board sits annually, hoping Sherman Township folks will go out and look over their books and their performance for the year.

Messenger photo

Pay raises were voted in for the Board members, a \$500 annual raise for the Supervisor and Clerk, the Supervisor now to get \$4,000 per year. He is a qualified assessor, and has a heavy work load, as does also the Clerk. This year's budget for Sherman Township was set at \$34,577, allowing on its printed form a place for unexpected expenditures. The budget is an important item of the Annual Meeting of the Board.

There will be \$48,577.00 in tax monies available to the township this year, according to officials. Revenue sharing--if it comes--may approximate \$3,600.00.

Trustees of Sherman Township also got a raise, putting their per-meeting pay at \$30, up from \$25.

No action was taken on road projects at this time.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

FIREMEN'S AUCTION IS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

The great event--the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen's annual auction--will be this Saturday night, April 10, at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman. Bob Myers of Rosebush is the traditional auctioneer, with the action starting at 8 p. m.

In other years local volunteers have helped with selling on the auction block. These have included Dan Carrick, Ben Weber, Ted Smith (now of Mt. Pleasant), and Grant Allen, among others.

Donations are sought, and articles from your attic or basement or garage may be taken directly to Weaver's Tavern, or to the Fire Hall. For large items which need transportation, here is a list of phone numbers you may call, all with the 644-exchange number: 3507, 2147, 3501, or 3306.

Do donate something--anything--to this most popular annual event. And do, if you can, attend, and find treasures you've wanted and maybe forgotten about, in these days of high prices everywhere.

Remember the date: This Saturday night, April 10, at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

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THE WEIDMAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IS ALIVE AND WELL AND GOING STRONG

The Weidman Business Association has come to life with a bang, and young merchants here are taking active roles in bettering the area for the sake of everybody.

At last Thursday night's regular meeting there were 20 members present--a record for any meeting of the WBA for any era or any year.

It was announced that the WBA has obtained a state license for bingo games at the Maeder Auction Barn on the south side of Weidman (Coldwater Road) each week, starting soon.

A few changes in the WBA bylaws were adopted: Dues which in the original bylaws were set at \$12 a year are now \$20; and the old bylaws forbade any business from having more than one

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EMMA MIDDLESWORTH HONORED ON HER BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, one of our few remaining citizens of the original old-time Weidman, was honored at a birthday dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday, April 4.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brown of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Al Brown and Julie and Ted, also of Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelsey of Midland; Mrs. Ruth Blesch, Mrs. Ethel Soper and Mrs. Jo Alkofer of Barryton; Fred Cole and K. C. Charnes of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes of Weidman.

After dinner everyone returned to the Charnes home for birthday cake and visiting.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent the weekend camping at Pike Lake, near Lake Station.

WBA DOING WELL

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representative at meetings. The new bylaws allow any number of business owners-employees-partners, etc., to any meeting, although any one business is still restricted to one vote on any issue.

Gary McArthur, president of the WBA, expressed great pleasure at the good turnout of interested business people last week, and said he hopes more will be showing up at future meetings.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday afternoon. Lois Cain of Grand Rapids spent from Saturday afternoon till Sunday afternoon with her folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Goldie Dutcher visited her sister, Minnie Hines, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Karen, Kaye and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and Brian and Jimmy helped Kim Dutcher celebrate her seventh birthday Sunday evening, at the home of the Jim Dutchers.

Dennis Cornell and friend of Clio called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher and children had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder April 1, helping Brian celebrate his fifth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maeder called later in the evening.

Julia Dutcher called on the Jim Dutchers Saturday, and Kim and Shelly went home with them and spent over night with Dawn.

Gary Jankowski and family of Blanchard and Jeff Witbeck were Saturday callers of Steve Dutcher. Lou Duthmer and Gary Jankowski were Sunday callers.

Debbie Ash spent Wednesday afternoon with Sandra Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neepner and family spent the weekend with the Brian Dutcher family. Larry and Brian called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cofton of Canadian Lakes Sunday. They had supper and spent the evening Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald at Blue Lake in Mecosta. They visited Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Blanchard one evening, and Thursday they spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Nyle Perry of Mecosta.

