

things, in such a situation would be the paper's mailing and its files. Weidman fire-grabbed the small steel cabinet containing our mailing-list cards and carried it out. One of them ran out in the kitchen and swooped up the batch of bound file-books, saving our copies complete. This is amazing, and very touching. They saved the two important things to a newspaper whose plant destroyed. They risked we don't like to imagine what personal injury from our various unknown chemicals we use in the printing process. We have always admired the volunteer men. Now our admiration knows no bounds.

Thanks to the Mt. Pleasant Times-News, we are able to give you this issue of information on what happened. So — it's goodbye, folks, till you see Connie in some other medium. We hope.

P.S. — All paid-in-advance subscription money will be refunded, thanks to the fact of our mailing list having been saved intact.

A special Grand Prize for the largest bluegill and pike taken from the Weidman Mill Pond will also be given.

Winners for the week ending Jan. 9 are:

Bluegill: Ray Smith, 8 inches long, 8½ inches girth, 5½ ounces weight.

Speck and perch, no entry.

Pike: John Yuncker, 35 inches long, 16¼ inches girth, 10½ pounds.

Carried through for Grand Prize at end of the season are Ray Smith's bluegill for 22 points; John Yuncker's pike, 219¼ points. John Yuncker's pike, 219¼ points.

Calendar Events

Thursday, Jan. 14 — Installation of new officers of the Rebekah Lodge, at IOOF Hall.

Sunday, Jan. 17 — Fellowship dinner at the Weidman Methodist Church following morning worship services.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 — Ladies card party at the home of Mrs. Marie Smith, 2 p.m.



RUBBLE REMAINED of the compact office, pasteup and photographic departments of the Messenger after Sunday's fire. Origin of the disastrous fire is believed to have been either the oil heater or the chimney.

together and printed at the Times-News in Mt. Pleasant, and our thanks go to Mr. Slattery and his skilled and patient printers.

Our thanks also to Bob Gross, who worked with us Monday evening, guiding our befuddled wits through preliminary layout and arrangement of these pages.

And our thanks to the whole working force of the Times-News, who pitched in in true newspaper tradition to help a neighbor paper in trouble.

Weidman Masons Honored at Meeting

Members of James A. Cliff Lodge 424, F & A.M., were honored by visiting brothers from Blanchard, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, and Carson City, at their regular meeting January 8. Howard Evertts of Clare, directed a school of instruction in his able manner.

Members of James A. Cliff Lodge are justly proud of their Temple, which has attracted the attention of many other fraternal bodies throughout Central Michigan, and is rated among the finest of smaller Temples.

Not only has it been of great benefit to the local lodge and members of the Eastern Star, but on numerous occasions has been used for local activities. It has been an asset to the community in many ways.

Nottawa Lodge 242, F. & A.M., was instituted in 1901, with James A. Cliff as Worshipful Master. After his death the lodge took the name of James A. Cliff Lodge 424, in his honor, in 1927. At that time the lodge rooms were on the second floor of the Drallette Building. After the disastrous fire of 1941, which destroyed the building, the lodge rented the Oddfellows Hall as a meeting place for the next 10 years.

After much work and planning, excavation was begun for a new Temple on a lot donated by Miles

Drallette. First meeting in the new hall was held in 1951. On June 6, 1958, the building was dedicated to Masonry, with officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan officiating.

The building today is one of Weidman's best assets.

Businessmen's Assn. Creates Skating Rink

At its January meeting the Weidman Business Association voted to run water on the old baseball diamond south of the Ray Smith home, and the day after the meeting the tank truck of the Department began running water for the skating rink for Weidman kids.

It has been a most popular spot, with youngsters skating there afternoons and evenings when the Smiths turned on their yard light. The WBA also supplied oil drums and firewood, so the kids could enjoy skating with a fire to warm up at. The baseball diamond seems to be the solution to the long-discussed safe skating place for Weidman youngsters.



AISHER DENT with his fourth great-grandchild, Patrick Ray Louiselle, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Louiselle, Jr., of Armada. Young Patrick was two months old when this picture was taken, at Christmas time, at the Dent homestead.