EXPIRATION--Of your subscription date appears each week beside your address.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byron and family and Mrs. Alma Byron were Saturday guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darnell and grandson and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, her grandson and granddaughter were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mrs. Betty Thompson will be hostess to the Busy Bees at her home Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Friday guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. They brought a cake to celebrate her birthday. They also called Sunday.

Mrs. Judy Lawrence called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins, Sunday.

Mrs. Opal Denslow underwent surgery last week at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. She is reported as doing well. She will be there this week yet. Her room number is 543.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wood and Gale and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills were Sunday guests of the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fahnestock after church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, Friday.

Sunday guests at the Dent home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan, Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fleming and children of Warren, and Virginia Rydahl of Sheridan. Gerald Dent called on his doctor Monday this week. Gerry and Mabel spent this Monday night at the Lynn Johnson home, helping Steven celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Monday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday near Merritt, with their cousins, the John Carrs of Lansing, who are building a cottage there. They enjoyed dinner at Prudenville, celebrating their birthdays.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Dorothy Brien of Ithaca was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. Nina Forbes. In the afternoon they and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Margaret Mullet attended an Easter cantata at the Rosebush Presbyterian Church. It was put on by the United Methodist folks of Chippewa and Trinity Church of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Norma Brian was at the piano, and Janice Huffman was director. Following which a pot-luck dinner was put on by the Rosebush church people.

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 March 25t3

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 Mar. 25t3 p

FISH FRY--This Friday night, at Weidman School, put on by the Weidman Lions Club and the Weidman Business Association, with proceeds to go to the park for a new well. It's the usual delicious Lions Club supper, with home made pies furnished by WBA wives.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL AUCTION
 Is this Saturday night, April 10, at Weaver's Tavern. Put in a little something from your attic or garage or basement, and attend the auction and get back joyous returns in things you want and can use. Remember, it's this Saturday night.

April 8t1

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Card of Thanks

The family of Harry Rupp wish to thank all those who helped in any way in our recent loss, with their gifts of food, flowers, cards, and other evidences of thoughtfulness and sympathy.
 Florence Rupp
 Mr. and Mrs. John Spiess
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spiess
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jarvis

50 TIMES A YEAR REMINDER



SUBSCRIPTION TO THE
Messenger

Obituary

ADA TAYLOR

Ada Ball Flaughter Taylor of rural Mt. Pleasant died March 25 at her home, after an illness of seven months. She was 66.

She was born Aug. 11, 1909, in Union Township, and was a life resident of that area. She was a retired secretary from the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, where she was employed about 40 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Daren Durey officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Coy; a son, George Flaughter, of Weidman; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Dewey (Fannie) Berryhill of Lansing; and two brothers, Clarence and Robert Ball, of Mt. Pleasant.

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Obituary

TIMOTHY L. VAN BLARICUM

Timothy Lowell Van Blaricum of Mt. Pleasant died March 21 at Knapp Hospital in Weslaco, Texas, where he was a patient for five days. He was 28.

He was born in Howell Oct. 16, 1947, and was a resident of the Mt. Pleasant area six years. He was employed with a carnival in Texas.

He was a Vietnam War veteran, a member of the American Legion of Bath, and the Nazarene Church of Lowell.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. William F. Hurt officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Township Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Lee; three children, Timothy, Jr., Jerry Allen, and Rhonda, all at home; three brothers, William of Lansing, Boyd of Harrison and Kenneth of Brighton; and three sisters, Catherine Wilkinson of Linden, Dorothy Rodgers of Cadillac, and Helen Laughter of Weidman.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle spent the weekend at their camp on the Black River, near Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Louisell of Mt. Pleasant were Monday evening visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

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The Churches

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

The March to Sunday School, sponsored by Rusty Alwood and running through the month of March, ended Sunday, with Mrs. Elvah Gott winning first prize, a beautiful portrait of Jesus. Rusty also gave out prizes to others who worked in the contest.

In the evening the congregation observed the 18th anniversary of Marvin Eldridge's starting of the Baptist Church of Weidman.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a.m.
 Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 Sharing and prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.

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

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

In the near future some roof work will be done to change the contour of the roof on the back of the church.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Broomfield: Located six mile south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, pastor.
 Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.

Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.

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 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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George Getchel, minister.
 Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
 Bible School, 10.45 a.m.
 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens who have trouble reading can spend a pleasant half hour listening to "The Radio Reader", on station WKAR from Lansing, 850 on radio dial, at 8.30 a.m. New books of best quality are read on this broadcast.

Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

Andy and Beryl Beck returned home Saturday, after spending the winter in California. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh called on them Sunday afternoon.

Buck and Gertrude Nolte report they enjoyed their trip to Florida. They were gone two weeks, and Don and Carol Pantenburg were their guests on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and children have returned home after a two weeks' trip to Disney World and other parts of Sunny Florida. They took their 84-year-old grandmother along as far as North Carolina, where she stayed to visit relatives until they picked her up on their return trip.

Fifty white swans were on our lake at daybreak Friday morning. They swam single-file down the lake, and then turned and took off for the north. Those who were fortunate to see it witnessed a beautiful sight.

A new business has opened up here on the lake. Mrs. Harry Rupp has opened an antique shop in her barn loft, and it's being operated by Lonnie Ather-ton. Many beautiful authentic antiques are on display.

Russell Lafreniere attended the Michigan Fair and Racing Association meeting Friday evening at Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando were in Grand Rapids for the weekend, to attend the women's state bowling meet. Six couples went from this area.

Florence Rupp spent last weekend at Dodge City, near Harrison, with her son-in-law and daughter, John and Joyce Spiess, of Grand Rapids. Florence won the Winner Take All prize in a bingo game, taking home \$90 as winner.

The Richard Lichtenfelts, Scott Frears and Joe Marchiandos had dinner together Friday evening.

Don and Joyce Brown, Mike and Joanne Brown and children Steve and Nora, and Glenda Johnson and her children, Cammie and Jon, were Sunday afternoon visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Senior Citizens held their meeting last Thursday at the hall in Brinton.

Lewis Bowen attended a meeting in Lansing last week Tuesday.

Opal Tower and Laura Roberts received word of the death of their aunt, Tessie Sowle, of near Detroit. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Alfred Bartley. Don Lee of Grand Rapids also called Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe are driving a new Chevrolet pickup.

Nora Geasler, Irene Bowen and I called on Connie Fletcher at Lake Thirteen Wednesday.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and Caroline and Jim of East Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush, Mrs. Howard Beutler and Donald and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Brenda.

Mrs. Alton Allen (Beatrice) of St. Louis spent a few days recently with the Ivan Allen family. Miss Vonnie Allen and her friend, Beth Allen of near Dayton, Ohio, spent a weekend at Vonnie's home here, from their studies at Olivet Nazarene Col-

lege at Kankakee, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson enjoyed breakfast at Reed City Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of Big Rapids spent Sunday evening with their mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

Mrs. Leila Shook returned last Tuesday after a three weeks' visit with her sister in North Carolina. She said the dogwood was in full bloom there, and the state was gorgeous.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey celebrated their wedding anniversary and also Daisy's birthday, with dinner at the Richard Embrey home near Rosebush Sunday.

About 600 Canada geese rested on Lake of the Hills, Friday night.

Roy Adams returned home Saturday after spending over a week in the hospital at Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin of

Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. The Spragues spent last week Monday over night with them in Lansing.

A birthday dinner honoring George Miller Saturday was held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Touchinski of Marquette were last week Sunday overnight guests of his brother and family, the Dick Touchinskis. Glenn and wife were on their way to a Florida vacation, leaving here Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson and daughter of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

Mrs. Judy Lawrence and daughter, Pamela, were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Cpl. Doug Garrett is home on leave from Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

Virginia Baxter, Betty Baxter, Barbara Tilmann and Louise Schafer returned home after attending a wedding in Chicago over the weekend.

We welcome to our parish membership Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cotter and Mr. and Mrs. Olen Navarre and daughter, Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith came Saturday to get their son, Scott, and they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bontrager of Indiana spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bierschbach and family. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach and family while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rahl of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Marie Rahl Sunday.

Sister Marie Alexander and Sister Herman Joseph of Grand Rapids spent a few days the past week with relatives in Beal City.

Ed Zeien is still in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

Judy Steffke had surgery the past week at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Tony Schafer was a visitor at the Oscar Schafer home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Haney of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Zuker is in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith called on Anna and Dora Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Sunday.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 17 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 17 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

Monica Grinzinger won first prize for the ladies, with Rose Funnell second and Matie Punglow.

For the men, Ambrose Thelen won first, with Father Neubecker second and Ed Block low.

Margaret Lawens won the pepper prize. Marietta Wawersik drew the door prize.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee were enjoyed.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be April 22, with one the following week, April 29, making up for March 15, which was Holy Thursday.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Wanda Graham and I attended our Birthday Club last Thursday at the home of Jeanne Smith. About a dozen ladies were present. Bessie Allen and Verlia Wilcox had birthdays this month. They received many nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee visited her sister, Laura Latham, Sunday afternoon.

Zena Olger went to her church

Sunday, and they had lunch and fellowship in the afternoon.

Zena's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, are home from Florida, where they spent the winter with their children.

Visitors at our house last week were Bessie Allen of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, our son, of Elwell, Dick Gott of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard, my brother and wife of Six Lakes, Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and her mother, Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn, took us out for dinner Sunday after church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood and son, Troy, of Saginaw spent last Monday and Tuesday with relatives in this area.

Over the weekend the children of this neighborhood were picking up junk in road ditches. It's

great to see the kids doing good things like that. Thank you, young citizens!

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ANNUAL FIREMEN'S AUCTION

Is this week Saturday night, at Evelyn Hackney's tavern in Weidman. Donations are sought and you may leave your contributions at the Fire Hall, at Ev's tavern (check with her first), or you may call these numbers, all on exchange number 644: 3507, 2147, 3501, and 3306.

These are all Firemen's numbers, and they will pick up any items you wish to donate, especially heavy or cumbersome things. The Firemen's Auction is the year's highlight, for pure fun--and for getting some good things at low prices.

April 8t1

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Ruth Yabs, Reporter

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Five new building permits have been issued recently.

ANNUAL OWNERS MEETING SET FOR MAY FIRST

Our annual LIPOA meeting will be Saturday, May 1, at 2 p.m. at the Chippewa Hills High School, corner M-66 and Arthur Road (Drew Road at this end).

After another week in Lansing, I am glad to be home again, my

sister much improved but her husband Frank is in the hospital ICCU and his condition was listed as critical.

We will soon see the new signs at Queens Way and Dequesa Drive. Many of us on this side of the lake will appreciate these markings, making it easier for our friends to find us this summer.

The Weidman Lions Club (joined by the Weidman Business Association) will be having another fish fry Friday evening, April 9, at the Weidman School. They invite us to attend and enjoy a delicious meal.

Weekend visitors of Minnie Carpenter were her daughter and grandson, Mary and Jamie Betts, from Flint.

We visited Cele and Jay Myers, who arrived home from their vacation in California. They left here Nov. 4, took a sight-seeing trip through the Carolinas, a beautiful trip through the central

route to Corona, Calif, where their son, Milton Jay, lives. There they visited many college friends who get together every two years. They also visited Cele's sister in San Bernardino. They enjoyed the dry, warm weather, while folks there were wishing for rain. They returned home by the southern route, enjoying sunshine all the way home. They arrived here March 23, in time for some COLD days.

I would appreciate YOUR items of news. Phone 644-2706. Ruth Yabs.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,
I am enclosing a check for \$8. Please send the Messenger for another year.

As ever,
The Floyd Millers
Barryton

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Obituary

HARRY HAUCK

Harry Hauck died April 4 at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, at the age of 98.

He was one of the Hauck brothers who established and developed the Hauck Farm, long a show-place of Isabella County.

Harry and his brother, John, came here from Pewamo in the fall of 1906, and operated the 600-acre farm for his father and uncle, Joseph Hauck and Anthony Bower, both of Pewamo.

Joseph Hauck and Anthony Bower bought the farm for speculation purposes, but it was quite quickly recognized as an invaluable dairy and beef operation.

Harry and John Hauck bought out Bamborough, and the farm became known as the biggest and most prosperous farm in Isabella County, due mainly to hard work by all of the Hauck families.

The two brothers came here in the spring of 1908, and Harry built the red brick house on the south side of Weidman Road. Later, John built the white-painted house on the north side.

The farm produced bumper crops

of corn, wheat and hay, and also maintained very large herds of cattle and sheep.

It was also a large producer of sugar beets, until the plant at Mt. Pleasant was closed.

Today Carl and Raymond Hauck own the south side of the farm, while Floyd owns the north side.

Harry Hauck was born Aug. 13, 1877, in Pewamo. Besides his farming operations, he was vice president of Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, later becoming president. He was a stockholder in the Rosebush State Bank and was a director.

He is survived by his sons Carl and Raymond, and Walter of Rosebush; a daughter, Mrs. Luella Smith of Beal City; nephews Fred Hauck and Ragot Hauck of Beal City; nieces Lillian Zeien, Helen Zeien, and Irene Smith of Beal City. Also many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City, with Father Donald Dueweke officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The Hauck family is part of tradition of this side of Isabella County.

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean visited the Paul Coles recently. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and children, Frances and Mark, called last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole returned to their home in Detroit, after several days spent at their farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk returned to their home at Lake Orion Thursday, on business.

Leon Haight called at the Paul Cole home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk entertained Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roach and four children of Mt. Clemens over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Lynn spent the weekend at the Big Manistee River.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blackmer and George Cornell, and Russell Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, last week.

Edward Hale called on Albert Geasler Friday. The Albert Geaslars have a new motor home, and plan to do some traveling soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk

and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roach called on the Paul Coles Sunday.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

Please send April 8th paper down, but do not send the 15th.

We expect to leave here about the 13th and will go to Rita's for a week before we go home.

Guess from all reports you have had all kinds of weather this winter. We had cold weather through January, but have had beautiful days the last few weeks.

Sincerely
Beulah Scott
Zephyrhills, Florida

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Dear Connie,

Suddenly realized it's subscription time again.

Just going back to work today, after a bout with laryngitis--which slows one down a little!

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed group picture. I have been singing with them since last fall. We plan to go to Miami in April for competition--it's a lot of work, but fun!

Winter should be about over up there by this time. My lawn is about ready to be cut, so

guess Spring is here!
Sincerely,
ErceI (Bywater) Woodward
Zephyrhills, Florida

Ruth Blesch, Jo Alkofer and Ethel Soper of Barryton took Emma Middlesworth a birthday cake last Wednesday, and spent the evening with her.

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MR. AND MRS. EARL DUTCHER

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge will be honored with an Open House for their 50th wedding anniversary, at the St. Louis Church of God Fellowship Hall April 11, from 2 to 5. Mrs. Dutcher is the former Irene Wilson, whose family lived on a farm which is now the Don Abbott home place.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend and help the couple celebrate. It is requested there be no gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle have purchased a home on Old U.S.-27 about four and a half miles north of Mt. Pleasant, and have

moved there. Alfred Jones of Sherman City has bought Lucille's large mobile home on Bridge Street.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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pieces of the main trunk of that giant tree into usable chunks for a fireplace.

A remarkable job.

DIDJA KNOW DEPARTMENT...

That cat-box litter is a herbicide? I didn't, either, till last fall when I killed a robust hollyhock by dumping the stuff at its roots. (I thought it would be good mulch. Ha.)

That the slump in the building trades seems not to have affected the Weidman area?

Try to get a plumber; an electrician; a carpenter.

You can get 'em by going on a waiting list, or by going to Mt. Pleasant and hope they'll send someone over.

We need those three skilled workers here, and now: Electrician, plumber, carpenter.

Where are the out-of-work journeymen hanging around city employment offices, when they could come out into God's country and work their blessed little

heads right off?

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BEAL CITY KCS PARTICIPATE IN HELP THE RETARDED DRIVE

Helping mentally retarded people in Michigan will be the goal of a fund drive conducted by the Beal City Knights of Columbus in central Michigan April 9, 10 and 11, according to Bob Walton, Grand Knight of the Beal City Council.

Knights of Columbus members will station themselves at various locations during the weekend, bedecked with hats, canisters and aprons emblazoned with "K of C Help the Mentally Retarded". They will offer a 15-cent Tootsie Roll for a contribution to the program for the mentally handicapped.

The money is slated to remain in the state, and will be returned to local Knights of Columbus Councils for presentation to specified causes. The portion retained on the state level will be used for programs in Michigan.

The contributions in the Tootsie Roll drive will go toward lessening handicaps through training and professional assistance, according to KC headquarters.

Fred Steffke is fund drive chairman for this area.

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